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God's Response To Our Concerns:

You say: "It's impossible"	God Says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)
You say: "I'm too tired"	God Says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
You say: "Nobody really loves me"	God Says: I Love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)
You say: "I can't go on"	God Says: My grace is sufficient (II Cor. 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)
You say: "I can't figure things out"	God Says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)
You say: "I can't do it"	God Says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)
You say: "I'm not able"	God Says: I am able (II Cor. 9:8)
You say: "It's not worth it"	God Says: It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)
You say: "I can't forgive myself"	God Says: I FORGIVE YOU (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
You say: "I can't manage"	God Says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)
You say: "I'm afraid"	God Says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)
You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"	God Says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)
You say: "I don't have enough faith"	God Says: I've given everyone a measure of FAITH (Romans 12:3)
You say: "I'm not smart enough"	God Says: I give you wisdom (I Cor. 1:30)
You say: "I feel all alone"	God Says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)

Be encouraged knowing that God is with us always (Matthew 28:20).

-- author unknown

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

—Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

SCRIPTURE READERS

July 7, 2013 [Green] **Marc Carrier**
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30 (UMH 762)
 Galatians 6:1-6 (7-16), Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14, 2013 [Green] **Karen DeSanto**
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
 Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82 (UMH 804)
 Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

July 21, 2013 [Green] **Dawn Wood**
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
 Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52 or Psalm 82 (UMH 804)
 Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

July 28, 2013 [Green] **Mary Adams**
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85 (UMH 806)
 Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19), Luke 11:1-13

August 4, 2013 [Green] **Bonnie Wood**
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (UMH 830)
 Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

August 11, 2013 [Green] **Pam Marsteiner**
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783)
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

August 18, 2013 [Green] **Nancy Anderson**
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801)
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

August 25, 2013 [Green] **Marc Carrier**
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
 Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

New SERVICE TIME 9:00 am

SCRIPTURE READERS

Sept 1	Karen DeSanto
Sept 8	Dawn Wood
Sept 15	Mary Adams
Sept 22	Bonnie Wood
Sept 29	Pam Marsteiner
Oct 6	Nancy Anderson
Oct 13	Marc Carrier
Oct 20	Karen DeSanto
Oct 27	Dawn Wood

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July	Dawn Wood
August	Karen DeSanto
September	Pam Marsteiner
October	Nancy Anderson

GREETERS & USHERS

July	Nancy Anderson and Sandy Henline
August	Dave and Bev Dayton
September	Nancy Anderson and Sandy Henline
October	Dave and Bev Dayton

PLEASE NOTE:

*If you are unable to greet,
 read or serve communion,
 please call Dawn 315-331-5621.*

CHOIR

Choir practice has ended for the summer and will resume again in September. Everyone is welcome to join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord.

If you would like to share special music during the summer services, please contact Mary.

Father,
 We're grateful that your strength and guidance are always available, ready to refresh us wherever we may be. Amen.

Simply Refreshing, by Ellen Banks Elwell

The PRAYER List



- ◆ Sally Borland
- ◆ Bev Sherman
- ◆ Liz Combs
- ◆ Jean Hammond
- ◆ Henry Goellner
- ◆ Bert Mattison
- ◆ Tricia Bush
- ◆ Jessica (Bush) Thomas
- ◆ Peter Ross and Jacob Carrier (traveling on mission trip to Honduras)
- ◆ All families traveling this summer
- ◆ Old friends and new friends
- ◆ Our country's leaders
- ◆ World leaders
- ◆ All shut-ins
- ◆ Anyone feeling alone
- ◆ All Service Men and Women serving our country, home or abroad, and their families
- ◆ Everyone dealing with natural disasters— flooding, tornadoes, storms, fire.

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. (James 5:15)

Do not underestimate the power of prayer. God listens to our prayers and answers our prayers in accordance to his will. An intercessory prayer, with the prayer chain, is a powerful tool we can use for those who need God's intervention. We encourage you to call and start the Prayer Chain.

In Memory of Paul Anderson (1951-2013)

To all our friends and families of the Port Gibson United Methodist Church.:

Our family would like to thank everyone for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, donations to the church, and everything you did for us with the sudden death of Paul Anderson. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

God Bless,
Nancy Anderson; Paula, Joel, Abby, Lillian Freeman; Marci, Bobby, Max, and Ella Ng; and Aaron, Ellen, Caleb, Henry Anderson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY And HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(A) denotes anniversary

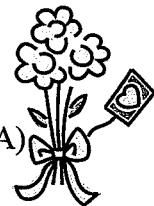
July

- 1 Clayton Votra
- 2 Doug and Pat Nichols (A)
- 5 Billy Lathrop
- 8 Ginny Norton
- 9 Tricia and Rick Bush (A)
- 10 Glenn Gaston
- 13 Carson Votra
- 15 A.J. Farnsworth
- 16 Dalton Hefner
- 17 Marilyn Wood
- 19 Cliff Votra
- 20 Crystal Johnson
- 21 Matthew Adams
Jessica and Jon Thomas (A)
- 22 Betty Nichols
Don Wood
- 23 Megan Wandersee
- 24 Kristopher Coast
- 25 Nancy Nichols
- 28 Emily Hammond
- 29 Sheryl Deys
Megan Rice
- 30 Sandy Henline
- 31 Cora Adams



August

- 1 Linda Guest
Maria Purkiss
Betty & Vern Smallidge (A)
- 4 Emily Grace Spry
- 5 Karen Wright
- 7 Daryl Hammond
Stuart Kelsey
- 9 Kay Rolland
- 13 Pam and Ken Marsteiner (A)
- 18 Jacob Carrier
- 19 Michael VanDeMortel
- 20 Betty Marianacci
- 26 James Wright
- 27 Pam Marsteiner
- 30 Ernie Boyd



Administrative Council

May 8, 2013

- Mary called the meeting to order and Pastor Mary lead us in prayer.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
- Financial reports were read and approved.
- SPPRC: we had an SPPRC meeting last week and another one scheduled tomorrow. Richard Barton, District Superintendent advised that Mary was reassigned to another church.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor Mary requested 6/23 as her last Sunday. She would like the last week for vacation. Pastor Penni will be on call. Account reimbursement was handed in to the treasurer. June 9, Karen DeSanto will joint our church. Should the mid-week services be put on hold because we are not sure what the new pastor will do?
- Mother's Day and Father's Day– Nancy will get something for a memento.
- Old business: Strawberry Social– Wednesday June 19 at 6:30. Darrell has offered to make biscuits for us.
- New business: Nancy W at Emmanuel is planning a dinner in Pastor Mary's honor on June 23.
- New hymnals are available– do we want them?
- There will not be a meeting in June unless something comes up.
- July meeting with be set after discussion with the new pastor.

Summer is a tough time for all churches and their finances. The bills keep coming and income goes down. People take summer vacations and have lots of family functions that take them away from attending church. Please remember your church this summer.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in church. May God bless all of you this summer.

PGUMC Administrative Council

TRUSTEES

The trustees discussed the many projects that need attention this summer around the church. They will plan a workday in July to accomplish some of the projects. Some of them include repairing and staining the handicap ramp, glass blocks in the basement windows, point up of the church, replace reostats for the ceiling fans in the church, repair sign out front of the church, and the bushes need trimming by the sign.

Our next meeting will be July 16 at 7:00 pm.

The trustees Chairman, Paul Anderson passed away on March 21, 2013 as the result of an automobile accident. We are looking for some more people that would like to become Trustees for the church. If interested, please call Nancy Anderson at 315-597-2269.

Father,
We are grateful that your strength and guidance are always available, ready to refresh us wherever we may be.

Amen

Simply Refreshing, by Ellen Banks Elwell

To start the *Prayer Chain*

Please call Pastor Patricia first, at the Office, 315-331-8755, so that she is aware of the prayer request. Then call the next person on the list to begin the Prayer Chain.

Esther Deys	597-9710
Jean Hammond	597-2193
Bertha Matteson	597-1469
Maria Carrier	597-6493
Bonnie Wood	585-737-3976
Dawn Wood	331-5621
Mary Adams	573-8364
Nancy Anderson	597-2269

Remember, if you get an answering machine, please leave a message, then call the next person on the list.

To add your name to the *Prayer Chain*
Please contact Esther Deys
315-597-9710

CALENDAR INFORMATION

JULY 2013

July 4 - Independence Day-God Bless America!

July 7 9:00 am Service

July 10 6:30 pm Friends get-together

At the church

July 14 9:00 am Service

First Service with Pastor Patricia Brown

July 16 7:00 pm Trustee meeting

July 21 9:00 am Service

July 24 6:30 pm Friends get-together

At the church

July 28 9:00 am Service

** Trustees' workday—To be announced

** Administrative council meeting— To be announced

AUGUST 2013

August 4 9:00 am Service

August 11 9:00 am Service

August 14 6:30 pm Friends get-together

At the church

August 18 9:00 am Service

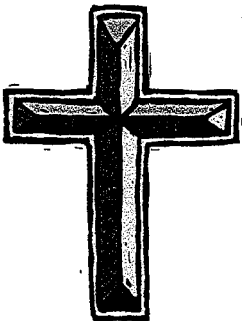
August 25 9:00 am Service

August 28 6:30 pm Friends get-together

September 1—Labor Day Weekend

Sunday Service at 9:00 am

YOUTH



A SPECIAL
THANK YOU TO
MARC AND MARIA,
AND SANDY
FOR THEIR WORK
WITH THE YOUTH!

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and
great shall be the peace of your children.

—Isaiah 54:13

**Youth Group
Praise &
Worship
Service**

WILL NOT
MEET
ON

Friday evenings
for the
SUMMER.

We will resume normal
times in September.

WELCOME PASTOR PATRICIA BROWN

Pastor Patricia Brown is the newly appointed pastor for *Port Gibson UMC, Newark Emmanuel, and Clyde UMC*. We are now a three-point charge. The official announcements were made in all the affected churches. We look forward to continuing on our faith journey with Pastor Patricia, and welcome her into our church family.

Port Gibson welcomes Pastor Patricia for her first service with us on Sunday, July 14 at 9:00 am.

Newark Emmanuel's service will be at 10:05 am
and Clyde UMC's service will be at 11:15 am

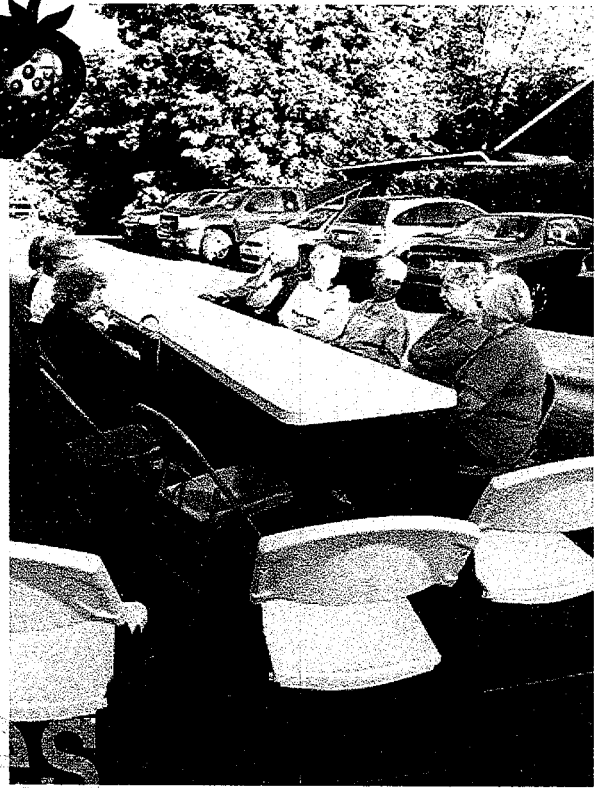
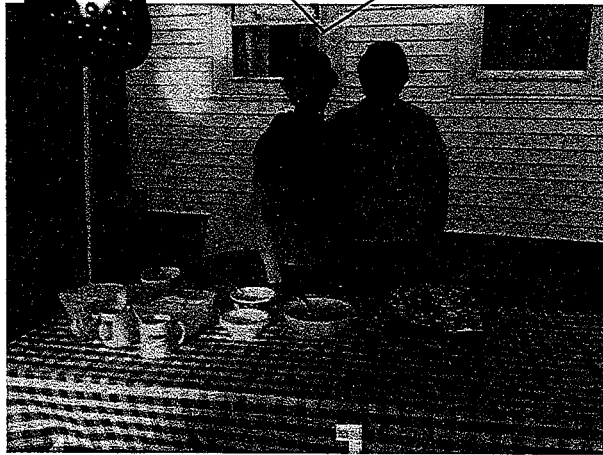
Sunday services

now at **9:00 am**

beginning

July 7, 2013

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strawberry shortcake?



strawberries

June 19th at 6:30 pm, we had strawberry shortcake ready to share with our neighbors. Darrell made the homemade biscuits for us. (Thank you Darrell) We added the strawberries, ice cream, whipped cream and friendship. Mmmmm-good!

Time with friends-priceless!

"A Prayer - Help me Follow the Right Road":

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

Thomas Merton (1915 - 1968)

Oh, no!!!

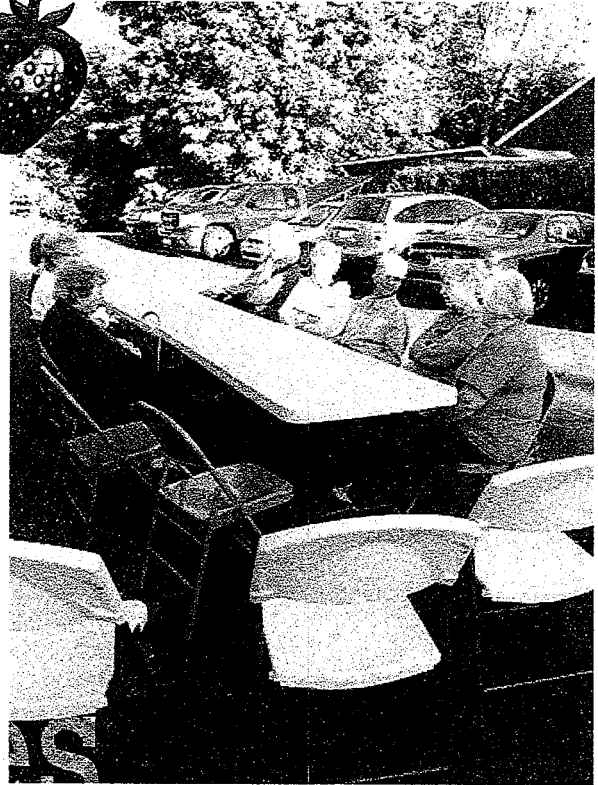
It's that time of year again. It's time to begin planning for our **Annual Turkey Supper**. (*The 1st Saturday in November*) As always, a successful dinner helps our finances. The benefits of working together in fellowship, although tiring, is immeasurable. Can you help? Make phone calls? Write out postcards? Roast a turkey? Bake a pie or two? Help with other food donations? Cash donation? Do dishes? Help serve? Pour coffee? Many hands make light work,. Call me, please. We can match you to a job.

Dawn 331-5621 or Nancy 597-2269

Message us on facebook, or email
theshininglight@gmail.com



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