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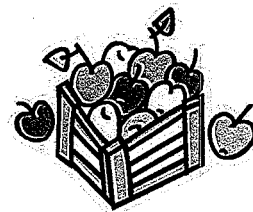
*October*

*THE SHINING LIGHT*

*Back to school*



*Harvest*



# “THE SHINING LIGHT”

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A word from the  
PASTOR

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit - Romans 15: 13.*

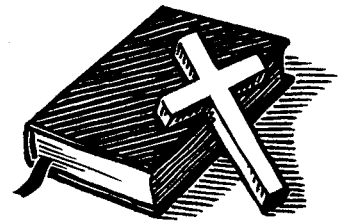
Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I sit to write this, my first newsletter to the members and friends of the Port Gibson's family, allow me to begin by saying, "THANK YOU" for graciously welcoming me into your community. Your graciousness means an awful lot. You are one of three churches I am appointed to serve. Emmanuel and Clyde are the other two. I have heard your stories and felt your pain. However, I have come not with the power to fix the past or grow the future. Rather, I am among you as one with the blessed assurance of the One who declares, "I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5b). His name is Jesus. God with us is who He is. Savior is what He does. He declares that, "With faith, the size of a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible for [us]" (Matthew 17:20b). And so I believe.

Yes, at a glance, the time and distance between the three churches seem as though there is no time given for growth of membership or fellowship. But life has taught me to "walk by faith," and faith has taught me to believe, and in believing, to trust that nothing indeed is impossible with God. Although we are tired and a lot older, we are yet being called to press on, trust on, believe on, work on, and praise on in the awesome strengthening presence of the matchless power of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Forgetting the pain of the past and the fear of the future, let us vow to walk together leaning on the Lord and trusting in His grace in "making all things new" (Revelation 21: 5). On this journey, we will all need to be clothed in the full armor of God. Are you ready? I am! To God be the glory!

A Partner in the Vineyard,  
Rev. Patricia L. Brown

**9:00 am  
Worship  
Service**



**SCRIPTURE READERS**

September 1, 2013 Karen DeSanto  
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (UMH 803)  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8, 2013 Dawn Wood  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)  
Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33

September 15, 2013 Mary Adams  
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14 (UMH 746)  
1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

September 22, 2013 Bonnie Wood  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4 (UMH 741)  
1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

September 29, 2013 Pam Marsteiner  
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (UMH 810)  
1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

October 6, 2013 Nancy Anderson  
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Green  
World Communion Sunday  
Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137 (UMH 852)  
2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

October 13, 2013 Karen DeSanto  
Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost Green  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790)  
2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

October 20, 2013 Dawn Wood  
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost Green  
Laity Sunday  
Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19 (UMH 750)  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

October 27, 2013 Mary Adams  
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost Green  
Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65 (UMH 789)  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

**Scripture Readers**

November 3 Bonnie Wood  
November 10 Pam Marsteiner  
November 17 Nancy Anderson  
November 24 Karen DeSanto

December 1 Dawn Wood  
December 8 Mary Adams  
December 15 Bonnie Wood  
December 22 Pam Marsteiner  
December 29 Nancy Anderson

**GREETERS**

September Nancy Anderson & Sandy Henline  
October Dave and Bev Dayton  
November Nancy Anderson & Sandy Henline  
December Dave and Bev Dayton

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

September Karen DeSanto  
October Nancy Anderson  
November Dawn Wood  
December Pam Marsteiner

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

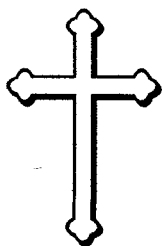
*Take a good look at God's wonders—  
they will take your breath away.*

*Psalm 66:5 The Message*

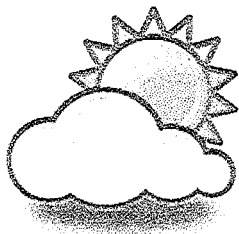
**And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the LORD will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.**  
**James 5:15**

**The PRAYER List**

- ◆ Sally Borland
- ◆ Mabel Appleman
- ◆ Bev Sherman
- ◆ Liz Combs
- ◆ Jean Hammond
- ◆ Henry Goellner
- ◆ Bert Mattison
- ◆ Tricia Bush
- ◆ Jessica (Bush) Thomas
- ◆ Old Friends and New Friends
- ◆ All shut-ins
- ◆ Anyone feeling alone
- ◆ Our Church
- ◆ Our country's leaders
- ◆ World leaders
- ◆ College students and their families
- ◆ All Service Men and Women serving our country home or abroad
- ◆ Everyone dealing with natural disasters-- fires, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes



Please pray for our Church, our church family and the three point charge we are in with Newark Emmanuel and Clyde UMC, that we continue Jesus' ministry in our lives and our communities, and that God's will be done with us in this place.



*But I will call on God, and the Lord will rescue me. Morning, noon and night I cry out in my distress, and the Lord hears my voice.*

*Psalm 55:16-17*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

SEPTEMBER

- 01-Robert Johnson
- 02-David Herrmann
- 03-Beverly Sherman
- 04-Bonnie Conover  
Joey Turazzo
- 07-Doris Cook
- 08-Dorothy Frank  
Betty Oakleaf
- 10-Rachael Kurtz
- 11-Cindy and Tim Chevront (A)  
Jason Perrone
- 14-Barb and Howard Combs (A)  
Charlotte Yost  
Barb and Roger Bush (A)
- 16-Dave Dayton, Sr.  
Ann Goellner
- 17-Melanie Wood Falvin  
Robert Everhart
- 18-Steven Rosenberger  
Melissa Sharrow
- 19-Cornelia Graham
- 21-Don Rice
- 22-Robert Bade  
Steve Mitchell
- 24-Fay and Richard Cummings (A)
- 25-Charlotte Hedges
- 26-Miriam Farnsworth
- 28-Jean Hammond



OCTOBER

- 01-Tiffany Rothfuss
- 06-Albert and Ruth Ann Goellner (A)
- 08-Jeffrey Crance
- 09-Jennifer Bush  
Marc Carrier  
Kathy Henline
- 10-Nicole Carrier
- 12-Bill Lathrop Sr.
- 20-Michael Parker
- 28-Mark VanDeMortel



*Thank you God, for all that you have given me.  
 Amen*

## Administrative Council

We did not have Administrative Council meetings during July and August. The next meeting is scheduled September 17, at 6:00 pm.

## Treasurer's Report

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of August and fall is just around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who continued to support our church this summer, financially and continuing to pray for our church and congregation.

Thank you for your support of the Port Gibson United Methodist Church.

God Bless,  
Nancy Anderson, Treasurer

## Trustees

We didn't meet in August. We have some projects that need to be done and hopefully, this fall we can get to some of them.

We are looking for a couple of members that would be willing to serve a three-year term on the Port Gibson United Methodist Trustees. We meet once a month and keep our Lord's House in good repair.

If you would like to serve as a Trustee, please call Nancy Anderson at 315-597-2269.

Thank you for considering being a member of the Trustees.

Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone.

-Mark 16:15

## Youth Group Praise & Worship Service

will be resuming soon

**Fridays**  
**7:00 pm**

**All Youth are Welcome!!**

**Adults too!!**

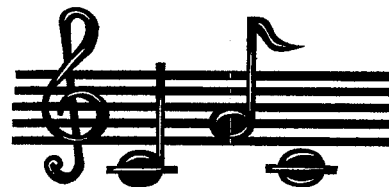
[www.portgibsonumc.com](http://www.portgibsonumc.com)



Remember to check out our web site for newsletters and news on current events at Port Gibson UMC. Then,

**check out our facebook page.**  
Be sure to "like" us.

If there is something you would like to see on our web site, please let us know.

**You can email us at**  
**[theshininglight@gmail.com](mailto:theshininglight@gmail.com)**



 *CHOIR resumes on Thursday,*  
*September 12, at 6:30 pm* 

*Do you like to sing? Do you like to  
make a joyful noise unto the Lord?  
Come !! Join us !!*

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father, except through me. John 14:6-7

It's that time of year again— Annual Charge Conference Preparation. Committees have to meet. The church leaders and officers have reports to prepare. *There are positions to fill— can you help?* There are forms to fill out and return to the Conference. And as always— there are deadlines!

- ⇒ **As a Church family, where are we headed?**
- ⇒ **Where should we be headed?**
- ⇒ **As part of the Port Gibson community, what are we doing?**
- ⇒ **What should we be doing?**
- ⇒ **What is our mission in the community?**
- ⇒ **As a church, what is our main goal for ministry for the coming year?**
- ⇒ **What is our goal for disciple making?**
- ⇒ **How can we achieve this?**
- ⇒ **What goals do we have for spiritual growth?**

These are just a few of the questions we face and must find answers to.

Do you have ideas? We will listen. Can you brainstorm with us? Feel free to email, snail mail (USPS mail), call us, visit and chat to share ideas.

If we continue doing the same thing, we will continue to get the same results.

**It's time for a change. Let's make it happen! God is with us.**

Please pray for your church and for answers to these questions.

# Annual Church Charge Conference

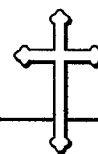
November 23, 2013  
9:00 am

At Port Gibson

This is open to all members of the church.

Please have reports ready by November 16th so we can get copies prepared for the booklet.

Peter Ross and Jacob Carrier went on a mission trip to Honduras this past July. One Sunday morning, soon, when schedules permit, they will show us a video and talk about their mission trip.



## MY FATHER...

Loves me	John 3:16
Cares for me	Matt 6:26
Forgives me	Psalms 103:12
Is compassionate	Psalms 103:4-5
Is giving	Romans 8:32
Is understanding	Psalms 139:1-2
Is accepting	Psalms 139:1-6
Satisfies	Psalms 107:9
Persistently pursues me	Luke 19:10
Is reason	Isaiah 1:18
Pardons	Psalms 103:3
Heals	Isaiah 53:5
Redeems	Job 19:25
Is loving-kindness	Psalms 86:15
Renews	Isaiah 40:31
Is righteous	Jeremiah 9:23-24
Is gracious	Ephesians 1:7-8
Is sovereign	Psalms 101:3:19

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**~SAVE THE DATE~**  
**PORT GIBSON**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER**  
*WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS*

**NOVEMBER 2, 2013**    At the Port Gibson Fire Hall

SERVING STARTS AT 4:00 PM

All dinner are take-outs  
Seating is available

Advance sale tickets:  
Adults \$8.50, Children (5-12) \$5.00

**Tickets at the door \$9.00**

For more information, or to reserve tickets  
Please call Dawn 331-5621 or Nancy 597-2269

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILBLE AFTER OCTOBER 1st**

**All of It**

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what true and to make us realize what is wrong with our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3: 16-17

The apostle Paul began \*these verses with the little word *all*. " All scripture is inspired by God and is useful". The Bible tells one story from start to finish. It opens in a garden, closes in a city, and all the way through, points to Jesus. We learn about God, ourselves, sin, how God reaches out to us, and how He provided His Son, Jesus, as a way for us to know Him.

The Bible equips us to deal with our struggles. It helps us to gain new perspective, because we see heaven ahead of us. What a rich experience it is to immerse ourselves in the Bible- *all of it!*

Father—The gift of Your Word makes us rich. May we value all of it.    Amen

*(from Simply Refreshing, by Ellen Banks Elwell)*

**We still need help for the turkey supper:**

- ⇒ Roasting a turkey (we supply the turkey and roasting pan)
- ⇒ Baking pies
- ⇒ Peeling potatoes
- ⇒ Preparation on Saturday-
  - \*Bringing the supplies and equipment from the church to the firehall
  - \*Making the dressing
  - \*Setting up tables
  - \*Preparing the applesauce and cranberries
  - \*Bagging the rolls
- ⇒ Serving the food
- ⇒ Clearing tables
- ⇒ Washing dishes
- ⇒ Returning the equipment to the church

Please call Dawn (331-5621) or Nancy (597-2269) if you can help with anything.    Thank you.

# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am: Worship Communion	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 am: Worship	9 7:00 Firemen's training	10 6:30 Lay Leadership' 7:00 SPPRC-Port Gibson	11	12 6:30 pm: Choir	13	14 Canaltown Days  PGFD Boot Drive
15 9:00 am: Worship	16 7:00 Firemen's meeting	17 6:00 pm: Ad Council 7:00 pm: Trustees	18 7:00 pm: Joint SPPRC Meeting at Port Gibson	19 6:30 pm: Choir	20	21
22 9:00 am: Worship	23 7:00 Firemen's training	24	25	26 6:30 pm: Choir	27	28  Hand2Plow
29 9:00 am: Worship  PGFD Open House	30 7:00 Firemen's training					

# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 6:30 pm: Choir	4	5
6 9:00 am: Worship Communion	7 7:00 Firemen's training	8	9	10 6:30 pm: Choir	11	12
13 9:00 am: Worship	14 7:00 Firemen's training	15 6:00 pm: Ad Council 7:00 pm: Trustees	16	17 6:30 pm: Choir	18	19
20 9:00 am: Worship Laity Sunday	21 7:00 Firemen's meeting	22	23	24 6:30 pm: Choir  Newsletter info due	25	26
27 9:00 am: Worship	28 7:00 Firemen's training	29	30	31 Halloween 6:30 pm: Choir		<b>NOV 2</b>  Turkey Supper