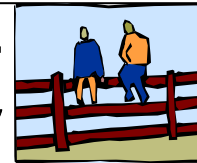


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Pastor's Corner

Friends of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church,



Grace, it would seem, comes in many different forms and not everyone's idea of grace is the same. As I write this letter this month, Terry and I are on an Amtrak train going through the town of Cumberland, Maryland seeing the church in the distance where Terry's mother and father were married. For most people, being on a train for 24 hours with a six hour layover in Washington DC would qualify more as an ordeal than a grace filled event, but for us, the experience has been wonderful. It's taken me sixty years to say I've ridden a train, and now I can say I've done so with a certain amount of gusto and enjoyment.

Riding a train is nothing like riding a plane. Once you've settled in your seat, you're free to wonder around the train, visit the observation car, go downstairs to the lounge to get a snack or enjoy what for us has been wonderfully prepared meals in the dining car. But the best part of traveling for me from Charlotte to Chicago on the train has been the opportunity to meet new friends, even if it is on a short term basis. The dining car is relatively small and they automatically pair you up with other individuals and couples. We met one retired lady who routinely travels every weekend from Ashville to Washington DC to care for her grandchild. We also met

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a gentlemen who was about our age who was traveling to Chicago just to board another train bound for Montana to go skiing. He would be on a train an additional 30 hours. We met a twenty-one year old man accompanied by his mother on his way back to college. He has a dual major in Chinese and English literature and had recently completed a year long internship in China. Everyone we ran into had a story to disclose and I learned that many of us share the same goals, desires and aspirations. I think even John Calvin, who wrote extensively about the depravity of the human condition, would have to admit that most of us have some redeeming qualities. In any event, It was nice to meet new people and get to make new friends.

That's why I'm really looking forward to having our Latino brothers and sisters in Christ use our facilities. Ideally, it would be great if we could all worship together, but the language barrier limits our ability to do that in a way that promotes the building up of the church. Nevertheless, I look forward to working together with our new friends, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, learning their goals and aspirations, and enjoying their friendship. Our mission is the same, to make disciples of all nations, teaching and learning all that Jesus taught, and devoting our lives to loving God and neighbor.

Shalom,
Jim

We welcome the members of the Indian Trail Spanish Mission to our church facility and wish them God speed in their new worship service, ESL classes, and student tutoring.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Belinda Killough	18	J. A. Hilton
8	Alan Lindley	18	Bobbie Stinson
8	Cassy Herold	19	Elke Rogers
13	Aaron Clark	20	Frances Vickery
14	Steve Pitt	20	Craig Williams
16	Erin Tackett	23	Larry Vickery
17	Doug Keller	24	Bessie Stinson
17	Carol Toot	25	Tom Sharp

If you would like to have you and/or your family added to the birthday list, please contact the church office, 704-821-8751

APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE

- 03 SS - Jeff Carnes
W - Anne Cook & Elke Rogers
- 10 SS - Shirley Europa
W - Joyce & Katie Younts
- 17 SS - Heath Ferguson
W - Linda Armes
- 24 SS - Odell Rogers
W - Jan Birchall & Alexis Torgersen



MEN OF THE CHURCH NEWS

Fourteen men came out to eat breakfast at our Men's Breakfast and to do some spring clean up work on the church campus. President Floyd welcomed the men and thanked

them for the many ways they contribute to the life of our congregation. He also thanked Chefs Brian and Kenny Gantz for a hearty breakfast. Chaplin Fred gave un an inspired devotional on the blessings of having good friends and treasurer Richard reported we currently have a balance in our bank account of \$926.20.

Scott Stinson reported on a request from Social Services to help a mentally disabled couple with the underpinning of their trailer along with some additional repairs. President Floyd volunteered to monitor this situation and report back. Kevin Smith reported on a weed eater that was now available for use by the Men and the possibility of acquiring a leaf blower for future lawn maintenance.

In other business, President Floyd reported that we are experiencing some complications with Johnson Grass in the Men's new Community garden. Following the breakfast, the men went outside to do some much needed landscape work.

Cooks for January are Chef Richard and Chef Jim with Chaplin Steve delivering the devotional. The Men of the Church meet for breakfast on the second Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM. Come join us for good food, great conversation, and the opportunity to hear an inspiring message from the Word of God. All men are welcomed and encouraged to bring a friend.

MONTH OF APRIL

- 02 Youth—Hot Dog Cookout; 5:00 PM; Richard & Margie Timmons
- 03 Communion Sunday, Crisis offering
- 03 Retreat Committee Meeting; 12:30 PM
- 04 Circle #1—Fellowship Hall @ 11:00 AM; bring covered dish
- 04 Circle #2—Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 PM
- 06 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 07 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 09 Men's Breakfast; 8:30 AM
- 10 Session Meeting 12:30 PM
- 10 Christian Ed Mtg. 3:00 PM
- 10 Youth Mtg. "To Save A Life" movie; 5:00 PM
- 13 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 14 Aikido Youth 6 - 7 PM
- 17 Joint Mtg. Sve & Fellowship and Nurture & Care; 12:30 PM
- 17 Youth 5:00 PM-Visitation
- 20 **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- 21 Joint svc. with IT United Methodist Ch. 7 PM; Maundy Thurs.
- 21 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 23 Easter Egg Hunt; 2:00—4:00 PM
- 24 Easter Cantata—Choir
- 27 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 28 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 30 Youth-Lock In

AIKIDO YOUTH CLASSES

The Aikido youth classes will be held on Thursdays, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. These classes are for youth ages 6 through 12. We welcome new students. If you have questions, or need further information, please call Scott Skeen at 704-701-1968.

Presbyterian Women's News

We want to thank JoAnne Mills for teaching our Bible study for both the morning and the night circle in March. She was very informative, and I think we all went away feeling like we may know a little more about the book of Revelation. Circle #1 enjoyed a covered dish luncheon. We always seem to have a great variety of food. Thanks to Judy and Rachel Baucom for furnishing the refreshments for Circle #2.

Our next Circle meetings will be Monday, April 4th. Circle #1 will meet at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share. Circle #2 will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please study the 9th lesson in your study books.

Also, continue to save your items for Turning Point (shelter for battered women) and bring them to our joint meeting on May 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our salad supper and everyone is asked bring their favorite salad to share.

Continue to keep in your prayers those who are sick and our shut-ins. They really do appreciate all that you do for them.

Sandy Troutman



ITPC 2011 Spiritual Retreat **Celebrate Spiritual Fellowship & Worship in the North Carolina Mountains**

Date: May 13th-15th, 2011

Where: Montreat Conference Center - Reynolds House Montreat, NC

Cost: \$105.00 per person

Registration Form

Please fill out the application below and mail your completed form to the Church along with a \$25.00 deposit. Checks are to be written in care of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church, Attention: Retreat Fund.

Final Payments need to be received by April 30, 2011.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Elder of the Month

Margie Timmons

Attendance Coordinator

Susan Likowski

Ushers

Steve Pitt

Barbara Cook

Chet Likowski

Jan Pearson

Greeters

Elaine Helms

Carol Toot

Sound System

Fred Keziah



NURTURE AND CARE COMMITTEE

Our sympathy goes out to Barbara Cook following the death of her grandson, Brian Cook.

Please continue to keep Millie Mumpower and Patt Moore in your prayers as they recover from surgery. Lane Vickery continues her physical therapy for her knee replacement.

A Hospice nurse will begin visiting Pauline Whit a couple of times a week to check her blood pressure and monitor her paid medication.

Penny Bell and I were privileged to take communion and serve it on March 6 to Mrs. Helen Tracy who resides at Regency Retirement Village, Charlotte. Helen's daughter, Mrna, and Mrna's friend, Debbie, also participated. We all had a very nice visit.

On February 6, Scott Stinson and Floyd Halberg took communion to Mrs. Dot Killough and Mrs. Stacie Houser and their families. Scott and Floyd reported they had a meaningful visit with both of them.

Please keep Barbara, Millie, Patt, Lane, Pauline and all our homebound members in your prayers.

Please mark your calendars for our Senior Luncheon on May 7 at 12:00 noon. Plans are being made for a delicious meal and fun entertainment.

**Margie Timmons
Chairperson**

Please Remember our Special Members

Oscar Wentz—4848 Old Monroe Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-8059

Dot Killough—1219 Anniston Place, Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 234-0324

Helen Tracy—Regency Retirement Village, 9120 Willow Ridge Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210 (704) 541-8768

Polly Kinard—1213 NW 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 (405) 528-0947

Willene Maness—20 Exeter Dr., Chandler, NC 28715

Stacie Houser—733 Plantation Estates Rd., OBT 206, Matthews, NC 28105 (704) 849-7780

Alice Hester—733 Plantation Estates Dr., Matthews, NC 28105 (704) 708-5230

Frances Vickery—209 Chestnut Ln., Matthews, NC 28104 (704) 821-7335

Ney Killough—Lawyers Glen Assisted Living Center, 10830 Lawyers Rd., Room 306, Mint Hill, NC 28227 (704) 545-0555 Ext 3061

Paul & Bobbie Stinson—14851 Rexford Chase Ct., Matthews, NC 28104 (704) 893-0786

Gene Houser—718 Deese Rd., Monroe, NC 28110 (704) 283-9191

Lane Vickery—PO Box 208, Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-9973

Pauline White—8012 Fairview Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 882-2521

Sarah Brown—4831 McAlpine Lane, Charlotte, NC 28212 (704) 536-4823

Lucille Sheaff—1609 Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-7498

Doug Keller—P. O. Box 1522, Matthews, NC 28106 (704) 882-3829

TERRY'S GARDEN

Yesterday, inspired by the Men of the Church and their garden, I began to prepare the soil in my garden box for spring planting.

Working in a garden is not a 'get 'er done" project. There is always another task waiting to be tackled when attempting to grow healthy flowers, herbs, fruit, or vegetables. I tend to gravitate towards bulb flowers and herbs. I like the concept of planting a flower bulb knowing that I'll have flowers for many years without having to invest much in labor or cost. This cannot be said of herbs. Herbs take a great deal of time and there is less of a guarantee that what is planted will survive or return the next season.

Throughout the spring and summer, I am going to contribute to the newsletter a brief journal of my herb garden experience (hopefully there will be more successes than failures). I welcome all comments and suggestions and hope to receive lots of recipes that require the use of fresh herbs.

Tuesday, March, 22:

Purchased and planted thyme and sweet basil. I also cut back the oregano and parsley that survived the winter. The rosemary bush also survived the winter, but it didn't look like it needed much of anything except a few pellets of nutrients. Last year I had difficulty keeping alive fennel and chives so I do not know if they'll be re-planted. Because of its scent, I think I would like to plant lavender but I need to find out how it grows. Many years ago I planted mint and loved using a sprig or two in iced tea. The trouble with mint is that it grows fast and tends to take over any garden space that is available. I wonder if mint would grow in a container

Until next timeGod's Blessings on you and your garden.

YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

APRIL 2 —Margie and Richard Timmons will host a hot dog cookout with games. The cook-out will start at 5:00 PM. Please let me know if you will be there. You are welcome to bring a friend. An RSVP will be necessary for this event so that Margie and Richard will know how much food and drink will be needed.

APRIL 10th—We will watch the movie, "To Save A Life"

APRIL 16th—Visit with a shut in with Jim and Ida.

APRIL 23rd—Easter egg hunt 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM the youth will help at the craft table and with hiding the eggs.

APRIL 30th!!! ITPC WILL HOST A LOCK IN!!!!PLEASE BRING FRIENDS!!!! DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!!!!





Members of our Youth Group, Katie Younts and Arianna Picard presenting a check to the Union County Shelter for the Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday.

Theme of 2011 Retreat
WHEN THE GAME IS OVER,
IT ALL GOES BACK IN THE BOX

I can't make myself love God, but I can come to know him better. I can choose to be with him. I learn to see His goodness in creation and beauty. I take time to ask for his help as we work together. I see Him in the people with whom I meet. I hear His voice in what I read.

I ask His forgiveness for the many times I mess up. I thank Him at the end of the day for his presence in it. I can spend this day loving God, and tomorrow I can seek to love Him a little more.



TREASURERS REPORT
February 2011

	MTD	YTD
General Operating		
General Fund Income	8,713.50	27,094.33
Rental Income	<u>90.00</u>	<u>140.00</u>
Total General Fund Income	8,803.50	27,234.33
General Fund Expenses	7,735.62	16,513.11
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Total General Fund Expenses	<u>7,735.62</u>	<u>16,513.11</u>
Net General Fund Difference	<u>1,067.88</u>	<u>10,721.22</u>
Building Fund		
Building Fund Deposits	<u>288.27</u>	<u>463.27</u>
Total Building Fund Income	<u>288.27</u>	<u>463.27</u>
Building Fund Expenses	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total Building Fund Expenses	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Net Building Fund Difference	<u>288.27</u>	<u>463.27</u>
Special & Designated Fund Deposits	<u>1,801.80</u>	<u>3,345.15</u>
Total Spec. & Desig. Funds Income	<u>1,801.80</u>	<u>3,345.15</u>
Spec. & Desig. Fund Expenses	<u>529.68</u>	<u>599.39</u>
Net Spec.&Desig.Funds Difference	<u>1,272.12</u>	<u>2,745.76</u>
Total Deposits	10,893.57	31,042.75
Total Expenses	<u>8,265.30</u>	<u>17,112.50</u>
TOTAL FUND DIFFERENCES	<u>2,628.27</u>	<u>13,930.25</u>

APRIL 2011

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Youth Hot Dog Cook-out—5:00 PM

Belinda Killough

**3 Communion
Crisis Offering
12:30 Retreat Comm.
Mtg.**

**4 Circle #1-11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall-
Bring covered dish
Circle #2—7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

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**Bible Study
10 AM & 7 PM
Choir 8 PM**

7

**Aikido
Children & Youth
6-7 PM**

8

Alan Lindley

**9 Men's Breakfast
8:30am**

Cassy Herold

**10 12:30 Session Mtg.
3:00 Christian Ed.**

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**Bible Study
10 AM & 7 PM
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**Aikido
Children & Youth
6-7 PM**

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Steve Pitt

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Erin Tackett

**5:00 Youth-To Save A
Life Bible Study**

**17 Joint Mtg. Svc &
Fellowship/Nurture &
Care
Youth-Visitation 5 PM**

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NO BIBLE STUDY

**21 Maundy Thurs-
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**23 Easter Egg Hunt
2—4:00 PM**

Larry Vickery

*Doug Keller
Carol Toot*

*J. A. Hilton
Bobbie Stinson*

Elke Rogers

*Craig Williams
Frances Vickery*

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Easter Cantata**

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**27 Bible Study
10 AM & 7 PM
Choir 8 PM**

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**Aikido
Children & Youth
6-7 PM**

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Youth Lock-In

Bessie Stinson

Tom Sharp