

EVEN IN THE NORTHWOODS,
OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN GOD

CHIT CHAT October

2013



“Planning our Garden”

Sissinghurst is a story about the beautiful English country gardens planted by Vita Sackville-West and her husband, Harold Nicholson, in the early 1930's. Two sections of this book about gardens can teach us lessons about our own lives. These two sections are: “The Plan,” and “The War Years.” Nicholson spent the better part of a year planning and laying out the basic shape of the garden before a single flower or shrub was planted, and his philosophy of gardening was to have a plan and to stick to it until he discovered a particular plant could not survive where it was planted. In seven years, the garden was spectacular, but the following “War Years” left the garden falling into disarray. Before Nicholson left for military service, their head gardener wrote the following advice: Look after the yew rows and trees. If all else fails, we can begin again, but we cannot restore those if they are ruined. It was the yew rows and trees that gave the plan “shape” to the eye. They were the markers by which the basic structure and plan of the garden could be

seen and best appreciated. Without them, the garden would have been just a sea of beautiful flowers, and it would be too much for the mind's eye to take in and appreciate.

Our lives are like Nicholson's gardens in one important sense: if we fail to plan adequately, we lose track of the markers and basic outline of our lives, and the varied details begin to merge as one. The demarcation between work and recreation disappears for us. The commitment to our family can merge with the demands of our work and one or the other, or both begin to suffer.

Psychologists and service professionals speak of the need for boundaries in our lives. I think we need a clear demarcation separating various aspects of our lives. In the first of the two creation stories in the book of Genesis, the poet separates the creation of each day with a repeating refrain: “And there was evening and there was morning, ... This poetic framing device reminds us: “It is not good for man/woman” to live 24/7 lives.

Without breaks, and markers, our lives will merge into an incomprehensible sea of activity, without goals, or direction. In the planning of our lives, clear breaks and times of rest and renewal are needed; not only to separate the days, but to create the biological rhythms needed for mental, emotional, relation and spiritual health. May

each of us become better stewards in planning the boundaries necessary to create a healthy, clearly delineated spiritual garden filling our lives with the rhythms needed for our health and wholeness.

Chips

K-Care Communion Service Confirmation - Sundays
7-8:30 Adult Study - Mondays 2-3pm
10:30 on 1st Wednesday

EL Youth - Wednesdays
3:45-5:30 Men's Bible - Wednesdays Little Bohemia
8-9am

Grief Support Group SH Youth - Wednesday
PM's * Women's Bible - Mondays Koller Library 8-
9am
10:30 1st and 3rd Mondays

Adult Education & Fellowship - Wed. PM's *
(* indicates details forthcoming)

October

- 2 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
10:30 am – Our Home K Care Service
3:45 pm – Elementary Youth Groups
6:00 pm – Madams & Sirs Potluck & Program
3 (Thurs.) 9:30 am - Guild Cluster 1 Gathering
3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

6 (Sun.) Holy Communion

9:30 am – Full Worship Service
7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

- 7 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women's Bible Study*
10:30 am – Grief Support Group
2:00 pm – Adult Study
4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

- 9 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
3:45 pm – Elementary Youth Groups

- 10 (Thurs.) 3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

13 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

- 14 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women's Bible Study*
2:00 pm – Adult Study
4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

- 16 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
3:45 pm – Elementary Youth Group

- 17 (Thurs.) 9:30 am - Guild
3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

20 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

Chit Chat Articles Due
7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

- 21 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women's Bible Study*
10:30 am – Grief Support Group
2:00 pm – Adult Study

- 22 (Tues.) 9:00 am – Session Guidelines final meeting

- 23 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
3:45 pm – Elementary Youth Group
5:30 pm - Session

- 24 (Thurs.) 3:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

27 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

- 28 (Mon.) 8:00 am – Women's Bible Study*
2:00 pm – Adult Study
4:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir

- 30 (Wed.) 8:00 am – Men's Bible Study**
3:45 pm – Elementary Youth Group

- 31 (Thurs.) *Halloween*

* - meets at Koller Library
** - meets at Little Bohemia

October 2013 Duties

Ushers

- Oct. 6 Ron & Rose King
Oct. 13 Dick & Mariel Henske
Oct. 20 Dick & Mariel Henske
Oct. 27 Manny & Cheryl Markham

Liturgist: Rose King

Lay Leader:

- Oct. 6 Bob Schmidt
Oct. 13 Deane Galloway
Oct. 20 Carmen Farwell
Oct. 27 Bob Schmidt

Communion Person: David Foster

Counters

- Oct. 6 Vince Hoehn and Bob Schmidt
Oct. 13 Deane Galloway and David Foster
Oct. 20 Dick Smith and Mid Sharpe
Oct. 27 Joan Dioszegi and Sharon Bridges

Please note

Elementary

Youth Groups

Snack sign-up sheet is on the board in the Narthex. We appreciate your treats.

Thank you

SESSION MEMBERS 2013

Clerk Carol Bohlin-715-356-4060,
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Tom Erickson-715-543-8046,
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Deane Galloway-715-549-8010,
Ron King-715-583-9979,
Dave Lukas-715-686-7697,
Mid Sharpe-715-686-2332,
Mark Schuelke-715-686-7223,
DuWayne Schumacher-715-686-2074
Helyn Woolf-715-686-7173.

Session meets the third Wednesday of the month.

DEACONS

Cathy Breitholtz, Mark Suckow, Dale Ekdahl, Ruth Stober, Hope Dougherty, Carmen Farwell

Feel free to contact a Session or Deacon member with any concerns.

Madams & Sirs

October 2, 2013

6:00 pm Potluck

Program to follow:

Pastor Chips and Canoers will be giving their annual Canoe Trip Talk.

A Look to November:

Some Hospice employees from Chips' hospice program in Ironwood will be here to share with us.

October Fleazaar Moment:

What is Fleazaar? History shows it is a combination of a Bazaar and Flea Market. History also shows it was started in the early 80's by Madams and Sirs. But if you were asked to describe Fleazaar in one word, what would it be? It wouldn't be one person, one tent, one goal, one check written to a charity. If it was only one person, it wouldn't be successful. If it was only one tent, the same thing. Perhaps one goal would be the best - to serve our church and community and through the combined efforts watch it become something difficult to describe.

This Moment may seem a bit philosophical but stick with me. Have you thought of the best descriptive word yet? I checked Thesaurus on my computer for words describing success. The best definition was 'a successful result brought about by hard work.' We can all agree with that!!! But here are some other

words for you - achievement, acquirement, accomplishment, attainment, - and for one away from the letter A - a realization of goals.

Each person who works at Fleazaar does so for various reasons. But it is the combined community - not individuals - that brings us back each year. The barn doesn't become orderly by itself, the tents don't go up and down without much planning, each tent doesn't stack dishes, tools, toys, books, or linens by itself. It is the many quiet workers who make it what it is.

Okay, enough of the serious stuff. But do stop and think about how far we have come since that very first event in the 80's. One person didn't do it - rather a dedicated group of men and women who saw what it means to our church.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Becklund

Missions

Here in our beautiful northwoods, we tend to take water for granted. We can look at its clarity and see the reflection of the clouds in its surface. We can see rocks beneath the surface, watch an occasional fish swim by and see a crayfish as it skitters away from your feet. But in many areas of our world, water is scarce, contaminated, and causes diseases. There is an organization called Water.org whose goal is to address sanitation issues and provide adequate good water to the population. Did you know that every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness? More than 3 times more people lack water than live in the United States. Water.org works with local partners to deliver innovative solutions for long-term success in various countries. When we turn on our faucet to get water to drink, stop for a minute to think about the needs elsewhere and what water.org is doing. Missions Committee has designated a small amount of money toward providing funds to help in these projects.

Sarah Becklund
Missions Committee Chairperson

Membership

The people I will introduce in this profile truly need no introduction. They are **Charles** and **Kathleen Wilson**. We all know them as Chuz and Kath. They have been very familiar faces for quite a while and have decided they would like to be "decision making" members.

Chuz and Kath both started their lives in the Quad Cities area of Illinois. Chuz from Rock Island and Kath from Moline. However, they were not acquainted as youths. Kath attended high school in Connecticut and college in California. She then moved to Aspen, Colorado to become, as she put it,

a ski bum. She was a highly proficient skier who raced and taught. This being her passion, she planned to make this her home and her life's work.

Upon returning to Illinois to attend a wedding with family, she met Chuz. Then life really changed! She did not return to Aspen to begin her ski career. They were married in 1957.

Chuz spent 2 years at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. He then served 5 years as a Marine Jet Pilot and served in the Korean War. After he and Kath were married, he spent 2 years at Augustana College where he graduated. They moved back to the Quad Cities and raised 3 children. Chuz likes to say that their marriage survived raising 3 teens all at the same time because he and Kath had a pact. If one of them decided that they wanted to leave, the children went with that person. They realized that it was easier to do this together than on their own. Consequently, they both stuck it out and all survived very well. They always

managed to keep a good sense of humor which is still evident today. They appear to be a very happy family.

Katie lives in Rock Island, IL and blessed them with 1 grandson and twin granddaughters. They also have 1 great granddaughter. Their son, Charlie, lives with them in their beautiful north woods home. Son Clent and his wife Elizabeth, live in Naples, Florida and have 1 son and 1 daughter. Chuz and Kath were blessed to live near them in Florida for 6 months of the year for 18 years, until they decided to keep their busy, active lives in northern Wisconsin.

Westminster Guild

By the time you receive this, our Cluster Gathering will be a thing of the past. We are pleased to have some women of the church signed up to attend and are hoping that more of you will have decided to join us. All is ready and we are looking forward to hearing Janie Williams as well as our Presbyterian Women's Moderator.

I announced, last month, that we would be beginning our new Bible Study in September with Father Bill Radant guiding us through the study. Father Bill has sold his house and is in the process of moving, so our first lesson has been delayed until Thursday, October 17th. This year's lesson is entitled, An Abiding Hope, The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy. I've looked through the study guide and it looks very interesting. Events described in Exodus and Deuteronomy are still central within the Jewish religion today. In many ways, the identity of the Jewish people as a faith community rests in the Passover, Exodus and Mount Sinai events. I'm sure that the lesson will help us understand why this story is a powerful one for Christians as well. As always, you are invited to join us. We meet at 9:30 am. Bring a bag lunch and the hostess will provide a dessert.

We are so happy to have Kathy Vogt, looking great and feeling good, back with us this year! She is our sewing expert. With her guidance, we are looking forward to returning to our mission projects. Besides the "pillow case" dresses, we will be making colorful shorts for the boys. You don't have to be a seamstress to be involved in these projects. There are jobs such as cutting out the patterns and pressing the finished garments always needed to be done. Believe me, it isn't all work. We have a lot of fun and know that there is always a child waiting for a new outfit. Again, we invite you to join us. You can talk to Kay, me or any other Guild member and we can tell you more about our projects.

They also had a home in Aspen, Colorado for 30 years. However, after many vacations to their beloved northern Wisconsin, that is where they decided to settle. They fell in love with the area as they tent camped, went rock climbing, lots of canoeing and skied, both cross country and downhill. Now, they are comfortable in their home but still like to spend lots of time outside, doing anything adventurous. Kath is an Associate Member of the 10th Mountain Division of the Army. She became involved with this amazing group of people

while spending time in Aspen. I must admit, this is a part of history that escaped me. They were trained mountain climbers and ski troopers who became an elite group to serve in the mountains of Italy during WWII. It is a fascinating history lesson you must learn from Chuz and Kath.

As you can see, Chuz and Kath love any kind of outdoor sports. They currently partake in biking, hiking, fishing, kayaking and more. Chuz has just bought a new recumbent bike and took to it with a vengeance. Kath is still involved in skiing and is a member of NSTA, the North Woods Ski Touring Association. She is also a voracious reader and belongs to 2 book clubs. They both love dogs, and in years past, they raised poodles. They now have 2 labs, one black and one silver.

As you can see, Chuz and Kath do not sit still! Kath is a mover and keeps Chuz up and at 'em. After sitting in church and then sitting through this interview, I think Kath was stir crazy and ready to run. Sometime when they are standing still, engage in a conversation. They are fascinating people!

Now, you won't believe it, but we are already thinking of **Hangin' O' the Greens**. Put your Holiday hats on and set aside the Sunday, either before or after Thanksgiving, and I will let you know soon the exact date. Remember, your hard work is always rewarded with a delicious lunch. Lots of help makes the decorating go fast and soon you will be eating cookies!

Thanks for listening!

Helyn Woolf, Membership Chairperson

It may seem early to you, but I want to remind you that we will, again, be helping to provide Christmas gifts for the residents of the Winnebago Mental Health Institute located in Winnebago, Wisconsin. These are people seeking help for their mental health problems. More often than not, they are alienated from or forgotten by their families. They are unable to live independently or provide for themselves. The simple gifts that we provide bring hope and happiness to them. They know that someone cares. I would like to share the letter that we received last year and a personal note written by their Volunteer Services Director with you, but we'll save that for

November. We will provide a list of appropriate gifts items next month. They are inexpensive, but needed and welcomed.

Respectfully submitted
Audrey Winchell & Kay Suffron
Co-moderators

**Do not feel
totally
personally
irrevocably
responsible
for
everything.
That's my job.
Love,
God**

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS 2013

This time of year, it seems like Christmas is so far away, but our church sponsored Christmas For Kids program is really just around the corner. As the leaves change colors, the holiday season will soon be upon us. It is time for preparations to begin.

Last Christmas we served 57 children from 24 families in the Mercer and North Lakeland school districts. This year, because of the wonderful response from our Community Church family, we are including young families in need from Camp Jorn's YMCA Childcare Center. To better and more equitably serve the needs of these young families, and ensure adequate funding, we have restructured the program, defined our mission, and refined our time line. With our partners in Mercer, North Lakeland and now Camp Jorn's YMCA Childcare Center we are reinforcing, through established lines of communications, our goals and mission.

We understand that without your help and support the program could never meet its goal of providing a special Christmas for the struggling young families and children living in our communities. October is the time for you to start thinking about being a shopper and your Christmas For Kids gift. Beginning October 6th, the traditional green Christmas For Kids envelopes will be in the pew racks and ready to receive your donations. The sign-up sheets for those who want to shop will also be available in the Fellowship Hall.

All the shopping materials are expected to be available in early November so gifts can be delivered to the schools prior to the Christmas break in mid-December. Those who would like to volunteer to be shoppers for the program are asked to put their name on the sign-up sheet located in

the church Fellowship Hall. Together, we can make this a memorable Christmas For Kids.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy and Denny Breitholtz
Janie Williams and Dick Smith

Community Announcement:

Support for Sight, Inc.

The mission of Support For Sight, Inc. is to provide financial assistance to people to correct eye and vision problems. The Lions and Lioness Clubs of Wisconsin Multiple District 27C2, Region 2, Zone 3 formed Support For Sight, Inc. in 2013 jointly to provide financial assistance to people residing in Vilas and Iron counties with eye and vision problems.

Requests for financial assistance may be made at any time to any Director or by contacting Hope Dougherty at 715-543-2669 or email hoped@centurytel.net. Requests must be in writing accompanied by appropriate documentation.

Monies are raised through fundraising efforts and donations. Support For Sight, Inc. is partnered with the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, a 501c3 entity, to make donations tax deductible. Donations may be sent to: Community Foundation of North Central Wisc. (memo: Support For Sight, Inc.) 500 First Street Suite 2600, Wausau, WI 54403, or on line at www.cfncw.org.

Fall Cleanup

It's that time of year again when the building and grounds committee is looking for volunteers to help get the outside of our church ready for winter. We'll be doing some raking and just general cleanup. If you have a couple of hours available in your busy schedule on Wednesday, October 23 at 9:00, we'd be glad to see you! Rain date is Thursday, October 24 also at 9:00. Please bring your own rake and/or blower. If you have any questions, please call Mark Schuelke at 715-686-7223 or Ron King at 715-583-9979.

CHRISTIAN **EDUCATION**

Operation Christmas Child

is a part of the Samaritan's Purse ministries. Shoe boxes are filled with age and gender appropriate items. They are sent to children in poor areas around the world. This year's boxes will be going to Africa and India.

Our elementary youth groups will be participating this year. Each child will have the opportunity to fill a box to be sent out. We will be working on these on Wednesdays through mid-November. The whole congregation is invited to join us in this project.

You may want to fill a box yourself. Another way to help is to donate money for the shipping. Each box costs \$7.00 to send it across the world. The gift boxes are followed up with a 12 lesson bible program. Just \$6.00 can provide a child with the lesson booklets and a New Testament.

I don't want to take anything away from our local Christmas for Kids program, but if you would like to do something for this project, please contact me for more information. I will also make bulletin inserts or flyers available in church.

For information, call or email me.

My phone # is: 715-892-4390

My e-mail address is:

cedirector@mwcpc.org

In His Service and Yours,
Joan Dioszegi

Being Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff – including the seeds of

doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you
a new

smiling face and puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see.

3rd Brian Woolf, **4th** Dawn Halliburton, **5th** Sarah Fox,
6th Henry Bauers, **10th** Dick Henske, **12th** Dick Newton,
13th Barbara Bartling, Miles Danielson, **15th** Betty
Koller, **16th** Don Trimble, Melody Wilson, **19th** Joyce
Pierce, Yvonne Trommer, Mid Sharpe, Helen Goosby,
21st Cindy Lawton, Jeremiah Haas, **22nd** Jane Bals,
Jerry Glashagel **23rd** Skylar Frandy, **24th** Jim Caldwell,
26th Nancy Dybvad, **27th** Janie Williams, **30th** John
Hanson, **31st** Mary Bowlus, Callie Johnson

5th Henry & Lois Bauers, **10th** Keith & Beth Kost, Steve
& Angie Jacobs, **13th** Frank & Steph Caroselli, **14th**
Michael & Barbara Bartling, **17th** Rian Danielson and
Tammy Trapp, **19th** Charles & Judy Peterson, Randy &
Pat Entler, **22nd** Galen & Julie Brownwell, **23rd** Glen &
Cindy Wildenberg, **27th** Steve & Cassie Lee, **29th** Keith
& Carol Bohlin, **31st** Vince & Joyce Hoehn

An Update from your Treasurer

August General Fund Income	\$18,386
Year to Date GF Income Balance	\$133,021
Previous Year to Date GF Balance	\$121,906
August General Fund Expenses	\$20,144
Year to Date GF Expense Bal	\$136,402
Previous Year-to-Date GF Expense Bal	\$130,072
August GF Difference	(\$1,758)
YTD GF Difference	(\$3,381)
Previous YTD GF Difference	(\$8,165)

Respectfully submitted,
Mid Sharpe, Treasurer

Church Directory Updates

Sue Rasey has relocated to Woodruff.

Her new address is:

750 Elm Street Apt. 204
Woodruff, WI 54568
Phone number 715-356-7704

Jean & Chuck DeCarlo have also relocated.

Their new address is:

1615 Somo Ave.
Tomahawk, WI 54539

*Chuck and Jean have indicated that they are not too far
away from Manitowish Waters so...they wish you all will
keep in touch.*

Bible Trivia

...check your Bible
knowledge

Speaking of Beds

1. Who had compassion on the people because they seemed like sheep without a shepherd?
2. Who called Saul on the carpet because he had heard the bleating of sheep taken in Saul's battle with the Amalekites?
3. What book warns against sacrificing a defective sheep to God?
4. Who paid Jesse a visit when young David was out tending the Sheep?
5. In what book do we find the words, "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd"?
6. Who said, "Behold, the lamb of God"?
7. What book of the Bible describes a lamb with seven horns and seven eyes?

Ask a friend to come
to church with you

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Answers: 1. *Jesus (Matthew 9:36)*, 2. *Samuel (1 Samuel 15:14)*, 3. *Deuteronomy (17:1)*, 4. *Samuel (1 Samuel 16:11)*, 5. *Isaac (Genesis 22:7)*, 6. *John the Baptist (John 1:29)*, 7. *Revelation (5:6)*.

