

# The Sampler July 2009

From the  
Pastor



## The Longest Day

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118:24

Did you enjoy every minute of Sunday, June 21? Like a giant timepiece, Earth and sun were configured for the summer solstice once again. This year it happened on June 21, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The sun was up a fraction of a second longer than the day prior or the day after. (The length of the full day, including night, does not change, of course.)

As earth orbits the sun, the orientation of the planet's axis, in relation to the sun, changes constantly. A quarter of the way around the sun in its orbit, fall sets in. By winter, we'll be on the other side of the sun, with the North Pole pointing away from the sun. That winter solstice, around Dec. 21 each year, will be the Northern Hemisphere's shortest day, and researchers in Antarctica will be basking in 24-hour sunlight.

I almost missed the longest day. Summer can start on any day of the week, but Father's Day is *always* on a Sunday. So June 21 was an important special day, but in even more ways than I realized.

Those of you who attend worship would have recognized the quote above from Psalm 118 as the scripture I use to begin worship. I seldom remember where it comes from, but the words are written on my heart. During Vacation Bible School, Miss Kaye shared with the Catfish crew how she says a prayer each morning and each night. The scripture above is how I start my day.

Some days are just so glorious they shout praise to God. Springtime or early summer seems to have their share of those days. The sunshine spreads everywhere. The cool morning feels good to the skin. The colors of foliage and flowers seem overwhelming. These are days of hope. On these days, it feels good to be alive. Then there are other days. I call them Funk Days, times when it is difficult to get my spirit to rejoice and be glad that I am alive. Those are the days when, in addition to Psalm 118:24, I need to sing the song from the Christmas special "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" titled Put One Foot in Front of the Other...

*Put one foot in front of the other And soon you'll be walking cross the floor  
Put one foot in front of the other And soon you'll be walking out the door  
If you want to change your direction If your time of life is at hand  
Well don't be the rule be the exception A good way to start is to stand  
If I want to change the reflection I see in the mirror each morn  
You mean that it's just my election To vote for a chance to be reborn  
So Put one foot in front of the other And soon you'll be walking cross the floor  
Put one foot in front of the other And soon you'll be walking out the door.*

God is good and faithful. We are given the opportunity and capability to keep putting one foot in front the other and be reborn EVERY day, even on Funk days. One of the best ways to feel reborn is to be a blessing to someone. Invariability, by purposefully helping someone else, you are blessed.

So whether it is the longest or the shortest day (of sunlight), make every time of rejoicing for the gift from God – the present – and be glad in it.

*Pastor Barb*



## NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The session held its monthly meeting on Monday June 8, 2009. At the meeting, the session:

- Concluded its study of the Confession of 1967 by reading and discussing paragraphs 9.53-9.56 (The Fulfillment of Reconciliation) of the Book of Confessions.
- Read and discussed sections G-3.000-3.0401 (The Church and its Mission) of the Book of Order.
- Received a report that the Presbytery Council of the Presbytery of Shenandoah unanimously approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to call Elder Sally Hinchman as Interim General Presbyter. Ms. Hinchman will begin her work on Monday July 13, 2009.
- Learned that the church was named in a recent list of unclaimed property from the state of WV. It was reported that the unclaimed property was a dividend check from Citibank in an amount of over \$50.00.

The following actions were taken:

- Danny Slocum would be hired to repair the mortar surrounding the exterior foundation vents.
- A congregational meeting to elect elders was scheduled for Sunday September 20, 2009.
- Tim Allen and Brittany Nester were granted the session's endorsement on their applications for college scholarships offered by the presbytery.

Treasurer Monthly Snapshot	
May 2009	
Total Income - \$ 7,163.00	Accounts
Total Expenses - \$10,772.03	Money Market - \$13,213.14
Loss Income - \$ 3,609.03	Now - \$24,413.66

Thanks to all my church family for all the during my recent hospital stay and God Bless You, Anne Hill



cards, calls, home visits, food and prayer recuperation it was greatly appreciated.



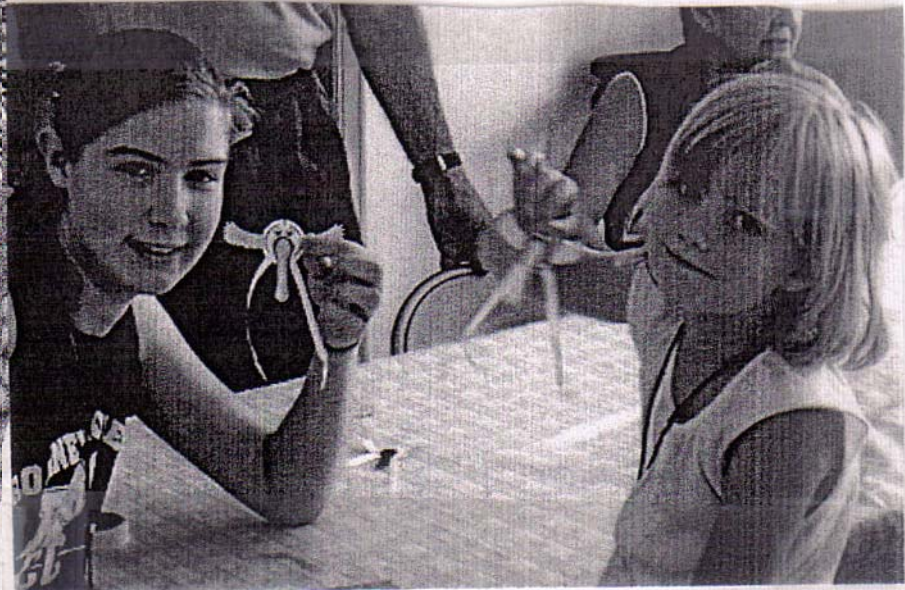
In memory of John Timbrook and Mary Lou McIlwee from Betty Rice and Erin Pancake and Madeline Pancake from Betty Rice and Don and Frances Swope.



The church family extends their sympathy to the family of Beulah Mongold who passed away June 21, 2009.



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**TUESDAY and THURSDAY**  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Invite your friends to come, enjoy the summer and experience God’s Word.**

**CONGRATULATIONS...** to Donna Baker, a member, of our church as she opens “Olde English Tea Shoppe Café” in Augusta WV. Located in Front Porch Primitives Country Decor Store across from the car wash, the hours are Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A variety of fresh baked goods, English scones with jam and clotted cream, Cornish pastries (beef, onion, swede, carrot and potato in a pastry case), Quiche, sandwiches, cakes and pastries, and, on Sunday, a more substantial dish with fresh vegetables will be available. Also, available will be some Bronnely English toilet waters, lotions and soaps made by appointment to the Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles.

Donna was born here in Romney in 1947. Her Mum was a G.I. bride. At almost a year old Donna was taken to England where both her parents lived until they died in 1972. In 2001, Donna, her husband, son and daughter moved to Hampshire County. You are invited to come and see Donna if only to say "Hello".

**HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE VOLUNTEER TRAINING...**at the Hampshire County Hospice Office at 278 N. High Street, Romney. Hospice 101 is a 1-1/2 hour introductory class for Hospice Helpers, Nursing Facility Entertainers, Needlers and Crafters. Also open to anyone who is interested in learning about hospice **Wednesday, July 8, 2009 10:00-11:30 a.m.** Direct Service Training is a 20 hour program for patient care and support and bereavement volunteers and is also open to anyone who is interested in learning about hospice. **Wednesdays and Fridays, July 8-July 17, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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