

"[God] will be a sure foundation for your times – a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge. And the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure." Isaiah 33:6. In this season of Pentecost, this season of the Holy Spirit, may God intensify the Spirit's presence and power and apply all the resources Christ has won for us.

The New Presbytery Structure: We are beginning to live into our new structure! Thank you all for your work and contributions to these efforts. The Leadership Cabinet, the Pastoral Ministry Team, the Rep/Nom Ministry Team, and the Camping and Youth Ministry team – the basic elements of our new life together are up and running... Now to stabilize them and gather momentum.

And the pastor clusters are doing very well. Hopefully, we can move towards a more regular schedule for each in the fall. Phase 2 will see the Leadership Cabinet distill the vision into mission and interpret the elements of mission to the rest of the presbytery for the formation of mission task forces.

Presbytery Prioritizing: We cannot do everything, and we certainly cannot do it at once. Where do you believe God would have us focus our efforts, short-term and long-term? The Leadership Cabinet, at its May meeting adopted the following priorities: Communication, Spiritual Nurture, Planning Meaningful Presbytery meetings, and Staff Transition Decisions.

The Financial Picture: Dan Holland's report shows we are stable at this point in the year, but still on budget to expend \$54,000 more than we take in. This is not going to work long-term, and some adjustments will need to be made – looking where we can trim the budget further... And Kathy and I continue to note and discuss that our presence full-time will deplete the presbytery's funds. Therefore, with the assigned Personnel study group, we are asking for a scaling back of our position. The leadership Cabinet, with our agreement, will be proposing that Kathy and I serve one half-time position beginning October 1, 2014. Other cost-saving measures are being considered, but this one move will lower the Administrative Budget deficit to around \$34,000 a year.

Office Update: We have been informed that J & H will need our space by November 1, 2014. We are extremely grateful to Ric Tieman and the J & H Team for graciously providing our office home for many years. We are currently considering two locations in the Bozeman area.

Convocation: The Planning teams from Glacier and Yellowstone are working well and on track to produce another quality Convocation, November 6-7, at First Presbyterian, Bozeman. The Rev Dr. Joan Gray, past moderator of the General Assembly, noted author, and beloved by many of us, will be speaking on the theme, "Sailing with the Winds of the Spirit." Please see the presbytery packet flier.

Camping and Youth Ministry Team: Camp is in the planning for July of this summer. George will be the main speaker for Elementary Camp (July 13-17) and Senior High Camp (July 20-25). David Andrew will be the main speaker for Junior High Camp (July 27-August 1). Please help us promote this program! Curt Kochner is doing a fantastic job leading!

Intermountain Children's Services: George is on the Board, *ex officio*. The Agency continues to maintain its church affiliation with the Methodists, the UCC and both Glacier and Yellowstone Presbyteries. Intermountain has recently dedicated two beautiful new cottages for its residency program in Helena. Intermountain now serves over 500 children a week in its 11 program services in Helena, the Flathead and Butte. Ask George about this great work

Rocky Mountain College: George is on the Board, *ex officio*. I am on Church Relations Committee, the Student Affairs Committee and the Investment Committee.

Spiritual Direction: George/ I am halfway through this program towards certification in Spiritual Direction with Leadership Transformation, Inc. Three YP pastors have joined me in spiritual direction as I learn the ministry and all of us have a deep sense of God at work among us in the sessions.

Resourcing Opportunities for Pastors and Leaders:

- a. Whitworth Institute for Ministry (Presbyterian), July 7-11, in Spokane. Fantastic Speakers this Year:Co-preachers new seminary presidents, Craig Barnes, Princeton Seminary & Mark Labberton, Fuller, & Bible teacher, Marianne Meye Thompson, NT Prof. Fuller, <https://www.whitworth.edu/WIM>.
- b. Evangelism and Church Growth Conference for the PCUSA, August 11-15, in St. Petersburg, FL. George is on the planning team and offering two seminars. Keynoter: Johannes Swart, new professor of Evangelism & World Mission at Pittsburgh Seminary - <http://www.pcusa.org/events/28633/evangelism-church-growth-conference-2014/>
- c. Convocation with Glacier Presbytery, November 6-7, Bozeman. The Rev. Dr Joan Gray will be speaking on nurturing our deeper Christian Spirituality. Theme: "Sailing on the Winds of the Spirit."
- d. Prayer / Spiritual Retreat – August 23 at the Lewistown Church. Please see flier.
- e. WNLT – NOTE new dates – Sept 28-Oct. 1 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.
- f. Spiritual Direction being offered by George in conjunction with his participating in the Certification program of Leadership Transformation (See Brochure)
- g. Creating a culture of Discipleship in the local Church. How can churches deepen their understanding of Disciple-making and Spiritual Formation? George continues to meet with sessions and pastors to help them create a personal vision for each church.
- h. New Engage: mission curriculum (ENGAGE Parts 1, 2 & 3) available—prepares people to be missionaries in their neighborhoods and communities. [Order from the church store now](#). You can also order parts one and two, [Engage: Gospel](#) and [Engage: Discipleship](#) from the PC(USA) church store.

Personal News: We are now proud and grateful grandparents! Charlie Goodrich was born on April 29 to our son, Chip, and his wife, Staci, in Spokane, WA. The young family is doing well. Our daughter,

Gillian, was accepted into the Masters/Ph.D. program in Spanish Literature and Linguistics at University Of Colorado in Boulder. She begins in August. Thanks for your prayers for her. Please pray for Kathy as she is increasingly needed in support of her aging and ailing parents.