



# The Pilgrim

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## A Message from the Minister

You may have noticed that our parameters have gone green! We are now in "ordinary time" which lasts until November 27<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent. "Ordinary" time may sound like boring time, but the term comes from the word "ordinal," which means counted time (First Sunday after Pentecost, Second Sunday after Pentecost, etc.)

How will you count your time this summer? Jonathan Larsen's Broadway Musical RENT questions the measure of time, with the lyrics to *Seasons of Love*: Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand

Six Hundred Minutes  
How Do You Measure - Measure A Year?  
In Daylights - In Sunsets  
In Midnights - In Cups of Coffee  
In Inches - In Miles  
In Laughter - In Strife  
In Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand  
Six Hundred Minutes  
How Do You Measure a Year In The  
Life? How About Love?

How will you count your time this summer? As I reflected on my own time management, I came across a few questions that might help direct us to the sa-

cred moments in those sunsets and cups of coffee of ordinary time.

As you walk through your home, could you make it more hospitable, more prone to welcoming guests for coffee or iced tea? What neighbors can you get out to see in the light of the sunset? Could you de-clutter your home and closets inch by inch? Who can be blessed in their strife by receiving things you can easily hand off?

Could you welcome someone new into your life? Who might want or need an invitation to lunch and laughter? Could you welcome a new idea into your life? Could you stretch your mind? Could you read a book that is not written from your point of view?

Could you improve your skills of being still and knowing? Each day, where do you find the Presence of God, the Peace of Christ, and the Comfort and Fire of the Holy Spirit? Invite them to keep transforming you.

Summer comes once a year. Make it count.

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### Prayer for Vacation

Gracious God, it's hard to shift from a life of busy work to a period of quiet relaxation. Help me let go of my need to produce and of my worry over what will happen at work while I am away. As I give myself to the relaxation of mind and body, let the activities of my work life silently recede into the background. Let me open my soul to you as if it were an empty canvas waiting for the creative touch of the artist's hand. I ask this for the sake of your love.  
Amen.

### Youth News...

The youth from WMCC gathered at the home of Carrie and Trey Ragland for a Wii Party on May 27. We had a great time dancing to Just Dance 2 and playing other games! The Youth Advisory Committee also met at this time to plan other activities for the youth this summer. We are going to the Brian Center on June 28 to visit and deliver little gifts to each resident. Future activities include a Mudcats game in July, volunteer work, and delivering food to the Smithfield Rescue Mission. We are looking forward to a fun and rewarding summer with our youth!

### Worship Attendance

June 5 — 71  
June 12 — 69  
June 19 — 50  
June 26 — 76

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9:45 A.M. Coffee  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship

# Hold the Date and Get Ready to... Fall Back into Church

Summertime is a great time to go to camps, visit family, catch up on household projects, relax at the beach and goof off! Of course, these things often take us away from church on Sunday mornings. As a way to gather us all in after summer, we are planning a "Fall Back into Church" celebration on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you've been away for the summer, this will be a great time to reconnect and recommit...to set your calendars back to church.

We will have information about all of our fall ministries at a luncheon following the worship service, and the entire day will be geared toward remembering what a blessing it

is to be a part of the church. The pastor, committees, deacons and elders will all be working very hard to make this a special day in the life of our congregation.

So, what you can you do help us prepare?

1. Plan to be there.
2. Take pictures from the fun things you do this summer and send them to Lea. We'll put them together in a slide show to share when we "Fall Back into Church" and to help us catch up with each other.
3. Pray that WMCC will have a spectacular fall!



Pictured above: Nora and her new friends at Christmount.

## Girls Camp Article by Nora McCarthy

The week of June 12<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Brooke Schneitman Middle School Girls Camp at Christmount. The camp was about accepting yourself as God made you, being a good friend and setting goals for the future. I loved meeting new people from all types of backgrounds and it helped me to understand that everyone has struggles, many which are worse than mine. It's really nice to meet people and to be able to support each other. I am very glad I got to go and look forward to going again next year.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Anderson	Tyler Dunn	Andy Parrish	Melanie Thompson
Cheryl Bryant	Ricky House	Betty Parrish	Tornado Victims
Margaret Brown	Lara Kelly	Curtis Ray	Tracy Ulcickas
Dorothy Byers	Ina Mae Lee	Chase Rudisill	Sidney Wellons
Lydia Byrd	Shareka McCrae	Lugene Slater	Jody Wiley
Annette Cobb	Ed Mulderrig	Emmit Sugg	Anna Jean Wilson
Christy Creech	Kathy Mulderrig	Patti Sydow	Gilliam Wilson
John Dumonceaux	Peggy Norris	Paul Sydow	

## Anonymous Generosity

We can all say a big thank-you to the anonymous donor who gave a 40-inch flat-screen TV to the church. We are already putting this to good use with our weekly Bible study and for our Graduate Sunday celebration. So, thank you, Anonymous.

*"But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly."*  
- Matthew 6:3-4

## REPRINT...

In last month's newsletter, the following Thank You Note was printed incomplete. It has been reprinted here with apologies from the newsletter staff (aka Kevin).

*Thank you for your calls, visits, cards, gifts, and prayers during my hospital stay. You are special to me.*

*Love,  
Zilphia Bailey*

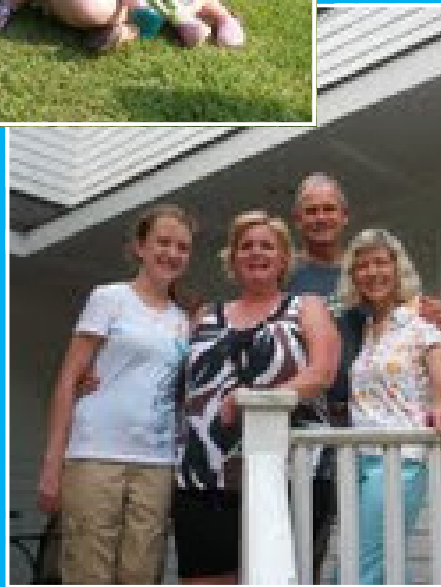
Sundays at Wilson's Mills Christian Church are better than Bakin-Robbins sundaes. We have many flavors. Our flavors include Sunday School, Children's Church, Church, and Handbell Choir. Come and try our Sunday. It is nourishment for the soul! I hope to see you this Sunday in our church!  
—Eileen Penny

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**Lea will be at the Disciples' General Assembly in Nashville, TN from July 9 -13.**

# June Pictures

Thank you to the Stephenson Family for hosting our annual summer kick-off picnic.



We are collecting Box Tops to send to schools in Joplin, MO that were affected by tornadoes in the spring. Box Tops can be found on many products. You can find the list of all products on which Box Tops can be found here: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878>. Please put yours into the envelope on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. This is a small way we can help this community who has suffered from this disaster.

## Standin' in the Need of Prayer!

For the last two years, the worship committee has hosted a Good Friday prayer walk. At the last prayer station, participants could leave a prayer request in writing for the minister to lift up at the end of the day. Prayers were left in abundance!

The worship committee and minister recognized that sometimes we have prayer concerns that we do not

want to share publicly. To address this need, the



our resident woodworker, Joe Slaton, to build a prayer box for confidential prayer requests that you may want to leave for the minister. The box will be located at the end of the education wing's hallway. Paper and pencils will be in the box's drawer, and the box will be locked for the sake of privacy.

Please make use of this beautiful addition,

worship committee asked as needed.

## Backpack Buddies

Thank you to our many volunteers who helped with our first Backpack Buddy dinner of the summer on June 18<sup>th</sup>. We fed a few children and their families from Wilson's Mills Elementary School. We fed even more senior adults from the Wilson's Mills Senior Center. And, we took our leftovers to Smithfield Rescue Mission and gave them to a group of very appreciative homeless men. As if that weren't enough to make a good day, we got to spend time in fellowship with each other, one of the great benefits of Christian service.

Not a bad day for WMCC!

Hope to see you at our next Backpack Buddy Dinner on July 16<sup>th</sup>!

**LOGOS News...**The Education Committee sponsored an appreciation dinner and wrap-up meeting for LOGOS volunteers in May. After some discussion on ways to increase attendance, the education committee would like to move LOGOS to Wednesday nights when we start back up in September! We hope that Wednesdays would offer fewer conflicts and allow more of our children and youth the opportunity to attend consistently. Please let Carrie Ragland know if Wednesdays would work for your family. The final decision will be made prior to our first LOGOS in September based on what works for the majority of our WMCC families.

# July Worship Service

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Church Appointments	Trudy Carter, Rose Thompson, Sherri Yaroch	Trudy Carter, Rose Thompson, Sherri Yaroch	Trudy Carter, Rose Thompson, Sherri Yaroch	Trudy Carter, Rose Thompson, Sherri Yaroch	Trudy Carter, Rose Thompson, Sherri Yaroch
Elder	Eileen Penny	Ginger Lee	Linda Ramsey	Kevin Daughtry	Janet Stephenson
Deacons	Trudy Carter Peter Wilson	Joe Slaton Rose Thompson	Carrie Ragland Whitley Stephenson	Jason Lawhorn Armando Mejia	TBA
Worship Leader	Travis Stephenson	Paula Bennett	Trey Ragland	Thomas Trogdon	Allison Lawhorn
Nursery	Carrie and Trey Ragland	Lauren and Thomas Trogdon	Leanne Bronson, Karen Klahre	John and Louise Dumonceaux	Sarah and Ron Foxworth
Acolytes	Emily Dumonceaux	Kaylen Mejia	Angel Sauls	Patrick McCarthy	Oscar Mejia
Paraments	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

5	Sheila Gamez	20	Don DePoy
8	Sally Grindstaff	22	Bryan Stanley
8	Pete Konneker	28	Josie Ragland
12	Ava Twisdale	28	Peter Wilson
13	Justin Lee	29	Ben Youngblood
17	Jeremy Sauls		



**Please mark your calendars for a change in the Board Meeting scheduled for the 9/11 has been rescheduled for 9/18.**

## Tithes and Offerings

	Pledged	Pledges Rec.	Difference	Donations
May	\$9,914	\$8,988	-\$926	\$331
June	\$9,914	\$6,883	-\$3,031	\$767
Totals (May/June)	\$19,828	\$15,871	-\$3,957	\$1,098

# JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	7	8 Craft Night 5:00 PM	9
10	11	12	13 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Backpack Buddies Dinner 5:00 PM
17	18	19	20 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	28	29	30
31					<b>WOMENS' SUMMER RETREAT AT CHRISTMOUNT — JULY 28-30</b>	

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