



The PVEM Happenings

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Celebration Time Our New Pastor Arrives

Wow! What a day, July 4, 2004.

Our Nation's birthday being celebrated on Sunday, and the first day to welcome Rev. Dr. Mary Lou

A word from the Editor

A chance to meet the leaders in the church

Have you wondered who the leaders of the Commissions are? Do you know all of the Council members?

A chance to get to know the leader in the church

During the next few months, beginning in August, the Happenings will be highlighting the Commissions of the church. Following the Commissions, we will be covering Council members.

From the Editor

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Howson to her home in the PVEM pulpit. It doesn't get better than this. Let's fill the church to show her our support. Following the 10:00 AM service, meet Mary Lou and say hello over a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Be sure to tell all of your friends about her.

From the Council

As we welcome our new pastor, we ask that everyone give time and talents to our new beginnings.

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Vacation Time

Many of our members travel during the months of July and August, visiting relatives, leisure driving trips, sight seeing, etc.. We hope that you enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

If you have been reading the September survey articles, you know that it is important to be in church in September.

Look for an article in each issue. If you have questions, please feel free to email the editor at hppnings@mindspring.com or leave a note with Amy at the office.

We will gladly answer each question; however, any unsigned request will not be honored.

Summer Sunday School

by Amy Testa

June 13th was the first Sunday of our Summer Sunday School and we had quite a turn out. We had 18 children in Sunday School and we can't forget the nursery children who joined us as well. Kathy Rathbone had 5 children in the nursery!

We planted our garden again this year. There will be: tomatoes, green peppers, beans, some lettuce and a cabbage (I think!). We also planted flowers as well. If we need flowers for anything you can now go to the garden and cut yourselves some fresh flowers. The children worked very hard in the garden and fluffing up our scarecrow (although his face keeps falling off!) Please come outside and look at our beautiful garden. The kids did a great job and they are very proud of their work. Soon we will all be enjoying the flowers and the vegetables that were grown right here at PVEM!

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.



Pictured above, Charles Ort, receives a carnation in recognition for being the oldest father attending church for Father's Day. There were several fathers who came close.

Lava Lava Lava Island

Don't forget that Vacation Bible School will be coming up in August. For more information, see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or talk to Linda Yaeger.

Help Wanted Financial Secretary

Lila Minervino, who has served the church well over the past several years, has resigned her position as financial secretary. The job consists of counting the collections and making the deposits. For more information please talk to Millard Branch or John Jurena.

Please Honor the Happenings Deadline

Please submit all articles by the 15th of the month for timely publication. It takes time to build the newsletter; however, if for some reason you don't have the information for the article that you know you will need space for, just let us know so we can reserve the space. We realize that sometimes events create the need for a last minute addition, so we will try to be understanding. Otherwise, any late submissions will be in the following issue.

Thank you

Do you know any teenagers who teach their communities about the importance of donating bone marrow in their free time? Or have you met a girl who spends her summer fostering a sense of belonging and self-confidence among people with physical disabilities? If not, then maybe you don't know a Girl Scout Gold Awardee!

Article reprinted from GSUSA

Girl Scout Gold Award® Facts

- The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting. It symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. Between 3,000 and 3,500 Senior Girl Scouts earn the award each year — less than three percent of all Senior Girl Scouts.
- A girl must be a registered Senior Girl Scout and have successfully completed specific requirements before she may begin working on the Girl Scout Gold Award project. This special project is an extension and a compilation of all that she has learned in Girl Scouting.
- A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Girl Scout herself and is carried out in one to two years through a close partnership with an adult volunteer. Her plan must conform to guidelines established by Girl Scouts of the USA and be approved by her Girl Scout council.
- Girls who earn the Girl Scout Gold Award are eligible for a variety of scholarships to continue their education at more than 100 colleges and universities. Organizations such as the Elks Foundation provide \$6,000 each year for eight young women to attend the college of their choice. All branches of the United States military offer Girl Scout Gold Award recipients the opportunity to enter the military at the higher pay-scale rank of E-2, the equivalent of already having 30 college credits.
- A special pin is presented to the Girl Scout upon completion of all requirements during a recognition ceremony designed to mark this significant accomplishment.
- Prior to earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, a teenage Girl Scout may earn the Girl Scout Silver Award and Girl Scout Bronze Award, similar recognitions designed for younger girls, as a prelude to "going for the Gold."

For more information on the Girl Scout Gold Award and other opportunities, refer to *A Resource Book for Senior Girl Scouts*,



Sarah Zinchgraaf, pictured above with her parents and brother, received the Girl Scout Gold Award as was reported in last month's Happenings.

Parish Nurse Update

by Gail Werner

June 28 & 29

Safe Sitter Course for 11 year olds and above, 10 AM-2PM taught by Joy Fedewitz, Dr. Mary Ann Panei, and Sandy Huffman.

July 10th Parish Nurse Breakfast Meeting 10 AM at Panera Bread Café in Mansfield. Our agenda will feature getting to know our new pastor. Rev. Howson, will join us and fall planning will be discussed.

July 18th

Blood Pressure Screening following worship in the church office.

FYI Over 53 people attended our Safe Driving classes and, 71 church and area residents attended Dr. S. Meier's lecture about Osteoarthritis & Rotator Cuff. Our church received compliments and praise for offering quality informational programs in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere.

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New Pastor Arriving in July

September Survey

by **Betty Schultheis**

(As promised last month, this article focuses on the way feedback will be provided after the survey is taken in September.)

Four to six weeks after the surveys are mailed in the church will receive feedback. So, sometime between mid-October and the first of November, we will receive a customized 8 page color report that will give us a detailed picture of who our worshippers are, their involvement in the congregation and the community, what they value about the congregation, and their hopes for the future.

We will also receive a video providing instructions for interpreting the report and help
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the Council to identify congregational strengths. A copy of the book "A Field Guide to U.S. Congregations" will also be provided.

The *Connecting Leader's Guide* will help us make the most of our report. The Council will be able to utilize the information to set program and financial goals, and in turn the Commissions can utilize the information to set their goals to help accomplish the Council's goals...all set to accomplish the hopes and expectations of the congregation.

The next issue of *Happenings* will discuss the impact the survey will have on the fall stewardship campaign. ❖

If you have an article that you would like to submit, please give it to Amy or, email it to hppnings@mindspring.com