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Creswell Presbyterian News

Birthdays



Ival Secrest	9/2
Joy Dersham	9/7
Kim Kuhnhausen	9/9
Nancy Dickinson	9/10
Jayne Bortner	9/12
John Menegat	9/14
Tulee Few	9/15
Chad Cooper	9/19
Nathanael Robertson	9/24
Mike Heckman	9/27

Anniversaries



Don and Jo Fitzgerald	9/25
Walter and Bev Michaels	9/26

DATES TO REMEMBER

Labor Day	September 7
Grandparents Day	September 13
Church Potluck	September 13
Birthday Cake	September 13
Church Choir Resumes	September 13
Fall Begins	September 22

Cookie Ministry

By Jacque Robertson

Creswell Presbyterian Church launched a new cookie-baking ministry this August. Led by Jacque Robertson and Sheryl Webb, teenage volunteers Rees and Chloe Miller bake homemade treats each week. These delicious snacks support Glenn Leslie's Campus Life high school and middle school groups, plus local wildfire relief cowboys in Central Oregon.



Chloe Miller, Rees Miller, Jacque Robertson, and Sheryl Webb

Two requests started this venture. The first came from Glenn inviting the Presbyterian church in his ministry of witnessing to youth through relationship building. Every Wednesday afternoon in August middle school students met at his house for pool activities. He needed our church to supply goodies for them. The second request came from Rees Miller wanting the church to involve his sister in some way. Jacque met Chloe during her brother Rees's baptism prep and noticed Chloe's love for cookies. Jacque pitched the baking project to the church Session, asking them to cover grocery costs.

The group has baked three times in August. They feed up to 20 middle school students at Glenn's pool events. They also sent a box of cookies to Youth for Christ camp volunteers. These "cowboys" work alongside Jacque's brother, Lonn Robertson, protecting local ranches from wildfires on the former Rajneeshpuram property east of Madras and surrounding acreages.

They are open to other venues for their baking delights.

CHURCH CHOIR RETURNS

The church choir has resumed rehearsals and will be returning to sing their anthems beginning on Sunday, September 13th. Jacque Robertson has lined up some excellent selections for our worship services.



CRESWELL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will be resuming their Bible study and business meetings on Wednesday, September 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible lesson will be "*Finding Our Joy: The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent.*" All the women of the church are invited to attend.

The women will be setting a date for the 4th Annual Basket Raffle. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to participate by donating a basket, donating items for a basket, or providing a themed basket to raffle off. Empty baskets are available in the North Fellowship Hall. Watch for details in the October Newsletter.

Another Country Store is planned for December and will include a bake sale. Ladies are already ramping up and sewing up merchandise during Craft Days on the last Wednesday of every month. They meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. and all the women in the church are invited to participate.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Lang Secrest

Remember the "free" table of books across from the puzzle table in the Fellowship Hall. These books are duplicates from the Church Library.

If you are a Max Lucado fan, you might want to check out *When God Whispers Your Name* and *A Gentle Thunder – Hearing God Through a Storm*. These are just a few of the books by this Christian author in our library.

CHURCH POTLUCK

This month, **there will not be** a First Sunday lunch after the worship service, because the Fellowship Committee is hosting the **Annual Church Potluck** on **September 13**, which is the second Sunday. The committee will be providing fried chicken, corn on the cob, and the beverages. **Please bring your favorite side dish.** And guess what's for dessert? Birthday cake, of course!!!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee is truly amazing in their service to this church. Linda Marek and Patty Schrenk are co-chairs. Other members of the committee are Betty Beckner, Karen Heater, Carolyn Hennen, Joan Kelley, Gary Manprin, Bev Rogers, Pat Rowland, and Patti Thompson. All the members of the committee have such dedication and willingness to ensure that we have fellowship after church. Every Sunday, they leave the sanctuary during the last hymn. The meals they serve for lunch on the first Sunday are always delicious. The birthday cake topped with ice cream on the second Sunday of each month is always incredible. Then they have cleanup of the kitchen and dining area, and they are the last ones to leave every Sunday.

Just imagine what it would be like if we didn't have fellowship after church. But the Fellowship Hour knits our church family together and gives us time to connect with one another and share our lives.

May we never take the Fellowship Committee for granted.

IN MEMORY

Our condolences go out to Jim Higdon in the loss of his wife, Kay and to their son Joel. We recently heard of Kay's passing away on May 12th. Please pray for God to give her family peace and comfort.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to our dear Larry and Patty Schrenk and their family at the loss of their daughter Kathy Lynn Murphy. She went home to be with the Lord on August 5th after her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Kathy was 67 years old.



Daily Prayer

I need you, Lord Jesus!
I fall short of your glory every day.
Thank you for your unfailing love.
Thank you for your mercy and grace.
Thank you for your presence in my life.

Give me wisdom and strength to do your will.
Direct my steps in the way you want me to go.
Give me patience as I listen for your direction.
Give me hope to expect your answer.
Help me to trust you, Oh Lord.

Guide me, Holy Spirit. Control my mind.
Create in me a bubbling spiring of joy
That spills over into others' lives.

Thank you for your healing touch
Heal my body. Heal my mind.
Heal my relationships.
Thank up for peace that passes all understanding.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Some people may be wondering what happened to publishing a new directory. It is finished, except for some fine tuning. I hope to get it finished while I am recovering from my back surgery. Thank you for your patience!

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