



South Nissouri Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Upcoming Events

December 2013

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Parkwood Hospital

Worship Service:

Once a year Heather leads a short worship service at Parkwood hospital. Usually there is a handful of people that attend with a variety of different needs.

Everyone is welcome to come to this service and help people find the right page in the songbooks or just provide company. Speak to Heather if you're interested. We'll meet at the hospital at 2:00 on December 15.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season!



"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Matthew(1:21)

Minister's Message

Advent is a season of waiting. We mark each week in the month of December by lighting a candle that draws us closer into the Christmas story. We are waiting to celebrate Christ's arrival that is already here in a sense but also not yet. The waiting is supposed to be a practice of preparation and patience. These aren't easy tasks, which is why they need practice. In our culture where we like to have things instantly and conveniently no one likes to wait. But in a way, advent is the one time of year when the secular world waits along with us.

Even though this preparation is about consumerism and sentimentality, there is something unifying about being in that experience together. We wait together for the celebration that is to come whether we say 'Happy holidays' or 'Merry Christmas'. The Spirit of kindness and mercy is in the air because Christ was born for us all. So we prepare partly by being thankful that his birth brings us together, believers or not. We wait patiently, maybe wearily, always trusting that the babe in the manger still changes things. We wait in hope for the Prince of Peace to comfort and inspire us this Christmas.

Rev. Heather Paton

The Conversation

Presbytery has held a series of workshops this year to help us think in new ways about what it means to be the church in the world today. Our final session will be on Saturday January 11 from 9:30- 4 at Elmwood church in London. We come away from these events with energy to try new things, understanding of our church context and supported by our Presbyterian sisters and brothers in other churches. At this workshop we hope to put our visioning into firmer plans and will need lots of help to do so. We strongly encourage you to come to this day long event if not to share ideas then to hear about how other churches are living out the gospel in different ways. First timers are especially welcome. Speak to Heather if you're able to come.

Typhoon Haiyan Relief

Presbyterian World Service and Development is working with the most vulnerable of those affected, through ACT Alliance to supply emergency food, assist with shelter repair, provide support for necessary water, sanitation and hygiene services, and ensure psycho-social support is available.

Read more about how aid is beginning to reach those in need at presbyterian.ca/pwsd.

You can make a donation to PWS&D through our church, mail a cheque to the office, donate online (as above) or call 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291. Please mark all donations as "Typhoon Haiyan Relief."

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