



South Nissouri Presbyterian Church

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May 2014

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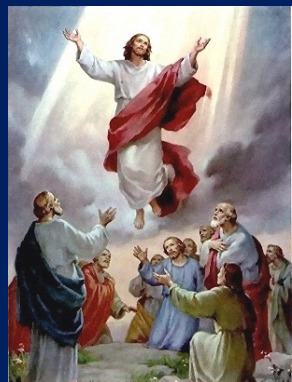
June 2014

May 30-June 2 –
Heather at General
Assembly

June 8th – Communion

Luke 24:50-53

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.



Minister's Message

Easter Surprise!

One of the most memorable things about my ordination service was the surprise attendance of one of my best friends. She flew all the way from Saskatoon and hadn't told me she was coming! I was shocked to see her shining face on my doorstep! It was a wonderful way to show friendship and make the day extra special. I imagine the disciples had a much more powerful reaction to having Jesus show up on their doorsteps that first Easter. It was a surprise of epic proportions. Even those who'd seen Lazarus come out of his tomb were shocked that Jesus was alive after dying on the cross. Perhaps even more surprising was the compassion he showed for them.

This Easter surprise challenged them to believe that life after death was possible and that God's promises of forgiveness were true. It was a surprise that, once the confusion settled, brought them great joy. God is full of surprises like that, surprises that challenge us to have faith and surprises that bring us great joy. It is often in these surprises that we sense the Spirit's power in the world. It's often through these surprises that we grow. We knew the resurrection was the good news at the end of the Lenten season—no surprise for us. But as Easter people we anticipate being surprised by what new life will spring forth because of it. May you find blessing in all the Easter surprises God has to offer.

Rev. Heather Paton

Holy Moments

Sometimes it's hard to talk about our faith. We worry that we'll be judged or not sound very holy or smart. Yet the more we share our faith, the more others will be attracted to it. Over the next few months we are going to get to practice sharing some of our holy moments during worship. I am inviting us to think about specific times in our lives when we have felt God's presence or seen Christ's grace. Tyler told us this past Sunday that he felt God in the beauty of God's creation as he drove to work. Bernice shared how singing 'Jesus Loves Me' was a spiritual comfort as it reminded her of days gone by. This is a way for us to grow in our faith by appreciating where God is at work in the world and in our lives. As a small church family it will give us a more intimate glimpse into one another's lives. If you'd like to share a longer faith story with us in worship please talk to Heather.

Worship at Parkwood Hospital

Sunday May 18 at 2:00pm we host a short worship service for the residents at Parkwood hospital. Volunteers are needed to read scripture, help with songbooks and provide good company. It is a rewarding experience to be in community with these patients, many of whom are war veterans. Let Heather know if you'd like to come.

Canada Youth 2014

There are eight participants from our two churches who are getting excited to attend the national youth conference of the Presbyterian Church. Come out and show your support for them at the following events: Brunch after South Nissouri worship on Sunday May 4, BBQ at Dorchester Foodland on Saturday May 24.