



# South Nissouri Presbyterian Church Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

### October 2013

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#### Sacrament of Communion:

**Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>:**  
*celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion** with Christians around the world.*

*Jamie will share reflections on his Malawi trip in worship and slides afterwards. Bring a bag lunch if you'd like.*

### November 2013

#### Nov. 2

*St. Mary's Bake Sale. As usual baked goods and preserve donations are welcome.*

#### Nov. 24

*Dorchester's Anniversary. Rev. Scott McAllister will be preaching and there will be a luncheon afterwards.*

#### Psalm 107:1

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."**



## Minister's Message

The season of fall is a time of gathering. We gather together to go back to school and other routines after the summer break. We gather up our summer stuff to store away for the season. The harvest of the fields is also gathered in to the delight of hungry bellies. It is a great time to be part of the church too because we are all about gathering together. Whether it is for worship each Sunday, for reaching out to serve or for supporting each other on the road of life, we are who we are because we gather together.

In Matthew 23:37, Jesus talks about being like a hen who gathers chicks under her wings. This is an image not only of comfort and love but of fierce protection as we know a mother hen

can be quite aggressive when her babies are in danger. She draws them together and cuddles them in next to her downy tummy while watching for pending threats. The chicks feel secure not only from her warmth but in the comfort of being together.

We are a gathered people brought together because of our saviour, Jesus Christ. As this fall season begins, may we think of the blessings that being a gathered people offers. We are protected and comforted, united and inspired by the love of Jesus. This is good news to last past the season of rich gathering and throughout the year.

*Rev. Heather Paton*

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

The Session and Board have been brainstorming ways we might better serve the community and reach out to new people. At our last meeting we decided to explore turning the back field into a community garden. We would offer people small plots to grow their own garden. This would provide those who do not have space of their own to grow stuff and familiarize people with our 'out of the way' church. We would also grow some of our own products that we would donate to a local food bank. This is a good use of the field and provides an opportunity for people to spend time in God's creation. The hope would be to start in the spring but start preparing the ground in the next few months. Other ideas were shared about memorial gardens and outdoor worship services... the possibilities are endless!! What do you think? Know of someone who would like a plot? Do you have some skills or interest that would be helpful in this project?

## Recent Events

Well Done good and faithful fair boothers! We raised a total of \$1,200.00. Thanks to everyone who invested their time and energy into this event.

**Worship Service: August 18, 2013**  
**Congregation with**  
**Guest Minister, Jay Song**



## PAR - An Alternate Way to Give.

As mentioned in the last newsletter the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program is a helpful way to share your monetary offerings with the church. You can easily arrange to have a direct deposit from your account to the church's every week or month or however often you would like, for whatever amount you choose. This helps us not to forget our offering, to give when we're away for a week, and to help the church budget appropriately. It costs six dollars a year for this service but makes an important difference. Speak to Craig if you're interested.