

The Shining Light

Rose Hill Presbyterian Church (PCA) Newsletter
August 2009

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven. ~ Matthew 5:16**

From the Pastor

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging
one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. ~
Hebrews 10:24-25*

I receive great encouragement each week from seeing you on Sunday mornings before and after our Worship Service. Sharing a part of our lives in this setting is one way that the Lord strengthens us to face another week of service in the church and out in the world. The verses above tell us that all of our fellowship opportunities – especially on Sunday – are a wonderful means by which we are stirred up to love one another and to do good works. Why is this? I think it is because when we come together the Lord is present in a powerful way, working within and among us in a way that is not possible when we are alone. When I hear of how God is working in your lives I am motivated or ‘stirred up’ to go out and serve the Lord with renewed energy and focus. When I hear of how the Lord has healed a church member, provided a job after a long wait, has ministered with his presence in a time of grief, or how he has been very faithful in sustaining and provided for the daily needs of his people, I am reminded that we serve the Living God who is working in the lives of his people! And, quite frankly, I need this kind of encouragement on a weekly basis. Don't you?

Sunday by Sunday God is calling us not only to offer ourselves to him in worship, but also to offer ourselves to one another in love through the ministry of mutual encouragement. This is one of our primary Christian privileges and responsibilities as we prepare for the “Day” of Christ's return.

Your pastor and friend,

Drew

Rose Hill Birthdays

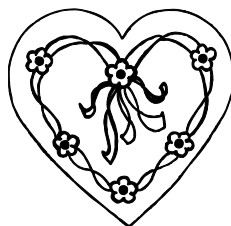


Aug 4: L P Brand
Aug 7: Rose Thomas
Aug 9: Bobbie Taber
Aug 10: Jane Simoneau
Aug 21: Gene Henderson
Aug 22: Joy Barker

Sept 2: John Robeson
Sept 6: Sid Kenyon
Sept 17: Diana Dickson
Betty Ready
Sept 18: Latimer Rogland
Sept 26: Virginia Parks
Sept 28: Solveig Rogland
Sept 30: Lynn Dewar

If your birthday is missing, please notify the church office.

Rose Hill Anniversaries



Aug 1: Zeigler
Aug 6: Myers
Aug 10: Weber
Aug 19: McCrary
Aug 30: Rogland
Sep 2: Peters
Sep 10: Daniels

If your anniversary is missing, please notify the church office.

This month at Rose Hill

August 2 – 8, 2009

Sunday, August 2: Sunday School 9:30; Prayer Time 10:15-10:25, Room 11;
Sunday Worship 10:30; Diaconate Stated Meeting 11:40, Room 11
Tuesday, August 4: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Room 4
Friday, August 7: Men's Fellowship Luncheon WILL NOT MEET

August 9 - 15

Sunday, August 9: Sunday School 9:30; Prayer Time 10:15-10:25, Room 11;
Sunday Worship with Communion, Dr John Harvey leading the service 10:30;
Deadline for PresWIC Fall Retreat; Harvest Hope Collection
Tuesday, August 11: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Room 4
Friday, August 14: Men's Fellowship Luncheon WILL NOT MEET

August 16 – 22, 2009

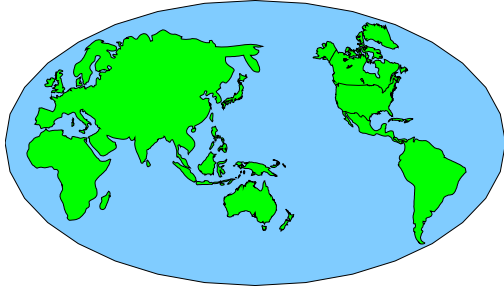
Sunday, August 16: Sunday School 9:30; Prayer Time 10:15-10:25, Room 11;
Sunday Worship, Dr Max Rogland leading the service 10:30
Tuesday, August 18: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Room 4
Thursday, August 20: Session Meeting, 10:00 am, Room 11.
Friday, August 21: Men's Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 am, Room 4

August 23 – 29, 2009

Sunday, August 23: Sunday School 9:30; Prayer Time 10:15-10:25, Room 11; **Sunday
Worship** 10:30
Tuesday, August 25: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Room 4
Friday, August 28: Men's Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 am, Room 4

August 30 – September 5, 2009

Sunday, August 30: Sunday School 9:30; Prayer Time 10:15-10:25, Room 11;
Sunday Worship 10:30; WIC Council: 11:40 am, Room 11
Tuesday, Sept 1: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm, Room 4
Friday, Sept 4: Men's Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 am, Room 4.



Missionary Updates

From Tim and Nicole Mares

Our family celebrated the end of our first four-year term by a visit to the U.S. last summer and autumn. It was a refreshing joy to see many of you! We returned to England in January 2009 to begin our next term. While in the U.S., we'd described the ministry as in a state of 'hopeful momentum.' We are still following God's trajectory, and He directs our steps in spite of unexpected changes.

Tim has been leading a Thursday night men's Bible study attended mainly by our team, a few Pakistanis, and Eric, whom we recently met at our book table outreach. Tim has just finished a study of Luke which focused on the need for God's grace instead of having a works righteousness. It is easy for Christians and Muslims to fall into self-reliance. *Pray that all of us will look in faith to our Lord for His grace in all things.*

Like other organizations working in Europe, we were caught unaware by the recent changes in enforcement of an old Social Security tax law. It is possible we'll have to return to the U.S. for six months to remain in the Social Security system there instead of the one here. *Pray we'll cheerfully accept whatever God has for us.*

Your generosity enables us to minister here and allowed us to attend an important Area Retreat and conference in Spain with many of our co-workers from various countries. We can identify with Paul's missionary letters. He appreciates when people brought gifts and good tidings from the churches afar. The church and missionary relationships go far beyond just financial provision. As Christians, we are all scattered about the world, but the spiritual bonds transcend the distance.