The Chimes

First Presbyterian Church, West Plains, MO 65775

May 2010

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! We've practiced saying this ancient response since Easter Sunday, as Christians have long done. We celebrate new life breaking out all around us in spring, and thank God for the new creation in our souls as well.

Another new creation is arising in our local Christian community – the **West Plains Christian Clinic**, which will open to the public in July. God's Spirit began moving people to work on birthing this clinic last year, and it is now coming into being through the hard work and generous donations of many. Watch for a bulletin insert with more information.

Basically, it will serve people who have no health insurance, and whose income falls under 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. All services will be free, with donated hours and donated medicines. The medical providers in town welcome this as well, and have been generous in their support. The Clinic will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Volunteers are needed in many capacities: parking attendants, friendly welcomers and helpers, folks with good data entry skills, and those **groups** that could supply a simple supper for the volunteers of that night's clinic who come straight from work.

First Presbyterians are also involved in another new program in WP –**the Ozark Food Harvest Mobile Food Pantry,** which provides 40 lbs. of food to 250 families every month. The first month, April, saw 243 families benefit from this program. We are joining with All Saints' Episcopal to handle the June delivery.

Sign-up sheets for both the clinic and the mobile pantry are in Fellowship Hall, or call the office.

I am thankful for all those who give so generously of themselves in these service opportunities. When we reach out to others, we are indeed serving Christ as well.

Blessings,
Pastor Becky

Church Leadership

Pastor:

Christena Coleman
Jack Garrett
Elizabeth Grisham
John Grisham
Ruth Hones
Robin Morgan
Bo Pace
Cary Stewart

Judy Bowles
Erika Garrett
Kay Garrett
Chris Herbolsheimer
Sunie Pace
Mindy Padgett
Carol Silvey

May Birthdays:
Elizabeth Barnard, 1st
Jolene Bowles, 13th
Dick Bowles, 13th
Barbara Hurd, 14th
Luke Hershenson, 22nd
Steve Mallory, 23rd
Laura Hones, 25th
Jeff West, 26th

May Anniversaries:
Stan & Bernice Crown
Tom & Betty Stock
Michael & Susannah Curtis

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For the Record

Sunday Attendance (April Average)	81
March Contributions	$14,711.50
March Expenses	$14,173.74
Amount exceeded need (thank you!)	$537.76

If you have an item to be included in the newsletter, please email Susannah Curtis at susannah@tabletopart.org or leave a message: 417-256-2784. Deadline for submission is the 20th.