

White Lick Presbyterian *Church Chat*

2530 North 600 East, Avon, IN 46123

July 2023 in the year of our Lord, Jesus Christ



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Pastoral Ponderings:

by Ruth Moore

July seems like the month when we are trying to squeeze the last pleasures of summer into our lives. We want to enjoy and savor it before the days of August become shorter, and school starts, and the fall calendar begins to fill up. Lots of people will be taking vacation time and traveling in July. I am going to take a week of continuing education at the end of July and beginning of August, and then a week of vacation after that. Two weeks in a row away from the business and work of the church will be restorative for me before we begin a new program year.

Study leave and vacation time can be a form of sabbath keeping. I am keenly aware of the need for sabbath keeping because

everywhere I go people urge me to go faster and to do more. I yearn to hear more deeply God's message to slow down and like many of us in our culture I continually hear the opposite message all the time. Keeping sabbath through continuing education and vacation time keeps me sane. I walk, pray, garden, travel, read, explore, and enjoy new foods – and do so with a discipline and vigor that keeps play and praise in my life.

Sabbath keeping is a spiritual strategy: it is a kind of judo. The world's commands are heavy; but we can respond with light moves. The world says work; we play. The world says go fast; we go slow. These light moves carry sabbath into our days, and God into our lives. Keeping sabbath is a method for focus, rest, and play in a life otherwise dominated by scatteredness, fatigue and work. Sabbath keeping is a way

for us to say “no” to a scripting of our lives that is without play or rest or grace.

So I wish you some sabbath time this July. And I hope you have some delightful adventures and experiences that you can share with us when you return.

Hope to see you in church soon.
Pastor Ruth

Presbyterian Women



Like you, we all love the Dessert Fest. But this year several of our bakers and workers have been dealing with a lot (surgeries, illness, etc.)

After much discussion at our June PW meeting, we voted to cancel the event this year. As you can imagine, this was a very hard decision. We looked at other options, such as pre-ordering, limiting the selection, etc. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

The Dessert Fest and the fall Chili Supper are PW’s two annual fundraisers.

It is with the funds raised at these two events that PW is able to support our White Lick Missions Partners, Good News Mission, and Pittsboro Food Pantry. PW also funds various projects around the church such as enhancing the kitchen electrical system and the new spray faucet.

Your continued support is a blessing. Thank you for understanding. See you next year!

Brownsburg Older Adult Alliance (BOAA) was founded in November 2015 by five women who joined together to enhance the lives of older adults in Brownsburg and its surrounding areas. BOAA's activities are open to anyone age 55 and older in Brownsburg and the surrounding area. All activities, except the outdoor socials, and walking club are held at Brownsburg Public Library, 450 S Jefferson St, Brownsburg, IN 46112.



- Here is are some of the activities offered:
- Walking club
 - Chair Fitness
 - Euchre
 - Bingo
 - Board Games
 - Social Get Togethers
 - Monthly Movie Matinee
 - Hand & Foot Card Game
- Come join us!**

BOAA's programs and services have grown from an annual Holiday Drive providing hygiene and warm items for winter to holding weekly activities. BOAA arranges more than 10 monthly activities for seniors and seasonal service projects including Fall Leaf Cleanup and Holiday Gift-away. BOAA is not only a place for our seniors to connect with the community;

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in addition, we connect seniors in need with resources. BOAA's goal is to assist seniors in creating their best life in Brownsburg.

To participate or volunteer...

Contact us:
 Phone: 317-440-5110
info@bburgoaa.org
www.bburgoaa.org

Fellowship Lunch Schedule

Here is the schedule for Fellowship Lunches. Each team will take a turn at presenting Lunch, as shown below:

- July 2 Holiday — No Lunch
- August 6 Worship
- September 3 Holiday — No Lunch
- October 1 Hospitality
- November 5 Tech Team
- December 3 Finance

(These are not general pitch-ins; however, you are always welcome to bring a food donation or help clean up.) 😊

**January - May 2023
 Financial Information**

Income	Expenses
\$74,072.83	\$66,897.89

Please keep your giving up to date.
 Place your offering in the plate at Church.
 Mail your gift to the Church office:
**2530 N County Road 600 E
 Avon, IN 46123**

Use the "bill pay" feature at your bank.
 Use the "give now" link on Church website:
whitelickpcusa.org

THANK YOU for your financial support.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Shirley Halterman
- 4 Mitch Rieman
- 6 Owen Brooks
- 9 Lori Parker
- 10 Lynn Turner
- 16 Eric Brooks
- 16 Dave Fancher
- 17 Diane Buxton
- 17 Barbara Rodgers
- 22 Jake Stellmack
- 25 Ginny Sheets

If your birthday is missing from this list please add your name. We want to include you, too.



Please join us for the next
"Fine Time for Lunch Time"
 Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 1:00 pm
 Rick's Boatyard on the Patio
 (4050 Dandy Trail, Indianapolis,
 IN 46254)
 dutch treat lunch
 Put you name on the sign up
 sheet
 as you enter the sanctuary.

Conversations That Challenge Christians

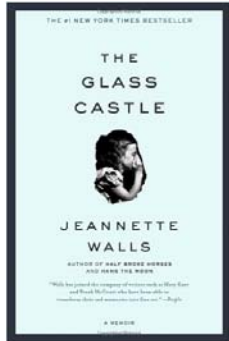


Summer reading for August Conversations that Challenge Christians: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

Are you looking for a good summer read? Consider reading

"The Glass Castle". This book is a memoir of Jeannette Walls who grew up in poverty with her two sisters and brother. Both of her parents were dreamers. Her mother immersed herself in painting while her children foraged for food wherever they could find it. Her father spent most of his time in the local bars. Whenever the bill collectors (or the law or social workers got too close), the family would do "the ske-daddle" and move; generally in the middle of the night. Even though family life was very dysfunctional, their parents loved their children deeply and taught them valuable lessons for life.

On Saturday, August 26th we will show the movie and eat pizza followed by a discussion that will continue with a guest speaker on Sunday at 11:30 with the Fall start to the Conversations that Challenge Christians. More information to follow in the August Church Chat.



July Calendar

Sunday worship 10:30 am online link:

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_X2uliQX3x0vECTI2SDT-w

Sunday, July 2 – Hymn Sing Sunday

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

Thursday, July 6

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 9

10:30 Worship with Communion in Sanctuary & on YouTube

Tuesday, July 11

1:00 pm Fine Time for Lunch Time at Rick's Boatyard Café

6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, July 12

6:00 Deacon's Meeting – Brownsburg Library

Thursday, July 13

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 16

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

Monday, July 17

6:00 PW Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 18

7:00 pm Session Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, July 19

7:00 pm CE Meeting – Zoom

Thursday, July 20

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 23

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube

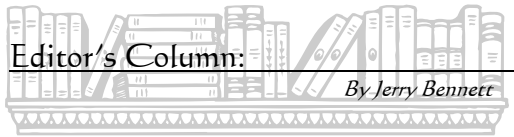
11:30 Worship Team Meeting – Library

Thursday, July 27

6:30 pm PAL Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 30

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary & on YouTube



I am pumped. I am psyched. I am invigorated by the possibilities of being alive.

Yesterday (June 24th) I was working outreach in an information booth at a big event in Greenwood; the Greenwood Freedom Festival but that's not why I am so excited. While navigating the food area, a young man, seeing my highly decorated Navy ball cap walked up to me and asked what part of my Navy experience did I enjoy most. My answer was teaching and the educational opportunities.

Let me back up a little; Scarcely a week earlier I had an impromptu meeting with a Township School Administrator where I was making a presentation to a classroom size group of teachers and administrators. He was visibly impressed. I want to get back in front of students again; it may hap-

pen as a guest speaker role.

Back to the young man in the food court; he was an eager listener and I was practicing on him. I told him about my undiagnosed dyslexia as a youth; how the Navy sent me to an Instructor Training course administered by the University of Illinois at NTC Great Lakes. It rekindled the thirst for knowledge in me and led me to IUPUI back when, aside from the Medical School there was only Cavanaugh Hall and the Library. We had a twenty minute conversation. He was pumping me for information and I was delivering it from a fire hose. It was wonderful!

Later, back in our information booth we took a picture of four of us old salts in front of the banner on the edge of our table. I looked critically at the picture and observed that while I am the oldest of the group I am also the most fit of the group. My belt size is two to ten inches smaller than the younger men there. I feel good.

—JB

