

GOOD NEWS

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Fellowship Luncheon

Everyone is invited to join us for our September Sunday Luncheon. The Fellowship Committee will be preparing delicious Turkey Divan w/ salad and assorted pies and cheese cakes.

Meet us in Fellowship Hall, Sunday September 9th immediately following worship (worship begins at 10:00AM).

Craft Show and Sale

Join us October 27th from 9:00AM - 2:00PM for our annual Craft Show & Sale. Vendors from all over will be presenting their crafts. This is a great opportunity to jump-start your holiday shopping.

Rummage Sale

On November 10th, our annual rummage sale will be held. Spring cleaning can take place in the fall if you need to part with some goods. Donations welcome.



I Dreamed a Dream

By David Grachek, Pastor

I had a dream once where I got a job at the State Fair as a “Fire- Eater”. The only problem was that I had no idea how to do this job, as I had never eaten fire. I tried for a long time to figure out what that dream meant. I think about the meaning of dreams often and can rarely if ever figure out their meaning. Dreams are like that.

When I think of dreams, I can’t help but think of my favorite Broadway musical. Let me just say that I love Les Miserable. The emotion of its music and story line are incredible.

I have seen the stage presentation on Broad-way with the original cast and other off Broad-way productions several times. All were in-credible. When I saw the movie that was released, I couldn’t believe that critics actually spent time commenting on whether or not Russell Crowe could sing. Who



A Successful Backpack Mission Project

On Sunday, August 5, 44 backpacks were presented and blessed during the morning worship service. They then were delivered to the Jensen Beach Elementary school the following Monday morning. There the backpacks will be distributed to students unable to purchase the required school items.

Thanks to Nancy Caldwell who chaired the mission project, Susan Allalemajian who helped organize and pack the bags and Ken Caldwell who participated in the transport of the 44 backpacks!

The Fellowship

On Wednesday evenings, we gather at 5:30PM for a time of food and fellowship. We are doing a bible study right now, but many options will be available. Children's events are available as well.

All are welcome, so bring a friend and perhaps an idea as to how we can enjoy one another.

cares what his voice sounded like? I believed his character, which is the point.

Anne Hathaway, for me anyway, stole the show with her rendition of "I Dreamed A Dream". How could anyone not be drawn into the anguish and pain of her character? I felt what Fantine, Hathaway's character, felt when she sang of her broken dreams.

I don't write about this today as a movie review, but more to think about that scene. We all dream. Some of us dream in our sleep, while some of us dream sitting at our desk at work staring off into some other world that is away from our everyday life. Dreams are amazing and confusing at the same time for me.

I wonder if it's true. Could it be that dreams are the window to the soul as has been suggested? What do your dreams tell you about you? What do my dreams tell me about my expectations of life?

For Fantine in Les Miserable, she was convinced that her life just wasn't the way it was supposed to be. This speaks more to brokenness than it does to daydreaming.

Brokenness is a delicate word; delicate in that it can be used to describe horrible life-altering events in our lives. I believe it also can describe what we often do to ourselves. Fantine spoke of brokenness that was by no choice of her own. Many of us experience brokenness due to choices we make.

In thinking about confusing dreams I have had recently, I can understand why they make no sense. I wanted to learn more about the unconscious mind, so I turned to the only logical source I could think of for information - "Unconscious Minds for Dummies". There, I learned that the unconscious mind (where our dreams take place) has no ability to process negative thought. Dummies.com expresses the sentiment this way:

"Your unconscious can't process negatives. It interprets 'I don't want to be poor,' your unconscious mind focuses thought becomes 'I want to be poor.' Being poor then child, desperate

New Staff Members



Cheryl Lord joins us as our Administrative Assistant.



Sherry Rasmussen join us as our new Choir Director.



Yun Lew-Kumpf joins as our Organist and Accompanist.



Charlette Reeves join us as Children's Director

to please, it helps you behave in just such a way. That's why stating your goals in the positive is so important. poor,' you'd think "I want to be wealthy."

You have heard it said, “you are what you eat”. This article suggests that we become what our thoughts allow.

Can our negative thoughts really affect not only our outward disposition, but also our unconscious? The study suggests that negativity tears at our subconscious more than we realize. It's no wonder our dreams at times make no sense at all.

Our dreams can say a great deal about our over-crowded schedules. Our dreams can also teach us a great deal about how we process information.

I dream of a bright and beautiful future for our church. I am aware of the troubles that this church has experienced, but also am aware that dreams can come true and a positive outlook is a first step. Won't you join me?

Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study to Resume Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 10:00am in the John Knox room. The study, “God's Promise, I am With You”, develops this theme throughout nine lessons. Instead of concentrating on one book of the Bible, God's promise to be with us will be viewed through Old and New Testament, looking at the promise wherever we are, in uncertainty, in discouragement, as Emanuel and as the Holy Spirit.

Carol Cox will lead the group in the study of the first lesson, “God is with Us Wherever We Are.” All women are invited to share in this wonderful and worthwhile experience. You are not required to be a member of PW or First Presbyterian Church to participate. Invite friends!

Presbyterian Women emphasize Bible Study, support mission projects and offer a caring community of Christian women. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am in the John Knox room from September through May.

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