

# Macland Press

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## September 2016

September 5  
Labor Day  
Church Office Closed

September 11  
11:30-Congregational  
Meeting

September 17  
8:00-Buildings &  
Grounds Work Day

September 18  
4:00-Pastor Installation  
& Reception

September 26-30  
Cobb County Fall Break

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Dear Macland,

My friend, Bob Britt, posted this cover photo on Facebook.

At first look, it may not seem so impressive, but if you know the man, you get the picture.

To understand the man, this message, and your own way in the world, consider your own thumb and fingers and how your hand works.



Fingers can touch many things, even grasp quite well. What the fingers of your hand lack the ability to do is to touch one another. The tip of your index finger cannot touch the tip of your pinky directly, at least not the ones on your same hand. Thumbs, however, are unique among the digits of your hand in that the thumb is capable of touching each finger directly.

In this life, you will encounter people who are like fingers, they can be touched, they can grasp and grab, but are unable and unskilled at touching others directly. They are close to others but unable to make direct contact no matter how they reach and stretch. In life, you also encounter people who are like thumbs, they touch others with ease. They can grasp and grab like others, though it doesn't come as natural to them. What does come natural is intimate contact and support. They are designed for and have developed skill in touching others and enabling each to reach his or her designed purpose and potential.

Thumbs also play a crucial role for guitar players. For most of us who pluck at a guitar, our thumbs never press a string. Thumbs do not press strings directly, so at first, the essential role a thumb plays may go unnoticed. If you pay attention, even look closely at the picture of Bob's thumb and guitar, you see how, without the supportive effort of the thumb, the fingers would never have the strength alone to press the strings and make music possible.

My friend Bob is a thumb. As a guitar player, he is able to step into any group of musicians and see what not only the band needs as a group and as individual artists, he can even see what the song needs and offer it. He makes music as well as life better for others. Bob has touched lives directly and personally made so many people, musicians, artists, and just regular Joes and Janes like Carrie and me experience life in a way much fuller than we would have without him. That's what thumbs do.

So, Bob's thumb is a great image for him as well as an example for us. Be a thumb. Touch another life. Make music possible.

JOY!

David

**Reaching, Raising Relieving**  
*Making a Difference One Child, One Person at a Time*

**Thornwell Children’s Home Program Update**



**Campbell Soup Labels for Education**

The Labels for Education Program have some sad news to share with us. In the past few years, participation in *Labels for Education* has declined and as a result, the Campbell Soup Company has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the LFE program. The good news is nothing changes this program year. There will be changes for next year’s program starting August 1, 2016. They will continue to support American kids through our *Grand Stand for Schools*<sup>SM</sup> sweepstakes and our community efforts which we annually contribute \$70 million in food and funding to tackle obesity and hunger amongst our country’s most vulnerable families. The Mission Team will make an announcement when we receive new information about the changes to this program on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to all who have faithfully supported this program so generously!



**Kleenex Box Tops for Education**

Care for Thornwell with Kleenex® Brand & Box Tops. Macland has participated in this program for a long time. When it comes to helping students, teachers need all the support they can get. It’s easy to see how easy it is to turn everyday purchases into tools that make a difference in the classroom. Every time we purchase Kleenex products, clip and collect the Box Top labels Thornwell gets points to receive merchandise; everything from books, computers, to playground equipment! Why we Care? Teachers spend an average of \$500 of their own money on their classrooms. Thanks to all of you who continue giving generously to help Thornwell children have the tools to make their school experience a positive one! There is a new collection box on the Missions bulletin board.

*Give Blood...*



*Give Life.*

Twice a year our congregation responds to a critical need by hosting a blood drive. This fall we've changed the drive to **Thursday September 22nd**. All eligible are encouraged to make an appointment. Homemade snacks for the donors or small monetary contributions for a surprise Subway dinner for the Red Cross crew will be gladly accepted.

September is National Preparedness Month, and the American Red Cross is reminding donors of the importance of having a readily available blood supply for patients in need. Like the emergency room of a hospital, the Red Cross must be prepared to respond to patient blood needs 24/7. It’s the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives in an emergency. Eligible donors with types O, B negative or A negative blood are especially needed (and encouraged to give double red cells, if available).

- During a double red cell donation, two units of red blood cells are collected while most of the plasma and platelets are returned to the donor.
- Type O negative is the universal blood type and what emergency personnel reach for in trauma situations when there isn’t time to determine a patient’s blood type.
- Type O positive is the most common blood type and can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type.
  - Types A and B negative can be transfused to Rh-positive or negative patients.

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **maclandp**, signup in the church narthex, or call Nancy Russell at 281-253-0727.

**Reaching, Raising Relieving**  
*Making a Difference One Child, One Person at a Time*



**A word from the Presbyterian Mission Agency  
 Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings**



The first celebration of World Communion Sunday was in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor at Shadyside, had conceived the idea a few years earlier as a way to bring churches together in Christian unity so that everyone would recognize and celebrate the connection between the local congregation and the wider Christian community—a connection best commemorated at the Communion table.

Since 1980, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has invited Presbyterians to mark this unity in the Spirit by receiving the Peace & Global Witness Offering, formerly the Peacemaking Offering, and to celebrate Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace.

For 36 years, the funds raised have been used by local congregations (25%), mid councils (25%), and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (50%), to advance a witness to Christ's peace in all areas of life and society. These funds support the important work of networking and educating Presbyterians done by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, as well as strengthening connections to the wider world through the reconciliation work in which the Mission Agency is engaged.

Through the years, this Offering has provided support to Presbyterians, who, just like Dr. Kerr, see the Communion table as a place of peace and unity. Despite the ways violence and division mire our world, we still claim a God who spreads a table in the wilderness, and invites all people and all nations to come and dine. In the weeks leading up to World Communion Sunday and the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we encourage you to reflect upon and share these resources as we hope they serve as a reflection of God's invitation for us all to come to the table of peace

The Peace & Global Witness Offering Day will be celebrated on Sunday, October 2nd during worship. Envelopes will be available in the bulletin the last two months of September for your donation. As always, the generous giving spirit of the Macland congregation continues to support the important work done by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Amen and Thank YOU!

# What's Up Macland?



## Macland Presbyterian Preschool

Is excited about a new year!!!  
We have some spaces available so please spread the word!!

### Need Sheets??

Shop with the preschool!!! All sizes are \$35 and the colors are many in number. Proceeds go towards new flooring on Christian Education wing.

We would like to welcome Pastor David!!  
He does chapel every Tuesday morning and he plays the guitar, sings and tells cool stories!!

We will be selling Yankee Candle in September, so if you'd like to get some Christmas Shopping done please ask for a catalog.

Come and visit us anytime and check us out at [macland.org](http://macland.org)  
Questions? Email [preschool@macland.org](mailto:preschool@macland.org)

## Wednesday



September 21<sup>st</sup>  
6 PM

## POTLUCK DINNER

Bring your favorite dish to share and join in the fellowship and fun.

No charge to attend. Drinks will be provided.



# September Birthdays

9/2 Ivy Hubert  
9/2 Abbey Michalke  
9/5 David Jones  
9/9 Pam Carlton  
9/13 Shelley Carr  
9/13 Andrew Carter  
9/13 Nathan Jones  
9/14 Phillips Moore  
9/16 Chloe Carter  
9/16 Joseph White  
9/17 Lorne Dold  
9/17 David McCarl  
9/20 Randy Campbell  
9/20 Lexie Savic

9/22 Patrick Haugh  
9/22 Jason Pierce  
9/23 Liz Rogers  
9/25 Brian Moore  
9/26 Caron Gruben  
9/26 Olivia Hubert  
9/26 John Polacheck  
9/27 Debbie Lester  
9/27 Taylor Polacheck  
9/27 Linda Puterbaugh  
9/28 Cole Hennings  
9/28 Karen Williams  
9/30 Barb Hays

## Session News and Notes August 2016



The Session met on August 22, 2016 in the copy room.

### Clerk's Communications

Terry Curtis wishes to thank the Session and Congregation for all the well wishes, prayers, and support during the loss of her step mother and Tom's illness. Please continue to keep her and Tom in your prayers.

**There will be a Congregational meeting on September 11, 2016 after worship to elect a nominating committee for the purpose of developing a slate of church officers for 2019.**

### Pastors Report

Reverend Jones is very pleased with the start of his ministry with Macland. He is encouraged by the support and looks forward building on the foundation that has been established. He shared books on leadership that he would like for the Session to study

### Committee Reports

#### Finance

Macland Presbyterian Finance Notes: - August 2017	Financial Results - July	Financial Results - July YTD
Revenue - \$28K Expenses - \$36K Net Income - \$-8K		Revenue - \$227K Expenses - \$229K Net Income - -\$1.2K

- The balance sheet was reviewed and discussed and was decided that moving funds from checking account to money market account was appropriate. Approximately \$60K moved to money market fund week ending 8/19/2016.
- The preliminary 2017 Budget was discussed. At this time there is not a foreseeable change to the structure or method how budgets are prepared. We are planning to review budget with budget line item owners after Stewardship season.
- Finance will lead Stewardship season. David is working on a theme.
- Stewardship Sunday was moved up one Sunday to All Saints Day, November 6.

#### Mission

- Macland contributed and delivered 191 different items totaling 3582 supply resources for the student/teacher population at Compton Elementary.
- Macland men provided a meal and held a bible study on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the youth provided the August meal at the Men's Extension. We need a team for September.

#### Worship

- **David Jones will be installed as our new Pastor September 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**
- The advent devotionals will be on line this year. Reverend Jones will set up to send an email out daily with the devotional for that day. We will not do a book this year.
- We will decorate on November 20 after the worship service for Christmas. Advent 1<sup>st</sup> The first Sunday in Advent is November 27.
- Christmas Program will be Sunday evening on December 11 at 7:00 pm. We will have a Cookie Reception that Penny Estes will coordinate.
- Plans are being made to have a cookie reception after worship once a month. Penny Estes and Janet Robison are the coordinators.

#### Christian Education

- Sunday school and Wednesday night dinners have resumed.
- Thanks to the youth for serving a meal at the Extension on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Preschool has begun and still has openings. Please encourage friends and family to enroll if they have pre-school children.
- Reverend Jones' Wednesday night class has begun.

## **News & Notes Continued...**

### **Building and Grounds**

- Mowing Season is in full swing and going well.
- Bid has been requested to add a sidewalk on the south end of the FLC to connect the upper and lower parking areas. This will also reroute the gutter water to a single point at the bottom of the hill.
- New thermostats are being evaluated now. The plan is to replace all thermostats so that we have just one type and they can be programmed and used to better control the operating costs.
- Bids are being reviewed to have the parking lot sealed and repainted.
- Scouts have contacted us to complete a project near the entrance to the FLC. A meeting is being set up with the unit representative.
- Researching the potential for automated paper towel dispensers for paper product cost savings.

### **Fellowship and Evangelism**

- Potluck luncheon will be held on November 6, 2016.
- The Committee is still developing plans for more community exposure. A "Macland store" is still being discussed.
- Members are encouraged to seek out visitors and greet them warmly.

### **Personnel**

- Lauren Rhinesmith, the church secretary, will be having a baby in November. We discussed her maternity leave and potential coverage options. The plan at this point is to handle the administrative tasks with volunteers. The plan is for personnel to work with finance to determine the best option to handle the financials as it will be over the end of the year.
- The job description for the PT cleaning position was discussed and is now being developed.

### **Session Actions**

- **Approved paid maternity leave for Lauren Rhinesmith for a period of 8 weeks and 4 weeks unpaid leave beginning November 1, 2016.**
- **Approved the baptism of Everette Gutzwiler**
- **Approved, with regret, the resignation of Elder Bob Kendall due to his moving out of the area.**
- **Approved Linda Puterbaugh, Freida St Germain and Debbie Hennings to serve on the nominating committee.**
- **Approved a Congregational meeting for September 11, 2016 for the purpose of electing a nominating committee for church officers.**
- **Approved moving the Stated Session meeting to September 19, 2016 due to fall break in the local schools.**
- **Approved adding two screens to the front of the sanctuary.**

### **Calendar of events**

- August 23-Presbytery Meeting-Kirkwood Presbyterian
- September 11- Congregational Meeting to elect nominating committee
- September 17-Work day
- September 18- Pastor installation
- September 21-Wednesday night potluck
- September 26-Stated Session meeting
- November 6-Stewardship Sunday/ Pot luck lunch
- November 18-Lock in for youth
- November 20- Decorate sanctuary for Christmas
- November 27-First Sunday in Advent
- December 11-Christmas program-Cookie Reception