IT’S FATHER’S DAY AGAIN!

When they came home from school, the first words out of our children’s mouths was, “Where’s mom?” I would usually hear, “Where’s Dad?” when money was needed or a parental decision was required. Such is the common pecking order in a typical family. Moms are always needed. Dads? Well, perhaps not so much, until maybe there’s a loud thunderstorm, or when there’s something lurking outside their bedroom window, or when the bike is broken, or when they want to get their driver’s license, or...well, you get the idea.

We dads sort of figure that “need” and “love” go hand in hand. To be needed is a way of being loved by family. “Can you help me with my homework?” is an expression of love for a dad because he is needed. We like for our children to depend on us since we have a heart full of love for them, and we want them to love us. God may feel the same way because He invites all of His children to trust in Him. Peter said that you should cast “all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you” (1 Pet. 5:7). Needing God and leaning upon God like a Father is a way that we express our love for Him.

While men may not use the “love” word as much as moms do, they still need to hear it. My children are all grown now, but they are comfortable in saying “I love you” to me and hearing the same from me. And, we really mean it. That’s a great Father’s Day gift. Why don’t we give our Heavenly Father such a gift today?

Guy Orbison Jr.
Durango Church of Christ
Durango, CO
The church board held the May board meeting immediately following services on Sunday May 12. All but one board member was in attendance.

Prayer requests were taken and we all joined in prayer for these needs.

After reviewing and approval of both the minutes of the April board meeting and the March and April treasurer’s reports, the board looked at the following items of old business:
— review of April search committee meeting
— review of cost quotes for sanctuary projector.
— Fellowship Hall sump pump upgrade to an automatic pressure operation retrofit was approved and board members will install
— review and approval of 3 dates that members have reserved the fellowship hall and sanctuary for graduation and family reunion and a wedding.

After reviewing several items of new business the board adjourned. The next board meeting will be Sunday June 9th.

We are thankful to God that our Sunday Services attendance and giving remains strong. We read In 1 Chronicles 28:20 how King David admonished his son Solomon to “be strong and courageous and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the Temple of the Lord is finished.” I believe these words apply to us here at St. Peter’s as we continue to move forward asking and believing that God is and will continue to guide us in our full time called pastoral search.
June Scriptures

Seventh Sunday of Easter - June 2, 2019
- Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- John 17:20-26

Day of Pentecost - June 9, 2019
- Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
- John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Trinity Sunday - June 16, 2019
- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

Proper 7 (12) - June 23, 2019
- 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43
- Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39

Proper 8 (13) - June 30, 2019
- 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Father’s Day — more than a day

Father’s Day was first observed in America in 1910. In 1923 the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.
St. Peter’s Evangelical United Church of Christ

Financial Report

Cash on Hand April 1, 2019 $43,224.12

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Rental Income $1,450.00
Memorials -Mary Zoller $220.00
Relay for Life $422.00
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Total Cash on Hand and Monthly Receipts $50,795.29

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ACTUAL ANALYSIS
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You are invited to a New Parent Gift Card Shower for Amber Tinsley, Braxton, and Jacob on June 1st at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A special collection will be taken on Sunday, June 2nd to support One Great Hour of Sharing.

Please join the Schaefer family as they celebrate Bob and Nancy’s 50th Anniversary Saturday, June 1st 10 am - 2pm 25474 State Hwy. 265 Marionville Come when you can. No gifts please!

June 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Alan and Pat Ware’s 4908 Zoller Road Burgers and Hot Dogs provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. (Rain Date: June 30, 2019)

Special dates
- Pentecost, June 9, 2019
- Flag Day, June 14, 2019
- Trinity Sunday, June 16, 2019
- Father’s Day, June 16, 2019
- First day of summer, June 21, 2019
Nursing Home Care:
Mary Lou Hutter, Ray Schultz, and Judy Rauch.

Health & Wellness:
Howard Cavner, Denise Hampton, Jerry Davis, Teresa Harter, Theda Inman, Amy & Chris Lurvey, Mike Rauch, Chet Jenkins, Kay Rill, Dorann (Cloud) Jones, Larry Mathews, Riley Menkle, Michael Morris (Becky Pannucci request), Jamie Murphy, Michael Newman (friend of Samuel Faris), Steven Zoller, Bruce Baker, Wilma Cozort (E. Staiger's grandmother), Raymond Garbee, Ham family: 2 children with failing hearts (Sanya LeNahan request), Jenise Huffman, Steve Netzer, Mary Meny, Peggy Moore (Shauntae Staiger's mother who is healing from foot surgery), Aaron Sears (Denise Hampton request), Jay Staiger (doing well but still recovering from back surgery), Jane Staiger (knee replacement April 23rd).

If you know of someone who is ill or desires a visit and prayer you may contact Judy Crockett on her cell phone at (417) 343-7496.

Please remember to direct all updates to Amber Tinsley at e-mail: atinsley@monettschools.org Phone: (417) 880-4543

God whom Jesus knew as Father: Thank you for earthly fathers — biological or not — who nurture children in love and teach them to love others.
Dear friends and family,

We are now almost completely settled back in to life here. We still need to finish replacing the mosquito screens in our house: we had started that but then got busy with ongoing translation meetings so have been trying to finish up on weekends. The boys have now taken the lead on this project and are making good progress.

We almost got an update out to you all about two weeks ago, to share about the good progress we were making on Key Terms Review.

But then things came to a halt when our literacy coordinator, Iddi, fell sick all of a sudden one morning and had to be hospitalized. The doctors couldn't find anything immediately wrong with him and it is still a mystery as to what exactly happened. They said he should rest and stay in the house for a couple of weeks. This morning was his first day to come to Bole since he fell sick. He passed by to greet all of us and then, as is his usual custom, he continued on to Gbenfu to prepare for the literacy class tonight. **Please be in prayer for Iddi as he resumes his teaching in Gbenfu, for his family and for all the work that he does.** He is an integral part of this translation-literacy team. There are many forces that oppose God's work among the Safaliba people, and we depend on your intercessory prayer.

On the up-side, we have had quite a few very good meetings with the translation team in reviewing the Key Biblical Terms in the Safaliba Bible (see an example below). We thank God that in addition to the regular translators (Nicholas, Eden, Elisha, Stanley, and recently Sammy), we have had our old friend and helper Amoro with us, along with teacher-in-training Matilda, for some of these meetings as well. In order to prepare the translation for typesetting, **over the next year, we will need many more people than just the translation team. So pray that God will bring the right people at the right time.**

**Please pray for our ongoing good health.** Jen has not been feeling well the last couple weeks. We had to make a day-trip to Tamale a little over two weeks ago for a general meeting at the GILLBT Office, and since then Jen's been struggling with dizziness, headaches and fatigue. This week we suspected it might be malaria and so she started taking the treatment yesterday.

And keep Caleb in your prayers as he's been battling a tooth problem over the last ten days. He had a tooth that he'd chipped many years ago and had fixed here in Ghana start to hurt him again. But when he went to the dentist, they surprisingly said the nerve was dead and they needed to do a root canal. Now he has an infection in that area. So please **pray for Caleb and that the infection and pain would end quickly.**

**Praises:**
-- Iddi is out of the hospital and appears to be mostly recuperated and has been able to go back to Gbenfu today to hold his usual Thursday night literacy classes.
-- We've had many good meetings with the translators and others to discuss Safaliba key terms.
-- We're almost completely settled back into our house and life here in Ghana.
-- Paul and the boys finished replacing the screens on the inside windows about a week ago and the boys are now making good progress on the screens on the verandah.
-- We've had the blessing of a couple of additional lovely creatures ("pets")-- a chameleon and two cane rats.

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Prayer Requests:
--For good health for all of us, the translators and their families; but pray especially for Iddi.
--Pray for the ongoing translation and key terms discussions.
--For Caleb who has an infection in his tooth.
--Pray for us especially for strength and for little to no malaria. We're getting rain finally which is really good in many ways, but there are an increasing number of mosquitoes.

A window into our recent work:

The past 3 weeks we have been reviewing the meanings of the Safaliba words and phrases that we have used to translate the Key Biblical Terms in the Bible. For example, we have been using the word ęŋsunni to translate the idea of "mercy" (found in the Greek word eleos and other terms in the NT). Over the years we have used several terms and phrases to carry this idea across, and we want to be sure we that the published NT has the most clear and accurate terms possible. At our meetings, we've had our Safaliba co-workers look at the Safaliba words, define each one in Safaliba, and give examples in Safaliba of situations where these words apply. This helps us to verify the meanings covered by the Safaliba words, which we will then compare with the meanings that are carried by the original Greek or Hebrew words. Here are some of the definitions and examples for the Safaliba word ęŋsunni:

Def 1: The person does not decide to repay somebody the badness that he would deserve.

Def 2: He has forgiven the badness the person did because he has compassion for him; what he would have done to the person to retaliate, he doesn't do it.

Story 1: A certain man was stealing his neighbor's yams. One day he went to steal. As he was going, the farm owner caught him. He could have had the thief sent to jail, but he didn't do that, instead he just warned him to never do that again.

Story 2: A certain person and a youth took a contract to do some farm labor, the adult's strength is greater than the child's yet they agree to divide the money equally. They divide the farm sections and start working, and the adult finishes before the youth and then helps him to finish his section. They finish the work and divide the money equally, the adult has showed ęŋsunni for the youth.

The definitions and stories show that ęŋsunni is a good match for the idea of "mercy". The second story especially shows that the Safaliba word is a broader than just "relenting from retaliation to someone who has done bad to you" but includes being kind to anyone in need whether they have harmed you or not. This is actually a very good match for the Greek eleos--this is the word that is used in Luke 10:37 to describe the action of the Samaritan to the wounded man.

(In contrast, the English word "mercy" has narrower meaning than the Greek eleos or Safaliba ęŋsunni--in ordinary speech, we English speakers would tend to use "kindness" or "help" to describe this sort of action, rather than calling it "mercy".)

Thank you all for praying!
Serving together,

Paul and Jen and family