

Glad Tidings

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Dear Glading Family,

Well, our Mission Team to Guatemala will have returned by the time you get this letter. We at Glading, commissioned 2 members to join with Grace Presbyterian for a one week mission to Guatemala. Many of you supported this team financially, prayerfully, and relationally. The truth is, we all did this mission together. But we are not done yet.

The team's devotions for the week came from the passage from Luke 9 where Jesus sends out the 12 to do some mission work. Jesus gives his team the power and authority and sends them out with some good advice. He tells them they don't need a lot of stuff to take with them, they just need to bring themselves because they are the "stuff" of mission. He tells them they should go into peoples' homes and stay with a family, because good news happens around the table, late at night, and in the every day activities. He tells them that if they are unwelcome in a place, they should just shake it off and walk away because it can be too hard sometimes when you have so many disadvantages working against you. And so with all that, Luke tells us that the disciples go everywhere bringing the good news and healing. Not only *saying* "Jesus saves" and leaving folks empty handed. And not only *doing* things like feeding folks without telling them that it's because Jesus loves them. It's BOTH the actions and the words.

And that's just what our team did: shared the good news, opening up about their stories of Jesus in their lives, and actively listened to the stories of the Guatemalans and what they have heard and seen about God in their lives. They participated in the work of the church alongside their Guatemalan brothers and sisters.

And now, our team is returning to us and we have an important role. As the sending community beforehand, we are now the receiving community as we welcome them back home. Our job is to listen to what they have learned; to be open to what they have to say as they introduce new ideas, new histories, and new ways forward for us. This role of receiving them is just as significant, or perhaps even more so, because what God has done with them in Guatemala only means as much as we are able to let it impact us here at Glading.

Join me in listening to their stories, praying for their continued strength to lead us in mission, and looking for ways to both proclaim the good news and to do Christ's work of healing in this beloved world of God's. We too are called by Jesus to go into the world and practice mission. With joy, Pastor Samantha



CHURCH PICNIC

June 12 , 2016 The Annual Church Picnic immediately follows the worship service. It will be held on the grounds of the church. Glading will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. The attire for worship and the picnic is casual. Bring your own chairs if you like. **RAIN OR SHINE!**

June 19, 2016: SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS at 10 AM.
(We will return to our regular 11:00 AM worship schedule on September 11, 2016.)



John and Hattie Bauerle	6/7	♥	75th!!
Lois and Bill Wanushek	8/1	♥	55th
Samantha and Andrew Hudson	8/28	♥	6th



FOR JUNE - SEPTEMBER

John Bauerle, Jr.	6/5	Elizabeth Orsburn	8/13
Ryan Mann	6/8	Glenn Smith	8/17
L. Dan Berger III	6/24	Jeanne McHugh	9/4
Kelli McHugh	6/30	Mary Astley	9/9
Violet Ickes	7/2	Patricia Smith	9/13
Carli Hightower	7/4	Mojisola Brown	9/13
Dayo Brown	7/10	Albert Peterson	9/16
Sarah Brown	7/19	Samuel Brown	9/17
Katherine Kohler	7/26	Stephanie Szabo	9/19
Lydia Evelyn Berger	8/2	Marion Cumiskey	9/29
Nick Kiefer	8/8		

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the *Glad Tidings* please pass the information on to Lydia Berger.

Choir

We want to thank our choir for a wonderful season of music. We are few in number but devoted to sing the praises of the Lord each and every Sunday. And we will be looking forward to the new season with great anticipation.

Thank you choir!
Music Director Warren



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It looks like turning 80 was a piece of cake for our own Edie Smith! Congratulations and we wish you many, many more birthdays!



My name is Sarah Brown, and I'm super excited about graduating from the Community College of Philadelphia! My two years at CCP were fun, challenging and full of experiences. I'm proud of myself because all my hard work definitely paid off. Graduating with highest honors and getting accepted to Jefferson University to begin the Nursing program has taught me that being dedicated, diligent and focused comes with a reward. I'm grateful to my family, professors, friends, church and everyone who offered words of encouragement throughout my time at CCP. Can't wait to begin the net phase at Jefferson! And by God's grace, I'll be great over there!

With the help of the Glading Memorial book fund I was able to supply myself with the materials I needed to participate in class. It made it easier to participate in both of my majors as well. Thank you for helping me in my educational path.



Thank you,
Carli Hightower

Our Guatemala Mission Trip
Worship Service on Sunday
By Clara Thompson

Glading commissioned Carli and I to go to Guatemala from 5/20 through 5/27. There were a total of 9 in our group from Grace Presbyterian and Glading Presbyterian Churches, 7 of which are college students. We had a wonderful time learning a lot about the culture, the environment, women's ministries, and government issues. We visited four cities: Guatemala City, Chimaltenango, Xela, and Antigua, and we broke into small groups to stay one night with families. Carli and I have many stories to share, but I will only share one here.

On Sunday, we attended church at Iglesia Presbiteriana Jerusalem. It was a terrific experience even though everything was in Spanish. They sang songs that I knew such as Holy, Holy, Holy and He Lives, so I was able to sing along in English. The order of their service was very similar to ours, but they sang many more songs. During the sermon, the pastor would call out a scripture and someone in the audience would look it up and read it aloud. The pastor would continue with his sermon and then call another scripture to be read. Throughout his sermon, he used 7 different scriptures from various books of the Bible to make his point. The sermon was about relationships and how we should avoid conflict and get along in families, in the church and in our communities.

The most amazing part was how welcoming everyone was. We, the visitors, stood up front and the church members came up one by one and greeted each of us with a hug and sometimes a kiss on the cheek. The children left to go across the road to Sunday School and when they returned, they presented us with a poster they had made to welcome us and they sang a song for us wearing homemade bird feathers and beaks. Then the children lined up and one by one, and presented a woven bag to each of us as a memorabilia. The women's group of the church got up and sang a welcoming song for us and then the men's group also got up and sang a song for us. We were all overwhelmed with their kindness and welcoming spirit.



After the service, we had a meal with the church members that they had prepared for us. We ate together and socialized together until most of the congregation had left. Then, we walked across the road with the Session who remained, to the area where the children have Sunday School. This was a lot that they are just beginning to build and consisted of some cement blocks and corrugated metal sheets. They are in process of seeking building permission to fully build the classrooms and expansion of their church. They want to reach 100 children in the area to engage them.

One of the session members used to belong to another church that had a partnership with a Presbyterian Church in West Chester. He talked about that experience to show how both churches benefited from the partnership and shared information, experiences and resources. From his experience, Iglesia Prebiteriana Jerusalem is looking for a USA church partnership and indicated that they would be more than willing to discuss further with either Grace or Glading or both churches should we want to talk more about a partnership and what it means.

I was very impressed with all of the people of the church. What stood out to me the most was how welcoming everyone was. Throughout the trip, in every situation, people were welcoming and open to us. I expected them to resent US citizens because of our immigration policies as well as other ways we have participated in taking advantage of their resources and hindered their progress. But they don't. They see us as their hope, especially this group of young people, who can influence legislation and be the change that the world needs.

More stories to come...stay tuned.

Red Kat Cafe

Towards the end of the trip we visited an organization called Red Kat in Xela. Red Kat is a small cafe and their goal is to encourage kids to embrace their culture to prevent them from migrating. Kids go to the cafe to express themselves since for most of them it is the only place where they feel welcome. The owner himself had the experience of migrating to the United States and only being able to clean and cook for people, so he questioned why he was doing this. He brought this experience back to Guatemala, developed a business and is trying to spread his business. So far, he gathered 15 of the poorest teens and gave them culinary classes on scholarships. To get these scholarships the owner would send recipes to colleges in the United States and the sales would help fund education. His next step is to be able to offer his graduates jobs since that is a difficult task in Guatemala. To build upon his business he does not ask for donations, but he asks for people to spread the word about what he is doing. This is very eye opening knowing that he had no background in business, but he doesn't want people to feel the way he did in his experience.

Thank you,
Carli Hightower

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From the Editor

The congregation was relieved of my usual speechifying about Shakespeare on the Sunday around April, 23 because Dan and I decided to go to his 452nd birthday party in Staunton Virginia. Their theatre is a replica of one of the first indoor theaters built in Shakespeare’s time. Friday evening there was a half hour of lively folk music before Henry the V urged his “band of brothers” into the breach and won the battle on St.Crispin’s Day. Saturday after making the rounds of all the local shops, we saw Julius Caesar say, “Et tu” one more time to Brutus and then exited into the street to Celebrate the Bard’s birthday with

food and fun. I got my shot of fame on Instagram reading a couple of lines from Twelfth Night. We said goodbye to the Bard and spent the next few days browsing through antique malls, enjoying the warm soothing waters at Jefferson Hot Springs (which didn’t look like they had made any improvements since Jefferson made a visit there) and touring Montpelier, the home of James and Dolly Madison. It was hard to leave the balmy 80 degree weather and come back to rainy, chilly Philadelphia.



Dan and I on the stage of the Staunton Playhouse with the flag of Henry the V in the background.

On the home-front, I am pleased to let you know the lease with Amazing Kidz has been renewed for another four years and the PAL renewal will probably be done by the time you receive the news letter.



From Your Treasurer...I am a lifetime member of the University of Missouri Alumni Association. They sent me some literature on their Legacy Society. At the same time I received information from the Presbyterian Foundation all about Stewardship Ministry. Each plan was to emphasize long term planning. This is something we should be thinking about, especially for Glading Memorial. A charitable gift annuity set up through the Presbyterian Foundation could establish your legacy to Glading. You may be fortunate to have saved a rather large nest egg. If you have \$10,000 in a saving account earning point one percent interest

your money is not working for you. In fact you are losing money with the rate of inflation. Depending on your age you could be earning 4 to 9 percent in dividends. I am the first to admit I am not an expert on establishing your legacy but the **Presbyterian Foundation** has that expertise. They have a toll free number of **800-858-6127**. I encourage you to call them to get started in establishing your charitable gift annuity and your legacy to Glading Memorial Presbyterian Church.

This may not be long term planning, but we are doing some planning for our future. Our 55

year old boiler in the CE building is on its last leg. For the past three years we put thousands of dollars into new zone (4) pumps, thermo relay couplers and other parts. At least these parts of the system will be new. We are in the process of getting estimates to submit them to presbytery to apply for a grant. Keep us in your prayers for Glading getting grant money for a new boiler.

As you know our offering envelopes have a new look this year – in fact next years have the same look, they're already here. The old format had two half's, one saying current and the other benevolence with each half giving a space to enter a dollar amount. The new envelopes have one space for a dollar amount combining current and benevolent. This had me worried. Would the combined be equal to two half's? The answer is YES!!!! In fact we are slightly ahead of last year's giving. Keep it up, keep it up, and don't let the summer fall us behind.

Last year we collect \$508 in our apportionment for the year. So far we have \$556 and it is only May. We still need about a thousand dollars to meet our goal of \$1,539.90. The presbytery keeps sending me reminders. Can I get another \$200 by the end of the summer? This way I can send in half and hope by the end of the year I will get the full amount. Our apportionment amount is \$26.10 per member just in case you forgot.

Irene Gravuer and I get to talk every once and awhile and she asked if we had any *Glory to God* hymnals that still needed dedicating. Yes we do and here are the names that appear in five of our hymnals this Memorial Day weekend thanks to Irene:

Honoring Rev. Dr. Dean E. Foose, Pastor 1972-1987

Honoring Miss Doris Mackay, Glading Secretary for over 40 years

Memory of Rev. Dr. Charles P. Robshaw, Pastor 1945-1957

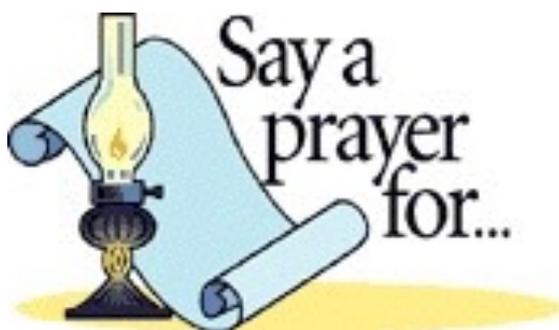
Memory of Anna Morrison, long time member

Memory of Mrs. Walter Luce, Glading Communicants Class Teacher

And yes, we still have *Glory to God* hymnals available. Give me a call and we can set up your own dedication.

If you are coming from Arizona, Texas, Florida, Iowa or Minnesota **June 12th** would be a good time to visit. It is **church picnic** time right after our last 11 AM service until fall. We always have a good time and plenty of food. Mark your calendar.

Another very important date is Monday, **July 18th**. This is when Glading goes to a **Phillies** ball game. It is a night game so it should be cooler. There will be a sign up sheet or call the office to reserve your seat. We meet a church and car pool but if this is inconvenient we give you your ticket to meet up at the ballpark to root for those Phightin' Phils.



OUR HOMEBOUND

JOHN BAUERLE, SR.
CATHERINE COURTNEY
VIOLET ICKES
JULIUS KOEHLER
ELIZABETH MCGUSTY
EDITH NEMETH
BETTY PELLER
ROBERT RABEL

Every once and a while Lydia needs a filler for the newsletter, so here is one. You may not have noticed but Glading had a hole in the sidewalk (in front of the gym, close to the curb). Calls to the water department or gas company were only met with the response that it wasn't their problem. The big box stores only sold drains plus the new drains aren't the same size complete as old ones. There was one last stop. S&H Hardware up on Caster Ave. At first they were similar to the box store but the salesman thick metal a piece to fit pointed me to a stack of 12 by12, eighth inch gadzooks our plates. That was it, I now had a project. I got my grinder out and cut a hole. I even rounded the corners drilled a few holes and the hole was covered. The cover now has a nice patina that you would think was always there.



A man is talking to God.

**Man: "How long is a million years?"
 God answers, "To me, it's about a minute."**

**Man: "How much is a million dollars?"
 God answers, "To me, it's a penny."**

**Man: "May I have a penny?"
 God answers, "Wait a minute."**

Young people forget that we old people had a career before we retired.....

Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Bunnings, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies. One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here; but your being late so often is quite bothersome." "Yes, I know boss and I am sorry and am working on it." "Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear." "Yes sir, I understand your concern and I will try harder." Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning late so often?" The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said, Good morning, Admiral, can I get your coffee, sir?"

1) NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) MORE NUDITY

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

4) POLICE # 1

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

5) POLICE # 2

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

6) ELDERLY

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

7) DEATH

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'

8) SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

