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PASTOR'S CORNER

Reflections on faith, work, and worship for today's world

What Does A Pastor Do?

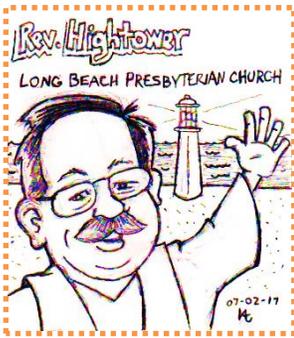
Recently I had the honor of officiating at Art Holzweissig's interment at the Biloxi National Cemetery. I arrived early and a Long Beach Police Officer came in. I introduced myself as your pastor and then he asked me the six million dollar question. "If you had to say in a few words what a pastor does, what would it be?" I said three words:

PROCLAIM, LEAD and CARE.

Proclamation is the most obvious. Every week you come and hear me attempt to bring alive the lectionary readings for that Sunday. The lectionary is a three year rotation of Gospel lessons that are designed to give us a full diet of the message of Jesus. To me telling the story of Jesus over and over is the great blessing of ordination and to be a partner in the ministry of Jesus.

Leadership is the second word I used. Leadership can be very direct as in, "We have to do this now." Some of the must items are electing a search committee for Elders, nominating and voting on Elders, preparing a budget that the Session affirms and presents to the congregation, annual Elder training and the list goes on. But sometimes it is more subtle as in the last Session meeting. When it was time for the Christian Education report I simply asked the question: "Is it time for us to think of having both a younger and older children's class?" If you think about it we are miles from where we were two and a half years ago. I also realize we are very close to needing a confirmation class. Leading us to think about growth and long term viability is a part of my calling, but it is not something I can bear alone. It must be all of us sharing the load.

Care is the third thing you have called me for. It might be a phone call. It might be a hospital visit before or after surgery is performed. It might be the celebration of a birth that will lead one day to baptism and confirmation. It might be a counseling session or a spiritual conversation. It might be a funeral visitation because a family member of someone from our congregation has died or it may be the more somber moments after the death of one of our beloved



members who has now entered the Church Triumphant.

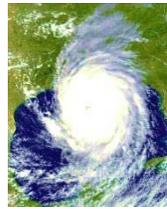
So, that is what you have called me to do: Proclaim, Lead and Care. Thank you for the pleasure of serving as your pastor.

Faithfully,
Pastor Jim



Evan Hightower – 1st
Myrt Newman – 6th
Becky Schruff – 18th

Heather Hill – 21st
Lisa Lawton – 24th
Anna Schruff – 27th



Our September 3rd Outreach Collection will be going to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in support of their work assisting the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Anyone wishing to contribute after that date may either give online at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/> or by using the form available in the narthex or on our website at <http://lbpcusa.org/harvey> and mailing it to:

Presbyterian Church (USA)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

If mailing directly, contributions should be marked with the ID **DR000169-Harvey** and our Congregation/PIN is 20757.

Congregational Meeting



A **Congregational Meeting** has been called for Sunday, September 3, 2017 and will be held immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect two members from the congregation to serve on the

Elder Nominating Committee for the election of the Elders Class of 2020.

Our readers for the month of September will be:



3rd – Terry Dill
10th – Bobby Thomas

17th – David Braud Sr.
24th – Steve Dees



Thank you to everyone who has been bringing food donations in support of the Long Beach Community Food Pantry. We are happy to be able to pass along the following experience.

Recently Sally Boulay was taking our weekly donation to the Food Pantry when she was approached by a woman who was a client there. The client expressed her sincere thanks for our donations and then went on to explain that she was raising her grandchildren on her own and that without the assistance provided by the Food Pantry, she would not be able to make ends meet.

Our ongoing food drive is greatly appreciated not only by the organization which helps to eliminate hunger in our community but also by the real people who benefit from its existence and your generosity.



Art Holzweissig

On February 17, 2017 Arthur Carl Holzweissig Jr. left us to join the Church Triumphant. He was born October 25, 1927 son of Arthur Holzweissig Sr. and Martha Otta-Holzweissig in Pasadena, California. He graduated from Pasadena High School in June 1945. He Enlisted in the U.S. Navy, January 4, 1946 to October 31, 1947, serving 16 months in occupation duty in Yokosuka, Japan.



The Holzweissig family visited Germany the summer months of 1936. Art attended John Muir City College, Oregon State College and graduated from The University of Montana in June 1953 with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry.

He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in California, Montana, Idaho, Washington DC, Virginia, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Minnesota for 8 years. He then transferred to the Naval Oceanographic Office in 1960 in Suitland, Maryland as Cartographer. He was also Special Technical Assistant and an assistant to a special 5 year project and the Senior Systems Analyst, acting Division Chief for 3 months, retiring March 1982. In 1977 Art was transferred with the Oceanographic Sea-gathering / Surveying / Computer operations to the NASA base in Mississippi.

In the Summer of 1980 he joined troop 205 as an Assistant Scoutmaster and became the Scoutmaster in 1990 for the next 10 years. Art became the charter organization representative for the troop in the year 2000. From 1984-2004 he had a good lawn/yard business before hurricane Camille destroyed his house and garage with all of his equipment. After hurricane Katrina the troop was transferred to First United Methodist Church in Long Beach.

Art was a long time member and elder of our church, leader of the Special Needs Sunday School Class and someone who will definitely be missed.



We are asked to please remember the following in our prayers:

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| Barnett Family | Jamie |
| Boswell Family | Ken Pell |
| Cono Caranna & Family | Peterman Family |
| Corcoran Family | Ramsay Family |
| Matthew | Becky Schruff |
| Tom, Regina | Stacey Stone |
| & Isaac McCarty | Mary Westmoreland |



Session

- In August a total of \$362.76 was collected for Long Beach Outreach which was forwarded to the group.
- The Christian Education Committee is looking into the creation of separate Children's Sunday School Classes for ages 3-6 and 7-12.
- The Outreach collection for September will be directed to the relief effort following Hurricane Harvey by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- The next Presbytery Meeting will be February 2nd and 3rd, 2018. The location has not yet been decided.
- Going forward we are inviting the members of the Special Needs Sunday School Class to join us on the first Sunday of each month to receive Communion.

Treasurer's Report

	Income	Expenses	Difference
July 2017	\$ 5,452.13	\$ 4,141.72	\$ 1,310.41
YTD 2017	\$ 36,987.87	\$ 27,768.96	\$ 9,218.91



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