

NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"The Little Brown Church with the Bell"



We are a Congregation of

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Open & growing minds

Open & faithful hearts

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"All you nations, clap your hands and shout joyful praises to God!" Ps. 47

Results of a survey in a recent edition of "Christianity Today" found that 98 percent of pastors believe music is of moderate-to-great importance in the life of their churches. Some believe music is a means of preparing and uniting hearts and minds in worship. Others commented that music provides a means for worshipers to become directly involved in worship as a participant, not simply as a spectator. And some recognized that music can not only reinforce scripture and sermon, but can be proclamation itself.

I don't know if I could emphasize one of those purposes over another, but I do know that worship without music would be giving God less than our best. Mediocrity has no place in the context of worship. That is why I am so grateful for the support of our session, choir and congregation for our musical offerings each week. Several generous gifts have enabled us to greatly expand our anthem library over the past few years as well as pay an accompanist for regular choir rehearsals.

Back to the survey. One of the ongoing concerns of these pastors is the ongoing tension between the idea of music as "worship" and as "entertainment". It's a tension as old as the great European Reformation and historical Presbyterian debates about "ardor and order" in worship. Key to understanding the role of music in worship is to remember is that our thoughts and actions are directed to the subject of worship, our God.

In our own church survey completed early this year, there were many expressions of gratitude and appreciation for the choir and musicians for their musical offerings and leadership each

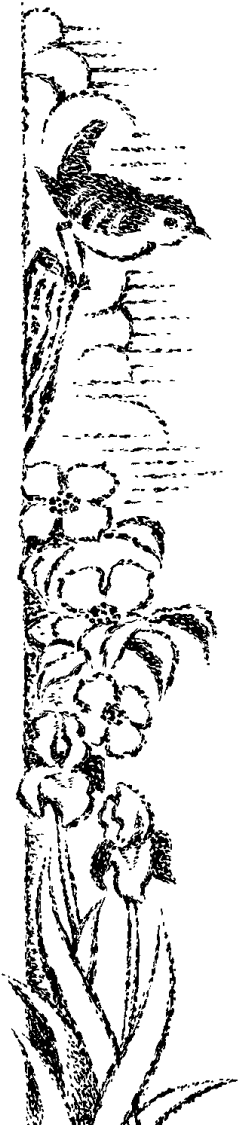
week. A concern mentioned by several people was the appropriateness of clapping following the anthem.

In choir practice, we speak about our participation as "musical offerings", not a performance, as we likewise speak of the congregation as "worshippers" and not "the audience". The words we use often convey the purpose and meaning for what we do in worship.

One such word is "applause" from the Latin "*ap+laude*" which means, literally, "to give praise to." Performers are accustomed to, and expect applause following a successful performance. Spontaneous applause that erupts after a significant or moving musical experience should never be squelched. Our emotions and the ability to express them are God given and spirit inspired. But in our cultural context, applause is directed toward people with the hope of making them feel appreciated. That kind of applause is the stuff of theater, the concert stage, and the political speech. Applause following a performance at one of our MCMAA concerts is expected and appreciated by the performers, and appropriate to the situation.

But in the context of worship, musicians are not *performing*. Music in worship is an offering, prayer, and praise directed toward God. And so, when we do applaud in worship we should first ask ourselves, "for whom are we clapping?" Then again, perhaps a hearty and spontaneous "Amen" might better serve as a grateful affirmation for what we have just heard.

Peace, Don



**Mountain Community
Music & Arts
Association**



Summer 2009
Concert Series

Sunday, June 21, 4:00pm

Jessica Oddie – violin
Obadiah Ariss – piano
Grieg violin sonata in C minor

Sunday, July 13, 4:00 pm

Shawn Coleman - clarinet
Obadiah Ariss - piano

Sunday, August 3, 4:00 pm

Kailin Yong - Peace Project

Sunday, September 20, 4:00 pm

Dr. Obadiah Ariss – Piano

Sunday, October 11, 4:00 pm

Antero Winds – Woodwind Quintet

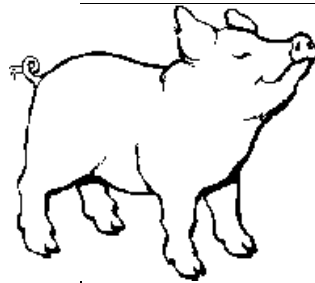
*Each concert will be held in our sanctuary
at 4:00 and followed by a reception with
the artists. Bring a guest!*

***For more information,
please visit mcmaa.org***

If you would like to support our
MCMAA concert series by helping
host a reception following a concert
or serving on our steering committee,
please contact Don Dexter.



June 21



**Guyer Garden Picnic
and Street Party**

July 11 - 5:00 to 7:00

This year the Guyer Garden Picnic and Street Party will once again be a **joint fund-raising event** for NCPC and the Nederland Area Seniors. Proceeds will help with the ongoing landscaping of Guyer Garden and supplement the NAS program budget. Advance tickets will be \$10 (\$12 the day of the picnic), with a maximum of \$25 for families with children under 16. Reservations can be made on Sunday after worship or through the church website: www.nederlandcpc.org

Of course, these things don't just happen, so we need your help. Do you have a collapsible canopy you can lend us for the afternoon? If you would like to help set-up, clean-up, cook or serve, please let us know. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to make your willingness be known. You may also communicate with an e-mail through the church website.

One Hour Weed Pull

June 27, 8:30am – 9:30am



Are you one of those gifted with the need to get your hands in the dirt? If so, let the church help fill that need.

As we continue to improve the landscaping around the church we are also in need of some routine maintenance – like pulling those pesky weeds. So join us for just one hour on June 27. We will end at 9:30, to enjoy refreshments together. Bring your gloves and favorite gardening tools. We all thank you.



In our Prayers:

Tom Andersen - as he recovers after a second fall and concussion - we pray for Tom's healing and for Ellen during this challenging time. Pennie Dexter's Mom, LaVaughn Carrell, passed away on May 23; we pray for Pennie and the entire Carrell family. Lew Holland, father of Rhonda Skeie is having undiagnosed health problems. Let us keep him in our prayers. Aaron Berkley asked for prayers for health and happiness for his grandmother, Lucille Smart. Our prayers of gratitude are for the continued healing of Judy Anderson and Konrad Kono. Liz Preston will be leaving us to move to Texas to be near her family; let us send her with our prayers and blessing. And let us pray for our recent graduates, wishing all the best, as they move on to the next phase of their life journey. Prayers for our friends and family serving in the military, our president, and all world leaders in the pursuit of peace.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



NCPC is hosting VBS this summer! The theme is "Friendship Trek", i.e. hiking with Jesus as your friend. We need volunteers to do everything from make snacks (and they're really cool snacks!), lead crafts, act out Bible stories, supervise a video Bible study, do basic crowd control, shuttle kids to Calvary for some of these activities, and register kids when they arrive. No special skills are needed. Would you come help us?

Please call or email Kathy Brantley at: kathybrantley@gmail.com if you can help.

| June Birthdays | June |
|----------------|------|
| Bailey Eddy | 5 |
| Gary Ennor | 5 |
| Sibyl Goerner | 5 |
| Donald Dexter | 9 |
| Kathy Brantley | 11 |
| Matthew Mills | 15 |
| Doug Jones | 16 |
| Tamara Haynes | 20 |
| Chris Eddy | 21 |
| Ali Jones | 24 |
| Nolan Cook | 26 |
| Tom Andersen | 27 |



Summer Church School

Do you have a hobby, sport, recipe, craft or other interest that you enjoy and would like to share with our young people this summer? Talk with Gwen Burak about opportunities available for sharing it as part of our church school (usually about 20 minutes on a Sunday morning). No long-term commitment necessary, but a lifetime of connection with our youth and children is guaranteed!

Mail Reduction Effort

We now have **59 people** who have signed on to our effort to reduce the cost of paper, printing and stamps (about 60 cents/copy) by receiving their copy of the Bell Tower as a PDF attachment in an e-mail. If you would like to receive "The Bell Tower" this way, please go to www.nederlandcpc.org and sign-up. It's that easy.

We are happy to continue to mail a hard copy to those who do not respond to the new e-mail option.

| June Anniversaries | June |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Dennis & Dorothy Whalen | 5 |
| Jeremy & Aimee Tomlinson | 9 |
| Rosalie Bargmann & Jerry Griess | 10 |
| Dan & Gwen Burak | 11 |
| Chris & Gail Eddy | 14 |
| Jon & Sue Hubert | 15 |
| Jack & Shirley Filer | 18 |
| Diana & Al Nelson | 29 |

June 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| | 1 12pm NAS Lunch | 2 | 3 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch | 4 9:30 am Food Pantry | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship FOOD SUNDAY | 8 12pm NAS Lunch | 9 1-3pm CWS HOA meeting | 10 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch | 11 6:30 Session | 12 | 13 9:30am USDA and Food Pantry |
| 14 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship and communion 11:00 Pot Luck Luncheon | 15 12pm NAS Lunch | 16 | 17 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship and Church School 4:00 MCMAA Jessica Oddie | 22 12pm NAS Lunch | 23 | 24 9am Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch | 25 9:30 am Food Pantry | 26 | 27 9:30 – 8:30 One Hour Weed Pull |
| 28 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship and Church School | 29 12pm NAS Lunch | 30 | | | | |



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