

Please contact me if you have anything you would like to have included in this announcement sheet.

Submission deadline is Wednesday evening.

A certain Persian king needed a faithful servant and had to choose between two candidates for the office. He took both at fixed wages and told them to fill a basket with water from a nearby well, saying that he would come in the evening to inspect their work. After dumping one or two buckets of water into the basket, one of the men said, "What is the good of doing this useless work? As soon as we pour the water in, it runs out the sides."

The other answered, "But we have our wages, haven't we? The use is the master's business, not ours. He is a wise King, and must have his own purpose that we do not understand." "I'm not going to do such fool's work," replied the complainer. Throwing down his bucket, he went away.

The other man continued until he had drained the well. Looking down into it, he saw something shining at the bottom - it was a diamond ring. "Now I see the use of pouring water into the basket!" he exclaimed. "If the bucket had brought up the ring before the well was dry, it would have been filtered out in the basket.

The King was looking for his diamond. Our work was not useless."

The King found his most faithful servant!

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NE District Synod Ballynure MC 10th March
Representative Session 6.30 pm

Carrickfergus Circuit Executive Meeting 12th March in Carrickfergus MC
at 7.30 pm

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What's On This Week at Whitehead and Islandmagee Methodist Churches

March 1st - 8th 2015

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



THE PASSION FOR LIFE OF A 5 YEAR OLD
Play hard, laugh hard, and leave the worries
to the Father. -Max Lucado (Mt 18:2-3)

Sunday 1st March

10.30am Kids for School with Rev Gary Millar WMC
 12.00pm Kids for School with Rev Gary Millar IMC

Tuesday 3rd March

8.00pm Whitehead Bible Study Dobson Room

Wednesday 4th March

7.30pm Islandmagee Bible Study 2nd Presbyterian Manse
 7.30pm Whitehead Church Council Dobson Room

Thursday 5th March

7.00pm WMC Choir Practice Dobson Room

Friday 6th March

8.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service WMC

Sunday 8th March

10.30am Morning Worship with Rev Dr D Clements WMC
 12.00pm Morning Worship with Rev Dr D Clements IMC

Palm Sunday Praise

Everyone invited to join the choir at Whitehead Presbyterian Church on Sunday 29th March at 7.00pm as they journey through the Easter story in song. Practices will be held in the Bradley Room (upstairs in WPC) from 8.00pm - 9.15pm on the following Wednesdays: 11th March; 25th March.

If possible please text June Carton on 075 17941300 if you intend coming along.

**OUR OPINION OF PEOPLE DEPENDS LESS UPON WHAT WE SEE IN THEM
 THAN UPON WHAT THEY MAKE US SEE IN OURSELVES**

**WE ARE MUCH HARDER ON PEOPLE WHO BETRAY US IN SMALL WAYS
 THAN ON PEOPLE WHO BETRAY OTHERS IN GREAT ONES**

IF IT DOESN'T LEAD TO JESUS, IT DOESN'T LEAD TO GOD

TEAR FUND

Thank you to everyone who supported our Tear Fund Tea last Sunday morning in WMC. Together we raised £100.00, which will be used here in N. Ireland directly to help the Tear Fund organisation protect young victims of human trafficking.



EVERYTHING I NEED

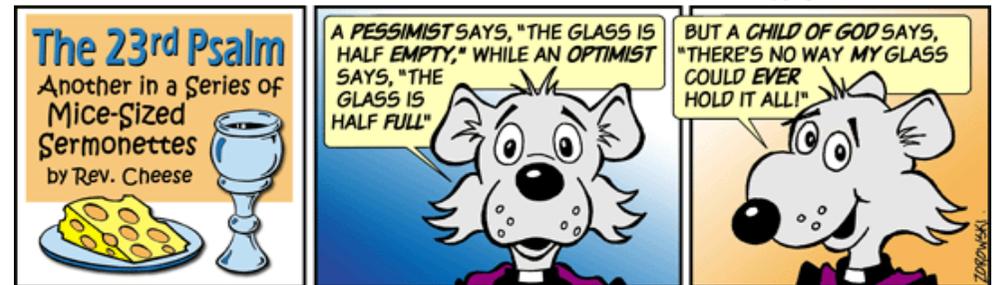
"I have everything I need for joy!" Robert Reed said. His hands are twisted and his feet are useless. He can't bathe himself. He can't feed himself. He can't brush his teeth, comb his hair, or put on his underwear. Strips of Velcro hold his shirts together. His speech drags like a worn out audiocassette. Robert has cerebral palsy. The disease keeps him from driving a car, riding a bike, and going for a walk. But it didn't keep him from graduating from high school or attending Abilene Christian University, from which he graduate with a degree in Latin. Having cerebral palsy didn't keep him from teaching at St. Louis Junior College or from venturing overseas on five mission trips. And Robert's disease didn't prevent him from becoming a missionary in Portugal.

He moved to Lisbon, alone, in 1972. There he rented a hotel room and began studying Portuguese. He found a restaurant owner who would feed him after the rush hour and a tutor who would instruct him in the language. Then he stationed himself daily in a park, where he distributed brochures about Christ. Within six years he led seventy people to the Lord, one of whom became his wife, Rosa. I heard Robert speak recently. I watched other men carry him in his wheelchair onto the platform. I watched them lay a Bible in his lap. I watched his stiff fingers force open the pages. And I watched people in the audience wipe away tears of admiration from their faces. Robert could have asked for sympathy or pity, but he did just the opposite. He held his bent hand up in the air and boasted, "I have everything I need for joy." His shirts are held together by Velcro, but his life is held together by joy.

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Church Mice

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In a scene from Shadowlands, a film based on the life of C.S. Lewis, Lewis has returned to Oxford from London, where he has just been married to Joy Gresham, an American woman, in a private Episcopal ceremony performed at her hospital bedside. She is dying from cancer, and, through the struggle with her illness, she and Lewis have been discovering the depth of their love for each other. As Lewis arrives at the college where he teaches, he is met by Harry Harrington, an Episcopal priest, who asks what news there is. Lewis hesitates; then, deciding to speak of the marriage and not the cancer, he says, "Ah, good news, I think, Harry. Yes, good news."

Harrington, not aware of the marriage and thinking that Lewis is referring to Joy's medical situation, replies, "I know how hard you've been praying Now, God is answering your prayer."

"That's not why I pray, Harry," Lewis responds. "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping.

It doesn't change God; it changes me."