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Their Finest Hour

Of all the churches which meet the test
It may be the smallest that does it best.
I know one which, on a dark yesterday,
Could have said, there just isn't a way
Our membership's low, our attendance is nil.
Let's just give up. Let's go over the hill.

But no, against terrific odds there stood
These few who said, we think we should
Keep going--well--just a short while longer
And maybe then we'll be some stronger.
One man would stop at the door 'n speak,
Let's worship together at least one more week!

When these loyal would meet to worship and pray,
The didn't hear great Amens from an organ play,
For their music (the less thoughtful may laugh)
Came from a recording on an old phonograph.
They kept their faith when it counted the most,
And trusted in The Father, The Son, and the
One Holy Ghost.

There were townsfolk who'd say with a shake of the head,
Don't go to that church--it's next thing to dead.
They were fooled because in its attempt at survival
It preserved the spark that brought its revival.
That spark which these few fanned into an ember.
Has given them a place we shall ever remember.

And now as this church stands proud of its name
It remains for us all to add fuel to that flame.
Whatever the doors of the future may hold,
It is due to the faith of some few who were bold!
Some facing such a test might have tended to cower,
But of these we can say, **THIS was their finest hour!!**

- Dr. Edgar K. DeJean

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A Conversation with Max Bedwell

As a child, Max looked up to his Grandfather who encouraged him to seek God. It wasn't until high school that Max was introduced to a Presbyterian church where there were youth activities and studies which helped mold him into a Christian young man. After college, Max moved to Salem with his wife and two children for a teaching job at Salem High School. They hadn't been in town long when Pastor Shafer knocked on their door and invited the family to attend the local Presbyterian church. Max has been part of the Salem Presbyterian Church since then, serving many roles in the church.

Over the many years there have been good times, bad times, and some pretty rough times. Losing his first wife to breast cancer was a very dark time in his life, but the love and support that he received from the SPC was what kept him going.

Max later married Jeanne Shafer Apple, a long-time member of SPC, and they love the way our church allows them to worship our God together, while still respecting the beliefs of others.

Having worked with Salem's youth for 36 years, as a teacher, coach, and then as principal of Salem High School, one of the things that inspires Max now is the vitality of Youth. The



Photo by Vickie Saewert

Presbyterian Church gives its members the opportunity to serve in so many different areas. Being able to serve on the Board at Camp Pyoca is a huge joy in Max's life. "We as adults need to help to prepare the way for the youth. They need Inspiration, Leadership and Hope to be able to take over some day. Camp Pyoca provides that opportunity."

Max dreams with many of us that the church will start attracting the youth of today. His great-granddaughter Addison wrote for the offering plate last week, "This is My Church." That's Hope. And after all, Hope is what we end up with.

- Max Bedwell was interviewed by Vickie Saewert. If you would like to interview a church member for the newsletter, would like to be interviewed, or have a suggestion for an interview, please contact Trina Brown at trinab@blueriver.net, or by phone at 883-5689.

A Tribute to Fred Fultz *by Wendell Brown*

Fred Garriott Fultz was born on April 17, 1917 in Anderson, Indiana to Norval Frederick and Margaret Garriott Fultz. Fred spent many days in his youth in rural Washington County, where he became an avid fan of the outdoors and nature.

Realizing the value of education, Fred enrolled in Purdue University. He never stayed in any of Purdue's dorms, but lived off campus and worked to pay for his tuition and boarding. In 1940, he graduated from Purdue with a degree in agriculture.

While at Purdue, Fred met and fell in love with Carolyn Barker. On September 5, 1941, Fred and Carolyn were married. Fred and Carolyn were married for 69 years.

World War II began in 1939 when Germany forces invaded Poland. More and more countries were drawn into the war as Fred finished his studies at Purdue. On December 7, 1941, the US declared war on Japan. Fred served in

the US Army from 1941 until 1945. He was honored with a Bronze star for his service as a captain in the Military Intelligence Service, primarily in the Pacific theatre.

Fred retired as executive vice president of sales after 25 years of service with Boehringer Ingelheim. In 1982, he returned to the Pear Orchard Farm just north of Salem on State Road 135.

Fred was never one to just sit back and take it easy after he retired. He became involved in several organizations in Washington County. Fred was a member of the Session and chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee at the Salem Presbyterian Church. He was involved in many projects at the church. A lasting memorial to Fred and his dedication to the church is the beautiful walnut cross made by Fred that resides in the Sanctuary. Fred was a former president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, and for 15 years he assisted residents of Washington, Scott and Orange counties to start up their small busi-

nesses through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). In 1998, Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon presented Fred with the Distinguished Hoosier Award.

When a group of local pilots formed the Washington County Pilots Association, Fred became interested in becoming a pilot. The non-profit pilots association took over



the airport, renovated the run-down facility, pumped gas, mowed the grass, and made the local airport a showcase to the community. One of the benefits of being a member of the association outside the work was the social benefits. Pilots love to talk about flying and spin yarns. Fred was right at home because he loved to socialize. With his usual zeal for learning and zest for challenges, Fred earned his pilot's license – quite an accomplishment for his age. Not only did he earn his license, Fred purchased a fully aerobatic airplane. Fred spent many hours in his airplane, seeing and enjoying the sights from above.

Fred passed away on February 17, 2011 in Greenwood, Indiana. The following poem by John Gillespie Magee, Jr., entitled High Flight, is a tribute to the life of Frederick Garriott Fultz.

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the
Tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds
--and done a hundred things you have not dreamed of—
Wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air...

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights
With easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew—
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high unsurpassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>Norma Eisert (883-3437) is the contact person for Coffee Hour for April.</p>		
<p>3</p> <p>Fourth Sunday in Lent. Reverend Deborah Fortel will be leading the worship service. Communion will be served.</p> <p>Communion elements: Leslie Gilstrap</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Lent. Reverend Susan McGhee will be leading the worship service.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Dick Rose's Birthday</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday. Richard Clark will be leading the worship service.</p> <p>Fred Fultz's Birthday</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Easter Sunday. The choir will present a cantata.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8 Lindsey Robbins' Birthday	9
13 Richard Clark's Birthday Chris Morris' Birthday	14 Jerry Barnett's Birthday	15 John Stingel's Birthday	16
20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30

Our Mission Statement

Understanding that grace is a gift from God to the world, to us.....

The Mission of the Salem Presbyterian Church is to support our church family in fostering growth in the Christian faith, in leading meaningful lives, and in doing good works to the glory of God.

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Micah Chapter 6, Verse 8

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