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## Today's Meeting News

- **Hosts**
  - **Greeters**



Greeter George Eidson with Jack Beach





Dan with Susan.. Greeter Carlton Cook somewhere mingling...

- **Presiding Officer**
  - Jody Howard
- **Reporter**
  - Sharon Hawley
- **Photographer**
  - Spencer Ruffner
- **Publisher**
  - Spencer Ruffner
  - Lana Archer
- **Invocation**
  - Lance Ness
- **Song Leader**



Song leader: Dan Meikle at the piano

## • **Guests**





Alex King, son of Cathi King

## • President Announcements

- Installation Banquet will be September 29, at the American Legion with our caterer Lisa providing the meal. There will be no AM meeting that day.

## • Announcements

- **Chamber of Commerce Member of the Week:** Not posted this week.



Mike McAran announced that next year the dues will be \$200 but breakfast will NOT be included. Today we voted on the breakfast choices and the \$5 breakfast received the majority of the votes although there were not too many in attendance today.





Tom Meyer circulated a Tecumseh baseball and softball opportunity for support with the purchase of bleacher seats.



Cal Tuttle, Flag Project, announced the flags are out and look nice around town. They will be harvested on Saturday, September 12.





Sharon Hawley reminded us of "Chips Ahoy" on Saturday, September 12 from 9 AM to Noon at the Kiwanis Park expansion.

## ◦ **50/50 Drawing**



\$ 21.50 #41 Ron Publiski who also drew the number today.  
HmMMMM. Interesting.

## • **Fine Session**



Finemaster, Susan Gilmore with miscellaneous trivia

On a stop light where is the green light? *Answer: At the bottom*

In a book which side has even page numbers? *Answer: The left*

On window blinds which side does the chord for adjusting the slats appear on? *Answer: The left*

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries



Everyone stood to sign Happy Birthday to Lana and John Bartrum pictured below



Happy Birthday John Bartrum

## Program



Cathi King

Cathi King with Alex King – Trip to Israel and Palestine

Visits to Holy stones – Holy sites

Living stones – Christians living in Israel/Palestine

Rolling stones – those making efforts for change.

Most tourists do not meet Palestinian Christians.

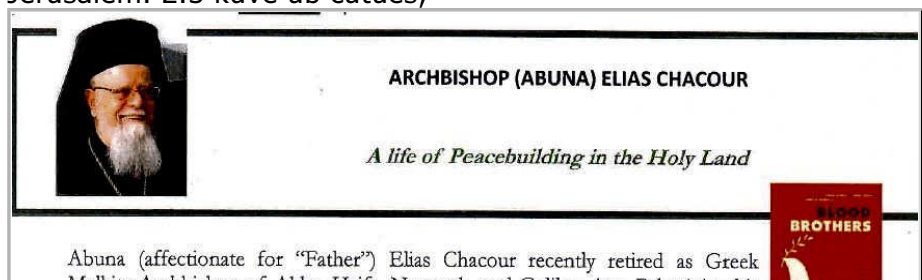
Cathi informed us of changes she observed and experienced in 1972, 2010 and 2015 on trips she has taken to Israel/Palestine area.

There are 160,000 Christians in Israel They run 1/3 of the Health Care Centers and run 45% of NGS social services.

The mayer of Bethlehem is Christian by law.

Challenges: Health Care access; Building permits; Transfer of Goods; Logistics of the wall; Poverty – many are 50% below the poverty level; elder Health Care and High youth population.

There are more than 5 million refugees today. 1/3 of them live in 58 camps located in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, West Bank and E. Jerusalem. 2.3 kuve ub cutues,



Abuna (affectionate for "Father") Elias Chacour recently retired as Greek Melkite Archbishop of Aleppo, Syria, and was a member of the Holy Synod of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church.



RETIRE ARCHBISHOP OF AKKO, GALILA, NAZARETH, and GALILEE. As a Palestinian his entire village was destroyed when he was 8 years old, becoming a refugee in his own country, told in his books, *Blood Brothers & We Belong to the Land* (over 25 languages).



Educated at the Sorbonne (Paris), he became a priest in Ibillin, an Arab Galilee town, where in the face of Israeli government opposition over 30 years, he built one of the highest performing K-12 schools in all Israel (3000 students, 200 faculty – Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Druze. Abuna was the first Palestinian to study Bible and Talmud at Hebrew University, and received a PhD at University of Geneva.

He has received many honors: three *Nobel Peace Prize* nominations, *World Methodist Peace Award*, *French Legion of Honor*, *Dante Alighieri Human Rights Award*, and Asia's *Niwano Peace Award* (with the \$200,000 prize he built the campus' beautiful *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*).

Abuna's vision: "From the schools we want to strengthen the spirit of unity with diversity. It is vital for democratic societies to overcome the attitude and status of minority vs. majority, one tribe against another. We must begin to deal with each other as partner citizens."

PS: The following is the Menu for the Dinner: to get tickets for the dinner call 423.3470 or email "tecumsehfirstpres@gmail.com ..

**Menu**

\$40 per person  
September 16, 2015  
Door open 6:00 PM dinner at 6:30PM  
Retired Archbishop Elias Chacour  
Presentation following dinner.

*To start*

- ◊ Fatouch Salad, Hummus and Pita Bread

*Main Course*

- ◊ Lamb and Rice
- ◊ Chicken Picatta
- ◊ Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce
- ◊ Green Beans with Tomato Sauce
- ◊ Mashed Potatoes with gravy

*Assorted Baclava for dessert.*


 First Presbyterian Church of Tecumseh  
 Office Hours: Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 517-423-3470 – phone Rev. Cathi King ext. 28; Office ext. 20

## • Future Meeting Responsibilities

\*= tentative - to be confirmed with Kelly Coffin

Date	Note Taker	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
<b>September 15</b>	AnneWalker	John Bartram			Sharon Hawley	Megan Porter	Bronna Kahle--Walk to End Alzheimers
<b>September 22</b>	Kelly Coffin	Lana Archer	Doug Bird		Ron Wimple	* Dan Meikle	Down Town Renovation



<b>September 29</b>	NA	NA	NA	Brian Callaghan	NA	Kiwanis Club	Installation Banquet
<b>October 6</b>	Julie LoMonaco						TBD



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