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Ruby Davis and Doris Jean Woodward: Their Tasty Outlook on Life *by Betty Stanley*

Stephanie Taylor, Editor at the Salem Leader/Democrat, interviewed Ruby and Doris Jean in 2005 about their cooking and baking. Excerpts of that article are included below.

Editor's note: The excerpts are reprinted here with the kind permission of Stephanie Taylor Ferriell. When I asked Stephanie for the permission, she replied in part, "I remember them so well! They were so sweet and baked a pie for me to taste while I was there. Please give both ladies my best."

Sisters Ruby Davis and Doris Jean Woodward love to cook and their families and friends are glad they do. The two are often called upon to fill orders for pies, Ruby's famous Strawberry Bread, Doris Jean's Chocolate Velvet Cake, and other baked goods as well.

The siblings credit their mother, the late Margaret Barksdale, whom they say was an

excellent cook, with sparking an interest in the kitchen in them. "She had to cook for eight kids; no wonder she was a good cook!" said Ruby. During the recent interview with Ruby and Doris Jean, they admitted their joy and interest in cooking and baking really began after their mother went to work and the girls had to do the cooking.

Their mother worked at several different local restaurants many years ago, and when Ruby and her husband owned The Copper Kettle, her pies and cobblers kept customers coming back for more. Doris Jean as well as their mother, Margaret, worked at the restaurant.

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The Stained Glass Window

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Doris Jean Woodward and Ruby Davis (continued)

Their rural Livonia home had neither running water nor electricity and they recalled walking to town to purchase a nickel's worth of ice. "By the time we got home, a lot of it had melted," said Doris Jean. Ruby shared a story recently about the job of picking blackberries near their home, enough for their mom to can one hundred quarts. Ruby, Doris Jean, and their brother Russell were then allowed to sell the extra berries. They were able to buy a red wagon with their earnings.

Ruby and Doris Jean feel that a good home cooked meal is nourishing for both body and soul. "I enjoy it because people who eat enjoy it," said Doris. Her husband,

Clifford, always bragged on every meal she made. Ruby's husband loved her cooking as well. Ruby's daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren enjoy her cooking as do Doris Jean's three children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. The members at Ruby and Doris Jean's church, Salem Presbyterian, have known for many years that any food cooked or baked by these sisters is wonderfully delicious and they deserve blue ribbons. Their contributions when they provide food in the church parlor on their Sunday is always a delight. Their positive attitude and their lovely smiling faces bring

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STRAWBERRY BREAD

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups sugar
3 eggs, beaten
1 ¼ cups vegetable or canola oil
1 16-oz. pkg. frozen strawberries
1 ¼ cup nuts (optional)

Grease and flour two 9 x 5-inch loaf pans or a bundt cake pan.

Mix all the dry ingredients together.

Mix the eggs, oil and strawberries together and add to the flour mixture. Stir in nuts and pour in prepared pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

This bread freezes well.

Doris Jean Woodward and Ruby Davis (continued)

a good feeling to all who come in contact with these two charming ladies along with an appreciation for their food offerings.

In addition to Ruby's joy of cooking, her joy of singing is obvious as well. Ruby has shared her talent in the church choir for many years and has been a part of special

Christmas and Easter cantatas through the years. She has a lovely soprano voice and adds to the great voices of our church choir.

Ruby and Doris Jean began attending the Livonia Presbyterian Church as young children where they went to Sunday School and church and often attended revivals

CHOCOLATE VELVET CAKE

- 1 6-oz. pkg. semisweet chocolate morsels
- 2 ¼ cups sifted flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¾ tsp. salt
- 1 ¾ cup sugar
- ¾ cup softened butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup water

Combine chocolate morsels and ¼ cup of water in saucepan. Stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Remove from heat.

Sift flour, soda and salt together. Set aside. Combine sugar, butter and vanilla in bowl and beat until well-blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Blend in melted chocolate mixture and stir in flour and 1 cup of water, alternating each thing. Pour into greased and floured pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

Cool completely before frosting.

PENUCHE ICING

- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 ¾ to 2 cups powdered sugar

Melt butter, add brown sugar. Boil over low heat two minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in the milk. Bring to a boil, then cool.

Gradually add powdered sugar. Frost cake.



Photo by Vickie Saewert

was an important part of her spiritual development as a young person as well as Rev. Paige Kelly and Rev. Charles Mashburn, a Baptist minister.

In closing, it must be written how much we here at the Salem Presbyterian Church love and appreciate Ruby and

as well. Their faith has been a part of their lives from those early years to the present. Doris Jean was baptized in Lost River when she was twelve and Ruby was baptized in the baptismal at the Salem Baptist Church, even though she was joining the Salem Presbyterian Church. She wanted to be immersed.

Ruby credits Pastor Paul Romantum, a former minister at Salem Presbyterian Church, along with Pastor Shafer as being good examples of mentors in sharing their love and support to her and her family through the years. Doris Jean recalls Evangelist Mrs. Lefel from the Livonia Presbyterian Church as being one who

Doris Jean and we know how fortunate the members are to have these fine ladies in our midst.

- Ruby Davis and Doris Jean Woodward were interviewed by Betty Stanley. 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.

Calendar

September 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September 1, 2013

Worship Service - 15th Sunday after Pentecost. 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: De Davis. Communion will be served.

Patricia Parkey's Birthday

September 4, 2013

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m. in the choir room.

September 5, 2013

Trina Brown's Birthday

September 6, 2013

Eric Zink's Birthday

September 8, 2013

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - 16th Sunday after Pentecost. 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: Richard Clark.

September 10, 2013

Salem Presbyterian Women - 12:00 p.m. in the parlor.

Session Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Stephanie Scifres' Birthday

September 11, 2013

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Jennifer Humphrey's Birthday

September 14, 2013

Camp Pyoca Yard Sale - 8:00 a.m. - Noon at Carolyn and Roger Lyles' home.

Mark Humphrey's Birthday

September 15, 2013

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - 17th Sunday after Pentecost. 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: Ginger Morris.

September 17, 2013

Prayer Vigil - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Todd Hattabaugh's Birthday

September 18, 2013

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Crystal Grosvenor's Birthday

September 20, 2013

Emory Fisher's Birthday

Rachel Fisher's Birthday

Kerry Lewis' Birthday

September 22, 2013

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - 18th Sunday after Pentecost.
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: Stephanie
Scifres.

Josh Miller's Birthday

September 25, 2013

Brown Bag Supper - 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Carolyn Beck's Birthday

Ashley McKinley's Birthday

September 27, 2013

Tom Fihe's Birthday

September 29, 2013

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. in youth room.

Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m. in choir room.

Worship Service - 19th Sunday after Pentecost.
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Liturgist: Tom Fihe.

Church Picnic at Camp Pyoca - after worship service.

September 30, 2013

Shinobu Apple's Birthday

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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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