



First Presbyterian News

June/July 2009

We Are Chosen and We Are Sent

Jesus said, "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

John 15: 16-17

At a wonderful Congregational Leaders' Development Event in Plymouth on May 16th, some of our church members and I learned about our calling to be the bearers of the good news of the gospel into a changing local and world community. This work will be challenging for us as a congregation, but very exciting.

The leader, Rev. Dale Ziemer from the Chicago-based Center for Parish Development, printed these words in his handout:

A transformation journey is not simply a new way to keep doing what is presently going on. It does not offer merely a "tune-up," or adaptations to existing programs. Rather, in a very constructive and faith-filled manner, it enables the congregation to evaluate and define anew the nature, purpose, and practices of its life together in light of God's mission. It offers the opportunity to make the changes discerned to be necessary in order to become more faithful to God's calling and purpose in their situation.

Your Session and I are looking forward to meeting with you on Sunday, June 14th at worship for a pot-luck brunch and time of discussion of "the nature, purpose, and practices of our life together in light of God's mission." We have some ideas to present, and really are looking forward to hearing yours.

Our discussion meeting will follow a brief called Congregational meeting for the purpose of electing Joseph and Leah Kiama to the office of Elders who will serve outside our congregation. A new church development is being considered for a multi-cultural congregation to be housed in the building of the former Ridgedale Presbyterian Church congregation. I will be representing our congregation on a committee that will be working on this proposal. Joseph Kiama is being considered as the potential commissioned lay pastor of this forming congregation, which would minister to homeless immigrants and their families and those who are struggling to make ends meet.

Everything in God's Creation is growing and developing and changing . . . that is the underlying dynamic of life . . . and, as faithful Christians we are committed to following wherever Christ leads. We are called and we are sent. The opportunity that is before us is to discern God's will for our future ministry, then set our feet together upon that road while trusting in the guidance and presence of the Holy Spirit.

See you on June 14th! Pastor Mary Ann

Church office hours will change on June 1, being open from 9 am to noon

Lectionary for June/July 2009

June 6 (Eve of Trinity Sunday)

Ecclesiastics 42:15-25
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 Evening: Psalm 90:1-17

June 7 (Trinity Sunday)

Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 29:1-11
 Romans 8:12-17
 John 3:1-17

June 14 (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
 Psalm 20:1-9
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

June 21 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 17:32-49
 Psalm 9:9-20
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

June 28 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
 Psalm 130:1-8
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43

July 5 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
 Psalm 48:1-14
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13

July 12 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
 Psalm 24:1-10
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29

July 19 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
 Psalm 89:20-37
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

2 Samuel 11:1-15
 Psalm 14:1-7
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21 or 5:21-43



Happy Moments, Praise God
 Difficult Moments, Seek God
 Quiet Moments, Worship God
 Painful Moments, Trust God
 Every Moment, Thank God

SUMMER WORSHIP

The Worship and Music Committee would like members to continue to bless FPC with your presence during the busy summer months. Please note that the service will be a little shorter and more informal. For members who are going out of town, we encourage you to visit the local church at your destination, whether Presbyterian or not. Please bring back bulletins and note anything you notice that was of interest during your visit there. Our committee is open to new ideas that could enhance our worship experience here at FPC. Have a blessed summer.

Date	Ushers			
June 7	Ethan DeMaegd	Carole Polk	Justin Tschida	Shayna Frick
June 14	Jeff Krafft	Roger Krafft	Bill Bellairs	Mikey Green
June 21	Michael Green	Andy Wiseman	Bob Sloan	Shelby Frick
June 28	Dan Bruner	Dave Court	Esther Morrison	Chris Krafft
July 5	Ethan DeMaegd	Carole Polk	Justin Tschida	Communion
July 12	Jeff Krafft	Roger Krafft	Bill Bellairs	Mikey Green
July 19	Michael Green	Andy Wiseman	Bob Sloan	Shayna Frick
July 28	Dan Bruner	Dave Court	Wayne Priddy	Chris Krafft
August 2	Ethan DeMaegd	Carole Polk	Justin Tschida	Communion

Attention: Bible through the Year Readers- The Adult Class

Please complete all the reading through April's schedule and through May 13 schedule for our first meeting on September 13, the week after Labor Day. We will have a few things to catch up on from the April and May readings when we start in the Fall.

The following schedule is mapped out for the next year; please keep a copy in your booklet for your reference.

May readings in September
 June readings in October
 July readings in November
 August readings in December
 September readings in January
 October readings in February
 November readings in March
 December readings in April and May

I am so delighted with the great discussions we have been having and know that we will have the same next year. I know this schedule is a challenge, try to make the reading an overview experience. You will not catch everything nor should you expect to. Even so, you will come up with surprising information and when you finish, you will have a much better sense of how the passages used in worship fit into the whole story of God and his people. I admit to areas that I haven't been able to sort out very well, but it gets clearer every time I try this reading challenge. At least it gets clearer about what I don't know, and I guess that is progress of sorts. Have a great summer, Betty

Favorite

From Nominating Committee:

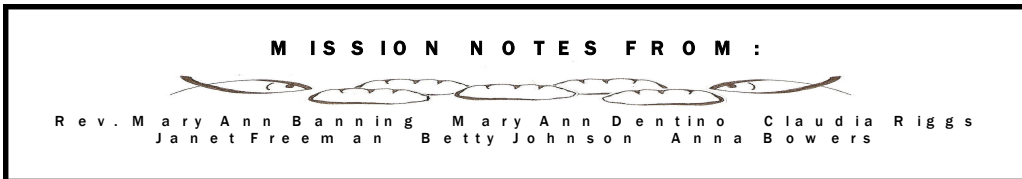
The Nominating Committee has begun its work. We are asking the congregation's help with suggesting names for the three boards for the 2010-2012 term. The Nominating Committee always seeks a balance of representatives from the congregation as directed by the Book of Order. We are looking for all ages, experience, talents and gender.

For the election this Fall, we are needing the following positions filled: 3 Deacons, 2 Trustees and 4 Elders for Session. We also have to fill 5 positions on the Nominating Committee. The Deacons and Trustee assignments are worked out when those boards meet in the new year, but the Nominating Committee has the responsibility to fill the Session Chairs. This year we are looking for Chairs of Communications, Personnel, Finance and Outreach.

These are extremely important positions as our church works to bring in new members, improve our existing programs and develop new ones. We are asking you to give careful and prayerful consideration as to whom these nominees should be. You are invited to express your interest as well. Every name you submit will be given careful consideration as we try to establish the balance needed for these boards.

Please turn your response into Kathy in the office, Darlene Seufert's box in the CE office, or any committee member (Chuck Wukovits, Teresa Primmer, Anna Bowers, Dick Badry, Judy Sulak, Dick Dentino and Pam Camren).

Many thanks for your help, Darlene Seufert for Nominating Committee



MISHAWAKA ALLIANCE OF CARE LOOKS AHEAD

School terms throughout the area are coming to a close; however, the MAC is looking ahead to the Fall term and what that means for families getting students equipped for another year of study.

The MAC board has revised its program for donating school supplies. Each church will gather the much needed items as sales are advertised. Prior to the beginning of the school term they will be delivered to Emmons School and distributed throughout the school system from that location.

Many times teachers see some children coming to school without the basic tools needed and provide, on their own, paper, pens, crayons, etc. Hopefully, the donations from the community will help in this effort.

Watch for the school supply inserts in the newspapers, as well as the television ads, as these promotions begin in July. A box for the collection will be available in the CE lobby.

The Mission Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing
Offering received \$1,416.00
for 2009. Thank you for going
the extra mile in your giving.
This money is used for the
Presbyterian Disaster Assis-
tance Self Development of
People and the Hunger Fund.

Meal for Hope
 Come and enjoy the fellowship of preparing and/or serving a meal for Hope Ministries. July 23 is the next time you can join in the fun. Sign up on the landing as you go into the sanctuary. Preparation will be the afternoon of the 23rd and serving at 6 p.m. Thank you.

Habitat for Humanity
Matthew 25 House Become a Partner!

FPC will once again be involved with a Habitat House. Our Habitat for Humanity Work Day is scheduled for July 18th. The hours are morning 8:00-noon, afternoon hours noon to 4:00, or all day. Lunch will be served to all who participate. We will be doing the siding...we train on the job. If you don't want to do siding, there will be other important jobs to be done. The house will be built in Mishawaka this year at 202 Delorenzi Avenue. Please help us make a difference in someone's life! Questions? Call Dave Court.

Last month we introduced you to the Middlebrook Family. Mom, Lorie and children, Dalton and Nicole. Can you imagine the joy on their faces to have room to spread out in their new home, how they can have space of their own? A gift to Habitat says: I believe in the change of one family, to achieve great things, all because of a home. Time is a gift, a hug is a gift, a smile is a gift, the lifting of a hammer is a gift. Sign up to share your gift.

Christian Education... Vacation Bible School will take place from June 8 thru the 12, 6 to 8:30 p.m. the theme is "Crocodile Dock," *where fearless kids shine God's light.*

The Christian Education committee is pleased to welcome our newest members, this years confirmation class. Shelby Frick, Jeff Wiseman and Roger Krafft have completed their class work and joined the church on Pentecost, May 31, 2009.



Did Someone say food?

Pastor Mary Ann and the Session invite you to join us for a potluck brunch on Sunday, June 14th, after worship at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will break bread together and enjoy our congregation's great cooking while we discuss ideas for revitalizing our congregation's ministries and growing our congregation. Blessings, Mary Ann

First Presbyterian Church 9 Hole Outing. Mark your calendars and dust off your clubs for the second annual FPC 9 Hole Golf Outing! We are teeing it up on Saturday, June 13th at 3:00 p.m. at Eberhart Golf Course. The cost is \$30 which covers green fees, cart and prizes. There will be a cook-out and pot luck following on the deck weather permitting. If you don't golf and would like to join us on the deck for sun and fellowship you still need to sign up so we can allow for food. If you have any questions please contact John or Lynett Heritz for information. See the sign up sheet on the Clip Board Corner.

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Scrapbook Club

Summer is one of those times that we take lots of pictures. Once you get them taken, bring them to our Summer Scrapbook Club meetings and work on putting those pictures in your albums. Remember the cost is \$10 and includes pizza, snacks, and drinks. There is always a drawing at the end of the evening. Plus we always have lots of fun and fellowship. In **June we will meet on June 19th from 6 pm to midnight** and in **July we will meet on July 24th from 6 pm to midnight.** Please RSVP by the Friday morning of the event and pre-paying is always appreciated. I hope to see you there, Brittany Rice

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Churchwide Gathering July 11-15 -We have been talking about it all year, now it is time to register and make travel plans. This is the last gathering to take place in Louisville for some time. Some of the workshops and forums include: Women of the Bible; Faith-Based Investing; Martha Stewart, Mother Teresa and Me; Celebrating Your Call; and, Yoga for Christians.

There are groups going for both the weekend and all 5 days. Hope you will be a part of one of them.

Carole Polk and Pam Camren,
PW Moderators

May 9, 2009

It was a cool, windy, rainy Saturday (at least not a dark and stormy night) when several congregation members met at the Church to clean out the east side window wells, trim the trees on Orr's Island and all around the Southeast lot. Three brave souls braved the elements on top of Mount Christian Ed (the Christian Ed roof) to get three of the fan motors replaced. The south Boiler Room was cleared out in anticipation of at some point needing to store a second "dead" boiler for spare parts.

Several other areas around the church were weeded and trimmed and one of the air conditioners for the Sanctuary was rescued from a climbing ground cover that was trying to engulf it. Bushes in the East lot were trimmed and look a lot better. The lights in the Bell Tower were checked and several timers around the church were checked and re-set.

Sincere thanks go to Ken our custodian for keeping things looking good so that our work on this service day was much easier.

Special thanks to all who participated: Bill Bellairs, Dave and Justin Tschida, Alan Camren, Bruce Wiseman, Ethan DeMaegd, Dan Bruner, Janet Freeman, Chuch Wukovits, Ty Lundman, and Mary Ann Banning.

A special thanks to Neil Seufert and Sue Rice who have taken responsibility for several areas of the church that need to be tended to on a continuing basis. Their efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Thanks from the Trustee Board to all participants for your continuing hard work and efforts to help keep our church looking its best.

Trustee Board**Did you know...**

THE CORNERSTONE OF THE CHURCH WAS LAID ON MAY 24, 1910. IT WAS DEDICATED ON MARCH 30, 1911. THE CHURCH IS BUILT OF WHITE LIMESTONE AND BRICK, IN GEORGIAN STYLE ARCHITECTURE AND A DORIC COLONNADE. THE PRESENT PIPE ORGAN WAS DEDICATED ON OCTOBER 28, 1917.

MEMORIAL LOUNGE - THIS ROOM HAS MANY USES. SEVERAL SMALL WEDDINGS AND CHURCH SERVICES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THIS ROOM. FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE YOUTH GROUP HELD THE SUNRISE SERVICE HERE.

WHEN YOU LOOK UP, YOU CAN SEE SEVERAL SMALL PARTITIONED AREAS, THESE WERE PREVIOUSLY USED AS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS.

SANCTUARY - WHEN THIS BUILDING WAS BEING ERECTED, THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH WERE SO IMPRESSED WITH THE FLOOR PLAN THAT THEY HIRED THE SAME ARCHITECTS WHICH IS WHY THE FLOOR PLAN OF THEIR CHURCH IS VERY SIMILAR. THE EAST WALL OF THE SANCTUARY RAISES TO ENLARGE THE SEATING CAPACITY WHEN NECESSARY. THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE FOR MANY YEARS UNTIL THE REMODELING A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE WALL CAN STILL BE RAISED WHICH ENABLED THE PEWS TO BE EASILY MOVED OVER TO MEMORIAL LOUNGE TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE WORK DONE IN THE SANCTUARY.

Submitted by Teresa Primmer

The paths of our children...

Ashlee Blicher is teaching Kindergarten at Battell and will be married here to Brian Cook on June 13

Megan McClure is living here for the next year and working for a well-known doctor's office.

Kayleigh Pride will graduate in January from Brown Mackie with a Veterinarian Tech's degree.

Lauren McClure will be in her senior year at Butler this fall. Psychology is still her major.

Katie Rice has finished her 3rd year at Purdue. She will be spending her summer in California doing an internship in San Diego. Next fall she will be working for Coke.

Chris Rice is hoping to win a spot at Second City in Chicago after a two day audition this summer.

Erika Pride is living in Indianapolis, working at the Indianapolis Zoo and taking a Pre-Marketing class this summer.

Kristen Tschida is doing an internship at the Potawatomi Zoo. She finished her first year at Purdue as an Animal Science Major.

Chris Sulak finished boot camp in May. Ft. Huachuca, AZ. will be home till September where he will be AIT training. Only God and his CO's know what will happen next.

Damon Frick will graduate from Penn this year. He plans to practice guitar, playing shows with two bands and looking for a "real" job (although hopefully not in that order).

Brian McClure will graduate from Penn this year. He plans to attend Butler (like big sis) to study chemistry.

Andy Wiseman, a senior this fall, has a busy summer of traveling, (once again he will go to Disney Sports Complex to wrestle), staying in shape for fall football, and working/playing at Putt-Putt.

Shalom Niyomugabo will be a junior this fall at Lancing H. S., Cornell, N.Y. playing both football and basketball.

Justin Tschida just finished his freshman year at Riley. He took part in the Engineering Magnet Program and played on the varsity golf team. He plans to live on the Erskine course this summer.

Shelby Frick will be attending Penn track and tennis camps, Geneva Center in July and doing lots of swimming at the Blair Hills pool.

Jeff Wiseman will be busy with a week in Jones, MI. at Boy Scout camp. He will also hone his athletic skills with Penn's football, baseball and wrestling camps. He will finish out the baseball season with his team in Osceola Little League.

Roger Krafft will be 13 in August and in the 8th grade this fall, his summer will be filled with VBS, Geneva Center and Boy Scouts.

Alex Fozkos will be attending John Young this fall at a 7th grader, in the gifted and talented program.

Shayna Frick 11 years old now is camping this summer, Penn track, diabetes summer camp in June and Blair Hills pool camp. Camp on Shayna!!

Michael Green will be playing Rocket Football for the 49'ers (3rd year) and doing swimming lessons, soccer camp, and 4H. He will be in the 5th grade in the fall.

Chris Krafft is busy with Boy Scouts #122 in Osceola and running track. He plans to attend VBS and looks forward to the 6th grade.

Jacob Prince is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. His baseball career is thriving (his batting average is about .600!) and soon he will be traveling to Italy with his father to climb Mt Vesuvius. Not bad for 9 year old 4th grader.

Breanna Howard is looking forward to being a 3rd grader this fall. She enjoys both cheerleading and basketball.

Roger Deloof has a busy summer of Geneva Center, swimming and 4H. (He has signed up for 25 projects in 4H) After summer it is on to the 4th grade.

Chris Kiama just finished the 2nd grade. Music, keyboard, basketball, and drawing keep him busy. Victoria Green will be doing some swimming, and soccer this summer. Piano and 4H are also on her calendar. Next year she will be in the 3rd grade.

Claire Dowell the 3rd grade is for Claire next year. As for this summer she will be busy with softball and summer drama camps.

Brandon Fozkos 2nd grade is what is next for him. Basketball and swimming are the main summer events, with a firework show on his list of to do's.

Eric Kiama is starting 2nd grade and enjoying painting, x-men and sponge-bob.

Gavin Dowell mastered Kindergarten so on to the first grade for him. He loves the seasonal changes: football, basketball and baseball. He has yet to discover a season he does not like.

Ethan (Wukovits) Palay is now 6 and into trains, loves trains, plays with trains and the train table Grandpa made for him. Oh, and he likes to read too.

Emily Krafft the color pink makes her day, along with Dora. VBS will be a summer highlight as she gets ready to enter Kindergarten next fall.

Carrie Fozkos Ballet and dancing each day will take up most of the summer. In the fall she will dance her way into Kindergarten.

Austin Howard will be taking swimming lessons at Mishawaka H. S. A vacation to Kansas is planned before entering Kindergarten this fall.

Victoria (Wukovits) Musselman likes to color, enjoys dance class and loves shoes like Gramma!!

Nicolas Prince is now 4 years old and a huge fan of everything Disney. He enjoys cooking, grocery shopping, singing and tumbling class.

Dustin Fozkos will be starting pre-school this fall. As for this summer he goes from sun up to sun down only stopping to refuel.

Angelique Rose Primmer is happily looking forward to attending summer pre-k school. She loves her dog, Roxi the Doxie, the color pink and turning 4. She will be in Cloverbuds this summer with 4H.

Charlie (Wukovits) Palay is into building puzzles, and playing with his dog. Makes music daily.

Sophia (Wukovits) Musselman is now 3 and taking dance class. Her dollhouse and Bitty Baby fill her day.

Vincent Primmer has plans to spend the summer biking, or learn how to, that is. Otherwise he is snuggling with dad or his adopted kitten, Kit-Kat. His favorite number is 3.

Sam (Wukovits) Palay is now a 1 1/2 year old who loves to eat and get into stuff he shouldn't.

Luke Davis plans to drive in his Little Tykes car, dig in the dirt and play in the Blair Hills baby pool.

Ariana Elaine (Heritz) Downs likes the colors red and orange, rocks, fish and being read to.

Julie Rice will turn 2 in July. Being read to makes her day, music makes her dance, and her little sister makes her smile.

Rachel Anne (Heritz) Downs is rolling over and loves to carry on conversations that only she can understand at this point.

Mia Rice will be 6 months in July. She will share a smile with you, just give her a try.

The Church is a family, chosen and sent.
Take time before during and after worship
to enjoy the family.



Founded in 1834, **First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka**, will turn 175 on July 25th.

Church History...First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka has much to celebrate and be thankful for, and we have been blessed with a rich and splendid history. Below is a brief history on the beginning of our church and our church buildings:

Our story begins on July 25, 1834. The Rev. Noah M. Wells and a few faithful members (Philo and Martha Hurd, Levi Deanm, Elias Smith, and Alanson Hurd) made up the congregational roll. They met in the home of Philo Hurd and called themselves the First Presbyterian Trinitarian Society. From there they grew under Rev. Wells' leadership.

The first church building built in 1837 was a small frame building. The building only cost \$40.00, not including the \$1,000 in donated labor and materials. The name used by the group was "The First Trinitarian Society of the Village of the St. Joseph Iron Works, Inc." On July 15, 1833, the Indiana General Assembly officially incorporated Saint Joseph Ironworks as a village. In 1838, St. Joseph Ironworks and three other small towns nearby were incorporated into one — Mishawaka.

The growth of the congregation and Mishawaka caused the Society to build a second church. That building was built in 1846 at Lincolnway and Mill Streets. In 1872 it was destroyed by the famous "Great Mishawaka fire". The fire started in a barn behind the church and spread to the church and through three city blocks before it was brought under control. The cause of the fire was never found but many believe it was arson. The Rev. McCord was famous for his "condemnations of whiskey" sermons. This was also the third suspicious fire set near the church. However, Rev. McCord and his congregation were not deterred and out of adversity came our third building. To help fund the building of the new church Rev. McCord sold the 303 lbs of iron from the melted church bell and the Presbyterian Women did their part by holding socials and other fundraisers. Services were held in this third building exactly four months later, on January 5, 1873.

As the church continued to grow, they grew out of that building and into the present church building, which is the fourth structure to serve this congregation. It was dedicated March 30, 1911. A Christian Education wing was added in 1960. In 2011, we will have spent over 100 years in this building. We are the oldest congregation in Mishawaka. The faith and love of our members has been strong throughout these 175 years. We indeed have much to thank God for.