



First Presbyterian News September 2009

Ministry as a Delight

*“Happy are those . . . who delight in the law of the Lord.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.” (Psalm 1)*

As our congregation moves from the lazy days and relaxation of those long days of summer, changes in the weather and the schedule of church and school remind us that the leaves will soon be falling and the snow blowing. Programs and ministries that have been on summer break will soon be starting up again – choir and bell practice, Christian Education for all ages, 175th Anniversary celebrations, mission ministry and Presbyterian Women ministry and Circle meetings, as well as many other activities and endeavors.

It is easy to be overwhelmed by all the busyness and activity, isn't it? I love reading Psalm 1 when I'm feeling that way, because it calls us back to what it's all really about – our relationship with God. Isn't it good to know that we draw sustenance and inspiration when our roots are firmly planted in the Word of God? Scripture and prayer sustain us and give us energy to accomplish all that we do for Christ in the congregation. Ministry is really a delight if we allow the presence of God to fill us and nourish and sustain us, like a tree drawing water from deep in the earth up to the surface to nourish its many leaves. The Word of God is food and drink for us as we seek to be faithful in our congregational life together and out in the community.

Take time for Scripture reading and for prayer . . . work it into your busy schedule just as you work in time to eat and sleep. We have a group that meets every Monday morning at 9:30 at the church to pray through the Presbyterian order of daily prayer together. They pray over each individual prayer concern – they have probably prayed for all of you over the course of a year. I encourage you also to join with the Adult Education group as it reads through the Bible. Betty Favorite can give you a copy of the curriculum and welcome you into the Sunday morning class after worship.

May God in Christ bless you abundantly,
Pastor Mary Ann

Church Office Hours will resume on Tuesday September the 8th.
Office will be open from 9:30 to 4:00, Monday thru Friday.
Financial Secretary will be in her office every Monday and Thursday mornings.

Date	Ushers				
9/6/2009	Ethan DeMaegd	Carole Polk	Justin Tschida	Jack Bruner	Communion
9/13/2009	Jeff Krafft	Roger Krafft	Bill Bellairs	Betty Barrick	Mikey Green
9/20/2009	Michael Green	Andy Wiseman	Bob Sloan	Jeff Wiseman	Chris Krafft
9/27/2009	Dan Bruner	Dave Court	Wayne Priddy	Cheryl Priddy	Shelby Frick

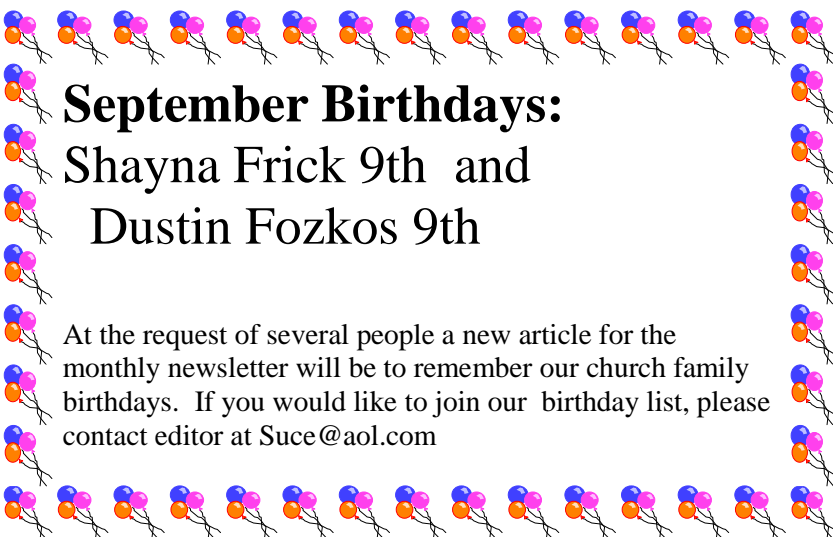
Lectionary for September 2009

September 6
(Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 13
(Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

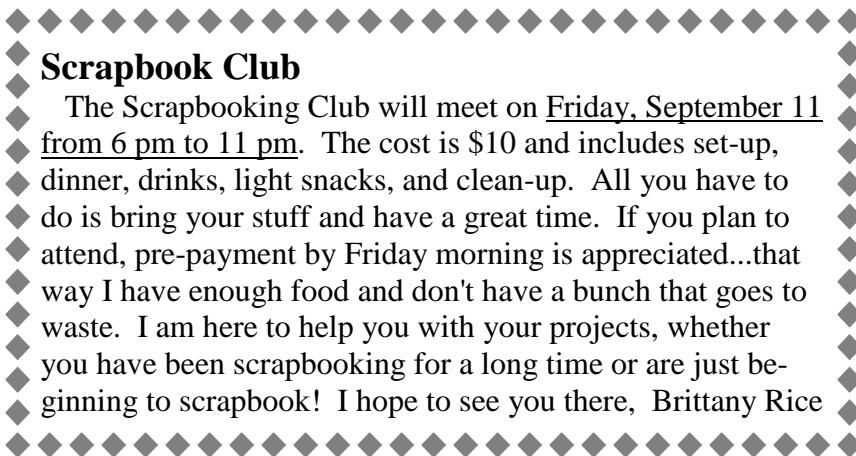
September 20
(Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 27
(Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



September Birthdays:
Shayna Frick 9th and
Dustin Fozkos 9th

At the request of several people a new article for the monthly newsletter will be to remember our church family birthdays. If you would like to join our birthday list, please contact editor at Suce@aol.com



Scrapbook Club

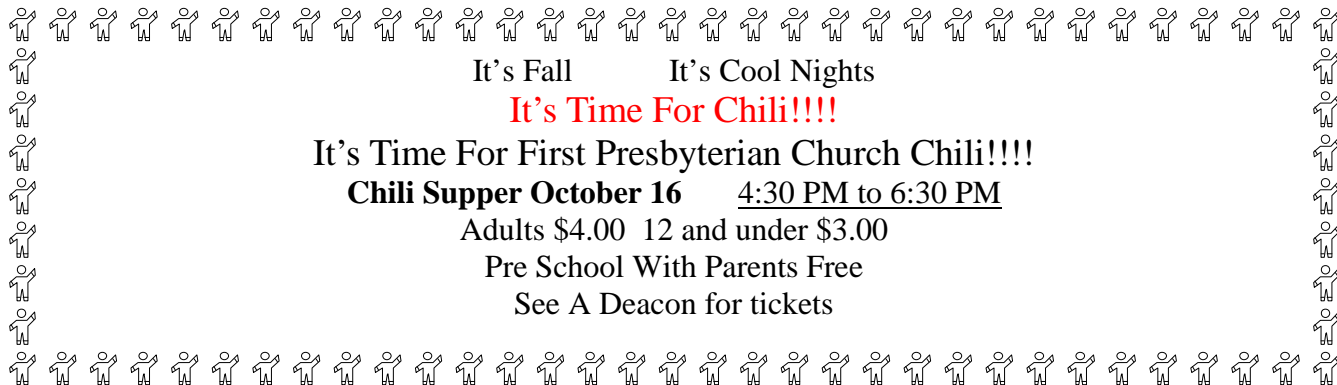
The Scrapbooking Club will meet on Friday, September 11 from 6 pm to 11 pm. The cost is \$10 and includes set-up, dinner, drinks, light snacks, and clean-up. All you have to do is bring your stuff and have a great time. If you plan to attend, pre-payment by Friday morning is appreciated...that way I have enough food and don't have a bunch that goes to waste. I am here to help you with your projects, whether you have been scrapbooking for a long time or are just beginning to scrapbook! I hope to see you there, Brittany Rice

Send newsletter information by e-mail to Suce@aol.com or by U.S. Mail in care of Kathy at the church. There is also an FPN tray in the church CE office. The next deadline is noon on September 17.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Tschida and the Phillips Family,

Doris Bahler (Nanette Tschida's mother)
passed from this life August 2 in South Bend.

Nan Guffin (Greg Phillips grandmother)
passed from this life August 2 in Valparaiso.



It's Fall It's Cool Nights

It's Time For Chili!!!!

It's Time For First Presbyterian Church Chili!!!!

Chili Supper October 16 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Adults \$4.00 12 and under \$3.00

Pre School With Parents Free

See A Deacon for tickets

M I S S I O N N O T E S F R O M :


 R e v . M a r y A n n B a n n i n g M a r y A n n D e n t i n o C l a u d i a R i g g s
 J a n e t F r e e m a n B e t t y J o h n s o n A n n a B o w e r s

I helped at the pack-a-backpack gig in August...they have this one down to a science. I have to tell you about the production line, I was at the end of the line-erasers-and then on to two others who were tying up the plastic bags. All would go along smoothly for a while then nothing coming, then they began to stack up, I was in my very own "I Love Lucy" episode. (Remember the chocolate candy line episode.) Unfortunately, we ran out of backpacks so Meijer provided larger plastic bags till more backpacks can be donated, then they will just stuff plastic bag inside. Thank you many times over, you are all such blessings. Janet Freeman

COMING SOON

Watch the newsletter for details for the following mission opportunities at First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka.

1. Work with at-risk students at Battell.
(Remember these are neighborhood children)
2. Collect items for first aid boxes for Hope families given in celebration of our 175th Birthday.
3. Rebuild homes in Louisiana or Mississippi.

CHILDREN AT RISK

The Pentecost offering received a total of \$605.

Forty percent or \$242 will be used for children at-risk at Battell School which are our neighborhood children around our church.

MATTHEW 25 HOUSE, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Sunday the 9th of August in the afternoon, five of us from First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka met with people from several other churches for the dedication of the house that Habitat for Humanity built in Mishawaka. Many of the people there helped build the house, collect money for materials, provided food. The home was blessed room by room with prayers for the God's love and protection for the family moving in. After living for four years in one motel room, this family of three each has their own room. Not only did they help build the house, they are responsible for the mortgage. This is a hand up not a hand out program. Everyone there was blessed by the prayers and the joy, First Presbyterian Church generously donated \$875.00.

Support Beth Davis in the 2009 Walk to Cure Diabetes

Greetings!

I'm writing to you to ask for your support in a very special cause. As you know, my daughter Shayna has Type 1/Juvenile diabetes.

This year, our family will be taking part in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes along with a half-million other walkers across the country. Our goal: To raise \$105 million to help fund research for a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications.

Many people think type 1 diabetes can be controlled by insulin. While insulin does keep people with type 1 diabetes alive, it is NOT a cure. Aside from the daily challenges of living with type 1 diabetes, there are many severe, often fatal, complications caused by the disease.

The good news, though, is that a cure for type 1 diabetes is within reach. In fact, JDRF funding and leadership is associated with most major scientific breakthroughs in type 1 diabetes research to date. And JDRF funds a major portion of all type 1 diabetes research worldwide, more than any other charity.

I'm writing to ask for your support because now more than ever, EACH of us can be a part of bringing about a cure. Each of us can make a real difference Together, we can make the cure a reality. Thank you! Beth Davis

Please visit my Walk Web page if you would like to donate online or see how close I am to reaching my personal goal:
<http://walk.jdrf.org/walker.cfm?id=87407390>

Follow this link to make a donation:<http://walk.jdrf.org/support.cfm?id=87407390> © 2009 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. All rights reserved

Christian Education...

Sept. 13 is the Kick-off to our program year and what a day it will be! The following Sunday, **Sept. 20, we will start Sunday school classes for all.** Presently we will be continuing the classes that we left off with in May. If there are any adults looking for a Sunday school class but The Year of the Bible isn't your thing, let me know, I welcome any ideas for adult ed. classes. If there is a need we will provide an additional choice.

October 18 brings a children & youth service during worship. Come enjoy the future of our church. The children will have many fun new things to take part in this year at FPC, please watch the calendar and notes home. Each child/youth is valuable to the whole, we need everyone to make it fun and successful.

Just a note to share, parents remember the toddler/infant room is for children 4 years and under. Even if you work in the room, your older child may not stay in there. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School is gearing up for a new exciting year. We will have the same schedule of morning or afternoon classes, same great staff and wonderful events, but we will do it Monday thru Friday. (All for \$139.00 a month, what a steal!) Tell all your friends it will fill up soon now that school has started for those bigger siblings. It starts Sept 14. Campbells labels are still being collected, please save and put in box in the CE lobby. Mark your calendar: **Sept. 25, 2009 is the PWNS Spaghetti Dinner.** It was an outstanding success last year so get those tickets early.

See ya soon...Judy Green, CE Chair

Mens Breakfast

Who Woulda' Think?!?

Who woulda' think that we here in Mishawaka, Indiana, would have the opportunity to talk with an organist from Big Sky Country? And a very talented one at that. Yes, Ty Lundman has come all the way from Montana to join us for the men's breakfast on September 19. Well, he is doing some stuff at ND, too.

Come join us for food and fellowship that Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00. Alan

DON'T MISS OUT

You have two more opportunities in 2009 to help prepare or serve a meal at Hope Ministries. September 11 and November 6 the meals will be prepared in the church kitchen at 6:00 PM. The meals will be served at 11:00 AM on Saturday September 12 and November 7 at Hope Ministries on Michigan Street.

This is an experience where you walk away feeling awesome. The residents walk away with a full stomach and the feeling that someone cares for them. It is a win win situation. Don't miss out on this experience. Sign up on the clip board on the bulletin board between the lobby and sanctuary TODAY. Mary Ann Dentino

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 20, two weeks after Labor Day. We will have a few things to catch up on from the April and May readings when we start.

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

May readings in September

July readings in November

September readings in January

November readings in March

June readings in October

August readings in December

October readings in February

December readings in April and May

I am so delighted with the great discussions we have been having. Try to make the reading an over-view experience. When we highlight our discussions, you will have a much better sense of how the passages used in worship fit into the whole story of God and His people.

Looking forward to seeing you in September, Betty Favorite

The PRAYER PAGE

~prepared by Susan May

Back in high school I was First Page Editor of the school newspaper. (It was a big deal at the time.) In every news article for Page One of The MHS Alltold, reporters answered five traditional "W" questions, right off the bat.

WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHY? WHEN?

A quick example, if you please...

The FPC Presbyterian Women are having a bake sale in the CE lobby to raise mission funds. The sale will be from 9:00-12:00 noon, Saturday, June 16.

Only a stone's throw to a prayer formula, if you will...

Lord, our pastor's lifelong friend Donna Jean is having a serious surgery, way out on the west coast, far from where Pastor Mary Ann can be with her. I pray for her because she has asked for complete healing, and her family and friends need to feel your presence with them as well. Surgery is tomorrow. Recovery will take months.

I know none of this is news to you, Lord, but I lift this need up to you, praying...

[Here's where the details of your own praying come in. Take your time.]

WHO? *Everyone can do it. Everybody needs it.*

WHAT? *Prayer! (Haven't you been paying attention?)*

WHERE? *At church, at home, at work, at school, at play*

WHY? *Because God said so, repeatedly. Jesus, too.
Because it feels good. It's right. It's powerful.*

WHEN? *Whenever! 24/7! Morning, noon, and night. When grateful.
When needing comfort or help. When you need to recommit and reconnect.
When you're sorry, scared, or searching.*

And when others ask for your prayers... always.

New Program Year for Presbyterian Women (PW)

Time is fast approaching for the kick-off of a new year with opportunities for study, service and giving through your own PW group....ALL women of the church! Please note the following dates, mark your personal calendars and plan to be part of the fun and fellowship!

Thursday, Sept. 10	4:30 p.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Small Dining Room
Thursday, Sept. 17	6:00 p.m.	For All Women	Light Supper Fellowship Hall
		Opening Lesson of Bible Study	"Joshua" led by Betty Favorite
Saturday, Sept. 19	Fall Gathering at LaPorte OR Thursday, Sept 24 Fall Gathering at Logansport		

Special Note to Congregation: PW Coordinating Team decided to move the Basement Sale to the spring. IF you have things for the sale but have no place to store them, please contact Lynett Heritz or Judy Green.

Upcoming Special Programs & Events

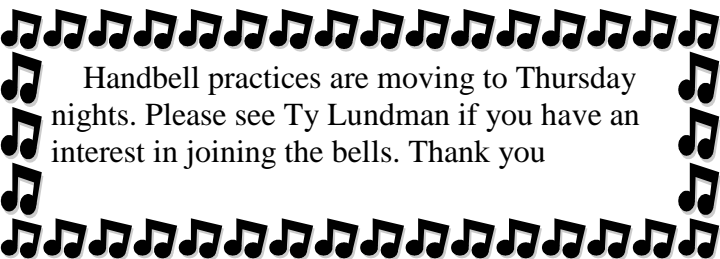
Oct. 25	PW <u>Mission Dedication</u>
Nov. 13-14	<u>Women's Fall Retreat</u> at Geneva Center
Dec. 5	<u>Bake Sale</u> proceeds from Bake & Basement Sale go toward PW mission pledge and programming locally
January 16, 2010	<u>Winter Event</u> - visit the Northern Indiana Center for History exhibit "Mishawaka-175 years" Tour of Copshaholm and lunch at local restaurant optional
March 19-20, 2010	<u>Let's Learn Together</u> -Geneva Center
April 19, 2010	<u>Gifts of Women Sunday</u> , Judy Lovejoy, PW Global Exchange speaker
April ??	PW Presbytery <u>Spring Gathering/Annual Meeting</u> Date and place TBA.

As we celebrate 175 years as a congregation, we can also celebrate that many years of Presbyterian Women being involved in Bible study, prayer and mission all the while "building an inclusive, caring community of women who support the mission of PC(USA)". Be part of this celebration throughout this new program year. Pam Camren and Laura Pride, Co-moderators

COME ONE, COME ALL, TO WESTMINSTER HALL.
HELP YOUR FRIENDS TO SING PRAISE THIS FALL!
ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUST OVER AN HOUR . . .
INSTEAD OF EXHAUSTED, WE LEAVE FEELING BLESSED,
RENEWED BY OUR MUSIC, UPLIFTED - - - - REFRESHED!

The Chancel Choir is always eager to welcome new members and especially this fall, we need new folks as we prepare for our 175th Anniversary Hymn Festival in mid-October. Ladies, We are particularly in need of your voices.

Please contact Susan May, Director, at 259-1141 if you would like more information or want to pass along a name.
 Invite a friend! Many a wonderful church member first came in through choir. Thanks!

 Handbell practices are moving to Thursday nights. Please see Ty Lundman if you have an interest in joining the bells. Thank you

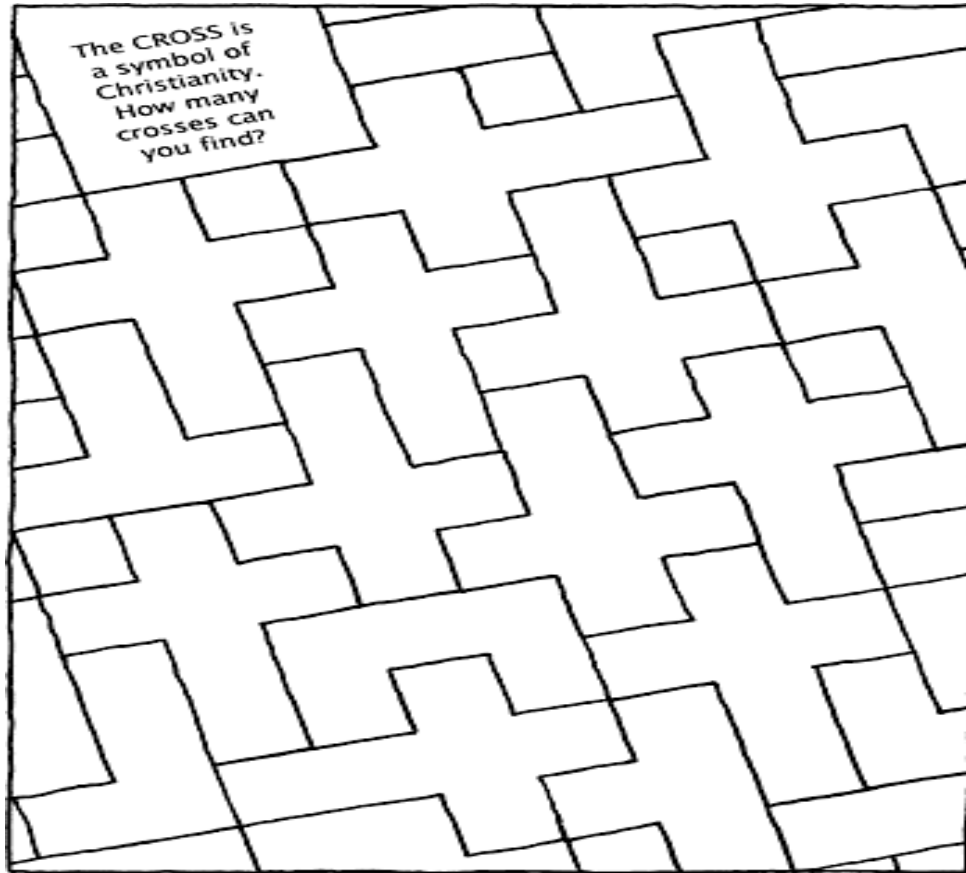
Book Group
 The first Book Group meeting will be September 20 at Betty Favorite's home. "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Jousseini is this month read. The meeting will start at 4 pm and end at about 5:30. You can find copies of the book on the internet, at library or at a store.
 Please feel free to bring suggestions of books for future readings.

Our church family has been blessed through the years with many members who have come and gone. It is with great pleasure that the following members of our congregation will be recognized during the September 13 Worship Service for membership over 50 years:

KATHRYN GOEGBEUR	3/28/37	72 YEARS
JOHN FINK	1/8/39	70 YEARS
BERNICE CHILDRESS	2/19/41	68 YEARS
MARILYN SLOAN	3/29/42	67 YEARS
JANET FREEMAN	4/22/43	66 YEARS
RUTH STARKE	12/17/44	65 YEARS
JOAN KRYCH	3/29/45	64 YEARS
GAIL MACLEAN	4/15/54	64 YEARS
RODERICK MACLEAN	10/5/47	62 YEARS
IDA LABELLE	4/3/47	62 YEARS
HELEN CASTLEMAN	12/12/49	60 YEARS
HAROLD COOK	6/25/50	59 YEARS
REBECCA COOK	6/25/50	59 YEARS
BETTY GERARD	4/6/50	59 YEARS
CLAUDIA RIGGS	4/13/52	57 YEARS
ELIZABETH JOHNSON	12/6/53	55 YEARS
ELIZABETH FAVORITE	12/6/53	55 YEARS
WILLIAM BOOZER	4/7/55	54 YEARS
ELIZABETH REXSON	5/8/55	54 YEARS
CHRISTINA SNEDDON	3/29/56	53 YEARS
JAMES SNEDDON	3/29/56	53 YEARS
JEAN BRUNER	4/18/57	52 YEARS
JOHN BRUNER	4/18/57	52 YEARS
JEANNETTE DAVIS	4/18/57	52 YEARS



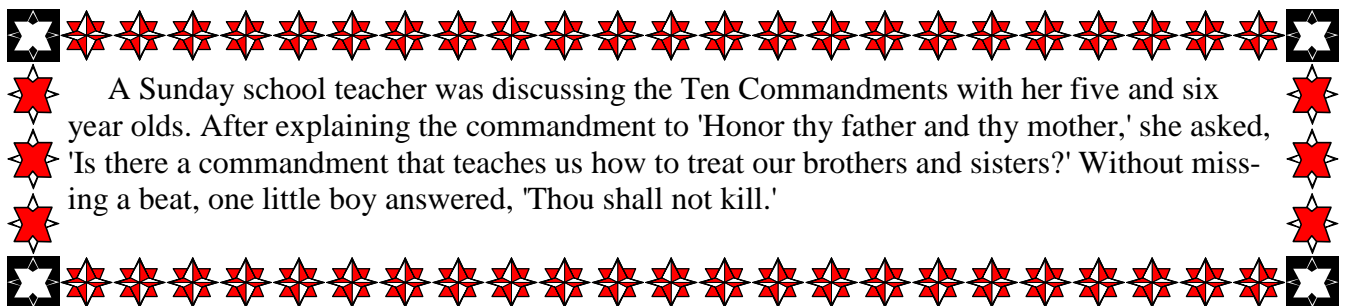
First Presbyterian Church 175 years Mishawaka



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Kids of all ages, have fun coloring our special 175 year page and turn in to your Sunday School class to be put up at the church.



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'