



First Presbyterian News

August 2011

CHURCH PICNIC

WHEN: Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE: North Pavilion at Rose Park
1400 S. West St.
Mishawaka, IN**

DEACONS WILL BE PROVIDING THE MEAT & BEVERAGES.

**WHAT TO BRING: A Dish to share, your own table service,
A lawn chair AND money \$\$\$ for the cake walk!**

This year we will be holding an OLD FASHIONED CAKE WALK (with a little twist) to raise money for the Children's Christmas Shopping.

We are asking for donations of Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Brownies (any type of dessert...fancy or plain) to be used for the CAKE WALK. If you would like to donate an item or two or more, please contact either Carole Polk or Lynett Heritz (there will also be a sign up sheet on Clip Board Corner).

WORSHIP & MUSIC wants to remind all that in case of rain on August 21st, the church service and picnic will be held at the church at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Hopefully, we will not need to make this adjustment. Start praying for good weather now!

Summer Time hours for the church office will be as follows: 9 am to 1 pm Monday thru Friday, until September 2nd.

Worship will continue to be at 9:30 am with fellowship to follow.

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School still has openings for this year. Contact office for information.

There are still dates available to furnish flowers for Sunday Worship. Contact office for information.

***Lectionary for Sundays
Scripture Reference
August 2011***

August 7 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 14 Genesis 45:1-15
Psalms 133
Romans 11:1-2, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 21 Exodus 1:8 - 2:10
Psalms 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 28 Exodus 3:1-15
Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

August Birthdays:
Angie Primmer 4th
Roger Krafft 9th
Chris Sulak 24th

So long and good luck Laura

Our organist for the last 11 months, Laura Rau, will be completing her assignment with us on July 31. She will be returning to Kansas to further her studies in organ and church music with a Doctorate of Musical Arts (DMA) at Kansas University in Lawrence. While studying, she will be playing at the St. Lawrence Church in Lawrence. While here, Laura said she was so impressed with the strength of the choir and it was an honor to work with them. Her memories of her experience with us will include the friendship and fellowship of the congregation and the church community as a whole.

The congregation is invited to a special "going away" during Fellowship on July 31. Please stop by after worship.

Submitted by the Personnel Committee

**Next Newsletter deadline is
August 17 at noon.**

Mail information to church or email Sue at fpcnewseditor@fpcmishawaka.org or Kathy at kathy@fpcmishawaka.org.

Book Club is taking the summer off, but that does not mean you need to. Please plan to join us this fall ready to discuss and share some great reads! So many books so little time.

Disciples TreeHouse will resume September 11th. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

I would like to thank the congregation for all their prayers, cards, food, phone calls and visits during my Dad's recent illness and passing. I am lucky to be part of such a caring church family.

Thank you again. David Tschida and family

Dear Church Family, It's my turn to say "thanks!" for your loving cards, calls, prayers, flowers, food and attention. My illness was unexpected and recuperation has been a bit slow. Your support means the world to Stan and me. God bless you all!

Love, Susan May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
August 7	Carole Polk	Bill Bellairs
August 14	Mike Green	Jack Bruner
August 21	Dan Bruner	David Tschida
August 28	Nora Wiseman	Jim Bonham

		Neil Seufert	Communion
		Jeff Wiseman	Mickey Green
		Justin Tschida	Church Picnic
		Esther Morrison	Chris Krafft

What would it look like if God's power were unleashed to work unhindered?

You may have noticed the boxes on the door with "Need Help?" cards directing you to call the *Help with Love* hotline. *Help with Love* is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to unite local churches to more effectively provide for the needs of our community- that all may know God and His Son. Twenty Six Mishawaka/Bremen churches, including FPC, have partnered with The *Help with Love* organization.



The plan is to assist people by helping them access resources and services provided by government offices, agencies, churches and other community organizations. This includes telephone help, client advocates, student tutoring and mentoring, agency referrals, direct assistance and gap programs. Help With Love uses volunteers to answer the Help Line and to act as client advocates and to befriend a person in need. Our congregation may also be a resource center for a needed care ministry. Check out the website for more information or to sign up for their newsletter: www.helpwithlove.org.

If you have not already, please take a couple of the business cards and keep them on hand in case you or someone you know can use their services.

A representative from The *Help With Love* program will be the speaker at the Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering Brunch held on January 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Carole Polk

News of Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian

Presbyterian Women thank you for your response to the Emergency Clean-Up Buckets mission project. There was enough collected items to make 9 buckets (a \$504.00 value). We also thank Lowe's Home store for their donation of 4 of the buckets and lids.

The PW Board: Carol Polk and Nora Wiseman are co-moderators,
Lynett Heritz - treasurer and Teresa Primmer - secretary.

The Scrapbook Club

Will meet on Friday, August 12th from 6 pm to 11 pm. We always welcome new scraperbookers along with the old-timers, and if you got another hobby and just need some time to work on it come join us. Contact Brittany at 259-7874 to join us for evening of friendship and hobby-time.

Batter Up! Nothing is more American than going to a ball game, eating a few hotdogs and enjoying fireworks afterwards. Greg Phillips has organized an evening with the *Silver Hawks at The Cove* for a fun Friday night outing. The game is August 19 @ 7 pm. **He needs the money to him by the 1st** for a group price and to sit together, but if you are just hearing about this, please try calling the Silver Hawks box office for available seating. Wouldn't it be great when our church name appears on the big screen multi sections gave out a big cheer!

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

Bells A-Pealing

In no time at all Canticle Ringers will pick up the handbells and start preparing to share our music in worship again. We'll join the choir for a music season kick-off dinner at 6 pm August 31, followed by a short rehearsal. The following Wednesday we will begin rehearsing at our regular 6:30 time.

We would love to have a couple more ringers! If you have rung handbells before, please consider joining us again. We would welcome you with open arms and cheerfully hand you some of those extra bells a few of us have been ringing in order to cover the three octaves.

If you have never rung handbells, but have a hankering to try, please talk to me. You do not have to be able to read music (although it helps); as long as you have a sense of rhythm, are reasonably coordinated, and can count to at least four, we can work together. You will receive one-on-one training before being assigned any parts to play with the other ringers.

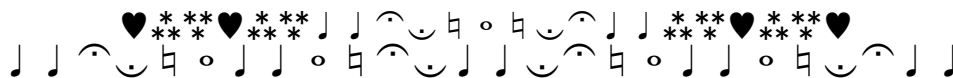
You can contact me by phone at (574) 259-7874. I look forward to hearing from some of you!
Maretta Hershberger, Handbell Director

Have you been wondering about the "NEW" Presbyterian Hymnal?

Dave Eicher, Editor-in-Chief of the project and former organist here at FPC, talked with me recently. He sends greetings to all of us and is excited about the progress on the project. Watch the September newsletter for details and a website so you can follow the progress along as the final stages occur.
Susan May

New Organist

On August 28, we will welcome our new organist, Priscilla Weaver, to our church musical family. She comes to this area after graduating from Grove City College in Pennsylvania with a B. M. in Music. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Sacred Music degree at the University of Notre Dame. She is currently a graduate assistant with the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir and teaches organ lessons. Priscilla comes with extensive experience as a choir leader, vocalist, and accompanist. The church is blessed to have this educational partnership with the Notre Dame program.



There are many notes to God's music

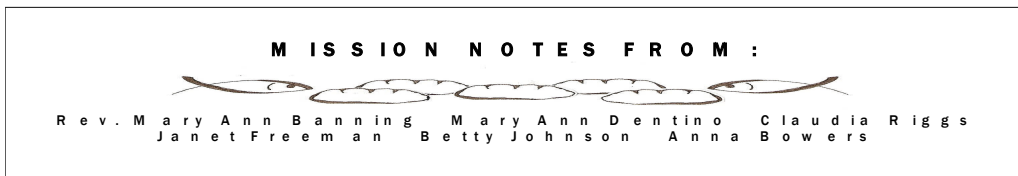
First Presbyterian Church Children's Choir

A new chapter is in the planning stages. Both Susan May and Priscilla Anne Weaver are excited to have this opportunity with the children and share their love of music. Please contact the church office to enroll your child.
The Worship and Music Committee

Sing a New Song to the Lord!

The FPC Chancel Choir invites anyone and everyone who likes to sing (high school and up) to join our choir this fall. We have been feeling a little small in number the last few years and really hope to see a few new (or returning) members as we begin to rehearse and lead in worship. We welcome our new accompanist Priscilla Weaver to our midst.

Last year, due to our organist's obligations, Choir met on Thursdays, **but this year we return to Wednesday night rehearsals**. The annual Choirs Appreciation Supper on Wednesday, August 31, will begin at 6:00. The Music and Worship Committee graciously provides this special meal as a way of saying "thanks" from the whole congregation for the wonderful work of all our volunteer choir members. The first choir rehearsal will follow supper, starting at 7:00. The Committee encourages reservations for the supper that night. Call the office or RSVP on the Ritual of Friendship pads. If you have questions, please contact me. Susan May, Chancel Choir Director (259-7874)



Special Offerings Received \$382.00 Pentecost Offering & \$1,052.37 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

SCHOOL BELLS RING, ARE YOU LISTENING?

In just a few short weeks, children will be returning to school. First Presbyterian Church is once again joining forces with the Mishawaka Alliance of Care in the Fill A Backpack project. Several churches in the area are working with specific schools. The FPC connection with Battell School is ongoing with some members working as tutors throughout the school year.

You will find a box in the CE Lobby, along with a list of items needed. The list was provided by teachers working with grades K-6. The teachers know best what kinds of tools are needed.

It is imperative that children learn basic skills if they will be successful. By providing the school supplies there is an additional benefit for families who struggle to pay for these items, thereby stretching the dollars to cover other needs. Many thanks for your participation from your Mission Committee.

A CHANGE FOR PRESBYTERIANS TODAY?



How many of us would consider ourselves "reluctant converts"?

The lead article in the July/August issue of PRESBYTERIANS TODAY asks that question. Eva Stimson, editor of the publication admits she is what she terms, "a low-tech" person. No doubt there are a few of those among the FPC family. Could it be we are being given a "heads up" as to the future of this publication. This issue covers it all; Doing Mission in a Digital Age, Virtual-world Congregation, Seminary Online, The Expanding Classroom, Shut-ins Not Shut-out.

Still available in the CE Lobby and Memorial Lounge are copies of WHAT PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE, particularly the article Reclaiming the Trinity asking the question "what do we REALLY believe? Is THE TRIUNE GOD (our Lord, Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit) being two-thirds of our faith an expression of what we believe?"

Some updates on children of First Presbyterian church who have moved east...Gavin Dowell is almost 8, and is finishing 2nd Grade. He plays a lot of sports but baseball is his first love. Claire Dowell turned 10 in June!?!? She is finishing 4th Grade and will head to Middle School next year. She is very active in music and drama and is the President of the Elementary Student Union. And Shalom is a senior this year. He has been enjoying his senior year and is planning to go to college in the fall. He has also had a part time job at Foot Locker and was recently the Employee of the Month!

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 ★ but rather openings in Heaven ★
 ★ where the love of our lost ones ★
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Goodwill-A Good Deal More Than You May Know.

Goodwill Industries of Michiana was established in South Bend in 1936 to serve disadvantaged people seeking employment, self-sufficiency and dignity. When people think of Goodwill, they automatically think of retail stores and drop off donation centers. There is, however, so much more to know about Goodwill.



Over one hundred years ago, Edgar J. Helms founded Goodwill in Boston, Massachusetts, to help the flood of immigrants to America become assimilated into our society. With the passage of time, Goodwill focus turned to those unemployed who were overlooked as workers due to physical or mental disabilities. Today, there are also a multitude of social-economic concerns, which have challenged Goodwill as much as any physical or mental barrier to employment. Poverty, single parenthood, lack of education, functional illiteracy, no work experience, drugs, ex-offenders; all have far reaching consequences for those seeking a position in the work force.

Goodwill provides job training and services to thousands of people each year. There are also close to 600 employees currently doing the business of Goodwill on a daily basis and receiving a weekly paycheck.

The strength of Goodwill lies in its approach to assist every individual to develop and maximize his/her potential and worth. "We believe in the power of work" is a statement of faith in the right of every citizen to seek, obtain and hold gainful employment. Goodwill has over a century of experience in understanding the human condition. Work can be the agent of change in life, bringing opportunities for personal growth, material security and a vehicle to carry our dreams. Goodwill empowers people to find their road ahead and clear it of obstacles. Every community relies on a strong workforce for stability and economic security. Living by its mandate, Goodwill has upheld and promoted the American work ethic for the good of individuals and the communities they call home. Building better lives is not just a slogan - it's what Goodwill does every day.

The PRAYER PAGE

"Plain English, please!"

~ prepared by Susan May ~

My friend Judy Sulak and I talked a while back about how it feels when your child or grandchild is diagnosed with cancer. POW! You suddenly feel the wind has been knocked out of you ... out of your faith. You are flat on your back and unable to draw breath! Judy told me, 'I just said, "God, I'm pretty sure you speak English. We've got to talk!"'

Generally speaking, the traditional prayers we are taught and often those used in worship aren't written in "plain, everyday English," are they? Even after getting rid of the antiquated Old English full of "art, thy, thine, didst, wast," and so on, there is still a lot of **Prayer-ese** out there. For some of us a better nickname might be **Prayer-DIS-ease**. Do the words "beseech," "deliver," and "humbly seek," pop in and out of your daily thoughts and conversations? Is poetry your natural way of expressing yourself? Very many of us would say, "NO!" Are your prayers hampered by this kind of language? "YES?!" Use plain English to pray. Reverence in prayer flows from your heart, not your choice of words. Giving glory to God is done through your whole person. Sincerity (not multi-syllabic words) is the ticket. Just say it like it is, Friends.

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God! We need to TALK!

I don't have what it takes to be fancy or "inspired" when I pray, but that doesn't mean I don't MEAN what I'm saying. Well, you know that already. So, here goes, in plain English:

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CONTACT: Rev. Terry McBride, Executive Director of Michiana Youth Ministries 273-5990

Michiana Youth Ministries will hold a Moonlight Madness night time golf tournament fundraiser on August 20, 2011 at Knollwood Country Club. The Moonlight Madness golf tournament will be a nine hole scramble and will be played with special illuminated golf balls. Registration begins at 8:30 pm followed by a shotgun start at 9:15 pm. Contests include a Million Dollar Shot Raffle, a Par 3 Hole-In-One (new car), a Par 3 Hole-In-One (Caribbean cruise) as well as Straightest Drive, Seven on Seven and Closest to the Pin. The cost is \$70.00 per person, which includes golf and cart, illuminated golf balls, various prizes and a golfer's gift bag. Included in the price is a full breakfast to be served following the 9th hole. Individuals, twosomes and foursomes are welcome. A guest pass for viewing only and breakfast is \$30.00.

All proceeds from the event benefit Michiana Youth Ministries an ecumenical Christian ministry for youth and young adults. For more information contact: Rev. Terry McBride 274-5990 or register online at www.michanayouth.org/moonlightmadness. Space in this event is limited and based on date payment is received.