



First Presbyterian News

June & July 2011

Ambassadors for Christ

“From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making an appeal through us . . .”

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Summer is approaching – those long, lazy humid days in the sun – gardening in the yard, barbecues with friends and family, trips to Lake Michigan, baseball games, outdoor concerts – all the activities which we enjoy. The warm weather is a wonderful opportunity to share our enthusiasm for our faith with those with whom we rub elbows, if even just for a few hours. This Scripture passage is a reminder to us that as **ambassadors for Christ** there is no vacation from our faith for Christian believers. God hopes that we will seize the moment for a genuine conversation, or a period of attentive listening to the deep hopes and concerns of others as we go about our recreation activities.

God has given us **the ministry of reconciliation** – of reconciling others to God through faith in Jesus Christ – of reconciling ourselves with others with whom we may disagree within our own faith community. Change, even planned-for change, can be a stressful experience for the faithful. We must be watchful that our great hopes for the future do not descend into a spirit of contention.

The ministry of reconciliation is indeed a blessing from God, for without it, the faith would slowly shrivel up and die under the pressures of daily living. Remember that we reconcile through our hearts, as we listen to and speak with others in Christ’s name and for Christ’s sake. As ambassadors for Christ, let us put our best foot forward out in the community, lifting up all that is wonderful in our congregation so that others will be excited to join us in our ministries for Christ.

Let us all take some time to remember to pray for our missional journey process over the summer. It is our great hope for the future ministry of our congregation, and for our denomination.

May the peace and joy of faith in God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you . . .
Pastor Mary Ann Banning

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

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

Pastor Banning will be on vacation in July and the pulpit will be filled by guests.

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

*Lectionary for Sundays
and Festivals Scripture Reference
June 2011*

June 2 (Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:1-9 or Psalm 93:1-5
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

June 5 (7th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

June 12 (Day of Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

June 19 (Trinity Sunday)

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8:1-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 26 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13:1-6
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Pentecost Sunday – June 19th

No wearin' o the green; instead it's wearin' o the RED! Please come spend the morning at First Presbyterian Church and celebrate with us. This special day in June is considered to be the Church's birthday and a time of renewal for Christian believers. The Worship & Music Committee will also host Fellowship with cake. Help us to wish Christianity HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

The Scrapbook Club: Scrapbook Club will be meeting on Friday, June 24th from 6 pm to 11 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$5 and includes set-up, clean-up, and drinks. Please bring a snack to share. Remember that anyone is welcome working on any type of project. I hope you will be able to join us for a evening of fun and fellowship.
Brittany

**The Presbyterian Church family has been such a blessing to me for so many years. Thank you for the birthday greetings and the "Happy Birthday" rendition during Sunday worship. Turning 102 does indeed remind me that God is good all the time.
Marion Dare**

New Email address!

We will be happy to have our many friends get in touch with us.

June 19 is Men of the Church please mark your calendars for a special Father's Day Celebration.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
JUNE 5	Ethan DeMaegd Bob Sloan	Dick Badry Roger Deloof
JUNE 12	Carole Polk Bill Bellairs	Neil Seufert Communion
JUNE 19	Michael Green Jack Bruner	Jeff Wiseman Mikey Green
JUNE 26	Dan Bruner Dave Tschida	Justin Tschida Shelby Frick

*Lectionary for Sundays
and Festivals Scripture Reference
July 2011*

July 3 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon
2:8-13
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128:1-6
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5

July Birthdays
Kristin Tschida 13th
Julie Rice 17th
Andy Wiseman 17th
Chris Krafft 23rd
Alex Fozkos 25th

Our church organist, **Laura Rau** will be leaving us soon. Her last day will be July 31. It has been a pleasure to have her these past months. Her future looks busy as she begins her Doctorate of Music in church music in August at the University of Kansas. We wish her well.

July Calendar

No Board Meetings
July 4 office & building closed
July 10 Communion

Angela and Greg Bellinger's daughter Giavonna Anna Maria Viper Bellinger was baptized on May 8th. Gia's many names represent several family members, but her first name has been taken to remember her paternal grandfather, Giavonna is the female version of John in Italian. It means *God is Gracious*. Dick and Mary Ann Dentino are some happy and proud grandparents.

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

Send information to
fpcnewseditor@fpcmishawaka.org or to
Kathy@fpcmishawaka.org or mail to the church.

Golfers Wanted! Are you a golfer? If you are interested in a church golf outing this summer, please sign up on the Clipboard Corner or contact Lynett or John Heritz. There is no firm commitment. We just want to know if there is enough interest to organize such an event.

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July 31	Ethan DeMaegd Bob Sloan	Dick Badry Chris Krafft

FPC CHILDREN'S CHOIR to "SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD!"

Over the decades, FPC's children's music program has included a choir chimes choir, a singing choir, the production of children's musicals, participation in adult music and drama presentations, and occasional leadership in musical elements during worship services. VBS, church school, T.O.A.D., Westminster Choir.... Those who have been a part of our congregational life through the years will recall many facets of our rich heritage of children's music! A new chapter is in the making. Session has approved establishing a children's choir at FPC, both as an outreach to new families with children and as a wonderful opportunity for our current children and youth to deepen their music - faith - social connections. Chancel Choir Director Susan May will offer her expertise and leadership conjointly with our new organist for fall, Priscilla Anne Weaver, a student in the Notre Dame Master of Sacred Music program. The schedule, content; age ranges, and goals will be shaped by the involvement that is generated. Please call the church office to let us know if your children or youth would be interested in participating. (574) 259-7874 You'll be hearing more as we go along!

The Worship and Music Committee
Nora Wiseman, Elder Susan May, FPC Music Staff

The PRAYER PAGE**"Seeing Red"**

~ prepared by Susan May ~

If I "see red," I'm angry. If my "face is red," I'm embarrassed. If I'm "caught red-handed?" Guilty! Red carpet. Red flag. Red light. Red cent. Red letter day. Red phone. Red state. Little red car. A dozen red roses. Red tape. Communism, Indiana University, bull fighting, romance and passion, blood and guts, fire trucks, police, danger, strawberries.... and here's a surprise: Did you know that in China the color red is associated with soothing and calm? In the western world, it's just the opposite. It's hard to explain what red "means" to us, isn't it? It's complicated, individual, unpredictable and filled with emotion.

Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost, and On June 12, we will see our pews full of worshippers wearing red. When we see THAT red, what will it mean? On the surface, it's a symbolic reference to the way the Holy Spirit is recorded as appearing on the first Day of Pentecost – as little tongues of fire resting on each person. Below the surface, I sense deeper meaning for us as individual Christians, here and now.

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God of All, Creator of the Universe,


In your own way and time, you have given us every good thing and have promised more than we can even imagine. Thank you for the gift of faith! In every season of our lives, both as persons and as a congregation, we need your Holy Spirit to engage with us. We remember Jesus' promise it would be ours. We ask for it now. We welcome your presence and peace. We expect surprising insights and urgings.

Holy Spirit, Please. Please burn away our fear and complacency. Turn self-centeredness to ash and blow it away, far away. Then, brighten our spirits. Ignite our imaginations. Warm our hearts so much that we must "throw off the covers." Come into our minds, illuminating them with new vision and understanding. Mark and empower each and all of us as your special servants. As we receive you into our lives, Holy and Amazing Spirit, form us and transform us. Challenge, cheer us on. Never leave us. Light the way.

And all God's people say, "So be it."

May Pentecost this season, and every season, glow with a deep, rich, vibrant red.

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



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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

Pentecost Offering



For children at risk, Youth, and Young adults



“So I Send You” (John 20:21)

At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit’s coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible.

Through Pentecost Offering gifts, we bring God’s transforming love to children at risk. We help guide and nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program.

Forty percent of the Offering stays in our congregation to support children-at-risk ministries of our choice. This year our local share will be given to our Family and Children’s Center to continue their amazing work.

This year’s theme, “So I Send You” (John 20:21), reminds us that as Jesus was sent by God to heal a hurting world, we, too, are called to that same task. We are called to act on the basis of faith.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering on June 12 and through the month of June.

Mission Committee

News of Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian

June 1st **Calendar Planning Meeting (PWCT)**
5:30 p.m. @ Laura’s house

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BASEMENT SALE

Presbyterian Women spent the week of April 11th getting ready for our Annual Basement Sale. The sale days were Thursday, April 14-Saturday, April 16. We once again would like to *Thank* all who helped by donating items for the sale, helping with setting up and sorting items, working sale days, feeding the men and women who worked, cleaning up and delivering items to local agencies. **AND SHOPPING!!!**

Some of the agencies that we helped this year were: St. Margaret’s House, The Habitat Re-Store, books to the Library, and items for Hope Mission and Goodwill Industries. All the proceeds from the sale help Presbyterian Women fund our Mission projects. We made \$1434.95 this year...and our work continues.

Megan McClure is home from her first year at IU Optometry School. She is planning a summer of green fields and relaxing.

Katie Rice is in Lake Charles, La. She is doing her graduate program and earning her Masters in Nutrition and Fitness at McNeese State University. She will graduate in December 2011.

Lauren McClure is spending her summer working in Indianapolis and taking Graduate courses at IUPUI.

Chris Rice is still in Arizona doing the school thing, working full time and playing some softball. He recently went to a Cubs/Diamondback game and the Cubbies won!

Kristen Tschida is staying in West Lafayette this summer working at a vet clinic and doing research for a grad student. She will be a senior in the fall.

Chris Sulak left Fort Lewis on May 5th and arrived at his destination very early Monday, May 16th. He will be deployed for one year out of the country. Thank you from Chris' family for all your thoughts and prayers.

His mailing address is: PFC Sulak, Christopher 120 Gernhart Ave, Mishawaka, IN 46544 (will be forwarded to him).

Damon Frick is working full-time at Jimmy John's (Ironwood & 23) and loving it, especially since they like rock stars. His band "From The Rooftop" is doing well and has a new single out on iTunes. They just received a drum endorsement from a major drum company.

Brian McClure just finished his 2nd year at Butler. He will spend this summer working at several hospitals in Indianapolis scribing (following and writing down) for different doctors as they work.

Andy Wiseman Andy finished his freshman year at Purdue. He will be working at Towne Air Freight this summer as well as taking a class at IUSB.

Justin Tschida will be working at Putt-Putt this summer and golfing at any course he can, in his spare time. He will be a senior at Riley this fall.

Shelby Frick is going to start conditioning for Penn Cross Country in June and will also be playing lots of tennis. She'll be spending time at the Blair Hills pool with Shayna and is taking a missions trip to Guatemala in July with her BFF Rachel (who comes to church with us). The entire family will spending the first week of July at a cottage on Lake Michigan and we can't wait!

Jeff Wiseman Jeff is finishing up his freshman year at Penn H.S. He will be wrestling at the Disney Sports Complex in Florida in June. In July, Jeff will be backpacking in Canada.

Roger Krafft who is 15, and officially taller than his dad now, will spend the summer learning the tuba at Summer Band at the high school. He already plays the trombone.

Alex Fozkos is 14 years old and a freshman this fall at Mishawaka High School this. Alex is into basketball and playing with the family dog.

Shayna Frick will also be spending time at the pool (see above!) and continuing her horseback lessons with Reins of Life. She'll also be completing the volunteer classes at Reins so that she can volunteer this summer. Shayna plans to try out for the Grissom volleyball team in the fall, with practice this summer.

Michael Green Michael will be attending the Penn all day basketball camp, working on his basketball skills at home in preparation for 7th grade basketball at Grissom in the fall. He will continue reading books this summer, helping his father mow Mrs. Goegebeurs's lawn and in July camping with the family and grandparents at Hoffman Lake.

Chris Krafft will be attending Boy Scout Camp and Geneva Center this summer. AND turning into a teenager, thirteen, this summer.

Jacob Prince will enter 7th grade in the fall. He continues to excel at math and science, but also enjoys reading mystery novels and anything by Rick Riordan. Jacob was on his middle school wrestling team last winter and is playing Little League baseball. His favorite activity is harassing his brother Nicolas.

Breanna Howard is 11 and will be entering the 6th in the fall. Cheerleading and music will fill her time.

Roger Deloof 4H and football camp, getting ready for 6th grade and watching Wipeout are in the plans.

Victoria Green Victoria is finishing up being on the Indiana Invaders soccer team, she will work on her skills over summer but give herself a little break. She will be helping her mom oversee their garden, read a

Brandon Fozkos who is now 9 and in the 4th grade at Liberty School is a sport type of guy. Working out on the Total Gym and playing basketball are after school activities.

Ethan (Wukovits) Palay just turned eight and is very active in Cub Scouts. He is an avid reader, and his favorite series is Harry Potter.

Logan Cook is on a coach-pitch baseball team this year. He'll attend a soccer camp this summer as well. Logan is very excited about a vacation to the Mall of America because he got birthday spending money that he wants to save for the LEGO store and he loves spending the night in hotels with pools

Emily Krafft is 7 1/2 years old and moving on to 2nd grade. She will be doing some camping this summer, both at Geneva Center and the Y's day camp.

Carrie Fozkos PINK, slumber parties and all things girl fill Carrie's days. Next year will bring 2nd grade.

Austin Howard now a 7 year old, will spend time playing football and baseball in the coming months.

Victoria (Wukovits) Musselman 7 this year and competes in Dance Competitions, local and national. She sings in church children's choir and is playing piano. Look out second grade, here comes Vic!

Nicolas Prince just graduated from Kindergarten. He is now reading some of his favorite Scooby Doo books to Mom and Dad. He loves to draw and paint, and has recently gotten hooked on computer games. To stay active, Nicolas does gymnastics and plays soccer. He is very excited about moving to Louisville KY to be near his Grandparents and cousins.

Dustin Fozkos is waving goodbye to Kindergarten and looking to playing basketball with his older brothers this summer. Being six and riding his bike is a true day's work.

Angel Rose Primmer will be 6 in August and will start all day Kindergarten in the fall.

Charlie (Wukovits) Palay is almost 6 and enjoys creating things with his Legos. He spends time in the garden and cooks what he grows.

Sophia (Wukovits) Musselman 5 and starting Kindergarten in the fall. She taps, ballets and jazzes her way thru her day. She also sings in the children's choir at her church in Yorktown, Indiana.

Ariane (Heritz) Downs an adorable 4 1/2 year old is learning to be independent on two big wheels and two small ones this summer. When not mastering her bike skills she gardens with mom.

Maicey Hardy will turn 4 in June. She still enjoys soccer and has earned an orange belt in Tae Kwon Do. Makes you wonder what the next 4 years will bring.

Vinny Primmer Still loves Thomas the train, and playing on the family Wii. He makes being 4 look easy.

Luke Davis is going to spend lots of time at the pool and the park, and also see as many trains, monster trucks, cement mixers and "big diggers" as he can! He also plans to go to the zoo a few times and spend lots of time playing outside. Luke's current favorite activity is watching all of the construction along Dragoon Trail and Elm Road.

Julie Rice will turn 4 this July. She will be attending pre-school this fall. Her best friend is her sister Mia. Coloring, stickers and a very creative imagination help fill her day.

Sam (Wukovits) Palay who is 3, is a one man "wrecking crew!" Sam is interested in his trains and trucks, He likes playing outside and usually has to be coaxed inside. Sam keeps Mom and Dad on their toes!

Amelia Rice Mia is an active 2 1/2 year old, who enjoys puzzles, finger foods, doing things herself and her big sister. She greets each day, very early and with a big smile.

Rachel (Heritz) Downs is an active 2 1/2 year old, who enjoys following her sister around. Dora is a favorite, on T.V. or the clothes she wears.

Cooper Hardy Trucks, Dirt, sticks, and all those kind of things all help to fill this 2 1/2 years old's days.

Charlotte Phillips will turn 2 in December. She enjoys music, food, and her stuffed pet dog Violet.

Giavonna Anna Maria Viper (Dentino) Bellinger is a happy two-toothed baby. Gia, as she is called by family, loves to play peek-a-boo, and sing itsy bitsy spider. Her favorite foods are squash and prunes!!

Thomas Hazen Rice is a typical 3 month old, eating, sleeping and cheering on Purdue. Boiler Up!

Our children young and old fill our hearts with over whelming joy. What a pleasure it is to have them share some of their moments with all of us who care.

August Highlights

Play Ball! Nothing is more American than going to a ball game, cheering for the home team, eating a few hotdogs, and enjoying fireworks afterwards. Once again, Greg Phillips is organizing an evening at the Cove. The game is Friday, August 19, 7pm. Box seats on 3rd base side, so no sun in your eyes. We need to have **a minimum of 20** attending to get the discounts. Tickets are \$7 each (if we do not get 20, they are \$8 each.) Included in the package will be discount coupons on food/drink and souvenirs. **I need money in hand no later than August 1.** You can give me \$\$ either at church or mail it to me. (749 Conner Dr. Mish. 46544) If you have any questions contact me at gndphillips4800@sbcglobal.com or 255-6407.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

AUGUST 21, 2011

WORSHIP & PICNIC IN THE PARK
 Rose Park/North Pavilion
 1400 S. West Street
 Mishawaka, IN

Watch the bulletins & newsletter for more information!!

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.

CONGRATS TO DR. DEBORAH PRINCE!

Debbie has been offered a position as Assistant Professor at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky, starting August 15th. She and her family will be moving in July. While we are happy for Debbie to be starting a long anticipated position and to be nearer family, we will miss her.

Disciples TreeHouse is taking the summer off and will resume September 11th. Have a happy and safe summer, looking forward to see all in the fall.

Book Club will be taking the summer off. Please keep your eyes and ears open for new reading when we meet again in the fall. Thanks and have a great summer. Beth

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School

School is out for the summer, but there is always next year.

If you would like information on joining our preschool family please contact the church office at 574-259-7874. Have a great summer.

The PWNS board would like to thank all who contributed and ate, worked or planned with the dinner in May. We had a successful night, raising nearly four hundred dollars for the preschool..

YOUR LINK TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA

PRESBYTERIANS TODAY, published ten times during the year, is a valuable tool enabling all of us to stay current with the initiative reaffirmed by The Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2010, "Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide..The intent is to foster Evangelism, Diversity, Discipleship and Servanthood.

Each month you will find articles relating to all of these initiatives plus editorials, features, letters to the editors and stories from the churches from throughout the world.

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