

PACT-FW Newsletter

Presbyterians of Allen County Together

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375 Worship & Fellowship Together at Shoaff Park

God blessed us with a wonderful day to gather for worship and fellowship at Conklin Pavilion at Shoaff Park. Approximately 375 people from First, Grace, Calvary Third, Trinity, Amistad Christiana, United Faith, and the Korean Language congregation joined in a day of worship, fellowship, song and laughter.



guages, came together and discussed and demonstrated Christian unity.

Following the nearly two hour worship event, the gathered group enjoyed a picnic lunch.

The worship service featured a combined choir under the direction of Jim Mergenthal as they sang *Many Gifts, One Spirit* by Alan Pote. Hal Thomas, pastor of United Faith Presbyterian Church, shared a brief history of Presbyterianism in Fort Wayne. The history helped demonstrate that we are all really interconnected with one another.

The New Genesis band from Amistad Christiana pumped some electronic excitement into the crowd as they led us in a

praise and worship song set. Members of the Korean Language Service choir thrilled the gathered congregation with a lively song.

For the sermon time, the congregation was divided into groups and discussed questions based on a passage from Galatians on the theme of Christian unity. Members of seven different worshipping congregations, speaking three different lan-

Much joy was shared over fried chicken, watermelon, and ice cream. The food was delicious and the day was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The refrain that was heard most often was, "Let's do it again!" PACT-FW, at it's most recent meeting, began a committee to explore doing it again with a community Easter service on April 24, 2011. Other events will also be happening together throughout the year.

Special points of interest:

- Combined Officer Training October 22 & 23
- Discovering the Bible begins on Thursday, September 9

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Next Meeting

Thursday, August 19

6:30 p.m.

Grace Presbyterian

Learning About Being a Presbyterian Officer

All Presbyterians, especially ordained officers, are urged to attend the combined officer training event on Friday evening, October 22 and Saturday morning, October 23. The event will be held in McKay Hall at First Presbyterian Church.

Friday Evening, October 22

6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. *Presbyterian History: A Continuing Journey*
We will explore our history as Presbyterians and some of the fundamental ideas which make us unique.
9:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

Saturday Morning, October 23

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. *The Roles of Elders, Deacons and Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Working Together for the Common Good*
This unit will offer basic insight into the roles of the three ordained offices in the Presbyterian Church, their unique roles and their cooperative and complimentary ministries.
10:00 a.m. *I'm On a Committee, Now What Do I Do?*
Here you will receive practical instruction about how to lead a committee and be an active committee member. We will discuss putting together agendas, the im-

portance of minutes, advocating your position in a meeting, submitting to one another in Christian love, and coming to a unified vision.

11:00 a.m. *Membership and Service*
Here we will take a look at what it means to be a member of a Presbyterian Church and the role officers have in being spiritual leaders, maintaining discipline, leading toward spiritual maturity and calling all church members into the worship and service of God.

12:00 p.m. Closing Worship
Please begin promoting this event and encouraging all officers in your congregation to attend.

Other Events for Everyone to Attend

Bi-Lingual VBS

All are invited to join in a bi-lingual (Spanish/English) Vacation Bible School experience evenings during the week of August 2-6. Amistad Christiana is providing the lead for this event.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Bi-Lingual VBS program. Contact the Rev. Leonel Pech (leonelpech@verizon.net) if you are interested in volunteering.

Men's Ministry

A city-wide Presbyterian Men's Ministry had twelve men indicate interest at the worship in the park event. The Fellowship sub-

committee of PACT has the list and will be making plans. Please let Hal Thomas know of other men in your congregation who may be interested in being part of such a group.

Intensive Spanish & English

July 1 to July 29, Mondays to Thursdays intensive English classes will be held for non-English speakers. A Level 1 only class will be offered from 9-11 a.m. Level 1-3 will be offered from 5-7 p.m.

An intensive Spanish class for English speakers will be held on Monday through Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. simultaneously with the above classes.

All classes feature experienced instructors are fun and very interactive.

Classes meet at Calvary Third Presbyterian Church, 4700 Capitol Ave. (corner of South Anthony and Capitol).

To register contact:

Emily Brinneman (260-602-6203)

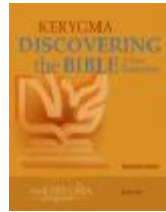
Leo Pech (260-494-6620)



"Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission to the world, for its building up, and for its service to God."

Book of Order

Discovering the Bible



Beginning in September:

Discovering the Bible

Learn more about the people, places and stories of the Bible. You are invited to discover where The Story lives in your story. Discovering the Bible is the perfect meeting place for those brand-new to Bible study, and those who have had a

long familiarity with Scripture. This study will provide adults with an engaging and rewarding encounter with Scripture that they will always remember.

PACT-FW is planning this study to begin in September, 2010 and meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Participants in the 30 sessions will discover the Bible in new and exciting ways, building a familiarity, love and understanding of the Scripture.

Each participant family will need a

study guide at a cost of \$30 (that's only \$1 per lesson!).

Join us as we discover for the first time (or rediscover in exciting new ways) God's wondrous grace in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scripture.

Discovering the Bible begins Thursday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

All churches should have a registration sign-up for this event.

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Here are the congregations and worshipping communities of Fort Wayne Presbyterians:

Calvary Third
1701 Capitol Ave.
260-456-4137
Rev. Lee Dorsey, Interim Pastor

Amistad Christiana
Worshipping at Calvary Third
Our Bi-lingual (Spanish-English congregation)
Rev. Leonel Pech, Pastor

First
300 W Wayne St.
260-426-7421
Rev. Ed Dykstra, Interim Pastor
Rev. Jeanie Barnes, Associate
Rev. Dr. John Stephen Park, Associate

Korean Language Service
Part of First Presbyterian Church

African Language Service
Meeting at First Presbyterian

Grace
1811 Fairhill
260-426-4712
Rev. Laura Sherwood, Interim Pastor

Trinity
9600 St. Joe Road
260-485-1571
Rev. Kevin Boyd, Pastor

United Faith
1616 W Main St
260-424-5610
Rev. Dr. Hal Thomas, Pastor

