

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, AUGUST 15</p> <p>8:00am Worship, Chapel</p> <p>9:00am Meet the Church Leaders, 306</p> <p>9:30am Infant & Toddler Childcare, 103</p> <p>10:00am Worship, Sanctuary KLS Worship, Chapel</p> <p>11:00am KLS Fellowship, FH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY, AUGUST 16</p> <p>6:30pm Personnel Committee, SR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY, AUGUST 17</p> <p>11:30am Staff Meeting, 302</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY, AUGUST 19</p> <p>10:00am Presby-Day, MH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, AUGUST 20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY, AUGUST 21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, AUGUST 22</p> <p>8:00am Worship, Chapel</p> <p>9:00am Meet the Church Leaders, 306</p> <p>9:30am Infant & Toddler Childcare, 103</p> <p>10:00am Worship, Sanctuary KLS Worship, Chapel</p> <p>11:00am KLS Fellowship, FH</p>
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CE - Christian Education Office
CL - Chapel Lounge
FH - Fellowship Hall
FO - Front Office

LB - Library
MF - McKay Foyer
MH - McKay Hall
MR - Music Room

PR - Parlor
SDR - Small Dining Room
SR - Session Room
TH - Theater



First Presbyterian Church

WELCOMING - ACCEPTING - CARING
 IN THE CENTER OF FORT WAYNE

8:00am & 10:00am Services *The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time* August 15, 2010

THE PRELUDE Trumpet Tune from Suite for Organ Philip E. Baker

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

THE SILENT PRAYERS

THE TOLLING OF THE HOUR

†**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.
People: In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.
 One: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us.
People: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.
 One: God present, past and future,
People: Guide us now to your new age of promise.
 One: Let us pray...

†**THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

All: Spirit of holiness and life, be within our community as we worship this morning. Search within each of us for the sighs too deep for words, and make them articulate so that we may share our hopes and fears, and bring out of our silence life-changing prayers. Amen.

†**THE HYMN** No. 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Even when we have been too busy to notice, God has been constantly loving us and encouraging us to grow in the light of God's love. We can trust God with our deepest confession. Let us pray...

† *Those who are able please stand*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for it. Forgive our lack of faith, and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth and in our church; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness. God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are God's by grace. With great joy we are made alive. Thanks be to God. Amen.

†THE GLORIA PATRI No. 579 Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen

†THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us greet each other in the peace of Christ.

(The people exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with one another.)

INVITING THE CHILDREN 10:00am

(Children are invited to come to the Chancel steps for the story while the congregation sings. Worshipers may be seated as the music begins.)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so...

JESUS LOVES ME

THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN 10:00am

(Children should return to sit with their families after the Word with the Children)

THE PSALTER READING

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

10:00am Myra Mae McFarland

All: Thanks be to God!

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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THE SERMON

The Hall of Faith

Ed Dykstra

†**THE HYMN** No. 354 Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

†**A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH** (*The Book of Confessions, pages 267-268*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community... In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & TITHES

Offertory Hymn to Joy

setting by Robert Hobby

†**THE DOXOLOGY** No. 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

†**THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become a more open people, open in heeding Your call for charity and enacted love to one another and to those around us. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

†**THE HYMN** No. 361 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

†**THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

THE POSTLUDE Allegro Giocoso

G.F. Handel

Litany is adapted from Touch Holiness, Edited by Ruth C. Duck.

The Scripture readings for today are Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19, p. 540, 541 and Hebrews 11:29-12:2 p. 226.

The Lectionary readings for today are Isaiah 5:1-7, p. 634; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19, p. 540, 541; Hebrews 11:29-12:2, p. 226; and Luke 12:49-56, p. 75.

Lectionary readings for next week are Jeremiah 1:4-10, p. 698; Psalm 71:1-6, p. 532; Hebrews 12:18-29, p. 227; and Luke 13:10-17, p. 76.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters – 10:00am Bob & Coba Burton

Ushers – Jim Platt, Head; 8:00am Deb Levy; 10:00am Jerry Winters, chair; David Beer, Dick Florea, John Ruble, Bill Wareham, Anita Wolfe

Guest Organist—Irene Ator

Liturgist - Sandy Shearer

Elders of the Month — Kip Ormerod, Peter Fettig

The following invitation comes from Laurie Satter, a young mom and member of First Pres. She can be reached at 482-3255 if you have any questions.

The MOPS (Mothers of Pre Schoolers) Ministry is kicking off in September and would like to invite any moms to join us! We meet at the Auluck Center at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Crescent Avenue on the first and third Fridays of the month from 8:45am to 11:00am.

How do you know if MOPS is right for you? If you are a mom who...is pregnant or has a child newborn thru kindergarten; desires to make new friends; wants to share the challenges and joys of motherhood; is looking for opportunities for personal growth through trusted resources; enjoys giving back to the community...then yes, MOPS is for you!

At MOPS, you'll be welcomed, accepted and inspired to reach your full potential and recognize your influence within your family and the world! We understand your unique needs, challenges and joys in this vital season of early mothering. You will be welcomed in our MOPS group just as you are!

If you would like to learn more about MOPS or would be interested in joining us, please contact Stephanie Gaier for more information at 471-9570 or scrutt1@hotmail.com. There is a nominal cost to join the group, but please join us for our first meeting, September 17th, at no cost to see if this group is right for you! Bring friends or share this information with a friend who you think might be interested!

We are also in need of a MOPS mentor for the group (A "seasoned" mother who wants to guide and advise our group.)

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to watch the children on-site while the moms meet! We would like to have four sitters for each meeting. If you can only do it a few times, that is fine! Any help is appreciated!

Again, please contact Stephanie Gaier at scrutt1@hotmail.com or at 471-9570 if you are interested in more information about these great volunteer opportunities.

NOTES ON SERMON

Dear FPC Members and Friends,

In your travels please remember those less fortunate and save your unopened shampoo, conditioner, bath soap etc. to be used for the Deacon ditty bags that are distributed to those in need. Last year we donated to the YWCA Women's Shelter, Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, Charris House and more. Your Deacons made nice cloth bags to put toiletry items in for men, women and children. We have used everything that has been donated and will be starting fresh this year. Please drop off your donations at the church office. Thank you.

DR. MICHAEL SPATH'S CLASSES IN THE FALL, Mark your calendars.

Sunday Mornings beginning in September We continue to study individuals who open up a world through their insights into the spiritual life and the relationship between religion and culture.

Wednesday Evenings beginning in September Historian Michael Wood leads viewers on a dramatic film excursion through six different ancient civilizations in the acclaimed PBS series, **Legacy: The Origins of Civilization**. Wood explains the earliest six civilizations of the world, and how they continue to play a vital role in the people, politics, society, economy, and religions of every continent.

Bowling for Wellspring: Wellspring is looking for individuals (adults and youth) who will bowl two games for our organization, gaining pledges to support our programs. Team captains recruit four others who each have a goal of raising \$100.00. The event will be held at Westwood Lanes, 2400 W. Jefferson and participants have a choice of one of three times: Friday, September 10, 9:30pm; Sunday, September 12, 12:00pm or Sunday, September 12, 2:30pm. Bowling and refreshments are free and T-shirts and prizes will be awarded. There are registration forms available in the "sign-up" book in the church office. Questions? Contact Frank Zirille at 422-6618 or fzirille@wellspringinterfaith.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN GALLERY Don't miss **FAME ART** and **ANIMIE**, showing until August 26. FAME ART features the best works of area elementary students selected by judges from thousands of entries from schools in Allen and surrounding counties. ANIMIE is a popular style of art and animation developed by the Japanese. The characters are drawn in a relatively realistic style and usually characterized by huge eyes. Cartoons on display have been chosen from those created at a children's workshop sponsored by the Cherry Blossom Festival.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 15, 2010

To Our Guests: We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Please complete the "Visitors Card" in the red sign-in pad and join us for fellowship in the Narthex after the service. If this is your first visit with us, we have a special gift for you at the Welcome Table.

Welcome: First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne welcomes you to its worship and to its work. Founded in 1831, the oldest continuously worshipping congregation in the city, both our theology and the practice of our faith have always been progressive. Our traditions help us live joyfully in the present and toward the future.

We have been blessed by our forebears with a beautiful building, but we know that it is the spirit of the church family within that building that makes us part of Jesus Christ's Church. We are a family of faith, a community seeking God's will. Our ministry and mission are diverse, providing avenues of service for all kinds of people, regardless of race, sex, age, or worldly condition. The whole city is our parish. Our mission is worldwide.

We invite you to help us be a better church, and we would like to be for you a "family of faith", a "home" in Fort Wayne. If you are curious about our ministry and mission, or if you are feeling a nudge by God's Spirit to explore the possibility of finding a church home with us, please let us know. Speak with a pastor or member this morning or contact Rev. Ed Dykstra, 426-7421.

THIS MORNING

This morning coffee, juice and rolls are served in the Small Dining Room beginning at 8:30am.

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Martha Baumgartner by the family.

Children's Activity Packets, available each Sunday for ages 3-6 and 7-12, may be picked up as you enter the Sanctuary.

Childcare is Available in the Nursery beginning at 9:30am each Sunday during the Summer.

No Young Children & Worship in July or August. Children will return to sit with their families after the *Word with The Children* or they may be taken to the Nursery.

Printed Copies of Today's Sermon are available in the church office before the service. These are primarily intended for the hearing impaired to allow them to follow along during the sermon. Printed copies of sermons from previous weeks are also available in the office and at www.firstpres-fw.org under "Media & Resources".

Meet the Church Leaders: This morning at 9:00am, in room 306, you have an opportunity to meet with Jean Linville, Chair of the Personnel Committee. Come with your questions.

Nametag Reminder: Please remember to pick up and drop off your nametags! Thanks!

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Please sign the Attendance Sheet in the Red Folder found at the end of each pew. Not only does this give you an opportunity to learn your neighbors' names, it is a huge help in assuring that we have an accurate attendance count each Sunday. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

SMOCK invites all seniors (anyone over 50) to attend the lunch and program this Thursday, August 19, here at the church. This month's program is titled "Dementia and the Church in 2010" and will be presented by Rev. Sue Babovec. Lunch is at 12:00pm and a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. The program begins at 1:00pm. Please call 426-7421 x55 to make your reservation.

Special Worship Services on August 22 Rev. John Tolley will lead both the 8:00am and 10:00am Worship Services on August 22. Excerpts from the upcoming play, *The Laramie Project*, will be featured as part of the worship experience. There will be an opportunity for discussion following the 10:00am service.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

John Tolley opens the 2010-2011 season, by directing *The Laramie Project*. **For Tickets** call 422-6329 during our new box office hours, Wed/Thurs/Fri from noon to 5:00pm, or get tickets at our website, www.firstpresbyteriantheater.com.

Bring your Green Thumb to Church The grounds around the church are in desperate need of care. Volunteers who would be willing to do some weeding, etc. are in great demand. Can you help? Please sign up in the church office. Thank you, and a special thank you to those of you who were already busy on this project last week.

First Presbyterian Theater 2010-2011 Season Memberships are on sale now. Brochures are in the rack by the church office.

If You Like to Eat Cookies, stop by the First Pres booth at the Johnny Appleseed Festival on Sept. 18 and 19th. We will be selling delicious cookies to the community, and having lots of fun doing it! Presbyterian Women (and men) do the baking, and First Pres Daycare provides the wonderful hospitality and salesmanship at the booth! If you like to help bake, call Mona Rebman, 637-6071. If you would like to volunteer at the booth and sell cookies, call Amy Szwabowicz at 426-7421.

Sundays during the Summer you will have the opportunity to meet the leaders of the church from 9:00am until 9:45am in room 306. Light refreshments will be served. The schedule for the final two weeks of this series is as follows: August 22, Religious Arts, Mary Jo Meyer; August 29, Mission Appropriations / Adult Education, Peter Fetting and Sondra Mergenthal. Please take advantage of these opportunities to get your questions answered.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! If you can give as little as six Sundays of your time during the coming school year to help with Sunday School, please sign up in the church office or contact Luci Foltz by e-mail, lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org or phone 426-7421 x25. We have an easy to follow curriculum and training is available. At this time we especially need help during the 11:00am hour and are working on a very flexible schedule for volunteers. Thank you.

Youth Unite . . . It's Your Night! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 6:30pm, at FPC. Meet and greet your fellow friends and families. Invite your classmates and neighbors. Join us for food and fun while we discuss our theme this year ("We are . . ."). We are looking forward to a new year of joy in fellowship as we grow together as one in Christ. Sign up in the church office or call 426-7421. If you want to help, please contact Christa Cook, 449-4628, christa.cook@co.allen.in.us.

COVENANT SUNDAY

September 12 is Covenant Sunday, the beginning of our "winter" schedule. Services will be at 8:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am. Sunday School teachers and Day Care teachers and staff will be commissioned at the 11:00am service.

Newsletter Deadlines: Please send all submissions for the September issue of *First News* to the church office, or directly to Luci Foltz at lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org on or before September 8. The August newsletter was mailed on August 13.