

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 22</b></p> <p>8:00am Worship, Chapel</p> <p>9:00am Meet the Church Leaders, 306</p> <p>9:30am Infant &amp; 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;"><b>MONDAY, AUGUST 23</b></p> <p>1:30pm Air Handler Project Meeting, 302</p> <p>5:00pm Communication Meeting, SR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 24</b></p> <p>11:30am Staff Meeting, 302</p> <p>5:30pm Special Session Meeting, 302</p> <p>7:30pm KLS Steering Committee, 306</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25</b></p> <p>6:30pm Youth Unite, MH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 26</b></p> <p>7:30pm <i>The Laramie Project</i> Preview, TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 27</b></p> <p>8:00pm <i>The Laramie Project</i> Performance, TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 28</b></p> <p>8:00pm <i>The Laramie Project</i> Performance, TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 29</b></p> <p>8:00am Worship, Chapel</p> <p>9:00am Meet the Church Leaders, 306</p> <p>9:30am Infant &amp; Toddler Childcare, 103</p> <p>10:00am Worship, Sanctuary KLS Worship, Chapel</p> <p>11:00am KLS Fellowship, FH</p>
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# First Presbyterian Church

WELCOMING - ACCEPTING - CARING  
IN THE CENTER OF FORT WAYNE

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8:00am & 10:00am Services      *The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*      August 22, 2010

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**THE PRELUDE** Voluntary in D William Walond

*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** Psalm 96:1-6

One: Come let us gather in the awareness of God's love.  
**People: God's love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.**  
 One: We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.  
**People: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.**  
 One: Let us praise this God of endless grace, and offer our heart's true worship.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**  
 One: Let us pray...

†**THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

**All: Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. Amen.**

†**THE HYMN** No. 412 Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds FOREST GREEN

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: As we gather to worship God and to nurture one another, we seek to be aware of the connection between our faith commitment and our daily lives. Let us consider what is required to open ourselves to the innovative visions of God's new earth. Let us pray...

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| <b>CE</b> - Christian Education Office | <b>LB</b> - Library     | <b>PR</b> - Parlor             |
| <b>CL</b> - Chapel Lounge              | <b>MF</b> - McKay Foyer | <b>SDR</b> - Small Dining Room |
| <b>FH</b> - Fellowship Hall            | <b>MH</b> - McKay Hall  | <b>SR</b> - Session Room       |
| <b>FO</b> - Front Office               | <b>MR</b> - Music Room  | <b>TH</b> - Theater            |

† *Those who are able please stand*

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: O Life, that surges through all living things, and is their Source, we confess that we have often closed ourselves off and prevented the river flow of life through us. We have lost touch with the unique worth of the life each of us has to live. Our eyes fail to perceive beauty in people and in the world. Open our eyes that we may walk in newness of life. Amen.**

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: I have become absolutely convinced that neither death nor life, neither power from on high nor power from below, nor anything else in God’s whole world has any power to separate us from the love of 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 FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

10:00am Luci Foltz

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 12:54-56

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON**

*To Forgive is Divine*

John Tolley  
Luci Foltz  
Abi Hobbs  
Michael Young (10:00am)

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†**THE HYMN** No. 347 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

†**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** Forest Green

setting by Paul Manz

†**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. 223 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTT GART

†**THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**THE POSTLUDE** Toccata in G

William Walond

*Litany is adapted from **Bread for the Journey** edited by Ruth C. Duck.*

**The Scripture readings for today** are Luke 14:1, 7-14, p. 77 and Luke 12:54-56, p. 75.

**The Lectionary readings for today** 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.

**Lectionary readings for next week** are Jeremiah 2:4-13, p. 699; Psalm 81:1, 10-16, p. 541, 542; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, p. 227-228; and Luke 14:1, 7-14, p. 77.

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

**Greeters** – 8:00am Dorothy Shifley;  
10:00am Tom & Anne Barnett, John & Marge Ralph

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

**Acolyte**—Morgan Maurer

**Elders of the Month** — Kip Ormerod, Peter Fettig

**NOTES ON SERMON**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:scrutt1@hotmail.com) or at 471-9570 if you are interested in more information about these great volunteer opportunities.*

**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 19. 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.

**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 / Young Children and Worship please sign up in the church office or contact Luci Foltz, 426-7421 x25 or by e-mail at [lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org](mailto:lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org). 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.

**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](mailto:lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org) on or before September 8.

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

**Sunday Mornings at 9:45am, beginning September 12,** 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, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, beginning September 15,** 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](mailto:fzirille@wellspringinterfaith.org).

## **WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** **AUGUST 22, 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**

**Special Worship Services Today:** Rev. John Tolley will lead both the 8:00am and 10:00am Worship Services this morning. 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.

**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 Deborah McMeen by her husband Scott McMeen and 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](http://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 Mary Jo Meyer, Chair of the Religious Arts Committee. Come with your questions.

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

**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

**Youth Unite . . . It's Your Night!** This Wednesday, August 25, at 6:30pm, here 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](mailto:christa.cook@co.allen.in.us).

**SMOCK SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES** is inviting all seniors (50+) to enjoy a SMOCK TOUR on Thursday, August 25, to the Gene Stratton Porter Historical Site in Rome City followed by lunch at Tiffany's in Topeka and a visit to Cook's Bison Ranch. Travel first class on Cardinal Coach, leaving from the parking lot behind the Hyatt Place Hotel (behind Batteries Plus) on Washington Center, west of Coldwater, at 9:00am, returning by 4:00pm. The cost is \$20.00. We have room for fifteen more people so call the SMOCK office now, 426-7421 x55.

**John Tolley** opens the 2010-2011 First Presbyterian Theater season, by directing *The Laramie Project*. Preview night is this Thursday, August 26 with all tickets at \$10.00 (curtain at 7:30pm). Opening night is Friday, August 27 (curtain at 8:00pm). The remaining dates for this production are August 28 and September 3,4,5,10 & 11. **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](http://www.firstpresbyteriantheater.com).

**The Final Meet the Church Leaders** opportunity will be on Sunday, August 29 at 9:00am in room 306. Light refreshments will be served. The speakers for the final week are Peter Fettig, Chair of Mission Appropriations and Sondra Mergenthal, Chair of Adult Education.

**Dr. Michael Spath** will be preaching on August 29 at our 8:00am and 10:00am services.

### UPCOMING AND ONGOING

**Another SMOCK Invitation:** Come and enjoy a free matinee movie and popcorn on August 31 at 2:00pm in McKay Hall. This month's movie is "The Bucket List".

**New Member Class** A new member class for those wanting to join or those just curious about First Presbyterian Church will be held September 26, October 3 and 10 at 9:45am. Attendance at all three sessions is expected. New members will be received in worship on October 10. Please RSVP to the church office.

**Calling All Knitters:** Join *Women for Women, Knitting for Peace* on the first Wednesday of each month, at 3:00pm in the Parlor to knit for peace, share patterns and ideas, learn to knit or teach knitting to anyone who would like to learn. Questions? Call Alice Chitwood 744-3802.

**WEST CENTRAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR AND ARTFEST** – FPC has been honored to be invited to be a part of this annual tour. However we need volunteers to direct visitors from place to place throughout the building. The dates for this event are Saturday, Sept. 11 from 11:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, Sept. 12 from 1:00pm-5:00pm. We have divided shifts into 2 hours but you are welcome to sign up for multiple shifts if you can. Please contact Joan Coslow at 424-2430 with questions.

**The "GREEN THUMB" Event** is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 1, 9:00am to 11:45am (rain date Thursday, Sept. 2, same time). Come and help spruce up the landscaping around the church so it looks its best for the House & Garden Tour. Please sign up in the church office. The more help the better. Call David Beer, 489-5103, with any questions.

**We have an Opportunity** to present our church to about 200-300 students at IPFW on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The chaplaincy department is hosting churches at a barbeque for students and local churches. The communication committee is willing to put information together. **But we need people** to be present to invite students to become a part of us while here. Please contact the church office if you are willing. We heard a lot about our need to attract younger people. Here is an opportunity!

**RECENT WATERCOLORS AND ART QUILTS** by Peggy Brown, is the new exhibition in the Gallery opening August 28. It will run through October 24. A special reception is scheduled for October 1.

Artist Statement: "I paint for myself, for the challenge and the joy of it. . . but I hope I invite the viewer to follow as I work and see the painting process from tentative beginnings to the final touch. My medium is watercolor. I like to emphasize the 'water' part of the word and paint very wet which will allow the paint to assert its own special personality. . . First I wet the paper or fabric and start laying down color. . . at times I incorporate graphite, colored pencils and pastels. Most of my works are presented upon layers of paper or fabric. [In this way] I try to express images that are on, above and below the surface of the painting. . . All are collaborations between paper or fabric - the medium, and myself – the artist."

Peggy is a member of several prestigious professional arts organizations, has published in arts journals and has works in numerous private and corporate collections as well as several museums. She currently lives and works in Nashville, IN and Eustis, FL.