

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00am Worship, Communion, Chapel
 9:30am Infant & Toddler Childcare, 103
 10:00am Worship, Communion, Sanctuary
 KLS Worship, Chapel
 11:00am KLS Fellowship, FH
 2:00pm *The Laramie Project*
 Performance, TH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Labor Day
Church Building Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00am Bookstore Staff Meeting,
 Bookstore
 11:30am Staff Meeting, 302
 6:30pm Session Meeting, SR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:00pm Adult Education Committee
 Meeting, SDR
 7:00pm KLS Evening Service, Chapel
 8:30pm KLS Fellowship, CL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00pm Spiritual Formation Committee,
 Library
 5:30pm Music Committee Meeting, PR
 6:30pm PACT Bible Study, MH
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00pm *The Laramie Project*
 Performance, TH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:00am West Central Home & Garden
 Tour, Various Locations
 8:00pm *The Laramie Project*
 Performance, TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Covenant Sunday

8:00am Worship, Chapel
 9:00am The Gathering, MH
 9:45am Dr. Spath's Sunday Class, 303
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
 KLS Choir Rehearsal, 201
 11:00am Worship, Sanctuary
 12:15pm KLS Fellowship, FH
 1:00pm West Central Home & Garden
 Tour, Various Locations



First Presbyterian Church

WELCOMING - ACCEPTING - CARING
 IN THE CENTER OF FORT WAYNE

8:00am & 10:00am Services *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time* *September 5, 2010*
Communion Sunday

THE PRELUDE Sonata 1: Adagio Felix Mendelssohn

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: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

People: We come, because the load we carry is heavier that we can bear alone.

One: Come, all you who seek to relate work to worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out commitments.

One: Let us pray...

†**THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

All: God with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be here today, for we come, asking for your support in all that we do. We need your love, transforming our lives in hope. Be with us we pray. Amen.

†**THE HYMN** No. 462 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

RATISBON

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

One: When we are in bondage, God offers to set us free. When we are poor, God in Christ identifies with us. When we are lonely and discouraged, Holy Spirit is our Comforter. Everyone who calls on God, our Creator and Parent, for help will be heard. Let us together seek the healing only God can provide. Let us pray...

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

† *Those who are able please stand*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God who calls us into being, we admit that we scheme and devise our own worlds of concrete and steel, of stocks and property, of social roles and names and titles, without considering what we are doing to ourselves, to one another, and to creation. The imaginations of our wills do not join yours but go their own way. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God hears our cries, and forgives all who are penitent and believing. God provides the resources for our rescue and redemption. Whoever trusts in God will not be disappointed.

People: We are forgiven. We are accepted. We are loved. Thanks be to God!

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

Henry W. Greatorex

†**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

(After the Word with the Children, children should return to sit with their families, or they may be taken to the nursery.)

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION 10:00am O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

THE PSALTER READING

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

One: The Word of the Lord.

10:00am Mary Jo Meyer

All: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6, 15-16

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

Our Vocation

Christa Cook

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THE CONFESSION OF 1967 (from *The Book of Confessions*, page 262[9.53,9.55-9.56])

All: God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of man's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes man's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world... In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.
"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory..forever and ever. Amen"

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & TITHES

Offertory 8:00am Sonata 4: Andante Religioso

Felix Mendelssohn

Offertory Anthem 10:00am Lift Thine Eyes from 'Elijah'

Felix Mendelssohn

Grace Ramage, soprano; Jane Beer, mezzo-soprano; Kathy Miller, alto

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

†**THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: We present our gifts as a symbol of sacrifice and service. We seek to share the story of suffering love that fulfills life and conquers death. Bless these gifts and all who give: use our wealth, our time, and our abilities for the good of all. Amen.

†**THE PRESENTATION HYMN** No. 419 How Clear is our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are you...of your glory.

All: No. 581 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Joseph Roff

One: All holy God...surrendered his spirit.

All: No. 582 Dying, You Destroyed Our Death

Joseph Roff

One: Gracious God... forever and ever.

All: No. 588 Amen

Joseph Roff

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Breaking of the Bread

(Worshippers should partake of the bread as it is served.)

The Sharing of the Cup

(Wine is placed in the outside ring of the trays and grape juice in the inner rings. Please hold the cup until all have been served.)

†THE HYMN No. 430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

†THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

†THE CHORAL RESPONSE *10:00am* Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

†THE POSTLUDE Fugue in G

J. S. Bach

Litany adapted from **Flames of the Spirit**, edited by Ruth C. Duck.

The Scripture readings for today are Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, p. 577, 578 and Ephesians 4:1-6, 15-16, p. 193, 194.

The Lectionary readings for today are Jeremiah 18:1-11, p. 720; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, p. 577, 578; Philemon 1:21, p. 215-216; and Luke 14:25-33, p. 78.

Lectionary readings for next week are Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, p. 702, 703; Psalm 14, p. 495; 1 Timothy 1:12-17, p. 208; and Luke 16:1-13, p. 79.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Greeters – *8:00am* Josué Njock Libii & Louise Magoon; *10:00am* Joan Coslow, Jean Linville

Liturgist - David Beer

Ushers – Jim Platt, Head; *8:00am* Josué Njock Libii & Louise Magoon; *10:00am* Bob Jesse, Chair; Don Bowser, Wendell Cree, Nathan Mitchell, Vito Perillo, Elias Shaheen, Marsha Shively, Deb Ward

DR. MICHAEL SPATH'S CLASS Wednesday Evenings, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, September 15. Everyone is welcome. 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.

First Presbyterian's Fourth Habitat Build Begins Soon!! On Tuesday, September 28, volunteers from First Pres and six other congregations will join together in an Apostles Build for Habitat for Humanity. For the fourth time in six years, we will be providing a "hand up, not a hand-out" to another hard-working family in Fort Wayne. This will be the 147th Habitat house built in Allen County since 1986. Please sign up on the schedule in the church office or call Paul Sheets at 484-2464 to request a certain day. Please register by September 13.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

9/28 Tuesday	lay-out and framing
9/29 Wednesday	framing
9/30 Thursday	roofing and siding
10/1 Friday	roofing and siding (possibly not needed)
10/19 Tuesday	paint
10/21 Thursday	cabinets/doors/trim also help provide and serve food
11/1 Monday	punch list
11/5 Friday	final clean

Town Hall Meetings: As we move forward in this transition time it is important to continue to communicate with one another. To that end, three opportunities are being offered to exchange ideas. They will take place in a format of presentation followed by discussion. The three areas will be "The Church as Family", "Communication" and "Presbyterian 101". Each of these areas will address some of the concerns expressed in the listening sessions conducted earlier. Put the following dates on your calendar.

Monday, September 20	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Church as Family or "How we are with one another"
Monday, October 18	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Communication or "What we say to one another"
Monday, November 15	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Presbyterian 101 or "Why we are with one another"

Rescue Mission Meal: The September meal will be prepared and served on Sunday, Sept. 19. If you are available to contribute, by serving the meal or preparing a dish, please sign-up in the church office today. Early sign-ups are appreciated.

Become a lay scripture reader! Call Thom at 426-7421 x26 for more details.

The New Haven Area Faith Friends will meet at the home of Jim and Ellen Ash, 23107 Park Lane, Woodburn, on Sunday, September 19, following the 11:00am service.

First Presbyterian Theater needs Volunteers to work in its new box office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of 12:00pm and 5:00pm. Contact Thom at ext. 26 if you can help out.

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, 426-7421.

RECENT WATERCOLORS AND ART QUILTS by Peggy Brown, is the new exhibition now in the Gallery. 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.

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 Presbyterian 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 Presbyterian Day Care Ministry 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.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 5, 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 memory of our parents Charles C., Sr. and Gayle A. Furnish, and sister Betty L. Furnish and brother Thomas D. Furnish by Warren L. and Charles C. Furnish.

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 through September 5.

No Young Children & Worship through September 5. 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 not yet available. We regret that it is not always possible to provide copies on the day of the sermon. However, printed copies of sermons from previous weeks are available in the office and at www.firstpres-fw.org under "Media & Resources".

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.

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

Updating Member Information To ensure that we have current member data, and so that you receive church mailings in a timely manner, please notify us of changes in contact information (name, address, e-mail, telephone, even family unit). You may either call Paula Spahr at 426-7421 ext. 14, or e-mail her at pspahr@firstpres-fw.org. Thanks!

TODAY

The Laramie Project directed by John Tolley. Matinee performance today at 2:00pm. Remaining performances are Friday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8:00pm. 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.

THIS WEEK

Do Not Miss It! The first Chancel Choir rehearsal is Thursday, September 9 starting at 7:00pm in the second floor music room. Anyone with a love of choral singing is welcome. Now is the time to make your commitment of time and talent by joining our dedicated and welcoming ensemble of singers. For more information please contact Jim Mergenthal at 426-7421 ext. 24 (leave a message) or jmergenthal@firstpres-fw.org.

Next Session Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, at 6:30pm. Visitors are welcome.

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. Remember we are delaying publication of the newsletter until after each monthly Session meeting in order to provide more current information. The September newsletter will be mailed on September 17.

Discovering the Bible begins Thursday, September 9, 6:30pm to 8:00pm in McKay Hall. Presented by Rev. Kevin Boyd, and sponsored by PACT (Presbyterians of Allen County Together) *Discovering the Bible*, a new curriculum from the Kerygma series, 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. The class will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for thirty sessions. Each participating family will need a study guide at a cost of \$30.00 (that's only \$1.00 per lesson). Make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please sign up in the church office, thank you.

WEST CENTRAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR AND ARTFEST – First Presbyterian Church 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. For more detailed information about the Tour and Artfest look for the bright green flyer in the rack beside the office. 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

COVENANT SUNDAY, September 12 we begin our school-year schedule. Worship Services will be at 8:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am. Sunday School teachers and Day Care Ministry teachers will be commissioned at the 11:00am service.

In the Nursery, beginning September 12, child care will be available for infants and toddlers from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

The Gathering: Please join us on Sunday, September 12 at 9:00am to determine the direction and future of this lay-led Contemporary Service.

Beginning September 12, at 9:45am, Dr. Michael Spath's class continues to study individuals who open up a world through their insights into the spiritual life and the relationship between religion and culture. Everyone is welcome.

At 9:45am, and again at 11:15am, Sunday School Children, from pre-K through grade 5, will gather in rooms 207 and 210.

9:45am to 10:45am, Confirmation Class (grade 8) will meet in room 302 and **Pre-Confirmation Class** (grades 6 & 7) will meet in room 304.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

It Takes A Village Thank you to those who have volunteered so far. We really appreciate it, but we still need more volunteers to help deliver Sunday School lessons to our PreK-5th grade students this school year. The lessons and materials will be fully prepared, we just need loving, willing members to carry the lessons out. It is a two month, every other Sunday commitment. This means only 4 Sundays in a rotation. Please help us educate First Presbyterian Church's future members. Please sign up in the church office or contact Jennifer Shaw, 459-6850. Please note: We especially need volunteers during 11:00am worship, starting immediately after The Word with the Children.

We are also looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help lead activities for our PreK-5th grade students during adult Sunday School, from 9:45-10:45. Whether you are willing to help one Sunday or a month of Sunday's, please sign up! These activities will be prepared and will be simple crafts or videos.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the thirty-five hard working individuals, from the ELS and KLS congregations, who turned out on September 1 to help clean up the grounds and renew the landscaping. They worked long and hard and the results are wonderful. Watch for names and pictures in the coming newsletter. David Beer is a very happy man!

TABLE TALK I & II will restart on Wednesday, September 15 in room 302. Table Talk I meets from 9:30am to 11:00am and Table Talk II meets from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. All women are welcome and invited to attend.