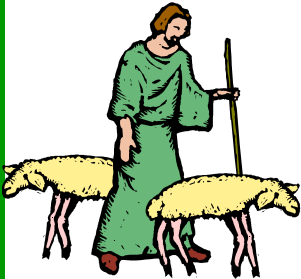




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SHEPHERDING PROGRAM

During the past couple of months, the Board of Deacons has been developing a Shepherding Plan. It is a ministry which seeks to maintain contact and to extend Christian care to all the families of the church. The whole congregation will be divided into "flocks" of 8 families with a Shepherd (an individual or couple) who will stay in touch with them. The calling of a Shepherd is summed up in the words of Jesus, "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own and my own know me."

The first task of the Deacons was to find people willing to serve as "Good" Shepherds. Thus far 17 people (individuals or couples) along with the Board of Deacons have responded to this call. They will try to make contact with each family on a monthly basis, help them to be aware of various church activities and if there are special needs such as transportation or illness to make the appropriate referral.

We are still in need of more Shepherds. If you are willing to serve, please contact Bruce BonDurant or the church office. On **Sunday, August 22nd, at 10:45 a.m.** in the Chapel, there will be an orientation session for all Shepherds with suggestions that should be helpful for shepherding. This meeting will also involve Shepherds' help in selecting families (no more than 8) to become their "flock." Some of these may be those with whom they have an on-going relationship.

The success of this ministry is dependent not only on the consistency of care but also the support of the congregation. When "flocks" have been established, families will be notified of their "Shepherd." We hope you will make every effort to support this wonderful new program. It has helped to re-vitalize congregations and to strengthen the whole Body of Christ. To God be praise and glory!

In Christ's service, *Bob Agnew*

A Note From Our Treasurer

Many of us are on vacation, traveling, visiting family and friends during the summer and we overlook making our regular pledge contributions to our church. This summer is no exception; however, pledge income for recent months is at an almost historic low. For the first six months (Jan thru June) our pledge income totals \$148,000, meaning that \$235,000 is needed prior to the end of December for us to meet our goal of \$383,000.

So we are reminding everyone to try to get back on schedule so we don't have a cash crunch later this summer.

Jim Tuesley has ended his term on the session and as treasurer of the church. I will be the treasurer going forward and am familiar with this role in our church. Please thank Jim when you next see him. Thanks for your support.

Jack Roberts
Treasurer



Pastoral Nominating Committee Report

We continue to match our *Church Information Form* through the denomination's website system with prospective pastors who's *Personal Information Forms* meet our search criteria as approved by Session. As we review the 8-10 pages of information on each person, we select those who we feel fit our congregations' needs well for further exploration. In addition to evaluating records for over 60 prospects so far, we're reviewing additional information and listening to Sermons for those we've selected as good prospects. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we work diligently to identify our next pastor.

Refining Our Approach

In an email communication to the congregation in early July, we described Session action which has refined our staffing model for FPC. The email mentioned several reasons for this action:

- Like many of our fellow churches, membership has changed significantly in the past three decades. Our pledging units have decreased from 471 thirty years ago to 173 today.
- Approximately 85% of our 2010 annual budget is consumed by staff salaries and benefits and by building expenses.
- We have a strong core of members and a beautiful church – but both need more support than the budget allows at the moment.
 1. Staff compensation has not increased in two years, and in most cases has been cut.
 2. Much more needs to be done for the church building itself.
- Most of us really want to see more assets available for use in supporting the missions our church wants to undertake.

The staffing model has these components:

- Discontinuance of the position of Associate Pastor (approval has been requested from COM)
- Discontinuance of the position of Director of Continuing Education.
- Establishment of the position of **Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry (CYFM)** and recruitment of the most qualified person to fill that role.
- Securing the services of a Parish Associate once the new Pastor/Head of Staff has been called (Commissioned Lay Pastor Linda Fox is assisting as needed until then).
- Recruitment of an Adult Education Coordinator (volunteer from Congregation).
- No change to the positions of Director of Music and Church Organist.
- No changes to the existing administrative support and maintenance positions.

Sarah Proctor has agreed to work with youth programming until Fall, so it is important to move forward quickly to fill the position. We have shared the position description with *Phyllis Wezeman* and invited her to apply if she feels its responsibilities are ones to which she is called. We are also seeking candidates through local advertising and our Presbytery. It is very important that the congregation be aware of this opportunity, because some

of us are likely to know people who could bring a great deal of enthusiasm and talent to this critical ministry. If you do, please let them know that we are looking.

The Director, CYFM position is full time and includes benefits. Critical components of the job description include a Bachelor's degree and experience in church work. A copy of the ad and complete position description are available at our web site, www.fpcsouthbend.org.

And finally . . . we ask every member of the congregation to consider the call to coordinate FPC's Adult Education Program. This is a great opportunity to help guide what can be one of the more attractive components of membership in First Presbyterian Church.

Please keep our church in your prayers as we seek to ascertain God's plan and move to achieve it.

FPC Personnel Committee



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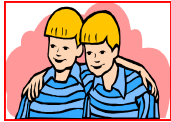
Fellowship, immediately following the worship service, will be held in the Church Parlor for the remainder of the summer schedule. Coffee and juice will be provided.

OUTREACH LUNCH INFO

Midtown/South Lunch Group will meet **Wednesday, August 11th at 11:30 a.m.** at Allie's café on Mishawaka Avenue.

NorthSide Lunch Group will meet **Tuesday, August 17th at 12:00** at Bob Evans Restaurant in Roseland.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILD CARE [INFANTS & TWO'S/THREE'S]

During the summer worship schedule, an Infant Nursery and a Twos/Threes Class is offered every Sunday from 9:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Janet Mwachande is the attendant, assisted each week by regularly scheduled, nurturing volunteers, including:

- August 1 – Carol Mwachande**
- August 8 – Perry Hunt**
- August 15 – Fran English-Telfer**
- August 22 – Ann or Anita Schwarz.**
- August 29 – Gwen Lofgren**

FAITH STEPS

During the summer schedule, children – pre-kindergarten and up – attend the beginning of worship with their families. After the children's message, pre-k through fifth graders may leave for Faith Steps Sunday School. The summer's theme is "Disciples, Apostles, and Us" and each week will focus on one of Jesus' original "thirteen" disciples, as well as the apostle Paul, and how their lives challenge us to live as Jesus' disciples today.

MISCELLANEOUS

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

"Check out" the great books in the Children's Library, **Room 221**, on the second floor of the Education Wing. "Check out" of books is on the honor system. Judy Eaton is the Librarian.



"FEATURING FIRST KIDS" BULLETIN BOARD

Our "Featuring First Kids" Bulletin Board is located on the wall near the Church Office. It displays nametags for our Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children and it will be redone in the next few weeks to reflect current grades. Pre-Ks through Fifth Graders should pick up their nametags when they arrive at church, wear them throughout the day, and hang them on their "grade" ribbon before they leave the building.

WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship with their parents or caregivers on Sundays and on special days throughout the year. For Pre-Schoolers, Worship Bags are available in the Narthex which may be used during worship and returned to their rack at the end of Church. Children's messages will be shared during the 9:30 A.M. service. Following the Children's Time, Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade girls and boys may leave for summer Faith Steps Sunday School in the Education Wing or they may return to sit with their families.

YOUTH NEWS

We asked both students attending Triennium to journal about their experiences. Both Jordan and Marte agreed to write and share their experiences with you.

Marte Eggleston

Tuesday, July 20

We're on our way to Triennium and I'm nervous but excited. I think in the end it will be a great experience though. I hope that it will further strengthen my relationship with God and give me an opportunity to meet people that I would not have met otherwise.

Wednesday, July 21

Today was our first full day at Triennium. It was full of activities to say the least. We woke up bright and early and went to meet our small groups. I was amazed at the number of people here. I love the small groups because you really get to know the people better and where they're from. The worship experience is a lot different. A LOT. There is dancing and clapping and dramas and praise music. Even after all that, very powerful sermons. Our speaker today focused on reaching your full potential.

Thursday, July 22

The second day of Triennium was just as amazing as the first. One of my favorite things so far was the prayer center. You could go to different stations to help you find a time for everything. It was very peaceful and calming.

Friday, July 23

Today was the Sabbath Day at Triennium, which means that we actually get to rest. We didn't have any obligations until small group. It was a bitter-sweet type of day. It was the last time we would get to be with our small groups. Considering they were the people we were closest too, it was sad to think that we might never see them again. But we all said we would try to keep in touch through the wonders of Facebook. After small group, everyone was involved in the Purim Festival. Since the week was focused on the Book of Esther we were celebrating her sacrifices for her people. The worship was another great one. They had been building throughout the entire week. It had multi-media involved and it was very relatable. The music and the band was another rousing success.

Saturday, July 24

We arrive at our last day of Triennium, changed. Even though I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity, I was glad to be going home. The final worship was by far the best. It was inspiring and very moving to me. We were called to action. We were called to be the generation that stood up for what was good and just. I will take that message home with me. That is what I have learned from this experience, that the best way to walk with Jesus is to stand up and be the light, even when it seems that the world will forever be dark.

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YOUTH NEWS (Continued)

Jordan Amos

Tuesday, July 20

On the way to Triennium, I begin to lose the feeling of nervousness and anxiousness. Three years ago I couldn't wait for this day to come. Now I am prepared to go because I know what it was like before. This time around I hope to meet a lot more friends and to come home with a lot more things to know on how to live a life with God leading me, on decisions on how to serve Him, what friends to make and keep in the years to come.

Wednesday, July 21

This being my second time at Triennium, I really like it this time around. I'm the only boy from 1st Pres so it's kind of me on my own trying to meet and greet new friends. I'm having a lot of fun because I get to bond with new and old friends. This week has truly been amazing and I'm afraid to leave the new friends I meet behind. Worship at Triennium is absolutely amazing. Each day there is a different theme to follow and instead of just listening to one person preach there is a drama, music and dances to express and provide a better background for the topic. All of the youth that will have a chance to come to Triennium, you should, because I wish I could come back EVERY year!

Thursday, July 22

I think that Triennium is the best youth group conference or trip I've been to. Looking back to three years ago, I was more shy around a lot of people. This year, I'm more open and willing to talk to anyone. Whether it would be about a favorite sports team or about life in general I'm more often talking. I also remembered that the food here is very, very good and to my dad, you'd be proud because you always told me to make sure that any college had awesome food. I'm going to miss the atmosphere of hanging out here and learning more and more about our Lord and Savior with teenagers of my age. It's been an amazing time and I'm really going to miss it.

Friday, July 23

As PYT comes to an end, I start to feel sad because I have to say bye to new found friends, as they leave early in the morning to go back to their home states or country or wherever they call home. An event like this only comes once in a lifetime and I am so glad that I got to experience it one last time as a youth. I'm going to miss the friends I made a lot, but I know that whenever I go on vacation or visiting their town, I know the laughs and smiles will soon appear. PYT 2010 = Best Time Of My Life

Saturday, July 24

Today is the last day for Triennium and I'm going to miss all the friends I met. I had a blast this week learning more and more about Jesus Christ and hanging out with new and old friends and just having a blast at Purdue. I will use everything I learned at Triennium in my everyday life and can't wait to share everything with my friends and family.

"If you're going to be great in God, you must be full of the Holy Spirit," Rev. Debra Matthews.

REDBUD DAYCAMP SUMMARY

The Redbud Committee would like to thank everyone that helped with The All Church Worship and Day Camp at Redbud July 11th thru July 16th 2010. We could not have accomplished such an amazing week without your help! To the Deacons, thanks so very much for the ice cream. We used your generous leftovers for ice cream sandwiches and ice cream cakes and everyone enjoyed the ice cold treats on those very hot days. To all of the parents, friends and grandparents that provided cookies, brownies, chocolate dipped treats and candy, thank you all so very much. Your generous gifts kept our counselors, adults and the extra kiddos staying at camp energized and happy.

We had a very successful injury free week at camp this year! The counselors were able to go on a canoe trip after the All Church Worship Service, to start off their week. They spent the night on Sunday and Thursday and commuted to and from camp Monday thru Wednesday. We celebrated the end of the week with our annual trip to Redamaks on Thursday night with a trip to the beach on Friday. Thank you to all of our counselors for spending the week helping us run a very fun Day Camp for our K-5th graders. You were awesome! To your parents, grandparents and friends that provided transportation and permission to attend, thanks so much! We hope the counselors enjoyed their time with us as much as we enjoyed having them. Thank you, thank you for allowing them to mentor our K-5th kids. Your mid-high kids are spectacular, and we're proud of the way they performed their responsibilities.

Thank you to all of the parents that trusted us to care for your children at camp. They were a lot of fun and we loved sharing Redbud with them.

We enjoyed 24 campers this week, 14 counselors, and 11 amazing adult volunteers! Thanks so much to *Norm and Dana Blanchard, Mike and Jennifer Byers, Doug Farmwald, Carolyn Hunt, Larry McClelland, Carolyn Sassano, Carolyn Schult, Phyllis Wezeman and Dru Wrasse*. We had a great time in the Baobab following Jesus, caring for each other, loving our neighbors, learning to be good samaritans, singing, walking the labyrinth, drama down by the river, science lab in the splendor of nature, crafts and snacks in the lodge and a lot of fun at the pool and rope swing.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to teach our youth about the Redbud experience, so they can appreciate the beauty and splendor He has created. Thank you for giving our mid-high youth the ability to lead their peers and teach each other what it means to be a follower of Jesus. We can't say thank you enough for this opportunity!

A special thank you to *Staci Norman* for her very generous donation of Wildtree Products. The kids enjoyed banana muffins, banana bread, pumpkin bread, chocolate frosting, pizza crusts for our annual make your own pizza night dinner, sauces, oils, taco seasonings, guacamole dip etc. Your very generous donation helped us feed our kids with some healthy foods masked by great taste! Thank you so much for being so generous!

We would also like to thank Chick-Fil-A for their generous donation of sandwiches on Wednesday night. We all enjoyed the yummy spicy and traditional sandwiches that complimented our side dishes and helped keep the temperature in the camp kitchen at a tolerable level. Thanks so much! The kids also enjoyed coupons to take home and share with their families.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

ECO-STEWARDS – BOOK DRIVE

Our Adult Enrichment Committee's Eco-Stewards Group, in cooperation with Better World Books ... an international company, warehoused in Mishawaka, Indiana, that collects and sells books to fund literacy initiatives worldwide ... continues to collect books. Please deposit them in the collection bin in the back parking lot, just off the William Street entrance. For each book from that bin sold by B.W.B., our Malawi schools receive fifteen percent of the total. For additional information, contact: Alisea McLeod, Eco-Stewards Coordinator, at 574-288-4784 or aliseamcleod@hotmail.com or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our "Prayer Shawl Ministry" is a group of people who work individually in their homes crocheting or knitting tangible symbols of the presence of God in our lives. While each shawl is being created, prayers are offered silently for the person in need. When the shawl is completed, it is delivered to the recipient. For additional information or to suggest the name of a person for whom a shawl could be made, contact Phyllis Wezeman -- 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

You don't have to have Arthritis to get the health benefits of its slow and gentle movements. A waiver is required to be signed by everyone taking the class. Wear comfortable loose clothing. Shoes should be non-marking and flat soled.

Class continues through August 30

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Chapel

Cost: 8 weeks -- \$35

Register with Phyllis Wezeman by calling 234-4159

TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study, at the home of Ruth Roll, continues each week at 6:30 P.M. Linda Fox is the facilitator. For additional information, contact Linda Fox at 574-277-6317 or billorlynn@sbcglobal.net or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or

pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.



TIES TO MALAWI

"Ties to Malawi" is a small group for persons interested in arts, crafts, or sewing. It generally meets once a month to create handmade items from recycled men's neckties and donates the proceeds to mission projects in Malawi. Since several people are doing prep work and sewing at home, the next meeting of the group will be announced in the Church Chatter. The group is in need of discarded jewelry, especially necklaces and pins. Please leave donations on the table on the Colfax Porch or in the Church office. For additional information, contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild is an association of Christian women who gather for Bible Study, Prayer, and Service. It is modeled after the Women's Guild of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi and is an extension of the Presbyterian Women's groups of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). **In August, the women from FPC, SB will be attending the Malawi Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), held in South Bend from Thursday, August 12 through Sunday, August 15.** There will not be an additional Women's Guild meeting in August, but gatherings will resume in September. For information, please contact Mlekwa Mwachande at 574-2289-5371 or mzatimbewe@yahoo.com or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

ADULT EDUCATION EXTRAS

BIBLE READING GUIDE

The "2010 Bible Reading Guide – Embodying Hope," produced annually by the American Bible Society, is available on the literature tables to use as a guide for daily devotions. Please pick up a copy and use it through December 31, 2010.

STRATFORD TRIP STAY LOCAL THIS YEAR

This year our annual Stratford trip to the Festival in Ontario, Canada will stay local and participate in one or two of the offerings of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival. They



include the Main Stage production of "Cymbeline" and the Young Company's production of "The Taming of the Shrew." Watch the Church Chatter for the date or call Phyllis

Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org to be added to the list of people wishing to participate in this outing.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee has received the June, 2010 quarterly report for the operation of our Chibanzi C.C.A.P. Nursery School/Orphan Center and Feeding Center/Kitchen from our partner organization in Malawi, Ministry of Hope.

A copy of the report is available may be obtained by contacting either of the Mission Committee co-chairs: David Norman or Mercy Nyirenda.

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FPC MALAWI ASSOCIATION

The FPC Malawi Association and the Mission Committee – working with the Malawi Mission Network Leadership Team of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – have the honor of hosting the denomination’s annual meeting in South Bend, Indiana. Here are the details.

THE MALAWI MISSION NETWORK of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

... a group of Agencies/Organizations, Congregations, Individuals, Presbyteries, and Synods ministering to and with Malawi, Africa ...

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS 2010 Conference

Thursday, August 12 – Sunday, August 15

Hilton Garden Inn/Inn at Saint Mary’s—South Bend, Indiana

Keynote Speakers - Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi

Mission – Co-Workers - Debbie Braaksma, Africa Office Area Coordinator, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Nancy Collins, Regional Liaison to East Central Africa

Dr. Martha Sommers, Medical Missionary at Ekwendeni Hospital, Malawi

Hands-on Mini-Sessions on Malawi Culture will include:

Dynamics of Extended Families—Games and Sports in Malawi—Malawi Cooking and Foods

Panel— Christianity: The Church in Malawi and the Malawian Church in the U.S.A.

Workshops will include: Tips on Ministering in Malawi and Working with the Malawi Government

Displays/Updates—Agencies/Organizations

Networking

Worship

For additional information and registration materials, , visit their website www.malawinetwork.org or contact:Julie Burton (Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery) – 918-582-3077 or eop-rc@sbcglobal.net or First Presbyterian Church, Phyllis Wezeman pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org