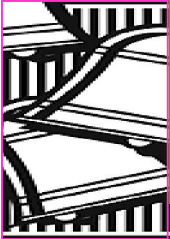


May, 2010



Tower Bell

Dear Friends,

With glorious music of the organ, trumpets, handbells and Chancel Choir, and the fragrant smell of lilies lingering in the air, we basked in the glow of Easter. It is truly the climax, the apex of the Christian calendar. We celebrated Christ's rising from the dead and rejoiced that sin and death were conquered once and for all. But for many, the Easter so longed for and greatly anticipated is over, gone in a day and we return once more the busy routine of daily living.

William Barclay, the noted New Testament scholar and Christian writer once remarked, *"It is one of the strange things in the modern church that we think of the Easter faith only at Easter time. It is Easter time almost alone that we think of the Resurrection and of the life to come and ... sing the hymns of the Easter faith. And this is so wrong!"*

Barclay goes on to remind us that every Sunday is the Lord's Day when we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord. The first Christians celebrated the Jewish Sabbath, the holy day commemorating God's day of rest after six days of creation. But Christians soon moved their day of worship to the first day of the week, the day Jesus rose from the dead. **Every Sunday** was to be a **time to relive the glories of that first Easter.**

What we need to take from this is that **EASTER HAS NOT ENDED AND NEVER WILL.** It continues as we worship regularly and see in the lives of others the love, understanding and sacrifice that God gave our world through Jesus. We see it-- in a father standing by a hospital bed, confident that God could be trusted to care for a loved one; in a mother patiently giving herself to instill love and character into her children; in a person who had broken the grip of an imprisoning habit; in a child who gives up a cherished toy because a sick friend had seen it and looked on it longingly; or in a teenager who reaches out to a fellow student rejected by many others.

Robert Raines writes, *"To be an Easter Christian is to see something, somewhere of Jesus Christ in every person you meet and come to love...you see beauty nobody else can see—a marvel, a greatness, a treasure, a grandeur, a unique possibility hidden to the ordinary view...To be an Easter Christian is to be a catcher of souls—on the road, in the restaurant...a looker for the lost, a finder of the lonely. It is to see the whole human family with new eyes, to love each person you see...It is Christ's Easter gift to us!"* Thanks be to God.

**EASTER HAS NOT ENDED AND NEVER WILL!
ALLELUIA!**

Bob

Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) Report

We've met weekly since forming in late March and have used the Congregation Reflection Process results as a starting point to formulate the first phase in our process, completion of the *Church Information Form*. Between now and early May, we must obtain approval from Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for our *Church Information Form*. Once approval is secured, the information is then entered into the Church Leadership Connection, our denominational website for calling pastors. We will then receive *Personal Information Forms* from prospective pastors that closely correlate what we are looking for, and at that time we will begin the selection process.

Dave Sykes & Pete Amos, Co-Chairs

MISSION COMMITTEE
MISSION OF THE QUARTER
CHILDREN'S DISPENSARY

Our "Mission of the Quarter" for May and June is the Children's Dispensary. This community agency's mission is to enhance the learning and enrich the lives of people with special needs. We will be collecting and assembly "birthday party packages" for the over 150 boys and girls who participate in the Children's Dispensary's program on a regular basis.

Please bring any of the following items and leave them on the table on the "Colfax Porch" or in the Church office. Thank you for your generosity.

- Aluminum pans, 9" x 13"
- Birthday candles
- Cake mix – any flavor
- Can of frosting – any flavor
- Decorations – like bottles of colored sugar or sprinkles
- Roll of streamers – any color.



FPC MALAWI ASSOCIATION

MALAWI MEAL

Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd

12:00 Noon

First Presbyterian Church Social Hall
333 W. Colfax Avenue

Benefit for
Chibanzi Nursery School
Orphan Center & Feeding Site
Malawi, Africa

Adults \$10.00 Children 4-12 \$5.00
\$15.00 at the door

Sponsored by FPC Malawi Association &
Mission Committee

ADULT EDUCATION

The Sunday morning adult education Chapel Class, held from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., covers various themes and topics. During May the schedule will include:

May 2 – "Learning about Prayer through the Lives of the Saints: Teresa of Avila – Exploring the *Interior Castle*" – Jane Cors Smith, M.Div., University of Notre Dame, Facilitator

May 9 – "Learning about Prayer through the Lives of the Saints: John of the Cross – Climbing the *Ladder of Love*" – Jane Cors Smith, M.Div., University of Notre Dame, Facilitator

May 16 – The "Stone" Church – Les Lamson, Facilitator

May 23 – "Malawi Jeopardy: A Fun Way to Learn about 'The Warm Heart of Africa'" – FPC Malawi Association, Facilitators



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.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is a biblically based, video driven small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before! Facilitated by Pete Amos, the Ramsey course teaches how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about finances, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.

Classes for May, held in the Parlor from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., are:

- May 4 – From Fruition to Tuition**
- May 11 – Working in Your Strengths**
- May 18 – Real Estate and Mortgages**
- May 25 – The Great Misunderstanding**

For additional information please contact Pete Amos at 574-217-6212 or AmosFamily51@aol.com or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

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 online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide ... continues to collect books. Please leave them on the table on the Colfax porch or on the counter in the Church Office. 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.

TIES TO MALAWI

A small group for persons interested in arts, crafts, or sewing meets once a month to create handmade items from recycled men’s neckties and donates the proceeds to mission projects in Malawi. The next meeting of the group will be Wednesday, May 19 at 9:30 A.M. in the Board Room. Sewing experience is NOT required.



Outreach lunches

MidTown/South Group

Wednesday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. at Allie’s Café, Mishawaka Avenue

North Group

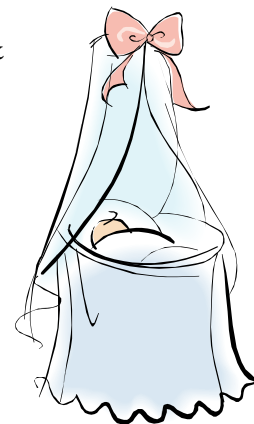
Tuesday, May 18 at 12:00 p.m. at Bob Evans’s Restaurant in Roseland

New Members:

Recently received by Session as New Members: Sara Witt and Victor Chatuluka. WELCOME!

BIRTHS:

Caitlyn Rae Parker born April 4, 2010. Parents are Loran (Carleton) & Matt Parker. Grandparents are Gail & Bill Carleton



Grandparents, Vicki and Bob Toothaker announce the birth of a new grandson, Whittier Daniel Sobh on February 7, 2010. Mom and Dad are Jenna and Daniel, and big sister Sophia.

David & Janet Morrow announce the birth of their 2nd grandchild Lucas (Luke) Ford Morrow. Mom and Dad are Chris & Julie Morrow.

Lawrence Takundan Ashe Chatuluka, born April 21, 2010. Mom and Dad are Victor (new member) and Zodwa Chatuluka.

Arienna Mae Mafuleka, born to Brandon Mafuleka and Jessica Kaniewski.



CONGRATULATIONS:

David and Janet Morrow announce the upcoming wedding of Brian Morrow to Kathryn Tappert on July 31, 2010 in

Saugatuck, MI.

IN MEMORY OF:

Marlys J. Varner—March 29, 2010

George G. Athens—April 9, 2010



IT'S TIME FOR REDBUD!

Mark your calendars!

Clean up day at camp—**Saturday, May 1st** from 10 a.m to 1 p.m.. and **Sunday, May 2nd** following church.

Lunch will be provided for those who come on May 2nd.

Contact Mike Byers if you need to bring tools or supplies.

Family Camp—Memorial Weekend—May 29th—31st

New Members Day at Redbud—June 20th

Family Camp—July 4th Weekend

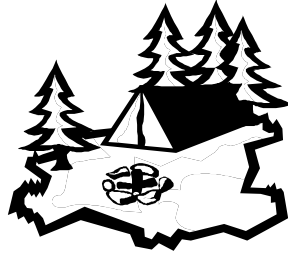
All-Church Worship Service—July 11th

Day Camp—July 12—16th

Family Camp—Labor Day Weekend—September 4– 6

Halloween Party—October 17—After church

Close Camp on Saturday, October 23rd.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Our Pre-K class, for children who have turned four but have not started Kindergarten, is held as part of Faith Steps Sunday School from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. each week. In addition, Pre-K children attend the 10:45 A.M. service with their families, participate in the children's message, and leave for Second Hour or remain in worship with their caregivers.

During the summer schedule, which begins May 30, Faith Steps begins at the conclusion of the Children's Message. Children may leave worship for classes or remain in the service with their families.

FAITH STEPS SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MAY

Faith Steps Sunday School, our 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Workshop Rotation Model Program for Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children, will focus on the New Testament story of "Jesus' Ascension" on May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

When the summer Sunday schedule starts on May 30, Faith Steps will begin at the conclusion of the children's message as Pre-Ks through Fifth Graders leave to explore the series: "Disciples, Apostles, and Us."

SECOND HOUR

Second Hour for May will include Children's Library time and Mission projects as well as fun activities to learn about the Sacrament of Baptism. Check the bulletin boards on the first and second floors for locations.

BIG HEARTS BUNCH

The Big Hearts Bunch, FPC South Bend's "Caring Kids' Club" for Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders will meet on Sunday, May 16 for two projects: Birthday Cake Kits for the Children's Dispensary and Sack Lunches for the Center for the Homeless. We'll begin with a quick lunch, learn about the agencies we are helping, and take action on the activities. Families and friends are welcome.

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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



EARLY CHILDHOOD CHILD CARE

[INFANTS & TWOS/THREES]

An Infant Nursery and a Twos/Threes Class is offered every Sunday from 9:15 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Janet Mwachande is the attendant, assisted during each shift by regularly scheduled, nurturing volunteers.

During the summer schedule, which begins May 30 with worship and education at 9:30 A.M., child care will be available from 9:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

“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. 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.



McWORM NET – MICHIANA WORKSHOP ROTATION MODEL NETWORK

McWoRM Net, the Michiana Workshop Rotation Model Network, will hold its quarterly meeting on **Tuesday, May 11** from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church of Elkhart located at 200 East Beardsley Street. The topic is “Summer Opportunities.” Please bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided by the host church. For additional information, please contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our 2010 Vacation Bible School, “High Seas Expedition:



Exploring the Mighty Love of God” will be held from 9:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. **Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18.** There will be a family night on Wednesday, the 16th. Children

age 4 by June 1 through those that have completed Fifth Grade are welcome. Mid-highs, Senior Highs, College students, and adults of all ages are needed to use their gifts in this important ministry of our congregation. How is God calling you to be involved? Please contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org for further information.

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 10:45 A.M. service. Following the Children’s Time, Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade girls and boys may leave for Second Hour in the Education Wing or they may return to sit with their families. During the summer schedule, which begins on May 30 the education period following the children’s message is Faith Steps rather than Second Hour.

GO & GROW OUTING:

A SPRING DAY IN

GRAND RAPIDS



The May “Go & Grow” Adventure will be “A Spring Day in Grand Rapids” on **Tuesday, May 4.** We will visit the Gerald R. Ford Museum, have lunch, and enjoy the beauty of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. At that time, Meijer will have an exhibit of the work of world-renowned glass artist, Dale Chihuly, with fifteen installations of his work throughout the grounds. Following lunch in their Café, we will have a guided indoor tour and an outdoor tram tour to see the beauty of the spring flowers. Three seats are left. Reservations, which include transportation, admission, and tram (but not lunch), may be made by contacting Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org. The cost is \$45.00 per person.



Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition will be Sunday, May 16

Planning and practicing will be done during Sunday School on May 2 and May 9. Please come to help. We’re looking of readers, musicians, greeters, ushers, etc.! Think of how you would like to participate and plan to be at Sunday School both weeks.

Senior High’s Triennium Youth Conference July 20—24

Please speak with Sarah Proctor for details.

MidHigh Monday Nights!

Come for a short devotional and then fellowship time.

Monday Nights are hosted at houses.

For more information, contact the host.

May 17 6 to 8 p.m. at Eggleston’s House (804 Wilson Blvd., Mishawaka)

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Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Next Tower Bell Deadline is
May 21st.

**17th Annual
DISMAS HOUSE
SALAD LUNCHEON**

Thursday, May 13, 2010—11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Held at:

**First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
Social Hall**

333 West Colfax Avenue South Bend

**Suggested Donation: \$7 per person
(free for children 5 and under)**

**Tickets available at the door, or to purchase
in advance call: 574-233-8522**

Carry outs available