

# FIRST PRESS

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Summer is indeed here. Many of us are on well-deserved vacations, Kathleen O'Connell is on sabbatical, Children's Sunday School and the Men's Breakfast are on summer break, and church activities slow down. The grace of God and the call of Christ do not stop, however, and neither does our church. Look inside this newsletter for important messages about:

- ☛ Our church's purpose (page 2),
- ☛ Children's Ministry and Sunday School (page 3),
- ☛ Upcoming classes and retreats for adults (page 4),
- ☛ Youth and Presbyterian Women's activities (page 5),
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- ☛ Mission activities (page 8-9).

May you have a blessed summer!

## Worship Schedule

8:30 Chapel Service  
 9:15 1st Bridge Service  
 (Lower Level)  
 11:00 Sanctuary Service  
 11:00 2nd Bridge Service  
 (Lower Level)

## Church School Summer Schedule

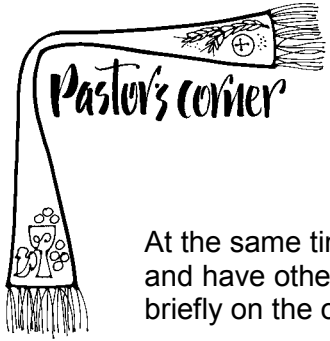
Adult Classes  
 9:45 a.m. Reception Room

**THE LUAU  
 IS COMING!**

You are invited to the Luau at Susie & Wen Wu's  
**Sunday, August 23, 2009, 3:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Lots of activities, food, and fun!**

Activities include: kayaking, canoeing, tubing, swimming, tennis, basketball, piano playing, and a sing-along. **Please RSVP to the church office or sign up on Sunday.**

Pork roast is provided. Bring a dish to share per your last name:  
 A-I: vegetables,  
 J-R: salads,  
 S-Z: desserts



We have had too many deaths this year. You will see an unusually long list this month – five members – and in past months we have lost more “saints of the church” -- Luella Karay, Mary Ann Graves, and others. Even as we celebrate God’s eternal promise and the “communion of the saints,” we grieve the loss of these dear friends and faithful members.

At the same time, we had five baptisms this past month – four infants and one adult – and have other baptisms to come in the future. It seems an appropriate time to reflect briefly on the ongoing but ever-changing nature of our congregation.

Let’s start with a reminder that the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ is given to individuals, but not to congregations. None of the churches that the Apostle Paul started or counseled exists today. Congregations thrive as long as they fulfill Christ’s mission to bring His transforming love and new life to their members and the community. When they drift away from this mission they begin to wither.

Hence, in a changing world, congregations must be intentional about how to embody and extend new life in Christ. Church consultant Lyle Schaller once wrote, “As the years turn into decades and time passes, internal pressures often force three organizing principles to the top of the congregational agenda: These are to take better care of (1) today’s members, (2) the children of today’s members, and (3) the real estate. [This is a] natural, normal, and predictable tendency of institutions to become increasingly self-centered and irrelevant to the needs of [those outside].” Resisting this natural temptation takes discipline.

Some words from a recent Alban Institute posting, by Daniel Smith & Mary Seddon:

*Here's the hard truth. If you're a layperson ... whether the congregation thrives is ultimately up to you and the other members. Your pastor can teach, guide, lead, support, inspire, even cajole. But in the end, congregational health is a function of how people in the congregation relate to one another, to God, and to their community..... In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). We believe this is one of the primary messages that a healthy congregation embodies for its members and its surrounding community.*

*A congregation that is truly being church brings people into a loving, life-giving relationship with God and others that is transformational. This is the nature of the “kin-dom” of God, where covenant relationships model the best aspects of family. People find hope. They experience belonging; they extend and receive forgiveness. They discover a sense of purpose and direction. They learn to live with appreciation and joy no matter what the circumstances. Although a pastor can preach and teach this message, the message has power only to the extent that the people in the congregation live it and practice it with one another. Practicing loving, life-giving relationships transforms congregation members. Witnessing such benefits draws others who want something similar for themselves and their families.*

As we move into this fall, I invite you reflect on when this congregation has been most life-giving and transformational for you and for our community. We will be having some classes and activities designed to help us become more so. And consider how we can best reach out to share the abundant new life that we experience in Christ.

### *Kathleen's Sabbatical Update...*

Pastor Kathleen is on her six week sabbatical. During that time she will doing some study and travel to other churches to experience their worship styles, as well as some intentional rest and renewal. Please keep her in your prayers during this time. Her first day back in the church office will be Wednesday, August 26. The Elders and a Sabbatical preparation team have partnered with Kathleen to work ahead to cover the majority of her other responsibilities for the summer. If you leave a message for Kathleen, she will respond when she returns in August. If you have a question before that, please contact the church office.

## **FAMILY BIBLE WORKSHOP SESSION TWO**



On August 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Art Room upstairs, we will be having our second Family Bible Workshop. Do you have difficulties reading and searching for things in your Bible? This class will help you navigate this life changing book to find the answers you seek. Feel free to bring your own Bible, but we will have a few to use for those of you who may forget them. Learn the differences of the various books, how to use a concordance and more. You will feel empowered to open up your Bible and know how to look for anything. Come join us alone or with your whole family. (Being able to read is a necessity for the younger ones!) It's the Bible with Brigitte.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING**

For volunteers old and new, the Sunday School Class Teacher Training will be available on two different Sundays, August 23 & 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Art Room. Learn how easy it is to teach a Sunday School class here at First Presbyterian. Teachers are supplied with lessons and other necessities for each class so you are ready to go. There are three different levels of students and we will go over some of the needs for each particular age group. If you are thinking of volunteering for our wonderful group of children, please attend one of these classes and see what an amazing gift you have to share. Please let Brigitte know which Sunday class you plan on attending so enough materials will be available. Give it a try you'll probably be great at it!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!**

Our three groups of students need teachers on Sunday mornings at 10:00-10:55 a.m. Everything is supplied for each class; no prep work is required by you. If at all possible, please volunteer for a month's worth of Sundays. It is easier to schedule it this way. Age groups are: Yellow: 3 years to Kindergarten, Red: first to third graders, and Blue: fourth to sixth graders. Whatever group you feel most comfortable with is where we will assign you. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to help educate our children about God. You won't regret it!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILD REGISTRATION**

Registration will begin on August 23 for children to attend Sunday School. Please pick up a form from the church office, the children's ministry bulletin board in the main hallway, or Brigitte. Please register your children even if they have attended Sunday School last year. We need to know of any allergies and medical needs as well as contact information. Return the forms to the church office please.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS - 10:00 A.M. - UPSTAIRS LIBRARY ON SEPTEMBER 13.**



**Confirmation** is an opportunity for students to explore their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ, and their membership within the church. At the end of the process, students may choose to make their public profession of faith and become active members of the church. Beginning this year, we will offer Confirmation every other year. Youth entering grades 7-9 are invited to participate. Older youth who are interested should meet with Pastor Kathleen this fall to discuss their options. There was an informational meeting held this summer. If you missed it and still want to participate, please see Cinda. She has the introductory materials.

## *Coming: “Simply Christian”*

***What is the core of Christian faith? What have most Christians in most places and times believed? Is Christian faith reasonable for people today?***

This fall, we offer an opportunity to explore these and other vital questions with the well-known Biblical scholar and Anglican bishop N. T. Wright, author of many books including “Simply Christian.” This video-based introduction to Christianity will be offered at 9:45 on Sunday mornings and, if there is sufficient interest, at 6:30 Wednesday evenings and at other times as well.

Whether you are a life-long Christian or new to the faith, whether you are young or old or in-between, you will benefit from Wright’s fresh and thought-provoking presentation of the timeless truths of Christianity. Come and join us on Sundays or Wednesdays. If you would like to help form a study group at another time, please contact Steve Braden, Mike Stoll, or the church office. Here is the schedule:

Sunday, August 16 / Wednesday, August 19:	<i>Introduction to Simply Christian</i>
Sunday, August 23 / Wednesday, August 26:	<i>Justice &amp; Spirituality</i>
Sunday, August 30 / Wednesday, September 2:	<i>Relationships &amp; Beauty</i>
Sunday, September 6 / Wednesday, September 9:	<i>God</i>
Sunday, September 13/ Wednesday, September 16:	<i>Israel</i>
Sunday, September 20 / Wednesday, September 23:	<i>Jesus</i>
Sunday, September 27 / Wednesday, September 30:	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>
Sunday, October 4 / Wednesday, October 7:	<i>Worship &amp; Prayer</i>
Sunday, October 11 / Wednesday, October 14:	<i>Scripture</i>
Sunday, October 18* / Wednesday, October 21:	<i>The Church &amp; New Creation</i>

\* depending on “Take it to the Streets” schedule



**The Fall Men’s Retreat** will be held Friday, September 11 – Sunday, September 13 at Geneva Center. This year’s guest leader will be Robbie Carnes, co-associate pastor from First Presbyterian Church in South Bend. The theme is “A Spiritual Tool Box,” you know how important it is to get the right tool for the job when you’re working on a home repair project? But what about in your faith? What is the right tool? And, what’s the job again? Join Robbie for a weekend away as we discuss: The Invisible Reality; Exploring the Invisible; and Bringing the Invisible Into Sight!

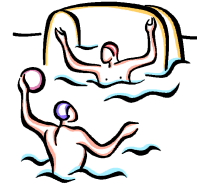
Registration deadline: Sunday, August 30. Cost: \$65.00.

**The Men’s Breakfast group** is on summer break, but it will resume Wednesday morning, August 12. The group meets at 8:00 a.m. every Wednesday morning at Baker’s Nook in Easy Shopping Plaza, just across the parking lot from the Hacienda. Steve Braden leads the group in Bible study and prayer. Come and join us!





**youth pool party!**  
**August 16 - PYF Jr./Sr. High Pool Party!**  
**4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
 Ron & Lain Downs  
 23236 Shorelane, Elkhart



If you are going into grades 7-12, please join us for a Pool Party! We will grill hot dogs and burgers, swim, play games, and have a bonfire!! Parents are welcome!!

Please RSVP to Mary Seddon at 875-1321 or MaryMall2000@aol.com by August 14! The Downs will provide the meat and buns, and I will assign something for you to bring!!

We will also go over PYF plans for the upcoming school year!! Hope to see you there!!

**Saturday, August 29th PYF Jr./Sr. High & Confirmation Fall Kick Off!!**  
**6:00 p.m. to Midnight**

7th to 12th grade youth: Please come join us for a fun night of food, games, fellowship, and planning!! This will be your chance to help plan the upcoming PYF calendar/activities, meet new friends, and see everyone you missed over the summer!! Those of you planning to begin confirmation will also spend some time meeting with Pastor Kathleen.

Please RSVP to Mary Seddon @ 875-1321 or MaryMall2000@aol.com!! If any adults are willing to help with this event, please contact Mary as well!



*Presbyterian Women*



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School supplies are now being collected for Beardsley School. The SCHOOL TREES are filled again with your assignments. Each tag is specific as what to purchase. Please take a tag or two--or more! Enjoy school shopping. All donations are due Sunday, August 16.

**ATTENTION KNITTERS AND SEWERS**

There is still plenty of time to make baby caps, blankets, and gowns for one of the many service projects. If you need material or directions please contact Harriet Sloop at hsloop@verizon.net. We'll be collecting those items at the end of August. Thank you.

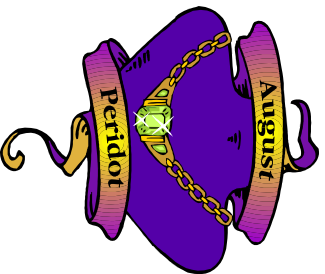
**RUMMAGE SALE**

Presbyterian Women will be holding an All-Church Rummage Sale to raise funds for mission projects. The sale will be held October 2 and 3. You are invited to bring items to the church for this sale by September 30. In regards to clothing, please donate only baby clothes and child-sized garments.

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

Honorary Life Memberships have been given to the following: Avia Baker, Marilyn Bellaire, Norma Boyer, Marsha Brownell, Phid Butler, Pat Charles, Jane Cherepak, Gladys Cone, Nancy Gerber, Colleen Goode, Barbara Harman, Helen Hovey, Dorothy Haught, Barb Hilbish, Mary Helen Kendall, Thelma Luefling, Luella Karay, Delotia Klose, Nancy MacDonald, Betty Markley, Connie Minzey, Alice Morris, Kathleen O'Connell, Bea Pyle, Joan Rhinehart, Mary Seddon, Harriet Sloop, Carol Steede, Jill Stoll, Yvonne Taylor, Jean Thursby, Chuck Vetter, Vivian Vetter, Mary Wagner, Julaine Yoder. We are updating our information and want to be sure everyone is included. If you have been given a pin and your name has been omitted from the list, please contact Alice Morris.

Presbyterian Youth & Presbyterian Women



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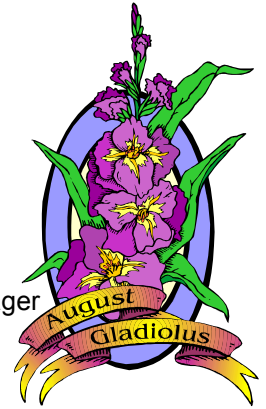
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b></p> <p>8:15 a.m. Bridge Rehearsal              8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Chapel              9:15 a.m. The Bridge Worship Service              9:45 a.m. Adult Classes              11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Sanctuary              Worship Service/Bridge</p>	
<p><b>Regular Wednesday Schedule</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast              8:30 a.m. Wednesday Small Group              11:00 a.m. Wednesday's Table              7:00 p.m. Bridge Band Rehearsal</p>	
<p>AA - Alcoholics Anonymous              AAUW - American Association of University Women              EDCA - Elkhart Day Care Association              EEG - Elkhart Embroiderers' Guild              OA - Overeaters Anonymous              PBJ - People Between Jobs              PW/CT - Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team              PT - Planning Team              WT - Worship Team</p>	<p><b>Legend</b></p>

<b>2</b> Communion Regular Schedule	<b>3</b> 8:00 a.m. PBJ 11:00 a.m. Book Burch 6:00 p.m. OA 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. Staff & WT 11:30 a.m. Bridge WT 6:30 p.m. EDCA	<b>5</b> Regular Schedule No Men's Prayer Breakfast	<b>6</b> 10:30 p.m. Tai Chi	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 10:30 a.m. Toe Enrollment Memorial Service
<b>9</b> Regular Schedule 10:00 a.m. Family Bible Workshop	<b>10</b> 6:00 p.m. OA 7:00 p.m. EEG 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. Staff & WT 11:30 a.m. Bridge WT	<b>12</b> Regular Schedule	<b>13</b> 10:30 p.m. Tai Chi 7:00 p.m. Trustees	<b>14</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Regular Schedule 4:00 p.m. PVF Pool Party	<b>17</b> 8:00 a.m. PBJ 11:30 a.m. NiFry 60's 1:00 p.m. EGS 6:00 p.m. OA 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. Staff & WT 11:30 a.m. Bridge WT 7:00 p.m. Session	<b>19</b> Regular Schedule 6:30 p.m. Simply Christian	<b>20</b> 7:30 a.m. Samaritan Center 10:30 p.m. Tai Chi	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Regular Schedule 10:00 a.m. Teacher Training 3:00 p.m. Luncheon Newsletter	<b>24</b> 8:00 a.m. PBJ 6:00 p.m. OA 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. Staff & WT 11:30 a.m. Bridge WT 7:00 p.m. Deacons	<b>26</b> Regular Schedule 6:30 p.m. Simply Christian	<b>27</b> 10:30 p.m. Tai Chi	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00—Midnight PVF Fall Kick-Off
<b>30</b> Regular Schedule 10:00 a.m. Teacher Training	<b>31</b> 8:00 a.m. PBJ 6:00 p.m. OA 8:00 p.m. AA					

# August Birthdays

August 1	Sue Gilpin Nathan Sailor	August 13	Anita Gorden	August 20	Jean Borneman Jack Cittadine
August 3	Larry Knight Denise Briggs	August 14	Rhett Fisher		Sarah Mauser Katie Chrobot
August 4	Betty Murphy	August 15	Miriam Mwaniki Marilyn Horvath Chris Witman	August 23	Bea Pyle Robert Charles
August 6	Ashley Bishop Alexander Scott	August 17	Alice Duncan Jane Atkins Terry Bishop	August 24	Mackenzie Bontrager
August 8	Ly-Ly Gerard Steven Briggs		Connie Minzey Elizabeth Hohman	August 27	Jim Baxter Jeffery Kaufmann
August 9	Rosemary Bond	August 18	John Horvath	August 28	Denny Klapp
August 10	Dorothy Curry	August 19	Katie Henderson David Gilpin	August 29	Lori Wolgamood
August 11	Patricia Smith Haley Stouder			August 30	Brian Henderson
August 12	Rudy Gourdine				



# August Anniversaries

August 2	Miriam & Josphat Mwaniki	August 25	Barb & Bob Hodgson
August 3	Jennifer & Nathan Sailor	August 27	Carol & Ron Miller Linda & Delbert Schrock
August 4	Michelle & Troy Scott	August 28	Laura & Mike O'Neill
August 11	Nancy & Gordon Compton	August 29	Evelyn & George White Jean & Jim Baxter Pat & John Van Dyke
August 13	Sharon & Dick Bracken		
August 15	Cheryl Ann & Todd Miller		
August 16	Jane & Doc Atkins		
August 24	Jane & Matt Cherepak		

## Take the Adopt-A-Spot Quiz!!!

1. What year was the Memorial Garden established?
2. How many people have adopted a spot?
3. Who planted the rare bush by the office entrance door?
4. What type of tree drops those porcupine-like golf ball-sized seeds?
5. Who planted the perennial garden by the back parking lot door?
6. Is it fun to adopt-a-spot?
7. Do we still need adopt-a-spot volunteers?
8. Do you know who to call to adopt-a-spot?

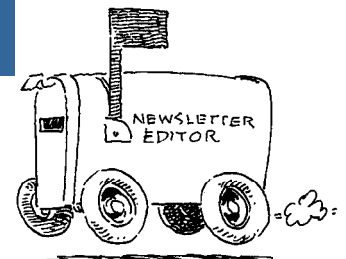


Thanks to all of you who are currently planting and weeding "God's Creation" around our church!! Remember many hands make light work!!

**Answers are on page 10!**

## Newsletter Deadline

**The next newsletter will be inserted in the bulletin on August 23 and mailed the following week to those who are not in worship. Please submit articles for that newsletter by August 14.**



## Habitat for Humanity...

We plan to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build again this fall. An Apostles Build is where approximately 12 churches go together to build a house, sharing the \$48,000 cost and the work. Braden McCormick has graciously agreed to head our church's involvement again this year. As of this writing, it is not yet clear when this will occur. Apparently, Habitat is having difficulty finding a sufficient number of churches who can commit to raising the funds (\$4,000) and person-power necessary to participate. The previously-announced build date of August 28 will probably not happen. Please stay posted for further developments.



**Church  
Community  
Services**  
*empowering positive change*

CCS continues to experience record demand. In June alone, CCS's emergency services program served 2,239 families, 662 more than were served in June, 2008. 1,946 families were helped with food, 568 more than a year ago. CCS is actively seeking new partnerships with local farms and bakeries for additional food, but even with the recent Letter Carrier's Food Drive, CCS is having trouble keeping its pantry stocked. Recently, it cut down on the items per family because of low stocks. Any help you can give, including grocery bags, is much appreciated by both CCS and its clients!



Coming this fall

## Take it to the Street!

On **Sunday, October 18** we are inviting the entire congregation to participate in a day filled with outreach and mission to our community. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. for a brief combined worship time, and then enjoy a simple brunch while we divide into teams that will head out to a variety of mission and service projects throughout the community.

During September, you'll have an opportunity to sign up for the type of project(s) you would enjoy (very physical or more sedate, working with children or elderly, etc.) Childcare will be provided during the afternoon so parents can participate, so we'll need some volunteers to work with infants, toddlers, and young children at church. The following week we'll hear and see stories of our experiences!

Please set aside this date now for a fantastic opportunity for our church to make a difference throughout our community! First Presbyterian is going to *Take it to the Street!*



## Presbyterian Peacemaking Awards



Through the generosity of our members in the October Peacemaking Offering, we are able to award \$500 Presbyterian Peacemaking Scholarships each spring to graduates of four area high schools: Central, Memorial, Concord, and Jimtown. The recipients are chosen by the faculty or staff of the schools on the basis of exemplifying peace-making in school life.

On the facing page are pictures and biographical information for this year's recipients. Three of the four were present and recognized at our Jazz Sunday service. Congratulations to Titus, Katie, Lauren, and Dana — and thanks to Connie Minzey and the mission team for making this happen.

**Our recipient from Concord High School is Titus Lee:**

*I am honored to be one of the few recipients' to receive the Peacemaker Award. On behalf of the Concord Community and my family, we thank you for your contributions to our students. I am furthering my education at Southwestern Michigan this upcoming fall, studying criminal justice or social work. In the future, hopefully soon, I also plan on going into the ministry field.*



Titus is respected by his peers and has a very infectious positive affect on other people. If he hears of a student who is having a problem, he's willing to step in and do what he can to help out. He's a good athlete and has been an inspiration to the baseball team, not only as a player but a leader in all situations; such as, consoling bad attitudes when things haven't gone so well for a player. Titus will go out of his way to do something nice for someone else. Titus has a genuine peacefulness about himself and he reaches out to people of all walks of life. He is sincere, selfless, and optimistic.

**Our recipient from Jimtown High School is Katie Zook.**



Katie is an extraordinarily giving young woman and is always willing to help, assist, and support any student in need. She maintains a genuine sensitivity and caring for others that is most exceptional. Katie has done an outstanding job as a Peer Tutor. She is the guidance department's "Go-To" person when a tutor is needed to tutor another student. Katie is a person of high integrity and demonstrates the very highest levels of personal and moral values.

*I will be attending Bethel College in the fall of this year. I intend to have a Spanish major and a double minor in Music and Teaching English as a Second or Other Language. It is my desire to continue my education so that I can, in turn, facilitate the education of others. Ever since I came back from a 2007 mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, I have wanted to teach English as a new language. There is a vast need for people to teach English among the growing Hispanic population. I am excited about the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these people. It is my sincere wish that I may be able to return to Elkhart and impact the kids in the Elkhart Community Schools. I would love to teach at Elkhart Memorial or Central. I am so blessed to have received this award that will help me in this endeavor. I pray that God will use this financial support to help me in breaking down the walls that block the success of these kids.*

**Our recipient from Elkhart Memorial High School is Lauren Weaver.**

*After graduation, I plan on attending Manchester College pursuing a degree in History and Spanish. After Manchester I hope to go on to Purdue University for graduate studies in order to become a professor of History. I feel that these plans will help me to become a stronger student as well as a better person. However, I can't do this on my own. I need to have the guidance of God and the support of caring people such as yourselves. The generosity of this parish has helped in allowing me to not only pursue, but also reach my goals and dreams. So thank you for your support and I pray that the world can realize how blessed we are to have people just like you.*



Lauren is a student mentor for the special education students at Memorial High School. She volunteers at Faith Mission, Church Community services, and Hubbard Hill Nursing Home. Lauren also helps her elderly neighbors when they need it. She loves to volunteer when possible because it brings her joy when she sees the faces of people light up as a result of her helping hand. Lauren says, "I serve others not only to become a better servant but to also become a better leader."

**Our recipient from Elkhart Central High School is Dana Brown.**



Dana models peacemaking every day of her life. At her HeadStart School where she is doing classroom interventions, she uses many different strategies to help young students deal with anger management. With her peers she is soft spoken, kind, and anxious to help others. Dana shows great resilience in her life and is able to use her faith to find the inner strength to "make peace" with life's adversities. Dana is a model of a "peacemaker" in her personal life, her interaction with others, and in her expectation of a positive outcome regardless of the situation.

*I want to start off by thanking you for allowing me to accept this award. I also want to thank my teacher, Ms. Eldridge, for nominating me for this award. I just can't get it through my mind that I was chosen. I am proud to say that I have been accepted to a school already, Trine University in Angola, IN. I plan on getting a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. I love to work around children, and it has been my passion to become a teacher for a very long time. Again, I want to thank you for this award, and God bless!*



**Gordon G. MacKenzie**

August 8, 1930-June 27, 2009

**Barbara I. Gutermuth**

December 2, 1929—June 28, 2009

**Joseph Moritz Grolimund**

October 17, 1931—July 6, 2009

**Elizabeth F. Swihart**

January 18, 1918—July 7, 2009

**Christobel T. Rosezelle**

November 14, 1911—July 16, 2009

**Our sympathy** is also extended to Jan Gresmer, whose husband, Jim Gresmer died of prostate cancer. Jim was an active member of our church until their move to Wisconsin around 1970.

**Thank You...**

*Dear Friends,  
What a blessing you have been before my surgery and during my recovery. The prayers, caring card, the calls, offers of help, and many cards have meant so much.*

*Thank you for your love and kindness.  
In Christ, Ruth Eraybar*

*Dear First Presbyterian,  
I really appreciate the cards and flowers I received for get well greetings. And the Caring Card was awesome. It drew many comments at the rehab facility.  
Blessings, Helen Good*

*Thank you to all my generous friends here at First Presbyterian. For the gifts of support for the 3-Day 60 mile Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk that I will be participating in from August 7—9. I really appreciate your caring and prayers!*

*Cinda Olinger*

**Congratulations go to:**

**Weddings...**

- Holly (Blessing) and Pat O'Connell who were married on July 4 in the church sanctuary
- Tasha (Sterling) and Michael Gonzales who were married on July 11 in the church sanctuary.

**Baptisms...**

- Hayden Aaron Gregory Slagel, son of Nichole & Aaron Slagel was baptized on June 21, 2009.
- Hanna Elizabeth Free, daughter of Jenny & Jake Free, granddaughter of Helen Free was baptized on July 5, 2009.
- Nouhak Thammavongsa, wife of Smiley, was baptized on July 5, 2009.
- Faith Mithiyalue Thammavongsa, daughter of Nouhak & Smiley Thammavongsa, granddaughter of Nom Thammavongsa, was baptized on July 5, 2009.
- Jackson Mark Woolwine, son of Jessica & Ryan Woolwine, grandson of Jill Woolwine, was baptized on July 5, 2009.

**Births...**

- Wyatt Colin Pearce, born to Tara (Steede) & Ben Pearce on June 14. Proud grandparents are Carol & Dave Steede.
- Griffin Isaac Olinger, born to Lindsey & Luke Olinger on June 29. Proud grandparents are Cinda & Dan Olinger.
- Grace Elizabeth Ebad, born to Julie & Edgar Ebad on June 30. Proud grandparents are Sue & Dick Griffen.

**Answers to Adopt-A-Spot Quiz**

1. 1992
2. 20
3. Gladys Cone
4. Sweet Gum
5. Pat Knight
6. Yes—provides an instant sense of accomplishment
7. Yes
8. Carol Eldridge (264-0985)

# Upcoming Weekly Worship Schedule

Date	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23
<b>Preacher Upstairs</b>	Steve Braden	Willard Roth	Steve Braden	Steve Braden
<b>Bridge Preacher</b>	Walt Davis	Drama	Terry Wood	Music Sunday
<b>Liturgist</b> (8:30) (11:00)	Dick Griffen Harriet Sloop	Stu Barb Helen Free	Nancy Zoller Marsha Brownwell	Carol Steede Diane Evans
<b>Special</b>	Communion		Begin "Simply Christian" focus	
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Carol Steede Jane Cherepak	Linda Schrock Harriet Sloop	Jackie McCoy Mary Seddon	Linda Schrock Will Evens
<b>8:30 a.m. Ushers (Chapel)</b>	Lori Eber Connie Minzey	Susie & Dave Lehman	Kay & Dale South	Jane & Bruce Klonowski
<b>9:15 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)</b>	Cami Amendt Russ Gilpin	Mary & John Seddon	Kristy & Robert Nix	Starr Robinson Paula Wood
<b>11:00 a.m. Ushers (Sanctuary)</b>	Helen Free Colleen Goode Ferne & Bob Huber	Jean & Jim Baxter Jill Stoll Julaine Yoder	Mike, Teresa, Joe, & Steven Swanson	Tim Good Nancy Stetz Kathy & Bob Wall
<b>11:00 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)</b>	Brenda Mason James Cameron	Vicki & Eric Kronemeyer	??	Nikki & Chad Gernand
<b>11:00 a.m. Music (Sanctuary)</b>	Celia Weiss, vocal solo	Keyboard Duet—Jane Atkins & Celia Weiss	Instrumental Ensemble	Vocal Ensemble
<b>Hospitality Host</b>	Dottie Arnold	Fellowship Commission	Nancy Stetz	Mary & John Seddon

## Daily Prayer Listings

### the week of August 2, 2009

Sunday – Dottie & Tom Arnold  
 Monday – Jane & Doc Atkins  
 Tuesday – Paula & Stu Barb  
 Wednesday – Ann Baucus & Bill Dean  
 Thursday – Jean & Jim Baxter  
 Friday – Judy & Fred Bechtold  
 Saturday – Lillian Bell-Gaines  
 And at home – Jane Lerner, Helen Good, Gerry Gorsuch,  
 Lois & Orvis Rupe, Vivian Vetter, Jean & Howard Thursby,  
 Mac McNease, & Jane Pinkerton

### the week of August 9, 2009

Sunday – Becky & Al Benham  
 Monday – Carol Benson  
 Tuesday – Jodi, Terry, Anna, & Ashley Bishop,  
 & Kaylin Rumler  
 Wednesday – Mary Jane Blanken  
 Thursday – Kathy & Ron Blessing  
 Friday – Doni, Jim, Tori, & Samantha Boal  
 Saturday – Elizabeth, Richard, Drew, & Madeline Bond  
 And at Valley View Healthcare – Rosemary Forgey

### the week of August 16, 2009

Sunday – Rosemary Bond  
 Monday – Sydney, Troy, MacKenzie, & Jordan Bontrager  
 Tuesday – Jean Borneman  
 Wednesday – Jean, Kevin, & Alexander Boyer  
 Thursday – Norma & Mac Boyer  
 Friday – Sharon & Richard Bracken  
 Saturday – Beth Braden  
 And at Eastlake Terrace – Isabelle Kauffman, Yi Kintner,  
 Dorothy Hemphill, & Gladys Deless

### the week of August 23, 2009

Sunday – Marge, Steve, Mason, & Andy Braden  
 Monday – Lona & Jeffrey Bradford  
 Tuesday – Michele & Geno Braun  
 Wednesday – Kathryn Brennan  
 Thursday – Denise & Bob Briggs  
 Friday – Pat & Dick Brotherson  
 Saturday – Patty, Jim, Drew, & Spencer Brotherson  
 And at Brentwood Retirement Community – Irene March



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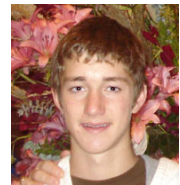
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Stephen B. Braden, Pastor  
Kathleen W. O'Connell, Associate Pastor  
Celia S. Weiss, Director of Music & Organist  
Brigitte Evens, Coordinator of Children  
Frank Cassella, Coordinator of Contemporary Worship  
Todd Miller, Bridge Media & Technology Coordinator  
Cinda Olinger, Executive & Financial Secretary  
Terry Bishop, Sexton  
Jim Davis, Patti Davis, & Steve Seward, Custodians  
Mary Freed, Nursery Coordinator  
Kelli Davis, Beth Ann Hoffer, & Susan Kendell, Nursery Attendants  
Walt Davis, George Frey, & Rudy Gourdine Parish Associates

## WELCOME CONFIRMANDS & NEW MEMBERS

**Joseph Michael Swanson** was confirmed on May 31, 2009. Joe lives in Elkhart and is a sophomore at Central High School. He is the son of Mike and Teresa Swanson.



**Ross Linton** was confirmed on May 31, 2009. Ross lives in Bristol and is a freshman at Central High School. He is the son of Mary and Kirk Linton.

**Brenda Mason & James Cameron** joined by reaffirmation of faith on May 31, 2009. They live at 59927 CR 117. Brenda works at Walmart in Elkhart and James works construction.



**Hyrum (Guy) Smith** (*no picture available at press time*) joined by reaffirmation of faith on June 21, 2009. He lives in Elkhart and works at EFP Corporation in Elkhart.