

# FIRST PRESS

*Inviting all to know Christ, grow in Christ, and share Christ's love.*

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**April 18-May16, 2010**

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## Spring Musical Daniel & the Lion April 25

On Sunday morning, April 25, the Melodia Choir and Jr. Chorale, along with several Westminster Choir participants will present the musical, **Daniel and the Lion**, at the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. The contemporary musical setting brings the story of Daniel to life with solos, chorus, dance, and humor. Come join us!



### 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

**Children's Classes**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Youth Classes**  
10:15 a.m.  
**Adult Classes**

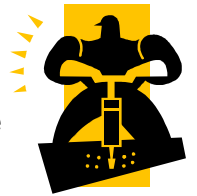
9:45 a.m. Reception Room  
10:20 a.m. Theatre



**More Than Enough** is the theme of our spring stewardship campaign, which begins April 18 and culminates with Consecration Sunday on May 16. See page 8 for details.

### Crawford St. Repairs

You may have seen construction work ominously approaching along Crawford St. The project, being done by Selge Construction, is to install new sanitary sewers, new storm sewers, and new water service, to remove troublesome trees, and to completely rebuild the road, curbs, and driveways. The project will reach our block starting in June or July. The project manager, assures us that they will keep access to our north parking lot open during the project.



### PEACE Among The PEOPLES

A major ecumenical peace conference is coming to Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary July 28-31. Space will be limited. They are also seeking volunteers and host families. See page 5.



from the Pastor's desk

Having had several positive responses, I want to reiterate and expand on the major points of my "Doubting Thomas" sermon on the Sunday after Easter. These thoughts may be obvious to some of you, new to others, and possibly unwelcome to some, but they are a product of my continued theological thinking and reading. If you would like to explore these ideas further, I invite you to consider joining the discussion group on Brian McLaren's *A New Kind of Christianity*, announced on page 4 in this newsletter.

In my sermon, I suggested that there were two major ways of understanding the Christian faith. One approach is that the essence of being a Christian is to be a "believer." What does that mean? It is understood to mean believing certain truths. "Belief" in this context means "giving intellectual assent to," and the truths are "propositional truths," truths stated as "propositions" that you either believe or don't. The number and nature of these truths vary among groups: all would include the fact that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior; others might include the literal truth of the Bible, the literal truth of the miracles, the bodily resurrection of Jesus, and the "substitutionary atonement" view of Jesus' death on the cross.

In this view, we must give wholehearted intellectual assent to these "truths" in order to be "Christian." Since the benefits of being a Christian are that we receive Jesus' help in this life and heaven in the next, the stakes are pretty high: our very salvation depends on our belief. What if we have doubts? Doubts obviously become very worrisome: they threaten our salvation. So, we must do all within our power to overcome such doubts, by suppressing them if need be. And we must try to convince as many people as possible, especially those whom we love, to believe as we do, and not to doubt.

I would guess that this view surprises no one, as it is the paradigm that pervades much of Christianity, particularly evangelical Christianity. Many of us were raised with this understanding (though it was never stated quite this directly). What may surprise you — gladdening some hearts and dismaying others — is that there is an alternative understanding. And this other understanding arises as much out of the portrait of Jesus in the gospels as does the first paradigm.

The second understanding of Christianity is that it is not so much about what you believe as about how you live. The central image is less belief than journey of faith. It is a dynamic understanding, incorporating the fact that many people's faith grows and changes over the course of their lifetime. It is rooted in Jesus' call to follow Him, and His proclamation of the Kingdom of God. The essence of the faith is not so much believing the right propositions, but growing in love of God and neighbor and living ever more deeply a Christ-shaped life.

The first understanding is rooted largely in the Gospel of John and the writings of Paul; the second understanding is rooted in the other Gospels. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus seldom calls people to believe in Him (or believe certain truths about Him); rather, He calls people to live Kingdom lives of generosity, forgiveness, love, and joy. He is less interested in doctrine than in practice; He wants followers rather than fans.

The second understanding has a very different role for doubt. Rather than threatening one's salvation, it becomes a vehicle for growth. Rather than a threatening intruder, it is a welcome guest. The spiritual journey by necessity involves times of doubt: we cannot reach deeper understandings without first doubting, and then discarding, understandings that no longer reflect our new perceptions.

So...enough sermonizing. How does this contrast strike you? Obviously my journey of faith has brought me to appreciate the second understanding more than the first. Others may believe the first understanding is closer to the true message of Jesus. Some may think that even to question the first view is dangerous heresy. I invite you to think on these things, and come to explore further if you are interested.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...** This year we will join St. Paul's UMC for our VBS program. It will be held at St. Paul's and Ox-Bow Park on June 9 & 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is open for four year olds thru sixth graders. There is bus transportation to and from the park. We will be studying God's Creation.

We are looking for volunteers to help with music, storytelling, food, and other. Mornings will be spent in the park and afternoons at St. Paul's. Snacks and lunches will be provided. Also different this year is that we will not be charging a fee, but asking for monetary donations if you're able to give, due to the economic difficulties we are all experiencing.

We are asking the congregation to please save their CLEAN, empty half gallon orange juice cartons. No plastic jugs are needed. The children will be making two birdhouses, one decorative, out of wood and one functional, out of these containers.

We are very excited about this VBS program. Registration forms will be available shortly. Please consider volunteering to help with this wonderful event. For questions or more information please call Brigitte at (574)273-2393 or email at tropishells@aol.com. Please put "FP-VBS" in the subject line. More information will be forthcoming in church bulletins and by email.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL...** Thanks again for the continuing help of our volunteer teachers, Russ Gilpin, Sarah Mauser, and Will Evens. Their leadership is a great asset for the children. We have been studying not only the apostles, but some of the parables of Jesus as well. Sunday School will continue through June 20.

**EGG HUNT...** Thanks for the donations and help with this year's Easter Egg hunt. We had a dozen children searching all the upstairs classrooms for treats and free meal coins! They swarmed about like well seasoned egg hunters. Not one was left behind!

## April + May PYF Happenings!

### April 18

10:15-10:50 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School  
noon to 2:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. PYF: Service Project: Church work day!  
We will meet from Lunch will be provided.

### April 23-25

Confirmation Retreat at Geneva Center

### April 25

10:15-10:50 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School  
5:45-7:00 p.m. PYF

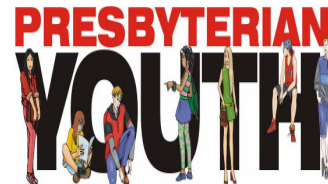
### May 16

"Youth Sunday" at both Bridge Services!  
Please plan to participate/attend!

### May 23

Confirmation Sunday

\*Information is now available in the office for the Geneva camps which will be held this summer!  
See page 12 for more details.



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Growing in Christ: Children & Youth Ministries

## Spring Into Mission—Classes!

This spring, we are offering a series of adult classes focusing on various aspects of local and global mission. Many will feature guest speakers. All will be at 9:45 in the Reception Room. Here is the schedule:

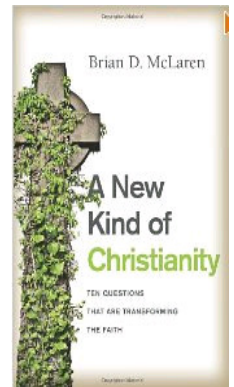
<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>	<u>Host</u>
4/25	Center for Healing & Hope	Dale Wentorf, Dale South	Steve Braden
5/02	Haiti (first person account)	Dr. Jeff Steele	Mike Stoll
5/09	Coaching Missions International	Tina Stoltzfus Horst & Gary Horst	Tom Kirk
5/16	No class	Consecration Sunday	
5/23	To be announced		

### A NEW KIND OF CHRISTIANITY

Are you interested in exploring some of the kind of issues raised in *Steve’s Scratchings*? If there is sufficient interest (e.g. 6 people), and if a mutually convenient time can be found, Steve Braden will lead a book study/theological discussion as outlined below. **If you are interested in either, please sign up in the Gathering Place or email Steve Braden.**

In *A New Kind of Christianity*, Brian McLaren (author of *A Generous Orthodoxy*) summarizes his thinking by discussing 10 particularly important and animating questions for 21st century Christians:

1. *The Narrative Question:* What is the shape, the storyline or plotline, of the biblical narrative? What is it about? What problem is it trying to solve?
2. *The Authority Question:* What does it mean to say the Bible has authority? How is it “inspired?” What is its authority in our lives?
3. *The God Question:* Is God violent? Does God make innocent people suffer? Or is God purely just, kind, and compassionate? Are there different views of God in the Bible?
4. *The Jesus Question:* Who is Jesus and why is He so important? Why do Christians present such different visions or versions of Jesus? Must we choose?
5. *The Gospel Question:* What is the core message of the Christian faith? Is it exclusively about life after death, or primarily about justice, peace, and joy on earth? Are the gospels of Jesus and Paul the same, or opposite? Is the gospel good news for a few, or for all people?
6. *The Church Question:* What do we do about the church? What future should our local congregations, our denominations, and the Christian community at large pursue?
7. *The Sex Question:* Why has homosexuality become such a divisive issue? Can we move beyond paralyzing polarization to constructive dialogue?
8. *The Future Question:* What is our vision of the future? How do our views of the future affect our behavior in the present? Are there fresh and better options for Christian eschatology?
9. *The Pluralism Question:* How should followers of Jesus relate to people of other religions? Is Jesus the only way - and the only way to what? Can we have both a strong sense of Christian identity - and a strong sense of hospitality and love toward people of other faiths?
10. *The What-Do-We-Do-Now Question:* How can we open these questions without creating needless controversy and division?



If you are interested in reading the book and exploring these questions with Steve Braden, please sign up or speak to Steve.



## Letter Carriers' Food Drive May 8

The United Way and the Elkhart County Food Network encourage everyone to support the Food Drive on May 8. We will distribute grocery bags on May 2. The agencies need your prayers and volunteers on May 8.

To volunteer, register on the United Way website: [www.unitedwayec.org](http://www.unitedwayec.org)

## Peacemaking Scholarships



*Thank you to everyone who donated to the Peacemaking Scholarships last October and throughout the winter.*

During the month of May we will be attending the Senior Awards Night programs at Concord, Jimtown, Elkhart Central, and Elkhart Memorial High Schools to present a \$500 grant to a graduating senior at each school.

The students will be selected by their school counselors. They will have been chosen because of their ability to promote justice and reconciliation between people, to create opportunities for healing, or to exhibit fairness and the ability to work for peace and wholeness in their school. We will acknowledge appreciation to these winners at our Jazz Sunday worship service in June.

*Thank you again, so very much, to everyone who has participated in this community mission opportunity.*

## PEACE Among The PEOPLES

Ecumenical Peace Conference

July 28-July 31, 2010

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart

AMBS is hosting a major peace conference this summer. *Peace Among the Peoples* is a gathering of ecumenically minded Christian peacemakers. Scholars, peace activists, and clergy from the United States and Canada will come together, including Stanley Hauerwas, Brian McLaren, Rita Nakashima Brock, Michael Kinnamon, and Leonid Kishkovsky. It will be a rich gathering of diverse traditions, including Mainline and Evangelical Protestant, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Emergent. Organizers hope that participants will begin to envision the future of a common peace movement.

For information, or to register for the conference (space will be limited), see their website: [www.peace2010.net](http://www.peace2010.net). Steve Braden has been involved in planning the conference and can answer questions as well.

The conference is seeking host families to offer lodging, and possibly transportation, for conference participants. If you would consider hosting a conference participant on the nights of July 28-31, please call the church office. More information is available on our website and on the table by the Gathering Place.

Sharing Christ's Love: Mission & Peacemaking



# May 2010

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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<b>2 Communion</b> Regular Schedule PW Birthday Offering 2:00 Eastlake	<b>3</b> 8:00 PBJ 8:30 PEO 5:30 Foundation 6:00 OA 8:00 AA	<b>4</b> 10:00 Staff & WT 11:30 Bridge WT 12:00 Prayer Group  6:30 EDCA	<b>5</b> Regular Schedule 11:00 Circle of Grace	<b>6</b> 8:30 Small Group 10:30 Tai Chi	<b>7</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Regular Schedule	<b>10</b> 8:00 PBJ 1:00 EGS  6:00 OA 7:00 EEG 8:00 AA	<b>11</b> 10:00 Staff & WT 11:30 Bridge WT  12:00 McWorm	<b>12</b> Regular Schedule	<b>13</b> 8:30 Small Group 10:30 Tai Chi	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Youth Sunday</b> Regular Schedule	<b>17</b> 8:00 PBJ 1:00 EGS  6:00 OA 8:00 AA	<b>18</b> 10:00 Staff & WT 11:30 Bridge WT  7:00 Session	<b>19</b> Regular Schedule 1:00 Circle of Grace	<b>20</b> 7:00 Sam. Center 8:30 Small Group 10:30 Tai Chi	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 Pentecost</b> Regular Schedule Confirmation Sunday	<b>24</b> 8:00 PBJ 1:00 EGS  6:00 OA 7:00 EEG 8:00 AA	<b>25</b> 10:00 Staff & WT 11:30 Bridge WT  7:00 Deacons	<b>26</b> Regular Schedule	<b>27</b> 8:30 Small Group 10:30 Tai Chi  6:30 PW CT	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 Memorial Sunday</b> Regular Schedule	<b>31 Memorial Day</b> Office Closed  6:00 OA 7:00 EEG					

### Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:15 a.m. Bridge Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. The Bridge Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Class
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 10:00 a.m. New Horizons
- 10:15 a.m. Youth Church School
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Class
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. The Bridge Worship Service
- 5:45 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Fellowship (PYF)

### Regular Wednesday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:45 a.m. Wednesday's Table
- 5:00 p.m. Melodia Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Jr. Chorale Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Westminster Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Bridge Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

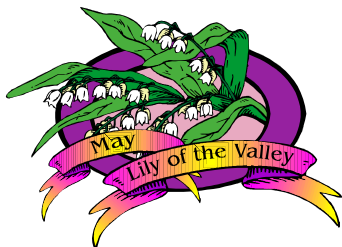
### Legend

- AA – Alcoholics Anonymous
- AAUW – American Association of University Women
- EDCA – Elkhart Day Care Association
- EEG – Elkhart Embroiderers' Guild
- EGS – Elkhart Genealogy Society
- IPG – Independent Prayer Group
- OA – Overeaters Anonymous
- PBJ – People Between Jobs
- PW CT – Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
- WT – Worship Team

# May Birthdays

May 1	Mary Jane Blanken John Wright	May 13	Brittany Mosier	May 25	Terry McCaskey Stacey Van Putten
May 2	Janet Scholtes Linda Forgey	May 14	Bob Briggs		Madison Woolwine Jackson Woolwine
May 4	Dick Brotherson Nancy Stetz	May 15	Elaine Miller Charlie Sailor	May 26	Marilyn Haffner Kathryn Shanholt
May 5	Taylor Wall Madison Cave	May 16	Isaac Rice		Kendra Ellington Christie Salmon
May 6	Jim Mosier	May 17	Beth Ann Hoffer	May 27	Carlene Smith-Klapp Michele Disch
May 7	Paul Randall	May 18	Jim Shreve	May 28	Kathy Sirinek Evan Nix
May 8	Vernease Pyles Mike Wilson	May 19	Steve Seward Carol Steede Jean Boyer Amelia Briggs	May 29	Tom Warrick Gordon Compton
May 9	Stephanie Wright Scott Linton	May 21	Asia Thammavongsa Angela Thammavongsa	May 30	Karol Shreve Mary Rasp Alice Morris Kelli Davis
May 10	Bruce Klonowski	May 22	Matthew Salmon Smiley Thammavongsa	May 31	Abby Witman
May 11	Delores Peterson Hans Disch Sloan Fisher	May 23	Bill Burton Anna Bishop		
May 12	Mary Pio	May 24	Keith Kankel Heath Freed		

# May Anniversaries



May 5—Teresa & Mike Swanson	May 18—Jodi & Terry Bishop
May 5—Katherine & Brian Henderson	May 19—Patti & Chris Witman
May 8—Jackie & Ryan Stockman	May 22—Norma & Mac Boyer
May 11—Patti & Jim Davis	May 22—Elizabeth & Walt Davis
May 13—Mona & Jack Gehring	May 23—Nella & Jerry Putman
May 14—Sue & Russ Gilpin	May 23—Lynnette & Nico Valentijn
May 16—Vivian & Chuck Vetter	May 27—Chris & Dennis Gobble
May 17—Pam & Ron Duncan	May 29—Brigitte & Will Evens

## The Capital Campaign March Capital Campaign Update



Amount Pledged (adjusted for known reductions and unpledged gifts):	\$1,104,747.00
Money Received to date:	\$813,105.77
Money Spent on projects & interest:	\$948,180.83
Balance Remaining on Mortgage Loan:	\$120,000.00 <sup>1</sup>
Balance Remaining on Pledges:	\$291,641.23
Balance Remaining on Tithe to Mission:	\$110,475.00 <sup>2</sup>
Potential Balance for New Projects:	\$45,641.23 <sup>3</sup>

Thank you to all who have paid and are paying their capital campaign pledges. We hope and pray that continued generous giving will enable us to retire the mortgage loan in 2010 and proceed to pay our mission pledge and fund the remaining projects in the campaign (e.g. restroom renovation).

<sup>1</sup> Principal borrowed: \$370,100. Principal repaid through March: \$250,100.

<sup>2</sup> \$16,000 was borrowed from other church funds to make an initial payment to Church Community Services. This must be repaid from campaign receipts.

<sup>3</sup> If all pledges are paid in full this amount will be available for not-yet-completed projects.

In his second letter to the Christians at Corinth, the Apostle Paul writes:



*Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give.  
But don't feel sorry that you must give  
and don't feel that you are forced to give.  
God loves people who love to give.  
God can bless you with everything you need,  
and you will always have more than enough  
to do all kinds of good things for others. 2 Cor. 9:7-8 CEV*

The annual campaign requesting pledges to support God's work in and through our church is beginning. Our theme is "More Than Enough," and we will focus on responding to — and extending — the abundant blessings God has given us.

This annual campaign is different from our ongoing capital campaign, which goes to improvements to our building. As was true last year, our campaign will be for the new 12-month fiscal year, June 1, 2010-May 31, 2011.

The campaign will begin on April 18, and will culminate on Consecration Sunday, May 16. In this period, you will hear various announcements and receive various mailings about the campaign.

We approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective: we don't view the money given to our church merely as a way to pay our bills. Rather, we see financial stewardship as a way to help people grow spiritually. Generous giving, and proportional giving in particular, is both a means to and a product of spiritual maturity.

Our approach is based on the Biblical understanding of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who pay dues, we treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. To this end, we will encourage people to commit to proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "*What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?*"

## Consecration Sunday May 16

Consecration Sunday will be May 16. During worship at all services, we will ask everyone to make their financial commitments to our church's mission and ministry in this community and around the world. Please make every effort to attend worship that Sunday.

Please take time to give thanks to God for God's love and mercy, pray for our stewardship campaign, and plan to participate in campaign events, and join us for worship on May 16.

The Stewardship Team, Dick Griffen, leader

**Adopt-A-Spot...SPRING IS HERE!!!** Spots are still available to those who are willing to maintain an area of the church grounds for the summer. See the Grounds diagram located on the wall outside the Sanctuary for sign-up. Just keep the weeds out and the beds neat.

## New Members

**Jill Cornelius** was received into membership on March 28, 2010 by baptism. Jill attends the Chapel and Bridge services.



**Zachary Hoffer** was received into membership by letter of transfer on March 28, 2010. Zachary is the brother of Adam Hoffer. He is a full-time student at IUSB. He is engaged to be married to Shennendoah Zinkan. He attends the Bridge service.

**Tiana Webb** was received into membership by letter of transfer on March 28, 2010. Tiana has two children, Kylie and Benjamin. They attend the Bridge service.



**Shennendoah Zinkan** was received into membership on March 28, 2010 by baptism. Shanna is engaged to be married to Zachary Hoffer. She attends the Bridge service.

Welcome these newest members of FPC!

## Presbyterian Women

2010 Birthday Offering -- TRAIN CHILDREN IN THE RIGHT WAY, AND WHEN THEY ARE OLD, THEY WILL NOT STRAY. --Proverbs 22:6

Begun in 1922, the Birthday Offering celebrates Presbyterian Women's history of mission giving. For 2010, two projects have been selected.

1. Kindergarten and Childcare Center in Kirkuk, Iran.
2. Peace Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky - Reach-Improve-Strengthen-Empower Project

Both recipients seek to guide and nurture children, ensuring that they will know Christ's love and grow in faith, becoming adults who are able to share God's love in their own communities.

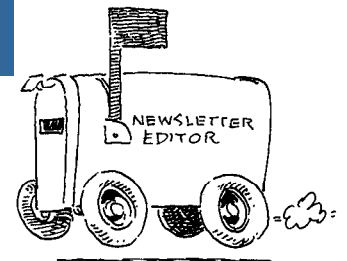
The Birthday Offering will be collected in our church on May 2, 2010. You are invited to participate by donating a dime or a dollar for each year of your age!

**UPCOMING DATES** — April 22 - Coordinating Team - 6:30 p.m.  
 May 5 - Esther Study - 11:00 a.m.  
 May 19 - Bible Study with Kathleen O'Connell - 1:00 p.m.



## Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be emailed on May 14 and available for friends without emails on May 16, and mailed the following week to those who are not in worship.





*Nicoline Valentijn*

*December 5, 1925 - March 30, 2010*

*Dorothy Hemphill*

*April 4, 1914 - April 2, 2010*

**The Sympathy of the congregation to:**

- Leo Joint, long-time former member of 1st Presbyterian died on February 22, 2010. in Valparaiso. Delores' address: 2006 Linden Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383.
- The family of Irene March, who died on April 1, 2010.

**The Presbyterian Foundation...**The First Presbyterian Church Foundation exists to invest and manage endowment gifts for our church. The Foundation has a number of specific funds, including: Christian Education, Building, Scholarship, Music, Memorial Garden, Unrestricted, Presbyterian Women, the Sollitt-Scholtes Fund for Building and Grounds, the Kurtz Fund for Plants & Plantings, Harman Fund for Personnel, and the Ralph & Barbara Miller Endowment for the Enrichment of the Arts. *Have you considered naming the church in your will through the Foundation?*

**The Foundation Committee meets Monday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m.** Funding requests should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, 5. Request forms are available from the church office.

**The Samaritan Center invites you to Pay It Forward! Saturday, May 1** come to the River Walk at Karzhali Park and participate in events from all agencies, learn about ours, and enjoy a Saturday afternoon outdoors.

**Pews for Sale:** If you would like to purchase one of our old pews from the downstairs hallway, please speak to trustees Dick Whitcraft or Dave Mauser, or call the church office.



*Thank you for all your support following the death of Thelma Luefling. The meal and services were excellent.  
The Luefling family*

*I would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful Easter Lily and for all of the cards, prayers, and good wishes. It has meant a lot to me.  
Fern Huber*

*I want to thank you so very much for remembering me on my 97th birthday. Seeing so many familiar names and your wonderful messages meant the world to me. Thank you also to Jennifer and Vern Pitcher for being so faithful in keeping me an active part of our church.  
Sincerely, Jane Lerner*

*Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy during the recent loss of my son, Jim Battjes. Your prayers and love have been very comforting and appreciated.  
Sincerely, Jean Borneman*

*Thank you so much for all the meals you brought after my hip replacement surgery. Also, thanks to Robert Nix for the many odd jobs that you gave to Michael. It helped a great deal.  
Debbi Miller & family*

*Thank you to all who helped clean up the grounds at the Trustees' clean-up day on Sunday, April 18.*



**Congratulations go to Ben and Kim Weiss on the birth of their son Shaun Patrick who was born on April 9. Shaun was born with a heart defect and had heart surgery on Monday,**

**April 12. Please keep Shaun and his family in your prayers as he recuperates from the surgeries. Proud grandparents are Celia and Mike Weiss. Check out their blog at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/shaunweiss>**

# Upcoming Weekly Worship Schedule

Date	April 25	May 2	May 9	May 16
<b>Preacher Upstairs</b>	Rudy Gourdine, chapel Musical in sanctuary	Steve Braden	Steve Braden	Steve Braden
<b>Bridge Preacher</b>	Kathleen O'Connell	Kathleen O'Connell	Kathleen O'Connell	Kathleen O'Connell
<b>Liturgist (8:30 C) (11:00 S)</b>	Marilyn Horvath Ron Downs	David Lehman Diane Evans	Andy McCaskey Doug Evans	Jackie McCoy Colleen Goode
<b>Special</b>	(11:00) Children's Spring Musical	Communion	Mother's Day	Youth Sunday
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Jackie McCoy Andy McCaskey	John Van Dyke Connie Minzey	Dick Griffen	Stu Barb Jill Stoll
<b>8:30 a.m. Ushers (Chapel)</b>	Debby & Bill Burton	Jane & Bruce Klonowski	Susie & Dave Lehman	Kay & Dale South
<b>9:15 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)</b>	Starr Robinson Paula Wood			
<b>11:00 a.m. Ushers (Sanctuary)</b>	Becky & Al Benham Susie & Wen Wu	Kirk, Derek, Scott, & Ross Linton	Vernease & Jim Pyles Kathy & Bob Wall	Jane & Dock Atkins Pat & John Van Dyke
<b>11:00 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)</b>	Anita Gorden Mary Rasp			
<b>11:00 a.m. Music (Sanctuary)</b>	Children's Spring Musical	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
<b>Hospitality Host</b>	<b>Volunteers needed—please sign-up at the table by the Gathering Place! Thank you!</b>			

## Daily Prayer Listings

### the week of April 25, 2010

Sunday – Jean & Jim Baxter  
 Monday – Judy & Fred Bechtold  
 Tuesday – Lillian Bell-Gaines  
 Wednesday – Becky & Al Benham  
 Thursday – Carol Benson  
 Friday – Jodi, Terry, Anna, & Ashley Bishop & Kaylin Rumler  
 Saturday – Mary Jane Blanken  
 And at Hubbard Hill – Aimee Patterson

### the week of May 2, 2010

Sunday – Kathy & Ron Blessing  
 Monday – Doni, Jim, Tori, & Samantha Boal  
 Tuesday – Elizabeth & Richard Bond  
 Wednesday – Rosemary Bond  
 Thursday – Sydney, Troy, MacKenzie, & Jordan Bontrager  
 Friday – Jean Borneman  
 Saturday – Jean, Kevin, & Alexander Boyer  
 And at Beverly Living Center – Barbara Karay

### the week of May 9, 2010

Sunday – Norma & Mac Boyer  
 Monday – Sharon & Richard Bracken  
 Tuesday – Beth Braden  
 Wednesday – Marge, Steve, Mason, & Andy Braden  
 Thursday – Lona & Jeffery Bradford  
 Friday – Michele & Geno Braun  
 Saturday – Kathryn Brennan  
 And at Greencroft Retirement Center – Barbara Hilbish

### the week of May 16, 2010

Sunday – Denise & Bob Briggs  
 Monday – Pat & Dick Brotherson  
 Tuesday – Patty, Jim, Drew & Spenser Brotherson  
 Wednesday – Diane Brown  
 Thursday – Joan Brown  
 Friday – Sandra & Stephen Brown  
 Saturday – Bette Brownell  
 And at Home – Jane Lerner, Helen Good, Gerry Gorsuch, Orvis & Lois Rupe, Vivian Vetter, Jane Pinkerton, Carol Benson, Betsy Semple, Ferne Huber, and Howard & Jean Thursby.

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## **SUMMER CAMP 2010 AT GENEVA CENTER**

Geneva Center, our presbytery camp near Rochester, IN (about 75 minutes south), has some wonderful summer camp opportunities for children and youth. Call the camp for a brochure (574) 223-6915, or check out their website at [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org). Application forms are available in the church office or at the welcome desk. Scholarship help for up to half the cost of camping is available from the church. To request scholarship help, talk to Steve Braden.

Fun, friendships,  
and spiritual  
growth for  
campers of all  
ages!

