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Celebrating 50 Years on Beardsley Avenue

Join us November 20-21 to celebrate the first 50 years in our current building. See page 12 for details

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But God Needs Us To Show Up*

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Worship Schedule

8:30 Chapel Service
9:15 1st Bridge Service
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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
10:15 a.m. Theatre



from the Pastor's desk

As most of you know, Kathleen is leaving our church in November to be with her husband, Kip, who works in Fort Wayne. Kathleen's leaving is entirely her decision; no one in the church has been seeking this. I personally hate to see Kathleen go, as she has been an excellent colleague and we have worked well together. It has been a joy to see how she has led and developed the Bridge. Yet I understand and support her decision. This is akin to a retirement – a parting without rancor or conflict, but rather gratitude mixed with sorrow.

I will write more at a later time about my appreciation of Kathleen's ministry, but in this article I want to focus on the process of the transition. The Session, Kathleen, and I are all committed to making this a healthy transition and to sustaining the Bridge.

We will celebrate Kathleen's 14-year ministry here on Sunday, November 14, and she will join us in celebrating our church's 50th anniversary on Beardsley Avenue on November 21, but that will be her last Sunday (except for returning once to baptize her grandson, Dylan, when Patrick and Winnie can return to Elkhart).

Ordained Presbyterian ministers are members of their particular presbytery, not of the congregation they serve. In our case, this is the Presbytery of Wabash Valley. The presbytery, which is a democratic body composed of equal numbers of clergy and ordained elders, has a veto power over clergy relations: it cannot require a church to call a particular pastor, but it can prevent a call. Similarly, a congregation cannot sever a pastoral relationship without the presbytery's consent. Hence, the presbytery, through its Committee on Ministry (COM), is involved in clergy transitions. *Our COM representative is the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, associate pastor of Sunnyside Presbyterian Church in South Bend and an Elkhart resident.*

The denomination has rather complex rules for the process for replacing a departing pastor, involving some terms and acronyms. There are typically three stages:

- **Supply preaching:** Where needed, the church can obtain a pastor to preach and lead worship for a limited time with very little red tape. *We will do this for the Bridge.*
- **Interim ministry:** Where a pastor has served for a long time, the presbytery requires a church to hire an interim minister with specialized training in helping churches make the transition to a new pastor. The interim's tasks include addressing any active conflict or unhealthy behaviors, helping appropriate grieving, and facilitating a process of re-examining the congregation's mission and ministry. This work takes time, and interim ministers typically serve for a period of 1-3 years. Bud Morack served this role between Hank Blunk's pastorate and mine. The session defines the job description and hires the interim. The interim serves for a limited time, and is not eligible to be considered for the called position. *Our session will most likely delegate this task to its personnel committee (Stu Barb, Freya Burket, John Hutchings, Jennifer Pitcher, and Dave Steede), with the addition of a couple of Bridge folks. They will begin their work in October.*
- **Called pastorate:** Once the prior pastor has left, the congregation can elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC or, for an associate pastor, APNC) to begin the more elaborate process for calling an installed pastor. With the guidance of the presbytery, a congregational mission study is done and a Church Information Form (CIF) is prepared, approved by the presbytery, and circulated within the Presbyterian system. The PNC receives and reviews the Personal Information Forms (PIF's) of prospective pastors, winnows the field, interviews several, and brings one to the congregation for approval.

This may sound too bureaucratic and slow, but history has proven it to be wise in the long run. I invite you to pray for our transition, trust in the Lord, and trust in the process. Just as God has blessed us with Kathleen's ministry, so God will bless us in the transition.

From Kathleen...

As Steve mentioned and many of you have already heard, I am choosing to step down as your Associate Pastor, as of the end of November.

This is a difficult decision, and comes only after much prayer, reflection, and discussion. My husband is working full time in Ft. Wayne with the Air National Guard, and it is time for me to make the move to be there with him. I also believe that after 14 ½ years, this will be a good opportunity for the church to have someone with new ideas and a fresh vision join First Presbyterian's ministry. Though it will be hard to say goodbye, this is my choice, as I have been listening to the prompting of God, and I believe it is the right time for all of us to make this change.

The question that I have been asked most is "what will you do next?" Honestly, I don't know. I know I'll take December off to get moved and settled and enjoy Christmas. Then, I may look for an Interim call or even go back to school. It's a very unusual position – especially for someone like me, who tends to plan out *everything*. I'm really not sure what will come, but I trust that God has something in mind. I'm willing to wait and see what that will be. Right now I'm not thinking about what is next – just focusing on my remaining time here.

We are already in the planning stage for two major fall events: *Take it to the Street* on October 24 and the Fall Women's Retreat on November 5-7. I will continue to work heavily on those projects, while passing on my resources to whoever may work on them next year. I'm looking for someone who might be interested in directing the Advent Prayer Walk (see below). I've also begun meeting with various groups and leaders (including Deacons, PW and the Mission Commission), to talk about what we need to do to ease this transition. And, we're working on plans for the Bridge, so worship will continue while the Session and the Interim Search Committee look for someone who will take over as worship leader. Perhaps the biggest challenge will be to find all my books that are scattered throughout the church and the congregation, and figure out how to get them all packed away. It's going to be a busy fall!

I know that this is a challenging, emotional time. Change can feel very scary and uncertain. Saying good bye can be painful. I have appreciated your many kind words and well wishes as I prepare to take this step. It is amazing to be part of this supportive community of faith and I will miss that deeply. But, I know that God is with you and that there is great strength here. As we move through these next few months together, please help me know what you will need in order to make this transition. I ask that you continue to be in prayer for me and my family, and for our church and its leaders. God has done and will continue to do great things in and through this congregation. We can trust the future to his grace and guidance.



A Walk to the Manger

For the past few years, we've offered this Advent Prayer Walk in December. Do you want to see it happen again this year? It is tentatively on the calendar for Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12, but with Pastor Kathleen leaving, we will need someone to take over her role organizing this event. If you are willing to help by creating one (or more) of the prayer stations and/or taking on the role of director, please talk with her immediately. Resources and training will be provided.



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Harvest Party

Volunteers are needed to help plan a Harvest Party for children in K-6th grade on Sunday, October 17. We will have snacks and games with prizes. Please dress as a "farmer." Please call Brigitte at 574-273-2393 if you would like to help with this fun event!

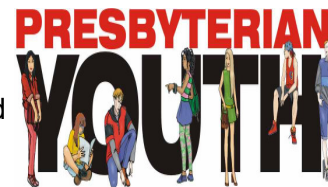
Sunday School Substitute Teacher

We are looking for one or more substitute teachers to fill in on those rare occasions when our regular teachers will not be here for the Sunday morning classes. If you have always wanted to teach, but couldn't do a regular schedule, this might just be the place for you! Please contact Brigitte for additional information.

PYF NEWS

*Thanks again to everyone who has been donating cans! Our trip fund has grown because of you!! Last month we made \$30.00, woo hoo!!

*Speaking of cans – PYF has a new request. When cashing in all of our cans we realized we were missing out on another way to "give". As many of you know, Riley Children's Hospital has a slogan, "Help Pick Up The Tab For The Indiana Ronald McDonald House". They state that "every month Americans discard enough aluminum to rebuild all the planes in America's airlines!!" So, if you are willing, please remove the tabs from your cans BEFORE you bring them to church. We will either get containers from the Ronald McDonald House or buy them for you to put your tabs in. The containers will be located by our ink jet collection boxes, both upstairs and downstairs. Proceeds from the recycled beverage tabs help support the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana, a "home-away-from-home" for families who must travel to Indianapolis for their child's medical treatment.



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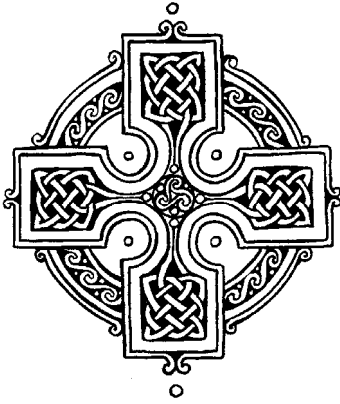
Upcoming Calendars

September:

- 19th: NO Sunday School
PYF Fall Kick Off at Ron and Lain Downs, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Parents & Youth are invited for fun, games, & dinner!
- 26th: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School for Jr./Sr. High in Room 107, across from nursery
PYF: CROP WALK—We would like to walk as a group! Start collecting sponsors now!
Forms are available by the Gathering Place and down in the Bridge.
PYF is also providing cookies again this year! Donations are needed, as are workers, to man the rest station.
Cookies can be bought or homemade. Please have your cookies to Room 100 by Noon!

October:

- 2nd: PYF: Apostle's Build! Details TBA
- 3rd: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 10th: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
PYF: "Backwards Progressive Dinner", 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 17th: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School
PYF: Paint/Decorate the "new" Jr. & Sr. High room, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 24th: PYF: *Take It To The Street*, details TBA
- 30th: PYF: Niles Haunted House or Corn Maze
- 31st: 10:20-10:50 a.m. Sunday School



Exploring Celtic Christianity

A Fall Women's Retreat
November 5-7

Camp Alexander Mack

Retreat Leader: Kathleen O'Connell

Is there really such a thing as Celtic Christianity, and if there is, does it have anything to say to Christians in the twenty-first century? Take time for your own rest and renewal as we explore the resources of our Celtic heritage for the nurture of our faith.

Cost: \$50.00 (scholarships available)

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 24

Brochures are available in the racks around the church.

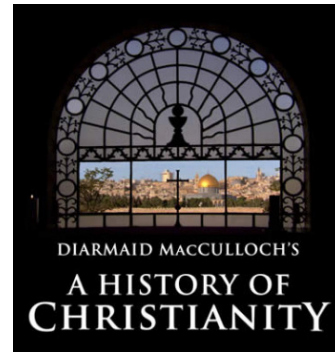


The Men's Breakfast group meets Wednesday mornings at Sweet Creams Soda Shop on Main Street across from the Post Office parking lot. Steve Braden leads the group in Bible study and prayer. We are currently exploring the Gospel of Luke. Come and join us!

A History of Christianity

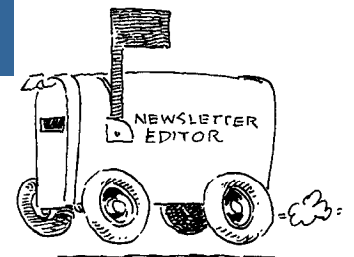
Steve Braden is leading a Sunday morning exploration of the first 2,000 years of Christianity. This is a fresh new look at the history of the various branches of the Church, and you will learn new things regardless of your prior knowledge. The class meets at 9:45 in the Reception Room. The remaining schedule:

- September 19: *Orthodoxy 2*
- September 26: *The Reformation 1*
- October 3: *The Reformation 2*
- October 10: *Protestants & Evangelism 1*
- October 17: *Protestants & Evangelism 2*
- October 24: *None (Take It to the Street)*
- October 31: *Present & Future*



Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be emailed on October 15
and available for friends without emails on October 17
and mailed the following week to those who are not in worship.





take it to the Street

"don't just go to church, be the church"

Sunday, October 24

What is it? A Sunday when our focus will be on getting into the community to live out our faith by making a difference in the lives of people and service agencies throughout Elkhart. This is a day to remind us that being 'church' means much more than gathering together on Sunday morning for worship – it is an opportunity for the entire congregation to come together to live in the world in a way that embodies God's love and care.

When is it? Sunday, October 24

What will happen that day? There will be **one combined worship at 10:00** – featuring musicians from the choir and Bridge band. The service will be short – about 30 minutes – followed by a simple brunch. During that time, people will receive their project team assignments, and then go as a group to their project site. You'll work as long as that project requires, and then be done for the day.

What kind of projects will there be? We are working with a number of area agencies. There will be opportunities for yard work, painting & home repair, office help, cooking and more!

How do I get involved? Fill out one of the orange response cards and return it to the church office. They are available throughout the church. Let us know what kind of work you would be interested in. We will arrange the project team leaders ahead of time, and you'll find out your specific assignment on the 24th.

I can't do anything very physical and I hate yard work, can I still help? Of course! Some of the projects are very sedate, and we want to include a prayer team that day to meet here at church (or at home) to surround all the teams with prayer. Use the response card to help us match you with the right sort of activity.

Can children help? We want to include children and youth in age appropriate projects. There will also be childcare here at church for infants and younger children, so parents can participate.

When do I have to sign up? The sooner the better. Early registration will help the planning team insure that we have enough projects *and* enough workers! But we will be able to add people even on the 24th.

Who do I talk to if I have more questions? The team organizing this day includes Connie Minzey, Carol Eldridge, Mindy Weirich, Deb Burton and Kathleen O'Connell. They'll be glad to tell you more!





CROP WALK



**Sunday, September 26
2:00 p.m. at Island Park, Elkhart**

*Rain or shine, we walk because they walk. Join us on the walk.
Help with the refreshment stop our church is hosting, or sponsor some walkers.*

Have you ever had to walk at least a mile to get water for you or your family?

◆ Fact: More than 200 million hours are spent every day by women and children to collect water from distant, often polluted, sources.

Have you ever collected rainwater to use in your home or to water your garden?

◆ Fact: 80 countries, home to 40% of the world's population, are encountering serious water shortages.

Have you ever suffered diarrhea from drinking unsafe water?

◆ Fact: the World Health Organization estimates that 80% of all sickness in the world is attributable to unsafe water and sanitation. UNICEF says that 4,000 children die every day from unclean drinking water.

Did you wash laundry this week?

◆ Fact: The average American uses 100-150 gallons of water each day to perform household tasks. The average African uses 3-5 gallons of water daily.

Did you drink any bottled water today?

◆ Fact: In the U.S., we often choose to buy bottled water even though we have clean water at the tap. One of every six people in the world lacks this access to safe drinking water.

How blessed we are to have easy access to water in our daily lives!

Walk with us—September 26—packet available by the Gathering Place—to enable Church World Services to bring clean, safe wells, hand pumps, gravity flow community water systems, and water filtration systems to fight hunger globally. Contact Teresa Swanson at 262-8777 for information.

Hacienda give-back coupons are available on the table by the Gathering Place to be used Monday, September 20. See the request for cookies on the next page.



Habitat for Humanity Saturday, October 2

An Apostles Build

Twelve churches, representing the twelve apostles, unite to fund and build a house with a local partner family in need of simple, decent housing.



This year's build is for the Bedel family, 1035 E. Indiana Avenue, Elkhart. At least 12 volunteers are needed that day. Sign up sheets are on the table by the Gathering Place and on the counter at the Bridge.

Our church needs to raise \$4,800.00. For gifts over \$200, Habitat has a limited number of 50% NAP tax credits which can be applied to our church's share of the build. You will need to obtain a form from Habitat, make the check out to Habitat, and designate it for our part of the build. For gifts without the tax credit you can make checks payable to the church, designated for Habitat.

Contact Braden McCormick: email (braden.mccormick@gmail.com) or 536-9907 if you need more information.

Sharing Christ's Love

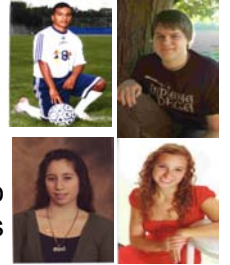


CROP Walk Next Sunday, September 26
Cookies needed

Our Presbyterian Youth Fellowship is providing a rest stop for the walkers and needs at least 50 dozen cookies. Please bring cookies (homemade or store bought) to the church by noon on September 26.

Peacemaking Offering

- Christians are called to be God's peacemakers as agents of reconciliation in families, individual lives, schools, communities, churches and the international arena.
- Each October we receive donations for scholarships, to be given in May to a graduating senior in four Elkhart area high schools who exemplify this calling.
- Peacemaking offering envelopes will be in the pew racks the month of October, or you can mail your donation to the church office—mark it for Peacemaking.



The Samaritan Center Presents

Still Dancing in Elkhart 2010



Back by popular demand, *Still Dancing in Elkhart 2010* features local celebrities paired with professional instructors for a ballroom dance competition and a unique evening of entertainment.

This year's event features seven couples performing for your votes, a group Jack-n-Jill dance off, and a special performance by Premier Arts' dance troupe. Dancers include Steve Bowers, Ron Downs, Anne Eisele, Lori Harris, Marshall King, Laura Arauz Smith, and Kim Welch. Craig Gibson, emcee, hosts this evening of celebration of the spirit of Elkhart County. Join us to support the ministry of hope to our community offered by the local Samaritan Center.

Saturday, November 13, 2010 7:00 pm

The RV/MH Hall of Fame

21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart, Indiana

For individual and group reservations, call the Samaritan Center at 262-3597, or visit www.elkhartsamaritan.org

Soup It Up!
Saturday, October 2

Lunch (11-2) or Dinner (5-7)
 Trinity United Methodist Church
 2715 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart

Church Community Services

Invites you to

Soup It Up on October 2

Come for lunch or dinner (\$6.00 donation).

Interested in making a "Super Structure" of groceries for their competition? Please sign up in the Gathering Place. For more information, see: <http://www.churchcommunityservices.org/soup-it-up.html>

Presbyterian Women



WABASH VALLEY EVENTS:

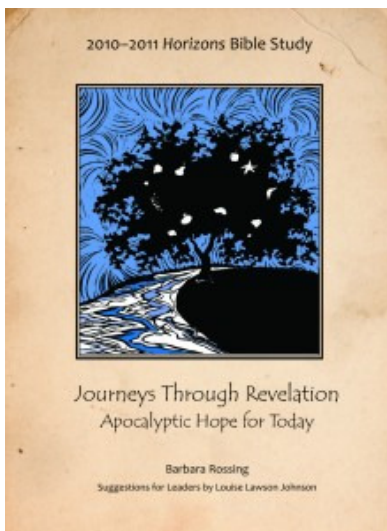
Saturday, September 25: Fall Gathering at Flora Presbyterian Church
Saturday, October 2: Fall Gathering at Merrillville Presbyterian Church
Saturday, October 9: Fall Gathering at Ligonier Presbyterian Church
Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6: Presbyterian Women's Retreat at Geneva Center

CIRCLE OF GRACE: Coordinating team will meet at 6:30 pm, Thursday, September 23.

BY THE NUMBERS: School supplies donated to Beardsley School, Church World Service and the Christian Center in Nappanee. Many thanks to all who donated!

Pencils -- 2,122	Glue sticks -- 165
Notebooks -- 670	Glue bottles -- 60
Rulers -- 110	Cap erasers -- 15 packages
Pencil sharpeners -- 110	Crayons -- 200 boxes
Blunt scissors -- 110	Loose leaf paper -- 135 packages
Sharp scissors -- 150	Folders without prongs -- 300
Large erasers -- 380	Folders with prongs -- 480

Circle of Grace Bible Study Open to all women!



The book of Revelation is perhaps the most misunderstood and intimidating in the Bible. Yet, it is a powerful piece of Good News! In this year's Bible study, *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Professor of New Testament Barbara Rossing counters popular interpretations of apocalyptic symbols and images in Revelation by showing that it is truly a Christ-centered book of hope.

The nine-lesson study developed for the Presbyterian Church Women's Horizons Bible Study Series guides learners on a journey to meet the crucified Lamb, Jesus. It addresses the questions, "Who wrote this book?," "Who was it for?," "What did the symbols mean for them and what do they mean for us, today?" Rossing reframes the popular interpretations of the images of war and violence in Revelation as exodus and liberation through the "wonder-working power of Jesus."

Kathleen O'Connell will lead the October and November sessions, and the Bible Study will continue to meet monthly through May on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 in Room 100.

Journeys Through Revelation is available from www.pcusa.org/horizons/bible.htm at \$8 or from a member of the PW Coordinating Team. See Barbara Harman for more information.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

- Bill Burton on the death of his brother, who died on September 16.
- Ron Minzey on the death of his sister, Lynn Cassady who died on August 9.
- Mac Boyer on the death of his sister, Zara Marie Sunday.
- Mary Wagner on the death of her niece, Cathy Abbitt who died on August 31.



I want to thank you all very much for lunch after my mother's service. We all enjoyed it, and the time it gave us to visit with old family and friends.

Thanks again, Phil & Linda Forgey

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Beardsley School, I'd like to express our appreciation for your generous donations of back packs and school supplies. The back packs will be used for our "Food 4 Kids" program which will enable us to send food home with fifty of our neediest students on a weekly basis. Of course, the school supplies will be put to good use in our classrooms.

The generosity and support of the congregation at First Presbyterian is an amazing blessing for the staff and students at Beardsley. Please know that what you do truly makes a real difference. Thank you!

Jan Beutter, Social worker

To our friends at the First Presbyterian Church:

Thank you so much for the wonderful bags of school supplies that you provided for the clients here at Family Christian Development Center. Your generosity was very much appreciated by many in our community. All of the bags have been passed out and were much needed!

Thank you for thinking of the Nappanee community and their needs. Blessings as you continue to serve him.

The staff at FCDC

Pastor Steve,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and your congregation for your support of Church Community Services.

Every gift helps someone who walks through our doors in need of assistance.

Thank you!

Gloria Tucker, Board Mentor

Addresses of Former Members...We are seeking addresses of former church members to invite to our 50th anniversary celebration. Please call or email them to Cinda in the church office. Thank you!

50th Celebration Photo Team...We are seeking photos of the last 50 years of our ministry, including photos of the building of this facility. We are also seeking folks to help identify, scan, and scrapbook photos. The "Photo Identification Team" meets Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in Room 100. Come and join us! Questions? Contact Brigitte Evens (574-273-2393).

Our Emergency Fund is low... Every week we get requests from Church Community Services and from people needing assistance with rent, utilities, and food. The Emergency Fund, which is funded by donations from members and friends of the congregation, makes such help possible. The fund is running low. If you can help refresh our fund mark your check in the memo – Emergency Fund. We are grateful for any donations! Thank you!



Volunteers are needed to host the upstairs Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings in the Gathering Place. A signup sheet is located on the table by the Gathering Place or you can call Starr Robinson.

What does this involve? Coffee, tea, creamer, sugar, cheese cubes are provided. Donut holes are also provided, but the host/hostess picks them up on Sunday morning at the Martin's on Jackson Boulevard on their way to church. If interested you can add to the snacks available for the morning by baking other goodies. It is not mandatory!

Upcoming Weekly Worship Schedule

Date	September 26	October 3	October 10	October 17
Preacher Upstairs	Steve Braden	Steve Braden	Steve Braden	Guest Speaker
Bridge Preacher	Kathleen O'Connell	Kathleen O'Connell	Kathleen O'Connell	Steve Braden
Liturgist (8:30 C) (11:00 S)	Steve Eldridge Marsha Howard	John Hutchings Doug Evans	Bill Burton Nella Putman	Nancy Zoller Helen Free
Special	CROP Walk	Communion		Harvest Party 2:00-4:00
Welcome Table	Jackie McCoy Jill Stoll	Debby Burton Jill Stoll	Linda Schrock Julaine Yoder	Bill Burton Betty Kegerreis
8:30 a.m. Ushers (Chapel)	Kay & Dale South	Pat & John Van Dyke	Paula & Stu Barb	Linda & Delbert Schrock
9:15 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)	Vicki & Kaitlyn Kronemeyer	Jennifer & Vern Pitcher	Kristy & Robert Nix	Starr Robinson Dick Whitcraft
11:00 a.m. Ushers (Sanctuary)	Diane & Doug Evans Mary Wagner Phyllis Warrick	Andy Braden Michael Lea Kathy & Bob Wall	Jean Borneman Susan & Dick Freeman Steve Seward	Mason Braden Will Evens Lynnette & Allison Valentijn
11:00 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)	Anita Gorden Mary Rasp	Vernease & Jim Pyles	Marsha & Tim Howard	Mary & John Seddon
11:00 a.m. Music (Sanctuary)	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir

Hosts are needed

Hospitality Host

Please see the sign up sheet located by the Gathering Place if you can help!

Daily Prayer Listings

the week of September 26, 2010

Sunday – Charles McKinney
 Monday – Carol Miller
 Tuesday – Melissa Miller
 Wednesday – Cheryl Ann, Todd, Jessica & Jonathan Miller
 Thursday – Tom Miller
 Friday – Connie & Ron Minzey
 Saturday – Linda Morgan
 And at Beverly Living Center– Barbara Karay

the week of October 3, 2010

Sunday – Alice & Rich Morris
 Monday – Wendy, Brittany, & Jim Mosier
 Tuesday – Eleanor & John Moyer
 Wednesday – Betty & Ralph Murphy
 Thursday – Miriam & Josphat Mwaniki
 Friday – Kristy, Robert, Evan, Olivia, Elliott, & Emma Nix
 Saturday – Winnie, Patrick, & Dylan O'Connell
 And at Greencroft Retirement Center – Barbara Hilbish

the week of October 10, 2010

Sunday – Holly & Pat O'Connell
 Monday – Laura, Mike, Sean, & Liam O'Neill
 Tuesday – Cinda & Dan Olinger
 Wednesday – Margaret Parshall
 Thursday – Joyce & Bill Persic
 Friday – Mary & Larry Pio
 Saturday – Ronald Pisani
 And at Home – Helen Good, Gerry Gorsuch, Orvis Rupe,
 Vivian Vetter, Jane Pinkerton, Carol Benson, & Jean & Howard
 Thursby

the week of October 17, 2010

Sunday – Lauren Pitcher
 Monday – Jennifer & Vern Pitcher
 Tuesday – Nella & Jerry Putman
 Wednesday – Lou Putnam
 Thursday – Vernease & Jim Pyles
 Friday – Dorothy & Paul Randall
 Saturday – Mary & Jim Rasp
 And at Greencroft Nursing Facility – Mary Jane Blanken

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Mary Freed, Nursery Coordinator

Kelli Davis & Susan Kendell Nursery Attendants

Walt Davis, George Frey, & Rudy Gourdine Parish Associates



50th Anniversary Celebration of our ministry on Beardsley Avenue

You are invited to help celebrate our first
50 years of ministry on Beardsley Avenue.

Celebration Dinner at Matterhorn on Saturday, November 20.

Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be determined at a later date. A program will follow at 7:30 p.m. (a light-hearted look at our history).

“Homecoming Worship” on Sunday, November 21

9:15 a.m. Bridge Service: Come early and experience our newest worship service, featuring the Bridge Band. 11:00 a.m. Homecoming Service in the Sanctuary with Pastors Bud Morack, Carol MacDonald (Synod of Lincoln Trails), Steve Braden, and Kathleen O'Connell.

Reunion Choir...If you've ever sung with one of the choirs, come at 9:45 a.m. for a simple rehearsal and lend your voice to a special reunion choir.

Luncheon...A light luncheon will be served following worship (no charge) from 12:30-2:30. Free tours of Ruthmere and Havilah Beardsley House will be available.

Organ Recital at 3:00 p.m. featuring Celia Weiss and the Chancel Choir followed by refreshments.