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First Presby News

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First Presbyterian Church will strive to be a welcoming home, a beacon of Christ's light arising from inspiring worship and loving discipleship.

Summer Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fall Worship starting Sept. 14: 8:45 and 11:00

11:00 Radio Broadcast: 580 AM WCHS

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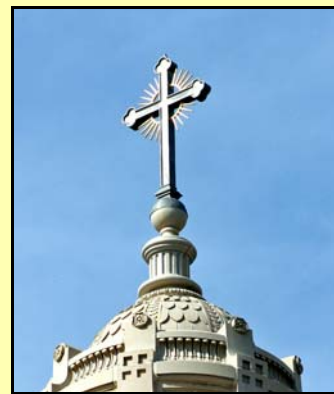


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FROM THE PASTOR:

As we move through the rhythms of the year, I find each year, with thoughts of the coming church year, that the adrenalin "begins to fire" toward the end of August in anticipation of all the coming activity. The summer rest and recreation is a great blessing and often a vital opportunity to engage in stress-reducing activities, but I find I look forward to fall – seeing all the friends and church family members who have been scattered through the summer months, beginning the church and school year gatherings and activities and re-establishing those particular rhythms for the coming months.

Life has its overarching rhythms as well. Youth, young adult, middle years, senior years all have their particular rhythms, challenges and perspectives. Increasingly the church is one of the few places where we can converge and appreciate, be encouraged by and nurtured in those varying rhythms and perspectives. So much of life segregates us by age. Yet in our families and our church family we have ample opportunity to be encouraged in our faith by those living faithfully in a different phase of life. What a strength that is. Recently I overheard a post-retirement church member sharing some advice with a young man just beginning his family and career years in the context of his faith in Christ. It was a reminder of the many blessings of our faith family here at First Church.

That is one of the many reasons I am excited to begin a new church year this September – one of the many reasons I love this church. Come join the excitement. There is a place for you!

God bless.

Bill



Bill McCoy
Pastor

Summer Worship

continues on
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
through Sept. 7.

Bring a friend and join us!

A class for visitors and new members will start in September. Watch the September newsletter for more details.

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Come on home to First Presby!
On Sunday, Sept. 7, morning worship will be at 10:00. Then at noon come out to Coonskin Park for the All-Church Picnic. Bring along friends you want to introduce to First Presby and a covered dish to serve eight. Columbia Shelter by soccer complex.



On Sept. 14 our worship schedule doubles! **We will return to the nine-month schedule, September - May, worshipping at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday church school in between at 9:45 a.m.**

Mark your calendars now so you are ready for both the Homecoming Picnic on Sept. 7 and Rally Day start of church school on Sept. 14

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY!



Congratulations to **Ruth Shepherd** who will be celebrating a "90 and over" birthday on Sept. 6.

FALL EVENTS

- Church Picnic at Coonskin - Sept. 7 beginning at 12 noon at the Columbia Shelter (by the Soccer Field.) Chicken, lemonade, water and paper goods will be provided.
- Rally Day - Sept. 14 -8:45 worship, 9:45 Sunday School, 11:00 worship
- Elementary Retreat at Bluestone - Sept. 19-21
- Foundations Class camping trip— Sept. 19-21
- Bring-a-Friend Sunday - Sept. 28
- 1st and 3rd grade Bible presentation - Sept. 28
- Preparation for Communion Workshop - Sept. 28



NEW BABY

Kim and Patrick Smith announce the birth of son Eli Patrick Smith, on July 24. Maddie now has a little brother.

Congratulations to Carol Stiles on becoming a great-grandmother to Ava Stiles Luck, born July 21. Ava and her parents. Allison and Bill Luck, live in Washington, DC. Allison is the daughter of Susan and Dick Sibley.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

You are welcome to join this group meeting once a month, the third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in Room E-310.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a nurse, Sunday, Sept. 14, in the Cablish Room off the main church hallway.

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR JULY 2008

| | Budget | Actual | Difference |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pledge Offerings: | \$ 70,000 | \$ 53,284 | \$ (16,716) |
| Trustee Funds: | 18,229 | 18,229 | - |
| Other Revenue: | 3,380 | 8,799 | 5,419 |
| Total Income: | 91,609 | 80,312 | (11,297) |
| Expenses: | 139,609 | 147,478 | (7,869) |
| Net Income: | \$ (48,000) | \$ (67,166) | \$ (19,166) |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

Of the \$5,390,800 pledged to the campaign, we have received \$3,300,590. As of July 31 we have spent \$3,352,779. The difference has been covered temporarily by the operating budget reserve, to avoid having to borrow and incur interest charges. The expense breakdown thus far is:

- Sanctuary Restoration—\$3,065,961*
- Sanctuary Audio/Video Upgrade—\$41,977*
- Education Building Windows—\$79,181*
- HVAC Upgrades—\$87,105*
- Mission Component (1st year campus ministry) - \$11,100*
- Administrative (James Co.) - \$67,455*

The estimate for the completion of the restoration project is \$285,000. After the project is completely paid for, funds will become available for mission projects and the establishment of the HVAC Endowment Fund as they are received.

If you are new to First Presby, and would like to participate in the Capital Campaign, please review the materials on the table by the Cablish Room, or call the office for information. Thank you to everyone who has made the projects of this campaign possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS - SUNDAY'S 9:45 A.M.

As Christians, Presbyterians learn about the Bible, faith and Christ. Adults can choose from a broad menu of Sunday morning church school classes, varying in curriculum and format.

Review the following list of classes and select a class to try. Visitors and new members are welcome to attend any class on any Sunday. (Education Building = E; Activities Building = A)

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are welcome to the home of Rob Peterson on Sunday nights for a look at scripture and relevant discussions. Contact Rob for more information, 343-8961 ext. 130.

COVENANT CLASS, Room E-403, is for those interested in the Old Testament. Class facilitators: Larry and Darlene Kerr, 925-0098.

- Sept. 14 — The Prophets, Major and Minor, starting with Isaiah.

THE CLASS, Room A-204, is a friendly group of adults who study the Bible and social issues. They enjoy class discussions and social activities. Class president: Bill Mullett, 342-3779.

- Sept. 14 — This Little Light of Mine...social and hymn sing
- Sept. 21-28: The Nicene Creed led by John Nesius

DISCOVERY CLASS, Recreation Room, seeks to bridge the life of work and family responsibilities with the need for spiritual growth. Good coffee and brunch foods served weekly. Join us and learn more about God, our church and our community. Class contacts: Pam Kuyk, 346-9342, and Dwayne Price, 342-4035.

- Sept. 14-Sept. 21—Humor In the Bible led by Beth Vorhees

FOUNDATIONS CLASS, meeting in Room A-109, is a group of "still-young adults" roughly 30-50 years of age. Come and try out the Foundations Class! Visitors and new members are welcome at any time. Class contact: Tom Daugherty, 346-6356.

- Sept. 14 — Get-together Social
- Sept. 21 — Class camping (off-campus)
- Sept. 28 into December — "Science and Religion" a 12-week DVD series by Lawrence M. Principe

KOINONIA CLASS, Room E-412, has both married and single adults, who enjoy studying daily spiritual applications, being a Christian all week long, the church in the community and Biblical understanding. Class contact: Bob Orders, 345-4390.

- Sept. 14 — Fall Brunch
- Sept. 21 — Mission Division plans for Capital Campaign Funds led by Vicki Sporck

RAINBOW CLASS, Room E-214, is for adults who are mentally challenged and is open to all of the Charleston community. If you know of someone who could benefit from this class, please contact one of the leaders listed below. The teachers seek to guide individuals along their faith journey to the best of their personal abilities through very basic Christian stories. Class contacts: Jean O'Connor, 346-4047, and Susan Herold, 342-0860.

RUFFNER CLASS, Room A-201, is a class for middle-aged to older adults, many of whom are joyful grandparents! Concerned about applying the Christian faith to everyday life and current issues, the Ruffner Class focuses on Bible study and the Bible's relevance. Class contact: Jim Conner, 343-3951.

- Sept. 14 & 28 — Report from the General Assembly Meeting led by John Bolt
- Sept. 21 — Community Ministry led by Frankie McCain

SENECA CLASS, Ruffner Room, has "young" adults —couples and singles in their 20's, 30's, and 40's are invited to try the Seneca Class. Join us to explore your faith, build lasting friendships and explore the role of church in the community. Class contact: Emily Hopta, 346-4429.

- The Seneca Class will start the fall with a Bible 101 series focusing on the Old Testament, followed by the Thoughtful Christian's "Which Bible Should I Buy?"

SOJOURNERS CLASS, meeting in Room E-411, is a diverse group, including both couples and singles, with a wide range of ages and interests. In addition to church school and socials, the class maintains a special ministry to Smith Street Station. Class Contact: George Keller, 744-3152.

- Sept. 14 — Brunch and a look at fall
- Sept. 21-28 — Film "Shadowlands"

TRINITY BIBLE CLASS, Room A-203, welcomes you. They are a group of dedicated men and women of "senior-citizen age-plus" who study the Bible together from the *Uniform Lesson Series: The Present Word*. Class contact: Marian Patton, 344-0303.

- Sept. 14-28— The Birth of a New Community from the Gospel According to St. Matthew (video)

GETTING TO KNOW FIRST PRESBY:

A CLASS FOR VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

Every quarter the Visitors/New Members Ministry offers an orientation class (Inquirer's Class) for newcomers. The next three-week session begins with a light brunch on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 9:45 a.m., and continues on Sept. 21 and 28.

This class covers topics such as Christian faith, what it means to be a member, the history and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church, and the activities and programs at First Presby. There will be an opportunity to meet the pastors and some members, take a church tour, and also to ask any questions you might have.

Please join us in the Susie Early Room, which is located through the left-hand double doors at the front of the Sanctuary. There is child care for little ones and Sunday School for bigger ones.

To find out more, call Robin at 343-8961, or email robin@firstpresby.com.

YOUTH NEWS

**SEPTEMBER
MEANS:**

BACK TO SCHOOL..and MORE!

New clothes, backpacks, and newly sharpened pencils means it must be September and time to go back to school! School isn't the only thing starting back up in September. It also means that its time for Youth Groups to begin.

High school youth:

I am excited for the new year to start! We have some really great events planned for the coming year! You'll find a schedule in this newsletter listing all of the major events that we have planned for the year—but that's not all—we have some really great Sunday Night Fellowship events planned as well! It will be a great time of Food, Fun, and Fellowship! AND it's time and for the annual Youth Group Kick Off Party—Sept. 14 at 6:30 in the Recreation Room with dinner and then will spend some time getting to know each other and getting ready for the new year! All are welcome and make sure to bring your parents with you for the parent meeting which will begin the nights activities!

Claire Butler, Associate Pastor for Youth

YOUTH GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Evening PYC YOUTH GROUP meetings start in September and continue weekly in the Activities Building or off-campus, as announced.

**Middle School PYC
begins
Wednesday, Sept. 10,
5:45 p.m.**

**High School PYC
begins
Sunday, Sept. 14,
6:30 p.m.**

Dinner provided. Bring your parents for a parent meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2008-2009 YOUTH CALENDAR

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| Sept. '08 | Weekly meetings of the Middle School PYC begin 5:45 pm, Sept. 10. Church School begins 9:45 am, Sept. 14. Weekly meetings of High School PYC begin 6:30 pm, Sept. 14. Confirmation Cook-Out is Sunday afternoon Sept. 21. |
| October | Confirmand/Mentor Retreat; Corn Maze; and Fall Festival |
| November | High School Presbytery Retreat, Nov. 7-9; Youth Sunday, Nov. 23; and Sixth Grade Sexuality Retreat, Nov. 14-15; Service Project |
| December | Caroling; Christmas Party; and gift wrapping for Oakwood Terrace |
| January | Middle School Ski Trip, Jan. 10; Coffee House, Jan. 24 |
| February | High School Ski Trip, Feb. 20-22; and Coffee House, Feb. 28 |
| March | Middle School Presbytery Retreat, March 13-15; and Spring Confirmation Retreat, March 27-28 |
| April | Festival Of Faith Youth Track, April 4; and Confirmation Dedication, April 9 |
| May | Senior Recognition Sunday; and Youth End of the Year Party |
| June | Montreat Youth Conference, June 14-20 for rising 9th through graduating seniors. <i>We have secured housing for both weeks. Come to the Youth Conference and stay on for Music and Worship . . . Montreat Music and Worship, June 21-27</i> |
| July | Massanetta Middle School Conference; High School Mission Trip |

**Sunday,
Sept. 21**



ATTENTION 8th AND 9th GRADE YOUTH AND FAMILIES

**Join us Sunday, Sept. 21
at Coonskin Park
Shelter #4
Time: 1:00-4:00**

Come out for Food, Fun and Fellowship as we kickoff this year's Confirmation Class.
1:00-2:00 Parent Information Meeting
2:00-3:00 Fun, Games and Fellowship

Please RSVP to the Church Office, 343-8961.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS AT 9:45 A.M.

Middle School Youth, Grades 6 and 7, meet in Room E-406. Middle school can be a difficult time. Join the youth as they use a variety of resources to guide them during this important time of spiritual growth.

Confirmation, Grade 8, meets in Room E-407. Associate Pastor Claire Butler, along with adult mentors, will lead a nine-month confirmation study "*We Believe: Professing Our Faith.*" For more information, contact Claire, 343-8961 ext. 119.

High School Youth, Grades 9-12, meet in the Youth Lounge of the Activities Building. High school youth and adult leaders will use many different resources to focus on how the Bible speaks to current issues, the church and Christian life. Bring along a friend, or two!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

INFANTS AND TODDLERS are cared for on Sunday mornings during church school by church member volunteers.

Infants: Room E-108

Toddlers: Room E-114

TWO and THREE-YEAR-OLDS, meet in Room E-217. We'll start the year with *We Are Happy at Church, God Loves Me, and Noah Builds an Ark*

FOUR AND FIVE-YEAR OLDS meet in Room E-112. We'll start off with *Call to Freedom and Obedience: Moses is born and lead's God's people; and We learn rules (commandments) to help us follow God's way.*

COVENANT KIDS (1st-5th): "Bible Blast—Know Your Bible" is our focus for September. Come to the Chapel at 9:45. Following Chapel time, rotating workshops on the 3rd floor of the Education Building (art, music, temple, cooking, drama) provide hands-on Bible story investigation.

ANNOUNCING: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RETREAT FOR GRADES 1-5 Sept. 19-21 at Bluestone Conference Center

All children are invited to participate in the Presbytery's second annual Children's Retreat sponsored by Camps, Conference and Retreat Committee. Come and learn about the disciples and what it means to be fishers of people. The cost is \$60 for each child and \$30 for each adult volunteer. Contact Barbara Hopta

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

The Christian Education Division will present Bibles to children in first and third grades during 11:00 worship on Sept. 28. Children in first grade receive *The Children's Bible in 365 Stories*. Second graders receive *Children's Illustrated Bible*, Contemporary English Version. The Bibles include a nameplate and are a special gift from the church.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

WORD OF THE MONTH

Compassion: God calls us to be compassionate people. When you have compassion for someone, you care deeply about their troubles and want to find a way to help make things better. The origins of the word compassion mean "to suffer with."

Prayer for the Day

Think about the promises you have made to a parent, a friend, or someone else. Have you kept your promises? Have you made any promises that you really should not keep?

Thank you, God for the promise You have made to always love us. Help us to remember and keep the promises we make to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing for Meals

Dear God, to those who hunger, give bread; to those who have bread, give a hunger for justice. Amen.

Bible Verse

The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all that God has made.
(Psalm 145:9)

DID YOU KNOW?

The next time your stomach growls, let it be a reminder of people who are hungry all over the world. Say a prayer for those who are hungry. Say a prayer for people around the world who work to end world hunger.

[Portions from **2008 Children's Mission Yearbook**. Copies are available in the CE Office.]

BE A HELPER

If you are interested in assisting teachers in gathering last minute supplies (such as an extra glue stick from the Art Room), greeting children on Sunday mornings as they arrive for class, and gathering info from teachers and students each month for a church school newsletter, please share your interest by contacting Barbara or the C.E. Office.

GET READY FOR RALLY DAY

We need helpers to get rooms ready for Rally Day (Sept. 14), the beginning of our new Sunday school year. The September Newsletter will list times and opportunities to help!

Cleaning out cupboards? Please save the following for our fall projects for children's Christian education classes:

- Empty 2 – liter bottles (many needed)
- Bag of soil
- Pebbles
- Tiny flowerpots
- Rolls of clear plastic contact paper
- Heavy muslin
- Six-pack rings (plastic)



WELCOMING CHILDREN TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WHO? Kindergarten and first grade children and their parents.

WHAT? A hands-on exploration that teaches the basics of Communion

WHERE? We begin in room A-201

WHEN? Sunday, Sept. 28, 2:00 -3:30

HOW? Complete the card that will be mailed to your home, or call the church Office (343-8961)

WHY? As a child-friendly church, First Presby encourages our children to be full participants in worship. We offer the Lord's Table Preparation so that they will be comfortable when Communion is served and begin to understand the meaning of this sacrament. For more information, please contact Barb.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

If you love children, consider being a part of the Child/Family Committee at First Presby. This dedicated group meets monthly to coordinate creative ministry for children, birth through grade 5. All aspects of children's ministry are considered: from creative teaching suggestions to roller skating, Advent and Communion workshops, egg hunts and fall festivals. Come to our first meeting of the year at 5:15 on Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the Ruffner Room. Child care is provided.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL CLASS START UP

The weekday preschool classes are starting up strong on Tuesday, Sept. 2. The children will be busy with learning routines and making new friends. The weekday preschool classes will be scheduling picnics during the first few weeks of school so that the all of the class parents can meet and mingle with the students.

We currently have 163 students enrolled in weekday preschool classes. We still have a few openings in our three-year old classes; anyone interested in finding out more information about the weekday preschool program should call Ginna Taylor or Amber Panetta at the church, 343-8961 ext. 128.

PRESCHOOL PARENT EDUCATION CLASS

Join Ginna Taylor in preschool classroom 112 for parent education series: ***Creative Curriculum and Assessment.***

Come expecting to play and learn. Find out how Creative Curriculum caters to a positive learning atmosphere and how the Early Learning Standard Framework (ELSEF's) are utilized with the preschool classroom. This class is offered on Monday night, Sept. 29 at 6:30. Child care is available.

Call the Preschool Office for more information and to reserve child care.

THANK YOU, MARK HOLMES

Kim, Sherry, Ginna and Heidi would like to extend a warm thank you to Mark Holmes for the new oven that is now installed in the Church's main kitchen. Training on the new equipment took place Monday, Aug. 11. Many, many good things will come from the availability of this wonderful new oven...Wednesday nights may have exciting new options for us all. Thank you...thank you, Mark...from us all.

LAST CHANCE!

Make-up Photo Sessions for our church family album will be scheduled between Sept 17 - 20. Portrait sessions take place in Room 201 in the Activities Building. Signing up is easy—you have several options:

- 1) Go to our church home page at www.firstpresby.com from Monday through Saturday and click on *Schedule my Photo Session*;
- 2) Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the church office; on Sunday; or
- 3) Phone Marilyn in the church office (343-8961) and she will assist you with scheduling.

Everyone participating will receive a free directory and a free 8x10 portrait. There is no sitting fee and no obligation or pressure to purchase any additional portraits.

The Directory won't be complete without you--sign up today!

DAILY BIBLE VERSES

Daily Bible Verses

- 9/1: Joshua 1:1-2, 5
9/2: Joshua 5:13-15
9/3: Joshua 6:21-23
9/4: Joshua 17:3b-4
9/5: Joshua 20:1-4
9/6: Judges 5:24
9/7: Judges 16:27-28
9/8: Romans 1:1,7
9/9: Romans 7:15
9/10: Romans 8:26-27
9/11: Romans 8:35-39
9/12: Romans 8:22-23
9/13: 1 Samuel 3:2-9a
9/14: 1 Samuel 4:5-7, 10-11
9/15: 1 Samuel 18:5-11
9/16: 1 Samuel 20:41-42a
9/17: 2 Samuel 12:1-7
9/18: 2 Samuel 18:33
9/19: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
9/20: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 21, 27
9/21: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
9/22: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
9/23: Philemon 6:9b-12, 15-16a
9/24: Ezekiel 1:26-28
9/25: Ezekiel 2:3-5
9/26: Ezekiel 7:19-20
9/27: Ezekiel 12:1-2
9/28: Ezekiel 13:8-10
9/29: Ezekiel 37:1-6
9/30: Amos 1:9-10
9/31: Amos 5:21-24

Note: These readings follow those listed in **Making Time for God.**

INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY

First Presby's Annual Invite-a-Friend Sunday will take place on Evangelism Sunday, Sept. 28.

This campaign was begun because it is estimated that there are 78 million people who are ready to become members of a religious congregation, but they haven't been invited. Who are they? You already know them! They are your family members, your friends, your neighbors, and co-workers. And the way to reach them is with a smile, a hello and an invitation to worship with us at First Presby on Sept. 28.

Most people who are members of churches visited the first time because a friend or relative invited them. To make your invitation even more personal, please use our church mugs, and the "WELCOME, VISITORS" brochures when you invite your friends. These items will be on the hall table on Sept. 21 following both worship services.

Stop by and pick up what you need to invite your friends on Sept. 28. Questions? Contact Robin at 343-8961 or robin@firstpresby.com.



FALL NATURE WALK

Joan Steven (346-6542) will be leading a "no walk" walk during the Marguerite Dennison Fall Nature Walk at Kanawha State Forest on Sept. 13. If you are not able to comfortably walk, there will be a group that will look at the forest offerings from a picnic table, and in a car. Walking groups will learn about plants, birds, trees, water ecology and insects. Registration which is \$5 begins at 9:00 a.m. in the swimming pool area. Snacks will be for sale. All are invited to come and enjoy autumn in the forest.

FELLOWSHIP AND RECREATION

FUNNY RECIPE: PIDGEON PIE

"Take four Pigeons nicely cleaned and fimmer gently until done in Water with an Onion, fome Parfley and a few Celery-feeds. Seafon with Pepper and Salf and put infide of every one a large Piece of Butter and the Yolk of a hard-boiled Egg. Have ready a Pafte, allowing one Pound of Better to two Pounds of Flour, Roll it out rather thick and line with it the Bottom and Sides of a large deep Difh. Put in the Pigeons and lay on the Top fome Bits of Butter rolled in Flour. Pour in nearly enough Water to fill the Difh. Cover the Pye with a Lid of Pafte rolled out thick and nearly notched. Ornament with Pafte Leaves and Flowers, and bake until Cruft is enough."



This old recipe comes from c. 1848, Atlee, Virginia, and was found in the book, *The Williamsburg Art of Cookery*. Isn't the language funny? The "f" was used instead of our "s". Does it sound delicious? The Virginians must have had plenty of pigeons! In jest, a First Presby member provided this recipe as a solution to the church's pigeon situation, maybe for a Wednesday Connections supper? HA!

"The most important recipe is to take care of yourself, not only for your own family's sake, but for that of my whole household."



WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS

Everyone is invited for supper starting at 5:45 p.m. on September 10. Cost: \$5 for adults; \$2 for children. Make a reservation weekly.

KARATE

Shoto Kan Karate is available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Please contact instructor Greg Wyatt 757-3151 for additional information. Instruction begins Tuesday, Sept. 9.

VOLLEYBALL

Adult Volleyball is Wednesday evenings in the gym from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning Aug. 27. It is for both men and women. There will also be a Co-Ed team formed to participate in the Charleston Church League. League play begins in September and games will be played in our gym on Sunday afternoons.

BASKETBALL

Youth Basketball sign-ups begin Sept. 2 for elementary through high school boys and girls to play church league basketball. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, Oct. 15. Eligibility requires regular attendance at Sunday worship and/or Church School. For additional information, please contact Jim Buckalew at 343-8961 ext. 144.

Basketball Coaches Wanted:

Adults who would like to coach our basketball teams should contact Jim Buckalew at 343-8961 ext. 144. Positions are available for elementary boys, elementary girls, middle school boys, middle school girls, high school girls and high school boys. An adult is also needed to assist with the K-2 instructional team program. High school students serve as the instructional coaches, but an adult is also needed.

JOIN US FOR DANCE!

We will be starting a new Intermediate ballroom dancing class in the Church Dining Room from 7:00-8:00 on Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 9. Call Sarah Lyons, 343-5228, with any questions.

ROLLER-SKATING

Skating for preschool through elementary age will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 3, and then each Wednesday (except for Session Meeting nights) on Sept. 17 from 6:30-7:30 after Wednesday Connections dinner. Any adult, high school Youth or college student that would like to assist in supervision, please contact Jim Buckalew at 343-8961 ext. 144.

BOY SCOUTS RESUME

Boy Scouts of America TROOP 5 will commence programming on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7:15-8:45 p.m. in the Bud Francis Recreation Room. Please contact Blair Taylor for additional information at 345-9960.



OPERATION BEANS AND RICE!

"Operation Beans and Rice" is a great way to address the continuing plight of world hunger and malnutrition. Consider how much you and your family spends to eat out following church on any given Sunday. (Most families spend about \$11 a person for their meal.) What if instead you spent that money on a bag of beans and rice which you could then cook at home? Or you could donate to the Covenant House Food Pantry located right in our own church. **Bags of beans and rice are available through the church office. All proceeds from Operation Beans and Rice will help support youth mission activities. Thank you.**

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Aaron Lloyd, Kuwait/Iraq (step-grandson of Betty Lloyd)

Edwin Anderson, Afghanistan (cousin of Mary Odin)

Airman First Class Caitlin Workman, Omaha, NE (granddaughter of Pat Workman)

Tory Walbe, Iraq (stepson of Marilyn Walbe)

Airman 1st Class Franz S. Workman IV, Moody AFB, GA (grandson of Pat Workman)

Warrant Officer David McDarmont, OH (son of Liz O'Finan)

Owen Brown, Pensacola, FL (son of Earle Brown) in the Navy

David Rucker, Germany (Barbara Brown's nephew)

Donald Boylen, VA (grandson of Dick and Becky Smith)

Please call the church office to keep this information current. Thank you.



MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

FROM MARY ODIN

Our five-year-old daughter, Ruth, starts Kindergarten this fall. Like many other milestones in my life, this one is making me reflect: Did Wayne and I do everything we could to prepare her for school? Will her best friends from preschool be assigned to her homeroom class? Will she connect well with her teacher? Of course, most of my concerns are about things that are out of my control. We have given our best efforts in these first five years, but it's time to turn some things over to other people.

That is what God asks us to do. From the earliest days of the church, God has only ever asked each of us to give our best to His work. Once we have done all we can, we are to turn the rest over to God and get out of His way. Sometimes turning things over to God actually means passing them to the next human being for his or her efforts to be added to the work. In I Corinthians 3:6-7, Paul says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

Fall is a time for lots of new beginnings. Some of us are sending our children to Kindergarten, others are entering college, and still others are enjoying retirement for the first time. Here at church, fall is a time when we intentionally invite one another into new avenues of ministry, to teach Sunday school, to mentor a youth, to join the Gardening Angels, or to sing in the choir. As we join together in our various ministries this fall, let us remember that God does not require us to produce the results all by ourselves. He does, however, expect us as committed Christians to make our whole selves available to Him to use as He directs. If we do that, if we make ourselves available, completely and all the time, God Himself will bring the harvest.

Mary

CHERUB AND CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

Our first rehearsals of the season are scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 5:15-6p.m.** If you are in Kindergarten, first, or second grade, you'll meet downstairs in the Susie Early Room with Debbie Eads. If you are in third, fourth, fifth, or sixth grade, you'll meet upstairs in E-305 with Mary Odin. Invite a friend to come sing with you!

BELL CHOIR

Cappella Bell Choir will hold our first rehearsal of the worship season on **Thursday, Sept. 25.** Bells normally rehearse on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7pm in the Choir Room. If you'd like to ring with the Capella Bells, contact director Kathy Lynch or talk to any member of the group. Experience with bells is helpful but is not required.

GENEVA CHOIR

By the time you read this, Geneva Choir for youth and adults will be up and running for the new worship season. We provide special music for worship services, primarily at 11a.m. and occasionally at 8:45a.m. To join the Geneva Choir, just come to one of our **Thursday evening rehearsals in the Choir Room from 7:30-9p.m.** You do not have to be a church member or an experienced musician to sing with us, but it helps to have a sense of humor. Come this Thursday and bring a friend!



WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team provides musical leadership at early and late worship services each week. This ensemble of vocalists and instrumentalists uses guitar, bass, piano, mandolin, and other instruments to accompany congregational song. We normally rehearse in the sanctuary on **Wednesday evenings** at 7 or 8p.m, depending on the Division meeting schedule. If you'd like to play or sing with us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com or speak to any member of the group.

YOUTH CHOIR

All youth: Come to the first rehearsal of this new choir (grades 6-12) on **Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 4:30-5:15 p.m.** We'll meet in Room E-305. Come and brainstorm musical ideas for Youth Sunday which is coming up soon this fall.

Add this date to your schedule and email Mary Odin at modin@firstpresby.com so she will know you're coming!

FPC LYRES CLUB

The Lyres Club has had a busy summer tour, playing for revival services at Hissom Tabernacle Church and visiting Heartland of Charleston, Oak Ridge Nursing Center, Charleston Gardens, and Hubbard Hospice House several times. This month, we return to our normal routine, working together on **Tuesdays in the Susie Early Room from 5:30-6:30p.m.** If you are interested in learning to play the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church at 343-8961 ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com. No previous musical experience is necessary; instruments and music are available through the church.

BIBLE MODERATOR NEEDED!

Any teachers—or anyone willing to teach — and able to give an hour once a month to a PW Circle — you are needed! Please call Becky Smith at 344-9538 even if you can only commit to one or two months at a time. We can

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



PEACEMAKING

Join us on Oct. 5 as we celebrate **World Communion Sunday** and receive the **Peacemaking Offering**. On this day we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the unity that we find at the Table of the Lord. We will also receive the Peacemaking Offering to support the efforts of our congregation, presbytery, synod, and denomination to spread the peace of Christ.

WORLD MARKET Oct. 12-16

Aren't we just promoting materialism when we promote a shopping experience? No, as Jospheth Muchina of Trinity Jewellery Crafts in Kenya tells us about the value of our purchases, *"Our artisans were kept busy the whole year. That guaranteed food on their table, shelter for those who pay rent for their houses, clothing for their families and most importantly, school needs for their children."*

The items offered at the World Market are fairly traded handicrafts that help create empowerment, opportunity and employment for artisans and farmers in 36 countries around the world. Shop and make a world of difference at the same time.

This year our Alternative Gifts Market will feature items that are affordable for children to give or be given and activities that teach our youth about countries around the world and the plight of impoverished children in those countries. Gifts of hope and new life connect people who want to help, with people who can help, for people who need help.

Bring the whole family to the kick-off luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship on Oct. 12.

Tell all your friends about this unique annual opportunity. Word of mouth is our most valuable asset, don't assume they know about this brief opportunity unless you talk it up and even offer to bring them! What a great way to introduce folks to our church and its living mission.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER



Shepherd's Center of Charleston will meet the fourth Thursday in each month (except for November which will be combined with December and held on Dec. 4).

On Thursday, Sept. 25:

Adventures in Learning

10:30 a.m.—Come learn about Banska-Bystricka, Slovakia, a potential sister-city for Charleston, with Chuck Daugherty and Linda Elliott telling and showing slides of their adventures there.

Lunch starting at 11:45 a.m.

Entertainment (following lunch) will be Fred Hardman of Spencer, WV, with his special program *"Winston Churchill: Speaker of the Century."*

PALS Book Club: Fridays, 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 17-*Redbird Christmas*

by Flannie Flagg

Nov. 21-*Tuesdays with Morrie*

by Mitch Albom

Registration required, call the Main Library, 343-4646.

COVENANT HOUSE NEEDS LIST

- Drop-In-Center: diapers (all sizes), feminine products, spray deodorant, toothbrushes, razors
- Homeless Outreach: bottled water, wallets
- Food Pantry: pasta, cereal, rice
- Community Housing: trash bags, home interior decorations
- HIV/AIDS Residential & Resource Program: cleaning supplies
- Clothing Closet: children's clothes, underwear (men and women - all sizes)

HOSPICE CARE OFFERS TRAINING

HospiceCare is accepting applications from individuals interested in attending our upcoming volunteer training program, "Care of the Terminally Ill."

The training prepares participants for various aspects of volunteer work with hospice.

The Fall 2008 classes will be held at HospiceCare's Dunbar office on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 23.

Participants are required to complete our application process prior to entering the classes.

If you have questions, please give the HospiceCare Volunteer Department a call at 768-8523.

CENTS-ABILITY

This congregation has an amazing ability to make sense out of cents! Thank you all so much for your dedication to daily prayer, teaching your children about hunger, and thankful giving. Together on Aug. 3, you gave \$704.83. Thank you!


FIRST PRESBY
presents the

**WORLD
MARKET**

**Sunday, Oct. 12
through
Thursday, Oct. 16.**

Daily 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

With evening hours
5:00-7:00 p.m. on
Wednesday, Oct. 15.



**FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND
MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.
MATTHEW 11:30**

**Presbyterian Women's Luncheon
12:00 on Thursday, Sept. 18**

**"WELCOME TO THE NEW
P. W. YEAR!"**

Program by:

Diane and Jim Roberts

(Bring a donation for a "Welcome Basket")

Introduction of Bible Study Jubilee!

Be sure to make your lunch reservation by Sept. 15 by calling 343-8961.

Child care is available if reserved in advance.

Jackie Taylor will lead the Prayer Group starting at 11:30 a.m. in Room A-201.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
2008-2009**

The Presbyterian Women's organization at First Presby looks to a new year. Our theme is taken from Matthew 11:30 . . . "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." We as seek His guidance and direction as we go forth into our 88th year. By working together, we combine our strength with and through God.

Our Bible study this year, Jubilee!, highlights some of the unique aspects of Jesus' life and teachings found in the Gospel of Luke. Join us for this interesting study by attending a PW Circle meeteing. Meetings are on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month at various times (see schedule on this page).

A prayer group meets at 11:30 a.m. each third Thursday proceeding the monthly PW luncheon. For the luncheon, we invite inspiring speakers, present great music and enjoy good fellowship. With this knowledge and involvement we pursue outreach opportunities in our church, community and state. You are invited to participate whenever and however you can.

2008-2009 COORDINATING TEAM:
Co-Moderators: Janice Lessley and Suzanne Meyer
Secretary: Jill Johnson
Treasurer: Orita Bonnett
Historian: Betty Damewood
Parliamentarian: Judy Keller
Spiritual Enrichment Coordinator: Becky Smith
Mission Opportunities Coordinator: Darlene Kerr
Moderator of Search Committee: Jarve Currence
Coordinator of Circles Leadership and Development: Charlotte Richardson
Coordinator of Food Services: Anna Raab

SCHEDULE FOR WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

Study books are now available from the main church office.

Get your copy of Jubilee! for \$6.

Make your check payable to "First Presbyterian Church."

| DATE | NAME | CIRCLE CHAIR | PLACE | TIME |
|----------|------------------|--|--|------------|
| Sept. 11 | Leah | Sally Slicer 346-1873 | A-201; Hostess: Sally Slicer | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sept. 11 | Mary | Sue Shawkey 342-4233 Betty Damewood 346-4417 | Edgewood Summit | 10:00 a.m. |
| Sept. 11 | Miriam | Sarah McGriff 744-3751 | Hostess: Marian Chenoweth 633 Gordon Drive | 9:45 a.m. |
| Sept. 11 | Martha | Sara Joseph 343-1210 Jackie Taylor 346-6147 | A-204, Bring a "brown bag" lunch. | 12:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 11 | Rebecca (Dinner) | Pam Healy 744-6356 Beth Ann Surber 342-7988 | Dining Room-Call to make a dinner reservation. | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 18 | Hannah | Nancy Martin 744-9456 | A-204 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Sept. 18 | Ruth | Betty Ann Morton 344-4507 Ruth Pitchford 346-8494 | A-201 | 10:30 a.m. |

**FALL GATHERING
OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Everyone is invited to the Fall Gathering on Sept. 13 at John XXIII Conference Center. This is a great facility and close to where we live! Make plans now to attend and bring a friend. Call Darlene Kerr, 925-0098, for reservations (cost \$14). Plan to meet old friends and make new ones from around the Presbytery of WV. Highlights include an overview of our study by Beth Bondurant, music, training for coordinating team members, Horizon's, Cokesbury, and Presbytery Resources. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.; brunch available until Gathering starts at 11:00 a.m. Lunch included. Closing time: 2:00. **See you there!**



PARTNERS IN PRAYER

We pray for churches in our presbytery, and in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa.

- Sept. 7: Beechwood, Parkersburg; Bradley; Centerville; St. Cuthbert's Church, Rware Parish, Kenya.
- Sept. 14: Davis Memorial, Elkins; Fayetteville; Highlawn, Huntington; Thegenge Parish, Kenya.
- Sept. 21: First Presby, Kingwood; McLean, Ronceverte; Mount Hope; Gathuthi Church, Kenya.
- Sept. 28: Parsons; Smithers; St. Marys; Hubuini Church, Kenya.

| SEPTEMBER 2008 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------|
| SUNDAY | 1 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED | 2 First day of Preschool Classes 5:30 Lyres Club 7:15 Boy Scouts | 3 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics, Playroom 1:30 Weight Watchers NO DINNER TONIGHT! 5:00 Volunteer Ministry Div. 5:00 Property Division 5:15 Christian Education Div. 6:00 Worship Division Picnic at the Palmers 6:45 Deacons Meeting 6:45 Personnel Division 6:45 Mission Division 7:30 Contemplative Prayer 8:15 Worship Music Team | 4 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 PW Coordinating Team 11:30 Bible Moderators 5:15 Coordinating Council 6:30 Seneca Basketball 7:30 Geneva Choir | 5 8:30 Aerobics | 6 |
| 7 Homecoming 10:00 Worship 12:00 PICNIC AT COONSKIN | 8 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise | 9 5:30 Lyres Club 6:15 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts | 10 8:30 Aerobics 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 4:30 Youth Choir 5:00 Youth Com.-High School 5:00 Finance Division 5:15 Children & Family Comm. 5:15 Cathedral Choir 5:15 Cherub Choir 5:45 Wednesday Connections: First Fall Supper 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 6:45 Session Meeting 7:30 Contemplative Prayer | 11 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible Study 9:30 Leah Circle 10:00 Mary Circle (at Edgewood Summit) 12:00 Martha Circle 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Rebecca Dinner Circle 6:30 Seneca Basketball 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir | 12 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise | 13 |
| 14 Rally Day 8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Inquirer's Class 11:00 Worship <i>Get your blood pressure checked by a Parish Nurse</i> 6:30 High School Youth Group | 15 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise | 16 9:30 Bible study 5:30 Lyres Club 6:15 Karate 7:00 Alzheimer Support Group 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts | 17 Lifetouch Photos 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 4:30 Youth Choir 5:00 Youth Com.-Middle School 5:00 Visitors/New Members Div. 5:00 Fellowship/Recreation Div. 5:15 Library Committee 5:15 Cathedral Choir 5:15 Cherub Choir 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 7:00 Worship Music Team 7:30 Contemplative Prayer | 18 Lifetouch Photos 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible study 10:30 Hannah Circle 10:30 Ruth Circle 12:00 PW Luncheon 5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Seneca Basketball 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir | 19 Lifetouch Photos 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise <i>Foundations Class Camping Weekend</i> <i>Elementary Children's Weekend Retreat at Bluestone</i> | 20 Lifetouch Photos |
| 21 Stewardship 8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Inquirer's Class 11:00 Worship 1:00 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Cookout at Coonskin 6:30 High School Youth Group | 22 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise | 23 9:30 Bible study 4:30 Knitting Into the Mystery 5:30 Lyres Club 6:15 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts | 24 8:30 Aerobics 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 4:30 Youth Choir 5:15 Cathedral Choir 5:15 Cherub Choir 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 6:45 Preschool Committee 7:00 Worship Music Team 7:30 Contemplative Prayer | 25 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible study 10:30 Shepherd's Center Lunch and Program 5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Seneca Basketball 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir | 26 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise | 27 |
| 28 Bring-A-Friend 8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 9:45 Inquirer's Class 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting 2:00 Communion Class 6:30 High School Group | 29 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:30 Preschool Parent Education | 30 5:30 Lyres Club 6:15 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:15 Boy Scouts | <p>ALL THE NEWS FOR First Presbyterian Church 16 Leon Sullivan Way Charleston, WV 25301-2487 EMAIL: firstpresby@firstpresby.com www.firstpresby.com</p> <p>343-8961</p> | | | |



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Please minister through prayer, cards, calls and visits.

OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

Bob Fluharty on the death of his father;
Janice Lessley on the death of her
brother-in-law, James Dal Sasso;

IN THE HOSPITAL . . .

GENERAL—

Mildred Davis
Wilma Sibray
Connie Payne

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Barbara Brown; Addison Grace
Higginbotham, grandchild of Patti and
Aaron Alexander; Joan Myers, mother
of Kathy Lynch; Doug Propst; Rabbi
Jeffrey Ballon, friend of Jim Roberts;
Christie Workman, friend of Sandy
Sando; Sharon Heidt; Mary Ann Steed;
Fred Gaul, Sr.; Stachia Andrews; Helen
Craver; Nancy Sullivan, niece of Barb
and Steve Hopta; Liz O'Finan; Fred
Wrenn; Erma Robbins, friend of Ruth
Pitchford; Amanda, friend of Blair
Sprouse; Becky Ceperley.

**EXTENDED PRAYER
CONCERNS . . .**

Gib McCoy, father of Bill McCoy;
Anne Taylor Bradley, Jackie Taylor's
sister-in-law; Joseph Sprouse.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER
CONCERNS . . .**

Paul McCorkle; Frances Holbrook;
Ada Oates; Louise Rosenbaum;
Charlie Young (father of Harriett Hoy).

EXPECTANT MOTHERS. . .

Amy Isaac; Morgan Griffith; Sonia
Doeringer (Mary Odin's sister-in-law)

**Call Jim Roberts, 343-8961
ext. 118, to keep him
informed, to be removed
from the list, or to add
yourself or a family member
to the list.**

**SICK,
HOSPITALIZED,
OR IN NEED OF
PRAYER?**



Let your church family know of any
needs you have. The church has a
telephone/e-mail prayer chain, a "pray
for" list in the newsletter, and prayers
during worship. Tell us your concerns
or ask a friend to inform us.

In Memoriam

Ritchie A. Ireland II
August 3, 2008

Velma H. LeRoy
August 11, 2008

Margaret "Peg" Northeimer
August 11, 2008

Charles A. Glotfelty
August 21, 2008