

The Presby Press

First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
West Carrollton, Ohio



It's a New Program Year!

September 12, 2004

9:30 am—"Welcome Back" Breakfast

10:00 am—Church School *

11:00 am—Worship

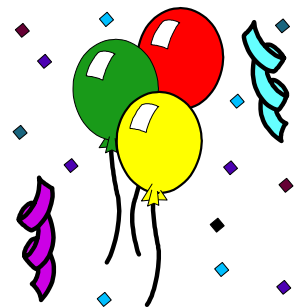
(Family Sunday—no Junior Church)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Reception of New Members

Coffee Hour following worship

* See inside for details on
Adult Church School options

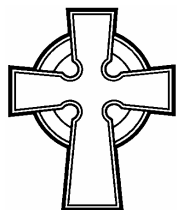


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From the Pastor....



It's a new program year! I fully admit that my preferred calendar is an academic one—I am far more inclined to make “new year’s resolutions” this time a year rather than wait for January 1st.

Committees are gearing up for the work of the church. The Pre-school will be starting soon. Church school classes will be back in the schedule. The beginning of a new program year brings a renewed energy and excitement to our life together here at First Presbyterian Church! Here are just a couple of things for you to look out for....

Children in Worship

The Directory of Worship reminds us that “*worship is the work of everyone...no one shall be excluded from participation or leadership in public worship...on the grounds of race, color, class, age, sex, or handicapping condition (W-1.4003).*”

Our children are as much a part of our worshipping community as the adults and yet, we many times limit their worshipping experience by excusing them to make a craft or hear a Bible lesson. We, also, limit their understanding when patterns of worship are designed only for adults.

In order to address these concerns, the Worship/Music and Christian Education Committees are planning a different look for Junior Church this year. Sundays on which we are not celebrating Communion or Baptism, children from Kindergarten through grade 5 will be excused to Junior Church.

A worship center will be located in the Vanguard room and the children will continue with worship and worship education. Each Sunday will include a Bible lesson, prayers, music, and instruction on the church year and special parts of worship. The children will also be able to prepare for opportunities of leading the adults in worship.

Sundays on which we are celebrating Communion or Baptism in worship will be considered Family Sundays. No Junior Church will be scheduled for these days and all children are invited to remain with their families for worship.

As customary, children activity papers and bags are available at the entrance to the sanctuary and nursery volunteers will be available each Sunday for children from birth through pre-school.

Church School

We are broadening our variety of adult Church School offerings during the 2004-05 program year. Beginning September 12th, there will be three adult classes to choose from.

Vanguard Class

Using the “International Uniform Lessons,” this class meets in the Vanguard Room. A team of teachers will be recruited from within the class members.

Weekly Scripture Study

Meeting in the choir room, this class studies the scripture lessons to be read during worship in greater detail and gets a head start on the worship themes of the day. Teacher—Mike Buker.

Contemporary Issues Class

Open to teenagers through adults, this class will study a variety of contemporary issues through the lenses of Christianity. Each topic will last 4-6 weeks and will be announced in advance. The initial series will be “Everyday Spirituality” in a video/discussion format. The location has not yet been determined. Teacher—Doris Arnett Whitaker.

The children (K and up) will continue with the workshop rotation model for Church School and will begin the year learning the story of Jonah.

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Session News

The Session met for a regular meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2004. Devotions were based on Luke 13:10-17 and discussion included how we, as a congregation, would feel if healed suddenly of our stooped backs; and how we, as church members and leaders, sometimes take on the role of Pharisee when we encounter ideas that are out of tradition.

Approval was given to the Trustees to proceed on contracts to seal and stripe the church parking lot and to repair the curbs that are crumbling near the entrance.

The Mission and Stewardship Committee reported that the Pentecost Offering totaled \$264.00. This offering goes directly to programs working with at-risk children and youth. Forty percent (40%) of this total, \$105.60, will be donated to the WCFP Pre-school to assist students who are in need of some additional financial help.

The next regular meeting of the Session is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2004, 7pm.

September Worship

September 5th-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 19:1-11 Psalm 139
 Luke 14:25-33
 "The Potter and the Clay"

September 12th-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Family Day-No Junior Church
 1Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
 "Lost and Found"

September 19th-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 1Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13
 "Serving Only One Master"

September 26th-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
 1Timothy 6:6-9 Luke 16:19-31
 "Crumbs from the Table"

July 2004 Financial Report Summary*

Total Receipts	\$7,586.81
Total Disbursements	\$5,390.11
Ending Balance	\$37,282.30
Designated Checking Funds**	2,689.17
Amount Needed per Week to meet budget	\$1,423.08
Weekly Average Received year to date	\$1,325.22

*pre-school not included in this account summary

**includes funds designated for roof, work camp, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 3, 2004 World Communion Sunday

Worship will include
 Reception of the Peacemaking Offering
 &
 Sacrament of Holy Communion

Carry-in Luncheon Immediately following worship

Serving the Church In September

Ushers for the month of September are:

Laverne Reed, Judy Durst &
James & Roberta McCloud

September 5

Greeter: Marti Richey
Reader: James McCloud

September 12

Greeter: Sanford France
Reader: Dale Hunt

September 19

Greeter: Charlotte Nelson
Reader: Ernie Schmolinsky

September 26

Greeter: Pat Trubee
Reader: Linda Snell

September Birthdays!

- Sept. 3 Josie Pierce
- Sept. 5 Sherry Crossman
- Sept. 8 Lori Meyer
- Sept. 9 Virginia Sacksteder
- Sept. 9 Jeff Whitaker
- Sept. 12 Larry McDaniel
- Sept. 12 Jarred Kachenmeister
- Sept. 13 Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker
- Sept. 18 Maxine Gilman

Christian Education

Our Christian Education program returns with a “Welcome Back” breakfast on September 12th. Come and join us for coffee and donuts, cereal and juice as we prepare to start the new CE year. Meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. before going to your class at 10:00 a.m.

Hurricane Charley Relief

Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church to be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may choose to give to the general disaster response fund (#9-2000015) or to a fund to assist with church property damage (#9-2000163). Please indicate on your check.

- Sept. 20 Dale Hunt
- Sept. 23 Connor Richey
- Sept. 25 Bill Gilman
- Sept. 27 Louise Buker
- Sept. 27 Lois Swart



With Our People

Welcome to our Family

We welcome our new members, Fred, Sonia, and Nicole Pacifico to our congregation. We look forward to their participation in our church life. They have already made a difference with the CE program donating crayons to replace the many little broken crayons the children have been using for their arts and crafts projects. We thank you for your most generous gift.

Baptism

Alexandra Pacifico was baptized on July 25, 2004 in the presence of her grandparents, her mother, her godparents and her cousin and the whole congregation. What a joy to have her baptized not only for her family but for our church family as well. We will keep her and her family in our prayers as she grows up in her faith.

Get Well

We pray the Del and Ann Scott will feel God's healing power as Del recovers from his illness. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you both during this most difficult time.

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Joe and Linda Snell upon the death of Joe's mother. Let us keep them in our prayers as they go through this time of grief.

Thank You

Thanks to all who helped and attended the luncheon and Dragon's game on August 15th. We had beautiful baseball weather and great a great time of fellowship even though the Dragon's couldn't pull through a win. Take a rest over the Winter months and we'll plan on going the Dragon's game next year!

Your Invited

Come and join the Dedication and Blessing of the new Baker Family home built by Catch the Building Spirit and Miami Valley Presbyterian Churches in partnership with Dayton, Ohio Habitat for Humanity with YOUR financial, physical and spiritual support on Saturday, September 18, 2004 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. 245 E. Main Street, West Carrollton.

The new home owner Darlene Baker and her daughter Jasmine invite you to see the house and have a little cake to thank you for all you've done to make this possible.

Presbyterian Women

We will be meeting on Saturday, September 4th at 10:30 a.m. to prepare the food for the St. Paul's luncheon. Ladies, bring Brownies to bag. We will be meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. and carpooling to St. Paul's arriving at 10:30 a.m. We will serve lunch at 12:00 p.m. Our menu will be as follows:



- Barbecue Sandwiches
- Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Brownies
- Fresh Fruit

If you are interested in helping circle with the luncheon, please see a circle member.

Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. will be our Salad Supper. Bring a salad to share and a friend. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and entertainment with the WCHS Vocal Group.

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Mission Statement

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to promote meaningful worship by providing spiritual direction within our church and community. We will advance spiritual development by proclaiming God's Good News and we will sustain vibrant fellowship through strengthening our relationships with God and each other.

—Adopted June 2000
