

Joys and Concerns

Week of August 13, 2017

Joys and Thanksgivings

It is a joy to welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time. May you experience God's presence and blessing in this gathering of believers.

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula (and, this week we would add, a peaceful resolution to the tensions between North Korea, the United States and other nations).

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for First Presbyterian Church in Sullivan, Indiana, and their pastor, the Rev. Cheryl Montgomery.

Please continue in prayer for all in our congregation and community who are experiencing home, health, family and financial concerns.

A Congregational Meeting

will be held following morning worship on Sunday, August 27 to approve Rev. Summerfield's request for the dissolution of his pastoral relationship with our church. His last Sunday in the pulpit will be September 17, and his last day in the office will be September 22. Please keep our church, and pastor, in your prayers as we enter this time of transition and change.



Sundays in August

Morning Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

The 10:45 a.m. service time will resume on September 3

Calendar

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Saturday

5:00PM Worship in the Chapel

Sunday

9:45AM Morning Worship with First Trinity at First Prez (Rev. Devin West Preaching)

11:30AM Morning Worship with First Trinity at First Trinity (Rev. Summerfield Preaching)

2:30PM *Reconstruction* Book Group

Monday

6:00PM *Solarize the Sunny Side* meeting

7:30PM Al-Anon in Taggart Hall

Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

Wednesday

6:00PM Lord's Supper in the Chapel

7:00PM Handbill Distribution for *Saturday Sundaes*

Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Friday

5:30PM Carpool to Youth Campout at Henryville

Saturday

8:30AM Men's Group at Adrienne's Café

5:00PM **Saturday Sundaes Vespers Service Outdoors at the Taggart Hall Entrance**

Sunday

9:40AM Called Session Meeting at Perrin Park

10:00AM **Outdoor Worship Service & Pitch-In Picnic at Perrin Park**



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Monday through Friday

Today's Preacher—Rev. Devin West

Pastor—Don Summerfield Student Pastor—Courtney Bowen

Choir Director—Steve Inman Organist—Judy Diekhoff

Bell Choir Director—Trish Read

Saturday Night Music Director—Brian Herald

Sunday Sound & Technology Engineer—Keith Noe

Saturday Projection Crew—Alecia Simonis & Keith Noe

Church Administrator—Becky Herald

Church Sexton—Mindy Inman

Clerk of Session—Mary Ruth Phares

Hope Chest Gifts for August Support Haven House

Suggested donations:

- Fabuloso Lavender
- Paper towels
- Notebooks, pens, paper
- Band-Aids, gauze
- Diapers—any size
- Kroger gift cards
- Deodorant for men or women

*Please leave your in-kind contributions in the Hope Chest,
located in the Atrium.*

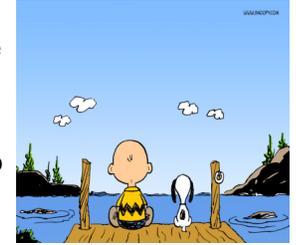
Gift cards/cash donations may be left in the church office.

Also, for those who forget or prefer not to shop, "Hope Chest" donation envelopes are available in the pew racks and from the table in the chapel.



Youth Group Cookout & Camp-Out

The youth are planning to camp at Lost Beagle Lake in Henryville the evening of August 18. The plan is to meet at church at 5:30 and take the bus up. Bring what you need to swim, fish, play games, and sleep. We will head back to church on Saturday morning around 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, speak to Courtney Bowen.



Kroger has changed the rules on their Community Rewards program. In the past you had to re-enroll on August 1 to stay in. Now your enrollment just rolls over from year to year. If you haven't signed up, you can do so at Kroger.com.



Our organization number is 12428. First Prez Youth will get a percentage of what you spend at Kroger.

The Center for Lay Ministries has a "Secret Santa" who will be matching all monetary gifts through the end of August, up to \$5,000. If you have been thinking about making a donation to CLM, now is the time!



Solarize the Sunny Side is planning a series of informational meetings for home and business owners interested a group-buy of solar installations in Clark and Floyd Counties. Those who'd like to find out more are invited to pick up a flyer in the Atrium or to contact Trisha Tull at trishatull@hoosieripl.org.



Bring Your Family & Friends!

Outdoor Service & Pitch-In Picnic

**Sunday, August 20
Perrin Park @ 10:00**



*Outdoor Worship
at Perrin Park*

Bring a lawn chair for yourself and a salad, vegetable and/or dessert to share. (Meat, drinks and setups will be provided.)

The Mission Committee will be collecting canned goods for the Center for Lay Ministries, so bring your donation and place it in the box provided.

On Saturday, August 19, the eve of our worship service and picnic at Perrin Park, we'll be having a

Saturday Sundaes Vespers Service

Our plan is to hold a vespers-style Saturday service—including the Sermon on the Mount—on the front lawn, then enjoy some ice cream sundaes afterward.

A group will be walking the neighborhood, passing out invitations after the Wednesday evening service (6:45-ish) on Wednesday evening, August 16.

For more information, or to lend a hand, please speak to Pastor Summerfield.



A second Al-Anon group has begun meeting at First Prez on Monday evenings at 7:30. If you or someone you know would like more information, call Jane Hubbard at (502) 548-8266.

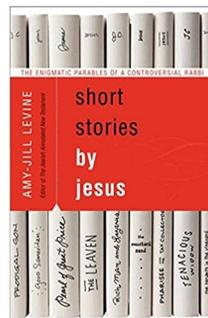
Welcome to First Prez...

Visitors — We welcome you! If there is any assistance we can provide, or if there are any questions we can answer for you, please speak to a greeter or usher, a neighbor next to you or the pastor. We'll be happy to do what we can to help you feel at home.

Ministry of friendship sheets are in the folders at the end of the pews on Sunday and on the table with the bulletins on Saturday night. Please leave a record of your attendance by signing in.

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth—and cell phones—keep silence before him (Habakkuk 2:20 paraphrased). As the service begins, please remember to turn off the ringer on your cell phone.

This summer's sermon series is based on the



book *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. The book is about the parables Jesus told and gives us a new way to think about those old, familiar stories. The series is on hold for a couple weeks as we worship with First Trinity (August 13) and at Perrin Park (August 20). On August 27, we'll resume with the Parable of the Widow and the Judge (Luke 18:1-8).

Our New Program Year Kicks-Off on Sunday, September 10.

There'll be breakfast with Chris Cakes, Sunday School and, in morning worship, a report from the Summer Youth Mission Trip. Make plans now to join in!



Winter Coat Collection . . .

We are again collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts and other warm winter clothing items for adults and children. We have had great success in the past and have helped many people who needed warm clothes to get them through the winter. Donations will be distributed by Exit 0 and the Center for Lay Ministries.

Please help out by leaving your donations in the box in the Atrium. If you have any questions, speak with Virgil Hertling.



The Men's Group will have their next gathering at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, at Adrienne's Café. Contact Doyle Criswell for more information.

A Book Group is meeting this Sunday, August 13, at 2:30 in the Meriwether Room. They will be discussing chapter three of *Reconstruction* by Eric Foner. The group gets together the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested, contact Rodney Smithey at rodwsm@gmail.com or 812-406-9654.



Attendance on Sunday, August 6 was 77. There were 18 at the Saturday evening service. Attendance at Wednesday's service was 22.

Staff Comings & Goings...

Courtney Bowen is away this weekend, attending the Women's Connection Conference at Montreat.



This Sunday @ First Prez...

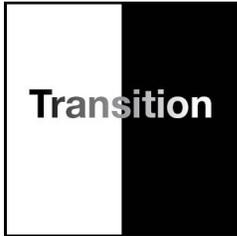
Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Pam Spellman, Gail Peterson, and Ray & Pat Stone.

Next Sunday is the Outdoor Worship Service at Perrin Park.

In the Nursery this Sunday is Season Neal. Next Sunday is the Outdoor Worship Service. Kidz Church is on holiday for July and August.

Transition Update

Our Session, with help from our Executive Presbyterian, Susan McGhee and the Committee on Ministry, is making preparations for the pastoral transition that's coming next month.



Transition

This week, the Session elected a committee of active elders (Kathy Bixler, Jerry Collins, Roger Emily, Charlie Neal and Jill O'Daniel) to serve as a Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee. After an initial training, this committee will prepare the paperwork and conduct the search for a Transitional (Interim) Pastor, who we hope will be in place by early in the New Year. We'll be publishing periodic updates as the transition process gets underway but, if you have questions in the meantime, please speak with Pastor Summerfield or a member of the Session.

The recent addition of 45 panels to our solar power system



is mostly complete (save for a few small parts and the inspection), and it should be online soon.

We are tentatively planning a dedication of the new panels during morning worship on August 27 (with September 3 as a back-up date). Stay tuned!