

# *Joys and Concerns*

*Week of September 24, 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.

*Thanks to everyone whose presence, generosity, creativity, hard work and love made for such a wonderful send-off party last Sunday.*

*I'm deeply grateful for this life and ministry we've shared here at First Prez. This congregation, and all of you, will always have a special place in my heart and will be in my prayers through the transitions ahead.*

*Peace & Blessings,  
Don Summerfield*

## From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer that we will reach out into our community with love this Evangelism Sunday.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for Bethany Presbyterian Church in Vincennes, Indiana.

Continue to be in prayer for our Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee as they work to find the right person to lead our congregation.

Also be in prayer for Rev. Summerfield as he begins his half-time, semi-retirement ministry in Scottsburg.

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

---

## Calendar

Week of September 24, 2017

### Saturday

9:00AM Loaves & Fishes at First Prez

5:00PM Worship *Rev. Deborah Fortel Preaching*

### Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for Youth & Adults

9:30AM Youth on School Prayer Tour

10:45AM Worship *Rev. Deborah Fortel Preaching*

### Monday

7:30PM Al-Anon in Taggart Hall

### Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

### Wednesday

5:10PM Dinner in Taggart Hall

5:50PM Prayer at the Close of the Day in the Chapel

6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

6:00PM Exit 0 Meal

### Saturday

8:30AM PC(USA) Administrative Personnel

Association Meeting

5:00PM Worship *Rev. Nancy Waters Preaching*

### Sunday

### **World Communion Sunday**

9:30AM Sunday School for Adults (No Youth Classes)

10:45AM Worship *Rev. Nancy Waters Preaching*

11:30AM World Communion Service at Wall Street

2:00PM Home Communion Visits

5:00PM Community Blessing of the Animals

---



## First Presbyterian Church

222 Walnut Street  
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130  
phone: 812-283-8606  
e-mail: [1stprez@1stprez.org](mailto:1stprez@1stprez.org)  
web address: [www.1stprez.org](http://www.1stprez.org)  
Office Hours: 1:00—4:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

Guest Preacher—Rev. Deborah Fortel

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 Custodian—Mindy Inman

Clerk of Session—Mary Ruth Phares

## Hope Chest Gifts for September Support the First Prez Food Committee

- Please donate large cans of food

*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.



**Attendance** on Sunday, September 17  
was 219. There were 13 at the Saturday  
evening service. Attendance at Wednesday's  
service was 20.



## Transition Update

Our Session, with help from our Executive Presbyter, Susan McGhee and the Committee on Ministry, is making preparations for our pastoral transition process.

The Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee is meeting weekly, and getting the foundation laid for the search process. Committee members are Kathy Bixler, Jerry Collins, Roger Emily, Jill O'Daniel and Charlie Neal.

Our Worship Committee has scheduled local pastors to fill our pulpit for the remainder of the year. The Rev. Deborah Fortel (who will be our Moderator of Session) will be here this weekend, September 23 & 24, and Rev. Nancy Waters (our pastoral care provider) will be preaching on World Communion Weekend, September 30 & October 1. We'll be publishing additional updates as the transition process moves forward but, if you have questions in the meantime, please speak with a member of the Session.



Transition

## The PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness

**Offering** will be received the weekend of September 30 & October 1, with a follow-up the weekend of October 7 & 8.



**The 25% of the offering that stays with our congregation will be used to provide Bibles and Celtic cross necklaces for patients at the VA medical Center in Louisville, to be distributed through the Chaplain's Department.**

The Young Adults' Sunday School will be discussing *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now* by Walter



Brueggemann. You can buy a copy from Amazon or at Carmichael's Bookstore on Frankfort Avenue in Louisville. Questions? Contact Courtney Bowen at (205) 332.4705 or [studentpastor@1stprez.org](mailto:studentpastor@1stprez.org).

## Youth Events

This Sunday, September 24, the youth will go on a school prayer tour during Sunday School and worship time.

Pyoca's High School Conference is October 6-8. If you are interested in attending, please let Becky Herald know by Monday.



## World Communion Sunday . . .

On Sunday, October 1 we will be joining other downtown congregations for an outdoor celebration of the Lord's Supper on the lawn of Wall Street UMC.

We will begin our worship in the sanctuary then walk down the street to join our sister churches in an 11:30 a.m. Communion liturgy, jointly led by the clergy of the participating congregations.

Those wishing to take part in an "in house" Communion service here at First Prez are encouraged to join in the Saturday evening service on September 30.



**Presbyterian Women** will have their monthly meeting on Monday, October 2, at 6:00 in the Agape Room. All women of the church are invited. Speak with Beth Snyder if you have any questions.

## 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.

*Give thanks to God for our animals*

*and rejoice in God's creation.*



## Community Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1, 2017

5:00 p.m.

## First Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville

(at the playground, if the weather is fair;  
in the gym, if the weather is not)

**Animals must be on leashes or in cages.**

*Bug juice and animal crackers*

*will be served afterwards*

## 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.



## Walk to Bethlehem...

Our imaginary journey to Bethlehem begins Sunday, October 1. Sign-up sheets, packets, and pass-



ports to track mileage will be available in the Meriwether Room beginning on Saturday, September 30th.

Questions? Contact Kathy Bixler at 812-987-6060 or [knbixler@gmail.com](mailto:knbixler@gmail.com).

**The Adult Sunday School** is making its way through an eight-Session video-based Bible Study. Andy Stanley takes small groups on a journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow.



## Halloween Care Packages

We will be sending Halloween care packages to **church members between the ages of 18 and 25** who are in college or in the military and living away from home. We need names and current addresses.

If you would like to donate items, we need snacks, pens & pencils, movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, etc. Please have them in by October 22. Speak with Kathy Bixler or Sandy Locke if you have questions.

## This Sunday @ First Prez...

**Ushers and Greeters** this Sunday are Shirley Rice, Doyle Criswell, Phil & Jennie Bartelt, and Deb Pavlina.

**Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters** are Pam Spellman, Gail Peterson, and Ray & Pat Stone.

**In the Nursery this Sunday** is Season Neal. Next Sunday is Carol Sharp. Beth Scott is in charge of Kidz Church this week. Kidz Church won't meet next Sunday because it is World Communion Sunday.

## Hurricane relief through PDA and CASI

With hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires causing destruction, we have a couple of ways that we can support with recovery.

First of all, we are helping with Community Action of Southern Indiana's collection of supplies. Suggested donations include Hand Sanitizer, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Baby Wipes, Bug Spray, Sunscreen, Toilet Paper, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Work Gloves, Flashlights, Batteries, Manual Can Openers, Feminine Hygiene Products, Paper Towels, Baby Formula, Towels, Washcloths, Baby Diapers, Adult Diapers, Bottled Water, Light Bulbs, and Locking Lid Storage Containers (medium size), and may be left in the Hope Chest.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Secondly, you can give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by donating online or by writing a check to the church and designating it for PDA.

## Mission-Focus Month...

At our Wednesday evening services in October, we'll be welcoming a series of guests representing mission projects we support and/or are involved in. Come learn more about the good work we're a part of!

