
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF HIGHLAND**



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JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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JULY 5th

Early Worship (Communion) —8:00 AM Meeting Room
"My Country Tis of Thee" Old Fashioned Hymn Sing—10:30 (nursery provided)
Light Luncheon & Ice Cream Social at 11:30 AM

JULY 12th

Heritage Worship (Communion) -10:30 AM—Chorus of the Dunes
(nursery provided)
Coffee Fellowship at 11:30 AM
Ministry of Worship & Music—11:45 AM
Pool Party at the Parkers

JULY 19th

Early Worship—8:00 AM Meeting Room
Heritage Worship— 10:30 AM (nursery provided)
Coffee Fellowship—11:30 AM

JULY 26th

Heritage Worship —10:30 AM (nursery provided)
Special guest: Rev. Carol McDonald
Co-executive of the Synod of Lincoln Trails
Coffee Fellowship—11:30 AM
Presbyterian Picnic @ Dyer Presbyterian at 12:00 PM

See inside for special summer worship services

On Wednesday evenings

First Presbyterian Church
of Highland
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First Presbyterian Church of Highland is a congregation committed to "Being Disciples, Making Disciples." We know that the past cannot be changed, the present is given to us as a gift, and we work in positive and constructive ways to promote a trust in God to guide us into the future.

A Letter From

Laura



One of my favorite things about being Presbyterian is our connectionalism.

In practical terms, our insistence on being involved in knowing our neighboring congregations, sharing resources and cooperating in ministry enriches every-one's life. The Apostle Paul reviews this idea the most thoroughly with us by using the analogy of the body using all its parts as intended when he writes to the church at Corinth. If all of us try to be eyeballs or ears, there won't be much walking, talking, thinking or praying going on. Each of us have a part, all of them are important, and together, the parts make up a living body that moves in the service of God. Sometimes in the church we have a season when we forget that we are to use our gifts and connect with each other and we become isolated and withdrawn. Being in relationship "on purpose" with each other enriches all of our lives.

We're starting to recapture the joy in staying connected with other congregations. We had 63 people in our Lenten series. We're looking forward to the Presbyterian Picnic in Dyer on July 26th (sign up sheet in the back of the church) About 15 came to our first evening prayer service on June 24th. To spend time with each other is to be strengthened for the journey, to learn of one another, to be encouraged and to just plain have fun.

I just went to a very connectional Presbyterian event by attending the "Big Tent" in Atlanta GA. There were 10 simultaneous conferences going on and one could stay with one conference or pick and choose from the workshops. We shared time in worship, with break out groups for each conference focus, in common meals, local tours and mission opportunities scattered throughout the days. There were about 1500 people there and I loved the whole mix of ages, ethnicities, and responsibilities – I love the way Presbyterians always try to be God's hands right where we live and also stay connected to a larger whole. The high point for me was meeting and talking with a young woman who came to our congregation as a teen: Linda Rugh and to hear her memories of Highland. She now lives in Indy and is an active volunteer and first time elder in her church: Second Presbyterian. In listening to her, I was reminded once again, as during Millie Brant's memorial service, that who we are, how we teach and how we affect lives is never, ever limited to the corner of Highway and Delaware in Highland IN. All across this country are people like Linda, who learned about Jesus here and whose learning stuck and nourishes and sustains them today.

I love this amazing, tenacious, determined congregation and the ways we have of making a difference in the world. I am glad to know that scattered across this land are people that know Jesus because we exist. I am glad for the ministry we are willing to do.

Blessings,
Rev. Laura



The Session met on June 22nd and conducted the following business:

Reflected on where God has been at work in our lives in the past week or month and opened the meeting with the daily reading of Psalm 112 and prayer.

Received the minutes of Deacons' 6/2, Trustees' 6/3, May financials, Youth consultant report of April/May, Personnel 6/22, and received the Statistical Report of the Clerk.

In addition, the Session moved the date of Communion at the Heritage Service from 7/5 to 7/12, received the Mission minutes of 5/12 and 6/9 and reviewed the new contract with Dave Gibbs and approved it, pending his approval.

Under correspondence and the Clerk's report, discussed names for service in the Presbytery and as commissioners to GA in 2010; received with regret the resignation of Elder Jay Smith, due to his new position as CLP at Lake Village, approved the use of the sanctuary by Rev. Reason and guest pastor for the wedding of Brooke Hayes and Lloyd Martinez on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

The Session also learned that Rev. Carol McDonald, Co-Executive of the Synod of Lincoln Trails, will be a guest in worship with us on July 26th.

The Session elected Bonnie Byham (CN), Nancy Janett (W & M) and Rick Parker (B & F) to Personnel.

The Trustees' update from President Fozkos included the information that the CN new roof is complete, with a final inspection and chimney cap to be done yet; the air conditioning units in the sanctuary have been serviced; the questions about insurance coverage have been answered; and that a church has been located that is interested in receiving the four pews to be removed from the front of the sanctuary. In addition, Patti DeLauro, Jill Elman, Cheryl Steen and Fred Callaway were thanked for all the work in the garden so far and in the parking lot to get it ready for the 4th of July fundraiser. The Session heard the recommendation that the budget for piano and organ tuning be placed in the Worship and Music portion of the budget for 2010, since they manage all of it.

The Session heard an update about the Trustees' work relative to the installation and use of the stair lifts and endorsed proceeding to their usage per the proposed policy.

The Session turned its attention to the 5th section of the Mission statement:

Commitment to a new future, led by God, assessing both personal and Session efforts in this area in the past year. It was noted that the pace of reconciling with the past is different for each person, yet in general the congregation is moving forward, communicating better and more positive. This was followed by the Pastor's report. There being no further business, the Session was adjourned with prayer at 9:15 p.m.



Christian Nurture



YOUTH REPORT
by Dave Gibbs

YOUTH MISSION TRIP



Those Commissioned to go on the Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis, MO were:

Matt Dyer, Jeremy Camacho, Brandon Chong, Tim Gyure, Kelsey Helmer, Sam Helmer, Adam Johnston, Collin Parker, Phillip Parker, Sam Zuke and our adult leaders: Murray Faris, Dave Gibbs, and Arletta Schaefer.



Christian Nurture

From September through May there are two Sunday morning Adult Church School Classes, one of which is "The Bible in Today's World". The class meets each Sunday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the church study. Several of the persons attending this class have written a short description of what this class means to them. We encourage you to read these testimonials during the summer months when we take a break from class and consider joining us in September when we gather again to study God's Word. If you have questions about the class, please contact Bonnie Byham.

"Each Sunday morning, I truly look forward to the "Bible in Today's World" adult class. Scholarly lessons are used as guides, but added value comes from the shared ideas and experiences of the class members. All are sincerely seeking to increase their understanding of the Bible's teachings and openly express their views and questions. All comments are encouraged and accepted as opportunities for discussion and learning. The lesson materials are then applied to current events which always reaffirm the truths of the Bible. For me, the class is an excellent way to prepare for worship." John Toren

LOOKING TO THE FALL

BROWN BAG BIBLE—The Book of Revelation Brown Bag Bible Study will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11:30 to 1:30. It will begin Wednesday, October 7, 2009 and run through Wednesday, May 5, 2010. Pre-registration for materials is important. The cost will be \$15.00 in advance or \$1.25 per session.

BROWN BAG WITH CALVIN—Held every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning September 9, 2009, for 6 sessions in the Fellowship Hall. Class will be led and taught by Rev. Bill Hudson of the First Presbyterian Church of Merrillville. (The dates of all classes: 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18). Class includes an optional field trip to a "Calvin Fest" on Friday, October 30th in Urbana, IL.

IN THE WORKS—An online weekly Bible Readings Class with one evening gathering a month. Stay tuned for details!



WACKIE Wednesday -

We meet from 9 am to 11 am for June and July. We could use some summer volunteers and we always need donations of **FOOD, SNACKS, DRINKS AND PAPERWARE**. And bring your grandchildren and neighbors—ages 4 thru 5th grade. Call Dave Gibbs with questions (219-363-4516).



Well, we just sent off the youth on their Mission trip, the garden has been tended to and looks amazing, so what is next? It is time for our Third Annual 4th of July Parking Lot Fundraiser! The event begins on Wednesday, July 1st and runs thru Sunday, July 5th. We have over 50 hours to fill, so if you are interested in donating an hour or two of your time, while enjoying the sights and sounds of the festival, please contact Tracy Oprea @ 923-4925. Let's all come together and make this a fundraiser a huge success. All proceeds are used to serve the needy.



Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard is looking pretty bare!! When you do your grocery shopping, please remember to throw in a little extra for the cupboard at church. You would be amazed at how a can CAN make a difference. Thanks in advance for remembering those in need!



Please join us **SUNDAY, JULY 5th** at 10:30 AM for "My Country 'Tis of Thee" Old Fashioned Hymn Sing. It will be featuring David Hamblin, organist and in duet with Dr. Fred Binckes, pianist.

Immediately following worship, please join us for a light luncheon and Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be received.

This event is open to the public as well as all members! This could be an excellent opportunity to invite friends and family to worship with us!!

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Mann 322-6145.

On the last Wednesdays of July and August, we will be having a Shared Summer Worship starting at 6:30 at the Dyer Presbyterian Church, 2501 Hart Street (865-8660). Planned by Rev. Laura, each service will include Communion and be followed by a time of fellowship hosted by the Dyer church.

The July 29th service will be a service of wholeness and healing and the last service will be August 26th.

EARLY SUNDAY SERVICE

We will continue the 8:00 a.m. service of Morning Prayers on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of July and August in the Meeting Room.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Reported by Budget & Finance

Year-to-Date MAY

Operating Revenue	\$75,586.49
Operating Expenses	\$89,595.45
Excess (Deficit)	(\$14,008.96)

Thank you for your continued support of the church's General Fund.



Capital Campaign Contributions received in May totaled \$1,547.00. That brings the grand total of Capital Campaign receipts to \$58,194.50.

Thank you for your contributions!



Come join us for DINNER, DESSERT, and a DVD on Friday, July 17th at 6:00 PM. Potluck dinner will be held prior to the showing of a popular movie.



The Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, July 28th at 7:00 PM at the home of Arlene Diekman. They will be discussing "Paths of Glory" by Jeffery Archer.

In August, they will be meeting on Tuesday, August 25th to discuss "The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford.



Rummage Sale 10/15 and 10/16

Call the church office about storage and pick-up.



Peter Churitch (at son's house now)
523 Oxford Circle
Griffith, Indiana 46319
(219) 922-3618



The office will be closed Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th. Open by appointment only.

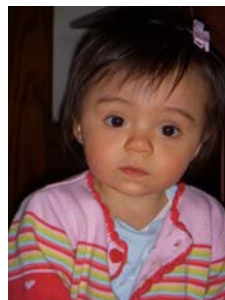
Rev. Laura will be out of the office on personal business July 6th through July 9th.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Congratulations to proud parents, Jesse & Hilary Kikert and big sister Evvy on the birth of Lucy June, born June 10th.



At Awards Day on June 2nd, Brandon Chong was presented with two awards. The first was The President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and the second award was The Most Improved 6th Grader Boy for the entire school. With the Most Improved Award, Brandon attended a special event at Albert's Jewelers on June 13th and was presented with a watch from Albert's Jewelers. Way to Go Brandon, we are so proud of you.



This year, FPCH will be participating in the Highland Twilight Parade on July 3rd. Mike and Jeanne Nestor's son, Chris, will be bringing his rare 1893 English wagon pulled by two Clydesdale horses he has raised, to represent FPCH in the parade. If you would like to participate in the parade, there is a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex. We will be walking alongside the wagon (no riders allowed). The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Church and ends at the Main Square Park. Walkers will be coordinated by Dave Gibbs (219-363-4516).

If you prefer not to participate, please be sure to come out and cheer for us and enjoy a wonderful parade!

Can you believe how big Audrai and Colton are getting? Mom Andrea Hays reports that she and Drew and family are doing well in their new home in Evansville, where Drew is at Ivy Tech and Andrea has a new position as well. The kids are enjoying keeping Grandma busy babysitting them! We wish them well in their new home!



Responsibilities

FOR JULY

Chancel Flowers:

Bonnie Fitting

Devotions:

Bonnie Nolen

Hospitality Greeter:

Charlotte Abernethy

Rides to Heritage Services:

Bonnie Fitting
(923-3330)



NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Notes

I would like to sincerely thank the Session, Bell Choir members and the congregation for Kris Falzone-Scott's tribute in worship in May and the gift and card of appreciation for being the Bell Choir Director. Music has been a big part of my life since I was a child and I have enjoyed singing, playing an instrument, ringing bells and conducting the Bell Choir over many years. I am blessed to have the opportunity to share the gift of bell ringing during weekly rehearsals and the Sundays the Bell Choir offers a joyful song in the worship of God. All the members of the Bell Choir work hard to learn new music and at the same time we enjoy being together and supporting each other. If you would like to be a part of the Joyous Ringers, please speak to me or one of the Bell Choir Members – Karen Lounsbury, Carol Callaway, Jean Smith, Jeanne Nestor, Bette Smith, Marie Smith, Glen Williams, David Hamblin & Janet Terpstra.

Bonnie Byham

Notes from the Edwardsville Youth we hosted 6/19 & 6/20:

Thank you so much for allowing us to share you space for a night. The youth LOVED the sanctuary & and LCD projector set up! Your generosity is so appreciated!

Pastor Joy

Thank you for allowing us to stay in your church. Ron M.

Thank you so much for hosting us so well! Greatly appreciated.

Chris A.

Thanks for letting us stay at your gorgeous church! Mallory S.

Thanks for letting us stay here. Ashley

The projector was awesome! Thanks for letting us stay here. Tony C.

Thank you so much! Your church is beautiful and so is your generosity. Patrick L.

Thank you for your kindness & hospitality. Scott

Thanks for letting us stay at your church, it is amazing! Nathan A.

Thank you for letting us stay in your beautiful building! Clay C.

The church is beautiful! Thank you so much for letting us stay here. Liz S.

Thank you lots! Brendon C.

Thank you for your hospitality & sharing your beautiful church with us. Kris

Thanks for sharing your church with us! Jeff

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Jo McGee
- 8 Grace Helmer
- 9 Sirri Bonu
- 10 Kelly LaFlech
- Jake Toren
- 11 Marilyn Shuck
- Elwyn Studer
- 12 Mary Davison
- 13 Christopher Auld
- 14 Amanda Auld
- Wendy Goins
- 15 Sam Reason
- 16 Barb Dye
- Pam Makely
- Rita Powers
- 17 Carol Adams
- 21 Olive Lehmker
- 24 Lee Ann Cheesebrough
- 25 Garrett Martinez
- Carol Peterson
- 26 Paul Nicholls
- Linda Young
- 28 Colton Hays
- Jim Wilson
- 30 Nancy O'Donnell
- 31 Clara Brendel
- Tom Porter

PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW



FPCH Golf Team

When Mark and Marlys Furnas moved to Highland and joined FPCH on 11/3/1958, their neighbor was already a member of the Calumet Area Golf League and invited Mark to join him on our church's team. Mark became a key organizer and player for FPCH for 42 years. Marlys says he was so committed to our church's team that no matter where they were on vacation, they needed to be home by Mondays so Mark could golf! The team plays all summer, from May to the beginning of October. Since the golf team is one of the better kept secrets of our congregation, our roving reporter asked some of the fellows to tell us a little more about it.

Over coffee fellowship on May 25th, some of our golfers who are no longer playing routinely - Jim Corten, George Griner, Oscar Nedberg and Cal Sleeman - reminisced about how at one time, there were 22 teams from different churches in the area, which meant they had to play on three different courses simultaneously just to get them all in. They especially remember playing with Don Auld, Bob Diekman, Mark Furnas and Dick Holck and recall a few times when they ran in either Ben or Sam Porter as ringers (evidently you have to be of a certain age to be on the teams). They have played at Lake Hill, Monastery, Wicker Park, Gleason Field, Palmyra, South Shore, Longwood, Broadmoor and Turkey Creek. Now there are 12 churches and they still play at Palmyra and Longwood. The church's current regular players are Vince Catania, Don Fitting, Walt Ivers, Rick Parker and Ron Toren. The current sub list includes:

Jesse Kikkert, Calvin Scott, Tim King and Kevin Hedrick. FPCH won first place last year, just one in a series of first place finishes over the fifty plus years of the league. The golf team is always looking for more players, so any man over 18 should contact Rick Parker or Vince Catania if they are interested in playing.

One of the touching parts of the Golf team saga was shared by Marlys Furnas. Her husband Mark passed away on April 9, 2001, and unfortunately suffered from Alzheimer's in his later years. She says that even when Mark could not drive himself to the course anymore that George Griner and Cal Sleeman would come pick him up, take him to play, take him out for dinner and bring him back home. This gave Mark time with an old joy and Marlys a little break from caring for him. This sort of story can be and is told over and over in our congregation, of how many untold kindnesses and gestures of compassion and support are done for each other with no thought of being noticed or recognized.

We look forward to hearing how our team is faring this year, and are proud of our men!



The Prayer Circle meets every Monday at 8:30 AM in the Study. We pray for the people on this list, and for all other concerns named at that time. Please join us whenever possible, and include the persons listed here in your daily devotional time. Thank you.

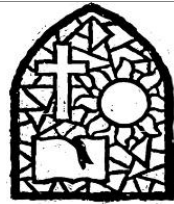
Louise Allison
Ann & Art (Mann)
Larry and Marge Ashton
Susanne Baker (Mike Peterson)
Pat Bannon
Barbara (Kanich)
Chuck Baudouine (Callaway)
John Beams (Louise Allison)
Blanche and Burl Biggs
Bob (Bauer)
Bob (Steve & Nancy Janett)
Bob & Mary Ann (Byham)
Ted and Clara Brendel
Ed & Joyce Britton (Jan Oprea)
Millie Brown (Abernethy)
Laura Burgess (Trona Wilson)
Ric Byham
Vicky Callaway
Charlene (Metzger)
Pete and Gale Churitch
Peter Churitch
Chip Clauson (Hedrick)
Ede and Jim Corten
Royce and Nitsa Coulson
Don and Mary Davison
Ruth Dekker
Don (Mary Jo McGee)
Brad & Mitch Farnsley (Kings)
Chuck and Martha Fish
Georgia Fitzwater
Margaret Goral
Robert and Marian Gregory
Karen Gulliver (Nicholls)
Guy (Parkers & Bonnie & Larry)
Jim and Carolyn Ham
Alex Harbuziuk (Scotts)

Mike & Judy Haviley (Jan Oprea)
Denise & Kevin Hedrick
Irene (Sandy Parker)
Susan Jacobs (Churitch)
Marge Jent (Carol Peterson)
Julie Johnson (Davison)
Sharon Johnson (Davison)
Herb Karkau (Reason)
Judy (Pat Bannon)
Nina Kimm (Nancy Janett)
Marian Kukral
Kyle (Ruth Sfura)
Bill and Sharon LaFlech
Ollie Lehmker & Elsie Szekely
Carol Lestina
Marilyn (Pat Bannon)
Mike Mathis (Sleeman)
Will, Camri & Chris McAvoy
Barbara McCollough
Elena McCord (Davison)
Norah McFarland
Barry & Shirley McKnight
Marilyn Metzger
Michelle (Abernethy)
Alex Molnar
George & Barbara Nelson
Mike Nestor
Tony Nevers' dad
Don Novak (Dick Holek)
Jena Novak (Buono)
Lois Norris
Mary Oprea
Kathy Parker
Rick and Sandy Parker
Robin Parks (Bauer)
Beverly Perotti (Jan Oprea)
Carol and Mike Peterson
Phyllis & Ron (Mann)
Gloria Ptacek
Inez Putnam (Judy Toren)
Gladys Ratke
Gaye Reinhardt (Louise Allison)
Al Ries
Rita & Lynette (Jan Oprea)
Andy, Cindy, Danielle & Jean Rudnickas
Ruth Sfura
Shain & Steffany (Byham)
Treva Sheets
David Sikes (Nicholls)
Cal Sleeman
Molly Sleeman
Marie Smith

Luella Smyers
Specyal Family
Marilyn Stegemoller (M. Smith)
Steve (Peggy Fozkos)
Mike Street (Debbie King)
Virginia Stringham (Peggy Fozkos)
Ted & Marj (Sheets)
Bev Tonagel (Buono)
Tony (Sheets)
Velinda (Sheets)
Vicki, (Sheets)
Bob Waterstraat
Lynn and Veda Young (Parkers)
Richard Zyp

Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit within the life of FPCH and within each of us, that we may indeed be and make disciples in each new day.

Due to federal regulations about privacy, we are no longer called by hospitals about patient admissions. Even if they ask you for your church affiliation when checking in, they still do not call! If you or your loved one would like a visit while hospitalized, or would like a home visit, please call the church office or Rev. Laura on her cell phone at 815-822-0557. Thank you!



USHER SCHEDULE

JULY 5

Ruth Dekker
Amber Farkas
Alex Farkas
Bette Smith
Clare Stinar

JULY 12

Norma Bauer
Janet Bouchee
Pam Porter
Cal Sleeman

JULY 19

Kevin & Denise Hedrick
Larry & Laura Jones

JULY 26

Collin Parker
Phillip Parker
Rick & Sandy Parker

FLOWERS

JULY 5

Dennis & Treva Sheets

JULY 12

Comfort Bonu

JULY 19

Tim & Debbie Towasncki
Marie Smith

JULY 26

Laura & Sam Reason

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Bonnie Fitting

Worship Assistants

WORSHIP LEADERS

JULY 5

Carol Callaway

JULY 12

Lois Fozkos

JULY 19

Rick Parker

JULY 26

Bonnie Byham

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

JULY 5

Ministry of Worship & Music

JULY 12

OPEN

JULY 19

OPEN

JULY 26

OPEN

(Picnic—Dyer Pres. @ 12:00)

RIDES TO HERITAGE

WORSHIP

Bonnie Fitting
(923-3330)

BUILDING LOCK UP

JULY 5

Fred Callaway

JULY 12

Winnie Owen

JULY 19

OPEN

JULY 26

Dennis Sheets

HOSPITALITY HOST

Charlotte Abernethy

Communion servers—July 12th

Bonnie Byham, Don Chappell,
Murray Faris, Peggy Fozkos,
George Griner

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Heritage Worship
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