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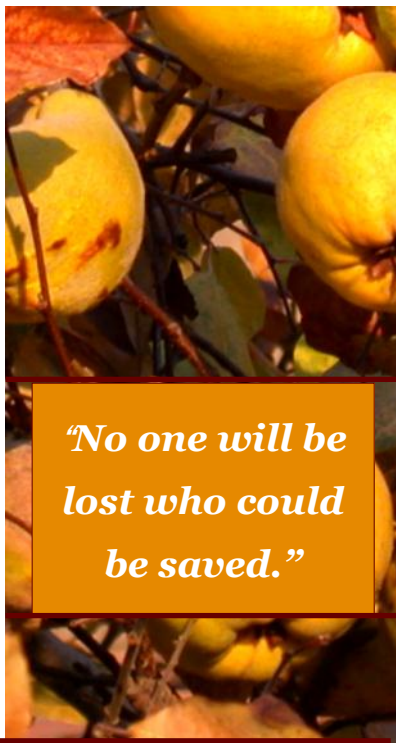


OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Rob Craig

Sharon and I recently had the sad experience of helping a great-niece with the funeral of her six-day old son. In some faith traditions there are unfortunate fears about the salvation of such infants. I celebrate the loving language of our Presbyterian Church. “No one will be lost who could be saved. The limits of salvation, whatever they may be, are known to God. Three truths above all are certain. God is a holy God who is not to be trifled with. No one will be saved, except by grace alone. And no

judge could possibly be more gracious than our Savior, Jesus Christ.” Thank God for the comforting words of the Church, from our most recent catechism.



“No one will be lost who could be saved.”

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- *All Saints' Sunday November 6*
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Paths of the Flock

Remembered during our congregational prayers in September, 2011: James and Dianne Farrar; Wayne, Sharon and Kaelin Hanrattie; John, Samantha, Jacob and Luke Harpring; Mark and Ann Harper; John and Virginia Kinnaman; Janet and John Jackson; Lynne Hyatt; Vern and B Watt Jorck; Natalie Roll; Ray Hass; Mary Ann McCray; John and Margy McKune; Lori Rowan; Jerry and Carol Pennington and Carol Rumble.



Birth Announcements

Ted and Janet Sharpe are thrilled to announce the birth of their grandson, Evan Miller Bunich born on September 17, to Kristen and Boris Bunich. The little guy is a *tiny* 9 pounds, 4 ounces, 22 inches long and healthy!

Care and Support

The website for Brooke Tuttle is <http://caringbridge.com./visit/brooketuttle> You may visit this site and share your care and support for Brooke and his family.



Music at FPC

MUSIC AT FPC PRESENTS: **Ines Maidre**, Organist; International prize winner and Professor of Organ at the Grieg Academy in Bergen, Norway in concert October 9, 2011 at 3pm.

Ines Maidre is a brightly individual concert organist from Estonia. As a graduate of the Estonian Academy of Music, she holds soloist diplomas of piano and organ with the highest distinctions.

Besides her performing career she has been teaching the organ at the Estonian Music Academy and is now an associate professor of organ at the Grieg Academy in Bergen, Norway.

A Note from Music Director Colin Andrews:

It is great to be back at FPC after my summer travels. As always, it was a very full and exciting schedule; I performed on many well-known and historic instruments, as well as taught at a summer school for young organists, an annual event which I have been associated with for 25 years. Among the most memorable instruments that I played, was the 1748 classical French organ in the church of St. Croix, Bordeaux.

As I write, the children's choir has sung beautifully in church on 9/11 and, that same evening, we had thirty-two Youth at the first "Youth Group" event of the season. I wish you could have seen and heard our thirty-two youth group members singing "Lord of the dance"...it was a

wonderfully spontaneous moment.

The adult choir schedule is also off to a great start with two new members arriving for the second rehearsal of the season. I am looking forward to working with our new music assistant Jenny, as we shepherd the music program through the fall and winter seasons, culminating in the Christmas programs.

I do have one other trip this semester which will take me to, among other venues, The Mariinsky Theatre, St. Petersburg, Russia, the Berliner Dom, Germany and St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The good news is that, after this trip, I will be here until the second week of May.

Please also note, that the first concert in the Music at First Presbyterian Church takes place on October 9 2011 at 3:00

p.m. We will be welcoming Estonian organist, Ines Maidre who teaches at the Academy of Music in Bergen, Norway. Mrs. Maidre will be here with her husband, Jostein Aarvik; in addition to being excellent musicians, they are both delightful people as well. So, please mark your calendars and come and greet Ines and Jostein on October 9.

In Christ,
Colin.



Youth Ministry Assessment – Planning for Our Youth:

We value the youth of our church, and we are committed to building a sustainable youth ministry that is going to have a deep impact. That is why we want to develop a game plan together. The Youth Nurture Committee has invited **Youth Ministry Architects** to visit us on October 16-18, 2011.

(Visit www.ymarchitects.com.) YMA will spend the majority of their time listening to a variety of groups within the church through focused listening groups. We hope to see participation in those groups from a broad spectrum of parents, volunteers, youth and people who just love our youth. We want your insight, your frustration and dreams to be heard. After spending 2 days in these listening groups (and taking copious notes), the YMA team will hunker down to write a report, sharing with us what they've heard about the youth programs – including assets, challenges, and how we compare to youth ministries around the country – and where it seems that God might be taking us next. On Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. the report will be presented to the Session laying out specific recommendations and a blueprint for how to move forward. If you would like to be part of this process and have your voice heard, please refer to the attached schedule with YMA

and plan to visit a session with them that fits you best. Please contact Pastor Peggy at peggye@fpccolumbus.org if you have any questions or concerns.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday, October 16:

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch with Youth Nurture Committee
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Meeting with **Parents** of Junior High Youth
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meeting with **Junior High Youth** 6-8th grade students
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meeting with **Senior High Youth** 9-12 grade students
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Meeting with Senior High **Parents**

Monday, October 17:

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Meeting with **Head of Staff** Rob Craig
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meeting with **Associate** Peggy Casteel
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch w/Peggy and Elders of Youth Nurture
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Meeting for anyone interested in church** to come (This includes people who volunteer or anyone who wants to be heard)
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Meeting with **Children's Nurture Committee**

Tuesday, October 18

- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Supper and meeting to receive early report of YMA team
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Meeting time with **Elders** of FPC

Worship Highlights

10/2 The Peacemaking Offering will be dedicated. The Adult Choir will be singing. This is **World Communion Sunday**.

10/9 We will see images and hear stories of Ghost Ranch adventures. Music will be provided by our children. Rob Craig will offer a meditation. This is a Children's Singing Sunday.

10/16 Rob Craig will preach. appearance. The Adult Choir will be singing.

10/23 Rob Craig's sermon will link to the Adult Nurture class, "Planning for the Rest of Your Life, and Beyond", by touching on the meaning of funerals and memorial

services.

10/30 Peggy Casteel will preach on this Reformation Sunday. The Youth Choir will provide music.

*...Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me....
Matthew 19:14*



Reconciliation Day

Reconciliation Day will be observed in Columbus on October 4 from 5:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at North Christian Church with a light supper, movie and a panel dialogue. Sponsoring coordinators are Columbus InterFaith Forum, Peace Fellowship and North Christian Church. The event is free and open to the public. Additional information of the history and past observances of Reconciliation Day which is observed around the world may be found at www.reconciliationday.net.

Children's Nurture Calendar 2011

October 2011

1 – First Family Fun (Putneys hosting)
2 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
9 – Children's Singing Sunday (no practice), Youth group night
16 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
16 –18 – Youth Ministry Architect team visiting FPC
20-23 - Fall Break
21 – Junior High Hot Meals
23 – Sunday School/No Choir Practice
30 – Youth Singing Sunday, Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night

November 2011

5 – First Family Fun Harvest Dinner - CNC hosting in the Gym (FPC recital in the sanctuary)
6 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
13 – Children's and Youth Singing Sunday and Choir practice for Christmas, Youth group night
18 – Senior High Hot Meals
20 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
27 – Sunday School/No Choir Practice

December 2011

3 – Parents Day Out 12:00 – 4:00
4 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
10 – Special Saturday Children's Choir Practice
11 – Children's and Youth Christmas Program, Youth group night
16 – Junior High Hot Meals
18 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
25 – No Sunday School or Choir Practice
TBD – Junior and Senior High Christmas parties



Children's Nurture Calendar 2012

January 2012

1 – No Sunday School or Choir Practice
7 – First Family Fun
8 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
15 – Children's Choir Practice at 8:30 and Children's Singing Sunday, Youth Potato Lunch
16 – Youth Group Trip to Perfect North
20 – Senior High Hot Meals
22 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
29 – Youth Singing Sunday, Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night

February 2012

4 – First Family Fun
5 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice and Youth Super Bowl Lunch
5 – Youth group watches the Super Bowl
12 – Children's Singing Sunday, Youth group night
17 – Junior High Hot Meals
19 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
26 – Youth Singing Sunday, Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night

March 2012

3 – First Family Fun
3 – Youth Bowl for Kids Sake ???
4 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
11 – Children's Singing Sunday, Youth group night
16 – Senior High Hot Meals

17-25 – Spring Break
19 – Sunday School/No Choir Practice
25 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice
31 – Children's Choir Practice for April 1st - special practice

April 2012

1 – Children's Singing Sunday, Youth group night
7 – First Family Fun
8 – Easter Sunday, Sunday School/No Choir Practice
15 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
20 – Junior High Hot Meals
22 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
28 – Youth Lock-In To Be Determined
29 – PYOCA Visit/No Sunday School but there will be Children's Choir Practice

May 2012

5 - First Family Fun
6 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
13 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
18 – Senior High Hot Meals
20 – Children's and Youth Singing Sunday/Promotion Sunday/
Graduation Sunday
27 – Summer Sunday
School begins



Sans Souci

Sans Souci is in need of gently used Cookware/Pots and Pans.

Sans Souci provides basic necessities to people in need in our community free of charge to help them get back on their feet. Sans Souci is also a

self-sustaining organization that sells clothing, household supplies, furniture, etc. in their store to help people in our community have the basic necessities at low cost. If you have gently used Cookware/Pots and

Pans that you no longer use, please donate these to Sans Souci so they can provide them to those in need. Thank you!



Spiritual Formation Retreat

A Spiritual Formation Retreat, sponsored by the Ohio Valley Presbytery will be held January 6-8, 2012 at the Archabbey Guest House, St. Meinrad, IN. This is an invitation to start a new year by offering it to God, a chance to get away from the usual, an opportunity to be with others who take their faith seriously, an encounter with spiritual insights, an occasion to be on “holy ground,” a chance to worship with the Monks of St. Meinrad and a freedom to “let go and let God.” The registration deadline is December 31. Cost is \$150.00 (single room) and \$115 per person (double room). Additional information is available in our church office.

Property Committee Key Project

The re-keying project is in full swing. We are re-issuing keys to those who are current key-holders. If you have not yet stopped by the office and received your new key, please do so at your earliest convenience. Old keys can be dropped in the receptacle inside the office door. Thank you!



Recycling at FPC

First Presbyterian Church continues to recycle in the gym! Thank you to the recycling team of Vern Jorck, Kelly Geckler, Donna Brand, Clai Putney, and Jo Lucas for taking care of this. Help the team by following these instructions when you recycle at church.

Please sort your EMPTY recyclables in the gym green recycling containers between **CARDBOARD, GLASS, METALS-including aluminum and steel, PAPER, and #1 and #2 PLASTICS**. The containers are labeled as to what each accepts. Also, it is important to **ONLY INCLUDE #1 AND #2 PLASTICS**.

You have to look at the bottom of your plastic container to see what number it

is. Unfortunately, the Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District where we recycle our products **only accepts #1 and #2 plastics for recycling**. All other numbered plastics must be thrown away. Please do not include trash in the recycling containers. The following **CANNOT** be recycled: napkins, coffee cups-cardboard or Styrofoam, anything Styrofoam which includes Big Foot type soft drink cups, Kleenex, paper towels, plastic utensils, or plastic bags of any kind. The three R's are to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, in that order. Please think about the disposables and products you are purchasing in order to decrease trash and recycling altogether. Thank you for your

cooperation. We appreciate everyone's efforts to help our church be earth friendly by helping to extend the life of our landfill.

If you have questions, please contact, Kelly Geckler, kgeckler@comcast.net or 376-3901.

Presbyterian Women's Book Group

The First Presbyterian Women's Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 4**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Reeves Room to discuss the book, *The Invisible Wall*, by Harry Bernstein. The book chosen for November is *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff. All women in the church are invited to share in these discussions.

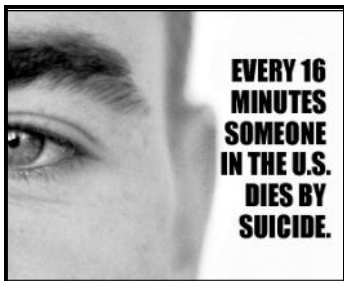
Adult Nurture Class “Saving Jesus”

Who is Jesus and what is his relevance today? Sometimes it seems as if Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left. Amy-Jill Levine says “We’re having a culture war and Jesus happens to be one of the weapons tossed about by both sides. “Saving Jesus” is a 12 session DVD-based exploration of a credible Jesus in the third millennium. Each class will start with a 30-minute video segment, followed by discussion guided by Luther Pierson. “Saving Jesus” is produced by the makers of the popular “Living the Questions” course, recently presented at FPC by Cindy McMillian. This series began September 11 and ends on November 27; and meets in the Crump Room.

Adult Nurture Series
“Saving Jesus” taught by
Luther Pierson

Adult Nurture Series: After the Fact:

Reducing the Risk of Suicide Among Sexual Minority Youth



Julia Stumpff and Ted Sharpe have successfully facilitated this Adult Nurture series focusing on our own timely and thoughtful Christian response to

suicide risk among sexual sexual minority youth. The main question being addressed sexual minority youth. **“How are we to act now, as it is our actions that best express our faith and understanding?”**

The class that met in September is meeting **one additional Sunday, October 9**, at 11am to brainstorm

take in light of our study. Even if you were not present during the 3-week class in September, you are very welcome to join us as we plan action steps that this community of faith might take to reduce the risk of suicide among sexual minority youth.”

Help reduce the risk of
suicide among sexual
minority youth.

Planning for the Rest of Your Life

Adult Nurture Class October 2, through November 6

There is an exciting and educational Adult Nurture series that will be presented from Oct 2 through Nov 6. The title of this series is "Planning for the Rest of Your Life and Beyond." This educational series will help to inform and help you, with life decisions as we age. Several knowledgeable members of our church will guide us through a complete array of areas for each of us to consider "*how prepared are we?*" Plan to attend the Oct. 2nd class to receive the guide which will be filled out as we go through the classes. Consider this guide a practical "road map" for getting your life in order.

Learning objective:

- To help people choose, solidify, and organize arrangements for "the rest of their lives and beyond"

Expected outcome:

- Each person will have more information, a faith framework, organized materials, a feel for options, a record of their choices, and the support of peers in the process of planning for the rest of their lives.

The Basic Schedule: is with the presenters. I think you will agree that we could not have gotten a more talented team to walk us through these learning steps.

Opening remarks and will provide every attendee with a "Personal Record Book" referred to above as the "Road Map"

Oct 2, 2011 Care Giving: David Porter, MD

- Medical perspective on hospice care, advanced directives, organ donation, elder care and other matters

Oct 9, 2011 Funerals: Rob Craig, Pastor

- Pastor's perspective on funerals and funeral homes; perhaps complimented with Sunday sermon and/or talk back

Oct 16, 2011 Legal Matters: Rich Eynon, Attorney

- Wills, legal perspectives of care giving, elder care for self and other family members, legal matters for future needs

Planning Ahead



Oct 23, 2011 Gifting: Lisa Longo, Development Officer, Presbyterian Foundation

- Avenues for charitable planning and gifting to create a personal legacy for family and church, both during life and beyond
- Moment for Mission; Spring 2012 workshop planning with a “planned giving” committee

Oct 30, 2011 Financial Matters: Warren Ward, Investment Adviser, and Lori Rowan, Insurance Specialist

- Estate planning, life insurance, long-term care, monetary issues

Nov 6, 2011 Wrap-Up: Panel of facilitators (above), Zack Ellison-moderator.

- Q&A with panel of our experts, review session

Special thanks to the committee who coordinated these important classes, and to the experienced presenters. The committee members are: Jayne Farber, Terri Glackin, Gretchen Laemmer, David Boatwright, and Rob Craig. We look forward to learning with you.

Sincerely,
Zack Ellison

JustFaith

Just Matters

St. Bartholomew Peace and Justice Ministry will facilitate an eight week JustFaith program **Living Solidarity: Government, the Federal Budget and the Common Good on Thursdays beginning September 29 through November 17 at 7 PM, in the church meeting rooms, lower level. There is no cost to participants for the program, and a per-person cost of \$25 for books.**

JustFaith Ministries provides programs that transform people and expand their commitment to social justice and action. The goal of this education curriculum is to engage the question: “What kind of society

do we wish to become?” It is vital that all of us engage this question by bringing our *values* to the many conversations about the economy and the federal budget. The budget is a moral document! Being informed about and engaged with these issues is part of our responsibility as citizens and as people of faith.

Session One: Our Personal Experience with Government

Session Two: The Common Good and Government

Session Three: Who is Responsible?

Session Four: My Priorities, Our Budget ... and Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Session Five: Federal Budget, Debt, and Responsibility

Session Six: Paying for Government and the Common Good

Session Seven: A Current Tax and Budget Debate

Session Eight: Summing Up and Possible Next Steps

Attendance at all eight sessions, while valuable, is not a requirement for participation. To register, please contact Jan Banister:

**janbanister@comcast.net
or (812) 376-8223**



All Saint's Sunday

On November 6, 2011, we will observe All Saints' Sunday. As we did last year, we will have a special banner prepared to remember our members and friends. Please complete the coupon if you wish to have a loved one included. Names must be submitted to the church office by October 23. Please print clearly the name of the person. We ask for your name

and phone number in case we have questions. Thank you!

~The Worship Committee



Name(s) for banner
Name and phone of person submitting information

Brunch at Harrison Lake Country Club

As one of our church, "New Ventures," how would you like to enjoy Sunday Brunch at the Country Club? On **October 30th** from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., reservations for several people are available. (More reservations are available if required.) The cost is \$12 per person including taxes and gratuity; children under eight cost \$6 and under three, no charge. *Important tip:* The Colts Game starts at 1:00 p.m. on October 30th so you have time to return home for the action. Call the Church Office, 372-3783 extention 221 for brunch reservations. Payment must be in the office by October 23rd, please. For questions, see Howard Graninger.

Newletter Deadline

The Newsletter Deadline for the November edition is October 20, 2011.

Consecration Sunday is Coming November 13

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship and finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis again this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spir-

itual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 13, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily

by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We also urge people to attend who prefer not to complete a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards.

During morning worship on November 13 there will be a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team, Session, and Deacons. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make

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Visit Bethlehem With the Ohio Valley Presbytery:

Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee.....places familiar to us from Bible stories. The stories come alive in walking the streets of these cities.

An opportunity to travel to Bethlehem is right before you. The Presbytery of Ohio Valley Partnership with the International Center of Bethlehem includes Travel, and this is a great travel opportunity. Travel dates are February 16-25, 2012.

This trip offers the uncommon opportunity to unpack once and stay at the Guesthouse of the International Center of Bethlehem. Daily trips will take you to Jerusalem, the Old City, the Mount of Olives, the Via Delarosa, the Church of all Nations, Shepherds Field, Galilee, St. Peter's House in Capernaum, as well as Bethlehem. The group will meet with people in Jerusalem and Bethlehem who are



working for Peace in the Region. In Bethlehem you will explore the Partnership work and worship at Christmas Lutheran Church. A complete itinerary is at www.gtd.org G#120202.

The sign-up dates are approaching, with October 1, 2011, being an important one. The itinerary is on the POV website and the Group Travel Directors (gtd) website as well. Jo Lucas can provide more information. Jo can be

contacted at jolucas41@att.net or 812-342-4850)

The Partnership the Presbytery has with the International Center of Bethlehem has been in place since 2006. Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, who leads the work in Bethlehem, spoke here in March 2011. He urges us all to “Come to Bethlehem and See.” This is a chance to do that. Take advantage of this opportunity.

Consecration Sunday

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every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events November 13.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries



Lexi Jackman Wheitner 10/01
Mike Aufdermauer 10/02
Rob Craig 10/02
Howard Graninger 10/02
Carter Owings 10/02
Kathleen Peterson 10/02
Dick Newton 10/03
Wilma Newton 10/03
Charlotte Aldenhagen 10/04
Bob Hyatt 10/04
Nick Mahon 10/04
Sheila Fear 10/05
Carrie Martin 10/05
Reese Kilbarger-Stumpff 10/06
Mel Buchanan 10/08
Pauline Crump 10/08
Jan Bobbs 10/09
Marilyn Richardson 10/09
Ann Cox 10/10
Russ 10/10
Tom Schoellkopf 10/10
Donna Brand 10/11
Elizabeth Kinsey 10/12
Alex Jorck 10/13
Joe Kresovsky 10/14
Jeff Rhoades 10/15
Kim Crane Hollinger 10/16

Katie Shores 10/16
Kelly Geckler 10/17
Carol Rumble 10/17
David Tiede 10/19
Zari Bruch 10/20
Sunny Currier 10/20
Julia Stumpff 10/20
David Boatwright 10/21
Ward Edwards 10/21
Dale Gaumer 10/22
Zach Aufdermauer 10/23
Charles Farber 10/28
Jo Lucas 10/28
Virginia Robinson 10/30



Brett & Colleen Herrick 10/01
David & Sharon Larson 10/04
Charlie & Jayne Farber 10/05
Seth & Mandy Keele 10/11
Steve & Helen Kinsey 10/22
Jim & Pam Bolton 10/26
Dennis & Lori Heathfield 10/27

Preschool News



Our preschool staff enjoyed a day of curriculum planning, idea sharing and camaraderie at an all-staff retreat on Friday,

September 16. The retreat, held off of school grounds, gave us time to reflect, review and plan for the upcoming year. We're always looking for ways to make our preschool even better!

October will be a busy month for Preschool. The children will have School pictures, take a Touch-a-Truck field trip, and make their pumpkin patch visits. In addition, they will be learning about fire safety and different emotions. The last two days of the month our preschoolers and many staff might be parading through the building dressed as their favorite characters as we celebrate Halloween! Fall Recess will be Thursday & Friday October 20th & 21st.

Watch for free samples of Butter Braids, our fall fundraiser, during coffee time on Sunday, Oct. 30. Delivery will be the Monday before Thanksgiving. These are wonderful frozen pre-made yeast coffee cakes that are offered in many different flavors, and will make your Holiday baking easier!

Blood Drive

In partnership with the American Red Cross the Bartholomew County Public Library is hosting a blood drive on **November 7 from 2 pm – 7 pm.**

As this is the first time the Library has hosted a blood drive the Red Cross has asked that we gather at least 25 names of people who are willing to donate blood that day.

If this is a commitment you wish to make please email me at mcspeckner@barth.lib.in.us. Specific times to donate are not being assigned right now – that will come later after we have the number of donors needed. Thanks so much for considering this opportunity to give. We need to provide Red Cross with the number of names on Monday, September 26.



Communications Committee Newsletter Information



Remember the robot from the 1965 television sitcom Lost In Space? It was always clear to the Robinson family when change was about to occur as the Robot always lit up saying, **Warning, Warning Mr. Robinson!**

The Communication Committee instead of saying Warning, Warning – would like

to announce a change to watch for in receiving monthly newsletters.

With the new web page getting ready to be ‘live’ there is the opportunity to have a more cost efficient, greener way of getting your newsletter to you – through the web.

It is our hope that beginning with the November newsletter, members of the congregation will be able to download their own newsletter with a reminder of the newsletter coming via your email.

This will make receiving the newsletter simple and easy. It will contain all the same good information - plus you can choose to print out a hard copy for yourself of any or all pages of the newsletter that you

need. You can even forward our church newsletter or parts of it to your friends or family.

Don't worry – if you don't have a computer or access to one, hard copies can still be mailed to you, hard copies will be available for pick up in the church and hard copies will also be taken to the retirement homes. If you have questions or concerns, please talk with Julie Orben or Pastor Peggy.

We hope that this change will be easy and a simpler way of communicating all the good news from FPC.

~The Communications Committee

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Updated Information

Beginning in November, the newsletter will be available on the new web site. To ensure that we have your proper e-mail address for our records and to remind you of newsletter availability, please complete the attached form and return to the office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

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	Your name (s) _____	

	E-mail (s) _____	
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