
The First Epistle



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Rally Sunday- September 12

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Church School
for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. picnic lunch & fellow-
ship

Nursery for ages birth - 3 years
provided from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Midweek-Mark Your Calendar!

Our Midweek program of
activities and supper will resume
October 6th.

Confirmation class for youth in
grades 8 and 9 will also begin at
5:15 on October 6th. Watch for
more info in the church bulletin
and the October newsletter.

Charting First Presbyterian's Future

Your participation and help is needed. Mark your calendar and reserve the date: **Wednesday, 6:30 PM, October 13**. Our church is in transition and will soon be forming a call committee to begin the process of seeking a new pastor. An important part of this process is producing a document (mission statement) that shows what our church is and wants to be.

What are our hopes and dreams for our church? To define this vision it is tremendously important to have the input of all our members. To that end, a time has been scheduled when we hope that **all members** of the congregation can participate in this visioning process. Wednesday, October 13, 6:30 PM is being specially designed to be a fun and informative time. We will start the evening with a light dinner. Child care will be provided.

David Schultz, a fellow Presbyterian will facilitate the program. He has the experience and expertise to make this an entertaining and successful process. But, we need every member to be engaged. So, please make every effort to participate. You are important. Reserve that evening to help define the future of our church.

Where we are, and Where we are going

Session met August 17 and heard information about the mission study of the church that is being planned. A task force met with a facilitator, who will be guiding us through this visioning process. This process will allow us to share our hopes and dreams for the church.

The Nominating Committee continues to receive names to be considered for service

on the pastor Nominating Committee. They will continue to receive names until mid-September, then begin contacting those individuals who have been suggested for their interest to serve. A congregational meeting will be called and an election of the Pastor Nominating committee will occur, probably mid to late October. Any suggestions for individuals to serve on

the Pastor Nominating Committee may be placed in the offering plate Sunday mornings or contact Walt Worman at weworman@aol.com.

Rev. John Anderson will be with us for the next 12 months. With his presence we will have some "pastoral" stability. We are looking forward to his ministry with us.

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Our mission is to be a caring community of God's people who live by Christ's teachings, reach out to others to share the love of God, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, thought, and action.

Announcements

Dorothy Day Food Pantry

We will serve Monday, September 27 at 6:15 p.m. Please consider serving the 4th Monday of each month with your church congregation. It is great fellowship and helps out the pantry in a very important mission. We cannot do it without you!

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Woods at 236-9917.



Church School Preparation Day

After a summer of quiet, mostly empty, classrooms our CE wing needs some spiffing up in order to be ready for the eager learners who will return on September 12th. The Christian Education Committee has scheduled a work day for Tuesday, September 7th starting at 9:30 am. Please consider joining us. Many hands make light work! We will be organizing materials and working on bulletin boards - with some light cleaning along the way. We can find a task to suit your interests and abilities! Thank you for your help and support!

Snack donations

As part of our church school classes we have found that sharing a snack around the table during the class provides a nice time for conversation and building relationships. Also, the kids seem to be hungry! If you could make a donation to the Church School snack cupboard the kids and the teachers would surely appreciate it. Packaged snacks such as crackers, cookies, cereal bars, etc. may be left in the Resource Room in the CE Wing. Thank you!

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Calling all voices, musicians and joyful noise makers!
Chancel Choir rehearsals begin again on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. Come and help to plan our fall of music offerings to support our gathered worship experience.
Bring your voice, your joy and your ideas!



Welcome Back to Church School!

Join us for church school classes each Sunday at 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. beginning on Sunday, September 12th. There are classes for all ages and various interests.

Children and Youth

Preschool and Kindergarten (ages 4 & 5) -- room 9 - 10

Grades 1 through 3 -- room 2

Grades 4 through 7 --- room 3

Grades 8 through 12 -- youth room (room 7 - 8)



Our Children's Worship program for children age 4 through grade 2 will meet during the 10:30 am worship service. Children are dismissed from the sanctuary following the children's message and go to Room 2 to participate in age appropriate worship experiences. At the end of Children's Worship these children will remain in the Children's Worship room until a parent comes to pick them up following the worship service.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers will be offered throughout the morning – from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Kathy McKaig has agreed to coordinate the Nursery again this year. Call Kathy if you'd like to help with nursery care on Sunday mornings (233-1924).

Adult Class Options

Topics Class ---- room 4

Beginning September 12, the Topics class will explore the life of the church's earliest mission efforts as they examine the personalities and actions found in "The Acts of the Apostles" and discover their message to the church today. The class will meet at 9:15 a.m. in Room 4 and will be led by Walt Worman. The study materials are from the "Kerygma" series and will be available at the first class meeting. For more information contact Walt.

Adult Bible Study --- room 5

The adult Bible study will begin the year with the theme: "The Inescapable God." This study will shed a spotlight on a relentless, loving God as seen in the experiences of Moses and the Hebrews and their covenantal relationship with God. You are invited to join this group of active, experienced learners to study Scripture and explore God's message. Ken Covey will continue to provide leadership for this study group. The Adult Bible Study meets each Sunday in room 5 at 9:15 a.m.

Timely Topics -- Fellowship Hall

With guidance from publications such as Presbyterians Today, Sojourners, and The Christian Century we explore topics as far ranging as the Gulf oil spill and current films. Beginning topics could be Rethinking the Pentagon, General Assembly and the Mid-East, Living in a Material World, Sex Trafficking of Our Children, No Tax Break for Me Please....Participants choose the topics we discuss and we welcome folks with various viewpoints. We strive to be a "safe place" so you can say what you really think, and we hope to be a transforming place where the Holy Spirit has a chance to be at work in each of us. Come join us and help choose our topics for the fall.

If you feel called by God to participate in the leadership of our educational ministry please contact Barb Worman, the Christian Education Director, at 236-0889 (home) or by email at bgmw54@aol.com We are still in need of several co-leaders for the children and youth church school classes for the coming school year. It would be great to visit with you and explore the ways God might use your talents, time and energies to work in this important ministry.



Greetings,

I am delighted to be a part of your faith community over the next year. I am already getting to know many of you by face and name. We just moved back to Fargo Moorhead after five years in the Lisbon and Enderlin, North Dakota area (one hour SW of Fargo-Moorhead). While there I served three churches and became the chaplain at the North Dakota Veterans Home (NDVH) in Lisbon. In fact, I still travel to Lisbon twice a week to make chaplain visits at the NDVH.

I am an ordained United Methodist minister, but I also served the Presbyterian Church in Lisbon. We Methodists and Presbyterians are very close theologically so I feel quite at home here. My wife Lorraine and I are happy to be back home in Fargo as we both grew up here. My three children are also happy to be back. Actually, my oldest daughter, Emily, moved back to Fargo shortly after graduating from Lisbon High School in 2007. She is glad to have Mom and Dad and her siblings Brian and Martha back in town. The kids are meeting new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones. We are also maintaining many of the close friendships we developed in Lisbon. Working for God continues to expand our world in a positive way!

Together, let us worship and work for God's Kingdom over the next year. God bless you all and thank you for calling me to be your interim pastor!

Pastor John Anderson

Hospitality Calendar

Here is an updated calendar for hospitality service groups in our church. Please alert me to any errors or omissions at 236-1630 or email at mcgilliv@gmail.com. Hospitality on Sunday mornings is important and good fellowship! Thank you all very much!

LaRae McGillivray, hospitality coordinator


September	October	November	December
Julie Munsey	Vern & Elizabeth Bancroft	Richard & Beverly Biever	Patty Conrad
Mitch & Kathy McKaig	Brad & Audrey Hawkins	Dale & Sandy Gronhovd	Hal & Karen Dickelman
Tim & Elise Nelson*	Roy & Leola Jefferson	Joel & Angie Kerbaugh	Kathy Giddings
Brian and Kandy Hazard	Terry & LaRae McGillivray*	Virginia Kolba	Diane Wray-Williams*
Paul & Laura Schmidt	Terry & Lynette Nelson	Larry & Marcella McCloud	Mary Skalet
	Doug & Margaret Sillers	Jerry & Arlene Munighan*	Erik & Elizabeth Swee
	Jim & Marlys Winter	Arlene Langanger	Doug & LuAnne Buehre
*indicates Team Leader			Greg & Reene Akason

Celebrations

September Birthdays

John Ortez	Sept. 1
Ariel Engebretson	Sept. 2
Amanda Herman	Sept. 6
Nicholas Wheeler	Sept. 6
Jeremy Martinez	Sept. 8
Landon Johnson	Sept. 10
Norman Mark	Sept. 10
Brady Eggiman	Sept. 11
Grace Krabbenhoft	Sept. 11
Joan Lordeman	Sept. 11
David Miller	Sept. 11
Cheryl Biller	Sept. 12
Matt Osborne	Sept. 12
Douglas Buehre	Sept. 13
Brock Ellingson	Sept. 14
Ken Fletcher	Sept. 14
Dana Erickson	Sept. 16
Michael Pennie	Sept. 16
Caitlin Braun	Sept. 17
Ehrin McKaig	Sept. 17
George Wolfe	Sept. 17
Dorothy Nelson	Sept. 18
Ryne Ortez	Sept. 19
Jeanne Walker	Sept. 19
Kandace Hazard	Sept. 21
Sara Jensen	Sept. 21
Benjamin Engebretson	Sept. 24
James Postema	Sept. 26
Farrell Turner	Sept. 26
Elizabeth Bancroft	Sept. 27
Nancy Herman	Sept. 27
Gina Turner	Sept. 27
JoAnn Walker	Sept. 28
Dustin Mjoen	Sept. 30

Lucas Herbert Sprague
 June 25, 2010
 Westfield, IN
 Parents: Traci & Derrick Sprague
 Sister: Brooke
 Grandparents: Doug & LuAnn Buehre



**Rally Sunday is coming
 September 12**

Rally Sunday is a fun way to kick off the fall worship season and come together as friends with music, food and fellowship. Following the worship service everyone is invited to join in a light lunch. The grills will be fired up to cook the brats and other good things to go with them. So plan to join us for worship, food and fellowship on Sunday, September 12.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (at the end of July 2010)

...About the same as last month: Contribution Income is still positive in relation to the budget to date. Income is 5.1% ahead of budget, an amount of \$8207. Expenses are 3.85% below the budget. With more people returning from vacations and lake places with the beginning of Fall, we may increase our giving...I hope you will.

Capital Budget continues to need our help. Pledge payments and gifts to the Capital Account are needed now.

Thanks to all of you who do so much for our church!
 Tom Dowdell, Treasurer



Youth

Youth Ministry - be sure to get in on the action at the start!

Youth Groups

The younger youth group for kids in grades 4 through 7 will generally meet twice per month on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. The older youth group (grades 8 through 12) meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 - 8:15 pm.

Scott Ecker will continue to be the leader for the younger youth group. Cortez Galmore will return to work with our older youth. Thank you, Scott and Cortez!

During September we will also be asking parents to complete a field trip permission form and to update (or complete) an emergency information card.

Younger Youth - grades 4-7

Join us at the church on Sunday, September 12th at 4:00 - 5:30 pm for fun games and a chance to meet new youth group friends. Enjoy tasty snacks, too! Bring a friend!

On Sunday, September 26th we will head out to Skateland. Meet us at church at 4 pm -- we will return at 6 pm. Please bring \$5. Friends are welcome. You may bring your own inline skates or pay an additional \$3 to rent inline skates at Skateland. Friends are always welcome!



Older Youth - grades 8-12

The older youth generally meet at the church from 7:00 - 8:15 pm on Wednesdays. We occasionally change the time/date/location throughout the year -- please notice the times listed below for these September events. Friends are always welcome!

Wednesday, September 8th - 6:30 - 8:15 pm - we will start the year with supper together at church at 6:30 pm. Join us as we enjoy eating together, playing games, sharing our summer stories, meeting new friends, and planning future events.

Wednesday, September 15th - 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Photo Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, September 22nd - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - join us for skating fun as we head out to Skateland. Please bring \$5. You may bring your own skates or pay an additional \$3 if you want to rent inline skates. Bring a friend!

Wednesday, September 29 -- 7:00 - 8:15 pm -- service project (details remain to be determined)

Our Most Crucial Need...

...is a vibrant and faithful campus ministry.

The church as a whole needs to embrace this idea in a big way.

Here are two reasons why.

First, the transition from high school to college is fun and exciting, but also scary and disruptive. You leave a stable environment, where the structures of nurture, authority and accountability are all very plain. And you move into an environment where nurture is tough to find, authority is in flux and accountability is often nil. Campus ministry provides a setting where young adult men and women can continue to grow in grace as they navigate the waters of college life.

Second, for many young men and women, the stirrings of a call into ministry that they might have sensed in high school come into full bloom during that crucial period from age 18 to age 22. But, in order to really hear that call and begin to respond to it, they need the right environment. When it is resourced well and led capably, campus ministry offers that environment.

A colleague of mine, the Rev. Creighton Alexander, has written an op/ed in the United Methodist Report that asks the question, "Does anybody care about UMC's campus ministry?" Creighton offers a compelling argument both about the current neglect of campus ministry in the UMC and about the urgent need to reverse that neglect and embrace the potential that campus ministry represents. Creighton lays it out much better than I could, so go read his column for yourself.

Our campus ministries are a vulnerable part of the church's overall ministry. Wesley Foundations at state universities and Christian Life programs at UM-related colleges typically depend on apportionment dollars (either directly or indirectly) for their funding. And when the economy is bad, it is those programs that often suffer from cutbacks.

Another friend, the Rev. Eric Van Meter, has written compellingly in the past about the need for us to ask new questions and think unconventionally if we want the church to have a strong future. Eric is a campus minister, or course, at the Wesley Foundation at Arkansas State University.

And Eric, along with many of his colleagues, know how crucial campus ministry is to the health of a church-not because we want to prop up an institution, but because we want that institution to be the kind of community where the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed, broken people are given saving grace and mature disciples are formed.

Campus ministry has the potential to stand in the gap as it were, providing a solid faith community for young adults during a vulnerable period in the lives as well as offering an environment where those whom God is calling can hear and respond to that call into ministry.

Campus ministers and their ministry settings need our help. So be an advocate. Speak out and pray without ceasing.

Lisa Mark,
Action Ministry



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