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Sundays:

8:15 a.m. Worship Service/Chapel
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Education Programs
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sanctuary

Wednesdays:

5:30 p.m. Vespers

Please submit all information for inclusion in the newsletter to the church office to Cindy at the e-mail address listed above.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR THIRD U2 EUCHARIST!!!

You are invited to celebrate central Illinois' third U2 Eucharist, featuring the music of U2, the solo saxophone of Archer Logan and the message of Pastor Heidi McGinness, director of outreach for Christian Solidarity International, at 6 p.m. October 20.

The first two services held April 28 and July 28 raised \$4,426.26 for mosquito nets that protect children from Malaria and for children orphaned by AIDS. All donations from U2 Eucharist events will go to global missions that work to eradicate extreme poverty and Global AIDS.

The focus of this U2 Eucharist is the genocide in Darfur. Pastor McGinness has worked extensively in Darfur providing physical and spiritual support for the victims of slavery and genocide.

For more information, visit the church's Web site: www.lincolnschurch.org, call the church at 528-4311 or e-mail Rev. Dr. Clifford Hayes at cliff@lincolnschurch.org.

Additional background information:

The Rev. Paige Blair, an Episcopal priest in York Harbor, Maine, conducted the first service in July 2005. Since then, she has consulted with about 150 churches in 15 states and seven countries that have held U2 Eucharist services, or plan to.

U2 has been recording for more than 25 years, and the group's music appeals to young adults and their parents.

Many of the group's songs have messages of justice and faith, including the song "40," that is drawn from Psalms 6 and 40.

*Asarata
Clyde Joyce*

FALL CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

The Craft and Bake sale scheduled for Saturday, October 6, has been cancelled. Please keep your eyes open for information on the next up-coming sale to take place in the Spring of 08.



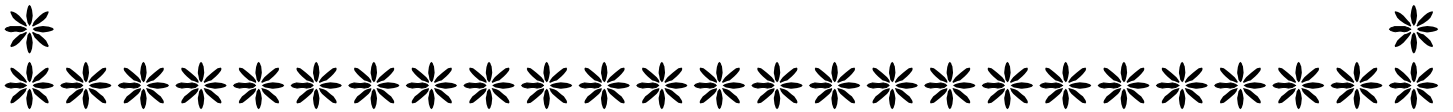
*** WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR NEW GARDENS?? ***

* Are you wondering about what happened to our garden revitalization project? Well, this is our story.....what happened was the weather.....just plain too hot and humid for much outside work to be done over the summer, except, of course, watering our new plants in the Sanctuary Garden. With summer behind us and fall in full swing, were back at work. We will be starting our new Peace Walk and Meditation area this fall with hopes for completion by early spring. We hope to clear the areas where we will be planting in the Courtyard Garden this fall as well, and might even be able to put in some new plants. The memorial sunburst sculptures will be removed, refurbished and re- placed in another section of the garden.

* We're also on the move with the hardscape work. Expect to see our experienced electricians working in the courtyard in preparation for additional lighting. Right behind them will be our concrete guys tearing out a section of the existing concrete and pouring our new patio. Work is also underway on our new wrought iron fence and the archway that will become the formal entrance to our Courtyard Garden from Seventh Street. That work will be completed early in November. We will do as much work as we can before the weather catches up with us again so we will be ready to complete it all in the spring.

* We would like to thank all of you who have chosen to dedicate memorial funds to our garden project and/or made a direct gift donation. We have been blessed with great enthusiasm, generosity, and support and are getting close to our goal. There is always time to make a donation, however, so if you haven't done so yet and would like to add to our coffers, please send your donation to the church, "attention bookkeeper." Please be sure to designate that your gift is for the Garden Project. We also want to invite all of you gardeners to join us. If you want to know when we will be working, please call Sharon Bilotti or Kay McKee. Several people have been helping, but we can always use more. We will be forming a First Pres Garden Club in the spring, so why not get in on the beginning! See you in the garden.

The Holy Clippers



ACE 's in OCTOBER

Come join us in the Chapel at nine for interesting and challenging programs:

October 7th and 14th: Our own Clark Olson helps us to understand engineering of genes, ours and plants. How is it done and why?

October 21st: We welcome back Pastor Heidi to discuss the continued crisis in Dafur.

October 28th: We welcome Peter and Grace Wenz who will give their impressions about environmental questions from the *down-under* perspective of New Zealand where they lived for five months recently.

Come to ACEs -- Brighten Up Your Life.

Woops, You Missed Chris! We invited Chris Young to tell us all about the wonderful ecology program he and others are developing for our church and the New Mission Church of God. Chris outlined a wonderful program for all ages and showed beautiful photographs of his work with The Revis Hills Restoration and the Raptor Center Prairie Restoration. But few came to hear and see. You all missed a wonderful program!

Pastor Rod Bakker of First Presbyterian Church, Quincy recently submitted his letter of resignation from our PC(USA) denomination and is leading the majority of his members into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Reverend James Bell of First Church Normal gave a report to the Presbytery Assembly on September 11th as Chair of the Presbytery Commission assisting in this conflict. Ann Kelson is on the Commission. Reverend Bell reported that the matter had been turned over to the lawyers from Presbytery and the breakaway congregation to see if they could work out questions, including property division. Around thirty to fifty members of First Quincy want to remain and keep their church in our Presbytery. This split has been building for many years. First Presbyterian Church of Quincy has experienced conflicts with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that are both theological and political in nature. There has also been serious division with regard to interpretation of polity. Our Presbyterian church over its 350 years of history has gone through several schisms, but overall we have been a big tent church, embracing a community of believers who often had very different ideas of what Our Lord expects of us. However, this historic tolerance of diversity under one tent is in short supply in parts of our church today.

Roy Wehrle, Presbytery Commissioner

The Cuban Task Force and the Mission Committee would like to announce that Dean Lewis will be coming to the First Presbyterian Church for the weekend of November 24-25. Dean is a retired Presbyterian Minister who now resides in Arizona. He is somewhat of an Ernest Hemmingway like figure and has extensive background in the Presbyterian Church's relationship with Cuba. He is the Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Cuba Connection and annually publishes a letter pertaining to the developments of the Presbyterian Church in Cuba, other issues relating to the freedom of religion and the development of the Church. Dean is the most long-standing member of the Presbyterian community having relationships with the Cuban churches and the Mantanza Seminary. He visits Cuba many times each year and has been doing so for in an excess of 20 years in support of the Cuban Presbyterian Church. He is a dynamic speaker and we are all thrilled that he has been able to arrange his schedule so that he can visit us.

We are currently making plans for discussion groups and we will keep the congregation posted as to developments as they occur.

Ed Cunningham

Masaruata
Olfred P. Hayes

Youth and Family

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WALK* FOR HUNGER

*CROP

It's time for the youth to do a mission project, while having fun! Spend the day with the Office of Youth and Family Ministries...walking for hunger and later for an Owl Prowl. We'll begin our day by having lunch together, then walking in the CROP Walk for Hunger. We'll raise money for our walk during the next two Sunday's during coffee hour. Let's see if we can reach our \$500 goal and feed the hungry! The walk begins at 1:30 p.m. See Chris or Shannon if you'd like to participate.

See the next article for Owl Prowl details! The fun doesn't end at the CROP Walk!

OWL PROWL

The New Mission Church of God in partnership with First Presbyterian Church will celebrate the beginning of our new ecology ministry with an "Owl Prowl" to be held at the Illinois Raptor Center near Decatur.

We'll meet in the church parking lot at 3 p.m. Oct. 7 following the CROP Walk to carpool to Decatur. The Illinois Raptor Center presents owl prowls each fall featuring seven different live owls that can be found in Illinois at some time during the year. The program, held in an outdoor, open-air pavilion, is informative and entertaining.

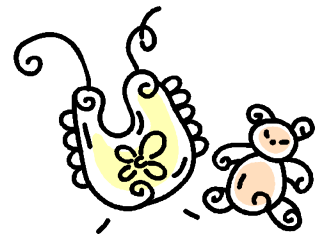
Before the twilight program, we will have a hot dog cookout and tour the facility while there is still daylight. Plan to return to the church at about 9 p.m.

Space is limited to about 25 people. Transportation is available, and carpooling is strongly encouraged. The raptor center has room only for about a dozen cars. Call Chris at 341-8487 to RSVP or if you have extra room in your vehicle to transport youth.

Visit www.illinoisraptorcenter.org/dairy21.html to see pictures from one of last year's owl prowls.

A New Arrival is Welcomed!

Congratulations to Tim Humphrey and Jennifer Musselman on their new arrival, Cheyenne Nicole Humphrey! Cheyenne was born on September 19, 2007 at 2:32 p.m. at St. John's Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs, 7.5 oz. and was 21 inches long. Cheyenne is also welcomed home by big sister Larissa Musselman. Please welcome Cheyenne and family when you see them in church!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1	10	19	28
Matt Fraser Nancy Herndon	Adam Stefanos John Watson	Jayden Beverly	Lela Noble William Patton Tad Wilson
2	13	20	
Carrie Pennell Kelsey Surbeck	Jay Hart	John Wargo	
4	14	21	30
Lois Brotherson Esto Bunn Nancy Roberts	Mark Roberts Jr.	Mackinze Hughes Glenna Kniss	Donna Bankard Ed Cunningham Kathryn Mutman
5	15	23	
Drew Stone	Randy Raynolds	Catherine Hart Olivia Pennell	
6	16	25	
Jerry Cole Carol Hey	Fred Koschmann	Tom Beverly Jo Bunn	
7	17	27	
Julie Pitchford Sula Mae Roberts	Zachary Claflin April Douglas Jason Stuebs	Mary Lee Herndon	
	18		
	Marcia Schmelzle		



LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2007

- 7th: Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
- 14th: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-18
- 21st: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8
- 28th: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

This - N - That

Asarata
Offred J. Hayes

The Poetry Group will gather at the Kelson's, 309 W. Walnut in Chatham, at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12th. Call JoAnn and Roy Wehrle for directions at 546 0799. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

The Saturday Night Supper Group will meet at the new MCL Cafeteria on Wabash Avenue at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13th. All welcome. See you there.

Notes from the Food Pantry

This month we would like to thank our friends at Third Presbyterian Church for their generous donations in both food items and money to our Food Pantry. Their donations helped us to stretch our supplies out in a very active month. In August the pantry served 348 adults, 186 children and 160 sack lunches.

The featured item for October is Peanut Butter but all non-perishable items are appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Mary Bryant Home Chili Supper

A Chili Supper will be held at the Mary Bryant Home on Friday, October 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Z's award winning chili, homemade vegetable soup, hot dogs, dessert and a beverage all for \$7.00! What a great way to feed the family and support the Mary Bryant Home! You may dine in, carry out, or use the handy drive up window. You can also take home some goodies from the bake sale and sign up for the silent auction. Please call ahead for tickets to Misty Smith at 529-1611 or contact Christie Cunningham at 529-1878 for more information.

Springfield Veterans Center To Hold Flu Shot Clinic

The Springfield Veterans Center is hosting a flu immunity opportunity in conjunction with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health on Friday, October 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Medicare Part B eligible should bring their card for free immunization; all others will pay only \$20.00. Veterans should bring their DD214 (discharge form) to register with the Vet Center. The Veteran Center is located at 1227 S. 9th Street across from the Illinois Department of Employment Security. For further information, please call (217) 492-4955.

Dear clergy and members of First Presbyterian Church, Springfield,

During a short visit to Springfield August 30-September 1, I had the opportunity to visit a number of Abraham Lincoln sites, including the wonderful new museum and library, and also First Presbyterian Church.

On Friday afternoon, August 31, I was welcomed by three parishioners and shown the Lincoln family pew and the wonderful Tiffany glass windows.

Your church home is a wonderfully welcoming and serene space in the middle of a great city. I much appreciated the sign that invited passersby to sit and meditate in your garden. In my home city of Chicago, Fourth Presbyterian Church is similarly open and welcoming to visitors. It has a central courtyard that is open for rest and meditation, and also home to occasional summer concerts.

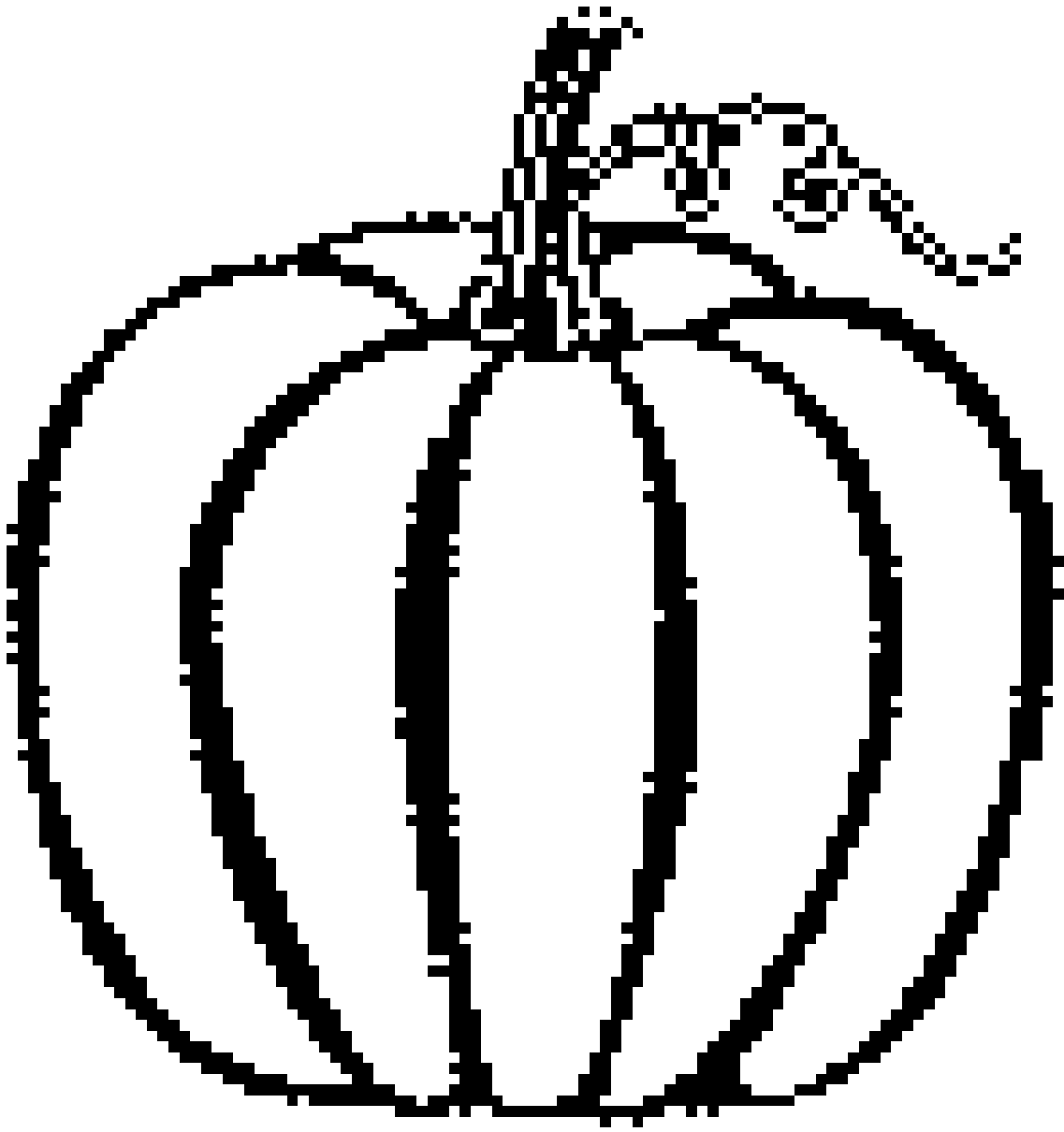
When I entered First Presbyterian, I was especially struck by the banner outside proclaiming Save Darfur. I am also in touch with this website that solicits support for ending the tragedy of Darfur. For some idiotic reason I forgot to mention this to my First Pres. hosts, so I'm emailing you about it now, to say that your church is part of the great heritage of Springfield, Illinois, but is also living and active in the present, witnessing to one of the great humanitarian crises in the world today. I am reassured and heartened to know that the members of First Presbyterian are actively working for the people of Darfur, in cooperation with many other faith-based groups, including my own (Episcopal Church).

I very much enjoyed my visit to your sanctuary, and felt very welcome. May I say, God bless you in your endeavors to preserve the past, improve the present, and press on into the future.

Very sincerely,

(Ms.) Andi Lamoreaux, Chicago, IL

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All activities take place in the church unless otherwise noted

Masavata
Oliver P. Hayes

October 2007

2*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

3*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group
- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Friends of the Sangamon Valley Meeting

4*THURSDAY

4:30 p.m. - Personnel Committee

5:30 p.m. - YogaFit Class

7:00 p.m. - Deacons

7*SUNDAY - World Communion Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. - Adult Programming
- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Interval

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

9*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

10*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group
- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

11*THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. - YogaFit Class

12*FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. - Colonius/Acree Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - First Pres Poetry Club @ the Kelson Home

13*SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. - Colonius/Acree Wedding

6:00 p.m. - Second Saturday Supper Club @ MCL Cafeteria

14*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. - Adult Programming
- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Interval

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

15*MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - Faith Circle

16*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

10:00 a.m. - Elder Hostel

17*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group
- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

18*THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. - YogaFit Class

7:00 p.m. - Session

19*FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. - Fairhills Circle @ The Presbyterian Home

20*SATURDAY

6:00 p.m. - U2 Eucharist Worship Service

21*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. - Adult Programming
- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Interval

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

23*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

24*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group
- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

25*THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. - YogaFit Class

7:30 p.m. - First Pres Book Club @ Ruth Smith Home

27*SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. - Classical Guitar Society Concert

28*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. - Adult Programming
- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Interval

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

30*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Bible Study Section II

7:30 p.m. - Paul Hale Organ Recital

31*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. - Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. - First Pres Knitting Group
- Film Club

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal