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The monthly newsletter of First Presbyterian Church

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Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WORSHIP/CLASSES

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:00 a.m. - Adult Education Programs
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. Vespers
6:00 p.m. Potluck and activities

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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Cindy Cass

U2 Eucharist Has Goal of \$10,000 Making Poverty History April 26

This spring, you can help First Presbyterian Church achieve a milestone in helping the World's most desperately poor citizens.

In 2007, three U2 Eucharist services raised \$7,000 in offerings to purchase mosquito nets that protect children from Malaria and for children orphaned by AIDS. Donations also have supported the physical and spiritual work of Christian Solidarity International in Darfur, Sudan. All the offerings from U2 Eucharist services will go to global missions that work to eradicate extreme poverty and Global AIDS.

At our next U2 Eucharist, to be held at **6 p.m. April 26**, we are setting a goal of topping \$10,000 in total offerings over the four communion worship services.

U2 Eucharist services are communion worship services that feature the recorded music of the rock group U2 in place of hymns.

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. If you'd like to assist with this event, please call Shannon or Chris at church.

Additional background information:

The Rev. Paige Blair, an Episcopal priest in York Harbor, Maine, popularized the U2 Eucharist, starting 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.

Lectionary for April 2008

6th: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

13th: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

20th: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

27th: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

THIS – N – THAT

MYSTERY SOLVED! Consider your “elf” thanked Barb V. Hope you enjoy your small token of appreciation.

Springfield Choral Society Concert

The Springfield Choral Society, under the direction of Marion van der Loo, will present a concert of sacred music on Saturday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The music to be performed is Sergei Rachmaninoff's All Night Vespers. This is Russian liturgical music at its most glorious and is seldom heard in America. The concert will be repeated on Sunday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chatham. More information about these concerts is available from Susan Harris.

ACE's for April

Sunday, April 6: Our own **Andy Stone** speaking on **Gene Engineered Seeds**, the Promise for our Future. A great chance to hear Andy tell us about the amazing developments in modified seeds, just when a global shortage of food is arising.

Sunday, April 13: *Commencing a Four Part Series on Religion and Strife around the World* **Fletcher Farrar** will be with us to report on his recent visit to Uganda and Rwanda with the Church of the Brethren. This is a wonderful chance to get a first hand view of these countries.

Sunday, April 20: **Baker Siddiquee** -- *Religion in our World Today – Menace or Mending? – A Muslim View*. Professor Siddiquee has been with us many times bringing us a reflective perspective on the Muslim religion today in our world.

Sunday, April 27: **Proshanta Nandi** -- *Religion in our World Today – Menace or Mending? -- A Hindu View*. Professor Nandi has been with us many times helping us to understand our world through the eyes of the world's most ancient religion.

All are welcome, Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Senior Recital

"Janette Spenny, one of our choir scholars, will be performing her senior recital at Rammelkamp Chapel on the campus of Illinois College on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend."

Presbyterian Night at the Ballpark

This spring, on *Saturday, May 31st*, Presbyterians from Central Illinois will meet together at O'Brien Field in Peoria to cheer on the Peoria Chiefs! This will be a fun outing for our church family and friends. Tickets cost **\$7.00** each.

Please see Shannon or call her (528-4311) by April 16th to order your tickets.

Youth and Family News

Attention College Students and/or Parents of College Students

If you are in college or if you know of one of our college bound youth we would like our youths address!
We will be sending out care packages to our college bound youth letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers despite the distance and busy schedules! The packages should arrive before finals.

Please fill out the information below and insert into the offering plate or send it to:
First Presbyterian Church
321 Seventh Street
Springfield, IL 62701

We would like addresses turned in by April 13, 2008.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Youth to attend Presbyterian Night at the Ballpark

On *Saturday, May 31st*, youth **4th grade through high school** will meet in the church parking lot at 5 p.m. to travel to Peoria for Presbyterian night at the ballpark with the Peoria Chiefs. Estimated arrival time back to the church is 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$7.00. Please bring money for a snack also.

Please see Shannon or Chris by April 16th if you plan to attend.

Scholarship money is available for this event.

More Youth and Family News

April News

2nd Annual Plant Sale

Mark your calendars now! The Office of Youth and Family Ministries will be holding their 2nd Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser to benefit the Office of Youth and Family Ministries. The sale will be on Saturday, April 26th from 8 a.m. until Noon and during coffee hour on Sunday, April 27th. This is a great opportunity to support our youth programs and prepare your yard for summer.

Vacation Bible School...Already?

It's that time of year again, planning for Vacation Bible School 2008. Once again, First Presbyterian will partner with Hope Presbyterian to offer Vacation Bible School to our youth and youth in our community. The theme this year is **Rainforest Adventure**. If any adults would like to volunteer for a position (cook, games, singing, worship leader, etc.) The dates are June 16th through 20th from 6-8:30 p.m. Please contact Shannon for more information.

Reminder:

All high school students are invited to participate in the ymiLive Video Challenge. We meet in the Office of Youth and Family Ministries from 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. We'll be working on our video until it's ready for upload. Entries are due by May 31st. Please call Chris or visit <http://www.ymilive.org/> for more information. Work has already begun on this exciting project and we could always use more creative ideas!

May News

Youth Trip to Six Flags- May 3

Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by a parent. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to venture out to Six Flags/St. Louis. Our return time will be 6:00 p.m. with parent pick-up in the church parking. The cost for this event is \$15.00 per person(excludes lunch). Money will be due to Shannon prior to receiving your tickets. Some scholarship money is available. RSVP to the Office of Youth and Family Ministries by April 13th.

The Office of Youth and Family Ministries would like to thank Zack Claflin and Anne Wharff for helping with the Cabin Fever Night. It would not have been a success without you!

We would also like to thank Susan Harris for composing and teaching the youth the song for Palm Sunday. The youth did a wonderful job under the direction of Ms. Harris.

April Birthdays

1
Mary Shoudel
H. John Sorensen

2
Joyce Padget

3
Karen Standridge

4
Gerry Heckler
Amanda Patton
Dorthea Sorensen

5
Jeri Frederick
Mel Slusser

6
Beth Kingsley
Roxane Krutsinger

7
Constance Feldhausen
Mike Orr
Alyssa Wright

8
Sarah Hammond
Carl Koschmann

9
Kacia Krell
Max Neal

10
Allison Doerfler
David Patton

12
Evelyn Amoako

14
Jonothan Schick

16
Joel Graves
Karla Wargo

17
Joseph Stuebs

19
Nancy Chapin

20
Dylan Beverly

24
John Ackerman Jr.

26
Carys Fritz

29
Lillian Krutsinger

More Youth and Family News

June News

Rooftop Gardens Bus Trip

As part of the Youth and Family Ministries Ecology program, First Presbyterian youth and families, along with the New Mission Church of God, will be taking a bus trip to Chicago on Thursday, June 12th. The trip will include a tour of the rooftop gardens (for youth age 12 and older), lunch at the Rainforest Café, and a tour of the Notebaert Nature Museum. All ages of youth, along with their families, are encouraged to go. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family (excludes the price of lunch).

The first 10 people to sign up will be able to take advantage of the rooftop garden tour. All other attendees will have an hour of free time to explore downtown Chicago.

We will depart from First Presbyterian Church at 6:30 a.m. and return at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Please reserve your spot as soon as possible. There are a limited amount of seats available. See Chris or Shannon for more details.

Save the Date

Members of First Presbyterian Church, along with the New Mission Church of God, will be having our **annual church picnic on June 8th**. Please look for more details in your next newsletter.

Office of Youth and Family Ministries contact information:

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528-4311 or
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KIDS' FUN PAGE

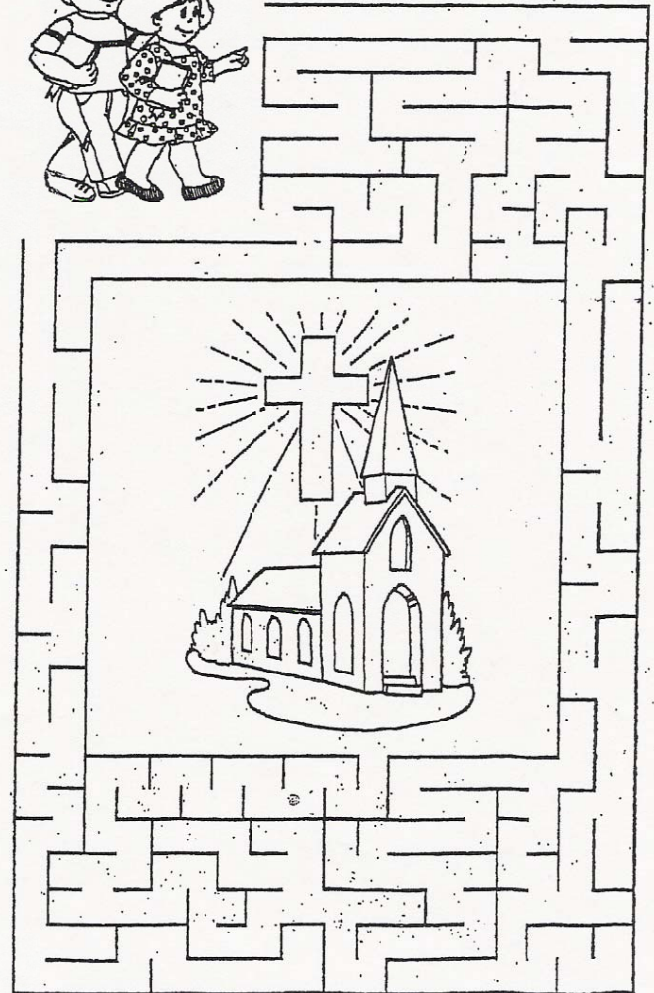
Bible Characters

JONAH JACOB DAVID
MOSES EVE PHAROAH
GOLIATH DANIEL JOSEPH

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Help the children find their way to church.



All activities take place in the church unless otherwise noted

April 2008

1*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. – Bible Study Section II

2*WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. – Faith in Place Luncheon

5:30 p.m. – Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

3*THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. – Yoga Class

6:30 p.m. – Baird/Reidy Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Deacons

4*FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. – Baird/Reidy Wedding

6*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. – Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. – Adult Programming Classes

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

7*MONDAY

1:30 p.m. – Building & Grounds Committee

8*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. – Bible Study Section II

9*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. – Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

10*THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. – Yoga Class

7:00 p.m. – Mission Committee Meeting

11*FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. – Nichol DelGiorno Organ Recital

12*SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. – George Ecklund Student Recital

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

13*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. – Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. – Adult Programming Classes

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Worship Service

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

15*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. – Bible Study Section II

16*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. – Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

17*THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. – Yoga Class

6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

18*FRIDAY

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

20*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. – Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. – Adult Programming Classes

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Worship Service

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

21*MONDAY

7:00 p.m. – Faith Circle

22*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. – Bible Study Section II

10:30 a.m. – Elder Hostel

23*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. – Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

24*THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. – Yoga Class

6:30 p.m. – World Affairs Council

7:30 p.m. – First Pres Book Club

@ Kathy Hoffmann Home

26*SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Youth Fundraiser Plant Sale

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

27*SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. – Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. – Adult Programming Classes

- Children's Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

29*TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. – Bible Study Section II

30*WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. – Chapel Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Midweek Gathering

6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal