



First Presbyterian Church

Tower Tidings

August 2015

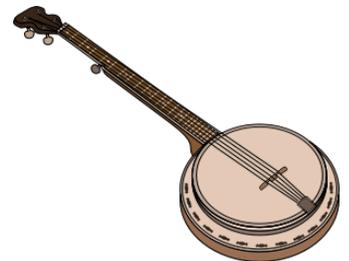
Pastor Paul's Post

The big announcement for this edition of the newsletter is Vacation Bible School, which is why this is out a little earlier than usual. We wanted to get the word out one final time so as to gather as many as we can for that fun week. We anticipate being able to bless children and their families through singing worship songs, hearing how God loves them through Jesus Christ, dinner, acts of service and creativity and especially through having fun together. Each VBS is different and each year is different. There will be new partnerships this year including: RSVP, out of Champaign whom we will make placemats for their senior meal program, the Linus Project, which we will make no sew blankets so they can distribute them to those in need in hospitals, camps and wherever kids would need one, a surprise night with animals, a ministry that will use plarn (a new term that sounds funny but is useful, think plastic + yarn) mats we will weave out of used plastic bags, we seek to bless our district's local teachers and students, and there is more! Be looking for more chalk drawings, though maybe not at the front steps, led by a young artist. Sunday night will be an orientation for anyone who wants to help lead during VBS, focusing on the middle, high and college students who will help host students to the different stations and keep track of their group in the organized (properly and in order) chaos that looks like VBS.

We will go over details on how to do the activities, why we are doing them and how they can help other students. We may need people who have experience crocheting for the plarn mats. We would love any extra fleece church members may have and we are on the lookout for any purple ribbon. There are still spots available to sign up for different needs during the week and the sign up sheets are by the office. The final night will be Thursday where we will have a student showcase with skits from the week, music we sang, a recap of the week's message and dedicating the gifts the students put together during their time at church. Then we will all go to the pool where everyone is invited to swim and enjoy the celebration of a great week together. I'm excited for what God has in store for this year and the impact we get to have in children's and family's lives not just for the week but going forward into the year and beyond with the fun memories and more.

They're back! The King Family Band returns to FPC!

If you brought the Von Trapp family from *The Sound of Music* to America and taught them fiddle and banjo, you would end up with the King Family Band. The group boasts two state of Illinois banjo champions and two #1 RAA radio hits. They were last here on Nov. 30, 2014, and they will return to lead worship during the service August 23rd. We are grateful that they are returning to share their musical gifts with us again. All are welcome to attend! A free will offering will be taken for their performance. If you would like to know more about the King Family Band, go to their website: <http://www.kingfam.net>



Mission Report

Members of our church are thinking about a mission trip and wanted to hear from anyone who was interested in going. One possibility might be going back to Belize with Thirst Missions to work with their church again. There are some projects we can help with. Dates for leaving could be as early as after Christmas at the end of this year and use the rest of the holiday so people will not miss much school or work. That may or may not be a convenient time for many, so please email the office so we can know if there are enough people interested and which dates are better for you.



THANK YOU

Thank you for your many kind expressions of sympathy when my mom passed away. Your cards, prayers, phone calls, and memorials were very much appreciated.

I am so fortunate to have such a loving and caring church family.

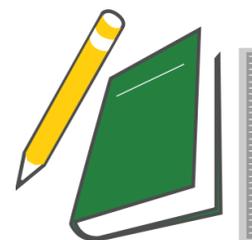
Marilyn Armstrong



“Starting Out Right” School Supplies Drive!

First Presbyterian Church is accepting school supplies for the, “Starting Out Right,” school supplies drive. Please bring school supplies that you would like to donate to the church. A Small Hand (Piatt County Infant and Diaper Pantry), Community Action and the Piatt County Community are working together to assist in getting Piatt County children in need the tools they desperately need. Please help us come together to provide backpacks and school supplies for children in our community. For more information on what school supplies are needed, please visit:

www.smallhand.org or the Starting Out Right Facebook page



Special Event for Caregivers

Presented by: Faith in Action, Maple Point Supportive Living, Piatt County Nursing Home and the Family Service Resource Center

What: An evening of information and networking for caregivers

Where: Maple Point Supportive Living Education Room

When: 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2015—a light supper will also be served



Clergy, friends, and extended family who are interested in supporting caregivers are welcome to attend this special event. Dr. Ann Marty of Carle Clinic (Monticello) will be the guest speaker. Other speakers include Hope Wolfe (RN MSN), Roxanna Webb (Piatt County Caregiver Advisor), Kara Olson (Director of Maple Point Supportive Living), and a representative from the Piatt County Sheriff’s Department. Topics discussed include: signs and symptoms, behaviors, safety, practical care tips, financial and local resources that are available to caregivers.

For more information call: 762-7575 ext. 3



Guest Theologian Quote of the Month

"God hugs you.

You are encircled by the arms
of the mystery of God."

— Hildegard von Bingen (1098—September 17, 1179)

Please note:

Andrea will be on vacation starting August 3rd. She will return to work in the church office on August 19.

Lovin' Life Celebration Banquet

Who: Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry

Where: Fluid Event Center, 601 N Country Fair Dr., Champaign

When: August 28, 6-8 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm

Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry invites you to their 2015 fundraising banquet on August 28. The Guest speaker is Pete Leonard, the founder of Second Chance Coffee Co. For more information please visit:

Jesusisthewayprisonministries.org

For reservations contact:

(217) 892-4044 or info@jesusisthewayprisonministries.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 10 am Worship 	3 6:30 pm TOPS <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Andrea on Vacation 8/3—8/18</div>	4	5 7 pm Worship Mtg. 7 pm E&F Mtg.	6 9 am Women's Breakfast at Red Wheel 8 pm TN Group	7	8 7 am Men's Meeting at the Red Wheel
9 10 am Worship	10 6:30 pm TOPS 7 pm Mary-Martha Circle	11 5:00 pm Special Caregivers Informational event at Maple Point 6 pm Friendship Circle	12 7 pm CE Meeting	13 9 am Women's Breakfast at Red Wheel 7 pm Missions Mtg. 8 pm TN Group	14	15
16 10 am Worship	17 6:30 pm TOPS	18 7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Mtg. Red Cross Blood Donation Day at Kirby Hospital	19 First Day of School 7 pm Session 	20 9 am Women's Breakfast at Red Wheel 8 pm TN Group	21	22
23 10 am Worship	24 6:30 pm TOPS September TT articles and calendar events due 	25	26	27 9 am Women's Breakfast at Red Wheel September TT Mailed 8 pm TN Group 	28 6 pm Lovin' Life Celebration Banquet	29
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