



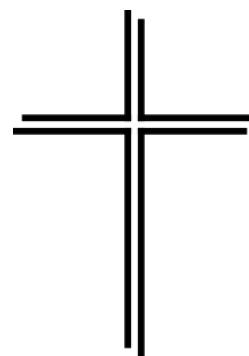
First Presbyterian Church

Tower Tidings

June 2016

Pastor Paul's Post

I trust this newsletter finds you well. I write this after teacher appreciation Sunday when we honored those who have given of their time and gifts to Christian education in our church. We are blessed with excellent volunteers who exceed expectations; they do more than just show up. They are the ones creating the positive experiences in this church for people exploring faith in Jesus Christ, especially the children. I am a beneficiary of those who have come before me—who made that extra effort to give of themselves in the classroom and life. It is entirely appropriate we thank them for their efforts. This definitely means including them in the thanks we give for the teachers who influenced us.



Middle School Mission Trip



We are gearing up for another great summer Middle School mission trip! This year we will go to Indianapolis. We will leave Sunday afternoon, June 12th, and return Friday afternoon, June 17th. A couple of the places we will serve at include Westminster Neighborhood Services and Gleaner's Food bank. There will be other sites and experiences with times for debriefing with the group, Bible study, worship, devotions and other activities in the city. We will be staying at Second Presbyterian Church, one of the largest churches in our denomination. There is still room for leaders and drivers so please let us know if you are interested in being an adult chaperone for the trip. Chaperones are free! For students, entering into grades 6 through 9, the cost is \$100 for the week with scholarships available, ask for the application form in the church office. Space will be limited to how many drivers and seat belts we have. Sign up soon by filling out a permission form, www.montpres.org, and delivering payment to the church. The medical release form can also be found on our website.

PW Salad Supper!

The Mary/Martha Circle and the Friendship Circle will both meet Tuesday, June 14th, at 6 p.m., at the home of Tamara Abbott. All ladies are welcome! Bring your favorite salad and come join us! Please let Bonnie Smith know if you plan to attend—We hope to see you there!



The Air National Guard Band of the Midwest FREE Concert!

The Air National Guard Band of the Midwest based out of Peoria, IL, will be performing a FREE concert at Forest Preserve Park Pavilion in Monticello on Saturday, June 4, at 5:00 pm. The concert is free to the public, and will feature the Concert Band, Harmony in Blue Jazz ensemble, and Permanent Party rock back, performing popular patriotic and big band favorites. This performance is sponsored by us, the First Presbyterian Church of Monticello.



Beef House Dinner Theater!

The E&F Committee is taking reservations for a trip to the Beef House Dinner Theater to see, "Oklahoma," on Saturday, July 30. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. (Eastern time) and the show starts at 8:00 pm (Eastern time). We will carpool from the church at 3:30 (Central time). Please make your reservation with payment of \$44/person by calling or email Julie Clodfelter no later than Sunday, June 5.



Rev. Chirwa to Preach at FPC

On Sunday, May 29, Memorial Day Weekend, Rev. Chirwa will be joining us as a guest preacher for Worship. He is visiting from Malawi to speak at different churches in our Presbytery. We look forward to hearing his message this Sunday!

Please note: The Session Notes will not be included in this edition of the Tower Tidings. Instead, when they become available, they will be printed separately and placed on the credenza in the overflow room at the back of the church. Thank you for understanding.



Reformer Quote of the Month

“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.”

—Martin Luther, German Reformer and Theologian

The Clown Report

By Butterfly the Clown

Our Christian Clowns continue a “Spring Break” this month. But we will meet again in July to plan/schedule a presentation for our church’s Vacation Bible School, on Thursday, July 28th. In the meantime, please read the following for a, “clown message.”



Calling All Clowns...

C=Caring and comforting

L=Loving and laughing

O=Opening your ear and offering your compassion to all

W=Wearing funny clothes and funny faces

N=Never insulting, humiliating, or embarrassing, another person

S=Sharing God’s love and serving others

Clowning in God’s Grace

Laughter comes from within, they say,
Meaning a clown was built inside out in a way.

Built upside down from toe to head,
To see all the world right side up it is said.

A perspective different from behind that grin,
Sharing that look to the audience from within.

The big bulb nose and the odd-size shoes,
A gift given to us that we did not choose.

So we add to the day our happiness and joy,
Spreading happiness to every girl and boy.

All that we do is a gift given from the heart,
Non-returnable to us, unlike a gift from K-Mart.

So if you put on a show, the motley and face,
You share the life reflected in God’s great grace.

Until next time....“Butterfly” (The Clown)

Many Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who brought food, visited me in the hospital, sent cards, and the many phone calls, after surgery and while I recuperated. This meant a great deal to me. This church family is so loving and caring. We are one big happy family. God bless you all.

—Vicky Vezina



Book Discussion Group on Tuesday Evenings this Summer

In our everyday lives we “bump up against” those who are hurting—family, friends, co-workers. If you have often wanted to reach out but didn’t know what to say or how to comfort them, here is an opportunity to discover some specific suggestions and practical examples of what to say and do.

The First Presbyterian Church Stephen Ministers will conduct an adult education discussion group based on the book, “Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those who are Suffering.” Open to all members and friends of FPC, the group will meet on seven Tuesday evenings in June, July and August, specific dates to be determined. If you are interested, please let Paula Connelly or someone in the church office know as soon as possible so we can order a book for you.



“Don’t Sing Songs” by Kenneth Haugk, a pastor, clinical psychologist, and founder of Stephen Ministries, will touch your heart, expand your thinking, and guide you in gently bringing Christ’s loving care to hurting people when they need it most.



2016 Mission Monticello VBS Registration

Child's Name: _____

Grade Completed: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Alternate: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Emergency Contact Person's Phone Number: _____

Food Allergies: () Yes () No — If "Yes," please explain: _____

Medical Concerns: () Yes () No — If "Yes," please explain: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Siblings who will be attending VBS: _____

Permission granted to photograph/video and release images: () Yes () No

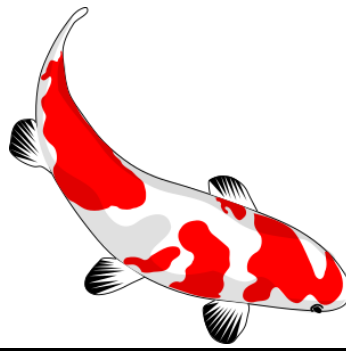
Person(s) who may pick up the child:

_____ Phone: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10 am Worship with Guest Preacher, Rev. Chirwa from Malawi	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 	31 Summer Church Office Hours Begin	1 9:45 am Ministerial Alliance Mtg. 7 pm Worship Mtg. 7 pm E&F Mtg.	2 9 am Women's Breakfast at Red Wheel 2 pm Pastor Paul at PCNH	3 Church Office Closed Kitchen to be used by E&F Comm. for Air National Guard Band	4 Kitchen to be used by E&F Comm. for Air National Guard Band 5 pm Midwest Air Concert at Forest Preserve Pavilion
5 Communion 10 am Worship 6 pm Confirmation	6 Church Office Closed 6:30 pm TOPS	7	8 7 pm CE Mtg. 7 pm Missions Mtg.	9 9 am Women's Breakfast at Red Wheel 8 pm TN Group	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 10 am Worship Middle School Mission Trip leaves for Indianapolis (6/12—6/18)	13 Church Office Closed 6:30 pm TOPS 7 pm Mary-Martha Circle	14 6 pm Friendship Circle	15 7 pm Session Mtg.	16 9 am Women's Breakfast at Red Wheel 8 pm TN Group	17 Church Office Closed Middle School Mission Trip Returns	18
19 Father's Day 10 am Worship 	20 Church Office Closed 6:30 pm TOPS	21 7 pm Stephen Ministers Mtg.	22	23 9 am Women's Breakfast at Red Wheel 8 pm TN Group	24 Church Office Closed	25
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