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PRAYER CONCERNS

JoEllen Albertson's brother & family	Barb Purrington's daughter
Tom Bussell's co-worker	Jim & Rosina Raisler
Barb Calhan's daughter	Nancylue Shown's son & grandson
Kim DeGaetano's family members	Paula Stringer's daughter
Nedra Dobbins' co-worker	Al Sumpter
George Fish's friend's wife	Jerry VanKovering
Terri Goebel	Rick & Becky White's son-in-law
Jerry Hughes	Bambi Wilson's friend
Troy & Anita Johnson's nephew	
Mark & Sandi Lancaster's grandson	
Jim & Joan Merritt's daughter	

REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

• **PASTOR ERIK OHMAN**

Dream with me a bit. Sitting in the parking lot observing our facilities from the east side parking lot on High St. the facility runs almost a city block north and south. The children's play area is prominent beside a stately and state of the art facility. Inside is an attractive cafe area accented by a beautiful atrium, a traditional sanctuary, first class educational facilities, a gymnasium, and a cool youth room below.

Psalm 71:18 reads, "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come."

That's our task - reach a new generation. What are the resources we have to reach that new generation? Certainly we have the facility to do so. And, praise the Lord, we have the people and some of the ministries to do it, as well.

Ever since arriving in Warsaw I have consistently heard "Presby is the best preschool in town." Three hundred children attend Presby Preschool. Our teachers are excellent. Some of our programs are first of a kind, supported by businesses and the local school system. Sandi Lancaster runs an excellent ministry. Our teachers prepare children well for their next twelve years of education and, in the process, they teach them about the Lord Jesus.

Fun Stuff has set record numbers for attendance this past

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- June 3 • Puppeteers at downtown "First Friday"**
- June 4 • W.O.W. meets**
- June 5 • "Service Connection" at Presby**
- June 5 • "SUMMER Son-sation" for kids begins**
- June 6 • P.A.C. (Presby Adventure Camp) begins**
- June 6 • Facilities, Missions, Preschool Outr. teams meet**
- June 12 • Adult Sunday School summer series starts**
- June 13 • Session and Deacons meet**

- July 5 • Worship Arts Camp begins**
- July 10 • All-church Picnic @ Center Lake**
- July 15 • Musicians' open jam session**

year. Anne Bailey has a boundless love for children. She just told our staff that well before the deadline, three quarters of her leadership team has already re-upped for the next season. Her Hide it in Your Heart program has many of our young children memorizing a verse of Scripture weekly.

Our Youth Ministry under Eric Wagoner is heading to New York City this summer under the tutelage of the Brooklyn Tabernacle to do urban ministry and training. The kids and our youth volunteers are working many weekends to raise money to do this trip and to bank any overage for an international trip next year.

Angie Leopold leads the Celebash kids with excitement, innovation, and passion. She's designed a Worship Arts Camp for this summer using music and the arts to teach kids about worshipping the Lord of the universe. Her production of *Esther-Ordinary Faith* taught life-long lessons to our children and was a major success.

His Majesty's Puppeteers under the leadership of Bonnie and Jerry Hughes disciples children on a weekly basis and schools them in advancing from a first-timer to a master puppeteer. The kids learn Scripture, they learn a medium to tell His story, and they learn leadership.

We have the facility. We have the people. They have the passion. I believe this may be an area where the Lord wants us to concentrate some of our efforts, in order to reach a new generation. I pray for the day when we are packed out with kids and their families. I pray for the day that our graduates will be strong in the Lord, able to defend their faith, desiring to live their faith, and many in number.

REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION cont.

The Lord has us here for a reason. He has already given us the initial resources to reach this new generation. Pray with me to discern his leading and to discern your place in his mission to reach a new generation in the Lakes Communities.

Let me know your thoughts.
Pastor Erik..... erik@warsawpresby.org

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP TEAM • LARRY PEPPEL

We had a WONDERFUL PRESCHOOL SUNDAY on May 22, during which time our “graduating” Preschool students were recognized at both services. The students also shared in song and poetry with our congregation, and they were simply “OUTSTANDING”!! We are so very blessed in our Presby family, and our Presby Preschool ministry is a ‘treasure’ for our children. May God bless this ministry, our Director, Sandi Lancaster, all of our teachers and staff, and most importantly - THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATE!!

Please reserve **Sunday, July 10**, as the date for our annual “Church Picnic”! We will gather at 12:00 noon, or as soon as you can get over to the Center Lake Park Pavilion, where we will eat and have some fellowship together! The park facilities will be available for you following our meal, including swimming, the playground, the *Biblical Gardens* and the lovely *Gardens of Central Park*! Please bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert to share. Table service, drinks, meat, and other necessary items will be furnished! Plan now to reserve this date!

We will continue to hold two services during our summer months, and we encourage everyone to attend the service of your choice, as we look forward to a great summer and warm weather in Indiana!! Blessings to all!

WORSHIP NOTES • JUDIE MEULINK

If you have been thinking of participating in Sunday morning worship, then NOW is the time to do something about it! We will be having an informal “jam” session **Wednesday June 15** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for all interested musicians. This will be your chance to come play and sing with our current musicians. We are pretty laid back in our rehearsals, so there is no pressure. We have lots of fun, too!

If you are interested, please contact our Worship Director, Judie Meulink, at 551-2232. If behind-the-scenes worship

involvement is more your thing, then contact our A-V Director, Toby Chin, at (574) 377-4141 and he can put you to work in the sound booth.

NEWS FROM SESSION • BRUCE SHOWN

Your session met on May 9th for its regular monthly meeting.

The first item of business was a presentation by Mazie Kreicker, Tammy Schultz, and Debie Ohman about “the Stephen Ministry.” This ministry was begun in St. Louis and is in about 10,000 churches including many in our Presbytery. The ministry gets its name from the first martyr, deacon St. Stephen. People trained in this ministry learn to help hurting people in ways beyond tending to physical needs.

After the presentation and a review of other matters, the session unanimously voted to fund and implement this ministry at WEPC. This summer, the three ladies who made the presentation will go to Pittsburg for a week of training for setting up and managing this ministry. The church family will be hearing a lot more details over the next weeks.

The Personnel Team had a proposal for the session. Our church is big enough to need an associate pastor but the present finances will not support one. Just as Pastor Erik is to be a shepherd to our flock, so also are the elders to be shepherds — not only for the flock but for the pastor as well. With that in mind, the personnel team proposed that Pastor Erik be given a Sabbath rest approximately every seventh week. We are blessed to have an excellent pool of pastors who can preach and give him that week where he will be at the church but will not have to put together a sermon. During instances of ongoing sermon series, our guest pastors will continue the series. The session unanimously supported this idea.

Other news:

The session was excited by Angie Leopold’s plan for a children’s Worship Arts Camp. Our Presby Preschool “POP” program for parents of preschoolers is very successful. But we are very much in need of a leader replacement for Melissa Kissling, and are praying we find one for next fall. The youth group funding is complete for this year’s NYC mission trip. They are now raising money for an international mission trip next year. Our church has a new Small Group, led by Mike & Dorothy Herring.

YOUTH SCOOP • DIRECTOR ERIC WAGONER

May was such an exciting and busy month in the Youth Department! We kicked off the month assisting with Presby's Annual Spring Rummage Sale. This event has always been a fun and exciting event for our youth and adults alike, and this year was no exception. Our students came together and assisted with table set up, staging and product placement for the sale.



We were also able to take advantage of the beautiful weather and head downtown again in May to celebrate Derby Days at Warsaw's First Friday event. A big thanks to Grace College for allowing us to use their pedal cars to raise money for 2011 WEPC Team NYC (youth summer missions team). We had a great turnout and were able to raise funds while having a great time! A shout out of thanks goes to Angie Leopold and Paula Bowman for hooking us up with the pedal cars and helping us coordinate this event!



The youth department also sent a team of volunteers to the Voorhorst residence in May to show off their green thumbs and help with some landscaping. A huge thanks to Paul and Karalyn Voorhorst for your generous support and extreme hospitality. Our team truly had a wonderful time serving at your house!



The Youth Ministry continues to look for opportunities to raise the necessary funding for this and next year's missions trips. If you have an idea or need help, please contact Eric Wagoner – Youth Director to make arrangements. Once again, thanks to all who have been so supportive of this year's summer missions team — through prayer, encouragement and financial giving! Without you, this year's trip would not be possible!

Please continue to keep our youth groups in prayer as we begin studying the early church, and come to understand that our personal evangelism is to be a lifestyle and not an event. Blessings to all.

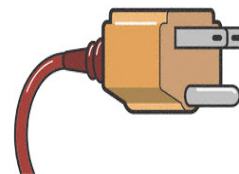
MISSIONS MISSIVE • BILL HENNING

Service Connection is Sunday, June 5
More than a dozen ministries will have displays describing their work and will provide opportunities for volunteers to serve. Come and see how you can serve the Lord by serving others as a volunteer.

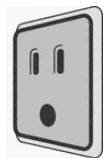
SERVICE CONNECTION

is coming next week!

Sunday, June 5



- letter writing
- serving snacks
- cutting/crafting
- woodworking/mowing
- filing/answering phone
- hosting 5-day club
- and many more!



SERVICE CONNECTION is your opportunity to connect in meaningful and tangible ways with our missions!

- Heartline Pregnancy Center
- Teens 'n Tots
- Kos. Co. Jail Ministry
- Lakeland Child Evangelism
- Presby Preschool
- WEPC Youth Ministries
- KAIROS
- Hands of Hope

- Wycliffe Associates
- Gideons
- Combined Community Services
- World Missionary Press
- Compassion
- Fellowship Missions
- Methodist Soup Kitchen

MISSIONS MISSIVE • BILL HENNING cont....

Missionary of the Month for June: John Boren, representing KOSCIUSKO COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY, Inc. The Mission Statement of KCJM is *"To provide programming that introduces people, whose lives intersect with the county justice system, to the Person and Lordship of Jesus Christ, the disciplines of a Christian growth lifestyle, and the benefits of an abundant life in Christ."*

Over the years John Boren has had the privilege of sharing in the Kosciusko County Jail with those in need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Many locally incarcerated men and women have come to know and accept the Lord into their lives as a result of his work. They have also had the opportunity to be baptized. John has encouraged them to join local churches upon their release. A group of core volunteers, some from Presby, continues to disciple these new converts.

The KCJM ministry always has need for "people power" to carry on the ministry. "When God's work through our lives seems nonexistent, how carelessly we question the reality of His power or His presence, not realizing that to see His power we must open our eyes, and that to open our eyes we must make ourselves available."—John Boren

PRESBY PRESCHOOL NEWS
• **DIRECTOR SANDI LANCASTER**

How God has blessed Presby Preschool, recently!!

The teachers have presented the gospel one-on-one, after presenting it to the class several times this year. Many students responded that they already have Jesus in their hearts, and many more asked Jesus to live in their hearts. What an excellent Outreach/Mission field we have with these children & their families!

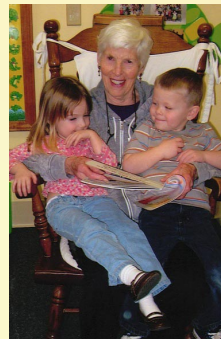
"POP" (Parents of Preschoolers) ended on May 17 with many moms expressing their gratitude for the relationships they have formed this year. They are already anticipating another great experience next year! Thank you to the Preschool Outreach Team and especially Melissa Kissling and Debie Ohman for leading this new ministry!

Preschool ended the year with 4's & 5's classes visiting the Ft. Wayne Zoo, and the 3's classes visiting the "Joy Jungle" (a huge play-place, bigger than McDonald's Play Place) in Warsaw. Thankfully, all went well, with no vehicle problems and no child-injuries. The children who will attend kindergarten participated in graduation ceremonies —held two different nights to accommodate the crowd of approximately 500 guests attending each night. The families were reminded that leading their

child into a relationship with God is their most important responsibility as a parent.

We would like to thank our church volunteers who have given so much to the children and teachers of Presby Preschool! Sometimes people tend to think that it is "just preschool," but studies show that a great start in preschool greatly increases the child's learning potential throughout their life!

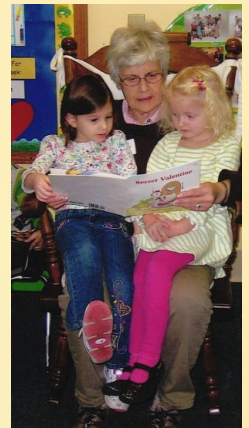
Our volunteers include Sherry Andres (no photo), Mazie Kreicker, Bambi Wilson, Nancy Adams, Alice Brown, Tammy Neiswonger, and Ruth Mann. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION!



Alice



Tammy



Nancy



Ruth



Mazie



Bambi

In addition, we would like to honor some of our 2011 WEPC high school grads who also graduated from Presby Preschool! Congratulations to Shavon Brown, Kecia Kosins, Hayden Missos, & Trisha Reneker! Check out their before & after photos on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Three studies are held at the church in the Fellowship Hall classroom and are open to members and friends; the fourth is at DePuy. Join us for coffee, fellowship, prayer and study. If you prefer the noon studies, bring a sack lunch. For more information, call Gus Sideris @ 267-7044.

Following is the schedule for June:

- Monday, noon.....Genesis
- Tuesday, noon @DePuy.....Matthew
- Thursday, 7 am.....John
- Thursday, noon.....Matthew

DEACON DOINGS • DEENA CUTSHALL

In our church, one of the simplest ways to be involved "behind the scenes" is by helping with a Bereavement Event. We have a wonderful tradition at WEPC of providing a time and place where family and friends may gather after a funeral service. Refreshments are lovingly supplied and served by a group of caring members and friends. Our goal is to create an atmosphere where families can sit, relax and reminisce with each other.

A big Thank You goes out to those who are able to help; your generosity is appreciated.

HIS MAJESTY'S PUPPETEERS • BONNIE HUGHES

Thanks to everyone who supported His Majesty's Puppeteers' May 15th program with your attendance, your kind words, calls, and notes. Rightfully, God deserves all the credit because with all the challenges that spring up during the time we do a program like thiswe could NEVER do it without Him!

On June 3rd we will present a musical, "Bible Parodies", for Warsaw First Friday. We will be set up at the corner of Buffalo and Market Streets. The musical is to be presented at two times: 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please continue your support of WEPC's puppet ministry by attending one of the presentations. We promise much humor, a walk down memory lane, and familiar Bible stories.

LIBRARY LINK • BILL & ROSE MARIE HENNING

We are in the process of developing a shelf list of the materials in the library so that you can more easily find what you need. Please help us by returning any library materials that you may have lying around the house so that we can have as complete a listing as possible. Thanks for your help. Also check the list of missing books and tapes in the satellite library to jog your memory. If your name is on the list, but you're sure you returned the items, please let us know.

And don't forget to check the satellite library in the Fellowship Hall for books relating to the current sermon topic -- as well as other material of interest.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES • DIRECTOR ANNE BAILEY

The Spring Rummage Sale on May 6-7 netted approximately \$1,700. Monies will be given to various WEPC ministries, like the youth mission trip and others. In addition, items were donated to local missions/ministries, such as Presby Preschool, Heartline (unwed mothers and their babies), Beaman Home (abused women and children), children with needs at Lincoln School, the homeless shelter, the recycling center, and Our Father's House. Also, many household items were put on a truck already headed to Alabama for the tornado victims.

Special thanks to all of you who donated and those who helped with the sale: the Youth Group, His Majesty's Puppeteers, bake sale contributors, cashiers, sorters, quality control men, cashiers, and Terry Wentz. Kudos to coordinators Ruth Casner, Patrice Hygema, and Tammy Neiswonger for a great job. What a wonderful opportunity to be able to pass along the stuff we no longer want or need — to those who do, both locally and in other states.

Need a card for a birthday, new baby, encouragement, friendship, comfort, get well? Go no further than the terrific circular card stop in the Fellowship Hall near the Welcome Center. Tucked into each greeting is a verse of scripture. Cards are only \$1.50. Proceeds go to the Women's Ministry.

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS • BRUCE SHOWN

As an elder I had the privilege of being present at part of two class sessions for adults interested in considering membership in our church. The two Sunday afternoon sessions led by Pastor Erik were held on May 1st and May 15th. There were fifteen adults in these classes. At the same time, over four Sundays in May, Anne Bailey taught a new member's class to five sixth graders who completed their year-long Beta catechism class with Steve Meulink.

You might be interested in the principles that Pastor Erik taught as expectations for membership and growth. Anne Bailey taught these same "member expectations" to the 6th graders, on their level, of course. Each of these expectations was supported by scripture:

- Love Others** • Romans 15:5,19, 1 Peter 1:22
- Become a Servant** • 1 Peter 4:10, Philippians 2:3-4,7
- Refuse to Gossip** • Ephesians 4:29
- Follow and Support Your Leaders** • Hebrews 13:17
- Take Responsibility for Welcoming Others** • Romans 15:7
- Accept the Challenge to Become a Tither** • Corinthians 16:2, Deuteronomy 8:17-18, and Malachi 3:10
- Share Your Faith** • Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Peter 3:15

Also, Pastor Erik taught "The Two Best Ways to Grow":
Read the Bible • Psalm 119:9-16
Develop Your Prayer Life • Psalm 42:1-2

At the end of this training and discussion, the elders and members of the class shared their stories of how their faith has developed and how they have come to accept Christ as the answer for their lives.

Those who decide to become members will join during either the first or second service on June 12th.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MINISTRIES
• DIRECTOR ANGIE LEOPOLD

Celebash! PreK – 4th grade During worship hour

May's Celebash! was led by Melissa Warner with the theme of "Prayer." The Celebash kids are praying for Jacob and Molly Kissling as they prepare to move to China with their parents. The Celebash kids learned that they can pray to God in 4 ways: Praise, Sorry, Thanks, and Please, and that God will answer in 3 ways: Yes, No, and Wait. May was the last month for 4th graders to participate in Celebash before they are promoted to the 5th grade.

June's Celebash! will be led by Mike and Lori Morel with the theme of "Serving Others." Those graduating from 4th grade are promoted to stay in the adult church service with their parents. We have loved having you in Celebash

and we can't wait to see God keep on working in your life as you continue to grow and mature!

Presby Kids' Choir K-6th grade Wednesdays 4:30-5:30

Presby Kids' Choir is over for the spring and summer and will resume in the fall.

Worship Arts Camp!

Kids going into 1st-8th grade next year, mark your calendars for something new this summer at Presby! July 5th-8th (Tuesday-Friday) will be our first annual "Worship Arts Camp," from 9am-noon. Kids will choose from singing, drama, sound/video tech, and boomwhackers/recycled percussion (like Stomp). The goal of this camp is to teach kids to worship, train kids in specific worship-leading skills, and let them perform for God's glory! Register now; the camp is open to the public and is limited to 50 kids; the registration deadline is June 12th. Teens going on the NYC missions trip will have the opportunity to earn money toward their trip by volunteering to help out with the camp. For more information, contact Angie Leopold at angie@warsawpresby.org or (574) 267-7044 ex. 230.

PRAYER POWER • BRUCE SHOWN

During the month of April, the National Day of Prayer committee (Ken Locke-The Salvation Army, Sheila Marsh-WCC, Becky Dick-Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church and our prayer team of Tammy Schultz, Joe & Cindy Bryan, Edna Bryan, Jenny Bryan, Pat Sittler, Bambi Wilson, Mike Herring, and Bruce Shown) sent letters to more than 60 churches, to all the local non profit organizations, to 126 businesses, to government officials and candidates, and to all the school principals and superintendents in the county. Over 300 letters were sent.

As a result of all this promotional effort and support by many of the churches we contacted, the attendance was about 190 this year for the May 5th National Day of Prayer. It has been growing each year; last year's attendance was about 120.

Musical inspiration was provided by Robin Howard on piano, and singing by Angie Leopold, Arturo Osorio, and Erin Richards. The keynote address on how to pray was given by Mike Grill. The rest of the time was spent in excellent and passionate prayers for our country and its needs:

- Erik Ohman prayed for our military and our government.
- Darla France prayed for our families.
- Troy Akers prayed for our schools
- Keith Reinholdt prayed for our businesses.

PRAYER POWER • BRUCE SHOWN cont.

- Roger Grossman prayed for our media.
- Debra Lowe prayed for our churches and missions.
- Ken Locke prayed for the work of our local charities and non-profits.

Warsaw's mayor, Ernie Wiggins, and Secretary-Treasurer, Lynne Christianson were Erik's guests for the event and for the dinner at the church afterward. All of the NDP committee members were also invited to the dinner that was prepared by Nancy Sideris and served by Jan Monteith, Paula Stringer, Erma Nicola, and Debie Ohman. This was a great and God-blessed event.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH • DIRECTOR ANNE BAILEY

"Summer Son-sation" for Kids!

"Summer Son-sation"— for incoming grades K- 6, in the gym; biblical truths/principles from movie clips, snacks, crafts*, free play in gym or on playground. We'll be learning about God's character and truths from movies like The Wizard of Oz, Homeward Bound, The Little Mermaid, Far From Home, Flubber, Honey I Shrunk the Kids, Star Wars, Jungle book, Dumbo, and Gordy. We don't think it's necessary to spend tons of time and energy to create a Christian production that will keep kids interested each week, especially when we can use the very thing that already captures their attention to teach them important lessons and help them grow in their faith. It is our desire to communicate the unchanging message of God's Word in relevant and effective ways. We will prescreen the clips before using them to make sure the content is appropriate. However, our use of the movie clip does not necessarily indicate our endorsement of the entire movie.

Children's Sunday School News

All children advance to the next grade level on June 5; summer session runs from June 5-August 28, from 9:45-10:45 am.

Birth-4 year olds—babies, toddlers, preschoolers combine in the Nursery Area for the summer (rooms 209-211); snacks, crafts, games, free play. Tammy Neiswonger and Patrice Hygema will be covering the Nursery Area for the first service and SS hour; Gayle Woodling and others will cover the second service.

Note: Newborns through preschoolers may be picked up in the Nursery Area at any time. Kindergartners thru grade 6 children may be picked up at 10:45 from either the gym or the playground (depending on weather). Please respect the teachers' time and pick up your children promptly, then

visit with your friends. Thank you so much for entrusting us with your children on Sunday mornings! Questions? Contact Anne Bailey, 267-7044 or anne@warsawpresby.org.

*We are in need of 20-25 large glass jars, like mayonnaise or pickle jars, for a craft project. Please drop off in the office, to Anne's attention. Thank you so much!

Here's a Vote for one of the kids' favorite teachers...

Think kids don't care who their Sunday School teacher is? When Miss Kay (Hershberger) told her 4 yr-K class that all the kids from kindergarten through 6th grade would be together for the summer, they were astonished: "YOU'RE not going to be our teacher anymore?" When Miss Kay told them she was going to be the craft lady, there were hoorays all around. Then Kathryn Monsma asked, "Can you be the food lady, too?"

Those youngsters know a good thing when they see it!

Long-time Nursery Directors Retire!

If you've attended WEPC for many years and have children under the age of 30, they've probably been in the care of our nursery directors Peg Town and Becky Lawrence. At the end of May, our directors retired from 28 years' and 26 years' service, respectively. What an example they've shown us of selfless, behind-the-scenes, dedicated service to the Lord and our church family!

An appreciation reception was held during the Sunday School hour on May 29, but if you missed it, please consider sending a card or note to both of these servants for the loving care they've given to a generation and a half of children. Their addresses are:

Peg Town, 3915 E Lakeview Trail, Leesburg, IN 46538

Becky Lawrence, 2599 E Pines Dr, Warsaw, IN 46582

Heartfelt thanks go to both directors from the entire WEPC family. "Well done, my good and faithful servants!"

Adult Summer Sunday School

Runs from June 12-August 28 from 9:45-10:45 in the sanctuary. "Celebrating What God's Doing Here & Around the World" is a series of testimonies by our 'home-grown' missionaries who are ministering here at WEPC and around the world—from New York City to Africa to Guatemala to Haiti to Kazakhstan to Moldova. Come be inspired, encouraged, and challenged by how God is using those in our church family to accomplish His purposes in many different countries! Watch the bulletin for an announcement of who is speaking on upcoming Sundays.

*No adult class on June 5 so that all may attend the Service Connection in the Fellowship Hall, an exhibit of Warsaw-based ministries and missions.

Welcome to Our New (Youth) Members

After spending the entire past school year studying doctrine from the "Children's Catechism" in the BETA Year

Welcome to Our New (Youth) Members cont.

class, taught by Steve Meulink, five 6th graders completed their New Member Class during the month of May.

The New Member class lasted four weeks and covered such topics as the gospel, the EPC denomination's "Essentials," and member expectations. Anne Bailey taught the class and the two Christian Growth elders, Tom Skaggs and Lane Anderson, interviewed the students. Our five new youth members are **Aubrey Doyle, Riley Kline, Allison Kosins, Jacob Meulink, and Paige Miller**. Be sure to congratulate them for their accomplishment. It's a huge blessing to have members of all ages in our church family!

"Hide It in Your Heart"

What a great ending to an outstanding year in this behind-the-scenes ministry! On Sunday, May 22, a large group of youngsters enjoyed an end-of-year pizza and movie party in the gym. More than 80 verses were memorized by the K-2nd grades: Macy & Parker Bonifield, Jacob Kissling, Jay Lea, Jules Leininger, Rachel McLane, Kathryn Monsma, Eva Rogers, Abi Stevens, Claire Walker, Daniel Warner, and Cora West. Four of our 3rd graders memorized some books of the Bible: Ella Doyle, Aiden McLane, Cegan Wagoner, and Thad West. Piper Johnson memorized the entire Old Testament and half the New Testament, and Josie Leininger and Olivia Renier memorized the entire 66 books!

We're proud of all our kids and thrilled that parents are so supportive in this invaluable task of "hiding God's laws and truths" in their children's hearts. If you'd be interested in coordinating this important ministry or helping as a once-a-month listener, contact Anne Bailey @ 267-7044 or anne@warsawpresby.org.

A Humongous Thank-You to Our Teen Helpers

Seventeen of our tweens and teens (ages 11-18) have been serving the Lord, WEPC, and our younger children once or twice a month since last September. They have shown themselves to be extra dependable and responsible--and we're extra proud of them!

- Nine of them serve as "extra hands and feet" for games in Celebash (worship time for 4-year-olds thru 4th grade)
- Eight of them are "extra arms for loving, playing, and rocking" in the baby nursery, as well as teaching toddlers in Toddler Time (2-3 year olds)
- Three teens work in both ministries mentioned above
- One teen also works as a monthly "listener" for "Hide It in Your Heart"

Our young children are extra blessed to have such positive teen role models in our church. And when asked what they like best about serving as Teen Helpers, the teens unanimously say they love the younger kids and enjoy working with them! What a great plan—it works for everybody!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & PRAISES

- from Carolyn Morrison and family: "I want to thank the church family for the love, flowers, prayers and cards, and those who came to the funeral. I felt the love from all of you for Win – *the Candy Man*. THANK YOU!"
- from Kirt & Judy Case: "Bethany Couture, daughter of Kirt & Judy Case, received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue University on May 14. She and her husband Casey will be moving to Columbia City as Bethany begins a one year internship at Conley & Koontz Equine Hospital."
- from Jeremy & Marleide Lea: "Thank you for your support, prayers, love....for our family!! Thank you, Pastor Erik, for the wonderful messages! It was a blessing to me! In Jesus' love, Mar for the family"
- from Melissa Kissling: "I am writing a blog about our experiences (in China). If people wish to follow our adventures, they can read about it at: <http://ouryearinbeijing.blogspot.com/>
- from Nathan Kosins: "I would like to thank everyone who worked on the kitchen remodel for the youth area -- the *Underground*. It was a big job, but with everyone's help we got it done! Again thank you so much."
- from Karen Garrard: "Thanks to my wonderful church family for all your encouragement and prayers as I am going thru this battle with lymphoma. Hopefully I am coming to the end of treatments. The Lord is a stronghold in time of trouble. He is my Rock!"
- from Terri Goebel: "We were blessed and uplifted by your loving 'welcome-back' wishes and hugs! We thank God for our church family, and thank you so much for your concern and faithful prayers, which are still much needed."

FINANCIAL REPORT • LINDA RAPP

YTD INCOME	\$ 357,797.87
YTD EXPENSES	\$ 333,703.13
OPERATING FUNDS AS OF 5/31	\$ 59,274.40
MAJOR MAINTENANCE BAL	\$ 23,738.55
SANCTUARY FUND	\$ 7,276.00
STAINED GLASS WINDOWS	\$ 74,170.06
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 1,205.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE AS OF 5/31/11	\$ 977,040.96

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

The average total of worship attenders on Sundays in MAY was 330.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Claire Bussell	6/1
Gabrielle Hygema	6/4
Ruth Casner	6/5
Pam Walker	6/5
Anne Bailey	6/6
Kim DeGaetan	6/6
Janet Lasley	6/6
Gary Leininger	6/6
Steven Ashton	6/10
Lorabel Wildman	6/10
Carollee Thomas	6/11
Jack Town	6/11
Mike Morel	6/13
Christopher Skaggs	6/13
Judy Case	6/15
Rebecca Crosby	6/15
Julie Kline	6/15
Sandy Knauer	6/15
David Lasley	6/15
Jacob Kline	6/16
Tobias Buck	6/17
Nate West	6/18
Lucas Koors	6/21
Jonathan Warner	6/21
Steven Miller	6/24
Rosina Raisler	6/26
Mike Kelly	6/27
Bruce Shown	6/27
Helen Brown	6/29
Karen Garrard	6/29
Dee Meerzo	6/29
Ira Brown	6/30

Elders & Deacons

The current Elders are:

Ethel Anderson	Robby Kissling
Lane Anderson	Jan Monteith
Jill Blackwood	Larry Peppel
Steve DeGaetano	Bruce Shown
Bob Harkness	Tom Skaggs
Anita Johnson	Paul Voorhorst

The current Deacons are:

Martin Becker	Ronna Fruth
Helen Brown	Mike Herring
Barb Bussell	Melissa Kissling
Ruth Casner	Joe Lozier
Karen Cripe	Mary Redman
Deena Cutshall	Pat Sittler
Nancy Denney	Bambi Wilson
Sally Fish	

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