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Prayer Concerns . . .

- Judy Becker's father
- Bill & Judy Burd
- Denny & Karen Cripe's niece
- Deena Cutshall's aunt
- Kim DeGaetano's parents
- Lowell Fox
- Terri Goebel
- Nancy Handgen's husband & brother
- Robby Kissling
- Robby Kissling's mother, Alison
- Kathy Kuhn
- Jim Rhodes' brother
- Nancylue Shown's grandson
- Bamby VanDyke
- Carl & Marilyn Williams
- WEPC Pastoral Search Team

News From The Session . . .

The session met for its regular meeting on May 10. It received the resignation of Kent Adams as an elder because of the time conflicts with his other duties. The Nominating Team, led by elders Tom Skaggs and Jill Blackwood, has since nominated Paul Voorhorst to fill the rest of Kent Adams term (Class of 2012). The session is calling a special congregational meeting to fill this position on June 6.

A new Nominating Team is needed for elders and deacon nominations for 2011. Elder Blackwood proposed the following members who are willing to serve: Tom Skaggs and Jill Blackwood (elders), Helen Brown (head deacon), and candidates Krista Koors, Rick White, Lew Huston, John Kinsey, Nancylue Shown, Robby Kissling, and Lori Morel. The election for the Nominating Team will be held May 30.

Interim pastor Jim Mugg gave a report on the State of the Church as he sees it. We seem to be spiritually upbeat, volunteerism is up, there is a healthy revitalization effort, home visits are working, the prayer meetings and prayer life of the church is bearing fruit, and people are generally speaking positively about the life of the church. He has a supportive, united session.

Upcoming Presby Events . . .

- Sunday, May 30—Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, May 30—Women's Garden Party
- Friday, June 4—MOPS Reunion
- Sunday, June 6—Summer Sunday School begins/
Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, June 20—Honoring graduates
- July 4- July 11—Youth Mission Trip to Atlanta
- Sunday, July 11—Church Picnic
- Sunday, July 18—Pastor Erik Ohman preaches/
Congregational Meeting to follow
- August TBA—Vacation Bible School

The big news of the night was the report from the Search Committee. The Team has decided on a candidate and has requested that he come and preach, for the approval of the congregation as soon as arrangements can be made. However, before he accepted, he and his family wanted to meet the session. This was arranged; all the session met with him on Friday, May 14. As a result of that meeting and further prayer, he has notified the Search Committee and the session of his willingness to come to preach at the church.

The current Elder assignments are:

Open—Finance
Ethel Anderson—Missions
Lane Anderson—Christian Growth
Jill Blackwood—Preschool Outreach
Steve DeGaetano—Facilities
Jerry Hughes—Facilities
Anita Johnson—Worship & Fellowship
Jan Monteith—Congregational Care
Larry Peppel—Worship & Fellowship
Bruce Shown—Clerk of Session & Outreach/Prayer
Tom Skaggs—Christian Growth
Steve Wilson—Finance

Deacons Doings . . .

The current Deacon assignments are:

Chair- Helen Brown
Vice-chair Pat Sittler
Treasurer-Nancy Denney
Secretary-Sally Fish
Meals-Sherry Winn with Pat Sittler assisting
Bereavement-Deena Cutshall
Hospital Men-Troy Johnson

Hospital Women-Ronna Fruth
 Flowers-Joe Lozier
 Transportation-Mike Herring
 CD's-Martin Becker
 New Members/TLC-Karen Cripe
 Cards-Denise Fetters
 Helping Hands-Bill Lawrence
 College-Barb Bussell

Pastoral Search Team Update . . .

"It is a great privilege for our entire Pastoral Search Team to announce to our Presby Family that PASTOR ERIK OHMAN has accepted our invitation to come and minister to our Presby family!" This announcement was shared with our entire congregation at the end of our worship service on May 23, and we wanted everyone to be aware of this exciting moment in the life of our congregation! Many of you have already met Erik and his wife as they previously visited on May 16, however, Erik had not officially accepted our invitation at that time. They will visit on May 30 and be introduced officially to our congregation on that day, and join in our time of fellowship following the worship service!

Erik has been a pastor in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination since 1988, having previously served in the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination beginning in 1983. Most recently, he served as Senior Pastor of the Parker EPC church, in Parker, Colorado. He and his wife, Debie, have three children, a son Will, and two daughters, Whitney and Eliza!

Plans are underway to invite Erik to preach at Presby on July 18, and then follow up with a congregational meeting during which time the members of our congregation will be given the opportunity to vote on the official acceptance of Erik Ohman as our Pastor, in accordance with the rules outlined in our EPC Book of Order. Much work remains as we begin the transition in Pastors, however, we will keep you apprised of the progress during the next several weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Search Team in the event you have questions.

Welcome To Our New Members . . .

Be sure to warmly welcome the following people, who recently completed the New Members Class and will be welcomed in the June 13 worship service. Several will be baptized at that time, as well.

- * Rachel Hershberger, and daughter Jasmine
- * Asa Brown, incoming 7th grader
- * Rebekah Baldwin, incoming 7th grader
- * Hannah Shea

What a blessing to have members of all ages in our church family!

News From The Worship & Fellowship Team . . .

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6, during our worship service. We invite those in our Presby family to plan to attend this service as we will not observe Communion during the month of July. As the summer months rapidly come upon us, we will also enjoy our adult choir as they lead worship through June, before taking a brief vacation and then returning in September!

Please remember that you can volunteer to serve in a number of capacities such as : Ushers in worship, Greeters, Coffee Hosts, as well as other areas which require support and provide a meaningful way to serve the Lord! Please contact Anita Johnson, Larry Peppel, or Judie Meulink for further details.

SPECIAL REMINDER: Please reserve the date of Sunday, July 11, as our Presby family will enjoy our Annual Church Picnic at Center Lake Pavilion, beginning at 12:00 noon! Plan to bring a dessert or salad to pass. The Fellowship team will provide grilled meat, drinks and table service!! Come and celebrate good food and summer at the park!!

Summer Sunday School Classes for Children . . .

June 6-August 29 from 10:45-11:30/45

NO classes on July 4

(All children move up to the next grade level on June 6.)

- **2-3 year olds**—combined with the nursery for the summer (more information in the following article)
- **Preschool-K**--room 203, Kay Hershberger
- **Grades 1-6**--FLC, Anne Bailey & others, Video Talks for Kids (clips from popular movies—like "Toy Story," "The Empire Strikes Back," "Home Alone," "101 Dalmatians"-- to learn spiritual truths; crafts, activities)

***Newborns through three years old may be picked up in the nursery from 11:30-11:45. Preschool-grade 6 children may be picked up from 11:30-11:45 in either the FLC or on the playground (depending on weather). Please respect the teachers' time and be sure to pick up your children by 11:45. Thank you!**

MOPS Reunion June 4 . . .

Alumni of the Presby MOPS Group (including mentors and nursery workers) are invited to a reunion on June 4 at 11:00 am at Center Lake Park. Bring a picnic lunch and catch up with old friends!

In case of rain, the reunion will be held in the FLC. Questions can be directed to Melissa Kisling at 267-0102.

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Nursery and Toddler Time for the Summer . . .

Parents, please note these changes if you have children ages 3 and younger in our care on Sunday mornings:

DURING WORSHIP and SS HOUR

- The nursery area will be open from 9:15 until 11:45 for newborns through age 3 during both the worship service and the Sunday School hour.
- Toddler Time, for two- and three-year-olds, will combine with the nursery in Room 209-210 during the summer months. Childcare only; no teaching.
- Toddler Time will resume its teaching ministry in the fall.

Please pick up your children by 11:45. Thank you! Questions? Contact Anne Bailey at 267-7044.

Summer Sunday School Classes for Adults . . .

**June 6-August 29 from 11:00-11:45
NO classes on July 4**

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST—

- College Age Class, Jeff & Nancy Peck, Loft

JUNE—

- “Jonah,” John Davis, sanctuary

JULY & AUGUST—

- “Are You Smarter Than a 6th Grader?” Steve Meulink, Fellowship Hall
- “The Cross of Christ,” Gus Sideris, sanctuary

Women’s Ministries Events . . .

Do you have an idea for an informal, unstructured “Girlfriend Get-Together” you’d like to see take place this summer? How about a fun, relaxing evening with faith sisters at the park...a Saturday afternoon bike ride...coffee at one of our great coffeehouses...a dinner out at your favorite restaurant...a day trip to Amish Acres...a golf outing...a particular craft workshop on someone’s porch or patio...a morning at Pottery Bayou? The sky’s the limit, so whatever you’d like to do, we can make it happen. Call Anne in the office.

Men's Bible Studies . . .

We encourage men of all ages— members and friends— to attend one of the several studies available weekly. We gather for prayer, fellowship and study, and welcome any who are seeking to deepen their faith.

Following is the schedule for May. Unless otherwise noted, classes are held in the Fellowship Hall classroom.

- Monday, noon.....Genesis
- Tuesday, noon.....Hebrews (at DePuy)
- Thursday, 7 am.....Exodus
- Thursday, noon.....II Chronicles, Ezra

“Hide It in Your Heart” . . .

Marilyn Whitman will serve as our new “Hide It in Your Heart” coordinator for next year. She recalls memorizing hundreds of verses, even whole books, as a child and recognizes how God has used them throughout her life to give comfort, strength, and direction. Marilyn is excited to be assuming this new responsibility and thrilled to be aiding our children’s spiritual growth.

Approximately twenty children will attend the end-of-year celebration at Joy Jungle on Saturday, May 29. Nine families are eligible (through parents memorizing and reciting the same verses as their children) for the Family Gift Basket. What a wonderful end to an outstanding year in this behind-the-scenes ministry!

Puppeteers News . . .

Congratulations to Aubrey Doyle, David Fruth, and Allison Kosins for meeting the requirements for their Apprentice Puppeteer Certificates. Dr. Mugg presented their certificates to them during the Mother’s Day program. They have been with His Majesty’s Puppets since September 2009.

Also, congratulations to Grant Monsma who received his Journeyman Puppeteer Certificate. To receive his certificate Grant attended a puppet ministry conference, lead the team in devotions, helped with the presentation of over 20 programs, and presented a live skit for Celebash. He has been a puppeteer for three years.

Todd Eastis reached the highest certification in puppetry by meeting all the requirements for his Masters Puppeteer Certificate. He has already received all the other certificates, but by doing the duties of director since March and directing the Esther: Queen of Heart program he completed everything needed to receive this certificate. He is a senior at Warsaw High School and will be attending North Manchester College this fall. Congratulations to Todd and best wishes for continued success in reaching his goals.

Two fifth graders will be joining the puppeteers this fall. They plan to attend the Michigan puppet ministry conference with the team this summer. If you are a fifth grader or above and would like to be a puppeteer, contact Bonnie Hughes at 574-834-7471 as soon as possible.

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Missions Missive . . .

Pray for Stan and Sandy Ide and Inter-Collegiate Ministries

- ⌘ The work of this ministry is to train college students for ministry. Inter-Collegiate Ministries uses student officers on campus to broaden their contacts and help with implementation of the ministry.
- ⌘ Stan and Sandy have a full-blown student outreach program at Manchester College, including Bible studies, prayer ministry, Main Group meetings, and drama outreaches. Stan teaches NT Greek, guitar and worship.
- ⌘ At Grace College, Stan teaches Worship and Guitar to students seeking a career as a youth pastor or missionary.

Service Connection

- * Thanks to all the Ministry organizations that attended Service Connection.
- * Thanks also to all the Presby folks who attended and met with them.
- * Special thanks to those who signed up to volunteer with a ministry.

A Big Hooray for Our Teen Helpers . . .

Twelve of our tweens and teens (ages 11-15) 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!

- ⌘ Several of them serve as "extra hands and feet" for games in Celebash (worship time for 4-year-olds thru 4th grade)
- ⌘ Nine of them are "extra arms for loving, playing, and rocking" in the baby nursery
- ⌘ Six are leaders in Toddler Time (worship time for 2-3 year olds)

Did you notice that the numbers don't add up to 12? That's because many of these service-oriented young people serve in more than one ministry per month.

The six Teen Helpers who are leading Toddler Time have ably assumed their first "leadership" role this year by teaching a short lesson, rather than simply assisting adult leaders. They read a short Bible story to the children, pray with them, play simple games, and do a coloring page together. Kudos to Emily Bailey, Rebekah Baldwin, Asa Brown, Brianne Johnson, Allison Kosins, and Abby Schue for taking the next step in serving!

Prayer Team News . . .

On May 6 at noon, the National Day of Prayer was held in Warsaw at Trinity United Methodist Church. The program and speakers were excellent and we set a new record in attendance.

The committee that brought this off consisted of the WEPC prayer team, Ken Locke from the Salvation Army, and Sheila Marsh, the prayer coordinator for WCC.

Pat Sittler and Bambi Wilson went to businesses all over town in order to get advertising up on their signs promoting the National Day of Prayer. The other members of our church that participated in the preparations and planning for this event were Mike Herring, Edna Bryan, Jenny Bryan, Joe and Cindy Bryan, and Bruce Shown, prayer elder.

We are discovering the power of prayer in our weekly prayer meetings on Thursday nights. Here is a quote from Brother Andrew, God's smuggler of bibles into the forbidden places in the world:

"Whenever our Lord prayed, things happened...Prayer was the heart of His success, and it is also the key to our success as Christians. Yet too often we fail just where Jesus succeeded.

The world has not yet seen what God can do through a person who is fully dedicated to Jesus Christ and understands the power of prayer.

Prayer is the basis of everything God is accomplishing in the world, and that is why I consider it so important for us to unlock these hidden reserves of divine power and confront the enemy who is sweeping the earth today.

... Intercessory prayer for the world can be effective only if we know God and His character...Intercession is having influence on God. It is God changing his mind because His conditions for change are met."

If you want to be a part of this key ministry, please join us on Thursday nights. And pray every day wherever you are.

About BETA YEAR . . .

The sixth-grade Sunday School class is called BETA YEAR because the kids who grow up in our children's ministries have most likely taken the first step and made an initial profession of faith by this age. "Beta," then, is the second step and serves as the confirmation class for our youngsters before they decide to join our church family.

In this class, teacher Steve Meulink and assistant Bill Winn take an entire school year to go through the Shorter Catechism, making sure that our 6th graders know the basics of our faith and understand the doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession. Lots of discussion is encouraged in this class so that by the time they go into their teen years, our young people have had the opportunity to question and confirm their faith.

NOTE: Steve Meulink will be teaching a shorter version of this class to our adults during July and August, called "Are You Smarter Than a Sixth Grader?" Plan to attend if you want to be sure you know as much as our kids!

KAIROS Jail Ministry . . .

The Kairos Team was set to go into Indiana State Prison this last April. Unfortunately, ISP went into a Lock Down because of internal issues. Those issues have been resolved and now we are able to take the Good News of Jesus Christ into the prison this month. The Kairos weekend will be June 10-13. Some of you have already baked cookies and they are frozen. As of now we have only 1,200 dozen cookies of the 3,000 dozen required. We want to distribute a dozen cookies to each of the inmates including Death Row. With those cookies comes a message of love from you on the 'outside' and a message of Christ's Love. The cookie recipe is available at the 'information desk' for any one who wants to bake 6 dozen cookies. The cookies are then placed 6 each in plastic zip locks. This cookie recipe does not need to be frozen after the first of June. On June 9 all cookies baked in the Warsaw area will be collected and delivered to Indiana State Prison.

Meal tickets are available for you to purchase for \$5.00 each. When you purchase a meal ticket, place your first name on them only. Also write a few words of inspiration and hope on the backside. Place your check or dollars in the blue can. Write the check to 'Kairos of Indiana'.

Lastly, and most importantly, the Kairos four-day weekend needs your prayers. Please check out this Web site and sign in on a time slot for our Kairos weekend. Look for Prayer Vigil then ISP#7 Jun10th -13th. <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=4205>
We would like to fill up these hours 100%.

The Kairos team wants to thank all of you who have

contributed in the past with your prayers, cookies, place mats and meal tickets. The inmates appreciate and also thank you for your sacrifices. It truly expresses to them God's love, agape love.

Marriage Celebrate Weekend . . .

This year twelve couples from Warsaw went up to Mackinac Island in May to celebrate their marriages. It was the most perfect of times and the weather was outstanding. Some couples enjoyed a visit to the Tahquamenon Water Falls. Some enjoyed bike rides and carriage rides on the island. Some went through the locks in Sault Saint Marie and others lounged around the Grand Hotel. But the one thing that all twelve couples did do was Celebrate their marriages. Many couples have already registered for next year. This is a wonderful time and a great time to share and appreciate the Love that our God has for us and with each other.

If you are interested in knowing more, speak with any of the couples who went this year, or talk to George and Sally Fish. Also you can check out the Marriage Celebrate Web site: Celebratenet.com If you register for next year now, you will save money and you can plan on your adventure for next May.

Bottles For Babies . . .

During the months of June and July we will be reaching out to one of our mission partners--Heartline Pregnancy Center--by gathering up our loose change and depositing same in baby bottles, which will be available to those of our members who wish to participate. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details.

All of Heartline's services are free, confidential, and Christ-centered for any woman facing an unplanned pregnancy. Services include pregnancy testing and verification; ultrasound; education on pregnancy, childbirth and parenting; assistance with maternity clothing and infant supplies such as diapers and formula; instruction on proper car seat installation, as well as providing new car seats free of charge; childcare especially designed for children of high school and college age parents; and a variety of support groups.

News From The Preschool . . .

- * Preschoolers were thrilled with their end-of-year field trips to the **Joy Jungle** (the 3's), and the **Fort Wayne Zoo** (the 4's). What a great way to finish out the school year!
- * **Presby Preschool Graduation** took place the evenings of May 20 & 21. A happy event, to be sure, but in some ways a little bittersweet! Through the school year, the teachers get to know these children and their families well— even forming a bond. So it's difficult to say goodbye, even though there is joy in watching the children mature, "blossom," and move on. The kids will no doubt have many happy memories of their classmates, teachers and the variety of experiences they've enjoyed together! A big **Thank You!** to everyone who contributed cookies or assistance on the evenings of graduation!
- * A few openings remain in our summer programs, **KidQuest** and **P.A.C.** KidQuest is a fun-filled half-day summer camp for ages 4-7, where your child may attend one week, several weeks, or every week. P.A.C. is a summer day (care) camp for ages 4 yrs - after 6th grade, and is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Activities include swimming, bowling, skating, field trips, games and much more. If you or someone you know would like to register or learn more about these programs, please contact Presby Preschool for more information, at 267-4034.

Presby Preschooler Kid Quote Of The Month . . .

One day a little boy told his teacher that he had learned how to tie his shoe. He was so excited that he told her over and over. Later in the day, the teacher noticed that the child's right shoe was untied, so she said to him, "*Now you can show me how you tie your shoe!*" The little boy looked down at his shoe, then informed his teacher, "*But I can only tie the other one!*"

Toby's Tech Notes . . .

Greetings! There have been many exciting things happening lately with the AV Team at Presby. Since the audio of our sermon has been published online, there have been an average of about 18 people downloading and listening to it online. Remember, this is available to the whole world! Tell your friends, coworkers, missionaries, family members, everybody! Our sermons are available online at www.warsawpresby.org or in the iTunes store, search for "WEPC podcast."

If you are looking for a way to get involved, the Audio-Visual Team may be the place for you! Even if you do not have any experience with AV equipment, just bring a willing and eager attitude and we will all learn together. I hope to have classes this summer for anyone who wishes

to learn about the sound system, media presentation, or lighting. If you are interested in the classes, helping out, or both, please contact me either by phone (office: 574-267-7044x229; cell: 630-234-9052) or by email (chin.toby@gmail.com).

On a totally different note, the FCC has changed some laws and regulations, the result of which is that our wireless microphones in the FLC will be operating illegally as of June 12th. Unfortunately, the microphones cannot be re-tuned to different frequencies, so the gear will need to be replaced. Please be praying with us that God would provide a solution for this problem. If you have questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Despite the "downer," there are a lot of exciting things happening in the near future that we look forward to. Until next time, may you always have much gain before feedback and never harmonic distortion.

May Overview . . .

Average weekly attendance = 297 people (thru May 23)

Financial Facts As Of 05/18/10 . . .

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| General Fund Income YTD | \$284,797 |
| General Fund Expenses YTD | <u>\$289,304</u> |
| | -\$ 5,007 |
| Debt Retirement Received YTD | \$ 15,071 |
| Stained Glass Window fund balance | \$ 63,160 |
| Sanctuary Restoration fund balance | \$ 4,555 |

FLC Mortgage Balances as of:

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|------------|-------------|
| 12/31/2008 | \$1,202,998 |
| 12/31/2009 | \$1,099,552 |
| 05/18/2010 | \$1,053,148 |

Church Family News . . .

- * Mary Derry would like to thank Sonya Ashton for taking the time to wash her windows.
- * Sympathies are extended to:
 - Kim DeGaetano on the loss of her aunt.
 - Jeremy Lea on the passing of his father.
 - The Virginia Wilkins family.

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June Birthdays. . .

If your June birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please let the office know so that it can be added to the database.

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| Claire Bussell | 6/1 |
| Gabrielle Hygema | 6/4 |
| Ruth Casner | 6/5 |
| Pam Walker | 6/5 |
| Anne Bailey | 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 |
| Bethany Brown | 6/12 |
| Mike Morel | 6/13 |
| Christopher Skaggs | 6/13 |
| Judy Case | 6/15 |
| Julie Kline | 6/15 |
| Sandy Knauer | 6/15 |
| David Lasley | 6/15 |
| Jake Buck | 6/16 |
| Jacob Kline | 6/16 |
| Tobias Buck | 6/17 |
| Nate West | 6/18 |
| Lucas Koors | 6/21 |
| Jonathan Warner | 6/21 |
| Steven Miller | 6/24 |
| Bob Trout | 6/24 |
| Rosina Raisler | 6/26 |
| Emily Aikins | 6/27 |
| Mike Kelly | 6/27 |
| Bruce Shown | 6/27 |
| Helen Brown | 6/29 |
| Karen Garrard | 6/29 |
| Dee Meerzo | 6/29 |
| Ira Brown | 6/30 |

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