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Prayer Concerns . . .

- Mark & Helen Brown's neighbor
- Donna Buck
- Bill Burd
- Kim DeGaetano's sister
- Terri Goebel
- Bethany Hatfield
- Jerry & Bonnie Hughes' daughter
- Robby Kissling's mother, Alison
- Sandy Knauer's brother
- Kathy Kuhn
- Mark & Sandi Lancaster's grandson
- Reny Missos' mother
- Barb Purrington's daughter
- Jim Rhodes' brother
- Teri Scot
- Nancylue Shown's grandson
- Bamby VanDyke

Erik's Epistle . . .

Presby, You're Doing a Good Job!

Wow. I am impressed. You (Presby) are doing a very good job. Many of you have been quite complimentary to me, but let me give you a handful of examples of some of the excellent ministries occurring here before my arrival. Here are some of them:

Lincoln School Outreach: Forty plus volunteers from our church have offered to have lunch with and/or to tutor a struggling student. As well, each teacher, administrator and staffer at Lincoln has a WEPC prayer partner.

Pastoral Care: If someone at our church is ill or injured they are entered onto the prayer chain and the deacons are notified. Whether it's meals to make life easier, assistance at home, or a personal visit in the hospital, our deacons have it covered. Every two months each member of the congregation receives a call just to check-in and to request any prayer concerns.

W.O.W. (Winning Over Widowhood): Another amazing ministry of Scripture study, fellowship, emotional and practical support to seventy-five widows in the Lakes

Upcoming Presby Events . . .

- Wednesday, September 1—The Underground at 7:15
- Sunday, September 5—Celebash Fall Kick-off
- Wednesday, September 8—Kid's Choir, Fun Stuff, JAM, and Adult Choir begin
- Thursday, September 9—Women's Day At The Dunes
- Sunday, September 12—Fall Sunday School starts!
- Sunday, September 26 — Global Outreach Sunday
- Friday, October 8—Preschool Family Night

area. Two of our saints design it and implement it on less than \$1,200 per year.

Prayer Meeting/Prayer Team/Prayer Warriors: About a dozen to twenty persons meet each Thursday evening to pray over every known and non-confidential WEPC prayer concern. Not until we all gather in Paradise will we truly know how much they have blessed and protected us. Currently one or two persons give up corporate worship on a particular Sunday and pray during the service for each aspect of our worship. Personally, I believe they are enhancing our worship experience.

Preschool: Everyone in town reports that Presby Preschool is the best in town. I actually met a mom signing up her child who had attended the Preschool herself as a youngster. One of the significant traits of excellent organizations is staff tenure. Our preschool staff is "off the charts" in this category with a teacher tenure range of 8 years (the new ones) to 20 years. Great and dedicated teachers! Great leadership! Great Preschool!

Christian Education: Did you see the list of this Fall's interesting adult classes taught by a superb cast of teachers? Did you know that our Sunday School has specifically targeted their teaching and can tell what your 3rd grader, 4th, 5th, or any grader will learn by the end of this Sunday School year?

Staff: Our church staff is impressive. They are smart. They are dedicated. They know their jobs. They go the extra mile. They accept challenges. They are willing learners. They are teaching me a lot. It is a pleasure to work with them.

It is a pleasure to be on board with all these ministries and leaders. Many other excellent examples have not been mentioned in this message, but will be in the future. Together, we will accomplish the Lord's will that we reach a new generation of believers here in Warsaw.

News From The Session . . .

Your session met on Monday August 9 for its regular meeting. This was the first meeting with our new pastor, Erik Ohman, participating. While there was a serious and longer than planned discussion of church finances going on, Pastor Erik had us stop the session meeting and take the concern to the Lord in prayer. He said that will be a frequent practice—making prayer a first resort. And yet we are also to be diligent applying the gifts that God has given to us to do what we can to solve our problems.

On Friday, September 10, the Presbytery will be meeting and voting to accept Pastor Erik as our pastor. Four elders on session and some other church members will be attending to support him there. Any member or friend of the church interested in attending this meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan needs to let our church office know.

Other topics discussed:

- Missions team met with high school youth group on their mission trip before their presentation to the church on August 15.
- Forming a pastoral care team.
- Day of Caring, August 25—provided meals for 120 at the church and a team worked at the Win Morrison house.
- Improvements to the sound and light systems in the sanctuary that will improve both hearing throughout and the visibility of the big screen for slides and videos.
- The plans to replace the worst of the two church vans with another minibus as soon as one can be found.
- The church is full during Sunday services. The staff has been assigned to plan for what needs to be done to go to two church services in the sanctuary. What logistics changes need to be made—more ushers, etc. No date has been set for this, pending all the preparations being in place.

The current Elder assignments are:

Ethel Anderson—Missions
 Lane Anderson—Christian Growth
 Jill Blackwood—Preschool Outreach
 Steve DeGaetano—Facilities
 Jerry Hughes—Facilities
 Anita Johnson—Finance
 Jan Monteith—Congregational Care
 Larry Peppe—Worship & Fellowship
 Bruce Shown—Clerk of Session & Outreach/Prayer
 Tom Skaggs—Christian Growth
 Paul Voorhorst—Worship & Fellowship
 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- Helen Brown
 Helping Hands-Bill Lawrence
 College-Barb Bussell

Children's Ministries News . . .

Celebash PreK - 4th grade During worship hour
 New! Starting in September, every 4th Sunday is "Puppet Time." Parents pick up their children from the FLC as usual.

Celebash said goodbye to the 5th graders on August 29th with a "Fruit of the Spirit" party! After this date, 5th graders will be Celebash "graduates." Celebash Fall Kick-Off is September 5th, for ages 4-4th grade.

Presby Kids' Choir K-6th grade Wednesdays 4:30-5:30
 Fall Kick-Off for Presby Kid's Choir is September 8th. This fall, Kid's Choir offers a variety of worship skills such as singing, drama, art, handbells, and boomwhackers. The kids prepare for hands-on ministry on September 26th for Global Connection Missions Sunday. Kids, get ready for a great time of learning and excitement!

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.....Paul's Prison Epistles @ DePuy
 Thursday, 7 am.....Isaiah
 Thursday, noon.....Esther

Calling All Singers . . .

If you like singing and would like to use your voice in leading worship to God, then come join the adult choir. Rehearsals begin Sept. 8 from 7:00-8:30 in the sanctuary. Questions can be directed to Judie Meulink at 574-268-1267. Come praise the Lord with a voice of singing!

Outreach News . . .

We at WEPC are calling our community outreach efforts the Presby Community Connection. Forty-five of you have signed up as volunteers either to help at Lincoln School or at the Presby Preschool. And about that many have signed up as prayer partners to the teachers and staffs at both schools. Presby Preschool started on Tuesday, August 24. After things settle down with the classes, the needs will become more clear at each of these schools.

In that light, here is the message that will soon be emailed to all our Lincoln School volunteers:

"Thank you for signing up to become a link between WEPC and our community through our opportunities at Lincoln School. The Revitalization Team feels we have made great progress. Yet, many questions remain to be clarified.

Whether you signed up to help as a Lunch Buddy, in the Homework Club, as a Tutoring Assistant, Reading with a Child, Transportation, Help wherever needed, or as a Prayer Partner, you are an important person to this new outreach. We hope to have most of your questions answered in the near future.

After Labor Day, we meet with Lincoln's Principal to iron out these questions relating to procedures and process. We do not expect our participation to begin before October since the school needs most of September to get their year started. We do expect to complete all background checks through the school in the month of September. We do need you to fill out the very straightforward background check form that is in the church office or available from Bruce Shown.

So, please standby! We will have a complete breakdown for you in early September. Until then, please join us in daily prayer for God's hand of blessing to our community."

Heartline's "Bottles for Babies" Appeal . . .

We are pleased to report that the congregation responded with \$600 in change for this wonderful outreach ministry. There are still five bottles that have not been returned, so if you're still filling them, please bring them in as soon as possible.

2010 VBS The Days of Noah . . .

If you missed it you missed a great one! Over 100 people enjoyed themselves with wet and wild water games, a delicious supper, a lesson on the great flood and Noah, and they got to pet an awesome array of God's most interesting creatures, including an Australian Possum, a King Snake, and an Alligator to name a few! Gary Leininger was named King of the Dunk Tank after winning the title by popular vote. Over \$225 was raised for Spanish World Gospel Ministries.

A big thank you to the entire team for a job well done. A special thanks to Eric and Thea Wagoner and a number of dedicated youth who canvassed our neighborhood, area parks and apartment complexes, by handing out over 150 VBS flyers. Several families from outside the church attended, with one young man accepting Jesus.

Thank you also to those who so generously gave jello, cookies, craft items and to all those who prayed. God was lifted up and glorified through word, deed, and song.

Helping Hands and Day of Caring . . .

This year a large team from our church was able to combine, participating in the county-wide Day of Caring project along with a Helping Hands project at Win and Carolyn Morrison's house.

The project involved taking out and replacing crumbling brick sides for their front steps and putting in a railing for going up and down those steps. This had to be done in sequence with the work spread over four days ending on the August 25 Day of Caring. Normal projects have to be something that can be done in one day. But by combining that with Helping Hands this need could be met.

It started with removing bushes and poison ivy on August 14. Then on Saturday, the 21st the team removed all the old bricks and chipped all the mortar off any that could be reused. On Tuesday, the 24th the team picked up the materials and laid the foundation rows of bricks. The team finished on Wednesday the 25th, the official Day of Caring, and had lunch at our church along with teams from many other projects.

Our team was led by Mark Brown. Others on the construction team were Mike Herring, Jim Raisler, Doug West, Max Holloway, Eugenia Fulkerson, Jack Town, Wayne Nicola, and Bruce Shown. Helping with Saturday's lunch, which was also Win Morrison's 88th birthday celebration, were Sally Fish, Nancyue Shown, and Erik Ohman. Project progress photography was by George and Sally Fish. Win Morrison made sure the teams started each day's work right by leading us in prayer.

News From The Worship & Fellowship Team . . .

During the month of September, our Presby family will celebrate Communion on Sunday, September 12, during our worship service.

Plans are being organized for the Harvest Dinner and we are looking forward to a great time on Sunday, November 21, as we celebrate and share a time of food and fellowship together! We invite our entire Presby family to come together and share a great time as we celebrate so many blessings in the life of our church family! More details to follow in the weeks to come!

Work and study continues on the schedule of our Sunday morning worship services, as our Pastor, the Staff, and the Worship and Fellowship team consider alternatives and how we can best accommodate our Presby family as we worship together each Sunday!

We are so very grateful for everyone who has volunteered to serve as Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Hosts, special music and technical assistance, and in so many ways to enhance the worship experience at Presby! Blessings to everyone and if you have a desire to get involved in this important ministry, please contact Judie Meulink, Worship Music Director, for further details!

News from the Director of Women's Ministries . . .

Upcoming Studies and Activities

⌘ **"Scripture Recipes of Encouragement,"** four weeks on Monday mornings--September 13-October 4, from 9:00-10:15 am at Karen Garrard's home, 1708 Sunfish Dr. (Springhill Acres). This is a time to foster and develop the spiritual gift of encouragement in a workshop-type setting, where you'll be making simple but meaningful tokens of encouragement and hope for others inside and outside our church family.

⌘ **"God in the Midst of Our Struggles,"** a six-week Bible study on Wednesday noon from October 6-November 10, 12:00-1:00 in the Loft, taught by Bambi Wilson. All women struggle--in marriage, with finances, with health problems, with family members, in our jobs, with friends, with temptations. What did women in the Scriptures do with their struggles? Where did they turn when they didn't know what to do? Did God keep His promises to them? Can God use even our frailties for good? Find the answers in this study of women of the Bible. Bring sack lunch; beverages provided.

Sign up for these small groups now at the women's table in the Fellowship Hall! And watch for more small-group, short-term studies and activities being offered throughout the fall. All women are welcome; bring a neighbor or friend with you!

Prayer Ministry News . . .

On August 25, our church was the first in Warsaw to host a monthly early morning prayer meeting where pray-ers from all participating churches will join together in prayer for our community. Please watch for the opportunity in September to join this ministry. These Beyond the Wall meetings will be held monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 7 am.

Our church services have been excellent and Holy Spirit filled. A big reason, perhaps the biggest, is that someone is outside of each service praying for it as it goes on. Since August 1st our church services have been covered by these dedicated pray-ers: Joe Bryan, Mark Warner, Pat Sittler, Edna Bryan, Bruce and Nancyue Shown, Bambi Wilson, and Mazie Kreicker. A few more church members have signed up for this essential ministry service. More are needed to sign up so that the pray-er only has to miss one worship service every second month. All who serve are given a complimentary CD of the service for later listening.

Fifty-four church members have signed up as prayer partners for either a Lincoln School or a Presby Preschool teacher. Thank you. Soon you will be receiving information about who to pray for and some of their general needs--these are always prayer needs. Later you will receive specific prayer requests from them.

As we grow as a praying church our prayer meetings are becoming more powerful as a means of together reaching the throne of Christ. We have so much to cover, the Holy Spirit has to complete what we cannot. Although more of us see each other at the church service, a disproportionate amount of the work of and blessing to our church and to our community happens at our prayer meetings.

We pray that we will be a High Impact Church that Prays With Power in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Wild Game Dinner . . .

Our 4th annual Wild Game Dinner has been re-scheduled to Friday, March 4, 2011.

Featured performers will be Dr. John Davis and the Stovepipe Holler Trio, and our own Puppeteers. If you have spare wild game in your freezer, please reserve it for this worthy outreach event.

News from the Director of Christian Growth...

Fall Sunday School classes for adults and children begin on September 12. **Remember--NO classes for any ages on Labor Day Sunday, September 5!**

New Children's classes:

- **2 & 3 yr olds**—room 211B, Patrice Hygema & Tammy Neiswonger
- **Preschool-K**—room 203B, Kay Hershberger
- **Grades 1-2**—room 205B, Karalyn & Paul Voorhorst
- **Grade 3**—room 208A, Heidi & Gary Leininger
- **Grades 4-5**—Basement kitchen A, Troy & Anita Johnson
- **Grade 6 (BETA Year)**—room 209A, Steve Meulink & Bill Winn

New or Continuing Adult classes:

- **The "One Anothers" of the New Testament**, room 304B, Pat Sittler
- **The Study of I & II Kings**, room 303B, Tammy Schultz & Robby Kissling
- **The Study of Isaiah**, Fellowship Hall classroom, Gus Sideris
- **What's the Difference? Christian Denominations, Cults, and World Religions**, room 301B, Bill Henning
— This class will be recorded each week; a copy of the tape is available from the office for \$2.
- **Renamed Class:** The former "**College-Age Class**" is now called "**18/30 Journey**" to better reflect the nature of the class. Teachers Jeff & Nancy Peck say, "*We enjoy Young Adults, and we want to be your church home. If you are age 18-30, whether you are a college student, a single young adult, or a young married couple, we would love to have you join us as we study God's Word and fellowship together. The class meets each Sunday morning at 11:00 in the "Loft." At this time we are starting a new study, so it's a great time to check out the class. And we have delicious goodies each week, too!*"

Contact Anne, 267-7044 or anne.bailey149@gmail.com, with questions/concerns about any classes.

Children's Midweek Ministries Begin Wednesday, September 8!

All WEPC families should have recently received a midweek ministry packet in the mail that included all pertinent information about Fun Stuff, JAM, and Kids Choir. Midweek ministries for kids run every Wednesday evening from 4:30-7:15—Kids Choir (4:30-5:30) is for ages K-6; Fun Stuff is for K-4 and JAM is for 5-6th graders.

Here's what's coming up in September for Fun Stuff & JAM:

- September 8 — "Build Fun City" Kick-Off
- September 15—Regular night of eating stuff, learning stuff, doing stuff, and making stuff
- September 22—Family Fall Party at the Brown's--campfire, hayride, playing in leaves, outside games
- September 29—Eat, learn, do, and make stuff

Fun Stuff's focus is on encouraging creativity and fun in a Christian environment, with biblical principles taught in unusual ways using modern-day media and events. We also stress treating peers and leaders with respect and modeling Christianity through godly role models.

JAM will be focusing this year on evangelism training--clarifying the gospel, grounding kids in their faith, developing language for sharing Jesus, and some apologetics. Also, JAM enjoys off-site activities and service projects during the year.

Call Anne, 267-7044 or anne.bailey149@gmail.com, with questions or concerns.

Third Grade Bible Presentation

All incoming third graders will receive their NIV New Adventure Bibles at the 9:30 worship service on September 12. The third-grade Sunday School class is our Bible Skills Year, in which young people learn how to navigate God's Word by memorizing the main sections of it, the books of the Bible, and other important landmarks. Heidi Leininger is the teacher of this class, with Gary Leininger assisting. Contact Anne at above phone number or email address if your third-grader didn't receive a postcard.

Teen Helpers

Thirteen young people from 5th grade and up were recently trained to serve as assistants and leaders in several of our ministries for children, such as the Nursery Area, Toddler Time (children's church for 2-3 year olds), and Celebash (worship ministry for grades PreK-4). They follow prescribed guidelines in this first service opportunity at WEPC. If you meet them in a classroom or another group, please encourage and thank them!

Missions Missive . . .

GLOBAL CONNECTION—aka Mission Sunday: September 26

- 9:30 Missionary speakers in morning service
- 10:30 Meet and greet missionaries and visit displays
- 11:00 Missionary speakers in Sunday school classes
(Watch the bulletin for details)
- 12:20 Luncheon with missionaries
(Watch the bulletin for sign-up info)

Pray for HEARTLINE PREGNANCY CENTER / TEENS 'N TOTS, Angie Wood, and Tirsah Sell

Heartline Pregnancy Center, Inc. is a pro-life, Christian agency that assists women who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. Serving Kosciusko County for over 25 years, they offer free pregnancy testing, emotional support, information on pregnancy options, educational programs on maintaining a healthy pregnancy and childbirth, parenting classes, infant and maternity supplies, limited ultrasound services, and post-abortive counseling.

One program unique to Heartline is the TNT Childcare & Preschool Ministry. Teens 'N Tots is an Indiana registered childcare ministry that provides quality, Christian childcare to children ages two weeks through five years whose parents are striving to complete their high school and college education. The students utilize one class period during their school day to spend time with their child and be mentored by the childcare providers. They also offer a weekly support group that deals with subjects such as spiritual growth, parenting, continuing education, maintaining their health and their child's health, and positive life choices.

August Overview . . .

Average weekly attendance = 292 people

Financial Facts As Of 08/25/10 . . .

General Fund Income YTD	\$477,757
General Fund Expenses YTD	\$473,201
	\$ 4,556
Debt Retirement Received YTD	\$ 18,178
Stained Glass Window fund balance	\$ 64,070
Sanctuary Restoration fund balance	\$ 4,555

FLC Mortgage Balances as of:

12/31/2008	\$1,202,998
12/31/2009	\$1,099,552
08/25/2010	\$1,037,146

Church Family News . . .

- * Congratulations to Marty & Judy Becker, who have a new grandson, Maxwell Isaac Mitchell, born August 15!
- * A graduated Youth Group member is seeking a lead on affordable housing or a room for rent in South Bend beginning in January. Please contact Tyler Smith at 574-253-3231 with any information.

Community Events . . .

✠ Local Christian women's conference at the Warsaw Wesleyan Church, Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. You are uniquely and wonderfully made. Join this group for a day of connecting with Christian women in our community. Dr. Betty Fratzke, of Indiana Wesleyan University, will guide the group through how we are each created as a masterpiece of God. \$30 registration fee. For more information or to register, visit www.warsawwesleyan.com or call Renee Sweeney at 269-3419.

✠ **Legacy Of Life Banquet** scheduled for Monday, September 27 at the Orthopaedic Capital Center. Join other Presby members and 600 other pro-life people for this wonderful time of celebrating LIFE. Reserve a seat for this great evening with Karen Garrard, table host, our church's liaison with RTL. Call 267-7295.

✠ **Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts (Fort Wayne Bible Conference 2010)** Where is God when you are hurting? Can God be trusted when your world collapses around you and all that remains is the rubble of shattered dreams and shattered lives? These questions, and others, will be examined during the first annual Fort Wayne Bible Conference sponsored by the Northeast Indiana Reformation Society and the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. The theme of this year's conference is *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts* featuring well known speaker, teacher, and author Jerry Bridges. Jerry is the best-selling author of such books as the *Pursuit of Holiness*, *Respectable Sins*, and *Trusting God*. Jerry is also on staff with The Navigators' collegiate ministry. The conference will be Friday evening, October 8, and Saturday, October 9 from 9 am-2 pm, and will be hosted by North Park Community Church, 7160 Flutter Road, Fort Wayne, IN.

Flyers are available at the church or from Jim Raisler. Sign up online at <http://www.reformedresources.org/event/2010-10-08-fort-wayne-bible-conference-2010/> or call 215-546-3696. Cost is \$35.

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September Birthdays. . .

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

Arne Brown	9/1	Carl Williams	9/21
Donald Kispert	9/1	Molly Kissling	9/22
Cynthia Lehman	9/1	Katy Cutshall	9/23
Reny Missos	9/1	Nancy Kealey	9/23
Joe Lozier	9/2	Lynn Murphy	9/23
Bryan Ashton	9/4	Hannah DeGaetano	9/24
Karen Cain	9/6	Sherry Andres	9/25
Mary Derry	9/6	George Fish	9/25
Rebecca Monsma	9/10	Pearl Leatherman	9/25
Daniel Warner	9/10	Eric Green	9/26
Kendra Miller	9/11	Maxwell Rogers	9/26
Reese Morel	9/11	Norma Caperton	9/27
Larry Tegtmeyer	9/11	Karen Cripe	9/28
Nancy Bolesky	9/12	Melissa Warner	9/28
Terry Klondaris	9/12	Shari Skaggs	9/29
Kristopher Ker	9/13	Mark Warner	9/29
Gary Renier	9/13	Shirley Huston	9/30
Marilyn Homme	9/14		
Tammy Schultz	9/14		
Carl Snyder	9/14		
Ronna Fruth	9/15		
Katy Reneker	9/16		
Marla Doyle	9/18		
Thomas Edgar	9/18		

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