

APRIL 2010 CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Event
11	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
15	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Session
		10:00 a.m.	NW Cluster Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
		7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
16	Friday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast – Bobby's Too
17	Saturday	9 am- 12pm	Spring Clean-up
18	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship—Youth Sunday
19	Monday	-----	May <i>First Press</i> deadline
		7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – rm 5
22	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
		7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
25	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship—Earth Sunday
26-28	Mon. – Wed.	-----	Rachel Pedersen –on Continuing Ed.

MAY 2010 CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Event
1	Saturday	8:00-10:00 a.m.	Breakfast for the Homeless
		-----	PW Worship Retreat at Spring Mill
2	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Communion
		10:00 a.m.	Church School/Fellowship Time
		11:00 a.m.	Worship - Communion
4	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Personnel – room 27
5	Wednesday	5:45 p.m.	Committee Night Meal
		6:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings
6	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
		10:00 p.m.	Praise and Worship Team- room 5

Next Sunday's lectionary readings are...

OT: Ps. 30 NT: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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PRAYER CONCERNS:

Audrey Heasty	Alan Zents(Creech)	Logan Hambrick (Ratliff)
Blake Kamstra	Connie Bruzzese (Williamson)	Judy O'Connor (Coppedge)
The family of Pat Riggins	Ronnie Nazzari	The family of Jack Robinson
Russ Novy	Kathy Obrakta (Johnson)	(Baude)
Bev Tevault	Don Ostrouski (Dunning)	Elise Waterbury (Ewert)
The family of Betty Alford	Meggan Settle (Buse)	The family of Bill Lowe (Wingard)
Emily Nejfelt-Davis	Gabriel Settle (Buse)	

ON GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

Charles Heiser	Brian Kanowsky	Bruce Nelson
Rebecca Johnson	Adam James (Smith)	Cole Winnefield (Goodlett)
Kristy Mitsdorfer's family	Cora Sudbury	Irene Albright (Koch)
Judy Williams	Damion Kline (Darling)	Ariel Green
Grant Prekert	Susan Koch	David Clemons (Koch)
Ross Arvin (Williams)	Doris Koch	Frank & Marjorie Woodall (Melton)
Ruth Fleming	Russell Coleman (Allen)	Louis Tompkins (Sharon Nejfelt's
Jeanne Potter	Tom Black	brother)
Sylvia Jefferies	Simon & Haejung Park	Bill and Dorothy Adam (Davis-
Lou Miller	David Fahrbach (Rusie)	Deckard)
Ozzie Ragatz	Jon Purvis	Bob Trussell
Dexter Lawless (Darling)	Alice Hershey (Moir)	David Purvis (Jon and Carol's son
Bob Hart	Marie Saylor (Dearborn)	

 For today's Postlude, we welcome **Elaine Sonnenberg**, a doctoral candidate in organ at the Jacobs School of Music, and organist for St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Bloomington. She'll be playing the daunting and remarkable "wedge" fugue by Bach, so named because the subject, or main theme, has the visual and oral shape of a wedge. Beginning on an E, the notes depart in either direction, alternating low to high, until reaching an octave span between them. Noteworthy is the middle section, featuring relentless sixteenth note runs that reach a breathless climax, finally yielding to a repeat of the opening section in eighth-notes. Bach combines da capo form (undoubtedly influenced from his cantata writing) with elements of the Vivaldian Italian concerto, and applies both to a single piece of organ music!

LITURGIST for today is Daniel Helper.

HEAD USHERS for today are Trent and Liz Deckard (9:00 a.m.) and Ron Jensen (11:00 a.m.)

TODAY'S SOUNDBOARD OPERATORS are Greg Hepfer (9:00 a.m.) and Garth Goodlett (11:00 a.m.).

ACOLYTE for today is Baileigh Goodlett.

FLOWERS today are given by Thomas Schwandt and Sherry Knighton-Schwandt in loving memory of Sherry's Mom, Marjorie Smith Knighton.

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH: Karen and Dan Watts are hosts of the college lunch today. Please join them downstairs in room 5 after the 11:00 church service.

HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: The church has devices for those that have trouble hearing. For hygiene purposes please bring your own earphones that have a small “mini” plug. You can request the use of a device from the ushers or go directly to the sound operator.

SPRING CLEAN-UP, APRIL 17th. We need lots of volunteers to help us clean up the inside and outside of the building. We will start at 9:00 and be finished by noon. Contact Steve Main for more information.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN: The FP Women’s Retreat will be held at the Spring Mill Inn in Mitchell on April 30th and May 1st. The gathering will begin at 7 pm Friday April 30th and concludes at 4 pm Saturday the 1st of May. All women of the Church are invited to attend. Information and registration forms are available on line in the First Press or in the Lyman Hall narthex bulletin board. Registrations must be in by March 28th. If you have any questions please call Carol at 323-7823 or Gail at 325-0514.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES FOR SUNDAY, April 11th: (10-10:50 am)

Faith Forum (meets in Room 7 downstairs): "Introduction to Buddhism", presented by Mary Pattison. Mary will depict her own faith journey to Buddhism, the different types of Buddhism, and ways Christian and Buddhist approaches interact and can relate meaningfully. She will also describe plans for the Dalai Lama's May visit to Bloomington.

Gen-X (meets in Room 5 downstairs): "So What, Now What?" We just celebrated the biggest day in the Christian calendar. Now what? Biblical and personal perspectives.

Seekers (Bible study, meets in Parlor): "Love Within The Community": I John 2:7-17, the new command.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES FOR SUNDAY, April 18th: (10-10:50 am)

Faith Forum: On the occasion of Earth Sunday next week, Earth Stewards presents Andy Mahler who will address "Mountain Top Removal." See special announcement.

Gen-X: Joins Faith Forum for the Earth Stewards program.

Seekers: "Connecting in Community": Matthew 5:17-20 and 22:34-40. These passages reflect Jesus' teachings about the Law of Moses.

MCUM Spring Luncheon. The Monroe County United Ministries will hold its annual spring luncheon and silent auction on Sunday, April 25th, with doors opening at 11:30 and lunch at 12:30. This is a major fund raiser for an organization that First Presbyterian Church helped create seventy years ago. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for 4-8 year olds, and free for children 0-3. Except for the silent auction, which you are free to participate in or not as you wish, there will be no additional fundraising at the lunch. Tickets may be obtained from Ed McClellan (336-5742 or mcclella@indiana.edu). MCUM operates a low-cost pre-school program for needy children and provides a variety of emergency services for the poor.

SPRING IS HERE at last, and it’s the time to “green up”. It’s also when FPC and **Earth Stewards** observe Earth Sunday. Each Sunday before that observance on April 25th, we want to thank those who have worked hard in the past year to affirm the promise in our mission statement “to be good stewards of God’s creation”.

One solid green achievement has been the reduction in the amount of paper used for our monthly FIRST PRESS. The office now mails only 100 copies out of the 300 formerly mailed. Thanks to all of you who now receive your copy via email and help FPC save time, money and energy. If you're not yet on that email list, call the office at (812) 332-1514 or send an email to: adminfpc@sbcglobal.net.

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN THANK ALL OF YOU – the workers, the buyers, the givers and all of you that prayed for the success of the fire alarm sale. Proceeds of about \$5,000.00 will be used to directly pay off the loan – Bless you all. Carol and Julie.

TO WEST VIRGINIA MISSION PARTICIPANTS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE:

A reminder that next Sunday, between services, **Earth Stewards** will host a presentation on Mountaintop Removal Mining (MTR) in West Virginia. Andy Mahler from Paoli is bringing a DVD presentation of what's been going on Appalachia, including areas near Montgomery where our WV Mission Trip goes each year.

MTR is a method of coal mining that blasts off the tops of mountains, then directs the rubble into valleys and streams below. The EPA has issued a new directive which is aimed at this kind of environmental damage.

Andy Mahler is a leader of "Heartwood", an organization concerned with forests and the natural environment. Join us at 10am next Sunday in Room 7 downstairs.

THE MONROE COUNTY HEAD START program will be expanding their current services in June to include low income families with children ages 0-3. This new program will provide free, quality childcare for income eligible families who are working or in school. You can help this new community resource get started by donating diapers. A collection box has been placed in the Narthex. Your donation is tax deductible and helps Head Start meet its in-kind match requirement.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH: The Spring Gathering for the women of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley is going to be on Saturday, April 24th at Brownstown Presbyterian Church. This is a chance of Presbyterian Women from all around Southern Indiana to get together to share faith and fun and news of what the other church women are doing in their congregations. The theme this spring is "Hope for Tomorrow." The gathering starts at 9:30 a.m. and goes to 1:00. Lunch will be served (free will offering). We will arrange car pools from Bloomington to Brownstown. Make your reservation by Sunday, April 18th by calling or e-mailing Gloria at 333-6146 or Keetahn@aol.com.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY: May 7, 2010: Church Women United will be hosting May Friendship Day with a theme of "Living the Vision," focusing on Nehemiah building the wall of Jerusalem as the Bible Study. Friday, May 7, 2010 at Bel Trace at 11:00 A.M. for the celebration and Bible Study; 12:00 P.M. for the luncheon. Tickets for the luncheon are \$6.25. Please RSVP to Peggy Klein at 336-8002 by April 29th.

TWO WEEKS AGO the Dodds and the Coppedges shared some of their treasures from Thailand for sale with the congregation. The purpose was to support a Wa student (Burmese refugee) in Chiang Mai who wants to go to seminary at Payap University. The sale netted \$693.50! Thank you so very much for your support. The student we will sponsor is named Urainam, and this start to her education fund will be a great help. There are a few items left, if you are in need of a unique gift item, or just want to help support this student. All proceeds go to the Thai Christian Foundation, with a direct link to paying Urainam's expenses. If you are interested in donating to this project, or would like more information, please see Ginny Coppedge.

MEN'S BREAKFAST on March 19. Our monthly Men's Breakfast will meet at Bobby's Too in the Showers Plaza at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, April 16th. This will be our usual time for a Dutch-treat breakfast and conversation. We have no formal program and no advanced sign-up. We hope you will join us on the 19th and all third Fridays for this time of fellowship.