

1st Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, Indiana



June 2009 Newsletter

From the Pastor,

*June is bustin' out all over
All over the meadow and the hill!
Buds're bustin' outa bushes
and so on.....*

Can you hear the music in your head yet? Well, June is bustin' out all over, right here in 2009, right here at First Presbyterian!

Some of our favorite Bible verses come alive in June.

.... In our Old Testament readings we find David secretly selected by God as the new king of Israel; David defeats the giant Goliath in a stirring battle; Saul, Israel's first king, is killed.

.... In the New Testament, we are with a man named Nicodemus as Jesus tells him that he must be born again; we hear Jesus tell us the parable of the mustard seed; we are with the disciples as Jesus quiets the raging sea and saves the boat from capsizing; We also see Jesus miraculously heal the daughter of a man named Jarius.

Exciting month!

Also, a busy month!

We have a wonderful opportunity to serve some deserving people when we join Dennis and Melva Smith at the Mt. Comfort Airport on Friday the 5th to make a special day for some kids enrolled in the "Make A Wish Foundation" program. Several of us will escort these special kids and their families around the airport grounds as they enjoy "media day" of the 2009 Indianapolis Air Show.

Then, on Sunday, June 7th, we will celebrate Youth Sunday during our worship time together. The youth will share in the music, play in the bell choir, act as liturgists, read the scriptures, and share in the morning message "FACEBOOK, TWITTER & US! We will also recognize three graduating High School seniors: Kyle Hough, Nash Hott, and Harrison Null.

The following week will be filled with strawberries and shortcakes as we get ready for our annual Strawberry Festival on Friday the 12th. More about this elsewhere in the newsletter.

The fun and excitement do not let up as we will be having Vacation Bible School Monday through Thursday nights, June 22nd through the 25th. Jill Null has a box in the Selman Room for VBS supply donations of maps, art supplies, or, non-Indiana license plates.

The choir will be taking a well-deserved summer off, and our weekly worship will be blessed with special music for the next couple of months. Thanks in advance to all of you who will be singing and playing this summer.

June is bustin' out all over. The corn is shooting up in the fields, flowers are blooming, the pools are open, school is out, it is a wonderful time to be alive.

See you in church!

Pastor John

**LETTER FROM ELDER OF THE
MONTH – DENNIS WHITSON**

While officially summer lasts from June 21st to September 22nd, for most people summer starts on Memorial Day and lasts until Labor Day which corresponds loosely with summer vacation from school. So for most folks June, July, and August are what summer is all about. So June is first of three months filled with picnics, camping, swimming, vacations, cookouts, hiking, and endless other summer activities. This year the Air Show will join the Strawberry Festival as a June activity.

With all of these other activities competing for time during the summer months, attendance at Sunday worship service does seem to suffer. Over the past three years our attendance for these three months is about 10 percent lower than the average for the rest of the year. (It used to be a much bigger drop during the hottest week prior to air conditioning the sanctuary.)

We all need to keep a focus on our Sunday worship service and give it a priority in our busy summer schedules.

Dennis Whitson

ELDERS ON CALL FOR JUNE

The elders on call for JUNE:

Dennis Whitson – 462-3836

Minute for Mission

from Terry Null

Pentecost Offering 2009

We will be taking our Pentecost Offering, one of the four denomination wide offerings, on Sunday June 7th instead of the traditional Pentecost Sunday. We are doing this because Sunday June 7th is officially Youth Sunday. The Pentecost Offering is specifically designated for Youth. The aspect that particularly excites me is that 40% of the offering stays with our local congregation. We plan to start a fund with the monies collected and use them to help cover the costs of a Youth Mission in the summer of 2010, possibly to help the homeless in our nation's capital. Look forward to hearing more about this mission over the next year.

The Pentecost Offering provides a way to directly meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young in the entire church as follows:

10 percent supports General Assembly Child Advocacy ministries in 2009 to:

Continue to develop www.presbykids4kids.org, a Web site designed to empower older elementary children on behalf of other children. The site has a new interactive design, and work has begun on providing safe, appropriate social networking for children.

-Facilitate the denomination's ongoing emphasis, the Decade of the Child (2001-2011).

Launch a new network, "Presbyterians in Covenant with Children," uniting Congregations and groups in making a difference with and for children.

Provide resources on consumerism, child trafficking, and child protection.

Advocate to eradicate child poverty and to

provide access to quality health care and a quality public education for all children.

25 percent of the Offering supports General Assembly ministries with youth in 2009 to:

-Offer twenty new studies for parents of youth, through the online resource "The Thoughtful Christian" (parents of teens series).

Support thousands of Presbyterian adult youth workers through the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association. www.pywa.org

Host new mission opportunities through the "Centered in Mission" project.

Create a free online, interactive daily devotion for youth and youth leaders, d365.org.

Create new Youth Ministry Quick Reference resources. These focused topic papers on young people, the church, and current issues can be used for teacher training, small group, or parent studies.

-Continue the work on the Be Tweens project, a resource offering older elementary youth and their parents a study on faith and life.

Support the work of the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium design team.

Host six new youth leader training seminars as a part of the "Pathways" series.

25 percent supports Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) opportunities, which in 2009 will:

--Prepare young adults from the United States and around the world to serve as YAVs in the U.S. The Offering funds are matched with funds that each YAV raises to participate in this year of mission involvement. These young adults serve in communities of need and explore their call to the work of Jesus Christ.

Help pay the travel and living expenses

of young adults ages 19-30 serving abroad. Offering funds match those raised by the young adults as they prepare for this life-changing opportunity to experience and share God in a community of need in another culture for one year.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FOR May 2009

May 3	Attendance 61	Offering \$3014.77
May 10	Attendance 52	Offering \$1586.00
May 17	Attendance 73	Offering \$ 763.00
May 24	Attendance 49	Offering \$ 346.09
May 31	Attendance	Offering \$

GREETERS FOR JUNE

Roby and Susan Hott

NEW ADDRESSES

Mary Poole, 2202 West Mercer Landing, Bryan, Texas 77808. Telephone 979-220-5464

Betty Auch, 222 Lake View Court, Avon, Indiana 46123. Telephone 317-272-0133

June Birthdays

6/01	Carole Bloodgood
6/20	Faye Melton
6/21	Betty Friedersdorf
6/22	Sandy Aspy Hott
6/25	Monica King Miller

June Anniversaries

6/10	Roy and Frances Hibray
6/15	Steve and Tracy Sweet
6/19	Bob and Gloria Stansifer
6/25	Jeff and Sandy Aspy Hott

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our youth group will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings during the summer, mixing Biblical learning with fun, food and fellowship.

Our youth are looking forward to Youth Sunday and the opportunity to share our faith as worship leaders on this special Sunday when we recognize three High School graduates.

Congratulations to:

Kyle Hough

Nash Hott

Harrison Null

SOCIAL HOUR

We need people to help bake, serve and clean up after the Coffee Hour which we have every Sunday following the Worship Service.

PITCH-IN DINNER

We will have a church pitch in dinner on June 14th. Meat, rolls, drinks will be furnished. Participants should bring either vegetables, salads, or desserts

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year our vacation bible school will be in the evenings of June 22 thru the 25th.

See Jill Null for more information !



Notes from the Music Director

On Sunday, June 7th, we will be celebrating Youth Sunday during our regular worship hour as we recognize our graduating seniors, Harrison Null, Kyle Hough and Nash Hott.

We will have special music by the Choir and Youth with guitar, a trombone solo as well as the Bell Choir. It will be the final service of the season for both choirs as they take a little break until Fall. Please take time to thank all of them.

We will have Special Music during all of the summer months; so if you have any suggestions of new soloists or groups, please let me know.

Until then, keep on singin'!

Your music director,
Elaine

June Recipe



Stuffed Zucchini

This recipe is from Robyn Hott's collection of her mother, Dottie's, recipes.

6 med size zucchini
3 Cups soft bread crumbs
½ Cup grated parmesan cheese
1 small onion, minced
3 Tablespoons minced parsley
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
2 beaten eggs
2 Tablespoons butter

Wash zucchini – cut off ends – cook in boiling salt water for 5 min – Halve lengthwise – remove pulp with spoon – combine pulp with bread crumbs, cheese, onion, parsley, salt, pepper and eggs. Fill zucchini shells – dot with butter – sprinkle with additional cheese. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	TRI		4 p.m. Pray with pastor		MAKE A WISH EVENT	8:00 Men's Breakfast
	KAPPA	Comp/Christ 9:30	5 p.m. Youth Group			
			5:30 p.m. Bible Study			
			6:30 p.m. Bell Choir			
			7:05 p.m. Choir			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
COMMUNION			STRAWBERRY WORK DAY - 10 AM		Strawberry Festival 	Wedding
YOUTH SUNDAY						
9:15 Adult S.S.						
10:30 Worship		Girl Scouts 3 - 4:30			Wedding	
1 PM St Pauls Anglican					Rehersal	
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