

# 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, Indiana

## September 2008 Newsletter

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### From the Pastor,

I hope you enjoyed watching the Olympics as much as Pat and I did. The efforts of the competitors in swimming, diving, taekwondo, track and field, volleyball, basketball and gymnastics, as well as many others, were rewarded with cheers and, at times, medals. Medal or not, the young (and not so young) people from around the world proved once again that there can be unity in spite of diversity in our world. And, for the most part, there was great sportsmanship with losers congratulating winners and visa-versa.

The Apostle Paul, in several of his letters, touches on the subject of diversity. In Romans 12 he writes:

“so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

In his first letter to the church at Corinth, he tells them:

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

That’s a lesson that we all need to remember in the diverse culture we live in today.

Now, we turn from sports with diversity and good sportsmanship, to a political campaign that promises to be anything but! It could get pretty discouraging over the next 65 or so days as we hear one politician after another tell us, not why they are better, but why the other guy, the other team, the other party is so bad and will really mess up our country. Whatever side you are on, I hope you can take the insults and degrading remarks and innuendos with a grain of salt. Remember the taunts and trials that Jesus and his disciples went through, yet they stuck with their

message, their mission, and fulfilled their obligations to each other and to God until the end. Jesus did not resort to violence, and Paul, Once again in Romans, told us to act the same way.

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Not such bad advice in a time when the political battles will be fast and furious, and the temptation to speak badly about those we don’t agree with will be very strong.

We are celebrating our own acceptance of diversity in a special way on September 7 when St. Paul’s Anglican church, a mission church of St. Michael the Archangel, holds their first worship service in our sanctuary. St. Paul’s will be celebrating Holy Communion during their initial service at 1 P.M.. Please keep Father Tom and all those connected with the church in your prayers.

Unity in the midst of diversity! Praise God.

Enjoy the cooler months ahead. Get ready for Riley Days! Make time for scripture reading and prayer as well.

See you in church,

Pastor John

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## ATTENTION

### ALL SESSION MEMBERS

The September Session meeting is  
Thursday, September 11th at 7 p.m.

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### LETTER FROM THE ELDER OF THE MONTH - DENNIS WHITSON

As autumn approaches (it is only three weeks away), thought turns naturally to harvest, whether from one's own garden or soon seeing the farmers in the fields. The start of the stewardship drive in the church begins around harvest time. We are reminded it is time to share our bounty with the church. As it says in Luke 12:48, "Much is required from the person to whom much has been given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given."

As the economy has slowed down over the past several months, so has giving to the church slowed down some over the past several months. While your session has worked to curtail spending, many costs have risen over this same period. As the stewardship campaign starts in next few weeks, take some time to think of the needs of the church, and pray for guidance in your pledging. As it says in Malachi 3:10, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me on this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it."

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### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FOR AUGUST

August 3	Attendance 51	Offering \$3240.25
August 10	Attendance 55	Offering \$1410.00
August 17	Attendance 60	Offering \$1231.00
August 24	Attendance 63	Offering \$1021.00

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### ELDERS ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER

The elders on call for September:  
Dennis Whitson      462-3836  
Jill Lyon              894-1648

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**GREETERS FOR AUGUST**  
Greeters for the month of  
August are:  
Roy and Francis Hibray

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**WEBSITE ADDRESS**  
[www.fpcofgreenfield.org](http://www.fpcofgreenfield.org)

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# Sunday School Starts back up!

The Middle and High School Sunday School will start on September 7. Yes, we have a high school class now! We will start at 9:30AM. We will continue to have Junior Church after the Children's Sermon. If you are interested in teaching the younger children between 9:30 and 10:15AM, please see Jill Lyon. We never know when we may have younger children in need of a Sunday school class.

## NEWS FROM MISSION

This summer brought a very successful "BackPack Attack" Campaign. Let me pass along words of appreciation from Paula Jarrett, who heads Hancock County Backpack Attack. She is overwhelmed and overjoyed by Greenfield 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church's continued support of back to school supplies for children in need. Only 3 churches in the county support this cause. Se noted we are in the top 10 of all community donors. It is amazing to see what our small and mighty congregation CAN DO.

Angel Food Ministry Monthly Menu and order forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Selman Room. This program offers a large size box of food for 30 dollars.

In September, we will be kicking off World Communion Sunday/Peacemaking Celebration. Our session is seeking out

25%. Last year's contribution went to Katrina Team 07. This year the Peacemaking Program is "Break the Bread of New Creation". This theme fits so well with all the new babies attending church these days. Peace, or shalom, like a new baby, takes a lot of work and prayer.

2008 Peacemaking Offering Prayer:  
Loving God, May your peace come, your will done on earth as in heaven, through Christ, the Prince of Peace.

## RILEY DAYS 2008

Once again the church will sponsor our famous chicken dumpling dinner. We need help!

We need donations of chicken (breasts and thighs preferred) by September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please put these in the freezer in the basement or call us and we'll make arrangements to get them from you. We will also need help on September 18<sup>th</sup> to bake and prepare the chicken. Starting time will be 9:00 am.

To finish up this project, we need workers on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the Selman room early in September or you may call Katherine Harper (after 3:30pm) at 462-1669, if you have questions.

The Riley Days vendors and the community look forward to this dinner each year - let's make it great again.

Thank you,  
Salli Williams 462-6052

## September Birthdays

9/02 Nash Hott  
9/03 June Paterson  
9/09 Myrtle Bray  
9/14 John Paulson  
9/19 Tom Foster  
9/19 Angela Hersberger  
9/20 Gary Trinkle  
9/21 Betty McCleerey  
9/26 Zachary Cass  
9/29 Laurie Chandler

## September Anniversaries

9/04 Will and Gail Mathews  
9/25 Dwayne and Nancy Opel  
9/30 Darrin and Jennifer Warner

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## 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.

See calendar for those who have signed up for September; two days are available.

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## CHURCH PITCH-IN

There will be a church pitch-in immediately following the service on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. This meal will be a bring your favorite casserole pitch-in. We could also use some desserts, if you would like to donate one.

Rolls, drinks and service will be furnished.

Call Salli Williams or Dennis Smith with

## RECIPE FOR MONTH

### Stuffed Zucchini

6 med-sized zucchini  
3C soft bread crumbs  
½ C grated parmesan cheese  
1 small onion, minced  
3 Tbls minced parsley  
1 tsp salt  
½ tsp pepper  
2 beaten eggs  
2 Tbls butter

Wash zucchini – cut off ends – cook in boiling salt water 5 min.

Halve lengthwise – remove pulp with spoon – combine with bread crumbs, cheese, onion, parsley, salt, pepper and eggs.

Fill zucchini shells – dot with butter – sprinkle with additional cheese.

Bake in moderate oven 350 for 30 minutes.

This recipe is from Robyn Hott's collection of her mother's recipes. Several of Dottie's golfing/bridge friends requested this recipe and this time of year everyone needs a good recipe to use with zucchini.

Mon. 1st	Tues.2nd	Wed 3rd	Thurs. 4th	Fri. 5th	Sat. 6th
	Tri Kappa 6:15pm Girl Scouts 3-4:30pm Girl Scouts 5:30-7pm	4:00 Pray with Pastor 5:00 Youth Group 5:45 Bible Study 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir			Men's Breakfast 8am Paulson - food Gunnoe - Dev
Sunday 7th	Tues 9th	Wed 10th	Thurs. 11th	Fri. 12th	Sat. 13th
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note that September begins St. Paul Anglican Church celebrating worship services at 1pm each Sunday.