

1st Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, Indiana



June 2011

From The Pastor:

June has rolled around once again and with it should come a let-up in the rain and an increase in the number of over-80 degree days. The flowers that were spurred on by the May showers will soon be in full bloom; there will be blossoms on the tomato plants, and the grass will need cutting about twice a week. Welcome to June in the Midwest.

April and May were terrible months for storms, and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program continues to help those in need in Missouri, Japan, North Carolina, Tennessee, and wherever tornadoes, floods, earthquakes or fires have devastated people's lives.



There is active assistance going on in seventeen Presbyteries in the United States, as well as in several countries overseas.

If you would like to give a bit extra to help these relief efforts, you can give on line at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/give/DR000148/>
Or give by phone by calling PDA at
1-800-728-7228

On a happier and more pleasant note, we are getting ready for our Strawberry Festival on Friday, June 3, 2011! The Bloodgood's have the sign-up sheets for working on Friday, and most of the spots

have already been taken. See Tom or Carole, or give them a call, to reserve a time to dish out ice cream and strawberries before it is too late.

June also features our Vacation Bible School running from the 27th to the 30th. We will kick off the week with a dinner for all the kids and their families on Monday night the 27th at 5:30. The rest of the week VBS will run from 6 – 8 p.m.

It promises to be fun for all. If you can volunteer for anything, please see Jill Lyon and let her know what you can offer. It may be snacks or craft "stuff" or teaching or just being there. VBS offers us an opportunity to reach many young people with the story of God's love and grace.

Do you remember going to VBS as a kid? I do. In fact, my first memory of Bible School is going with the two twins who lived next door to the Baptist Church. I don't remember much, but I do remember the "black light" and velvet pictures that they had. Our Lutheran church didn't have anything like that. I was impressed!

Our new mission efforts to help the H2O ministry at River of Life Church is beginning in June. The goal is to provide paper products to families who otherwise could not afford them. Things like napkins, toilet paper, women's sanitary products, are all needed. There is a box in the Selman room for collections.

Sometimes in summer our attendance drops, and that is understandable with vacations and weekend trips and visiting relatives. But remember we still meet every Sunday morning and the utilities have to be paid and the staff does too. If you go to another church while on vacation, please bring back a bulletin and some good ideas for us to copy.

June also means that our choir gets a well deserved rest. Their musical contributions this year were meaningful, entertaining (in the right way), and added so much to our worship services. Thank you to each one of the choir members, and to Char Heiden, their director.

See you in church.

Pastor John

LETTER FROM THE ELDER OF THE MONTH – Richard Terheide

This month we celebrate Father’s Day. It seems to me that a loving father has a strong commitment to his faith. He is willing to protect the members of his family and expresses his love in word and deed.

Jesus, as a practicing Jew, expressed a belief in one God, the Father, and a faith in that one God until the end. He also believed, that God had entered into a covenant with His people in which He expected them to obey His law or Torah. Jesus taught that each one of the commandments can be thought of as a way of expressing our love for our God and our neighbors. This is expressed clearly in John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

The testimony of his life was replete with examples of faith, hope and love which were evidence of his commitment to his faith. In the Old Testament, Isaiah tells that the coming Messiah will provide protection when he says the following (*Isaiah 40:29-31*):

²⁹He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. ³⁰Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: ³¹But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;

they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

In the years of Jesus’ life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection. There are many examples, over the millennia, where Christ gave power to the faint, and an increase of strength to those that had no strength.

Parents are expected to say three simple words to their children. “I love you.” Jesus offered the ultimate message of love when he offered his life as an atonement for our sins. But one more treasure was given to us on the day of his resurrection - the day on which we knew it was the son of God, who had died for our sins. Jesus’ faithful, protective and loving life provides a good example for all of us, and fathers in particular, during this month in which we celebrate fatherhood. Self-assured, walking with a purpose, determined to reach his goal of providing a loving supportive place for the human family, I see in my mind the vision of Jesus walking down a dusty road with a smile on his face saying softly to us, “I love you.”

ATTENTION ALL **SESSION MEMBERS**

The June Session meeting is
Thursday, June 9th at 7 p.m.



Char’s

“In the Good Old Summertime”

If you have finished building your ark after our 40 days of rain, then maybe we can look forward to summer grass, flowers and happy picnics with family and friends. Take time to smell the roses and enjoy the warmer weather. While you’re out pulling weeds, think of them in a spiritual sense as hindrances in our Christian life. Ask God to help you (me) to have discernment about what should be a priority for us in our walk with Him. Enjoying fellowship with our church family is a priority to keeping us encouraged; so let’s meet at the Strawberry Festival. Good eating!

And don't forget to set your alarm clock this summer to be at church on time. As sure as you allow the "lazy day" weed to grow, you will miss a sermon that will help us grow.

Now the weed of complacency will also steal your blessings and you will miss the opportunity of blessing others.

So keep weeding out hindrances and come let us sing and worship together in the "good old summertime."

As always, keep a song in your heart.



Char

GREETERS FOR JUNE – Pat Paulson & Ralph Scroggin

Elder on Call for June
Mark Gunnoe 313-5580

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

May	1	Attendance 34	Offering \$1075.00
May	8	Attendance 35	Offering \$1689.45
May	15	Attendance 37	Offering \$1019.00
May	22	Attendance	Offering \$
May	29	Attendance	Offering \$

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays

6/01	Carole Bloodgood
6/20	Faye Melton
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	Gloria and Bob Stansifer
6/25	Jeff and Sandy Aspy Hott

Youth Group News

The Youth group will meet every other week during the summer, starting with June 1. We will meet June 1, 15 and 29 (VBS helpers).

Our discussions about handling conflict family and friends will continue.

At our last meeting, we had fun putting the Lord's Prayer together. Have you ever tried to take a whole bunch of 3 x 5 cards, each with one word on it, and completing the Lord's Prayer? It's not easy, but our young people worked at it and got it right.



We have a wonderful youth group! Please keep them in your prayers!

2011 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THERE IS NO COST



June 27 - June 30

First night, Monday, June 27

with dinner provided for all parents and kids
at 5:30 p.m.,

with class from 6 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday the 28th thru Thursday the 30th
class from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER
462-5349

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9 am Strawberry Prep 5 pm Youth Group	2 1pm Shortcake Prep	3 Strawberry Festival 11-7	4 Men's Breakfast
COMMUNION 5 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship	6	7 9:30 a.m. Promised Land Scout Troop 5:30 – 7pm	8 4 PM Pray with Pastor 5:30 Bible Study	9 Session Meeting 7 PM	10	11
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