



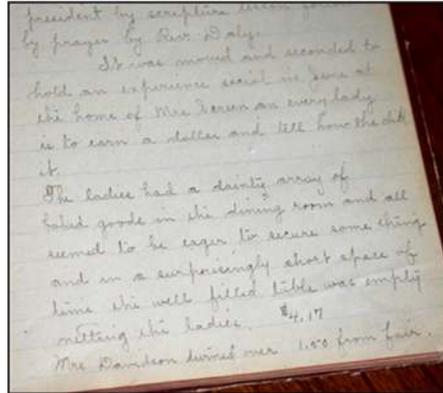
Faith-ful News

United Faith
Presbyterian
Church

June 2017

Conversations with Pastor Kathleen...

"It was moved and seconded to hold an experience social in June at the home of Mrs. Scrun and every lady is to earn a dollar and tell how she did it. The ladies had a dainty array of baked goods in the dining room and all seemed eager to secure some thing and in a surprisingly short space of time the well filled table was empty netting the ladies \$4.17." Ladies Aid Society, April 16, 1908



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We've been doing some decluttering/organizing around the church. In the process, I came across a whole stack of old Ladies Aid Society journals, with minutes from their meetings going back over 100 years. It's offered a fascinating glimpse into the history of the congregations that helped form United Faith. The above quote is one that caught my imagination, as well as one where they debated scaling back the fancy lunches they served at meetings because of the "high cost of living" - in 1917!

It has reminded me how much I appreciate the tradition of faith represented by this church - the many generations who sought to live faithfully in mission and discipleship, and the rich legacy they created for us. The history we share give a solid foundation to our life together. As we celebrate Pentecost this month and the movement of the Holy Spirit, I also appreciate today's congregation's vision and hope for the future. We are enriched by our history, but not defined or constrained by it!

One of my favorite Pentecost hymns says *"You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams, our women see visions, our men clear their eyes, with bold new decisions your people arise."* God is calling, with a vision and purpose for us here. Your Session and PNC are working hard at discerning how to most faithfully answer that call. I hope you are continuing to keep them supported by your prayers so we may boldly go where God leads!

Our history is a great inheritance that has been passed down - not for us to hold on to for ourselves, but for us to pass on to those who come after us, those hungering and thirsting to know the grace of God. The best way to witness and honor the faithfulness of our preceding generations is in finding new ways to tell the "old, old story" to a new audience. I encourage you to take a few moments to reflect and remember those who passed the faith on to you. And to

Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m.
Church School

10:30 a.m.
Worship

Deadline for
submission
of items for
the July
newsletter is
Thursday,
June 22

Summer special music...

The Choir will finish their year on **Sunday, June 4 (Pentecost)** and then take a break over the summer. We would still love to occasionally include special music in worship during the summer months. Do you play an instrument? Would you want sing a solo - or a duet/trio?

What can you offer to enrich our congregational worship? Please talk with Phyllis Bush or Pastor Kathleen.

Help Wanted

Needed: A banner maker for a special banner to accompany a July/August sermon series. No sewing required - just cutting and gluing.



On Sunday, June 4 we will dedicate our gift to the Pentecost Offering during worship. Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$11 million dollars for ministries that benefit the younger members of God's family. With the Pentecost Offering, 40% of the monies received remain at United Faith. Twenty five percent of the offering goes to the Young Adult Volunteer program to train and equip young adults to work at more that twenty one mission sites in the United States and around the world. Another twenty-five percent of the offering supports ministries with youth ages 12 -18 and the final ten percent of the offering supports the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative started by General Assembly in 2014 to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of one million children by 2020. An offering envelope is included in your 2017 offering envelope box. Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering.

Opportunities to serve...

For many months a Communion server sign up sheet has been placed on the table in the Narthex. We have now added a Greeter sign up sheet to the table. If you can help serve Communion or greet worshipers prior to the worship service, please sign on one (or both) of the papers. In the event that there is a month that we do not have volunteers, members of the Worship/Mission Committee will seek volunteers. Thanks to all who are already helping with these two important jobs!



Thank You!

A huge thank you goes to our choir members, for all they have offered to enhance our worship throughout the year. Choir will be taking a break over the summer, so we look forward to their return in the fall.

Pictured: Diana Mossburg, Peg Kelley, Maggie Slack, Jayme Syndram, Phyllis Bush (director), Kathleen O'Connell, Bob Mossburg, Ron Keck, Kip Lytle, Charles Hill, Leon Friday.



Join us at the Ballpark!

Fort Wayne Tincaps
v.
Lansing Lugnuts

Monday, June 12
Game time: 7:05 p.m.

If you ordered tickets, please pick the up and pay Pastor Kathleen.

Select concession items are only \$1.00 during Monday home games. Items include hot dogs, popcorn, pizza slices,

Upcoming dates

- Sat., July ?? Trip to Connor Prairie
We're working on choosing a date. Watch for updates!
- Sat., Aug. 5 Church Picnic at Evans' lake home.

Smock Senior Ministries Presents:

"Presby Day"

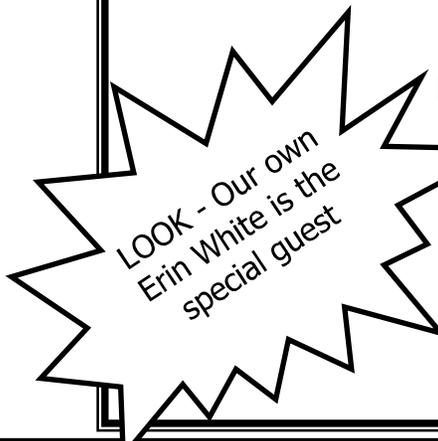
Thursday June 15, 2017
(10:00-1:00 pm)

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

"Remembering the Holocaust"

by
Erin White, Biology and Anatomy/physiology
Teacher, New Haven High School
New Haven, Indiana

Call 260-426-7421 ext 132
RSVP by 6/12/2017



Presby Day is a monthly gathering for spiritual growth, education, fellowship, lunch, and total life enrichment. All Presbyterians over 50 and their friends are invited.

Adult Education

Brown Bag and Bible

Thursdays at noon



Bring your lunch and join us in the Conference Room at noon on Thursdays for conversation, questions, and discovery as we delve into the Bible.

We are studying the New Testament book of Acts. Acts is the story of the spread of the early church, especially as it wrestled with how to reach beyond its roots in the Jewish community and invite and welcome new people with different backgrounds. As we walk with these early Christians, we'll also be learning how we share Christ's message with our community and changing culture.

Serving in June

Liturgist:

June 4 Mike Syndram
June 11 Judy Lehman-Wright
June 18 Rhonda Leeper-Smith
June 25 Peg Kelley

Lock Up: Kelleys

Greeters: (4th and 11th) John and Bev Evans, (18th and 25th) Peg and Dave Kelley

Caring Card Delivery: Jayme Syndram

June Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday, please notify the office so we can update our records!

June 4 Deb Wolf
June 13 Olivia Jean Adams
June 13 Maxine Hartup
June 18 Maggie Slack
June 19 Evelyn Teel
June 27 Phyllis Bush

Space for Rent Spread the Word!

If you know anyone in the non-profit sector, spread the word that we have rental space available. If you are on social media (ie. Facebook), consider mentioning it there, too. You never know who is looking for exactly this opportunity!

Thank You

Friends at United Faith, Thank you so much for your care package! I am working on finals right now and I cannot tell you how much the sticky notes and snacks have helped! It is so helpful to know there are friends and family sending me blessings while I am away from home! I'm looking forward to coming home and seeing everyone soon! Love and blessings, Rachel Reed



This summer, we'll be hosting the "Wellspringer's" (formerly known as the Parent Club). This group is made up of women who have children or grandchildren in the Wellspring summer day camp program. Their organizer, Carol Salge, says, "We have been meeting every summer since 1991. Pastor Hal Thomas was one of the first facilitators for the group then and continued every summer until his retirement. We first met at Westfield then moved to United Faith where we have met in a number of different spaces within the building, most recently the social hall. Boy were we pleased when the space got air-conditioned! Our group has dwindled over the years and now has only about a dozen individuals, but we are a strong group! During the summer months we meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30-12 noon. We will have guest speakers, crafts, games, exercise, a book club and a number of trips to fun destinations within the city. If you are at United Faith, please stop in and say "hi" to the group. We would love to meet you!"

We're excited to be partnering again with this special program!

Can You Help?



If you are active on Facebook, would you consider working with Pastor Kathleen to develop and administer a new page for the church?

We need to increase our Social Media presence to help with our outreach to the community and new visitors. Training will be provided.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 BB&B	2	3
4 Pente- cost 10:30 Worship 11:45 Deacons	5 9-11 FB/TS	6 10-2 Fellowship Day 6:00 Scouts	7 9-11 FB/TS 9:30 Wellspringers Girl Scouts	8 12:00 BB&B 7:00-NNA	9 9:30 Wellspringers	10
11 Comm Mtgs 10:30 Worship Installation of Bill Lane @ First Pres	12 9-11 FB/TS 9:30 Wellspringers 7:05 Tincaps	13 6:00 Scouts	14 9-11 FB/TS 9:30 Wellspringers 6:00 Scout Movie Night	15 10-1 Presby Day 12:00 BB&B 6:00 Session	16 9:30 Wellspringers	17 10-2 Thrift Store
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Key

FB/TS: Food Bank/Thrift Store
 W/M: Worship & Mission Committee
 NNA: Nebraska Neighborhood Association



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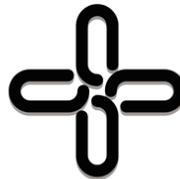
Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Thrift Store and Boutique
Monday and Wednesday:
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
3rd Saturdays:
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please Remember in

- ◆ Shirley Hamilton, in rehab at Coventry Meadows.
- ◆ Carl Hartup, in rehab at St. Anne's.
- ◆ Jennifer McAtee Jones, recovering from an accident.
- ◆ PNC: Dave Kelley, Rhonda Leeper-Smith, Joe Shultz, Maggie Slack, Mike Syndram, Erin White, Dan Wolf.
- ◆ College students: Caleb Curtis, Rachel Reed and Megan Zuber.
- ◆ Freyja Skaanning Groves, Jackie Grove's great-granddaughter, born November 30.
- Homebound: Lorene Hodell, Ray Dressel, Joanne Fagg, Andrea Davies, Melanie Dauplaise, Sue Fields, Dorothy Love, Cleo Hawkins, Shirley Hamilton.



Prayer Chain

Prayer requests can be given to the prayer chain by contacting either:

Barb Munson (426-0933)

or

Judy Lehman-Wright (jdw141@aol.com)

Ladies Spring Luncheon

