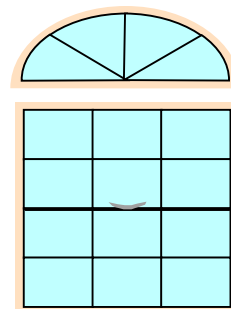


WINDOWS

ON
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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July 11, 2010

This Week in Worship

July 11: Fifteenth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Scriptures:

Amos 7:7–17
Luke 10: 25–37

Sermon:

"Proving Neighbor"
Dr. Gordon A. Turnbull

Hymns:

*Called as Partners in
Christ's Service*

*Where Cross the Crowded
Ways of Life*

I'll Praise My Maker

Duet:

Be Thou My Vision
Nancy and Randy Cook

8:30 a.m. Worship

Led by the Praise Team
Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sanctuary



Vacation Bible School

SonQuest: Rainforest

July 19–21

9 a.m. to Noon

Kids! Meet and greet with treats!

Kickoff for Vacation Bible School is at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, July 18. Come enjoy refreshments, meet your teachers, and register, if you haven't already. You can also register by calling 423-764-7176.

We still need volunteers to help decorate. Please call Lilly Osborne, 423-383-5476, for details.

In Our Prayers

Cathy Andersen

*Please pick up a
"Pray for One Another" list at church*

Birthday Prayer Fellowship

July 11	Anne Foley Lelia Mervis
July 12	Randy Hite Ruth Cooper Olin Mumpower Jeff Looney
July 13	Jane Sheffey Toni Corder
July 15	Janie Bowell Linda Pridemore
July 16	Lisa Bailey
July 17	Carol Tudor Dot Giesler
July 18	Dot Copenhaver Frank Tippner
July 19	Marti Graham John Blair
July 20	Bryan Boyd Jen Carpenter Meredith Hoffer
July 21	Bryce McFerrin Gabriel Proctor
July 22	Don Preston Andy Cumbow
July 23	Bettye Moneyhun Porter Hillery Denney Samuel Brady Carter Mason Borsch Elizabeth Graham

July 24	Nancy De Friece Leigh King
July 25	Emily Wampler
July 26	Lottie Peters Becca Davenport Nick Regan William Bane
July 27	Dale Winship Barbara Daniel Cyndi Madison Suzy Bowman Sarah Beckner
July 28	Ralph Booher Jr. Jennifer Borsch
July 29	Shawn Nelson
July 30	Lisa Holmes Mandy Hyde
July 31	Cara Anderson Jenna Ramey

Congratulations!

We celebrate the birth of **Mollee Kate McLain** on June 26. Her proud parents are Jon and Lisa McLain.

Condolences

Our love and sympathy are with **Lenita Thibault** in the death of her stepfather, William Raymond Dorsey.

By the Numbers

July 4, 2010

Worship at 8:30 a.m.:	128
Worship at 11:00 a.m.:	114

Presbyterian Women Celebration on July 13

Remember that on **Tuesday, July 13**, it will be our turn to hold a program and celebratory lunch for the women from the Presbyterian churches in our area. We need **all** the women in our congregation to help welcome our sisters in Christ.

Registration will begin at 10:30, and the program, featuring Dave Welch as speaker, will follow at 11:00. Dave's talk, "A Look at the Prodigal Son through Henri Nouwen and Rembrandt van Rijn," promises to be both enlightening and entertaining. Lunch will be served at noon. Come and enjoy the program and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. See you Tuesday!

Living Waters Pooled in Back Hall

Check out the water filtration system on exhibit in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall. It is on loan from First Presbyterian, Kingsport, to help us get the word out about our synod's Living Waters for the World mission (www.livingwatersfortheworld.org). This mission teaches volunteer church teams to install water purification systems and to train others to do so in the countries where this endeavor takes them. If you are interested in participating in the training scheduled for Sept. 15–19, please contact Tom King at tfk@btes.tv or 423-968-2453, or contact the church office. Scholarship funds are available upon request.

Welcoming Kathy Acuff

With this issue of Windows on First Presbyterian Church, we welcome a new editor and the newest member of our church staff, Kathy Acuff. Kathy comes to us with a bright, winsome spirit, an interest in the life of the Church, and an impressive background as writer and editor. In her responsibilities as Communications Staff, Kathy will oversee our newsletter, website, and other print and digital communications.

If you happen across Kathy during the week, please express your welcome. And if you wish to submit items for publication, feel free to call the church office or to email her at kacuff@fpcbristol.org.—Gordon Turnbull

Second Offering for Hunger Aid

If you missed the Five Cents a Meal offering last week, you have a second chance to help ease hunger, locally and nationally. You can send or bring your offering to the church office.

Bristol Babies Need Diapers—Lots of Diapers

Bristol Faith in Action is completely out of size 4, 5, and 6 diapers. Many people out of work or with hours cut back need help buying diapers and baby products because they cannot be purchased with Food Stamps.

Ninth Brazil Mission Trip

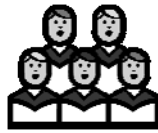
On July 23, 14 members of our church will travel to the city of Natal in the northeast state of Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil for our ninth joint mission with Felipe Camarao Presbyterian Church (FCPC). Our group is a mix of veterans and new travelers who have a wide range of talents and interests: Ann Abel, Kim Allerton, Camille Burt, Jackie Burt, Savannah Burt, John Graham, Michael Long, Joel Newton, Darlene Pollard, Doris Sargent, John Turnbull, Curtis Vann, John Vann, and Karen Vann. Pastor Junior & Leidiane will be join us in Natal.

Our time will be spent in the "neighborhood" of 40,000 people known as Felipe Camarao. In 2003, we created a partnership with FCPC that has grown into a very strong bond. FPC raised the funds necessary to refurbish a crumbling church building to make it a symbol of promise in the neighborhood. We also collaborated in the church's efforts to establish a preschool for the poorest of the poor, whose children drop out of school at an early age. Our objective is to make sure all the children remain in school and receive an education. The school began with around 30 students and is now a center of learning with 133 students from preschool through fifth grade. Operating morning and afternoon sessions, the school has four classrooms and open areas that are constantly filled with active and energetic children who recognize and are proud of the good start the school is giving them. FPC has been very generous in supporting this effort through scholarships for children. Many church members remain faithful and committed partners to this endeavor.

The primary focus of this year's trip is to continue to build our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ by being good friends and stewards of our partnership. Our work will involve painting the sanctuary alongside members of FCPC. We also hope to install a second (and maybe a third) water fountain. As you can imagine, the single fountain put in place for 30 students is not sufficient to cover the need for more than four times that number in that hot climate. We will also be involved in the classrooms and help refurbish the library to be a learning center for the children.

We will participate in the music ministry during worship—Michael Long on violin, Joel Newton on guitar, and probably John Turnbull and Kim Allerton at the microphone (the rest of us will cheer them on)! The Heart-to-Heart women's ministry shared in both congregations will meet to include the women from our congregation. This has grown to be a very meaningful ministry and relationship. There will also be time for a session meeting between our Elders and theirs as well as a meeting with the school administration to receive a report on the progress of all facets of the school. What the schedule will actually hold may not look anything like what we expect, but it will be a powerful witness, as always, of how beautifully God has brought our congregations together for this special ministry.

Because it has become quite cumbersome to take hygiene items and other necessities to our Brazilian friends, this year we covet only the intangible: your prayers. Please pray for our mission and for the participants in the sister churches. —John Vann



Music Program News

Hymnal Update: As many of you know, I am serving on the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, preparing a new hymn and song resource that will succeed the current hymnal, which was produced in 1990. The projected completion date for the new resource is 2013. More than 300 congregations have been solicited to serve as test sites for some of the new materials that are being considered for inclusion, and our congregation is one of those.

We are considering not only the usefulness of the songs and hymns in worship, but also the engraving styles, and eventually even the paper that the selections are printed on. The materials tested will be weighted more heavily toward the new songs and hymns that are being considered and in that respect will not be representative of the overall content of the collection. Current plans anticipate that more than 330 of the hymns in the current hymnal will be in the new collection, and in all likelihood there will be hymns that appeared in the maroon hymnal (1955) that will be returned to the collection.

As we use these new hymns and songs in worship over the next few years, your willingness to freely worship with these materials will help shape the worship life of our denomination for the next generation.—Steve

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir is now “on vacation”— you will see (and hear) them sitting in the pews for the next few weeks. We are blessed to have many talented folks in the choir, and some of them will provide music leadership during this time: July 11—Nancy and Randy Cook; July 18—Amy Oblinger.

Montreat: In the next several newsletters, we will post photos of the children and youth who attended the Worship and Music Conference at Montreat the week of June 27. They all had a fabulous time, and our congregation will be seeing and hearing in worship throughout the upcoming program year some of the choral and handbell music and movement they learned at the conference.—Vicki & Steve

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Retreat Opportunity

Sabbath Prayer Retreat

August 13 & 14



Consider attending the upcoming Sabbath Prayer Retreat, August 13–14. This is an opportunity to explore classical methods of prayer (centering, intercession, journaling, and thanksgiving) with an emphasis upon practical exercises.

Sabbath Prayer Retreat



DATE: Friday, Aug. 13–Saturday, Aug. 14

TIME: Begins 7 p.m., Friday; ends 5 p.m., Saturday

LOCATION: Jubilee Retreat Center

COST: \$25: includes lodging, meals Saturday (breakfast & lunch), and travel

DEPOSIT: \$10 (reserves your spot)

ITEMS YOU'LL NEED: Work clothes and gloves, casual clothes, comfortable shoes, sleeping bag or sheets and blanket, pillow, towel, and toiletries.

This retreat is part of the ongoing *Session Initiative Grant* for all adults at First Presbyterian Church to deepen their lives of faith and discipleship through an intentional focus upon the spiritual practice of prayer, while finding a brief respite from their daily routines. Simply call the church office (423-764-7176) to register or pick up a flyer and complete the necessary information. In either case, remember to pay the **\$10 deposit to reserve your place.**

New Church Directory

It's hard to believe that it has been almost five years since our last churchwide directory. We have many new members, as well as families who have changed. So we are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family with Olan Mills Photography. This new directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our congregation.

This is how you can help: **please participate!** Call the church, or schedule a portrait sitting any Sunday morning before or after either worship service. A professional photographer will then take your picture. That's all there is to it.

- You need come to the church only once for the photography and portrait viewing.
- You will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory.
- You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits, if you desire.

These are the available dates:

Monday, Aug. 2

Tuesday, Aug. 10

Wednesday, Aug. 11

These are the available times: from 2:00 p.m. until 9:20 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Welch in the church office or any member of the Deacon's Membership Committee (Brenda Foster, Heather Dotterweich, and Leigh Beth Phipps).



Mowing Teams

This Week: July 12-16

Jim White

Jim Arnold

Next Week: July 19-23

Con Sauls

Dave Welch

Highly coveted spaces are still available on the church's mowing teams! Anyone wishing to participate can call the church office to serve, or be in touch with **Con Sauls**. Thanks!

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Sunday, July 11

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, July 12

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Tuesday, July 13

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Prayer Group
10:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women
7:30 p.m. Troop 3 Scouts

Wednesday, July 14

7:30 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Thursday, July 15

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, July 18

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
1:30 p.m. Evangelism & Outreach Comm.

Monday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
4:45 p.m. Administration Committee

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
10:00 a.m. Prayer Group
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. Troop 3 Scouts

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
7:30 p.m. Senior High Bible Study