



Light from the Tower

THE NEWSLETTER OF

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

"A COMMUNITY WITH CHRIST AT THE CENTER."

ESTABLISHED 1812

October 2010

The mission of historic First Church is to bring diverse people of metropolitan Buffalo together to follow Jesus Christ through worshipping God, fostering spiritual growth and serving the community.



First & Lafayette Presbyterian Joint Worship Services

First and Lafayette Presbyterian churches are proud to announce two joint worship services where both congregations will worship together and share the Lord's Supper.

On Sunday, October 3, 2010 (World Communion Sunday) the congregations will worship at First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 AM. Rev. Drew Ludwig will preach, and Dr. David Bond and the First Church Choir will provide music.

On Sunday, November 7, 2010 both groups will gather at Lafayette Presbyterian Church at 10:30 AM. If the way be clear, First Church's still-to-be-called interim pastor will preach, and Lafayette church will provide music. (If an interim is not yet called by that time, then First Church's Associate for Pastoral Visitation, Quinton Meyer, will preach.)

This idea was enthusiastically endorsed by the Sessions of both churches, and was shared with the Presbytery of Western New York at its September 28th meeting as a shining example of two churches "doing a new thing."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

10:30 AM - Worship & Communion at First Church

Rev. Drew Ludwig preaching

Fellowship time following the service.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

10:30 AM - Worship & Communion at Lafayette Church

Preacher to be announced

Fellowship time following the service.

Youth Helping Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The motto of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is “out of chaos, hope”. It is certainly a fitting description. PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church USA. They enable congregations and mission partners to witness the healing love of Christ by caring for communities impacted by crisis and catastrophic events. PDA is or has been a presence during the recent flooding in Pakistan, the earthquake in Haiti, the oil spill in the Gulf and in states affected by Hurricane Katrina. One of the ways we, as a congregation, can help PDA is by preparing “Gift of the Heart” Kits. These kits are stored in a PDA warehouse and then rushed to areas when disaster strikes. We have chosen to prepare Hygiene Kits. We will be collecting items for the kits beginning **October 3**. When all the articles have been collected, they will be packaged for mailing by our Tri-church Youth Group. PDA is very specific about the articles they can use, but they are available at most stores and are frequently on sale. Please help us to provide these vital kits to PDA.

October 3 – we will collect **hand towels** (no finger tip or bath towels) and **wash cloths**

October 10 – we will collect **wide-tooth combs** and **nail clippers** (no nail files)

October 17 – we will collect **bars of soap** (bath-size)

October 24 – we will collect **toothbrushes** (in original packaging) and **bandaids**

Please place articles in the Sukkah located in Allen Hall, outside the Blue Room.

We are celebrating Sukkot!

The act of giving thanks is described countless times in the Bible, going back to the earliest books in the Old Testament. Some of our earliest notions of giving thanks come from Moses, who instituted two feasts of Thanksgiving among the Hebrews: the Feast of Spring Harvest (Shavout) and the Feast of Fall Harvest, or Sukkot. Sukkot represents a fresh start in a new year (according to the Jewish calendar) and also the harvest of the old year. During this festival a booth or sukkah was constructed. The book of Leviticus describes how a sukkah was to be built: three walls, a branch-covered roof with an opening to the sky. The opening reminded people of God, who watches over us and provides for us. The hut was then decorated with fruit and vegetables. Originally, it was probably a temporary dwelling for harvesters, so they could work long hours in the field without having to return home. The booths also remind us of a simpler time when lived close to nature. Families gathered in these huts to celebrate the harvest, the richness of God’s bounty. Even today, in Buffalo, some Jewish families build sukkahs and eat their evening meal in them, as a thanksgiving for blessings received.

We are building a sukkah at FPC! It will be a place for us to offer our gifts of thanks as we go forward through the harvest season. Look for it in Allen Hall, outside the Blue Room. Beginning October 3, we will be collecting items to put into Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and later we will collect food for the Geri Lyon Food Pantry.



**FALL
FAMILY
FUN
FEST**

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 15TH
6:00-8:00 PM
IN THE
BASEMENT**

**SPAGHETTI
SALAD &
BREAD FOR
DINNER**

\$5.00

**FUN FOR
THE
WHOLE
FAMILY!**

SPONSORED BY THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Outreach News

By Ellen Henry, Associate for Outreach and Christian Education

In mid-September, our literacy outreach programs resumed after our summer break. The occasion marked the third anniversary of my joining the programs. As I look back on my years with the literacy initiative, I also think about the changes that have taken place, how the program has evolved to what it is today.

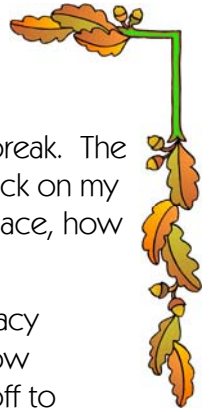
Over the years, we have had wonderful tutors in both the youth and adult literacy programs. Most of the high-school students who volunteered with PICS are now attending colleges in distant towns. Some of the adult tutors have taken time off to attend school or travel or tend to grandchildren. Many of the Somali-Bantu PICS students who began coming to FPC before I came on board have moved with their families to areas north of Porter and now attend programs in their home neighborhoods. Some of our adult students have moved as well. Typically, they still come to tutoring if they are in Buffalo, but several of the women have moved out of state as they joined other family members in other parts of the US.

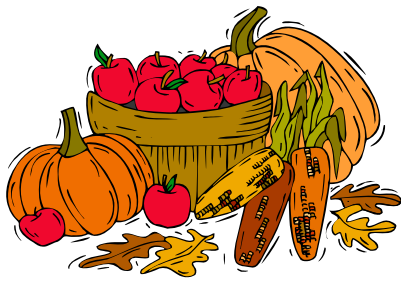
One of the biggest changes we've made involved working to unify the two literacy programs into one initiative. In the past, the youth program, Partners in Compassionate Service, met from 3:30 to 5:30 on Wednesdays and the Adult Literacy Tutoring Program met from 5:00 to 6:30 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Although they met at overlapping times, they were separate projects. In the adult program, FPC provides childcare for the mothers who are students. Often, there are 25-30 children in the nursery, ranging from infants to elementary school age children. The number of children way exceeded the size of the room. It simply became too small for the number of children using it. Plus, the age range of the kids was an issue. The toys and furniture were inappropriate for older children. We were concerned about safety. At the same time, the number of students attending PICS had dwindled to 10 or 12. Yet those children were faithful in attendance and had developed strong bonds with their tutors.

Last summer, Linda Babcock, from Orchard Park PC, and I met to consider what we might do to tweak the programs. We decided to change the hours of PICS and the adult program so both met from 4:30 to 6:00. The older children from the nursery could go upstairs to PICS on Wednesdays. That way, they could have help from the PICS tutors with homework and other school projects, they would be in a larger space, with larger furniture and, best of all, they would be with children their own age. The mothers and the tutors in both programs supported the change, so we set about enacting our ideas.

So far, the results have exceeded our wildest dreams. Wednesday, we had twenty children upstairs in PICS, refugees from Somalia, the Sudan and Pakistan. We also had seven new tutors, including a student from Canisius College, three volunteers from Westminster PC and three students from Orchard Park PC. The rooms hummed with activity as students and tutors became acquainted with each other. The student-tutor ratio is ideal for sharing and learning and there is plenty of space to spread out.

Another wonderful change is that Liz Kamke, newly retired, has joined our group of faithful tutors, comprised of Nancy Barry, JoAnn Doerr and Bill Rieth, from FPC. We welcome her to our growing outreach to the refugee community.





Harvest Your Faith

The Adult Christian Education class will begin looking at some contemporary issues that will urge us to think about our faith in the context of twenty-first century American life. Please join us Sunday, at 9:30, in the library, as we begin our exploration. All are welcome.

October 3 and October 10 – We welcome Buffalo enthusiast Chuck Banas as he presents a two-week series on the history of Buffalo – this is a fitting background for FPC as we begin to plan in earnest for our 200th anniversary.

October 17 and 24 – We will look at the issue of Urban Sprawl, its causes and how it impacts our lives. This is a highly acclaimed film from VOICE Buffalo.

October 31 – We will study the question “Abundant Life: What Is it?” as we approach the idea of curing “influenza”.

Childcare Hours



Sundays
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
in the Nursery

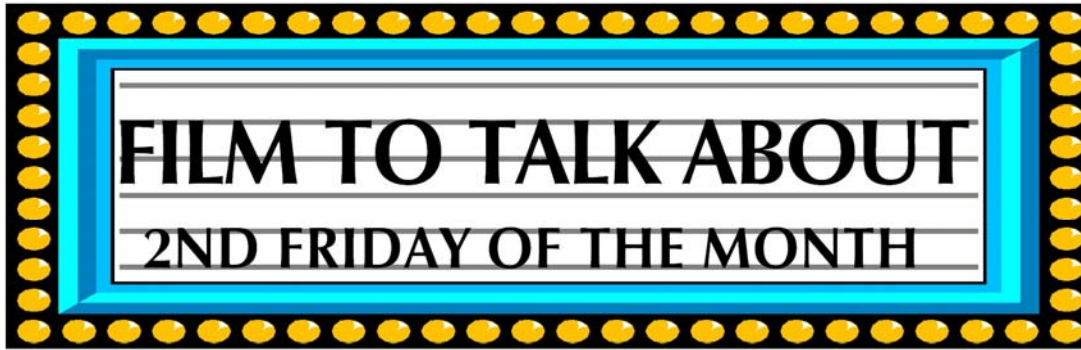
(For infants and toddlers to age 3)



Sunday School Schedule for October

October 3rd	No Sunday school — Joint worship with Lafayette!
October 10th	Sunday school
October 17th	Sunday school
October 24th	Sunday school
October 31st	Sunday school — POPCORN SUNDAY!





*Free film and discussion the Second Friday of the month
—AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—*

Led by Warren Glover

Friday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m.
in the Blue Room
Chocolat
(2000 — PG-13)



The Thrift Shop is open
Wednesdays and Fridays
from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Entrance on the
Wadsworth St. side of
the building.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are many events going on in the community this month, such as VIVE's Freedom Bowl, Jericho Road's Gala, and Family Promise's Chili Dinner. For a complete list, please see the bulletin board outside the Church Office.





Women's Association Luncheon & Program

Wednesday, October 20th

12:00 Noon

Lunch (\$7.00)

Program to be announced.

Reservations accepted through Friday, October 15th.

RSVP at 884-7250, ext. 10.

We hope you will join us for lunch—
if not, try to come for the program anyway.

Women's Book Club Gathering

The Women's Book Club will meet
on **Wed., Oct. 27 at 6:00 PM** at the
home of Karen Stephenson.

We will discuss the book:

Little Bee

by Chris Cleave.

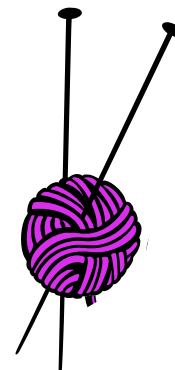
Potluck supper — please bring a
dish to share.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Mondays
from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Café Allegro, 1374 Hertel
Avenue.

The Sunday meeting of Prayer Shawl will be
held after worship on October 24.

Stop by and join us for either (or both)
meeting(s)— lots of fun and fellowship!





Remember the 4 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair

Did you know that clutter could keep you in the past, make you feel tired and lethargic, affect your body weight, and confuse you?

This month I have been focusing on how to reduce, recycle, reuse or repair clothing and how to get rid of clutter. As the weather gets cooler I usually start looking at every item of clothing that I have. I wash, iron and store my summer clothes and drag out my winter clothes. I look at each item carefully and ask myself 'How many times did I wear this top, skirt, jacket, pants, etc. in the past season or during the past 24 months?' If the answer is not at all I put it in a separate pile, which will be leaving my home.

Several years ago I joined www.freecycle.org - an online free item network. Their mission is "to build a worldwide gifting movement that reduces waste, saves precious resources and eases the burden on our landfills; the members benefit from the strength of a larger community." You will be amazed at how your trash can become another person's treasure. I post the unwanted items on line and they are gone within 48 hours.

If you have items of clothing that you no longer use an alternative is to pass them on to a local charity or thrift shop. It is important to be fair here and only donate an item that can be used again. (No junk!)

Most people wear only 20 percent of the items in their wardrobe 80 percent of the time. So when it comes to clearing out your wardrobe, first separate your clothes into the 20 percent you love to wear and the 80 percent that are just taking up space. Next, try on each item in the 80% pile and see how you feel. If you don't like the shape, the texture, the cut, or anything else about it, **let it go**. Keep only the outfits that you absolutely enjoy.

This year make a decision to never, ever buy anything again that isn't quite what you want, it will end up in the 80 percent pile and you will have wasted your money. Resolve to buy only clothing that you feel looks great on you even if this means that you buy three gorgeous outfits that cost a bit more rather than a dozen cheaper ones. And **remember that an item on sale is definitely not a bargain if you never use it!**

Some people keep things they haven't worn in over 20 years hoping that it will come back into fashion. If you haven't worn it in the last two years - **let it go**.

An eco-friendly wardrobe has more to do with the approach to building and maintaining your wardrobe by taking a fresh look at what's in your closet to see what can be fixed. Learn how to sew a button or patch a hole. Have your shoes repaired at the local shoe repair shop.

When buying new clothes, look for clothes labeled 100 percent organic. Cotton, linen, wool, bamboo, and hemp can all be grown organically and used to produce green clothing. Did you know that one-quarter of all pesticides used throughout the entire world are used in the production of cotton?

While you are at it – why not take a look at reducing items in your linen closet – are you saving old sheets or towels that you have not used in years? – **Let them go!**

Don't forget – "together we can make a difference!"
Lesley Haynes _peacesojourner@yahoo.com

FLU SHOT DAY

Sunday, October 24th

First Church will be hosting an on-site Flu Immunization clinic following worship service on **Sunday, October 24th in the Chapel:**

12:00-12:45 p.m. — Church Members Only

12:45 –1:30 p.m. — Opens to the Public



All immunizations will be administered by Registered Nurses from Independent Nursing Care.

Flu immunizations are recommended for:

- People 50 years of age and older
- People with long term health problems
- People with weakened immune systems
- Pregnant women beyond their first trimester
- Health care workers and people with close contact with at risk individuals

Flu immunizations are encouraged for:

- Household contacts and out of home caretakers of children 0-23 months
- People providing essential community services
- People living in dormitories
- Anyone who wants to reduce their chance of catching influenza

FEES

The fees for Influenza Immunizations are \$30. Many insurance plans are accepted as payment in full. For more information, please see the bulletin board outside the Church Office or call the office at 884-7250, ext. 10.



Peacemaking Offering

Sunday, October 10th

The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly. First Church will participate in the offering on **Sunday, October 10th**. First Church will retain 25 percent of the offering to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50 percent is used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Fall 2010

Senior Luncheon



Last year, the Deacons discussed a change of date for the Senior Luncheon, in hopes of having better weather. This year's Senior Luncheon was held on Saturday, September 25, 2010, a lovely, crisp fall day with thirteen seniors attending.

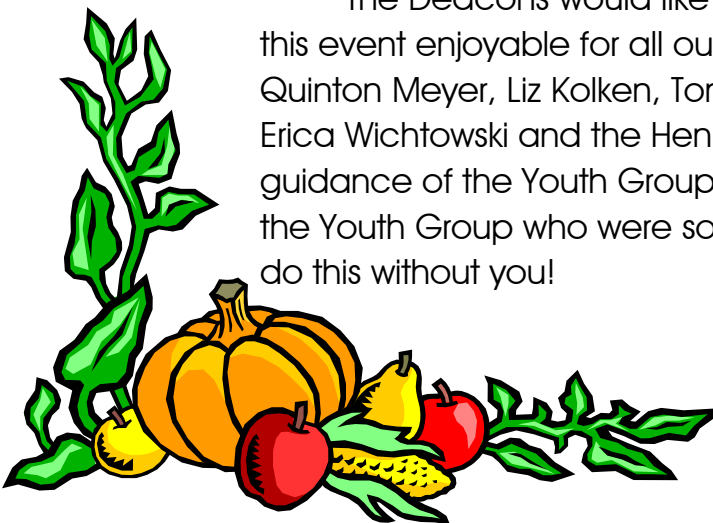
Tom Hollfelder, Church Custodian, had the tables up and places set when we arrived. Members of the Youth Group decorated the tables with an autumn theme and finished the last minute additions to the tables.

We began the day with a worship service, led by Rev. John Long, in the Chapel. Dr. David Bond provided the music and communion was served.

Following worship, lunch was served in the Blue Room. Liz Kolken of the Quaker Bonnet Eatery did her usual fine job by preparing a tasty meal of roast pork with apples, herbed mashed potatoes, tomato salad and pumpkin chiffon pie, which was expertly served by the Youth Group, who also did all the cleanup before sitting down together for pizza.

Handsome Dan again provided beautiful guitar music during the meal. Several Deacons baked quick breads as favors for our guests to take home after lunch.

The Deacons would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event enjoyable for all our guests: Rev. John Long, Dr. David Bond, Quinton Meyer, Liz Kolken, Tom Hollfelder, Handsome Dan, our bakers, Erica Wichtowski and the Henrys (Ellen, Jessica and Colin) for their guidance of the Youth Group, and most especially, the members of the Youth Group who were so very helpful and pleasant – we couldn't do this without you!





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September 14, 2010

Christian Education Committee
Camp Tea Fund

Dear Faith Family;

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to attend the 2010 Festival Gathering of the International Network of Biblical Storytellers (NBS). What an exciting event! Seeing truly gifted storytellers, some who use music and drama, some who simply sit and tell, was moving and motivating.

NBS emphasizes Biblical memorization and sharing the stories as they are in the Bible. Memorization engraves the story on your heart and increases the integrity of the message. It follows in the footsteps of the first believers, who shared the stories amongst themselves and the world.

We focused on the parables in Luke each day and discovered how people in different countries and different faith traditions hear them. Think of the parable of prodigal son... in the US we tend to focus on the sin of the son squandering all the money he was given. In Russia the sin is the son's decision to abandon his family and to think he does not need them. In Tanzania, where hospitality and welcome for all is emphasized, they see the sinners in the tale as those who refused the son food and shelter when he was destitute. As the Japanese, we were encouraged to celebrate a God whose shoes do not match. This declaration was based on a Japanese painting, where the father was so joyous upon his son's return that he grabbed the first two shoes at the door and ran out to greet him.

This is just the tiniest bit of what I learned. Parables are like onions...the outer layer is the story, the inner layers are the various meanings and the deepest layers are how it touches you. The storyteller builds the onion for the inside out and hands it to the listeners to peel apart to find their own meanings.

It was an amazing few days. I had time to get to know my WNY guild members on a deeper level. I listened to story after story, the epic telling of the entire book of John, and enjoyed lectures and workshops that increased my knowledge and skills.

Your generous support of my attendance is greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much.

Shalom,

A large, elegant, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Maria Patrick Oakley

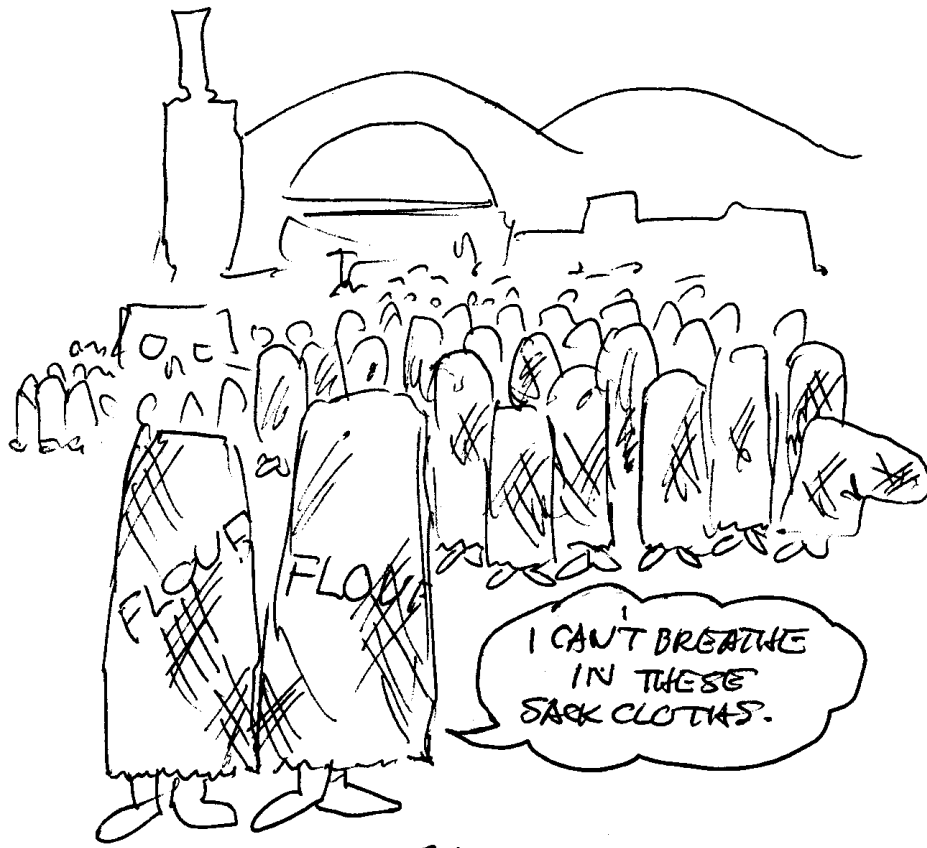
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to all our Saints with birthdays in October, especially:

Devon Bradford
Hilary Bradford
Ian Bradford
Jacqui Fox
Michael Henry
Heather Holden
Marlene Mattucci
Trevor Oakley
Norma Roscover
Bill Schulz
Thomas Woods



Do you have a birthday in November? If so, let us know!
Call the church office at
884-7250.



JONAH 3:1-10

Sig Art
Illustrated by Sig Potembski



News in the Family

Save the Date!

Please put these important dates on your calendars:

- Joint Worship at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Sunday, November 7th at 10:30 AM.
- Daylight Savings Time Ends November 7th. Fall back 1 hour!
- Next Men's Fellowship Gathering, Thursday, November 18th at 6 PM.
- The next Presbytery meeting is Saturday, November 20th at 10 AM.
- Women's Association Holiday Boutique, Saturday, December 4th.
- Church Life's Christmas Dinner, December 5th after worship.



At the September Presbytery meeting, Rev. Dr. Geri Lyon was formally and honorably retired. Congratulations, Geri, and enjoy your time with your granddaughter!



Special thanks to Kyle Bradford and gang for rearranging the Historical Hall! Doesn't it look fantastic!?



Anyone who would like a copy of the words spoken by Wilma Collins's daughter, Mary, at Wilma's memorial service last month, please call the church office. It was very moving. Wilma's family continues to be in our prayers.



A giant "thank you" goes to Quinton Meyer, Rev. Jane Dasher, Elder Don Houck, and Rev. Dave Persons who preached in September.




WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR FIRST CHURCH STAFF

The Personnel & Administration (P&A) Committee wishes to extend sincere appreciation and thanks to the First Church staff. Following Reverend Lyon's retirement, this group of amazing individuals has pulled together and worked with great spirit to provide uninterrupted service and support for our congregation and mission. We are truly blessed to have such a talented and dedicated team, helping to lead us into the shared future the Lord is preparing for us. Thank you!

— Ian Bradford, P&A Committee

First Church Calendar

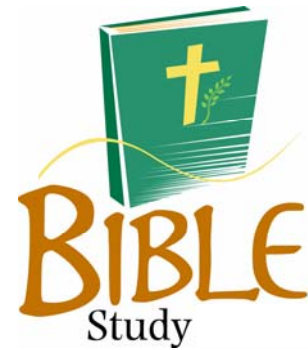
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>October 3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>JOINT WORSHIP WITH LAFAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>9:00 AM — Adult Christian Ed. (History of Buffalo Pt. 1) 10:30 AM — Worship & Communion, Rev. Drew Ludwig preaching 11:30 AM — Fellowship Hour</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM — Prayer Shawl Gathering at Café Allegro on Hertel</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 5:30 PM — Worship & Music Mtg. 7:00 PM — Lands & Bldgs. Mtg. 8:00 PM — AA Mtg.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Peacemaking Offering 9:30 AM — Adult Christian Ed. (History of Buffalo Pt. 2) 11:00 AM — Worship, preacher to be announced 11:15 AM — Sunday school 12:00 PM — Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>11</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY (Staff Holiday) BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM — Prayer Shawl Gathering at Café Allegro on Hertel</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 5:00 PM — Membership Mtg. 6:30 PM — CE Mtg. 8:00 PM — AA Mtg.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM — Adult Christian Ed. (Urban Sprawl Pt. 1) 11:00 AM — Worship, preacher to be announced 11:15 AM — Sunday school 12:00 PM — Fellowship Hour 12:00 PM — Library Book Sale</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM — Prayer Shawl Gathering at Café Allegro on Hertel</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 8:00 PM — AA Mtg.</p>
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<p>31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN</p> <p>9:30 AM — Adult Christian Ed. (Abundant Life) 11:00 AM — Worship, Rev. Dave Persons preaching 11:15 AM — Sunday School — POPCORN SUNDAY! 12:00 PM — Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>November 1</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM — Prayer Shawl Gathering at Café Allegro on Hertel</p>	<p>November 2</p> <p>10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 8:00 PM — AA Mtg.</p>

October 2010

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>6 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 2:00 PM — Church Life Mtg. 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30-6:00 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 6:00 PM — P&A Mtg. 6:30 PM — NA Mtg.</p>	<p>7 BUILDING CLOSES AT 5:00 PM</p>	<p>October 1 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 8:00 PM — AA Mtg</p>	<p>2 10 AM — Memorial Service for Dr. J. Warren Perry at D'Youville</p>
<p>13 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30-6:00 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 5:45 PM — Trustees' Mtg. 6:30 PM — NA Mtg. 7:00 PM — Deacons' Mtg.</p>	<p>14 BUILDING CLOSES AT 5:00 PM</p>	<p>15 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 8:00 PM — AA Mtg</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>20 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 12:00 PM—Women's Assoc. Luncheon & Program 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30-6:00 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 6:30 PM — NA Mtg. 7:00 PM — Session Mtg.</p>	<p>21 BUILDING CLOSES AT 5:00 PM</p>	<p>22 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 8:00 PM — AA Mtg</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30-6:00 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 6:30 PM — NA Mtg. 6:00 PM — Women's Book Club</p>	<p>28 BUILDING CLOSES AT 5:00 PM</p>	<p>29 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 8:00 PM — AA Mtg</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>November 3 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 2:00 PM — Church Life Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 6:30 PM — NA Mtg.</p>	<p>November 4 BUILDING CLOSES AT 5:00 PM</p>	<p>November 5 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 8:00 PM — AA Mtg</p>	<p>November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 AM—Fall Back 1 hour. Worship tomorrow at 10:30 AM at Lafayette!</p>

Library Book Sale

Sunday, Oct. 17th
after worship



Mid-week Bible study meets each Wednesday from 1-3 PM in the Pastor's Study. We use Lectio Divina to ponder and study the Gospel text to be preached the following Sunday. All are welcome— with no experience necessary!



Bookkeeper's Corner

AUGUST 2010 FINANCIAL ITEMS	Actual YTD* Aug. 31, 2010	Actual YTD* Aug. 31, 2009
Total Income	\$391,670	\$378,432
Total Expenses	\$348,771	\$351,455
Deficit support from the Endowment	\$124,656	\$144,286

HIGHLIGHTS	Actual YTD* Aug. 31, 2010	Actual YTD* Aug. 31, 2009
Pledge Income	\$159,202	\$122,817
Plate Income	\$10,205	\$7,670

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION AND TRUSTEES BY CLASS AND TERM

Clerk of Session

Janet Hill

Associate Clerk of Session

Joan Close

Class of 2013

Ian Bradford (T) (1)
Summer Flaherty (T) (2)
Norm Gibbon (T)(2)
John Gulick (T) (2)
Henry Porter (T) (2)
William Schulz (2)

Class of 2012

Jack Anthony (2)
JoAnn Doerr (2)
Jean Hess (1)
Janet Hill (1)
Don Houck (1)
Roger Woodard (2)

Class of 2011

Molly Anthony (T) (1)
Hilary Bradford (1)
Carlton Brownell (T) (1)
John Darby (T) (1)
Lauren Hill (1)
Marv Riegler (1)

(T) indicates that the Elder has also been elected to serve as a Trustee while on Session.

BOARD OF DEACONS BY CLASS AND TERM

Class of 2013

Mark Juan Armesto (1)
Debra Byrne (2)
José Gomez (1)
Alexander Lipnicki (1)
Stephanie Lipnicki (1)
Paul Reger (1)
Suzanne Snyder (2)

Class of 2012

Gregg Borland (2)
Jessica Laudisio (1)
Madeline Mason (2)
Judith Paradzai (1)
Lovelace Quarshie (2)
Phil Sims (1)
Denis Wettlaufer (1)

Class of 2011

Mark Armesto (1)
Russell Carlson (1)
Jennifer Doerr (2)
Mary Field (1)
Karen Frieder (1)
Jessica Henry (1)
Maria Murphy (1)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Friday 9 AM to 5 PM*

**Please note the office closes from 12:00-1:00 PM daily.*
When calling, please leave a message on the appropriate staff member's voicemail or ext. 10.



BUILDING USE

Please arrange use of building space for meetings and other events in advance with the Church Office by calling 884-7250, ext. 10 to add your meeting to the church calendar. All building use is subject to approval.



12-STEP MEETINGS HOSTED AT FIRST CHURCH

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

8:00 p.m. every Tuesday & Friday
(except holidays) in Community Hall.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

6:30 p.m. every Wednesday
(except holidays) in Community Hall



GERI LYON FOOD PANTRY*

**Formerly the Bread of Life Food Pantry*

Bags are distributed at 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday on the Wadsworth St. side of the building (except holidays).

Available to all, first come, first served.

For all pastoral care concerns,
call Quinton Meyer,
Associate for Visitation
884-7250, ext. 12 (Office)
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