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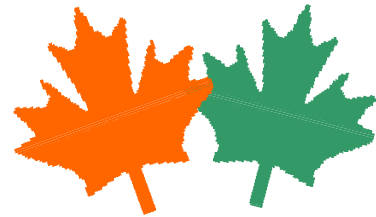
September 2010

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.



New Life Sunday, September 12th

Our next BIG event is the WELCOME BACK PICNIC on September 12th! We'll have grilled Sahlen's hot dogs, chips, baked beans, and ice cream for dessert. Please plan on joining us for a fellowship time and meet some new members also!



We're having a parade! On September 12th, join us in the narthex at 10:50 AM as we gather for the New Life Sunday Parade into the sanctuary to welcome the start of the new program year! There will be balloons and a banner that celebrates the journey we traveled with "Symbols of Summer".



September Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 5th

*10:00 a.m. Summer Worship in the Chapel,
Deacon Quinton Meyer preaching

11:00 a.m. Informal fellowship time

**Please note still summer hours*

Sunday, September 12th

New Life Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion,
Rev. Jane Dasher preaching

12:00 p.m. Church Life's Welcome Back Picnic
and Sunday School registration

Sunday, September 19th

11:00 a.m. Worship (Preacher to be announced)

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Sunday, September 26th

9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education

11:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. Dave Persons
preaching

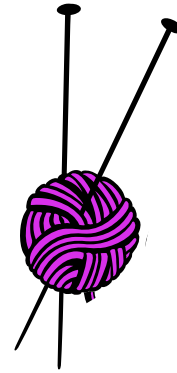
11:15 a.m. Sunday School (Bring a friend!)

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

12:00 p.m. Library Open House

12:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Gathering

**Sunday, October 3rd is
World Communion Sunday!**

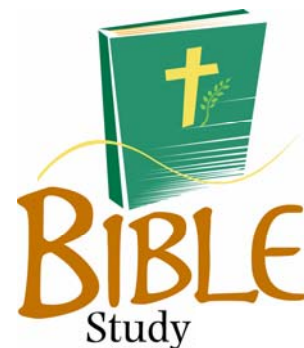


Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume its weekly meetings on September 13. We meet from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Café Allegro, 1374 Hertel Avenue.

The Sunday meeting of Prayer Shawl will be held after worship on September 26.

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



Mid-week Bible study returns to afternoons 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!



PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

By Don Houck, Committee Chair

In mid-July the Interim Pastoral Nominating Committee (IPNC) received approval to post its Church Information Form (CIF) at the denomination headquarters in Louisville, KY. Almost immediately we began receiving Personal Information Forms (PIF) from interested pastors. The CIF and PIFs are designed to match pastor's background and skills with our church needs and interests. Some PIFs came to us through this 'automatic' matching process and some were 'self referred' by pastors who saw our ad in one of the national publications we advertised in.

After reading close to 40 PIFs we have narrowed the field down to nine candidates. The committee met the last Wednesday in August to interview many of the candidates via a conference call. At a subsequent meeting we conducted two more interviews and listened to sermons from two candidates. It is our hope that we will have moved to 'face to face' interviews by the time you read this report.

Please keep in mind the best candidate may not be available until the end of September or the beginning of October. The committee is meeting weekly and working diligently to select and bring the candidate best suited to lead us while the church searches for its installed pastor.



ADULT CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

The Adult Christian Education program will resume on Sunday, September 26th, in the Library.

Join us to hear Gregg Borland describe his recent adventures in San Salvador. Grab a cup of coffee and meet us at 9:30 AM.

Christian Education News

By Ellen Henry, Associate for Outreach and Christian Education

Have you found yourself saying, “I can’t believe it’s September already!” as you look at school supplies, fall clothes and harvest decorations crowding the shelves in stores? What about the leaves just beginning to fall, ever so slowly and the nights with just a bit of a chill in the breeze. Hard to believe, isn’t it? Where *did* the summer go?

Well, we have been busy here at FPC. Building on the theme “Symbols of Summer” that Quinton Meyer chose for his pulpit series, our Kids’ Space provided an opportunity for our children to participate in hands-on activities that echoed what their parents were studying in the Chapel. We were blessed to have wonderful partners to help with Kids’ Space. Many thanks to the Oakley family, Mark Armesto and Olga Rico-Armesto, the Bradford family, Candy and John Darby, Jose Gomez, Brad Martinez and Stephanie and Alex Lipnicki for their participation in this new summer program. Some of the projects the children made are on display in the CE wing. Take a look and see if you can identify the symbols the children chose for their art.

We were also hard at work planning for the new program year. New Life Sunday, on September 12, gets us off to a great start. We will take the energy and spirit we built over the summer and carry it back to a shining, clean sanctuary, ready to face the challenges of the next months. Children will meet in the narthex at 10:50 to get ready for the parade. There will be registration for Sunday School at the picnic following worship. On September 22, youth Sunday School will resume. Youth in grades 4-6 will receive Bibles following the Children’s Message and the commissioning of Christian Education workers. If you are the parent of one of these young people, please make a special effort to be in worship, as we want you to be part of the presentation ceremony. September 26 is Bring-a-Friend to Sunday School Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring a buddy to introduce them to the great things we do in Sunday School and to encourage them to come back each week.

The FPC Youth Group is also working on new adventures. Over the coming year, we will occasionally join with youth from Westminster and Lafayette Presbyterian churches to participate in work and mission projects. The first opportunity takes place Saturday, September 18, when we go to Tiff Nature Preserve to join Buffalo Niagara Riverkeepers for their annual Shoresweep to clean up greenspaces along our local waterways. Waivers signed by parents are required for all participants. Young people in grades 7-12 are welcome to join us. We will also continue with Senior High meetings with Erica, Jessica and Colin in the CE wing during worship.

Christian Education is a vital part of church life. It is an opportunity to share our faith with our children and to prepare them for a spiritual journey that continues into adulthood. It introduces them to fellowship within their church family and it helps them to understand the stories, the songs, the sacraments and the worship that is part of the fabric of the church. Most important, it instills in our children, little by little, the knowledge that we belong to God and He will be with us always, in all things. Our Sunday School teachers are the best, bar none. They are fiercely dedicated and their lessons are fun and creative. Our youth leaders are devoted to our young people and give freely of their time and talents. Christian Education isn’t just a sometimes thing. Our children are best served when they can participate on a regular basis in the programs that have been designed for them. We invite you to join us on New Life Sunday and on each and every Sunday that follows.



Youth Group News

NEW YOUTH GROUP FORMED

Last year, FPC entered into a series of discussions with Lafayette Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church to explore ways in which we could combine our energies and collaborate on some of our activities. One suggestion that came out of our talks was a tri-church youth group, one that provided a way for the young people of all three churches to get together to participate in one-day work and mission projects.

These projects would benefit our community while giving the young people the opportunity to meet with teens from other churches. This group is not meant to replace our own youth group – it is an additional opportunity for fellowship.

So far, we have planned two events, one in September and one on October. The youth leaders of all three churches are excited about the new group and hope all our young people in grades 7-12 (and their friends) will participate!

Tri-Church Youth

**For young people in
Grades 7-12
September 18, 2010**

Join us as we gather with Buffalo Niagara Riverkeepers to participate in their annual Shoreline Sweep on September 18.

We will be working at Tiff Nature Preserve from 9 AM to 12 PM, so we will gather there. T-shirts and garbage bags will be provided. Please bring work gloves and wear boots or old sneakers. We will have doughnuts, snacks and water. Bring a bag lunch if you want. This is a rain or shine event, so dress for the weather.

Waivers signed by parents are mandatory! See Erica Wichtowski, Jess Henry, or Colin Henry for waivers and information about carpooling.



Library News

By Liz Kamke, Volunteer Librarian

This summer I retired after thirty years as the Library Media Specialist at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, and one of my friends gave me a bear that she had carved with a chainsaw. The bear holds an open book, and on it are written the words "I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library," a quote by Jorge Luis Borges. It is one of my favorite library quotes. Today it has me thinking, 'what is it about libraries that could make me think that Paradise might be like one?' What is it about libraries that I love so much? Here are some of the things I love:

- To be surrounded by wisdom.
- To be in a place that gets people thinking.
- To be able to make connections.
- To be able to choose a book, open it up, and take off to wherever it goes.
- To find answers to questions.
- To hear a good story.
- To feel a part of community.
- To share resources.
- To experience the element of surprise.
- To discuss what you've read.
- To learn!

Do you love libraries too? I could use your help this year to bring the library back to life. You could help me go through the collection, see what we have, what we need, help me get things organized. We need to enter new materials into the card catalogue, we need help with the used book sale; we need to have some story hours for kids— there is lots to do, and I would love some help. **Join us at the Library Open House on Sunday, September 26th after worship!**

We are so lucky to have such a beautiful library here at First Church! El Schneiderman and her crew did such a good job of running things. With your help we can get things going in there again. I'll see you in the library!

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY AT FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE

The Community Ministries Outreach Committee serves meals to the hungry at Friends of the Night People on the fifth Wednesday of the month.

Join us on **Wednesday, September 29th, at 4:00 p.m.** We will gather in the Blue Room and walk together to the Friends of the Night People building at the corner of Wadsworth and Hudson Streets. There, we'll prepare and serve a meal to the hungry people of our community.

There will be a sign-up sheet outside the Blue Room during the month of September. Join in!





Women's Association Luncheon & Program

JERICHO ROAD MINISTRIES

What is THAT? Come to the Women's Association on
Wednesday, September 15th and find out.

Lunch (\$7.00) will be at Noon.

Reservations accepted through Friday, September 10th.

RSVP at 884-7250, ext. 10.

Program to follow, featuring our own
Stephanie Lipnicki, Interim Executive Director of Jericho Road Ministries.
She will tell us who they are and what they do.

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

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★

Men's News

The Men's Fellowship Group
will gather on

Thursday, September 23rd

at 6:00 PM at the Quaker Bonnet Eatery
(175 Allen St.)

for dinner and a program led by Gregg Borlanf,
who will discuss his trip to El Salvador.

All men are invited for a casual dinner and discussion.
Please RSVP to the Church Office at 884-7250, ext. 10 or
email@firstchurchbuffalo.org by Tuesday, September 21st.

Cleaning Week a Success!



When you walk into the Sanctuary on New Life Sunday, September 12th, you may notice the smell of Murphy's Oil Soap, and see gleaming pews and woodwork. That's thanks to the hard work of all the people listed below who scrubbed, dusted, buffed and cleaned the week of August 15th!

Thank you thank you thank you for all your hard work!

Chuck Banas
Nancy Barry
Devon Bradford
Ian Bradford
Jamie Bradford
Kyle Bradford
Sydney Bradford
Taylor Bradford
Pat Brown
Ramona Brown
Debbie Byrne
Millie Cook
Max Connor
Kevin Cunningham
Chelsea Dupere
Gladys Gibbon
Norm Gibbon
Jose Gomez
Andrew Gordon
Pat Harmon
Colin Henry

Ellen Henry
Jess Henry
Mike Henry
Jean Hess
Janet Hill
Nikia Jenkins
Liz Kamke
Francesca Manzella
Brad Martinez
Madeline Mason
Alan McCausland
Pietro Muscato
Obed Osei
Tina Osei
Cecelia Ossah
Nate Peranciny
Shawn Pollack
Lovelace Quarshie
Selorm Quarshie
Lou Ann Luther Riegle
Marv Riegle

Rama Salim
Richard Sawyer
Bill Schulz
El Schneiderman
Phil Sims
Sue Snyder
Don Standart
Paula Standart
Christina Trachtenberg

Thank you, also, to everyone who donated rags, towels, buckets and other supplies—they were put to good use!

(If we missed your name, we apologize, and please let us know & we'll put it in the October newsletter!)

The Deacons cordially invite



our Saints 75 years and over
to the

Senior Luncheon

Saturday, September 25th at 11:00 a.m.

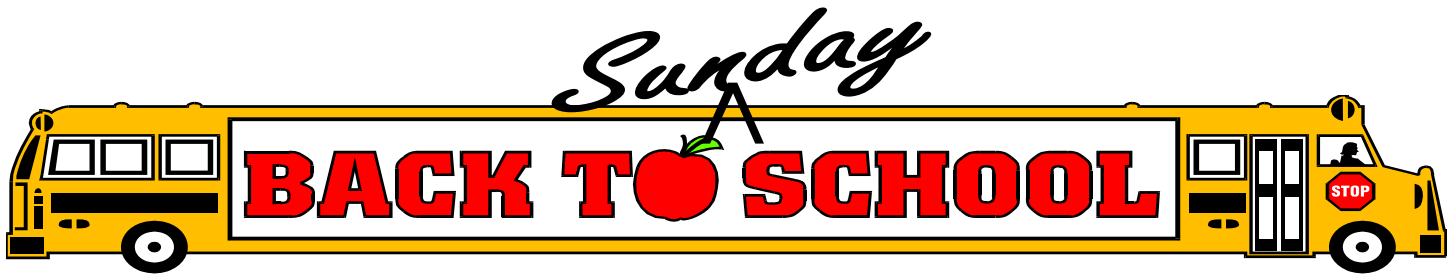
Join us for a Worship service
and Communion
followed by a wonderful luncheon.

Saints are welcome to bring a friend, relative or care-giver.
Transportation can be arranged by calling the Church Office.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 22nd, by calling the
Church Office at 884-7250, ext. 10.



We look forward
to seeing you!



September 12: New Life Sunday – Parade!!! (meet in the narthex at 10:50 – we’ll have balloons and showcase some of the crafts from Symbols of Summer) – no Sunday School classes - Sunday School registration at the picnic following worship

September 19 – Sunday School begins – join us first in the sanctuary to hear Maria Oakley Children’s Message – Bibles will be presented to youth in grades 4-6

September 26 – **Bring-a-Friend** to Sunday School – if everyone brings a buddy, we’ll double the number of children gathering for Sunday School!



Sunday School Schedule for September

September 5th	No Sunday school
September 12th	Sunday school registration
September 19th	First day of Sunday school
September 26th	Bring a friend to Sunday school

Sunday School Registration Form

Please complete the following form and return it to Janet Hill’s mailbox in the Church Office.

Parent’s Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Children in Sunday School:

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade in September _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade in September _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade in September _____

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

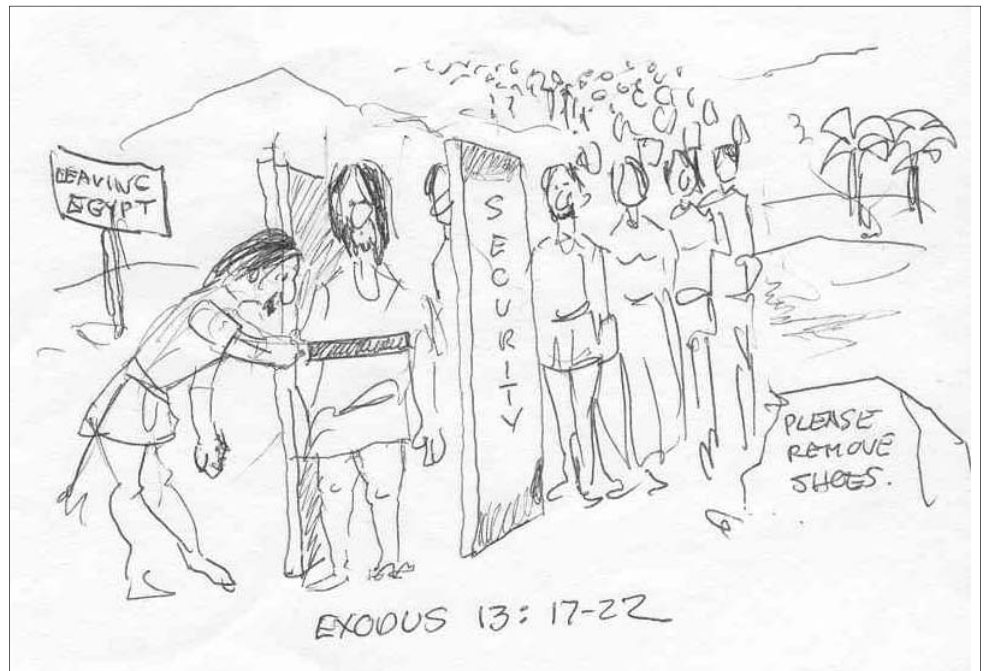
Happy Birthday to all our Saints with birthdays
in September, especially:

Olga Rico-Armesto
Mark Juan Armesto
Jose Gomez
Jim Grande
Erika Grande
Susan Koepfel
Stephanie Lipnicki
Geri Lyon
Tina Osei
Isabel Smith
Michael Smith
Miriam Swanson
Willie Hemphill Jr.
Jessica Henry
El Schneiderman
Ken Madell
Jocelia Sawyer



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

Sig Art
Illustrated by Sig Potembski



News in the Family

I really appreciated the phone calls and cards I received after my surgery. Thank you all very much!
~Nancy Barry



Karen Frieder's daughter, Marisa, completed her personal goal to swim under all 11 of Portland, Oregon's bridges - 10.7 miles from the Sellwood to the St. Johns - and became the first person to do it in the process - in 5 hours and 18 minutes. Way to go!



This year's Garden Walk was another success! People as far south as Georgia, as far west as Ohio, as far east as Delaware & as far north as Ontario toured our sanctuary on the GardenWalk!



Our very own Tsitsi Paradzai was featured in an article in the Spring 2010 issue of the Canisius College alumni magazine regarding "the impact of annual gifts." The article is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office if you'd like to check it out. Congratulations, Tsitsi!



Congratulations to Dominic and Jessica Laudisio on the birth of their second child, Elliette Sophia, in August. She joins brother Lucas and was baptized on August 22nd. Welcome to the world, baby Elliette!



Jack and Molly Anthony are the proud grandparents of twins born this summer! Congratulations!



Karen and Bill Lewis celebrated the marriage of their son, Patrick, on a beautiful day in August. Many blessings for a bright and happy future for the new couple!



Lovelace Quarshie is thrilled to share with her church family that she passed her nursing board exams this summer! We are so proud of you, Lovelace!



Over the summer we lost some of our great saints, and we offer condolences to their families:

The McCausland family suffered the tragic loss of Spc. Joseph Whiting Dimock, II, 21, (Alan's grandson) a native of Wildwood, IL. Joseph was killed while serving in Afghanistan when an explosion occurred in an ammunition holding facility during an inventory. He had been enlisted in the U.S. Army since August 2007. For nearly three years, he served as a rifleman in 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Our dear saint Wilma Collins passed away in August. Wilma was a long-time member of First Church, and had moved to North Carolina to be near her daughter, Mary, a few years ago. We will always remember Wilma's smile. There will be a memorial service at First Church on September 4th.

Our great saint and patron of the arts, Dr. J. Warren Perry, passed away in August. Dr. Perry was a generous man who bestowed many gifts to First Church, including the Perry Rail on the lectern-side of the chancel, which was dedicated in his brother's honor. A memorial service will be held at D'Youville College on Saturday, October 2nd.

First Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>5 10:00 AM — Summer Worship in the Chapel, Deacon Quinton Meyer preaching 11:00 AM — Informal fellowship time 12:00-2:30 PM — Liberian Community Worship Service</p>	<p>6 Labor Day BUILDING CLOSED</p>	<p>7 11:00 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM — Worship & Music Mtg. 7:00 PM — Lands & Bldgs. Mtg. 8:00 PM — AA Mtg.</p>
<p>12 New Life Sunday *11:00 AM — Worship & Communion, Rev. Jane Dasher preaching 12:00 PM — Welcome Back Picnic & Sunday school Registration <i>*Please note change in worship time</i></p>	<p>13 BUILDING CLOSED 6:30-8:00 PM — Prayer Shawl Gathering at Café Allegro on Hertel</p>	<p>14 10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 5:00-6:30 PM — LV Tutoring 7:00 PM — CE Mtg. 8:00 PM — AA Mtg.</p>
<p>19 11:00 AM — Worship 11:15 AM — Sunday School 12:00 PM — Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>20 BUILDING CLOSED 6:30-8:00 PM — Prayer Shawl Gathering at Café Allegro on Hertel</p>	<p>21 10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 8:00 PM — AA Mtg.</p>
<p>26 9:30 AM — Adult Christian Ed. 11:00 AM — Worship, Rev. Dave Persons preaching 11:15 AM — Sunday School 12:00 PM — Fellowship Hour 12:00 PM — Library Open House 12:00 PM — Prayer Shawl Gathering</p>	<p>27 BUILDING CLOSED 6:30-8:00 PM — Prayer Shawl Gathering at Café Allegro on Hertel</p>	<p>28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 3:30-5:00 PM — Fight Back: Aikido 4:00 PM — PWNV Meeting in Clarence 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 8:00 PM — AA Mtg.</p>

September 2010

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 1 2:00 PM — Church Life Mtg. 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 6:00 PM — Women's Book Club 6:30 PM — NA Mtg.	2 BUILDING CLOSES AT 5:00 PM	3 8:00 PM — AA Mtg	4 1:00 PM — Memorial Service for Wilma Collins
8 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 6:00 PM — P&A Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM — NA Mtg. 7:00 PM — Deacons' Mtg.	9 BUILDING CLOSES AT 6:00 PM	10 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 8:00 PM — AA Mtg	11
15 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 12:00 PM—Women's Assoc. Luncheon & Program 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 5:00-6:30 PM — LV Tutoring 5:45 PM — Trustees' Mtg. 6:30 PM — NA Mtg.	16 BUILDING CLOSES AT 6:00 PM	17 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 8:00 PM — AA Mtg	18
22 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop Sale 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.	23 BUILDING CLOSES AT 6:00 PM 6:00 PM — Men's Fellowship Dinner at the Quaker Bonnet Eatery	24 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop Sale 8:00 PM — AA Mtg	25 11:00 AM — Senior Luncheon
29 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:00 PM — Friends of Night People 4:30-6:00 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 6:30 PM — NA Mtg.	30 BUILDING CLOSES AT 6:00 PM	October 1 11:00 AM—2:00 PM — Thrift Shop 8:00 PM — AA Mtg	October 2 10 AM — Memorial Service for Dr. J. Warren Perry at D'Youville



The Thrift Shop be open for business beginning Wednesday, September 8th with a Back to School and Welcome Fall Sale on September 22nd and 24th! Come and help, come and shop, or both!

VISA & MasterCard Accepted

Just a reminder that we accept credit cards for donations, pledge payments, and reimbursements. Credit card transactions may be made over the phone by calling 884-7250, ext. 17.



Childcare Hours



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

(For infants and toddlers to age 3)



Bookkeeper's Corner

* "YTD" = Year-to-Date

JULY 2010 FINANCIAL ITEMS	Actual YTD* July 31, 2010	Actual YTD* July 31, 2009
Total Income	\$349,168	\$328,342
Total Expenses	\$318,228	\$322,311
Deficit support from the Endowment	\$97,390	\$120,069
HIGHLIGHTS	Actual YTD* July 31, 2010	Actual YTD* July 31, 2009
Pledge Income	\$149,356	\$114,020
Plate Income	\$9,199	\$6,827

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)
909-2259 (Cell)**

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