

PRESBYTERIAN TIDINGS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN

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Wm. Scott Berry, son of Jeff & Connie Berry
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

W. Tyler Brown, son of Tom & Carol Brown
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Kent Brummel, son of Carol Petryk and Steve Brummel
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Chris Buitenhuis, son of Sue Buitenhuis and Ron Buitenhuis
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Emily Bunn, daughter of Scott & Kristin Bunn
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Aris DeVecht, son of Tony & Julie DeVecht
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Nick Flaquer, son of Juan & Linda Flaquer
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Caleb Fuller, son of Chuck & Kim Fuller
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Lacey Hamilton, daughter of Tracy Gabel
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Collin Hoyer, son of Craig & Cindy Hoyer
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Ken Kenrick, son of Chris Kenrick and Luann Kenrick
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Bill Kenrick, son of Chris Kenrick and Louann Kenrick
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Ryan Khodl, son of Steve & Sandy Khodl
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

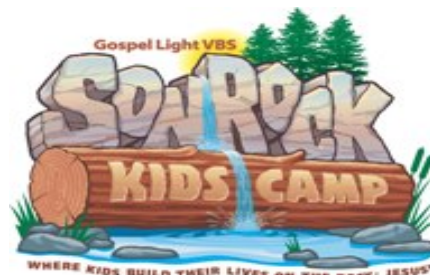
Ben Kober, son of Jim Kober & Donna Harris-Kober
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Josh LaBeff, son of Don & Beth LaBeff
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Amy LaNoue, daughter of Tom & Sharon LaNoue
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Kelsey Macqueen, daughter of Jeff & Maureen Macqueen
Graduated from West Ottawa High School

Vacation Bible School

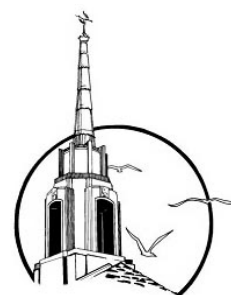


THANK YOU!

VBS Directors: Deb McMaster, Elizabeth Reenders
and Winnie McNergney

VBS Leaders:

Bryan Anys	Anna Jullie	Ali Steggles
Vicki Butcher	Brittany Jullie	Jane Stoecker
Rachel Cotton	Jamie Jullie	Sophie Stoecker
Amy Dalman	Amber Keefe	Mary Thorsen
Andrew Dalman	Wendy Keefe	Leslie Wampler
Marcy Engelsman	Kathy Lovatt	Donna Ward
Tom Engelsman	Beth Maschewske	Jenna Winkler
Heather Force	Don Poole	Karissa Winkler
Gail Goldberg	Hannah Post	Katie Winkler
Faith Harp	Debbie Ray	Cameron Wolf
Trisha Harp	Ann Rotman	Min Wolf
Alissa Jullie	Madeline Sanchez	Carissa Yonan



Sunday Worship Services
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

POTTPOURI



Josh Poel, son of Randy & Lisa Poel
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Katie Potter, daughter of Terry & Michelle Potter
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Danielle Reenders, daughter of Mark & Jana Reenders
Graduated from Grand Haven High Sch

Rachel Rusco, daughter of Mark & Cathy Rusco
Graduated from Grand Haven High Schoo

Jennifer Saddler, daughter of Rich & Chris Saddler
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Paul Segers, son of Mike & Sally Segers
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Rachel Stanley, daughter of Scott & Deb Stanley
Graduated from Grand Haven High School

Nick Bronsema, son-in-law of Rich & Michal Wheeler
Graduated from Western Michigan University
M.A. Educational Leadership

Sarah Bronsema, daughter of Rich & Michal Wheeler
Graduated from Michigan State University
M.A. Curriculum and Teaching

Matt Bussell, son of Bill & Chris Bussell
Graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary, M. Div.
Future education plans: Duke University, Masters Theology

Amanda Cook, daughter of Rev. Tom & Martha Cook
Graduated from Miami University, B.A. Political Science
Future educational plans: John Marshall Law School

Erica Law, daughter of Phillip & Nancy Law
Graduated from GVSU, B.A. Elementary Ed.

Michelle Curtis, daughter of Chuck & Jane Hettenbach
Graduated from Michigan State University, B.A. Advertising

Angela Perrier, daughter of Armand & Carol Perrier
Graduated from Iowa State University, M.S.

Casey Purcell-Ayers, daughter of Ron & Nancy Purcell
husband: Bryon Ayers
Graduated from Baker College, A.S., Radiologic Technology

Tanya Purcell, daughter of Ron & Nancy Purcell
Graduated from Central Michigan University,
M.A. Speech-Language Pathology

Abigail Reenders, daughter of Mark & Jana Reenders
Graduated from Eastern MI University, B.S. Health Administration

Rebecca Reenders, daughter of Mark & Jana Reenders
Graduated from Eastern MI University, B.S. Health Administration

Jim and Lois Hillis Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following graduating seniors have been awarded scholarships from the Jim and Lois Hillis Scholarship Fund:

W. Tyler Brown	Ben Kober
Josh Poel	Rachel Stanley

The Jim and Lois Hillis Scholarship Fund provides one-time awards to graduating seniors for the purpose of post-secondary education or training.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Daring Discipleship Campaign has now completed one year. We have received \$372,952 in revenues to this point. We received pledges of \$1,382,638. We have received 25% of the amount pledged. We are approximately 1/3 of the way through the campaign. The campaign ends at the end of 2011.

During the next year, revenues from the campaign will be concentrating on renovation of the organ.

GENERAL FUND GIVING UPDATE

Thank you for your generous support of First Presbyterian. Prior to April, revenues were down \$45,000 when compared to giving in 2008. As of May 31, giving is now on track with our 2009 budget. It is with your continued generosity that we will be able to support all the wonderful programs and missions here at First Presbyterian.

August Presbyterian Tidings

For cost cutting measures, it was initially announced the July newsletter was going to be combined with August, well...

GOOD NEWS!

1st Pres is a busy, growing church and we have many new and returning fall programs that can't wait until the September Tidings to be announced. Watch your mailbox the first week in August for our next Tidings issue.

Concerning Our Church Family and Friends

Thank you: A big thanks to all who prayed on my behalf during my recent challenge and brain surgery. PRAISES to God for the positive outcome! My stronghold: *Isaiah 41:10*, check it out! -Paula Parker

Thank you for the cards and recognition you gave as we celebrated my 90th birthday during coffee fellowship on Sunday, May 3, 2009. The day was alive with celebration, shared moments and special memories. I thank God for the privilege of living and loving. - Victory (Vicky) Frantz

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 MORE POTPOURI

(continued) **Thank you:** We would like to thank you for the prayer shawl, the endless array of cards and well wishes as well as your thoughts and prayers extended to us throughout Ken's illness. We are grateful to God at this time it's in remission. God bless each of you. - Ken and Bev MacLeod
 Thanks a million for your prayers, cards, hugs and support during the passing of our son and grandson, Joshua. Thanks to pastor Rick for his comforting words and beautiful service. We are so blessed to be part of the family of God at First Pres. - Roger & Marti Wilder
 and Don & Shirley Swifney

Dear Presbyterian Women, What a surprise and honor! I am humbled by your presentation to me of the Honorary Life Membership award on Sunday, May 10, 2009. You all encourage me everyday to continue to fight the good fight. Thank you for the lovely pin and Willow Tree angel. Blessings, Barb Scott

Congratulations to: To Grandparents, Ron and Mary Helen Hoffmeyer, on the May 5, 2009 birth of their grandson, William "Will" Paul Hoffmeyer. Parents are Paul and Kate, who live in North Las Vegas, NV. Will also has a brother Ethan to greet him.

Grandparents, Jim and Edie Swart, on the May 6, 2009 birth of granddaughter, Isla Meredith Stewart. Parents are Douglas and Laura Stewart living in Harrison Township, MI.

Great-grandparents, Darld and Joyce Black on the May 11, 2009 birth of Annalee Jane Black. Parents are Justin and Elizabeth Black of Hudsonville, MI.

Matt and Rachael Fisher on the May 14, 2009 birth of Ryan Adam Fisher. Proud grandmother, Joyce Whisenant and great-grandmother, Carolyn Brink.

Rob & Leslie Ver Duin on the birth of their daughter Sarah Katherine on June 5, 2009. Congratulations also to grandparents Sandy & Bob Ver Duin and Lyle & Karen Blessing.

Great-great Aunt Dar Hollis on the June 15, 2009 birth of Dominic Luis Creasy. Parents are Weston and Sue Creasy.

To Vicky Frantz on the birth of her Great-grandson, Jeffrey Frantz Ivaniszek born June 15, 2009. Jeffrey's parents are Colleen and Joshua Ivaniszek of Juneau, Alaska.

Prayer Concerns: Woody Bender, Bill Roper, Catherine Stephenson, Bud Star, Mary Vivian, Nancy Braak, Paula Parker and Esther Merwin

Continuing Prayers for: Cathleen Pranger.

Our Sympathy to: Mike & Marcia D'Oyly on the May 6, 2009 death of Mike's grandmother, Doris Ruth D'Oyly.

Roger and Marti Wilder, Don and Shirley Swifney and families on the recent death of Marti's son and Don and Shirley's grandson, Joshua VanHook.

Muriel Mersereau and Jacobson families on the recent death of her sister, Marilyn Jacobson Brooks.

Dan and Brenda DeVeau and family on the May 16, 2009 death of Dan's mother.

Bob and Robin Eidson and family on the May 20, 2009 death of Bob's mother, Helen Eidson.

Jan, Ruben and Becky Burton on the May 29, 2009 death of husband and father, Doug Burton.

Shirley Shuman and family on the June 7, 2009 death of her husband, Scott.

In Memoriam: Douglas Mark Burton
 December 30, 1953 - May 29, 2009



A memorial service for Doug Burton will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Refugee Resettlement Update: Saturday and Sunday, July 11 & 12 will be a special weekend as we mark the one year anniversary of the Mishra family's arrival in Grand Haven and our church's journey of sponsorship. Watch the Sunday bulletins for details of an all church open house that weekend along with recognition and celebration during worship that Sunday morning.

In the past several weeks the Mishras have taken a huge step towards independence with the generous donation of an 8 passenger van from a FPC family! What an amazing gift! Madhav is the only licensed driver at the moment, but Kunta has her driving permit and a couple of people have begun working with her on practice driving. Additional people willing to take her out driving are needed. Madhav is almost finished with his first term at MCC and looking forward to classes beginning again in the fall. Kunta and Chandra are busy young women holding down two jobs a piece. To make progress in achieving their GEDs it might help to have one-on-one tutors begin meeting with them on a weekly basis. Materials are available at both the library and on-line for anyone interested in helping the girls with this.

In the larger refugee community an eighth family arrived in Grand Haven in mid-June and a nineteenth family is due to arrive July 1. Seven area churches are now fully involved sponsoring our Bhutanese/Nepali families. God has done amazingly more than we ever dreamed or imagined! Thank you FPC for leading the way in refugee resettlement mission work!

Address change notification:

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Groat
 Sentinel Point Retirement Community
 2900 Thornhills Dr., Apt. 110
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

The Groats appreciate receiving notes and card from their church family. If you would like to call them, please call the church office, 616-842-6760, for their phone number.



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508 Franklin Street
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Address Service Requested

*If you are unable to attend Sunday morning worship:
 Tune your radio dial to WGHN-A 1370 or WGHN-FM 92.1
 Sunday mornings at 9:05 a.m. to hear the previous week's sermon!
 Or, visit our web site: www.fpgh.org*

JULY TIDINGS



1st Sunday Food Collection

In response to the overwhelming demand on local food pantries, our Mission Committee has begun collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.

Collection dates will be the first Sunday of each month. As we live through these times of financial crisis this need is becoming more and more critical. With your help families will be able to sustain themselves.

Mark your calendar for collection date: **July 7**

-UPCOMING EVENTS-

Sunday, August 30
All church Picnic at Pottawattomie Park

Sunday, October 18
Consecration Sunday



Summer Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 8 AM - 5 PM
Friday 8 AM - 12 PM

OUR MISSION

As members of First Presbyterian Church we will:

- ◆ Provide relevant and engaging worship that nurtures a growing community of faith.
- ◆ Grow our faith by promoting quality educational opportunities to all.
- ◆ Affect people's lives by creating a culture of acceptance, where differences are valued, and connections to one another are fostered in a Christ-centered church.
- ◆ Remain a beacon in our community by building on our rich missional heritage as a church that serves locally, regionally and globally.

OUR VISION

We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.