

PRESBYTERIAN TIDINGS

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JUDAS: BETRAYER OR BROTHER?

It was as though their wishes had been fulfilled. The chief Priests and Elders schemed to have Jesus snuffed out, discreetly. "It must not be during the festival of the Passover," they said, "or there could be rioting." (Mark 14:1-2) They knew that at Passover Jerusalem was like tinder box. Times were tense. The crowds were big. The Roman guard was up and ready to snuff out any acts of sedition.

Then entered Judas Iscariot. "How much is it worth to you for me to set up Jesus?"

Somehow, they came up with a price of thirty pieces of silver. Judas snatched at it like a famished animal and from that point he plotted and connived, waiting for just the right moment to betray the One who had given him every opportunity, every confidence, every form of intimate trust that could be afforded and then some.

Ironically the moment came on the night of the Passover Feast. The disciples met as a family around a table in an upper room. On that night, when Jesus sat down with the twelve, with Judas among them quivering with anticipation, Jesus said this, "I tell you this: one of you will betray me." As you can guess, doubt and anxiety grabbed them all. They were, in some ways, used to such shocking news from their leader. But betrayal? "Can you mean me, Lord?" Jesus replied, "One who has dipped his hand into this bowl with me will betray me. The Son of man is going the way appointed for Him in the Scriptures; but alas for the poor soul who was chosen to betray me! It would be better if he had never been born." (Mark 14:21) Jesus was speaking of Judas, whom he had given the place of honor at the three-sided table, and with whom he shared the same bowl of stew by dipping their bread into it.

That was the end of it for Judas, emotionally. Inside, his stomach twisted in knots. "Rabbi? Can you mean me?" Jesus looked him in the eye, Judas turned away from the gaze. Jesus said, "The words are yours; it is how you said." (Matt 26:25)

We don't know what happened to Judas after that moment but I am sure there was at least a shudder in his

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Palm Sunday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 9

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Seder Experience

Good Friday, April 10

Men's Worship Service & Breakfast

7 a.m. Worship Service in Chapel
Breakfast following service

April 10 Good Friday Service
Second Reformed Church
located: 301 Washington
12:15 p.m.

HE IS NOT HERE:
He is RISEN!

EASTER SERVICES
Sunday, April 12

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

FROM TOM'S DESK

spine, a twitching in his eyes and a dry strained gulp. Did he take part in that very first communion, the very last meal of our Lord or did he wretch in fear and flee headlong into the night? It is not known for sure; but of this we can be sure, his communion was by his own choice. The man, the Master, Jesus, would never withhold it or exclude him from participating.

What is known is this: that indeed he went through with the betrayal. It was in a garden called Gethsemane, within sight of the Temple. It was there, with a kiss on Jesus' cheek by a tormented man, the betrayal was fulfilled, and the final human act of death was initiated.

Why do I retell this life draining story? Because I believe there is something of Judas that is a part of you and me... something that almost makes us feel sorry for the man. The betrayal, the kiss on Jesus' cheek, they weren't his alone. It was the betrayal of 10,000 years and the kiss of countless lips. This is what Holy Week calls us to recognize, to own, and what Easter forgives us for.

TO THE FINANCIAL POINT

It's tough to talk about but here it is. Revenues are below budget. Our budget is less than the total of last year's revenues. I know these are tough times. That could be the simple explanation for the problem. Complicating the fact that worship attendance has not changed negatively even in the face of some seriously tough sledding in January and February. Over the past three years we have already made effective and drastic reductions in the church's personnel costs making us leaner in our operation costs.

Personally, I maintain a wall of ignorance when it comes to knowing what individuals pledge or give. I do know there are some sixty families who did not make financial commitments to the 2009 budget, although they did in 2008. As we look at those names, with some exceptions, we don't know why. We hope it is an oversight. We need your support.

As a congregation we are required to pay a \$23.08 per capita for each member of the church. It's like a franchise fee that keeps us connected to the PCUSA. This money is used for the administrative costs of our denomination's Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. If you are a family of two parents and two member children (confirmed and older such as college students) that means a cost of \$92.32. Add it up, based on our membership, and it comes to \$28,065.28 in costs. However you look at it, it is a pretty good chunk of change in our budget, in fact about 10% of our personnel budget. This year we are requesting that each member pay their own per capita over and above their usual giving. For those using envelopes you will find a special blue envelope in your box for this purpose.

If income does not rebound the Session will be forced to make cuts in program, activities, mission and personnel. This would be too bad because now is the time folks need the church the most. I pray that those behind in their giving are blessed enough today to catch up, those we have not heard from for 2009 will make themselves heard, and that every member will pay their per capita.

In hope and faith,

**One Great Hour of Sharing
Palm Sunday, April 5 & Easter Sunday, April 12**
Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. These funds help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Healing Mission May 15 & 16
Sponsored by
The Lakeshore Chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician
Hosted by
First Presbyterian Church
508 Franklin Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417
616-842-6760 www.fpgh.org
Watch for Details in Sunday Bulletins & May Tidings

 CONCERNING OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Congratulations! Grandparents Tom & Carol Brown on the February 24, 2009 birth of Adelynn Jo Brown. Parents are Michael & Jane Brown

Proud grandparents, Scott and Karin Fowler on the March 27, 2009 birth of Jack William Fowler. Parents are Ryan and Kelsey Fowler in Sacramento, CA.

Our Sympathy: The family of The Rev. Dr. Albert G. Parker III, who passed away on March 1, 2009 at the age of 87. Rev. Parker served as pastor here at First Presbyterian from 1960 to 1974.

The family of Bernice VerDuin on the March 19, 2009 death of her sister, Virginia Ann (Olson) Oakes of Leesburg, Florida.

Prayer Concerns: Doug Burton, Paul Rose, Lowell Rasmussen, Wealthy Krueger, Ken MacLeod and Mary Vivian

Continuing Prayers for: Cathleen Pranger and Guy Terrill

The Prayer Chain Ministry is an important and vital ministry in our church family. If you would like to be a part of either the phone or e-mail 'Prayer Teams' please call Karen at the church office 842-6760, x12.

Please continue to pray for those serving in the military . . . Brad Roberts and Seth Roberts, nephews of Mike and Marcia D'Oyly; Jake Dickerson, son of Mike and Marcia D'Oyly; Leslie VanLangevelde, Les and Jo Ennega's granddaughter; Nicholas Wabeke, nephew of Cheryl Wabeke; Matthew Schoonveld, grandson of Verna Schoonveld; Phillip Lewis, nephew of Randy and Betty Jo Enell; Christina Heath, daughter of Marianne and Frank Lipcsei; Alonzo Warner, son of Patty and Gene Warner and their son-in-law, Tim Pham; Reuben Burton, son of Jan and Doug Burton; Adam Gleason, son of Carol and Joe Eveland; Andrew Lee; Jonathon Smith, grandson of Esther Smith; Lidale Czerepak, great-niece of Rick and Donna vandenBerg; Jonah Dornbos

Thank you . . .

. . . for sending the *Upper Room*, inspirational sermons and the *Tidings*. I am still housebound and only go out for doctor visits. I became 90 years-old recently and I thank God that he has helped me live this long. I feel his presence every minute. ~Jean Wagner

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at Judy McAlister's home, 111 Dale Court, on the following dates at **7 p.m. - April 13, May 4 and June 1**. Please bring your knitting needles/crochet hook and yarn and join the fun and fellowship. Donations of yarn is appreciated too. Each shawl requires 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun and can be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Joanne Fabrics, Michaels and Meijers. Drop off donations to the church office.

Thank you (continued)

. . . for sharing the Sunday altar flowers and thank you to the Deacon for delivering them to me. They look beautiful and smell fantastic! When the sun is out it makes it look like spring. ~love, Nancy Jonker Stoner

. . . to the members of our church for their continued prayers. I appreciate all the phone calls, cards and notes that were sent; a special thanks to Rick and Tom for their visits and calls. The prayer shawl was a nice gift from the Prayer Shawl Ministry. I would especially like to thank the members of the Ferry-White Circle for the floral arrangement and their concern. ~Irene Heinritz

We give thanks for the gifts and talents of..

. . . Shirley Swifney for her beautiful hand-made quilt hanging in the church office. Her gift brightens the day of staff and visitors alike.

. . . Kelli Jullie for her design artistry and work on the Lenten banners you see hanging in the chancel on Sunday mornings.

Refugee Resettlement Update

The Lounge of First Presbyterian Church was full, on a recent Sunday evening, with the sounds of English, Nepali and much laughter! All seven Bhutanese refugee families and their sponsoring church committees were hosted by our Refugee Resettlement Committee for an evening of fellowship and fun. This mission project has grown into something bigger than we ever dreamed!

As our families continue to resettle in Grand Haven the most urgent need is for employment opportunities. Our best job leads have come from people in the church so please continue to share any tips you may have. Part time, full time, entry level positions will work best. Many speak English since the schools in the refugee camps were taught in English. All are attending ESL

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classes, getting language tutoring and working on their GEDs. This is a bright and motivated group of people. They had almost no opportunity to work the 16 years they lived in refugee camps so they are extremely grateful for new opportunities to earn their own way.

The Mishras, the family sponsored by FPC, are doing well. Chandra was named January Employee of the Month at Wal-Mart! Kunta had a great three month review at D&W. Om, the youngest, continues to excel as a GHHS sophomore. He started delivering the GH Tribune last month. Madhav is getting ready to take his driving test. Our church provided professional driving lessons as well as many hours of practice driving. It will be an amazing transition when the family becomes even more independent in the area of transportation. Dozens of volunteers have provided rides for this family over the winter months when they could not ride their bicycles.

In early March Mana, Tila & Om Mishra were able to travel to Pittsburgh with a member of our committee to visit many relatives and friends who are resettling in that city. Tila was able to see her 81 year old father who arrived from Nepal in January. It was a wonderful reunion.

Opportunities still exist to become involved with the Mishras or any of the other Bhutanese families in our community. If you would like more information please contact Sally Dunn (850-0057).

Are You Missing Something?! Be sure to stop by the coat rack at the Clinton Street entry and check out our "Found" box.

Maundy Thursday Seder Experience

April 9, 6:00 p.m.

All are invited to experience a Passover meal followed by a special worship service. Call in your reservation, 842-6760 or sign-up at the Welcome desk. School-age children and their parents are welcome.

NOTE: *Thursday, April 9 Study in the Book of Revelation lead by Hazel Kragt will be cancelled in observance of Maundy Thursday. We cordially invite attendees of Hazel's class to register and attend the Maundy Thursday Seder Experience at 6:00 p.m.*

Men's Good Friday Breakfast - Friday, April 10th

7:00 a.m. worship service followed by a pancake breakfast in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 5 Yuri Rozum Master Classes in Russian Piano Music

Noted pianist, Yuri Rozum, People's Honored Artist of Russia, will present a series of master classes to local advanced piano students. Classes will take place in two sessions in the Sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church:

Morning session: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Rozum will be working with the students on the interpretation of the music of Russian composers. ***The public is invited to observe the master classes. There is no charge for admission.***

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.

On May 1 & 2 - Mr. Rozum will be in concert with the West Shore Symphony Orchestra, performing Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. at the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts in Muskegon. Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-800-585-3737.

Join Thursday Morning Companions

All are invited to attend the five classes beginning April 16 at 9:30 a.m. Topic of discussion is Henri Nouwen's book, The Return of the Prodigal Son. Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, is well known writer on Christian spirituality. As Nouwen meditated on Rembrandt's painting of the prodigal son, he was deeply moved and kept a journal of his thoughts and feelings. The book grew out of his journal and covers topics of forgiveness, homecoming, affirmation and reconciliation. For more information call Nancy Braak, 846-9453 or Sally Dunn at 850-0057.

Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors

Two scholarship funds are available:

1. *Ministry Scholarship Fund* which grants awards to students interested in any form of Christian ministry education
2. *James and Lois Hillis Fund* which makes awards to students going on to any type of post high school education or training.

Application forms with criteria information can be picked up in the church office or by e-mailing Alan Winslow: awinslow@fpgh.org. Application deadline is April 30, 2009.

Tidings article deadline for May 2009 issue: Thursday, April 16, 2009

Submittals, suggestions or comments:
cramones@fpgh.org or fristpres@fpgh.org

FPC editorial staff reserves the right to accept or decline, edit for length and content all submitted material.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

**New Member Class
Tuesdays
April 14, 21, & 28**

6:00 - 8:00 pm with a light soup or sandwich supper served. Call Karen, 842-6760 ext. 12 to register.

**Youth Ministries - Informational Parent's Meeting
Monday, April 13 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

This meeting will answer many of your questions regarding both our summer trips as well as information about upcoming fundraisers.

JOYFUL NOISE NEWS

Bowling Fundraiser at Starlite Lanes

Scotch Doubles Format on Thursday, May 14 Starts at 6:30pm, practice shots start at 6:15 \$30.00 per team of two (due upon sign up, checks payable to JN) Join the fun by calling 847-6600 or emailing your team member names to office@joyfulnoisekids.com!

Busy Month at Joyful Noise! "Art in Nature" Flower Booklet Sale

All flowers are from Michigan! Support a Michigan business while supporting Joyful Noise. Order from the booklet in the Gathering Area, checks payable to Joyful Noise. We expect delivery before Mother's Day. The money we raise will go to upgrade our playgrounds outside. There are new licensing rules in effect this year and some of our equipment had to be removed because it did not meet these new standards.

I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream for Ice Cream!

Mark your calendars...Tuesday, APRIL 28th is Skoops "COOL SCHOOL" Day for Joyful Noise. Ice cream sold April 28th will generate a 10% donation to Joyful Noise from Skoops. Enjoy a cone or sundae and know you are helping out Joyful Noise at the same time. We thank you for your support.

KID'S CORNER

Lent – Easter Schedule:

- Nursery, 2, 3, 4 year-Old classes meet each week including Easter Sunday
- 5 & K – 2nd grade have classes each week except for Easter Sunday
- 3, 4, 5th grades have regular classes (except for April 5th for Worship & Communion) and no class on Easter Sunday

Dates for your calendar:

April 5	Palm Sunday - 3, 4, 5 th grades remain in worship for communion.
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt for 2 year-old thru 2 nd grade children
April 12	Easter Sunday
April 23	Play People – 4 th & 5 th grade Fellowship
May TBA	5 th grade Send-off
June 15 -18	Vacation Bible School – 4 year-old thru 4 th grade children

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Children 2 year-olds through 2nd grade are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt at church on Saturday, April 11th, at 10:00 a.m. Bring your Easter basket or other container and meet in the lounge for a story and then the egg hunt.

Camp Scholarships

We have some brochures on hand for Camp Greenwood and Camp Henry. Scholarships are available. Please contact Winnie 842-6760, Ext. 14.

Vacation Bible School: JUNE 15th – 18th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Join us for Gospel Light's **SonRock Kids Camp** Children 4 years old through completion of 4th grade. Sign-up Sunday or call.

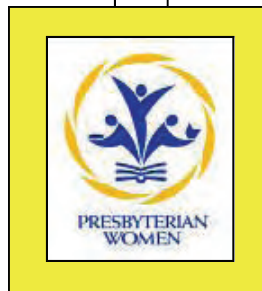
Many adult and teen volunteers are needed to make this program a success. Contact Winnie to volunteer or if you have questions – wmcnergney@fpg.org or call 842-6760 Ext. 14

**PW GATHERING at SPRING LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Maundy Thursday April 9
10:00 a.m.**

We are invited to a Lenten breakfast at 10:00 a.m. hosted by the Spring Lake Presbyterian Women. Jane DeGroot who spent a year in the Congo teaching English will tell of her experience with a fascinating presentation. For reservations contact your circle leader or call Sally Kenrick, 842-8371 or Carol Hall, 847-1714. Let's have a good turn-out from First Pres, Grand Haven.

**SPECIAL PW EVENING GATHERING
Thursday, April 16
7:00 p.m.**

All Circle members and guests are invited for a light supper and a program featuring Katie Winkler and her Birthday Box Ministry. We will make Birthday Boxes for children in need. Katie will purchase the supplies, and we are asked to make monetary donations. You can sign up at your Circle meeting, by calling your Circle leader or call Sally Kenrick, 842-8371.



**UPSCALE NEARLY-NEW SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 2
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Presbyterian Woman will have an “upscale nearly-new sale”. We are asking when you begin your spring cleaning that you think of our sale on May 2nd. Donate your “gently used” items; clothing, linens, jewelry, books, small appliances, toys, furniture and pictures. We are hoping the sale will go well and appeal to many in our community.

(Please no large appliances, TV's or shoes)

Questions? Call Donna vandenBerg, 844-0741 or Jerry Lamb, 842-8801.

Items may be dropped off at the church beginning on April 28, 29, 30 and May 1. *(Item drop off is not possible prior to these dates as the church doesn't have room for storage)* If you need help call either Donna or Jerry and they will arrange it for you.

Sunday, April 05, 2009

Passion/Palm Sunday , Communion Served
 1:00 PM Reservation Lounge
 7:00 PM A.A. Support Group Temple Rm.

Monday, April 06, 2009

9:00 AM Disciple II - Green Temple Rm.
 12:00 PM Jane Bottje PW Circle Conference Rm.
 3:00 PM Disciple II - Green Temple Rm.
 7:00 PM Men's Small Group Conference Rm.
 7:30 PM A. A. Temple Rm.

Tuesday, April 07, 2009

7:00 PM Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 08, 2009

7:00 PM Choir Practice Choir Rm.
 7:00 PM Disciple II - Green Theatre Rm.

Thursday, April 09, 2009 - Maundy Thursday

9:00 AM JN Easter-egg Hunt Lounge
 9:30 AM Women's Small Group Conference Rm.
 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women Off Site
 6:00 PM Seder Experience, Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Disciple I - Red Temple Rm.
 7:00 PM The Gathering Team Sanctuary

Friday, April 10, 2009 - Good Friday

12:15 PM Good Friday Service at 2nd Reformed Church
 7:00 AM Men's Worship & Breakfast Fellowship Hall
 10:30 AM Busy Mom Bible Study Conference Rm.
 10:30 AM D.C. Gathering Lounge

Saturday, April 11, 2009

10:00 AM Toddler age - 2nd grade Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 12, 2009 - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Sunrise Service Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Sanctuary

Monday, April 13, 2009

9:00 AM Disciple II - Green Temple Rm.
 3:00 PM Disciple II - Green Temple Rm.
 5:30 PM PEO Event Lounge
 6:00 PM Parent Informational Meeting
 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Men's Small Group Conference Rm.
 7:00 PM Session Fellowship Hall
 7:30 PM A. A. Temple Rm.

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

9:30 AM Blind Support Group Conference Rm.
 5:30 PM Joyful Noise Comm. Rm. 3
 5:45 PM Fellowship Comm. Conference Rm.
 6:00 PM Membership Class Lounge
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Comm. Meeting Rm. 17
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Worship Comm. Conference Rm.

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

4:15 PM Children's Choir
 6:00 PM Aftershock Leaders' Mtg. Rm. 18
 7:00 PM Aftershock Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Choir Practice Choir Rm.
 7:00 PM Disciple II - Green Theatre Rm.

Thursday, April 16, 2009 - Tidings articles due today

7:30 AM Trustees Conference Rm.
 9:30 AM Women's Small Group Conference Rm.
 4:30 PM Teen Outreach Temple Rm.
 6:30 PM PW Birthday Box Project Lounge
 7:00 PM Revelation Study Rm. 18
 7:00 PM Disciple I - Red Temple Rm.
 7:00 PM The Gathering Team Sanctuary

Friday, April 17, 2009

10:30 AM Busy Mom Bible Study Conference Rm.
 Member Mixers Off site - TBA

Sunday, April 19, 2009 - Communion served at 10:30 am

10:30 AM Breakfast Club Fellowship Hall
 12:00 PM Confirmation Class Fellowship Hall
 Member Mixers Off site - TBA
 7:00 PM A.A. Support Group Temple Rm.
 7:00 PM IMPACT - Sr. High Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 20, 2009

9:00 AM & 3:00 PM Disciple II - Green Temple Rm.
 5:00 PM Mission Committee Conference Rm.
 6:00 PM Bell Choir Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Men's Small Group Conference Rm.
 7:30 PM A. A. Temple Rm.
 7:30 PM Great Books Lounge
 7:30 PM Youth Comm. Rm. 19

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

6:00 PM Membership Class Lounge
 6:00 PM Personnel Committee Rm. 17
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM First Impressions Conference Rm.
 7:00 PM Order of St. Luke Rm. 19

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

4:15 PM Children's Choir
 6:00 PM Aftershock Leaders' Mtg. Rm. 18
 7:00 PM Aftershock Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Choir Practice Choir Rm.
 7:00 PM Disciple II - Green Theatre Rm.

Thursday, April 23, 2009

9:30 AM Women's Small Group Conference Rm.
 4:30 PM Teen Outreach Temple Rm.
 6:30 PM Play People Lounge
 7:00 PM Revelation Study Rm. 18
 7:00 PM Disciple I - Red Temple Rm.
 7:00 PM The Gathering Team Sanctuary

Friday, April 24, 2009

10:30 AM Busy Mom Bible Study Conference Rm.
 10:30 AM D.C. Gathering Lounge
 1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive Lounge

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Westshore Chamber Choir Concert

Sunday, April 26, 2009

10:00 AM Blood Pressure Clinic Conference Rm.
 10:30 AM Baptism
 10:30 AM Breakfast Club Fellowship Hall
 12:00 PM Confirmation Class Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM A.A. Support Group Temple Rm.
 7:00 PM IMPACT - Sr. High Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 27, 2009

9:00 AM & 3:00 PM Disciple II - Green Temple Rm.
 3:30 PM Supper House Muskegon
 6:00 PM Bell Choir Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Children's Min. Comm. Rm. 17
 6:30 PM Deacon Board Lounge
 7:00 PM Men's Small Group Conference Rm.
 7:30 PM A. A. Temple Rm.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

6:00 PM Membership Class Lounge
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

4:15 PM Children's Choir
 6:00 PM Aftershock Leaders' Mtg. Rm. 18
 7:00 PM Aftershock Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM Choir Practice Choir Rm.
 7:00 PM Disciple II - Green Theatre Rm.

Thursday, April 30, 2009

9:30 AM Women's Small Group Conference Rm.
 12:30 PM Site Team Conference Rm.
 2:30 PM PW Bible Study Ldr. Mtg. Lounge
 4:00 PM PW Board Meeting Lounge
 4:30 PM Teen Outreach Temple Rm.
 7:00 PM Revelation Study Rm. 18
 7:00 PM Disciple I - Red Temple Rm.
 7:00 PM The Gathering Team Sanctuary

Friday, May 01, 2009

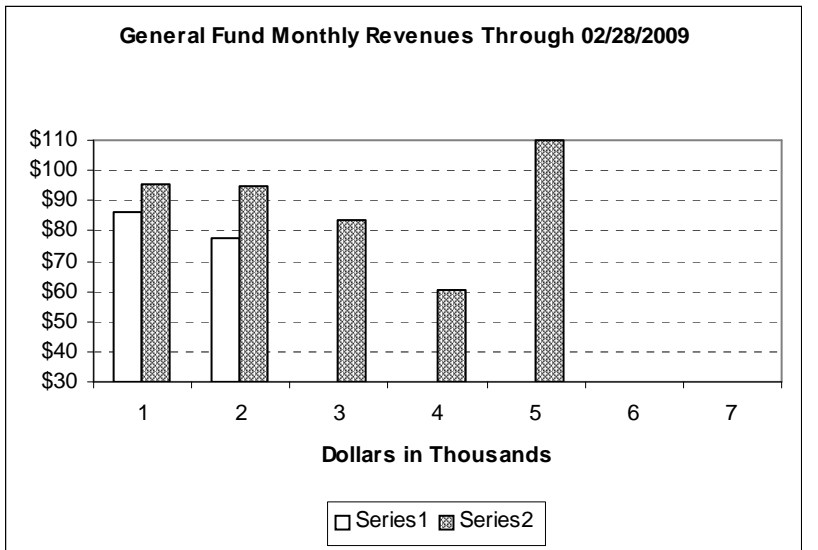
10:30 AM Busy Mom Bible Study Conference Rm.
 12:00 PM Adult Ed Comm. Mtg. Conference Rm.

Saturday, May 02, 2009

PW Upscale Yard Sale Fellowship Hall

Stewardship Notes

We give thanks for your ongoing financial support. At the end of February, 2009, the year-to-date receipts were \$163,686.86. The receipts at the end of February, 2008 were \$192,642.91. We are \$29,000 behind last year and \$26,000 below budget for this period. Revenues for the first three Sundays of March are following the same trend.



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. Next Sunday collection date:

Sunday, May 3rd

*Fellowship Committee of First Presbyterian Church
Opportunities for fellowship and fun. . .*

MEMBER MIXERS

An opportunity to get to know members of our church family socially. Groups of 7~12 adults will be formed to meet at a member's home. Each one will be asked to provide an appetizer or dessert to share. Member Mixers will be coordinated quarterly:

April 17th or 18th

July 17th or 18th

Sign up sheets available in the lounge
or you may call the church office 842-6760.

2009 Per Capita

The Per Capita assessment is \$23.08

Our church pays the Per Capita assessment on each member, including confirmed teens. For 2009, this assessment is approximately \$26,949.12.

Our assessment amount is used to support:

- General Assembly
- Synod of the Covenant
- Presbytery of Lake Michigan
- Ministry and programs locally and worldwide



Check Us Out!

www.fpgh.org

*We are located at:
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Grand Haven, MI 49417
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Fax: 616-842-5979*



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