

PRESBYTERIAN TIDINGS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN

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These are tough times and this is a generous congregation. My experience is that when the need is spoken people rally and go the extra mile and rise to the need of the community. We have already begun to experience a great response from the many members of the congregation as we are forced to face what every non-profit must in these turbulent financial times. The first three months of 2009 were tough on our budget. I shared the facts with you in the last Tidings. Revenues were down throughout the first quarter. We are hoping and praying earnestly that things will turn around, not just for us but for everyone.

I've observed that there are many people who are suffering silently. Recently First Presbyterian Church partnered with St. Patrick's Catholic Church to organize a "Transitions Into the Future", which was a resource day of hope for people experiencing job loss or reductions in income. Counseling was provided for people looking for advice on mortgage and bankruptcy, psychological services, unemployment services, resume writing advice, medical care and more. You would have been proud of First Presbyterian Church as seven members (Elder Pat VerDuin, Larry Braak, Bill Fickes, Scott and Karin Fowler, Paul McNergney and Steve Struck) stepped up to help and pray with those who came to the "Transitions Into the Future" event. Pat VerDuin, who is also our seminary intern, took leadership in the organization of the program. A few of the things that stunned her were: **First**, the worry and concern expressed by those receiving medical care. **Second**, those who are unemployed or under-employed don't want to be that way. It is really tearing them up. **Third**, the low attendance which tells us that folks are not talking about their suffering (and this confirms my experience in our church as I discover folks who are suffering financially in silence). The proud people of our great community are embarrassed to share their struggles.

I know this to be the case throughout our community and in our church. People suffer silently. They are just holding on, hoping things will turn around and get better. There are some in our church who have lost jobs entirely, others whose hours and income have been severely cut as employers attempt to sail through these stormy seas. There are many, I suspect, we don't know about because they are too embarrassed to talk about it. So they suffer on their own.

To them I say the church is here to hear you. We have established resource groups made up of folks who are available and willing; they will help you and walk with you as you try to figure out what to do next.

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Sunday, May 3

4th Sunday of Easter/Communion Served at Both Services
New Member's Join
Rev. Tom Cook, "Living with Jesus The Substance of Life: Shepherding"

Thursday, May 7

National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 10

5th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day/Confirmation Sunday
Rev. Rick Campbell

Sunday, May 17

Trinity Sunday
6th Sunday of Easter/Communion Served at 10:30 Service
Rev. Tom Cook, "Living with Jesus The Substance of Life: Friendship"

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day (Church and Office Closed)
Rev. Tom Cook, "Living with Jesus The Substance of Life: The Counselor"

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost/Graduation Sunday
Guest: Rev. Dr. Dean Thompson,
President Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Sunday, June 7

Trinity Sunday/Communion Served at Both Services
Rev. Tom Cook, "Why God?"

Sunday, June 14

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Tom Cook, "When Good Is Good Enough"

Monday-Thursday, June 15-18

Vacation Bible School, "Son Rock Kids Camp"

Sunday, June 21

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matt Fisher, Dir. Youth Ministries

Sunday, June 28

13th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Rick Campbell

 FROM TOM'S DESK

To the rest of our church I want to say this is a time when we are called to go the extra mile. This is a time that calls us into a kind of sacrifice that glorifies Jesus, just as he glorified God in the sacrifice he made for us on the cross. Speaking as your senior pastor, I've watched a scary downward trend in this year's operational giving. This trend is being seen by many other churches. Frankly, it keeps me awake at night. The session is committed to take a three phase approach to keeping our 2009 budget balanced. In their April meeting, they made a Phase I move to cut programming by \$35,000. If revenue deficits do not turn around, or slow significantly by June 1st, we will be forced into a position of reducing personnel costs as a Phase II step. Phase III plan is to cut mission. Let me be clear that we will not cut our mission budget until absolutely necessary. Let's pray that revenues increase over the next few months.

Some folks may say, 'yeah, so everyone else is cutting too.' Here is the kicker. We don't produce widgets on demand. Our vision says "*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.*" Our business is to care the way Christ cared, to serve as Christ served. Given the economy, the demands on the church and community needs are increasing. In other words, orders are increasing, business is up when it comes to the church's work. Given our newly defined vision and mission statement, generated out of 300 congregational interviews, God is calling us to be a missional church. The last thing we want to cut, in these days of economic desperation, is mission.

What can you do? **First**, pray for discernment and clarity in the church's life and in your life's priorities.

Secondly, attend worship regularly. The Holy Spirit can lead us through this and the greater the numbers the stronger we are. We need you in worship. I urge you to make every effort to worship on Sunday mornings. Be part of this community of faith because we are stronger in numbers than we are as individuals.

Third, pay your per capita. We are asking everyone in the church to pay their portion of the per capita expenses of the church. Per capita is like a franchise fee the church pays directly to the denomination for administrative costs. It costs the church \$23.08 for each member on the rolls, including those who are post confirmands and adult children living away from home. In Martha's and my case, because we have two adult children living away from home who are members, our family's cost is \$92.32. Given our membership that

adds up to over \$28,000 which is a significant dent in our deficit.

Fourth, if you have not made a financial commitment to the church's operating expenses, please do so now. The church is committed to serving you, your family and this community. No matter what the size, we need your financial commitment now more than ever in recent memory.

Fifth, if your employment status has not changed, I ask you to consider extra-mile giving. Frankly, the majority of folks have not been hit nearly as hard by the economy as some. If that's the case with you, we ask that you consider making an extra-mile contribution to our church's operating budget.

Finally, volunteer. I don't know how many times I've heard it said in the church, "That's a great idea... but I don't want to take on the responsibility." Frankly that doesn't fly. Nothing will get done when we let that attitude take hold of us. If you think something is a great idea, step up, and step out, in faith. When you are called say "Here I am, Lord."

This is the time for us to drive a stake in the ground and make the faithful claim that God is the Lord of everything; including our resources of time, talent and treasure. This is the opportunity to let this reality work for the benefit of God's kingdom.

In His service,



MAY/JUNE TIDINGS

This is a combined May/June Tidings. You will not receive another printed newsletter in the mail until we mail a July/August church newsletter. A monthly schedule will return with the September issue of Tidings. Our hope is that you will turn to the newly designed web site (www.fpgh.org) to receive the most current church news and schedules. You will also find on our website expanding services and materials that will help you link into the life of First Presbyterian Church. This is part of a broad attempt to tighten our belts in these tough times. The labor and materials saved by combining four editions into two is over \$2000.00.

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Join us for Gospel Light's - **SONROCK Kids Camp!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 15th – 18th 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

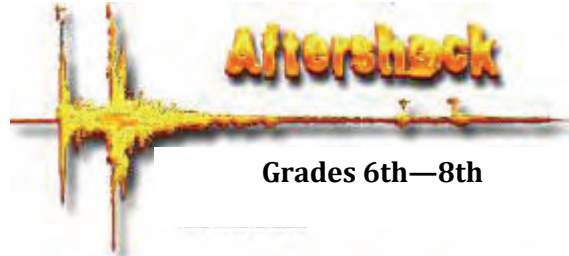
Sign up – children 4 years-old (by 1/1/2009) through completion of 4th grade. Registration forms in Gathering Area or online: fpghkids.org

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



JOIN OUR TEAM ... We are inviting people who love God's kids to join our Children's Ministries Committee. Please contact Winnie for details 842-6760 ext. 14 or wmcnergney@fpg.org

THANK YOU ... to the volunteers who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a success; Rachel Cotton, Elizabeth Reenders, Daniel and David Hoogstra and their friends, Jordan and Rachel, Karen Nienhouse, Hannah and Jacob Post, and Jordan Keefe. Many children and their families enjoyed the story and the many prizes in eggs.



Grades 6th—8th



Grades 9th—12th

Summer Celebration '09

Kentucky Mission Project '09

Upcoming Fundraisers for Summer Trips

- ◆ Papa Murphy's Peel-A-Deal
- ◆ Magnum Coffee
- ◆ Buffalo Wild Wings, May 11th
- ◆ Car Washes
- ◆ 4th of July Parking

Visit: fpcyouth.com
For details on how you can support our youth ministry

Bowling Fundraiser for Joyful Noise!

Who: Anyone interested in supporting Joyful Noise

What: Scotch Doubles format

Where: Starlite Lanes

When: Thursday, June 11 starts at 6:30, practice shots start at 6:15

Cost: \$30 per team of two (only \$15 each!)

Payable to Joyful Noise, due upon sign up.

Prizes from area businesses! Gift bags for each participant!!

Join the fun by calling 847-6600 or emailing your team member

names to office@joyfulnoisekids.com!

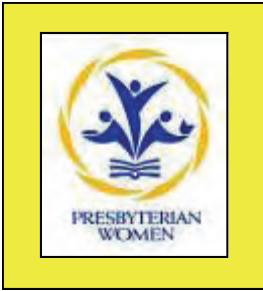


PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW GATHERING Salad Luncheon**Thursday, May 21****11:30 a.m.**

The program is "Spring Flower Arrangements" by Robert Friese, a noted floral designer. Bob owned his own shop in Berwyn, Illinois for 25 years and was an international designer, demonstrating his floral arrangements in Taiwan, Japan, Germany and the Netherlands.

For reservations contact your circle leader or call Sally Kenrick, 842-8371 or Carol Hall, 847-1714 by May 18. Bring a salad to share. Dessert and beverage will be provided. All church women and guests are invited to attend this final Gathering of the year. *[No snow is predicted!]*



Tuesday, May 5	7:00 pm	Point of Grace Circle
Thursday, May 7	9:30 am	Ferry-White Circle
	1:00 pm	Eight Founders Circle
	7:00 pm	Almira J. Gray Circle
Monday, May 11	12:00 pm	Jane Bottje Circle
Thursday, May 12	11:30 am	PW Gathering Program

BITS & PIECES

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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at 7 p.m. at Judy McAlister's home, 111 Dale Court, on the following dates **Monday, 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.

Sunday, May 31 open date for altar flower sponsorship. Please call Joyce, 846-2216

Electronics Recycling Event

Sat., May 16 9a - 1p at 1st Reformed Church

Responsibly dispose of your old computers, monitors, cell-phones, radios, scanners, microwaves, VCR's and other electronic gadgets. Questions? 842-6370 or 616-451-4400.

Members on Mission Trips. . .Can You Help?

Breanna Johnson, a member of FPGH and a sophomore at MSU, is trying to raise money for a mission trip this summer. Through Campus Crusade for Christ, Breanna has been accepted to work on a staff team at Snowridge Camp in Colorado. She will be working for 10 weeks this summer with youth in the Sangre De Cristo mountain range. Breanna needs to raise \$2,900. Would you prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible gift of any amount to support her? Any checks should be made payable to Campus Crusade for Christ and sent to her by May 28.

Breanna Johnson
13020 Old Bear Rd. Grand Haven, MI 49417

MAY/JUNE 2009

First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, May 05, 2009

WSSO Piano Master Class

- 7:00 P Boy Scouts
- 7:00 P Point of Grace PW Circle

Wednesday, May 06, 2009

- 10:00 A Joyful Noise
- 6:00 P Aftershock Leaders' Mtg.
- 7:00 P Aftershock
- 7:00 P Choir Practice
- 7:00 P Disciple II - Green

Thursday, May 07, 2009

National Day of Prayer

- 9:30A, 1P, 7P PW Circles
- 9:30 A Women's Small Group
- 4:30 P Teen Outreach
- 5:30 P CMH Support Group
- 7:00 P Revelation Study
- 7:00 P Disciple I - Red
- 7:00 P The Gathering Team

Friday, May 08, 2009

- 10:30 A D.C. Gathering

Saturday, May 09, 2009

- 11:30 A Reservation

Sunday, May 10, 2009

Confirmation Sunday/Mother's Day

- 10:30 A Breakfast Club
- 4:00 P Game Night
- 7:00 P A.A. Support Group
- 7:00 P IMPACT - Sr. High

Monday, May 11, 2009

- 9:00 A Disciple II - Green
- 12:00 P Jane Bottje PW Circle
- 3:00 P Disciple II - Green
- 7:00 P Men's Small Group
- 7:30 P A. A.
- 7:30 P Youth Comm.

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

- 9:30 A Blind Support Group
- 5:30 P Joyful Noise Comm.
- 5:45 P Fellowship Comm.
- 7:00 P Boy Scout Comm. Mtg.
- 7:00 P Boy Scouts
- 7:00 P Worship Comm.

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

- 6:00 P Aftershock Leaders' Mtg.
- 7:00 P Aftershock
- 7:00 P Choir Practice
- 7:00 P Disciple II - Green

Thursday, May 14, 2009

- 7:30 A Trustees
- 9:30 A Women's Small Group
- 4:30 P Teen Outreach
- 7:00 P Revelation Study
- 7:00 P Disciple I - Red
- 7:00 P The Gathering Team

Fri. & Sat., May 15 & 16, 2009

OSL Healing Mission Conference

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Communion served at 10:30 A service

- 10:30 A Breakfast Club
- 7:00 P A.A. Support Group
- 7:00 P IMPACT - Sr. High

Monday, May 18, 2009

- 9:00 A Disciple II - Green
- 3:00 P Disciple II - Green
- 5:00 P Mission Committee
- 7:00 P Men's Small Group
- 7:00 P Stewardship Comm.
- 7:30 P A. A.
- 7:30 P Great Books

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

- 6:00 P Personnel Committee
- 7:00 P Boy Scouts
- 7:00 P First Impressions
- 7:00 P Order of St. Luke

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

- 8:00 A Men's Breakfast at Vic's
- 6:00 P Aftershock Leaders' Mtg.
- 7:00 P Aftershock
- 7:00 P Choir Practice
- 7:00 P Disciple II - Green

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Ascension of the Lord/National Day of Prayer

- 9:30 A Women's Small Group
- 11:30 A PW Salad Luncheon
- 4:30 P Teen Outreach
- 5:30 P CMH Support Group
- 7:00 P Revelation Study
- 7:00 P Disciple I - Red
- 7:00 P The Gathering Team

Friday, May 22, 2009

- 10:30 A D.C. Gathering

Sunday, May 24, 2009

- 10:00 A Blood Pressure Clinic
- 10:30 A Breakfast Club
- 6:00 P Worship
- 7:00 P A.A. Support Group
- 7:00 P IMPACT - Sr. High

Monday, May 25, 2009

Memorial Day/Church and Office Closed

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

- 6:00 P Aftershock Leaders' Mtg.
- 7:00 P Aftershock
- 7:00 P Choir Practice
- 7:00 P Disciple II - Green

Thursday, May 28, 2009

- 9:30 A Women's Small Group
- 4:00 P PW Board Meeting
- 4:30 P Teen Outreach
- 7:00 P Revelation Study
- 7:00 P Disciple I - Red
- 7:00 P The Gathering Team

Sunday, May 31, 2009

Guest minister: Dean Thompson

Day of Pentecost/Graduation Sunday

- 10:30 A Breakfast Club
- 7:00 P A.A. Support Group
- 7:00 P IMPACT - Sr. High

Monday, June 01, 2009

- 7:00 P Men's Small Group
- 7:00 P Session
- 7:30 P A. A.

Wednesday, June 03, 2009

- 7:00 P Disciple II - Green

Thursday, June 04, 2009

- 9:30 A Women's Small Group
- 4:30 P Teen Outreach
- 5:30 P CMH Support Group
- 7:00 P Revelation Study

Friday, June 05, 2009

- 12:00 P Adult Education Comm.

Sunday, June 07, 2009

Communion Served at Both Services

- 7:00 P A.A. Support Group

Monday, June 08, 2009

- 5:30 P PEO
- 7:00 P Men's Small Group
- 7:30 P A. A.
- 7:30 P Youth Comm.

Tuesday, June 09, 2009

- 9:30 A Blind Support Group
- 5:45 P Fellowship Comm.
- 7:00 P Worship Comm.

Thursday, June 11, 2009

- 7:30 A Trustees
- 9:30 A Women's Small Group

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Disciple Class Awards

- 10:30 A Baptism 10:30a Service
- 7:00 P A.A. Support Group

Mon.-Thurs. June 15-18 V.B.S.

Monday, June 15, 2009

- July/August Tidings Articles Due
- 5:00 P Mission Committee
- 7:00 P Men's Small Group
- 7:00 P Stewardship Comm.
- 7:30 P A. A.

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

- 6:00 P Personnel Committee
- 7:00 P First Impressions

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

- 8:00 A Men's Breakfast at Vic's

Thursday, June 18, 2009

- 5:30 P CMH Support Group

Friday, June 19, 2009

- 1:00 P Red Cross Event

Sunday, June 21, 2009

Communion at 10:30 Service
Blood Pressure Clinic

- 7:00 P A.A. Support Group

Monday, June 22, 2009

- 3:30 P Supper House
- 6:30 P Children's Min. Comm.
- 6:30 P Deacon Board
- 7:00 P Men's Small Group
- 7:30 P A. A.

Thursday, June 25, 2009

- 9:30 A Women's Small Group

Sunday, June 28, 2009

- 7:00 P A.A. Support Group

Monday, June 29, 2009

- 7:00 P Men's Small Group
- 7:30 P A. A.

FROM TOM'S DESK

*(Continued from page 2)***PRESIDENT OF LOUISEVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO PREACH**

The Reverend Dr. Dean Thompson will be our honored guest preacher on Sunday, May 31st. Dean Thompson is President and Professor of Ministry at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Dr. Thompson was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Charleston, West Virginia, for nine years prior to becoming the Seminary's eighth president in 2004.

Thompson grew up in Huntington, West Virginia, and following his theological education at Union-PSCE, he served at Montgomery Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, West Virginia, from 1973 to 1979; at Central Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, from 1979 to 1984; and at Pasadena Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, California, from 1984 to 1995, when he moved to Charleston to lead the 1,600-member congregation with a strong ministry in community outreach.

At Louisville Seminary, Dr. Thompson is a member of the faculty team that teaches "Practical Theology in Congregations."

"Presbyterians are thinking people with warm hearts. We are expectant servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God (I Cor. 4:1). We long for our ministers to nurture and lead the church as biblical/theological sensemakers who, in their preaching, teaching, pastoral care and leadership, feed God's people with the gospel's empowering grace and truth. The diverse and ecumenical congregations which support our Seminary yearn to call pastors who are trained and committed to nourish them with the stories of Israel, the teachings of Jesus, and the basic beliefs of our Christian heritage."

**Healing Mission
Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16**

Spiritual Healing is for Today

Guest speaker, Don Bartow, a retired Presbyterian minister and founder/ director of the Total Living Center



Sponsored by
Lakeshore Chapter of The Order
of St. Luke the Physician

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church
508 Franklin Ave. , Grand Haven, MI. 49417
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The Order of St. Luke (O.S.L.), is made up of lay-persons, clergy, and health professionals who believe that healing is an essential part of the teaching and practice of our Lord Jesus Christ and that the healing ministry belongs in the church today.

NEW BOOKSTORE OPENING SOON!

Save 5% on your favorite faith themed books and win a chance to buy one book at 20% off. First Pres bookstore will be up and running soon. It will give you the convenience of buying those books you are already buying at a 5% savings! This is an exciting opportunity for our church and a time that we can continue to "Grow our faith by promoting quality educational opportunities to all".

Start thinking of a name for our "in lounge" bookstore, and if your name is chosen, you will be able to purchase a book for 20% off! Submit your entries to Adult Education Chair, Pat VerDuin at patverduin@yahoo.com or place a note in her mailbox in the mail room. You could be the winner! The selection of the bookstore name will be announced on June 21st

Don't miss out!

Tidings article deadline for July/August 2009 issue: Monday, June 15, 2009

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

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

CONCERNING OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Congratulations to: Scott and Karin Fowler on the March 27, 2009 birth of grandson, Jack William Fowler. Parents are Ryan and Kelsey Fowler in Sacramento, California.

Josh & Megan Hayes on the April 3, 2009 birth of son, Carter Joseph Hayes.

Dave and Julie Frazier on the April 17, 2009 birth of their first grandchild, Mya Jean Blevins. Parents are Diana (Frazier) and Steve Blevins living in Goodrich, Michigan.

Craig and Hannah Fuller and big sister, Greta, on the April 23, 2009 birth of Willa Jane Fuller. Grandparents, Chuck and Kim Fuller, John and Nancy Lepard, and great-grandmother, Nancy Fuller.

Prayer Concerns: Doug Burton, Paul Rose, Ruth Ricks, Ken MacLeod, Mae Closterhouse, Woody Bender, Scott Shuman and Mary Vivian.

Continuing Prayers: Guy Terrill and Cathleen Pranger.

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.

Thank you . . .

. . . We recently had a financial difficulty with my Mom's medication expenses reaching the "donut hole". We were looking for temporary financial help to meet my mom's prescription expenses. Through First Presbyterian Church's prescription program we received help to cover part of her expenses - which was a big help. We just wanted to say a big "heartfelt" thank you for your church's help in our time of need. Bless you for participating in this most worthwhile charity. ~Family of Dorothy Rozneck

. . .for surrounding us with your prayers, cards and concern during a difficult time. We are truly blessed to have you in our lives. ~*Blessings and love,*
Lowell & Marge Rasmussen

Our Sympathy to: Nan VanderHoff and family on the April 16, 2007 death of her father, Nelson Ivins.

In Memoriam: Nelson Ivins
November 22, 1917 - April 16, 2009

Refugee Resettlement Update

Big news at the Mishra's house...Madhav, the oldest son, passed his driving test and is now a legal driver! That is a huge achievement for someone who had rarely even ridden in a vehicle until arriving in the U.S. last July. The family is now shopping for a first car. With the arrival of biking weather and the prospect of a car in the near future, our dozens of volunteer drivers are doing less driving for the Mishras. So many from FPC have carried this family through a long winter of rides to and from work and appointments. Thank you to each of you!

Madhav is also enrolled to begin taking classes at Muskegon Community College this month. He and his father continue to work part time at Plantenga's Cleaners and are eager to find additional part time jobs or full time work. Please pass along any job leads. We continue to pray and search for entry level jobs for all the refugee families now living in Grand Haven. They are eager to work and become self sustaining. Odd jobs and yardwork are always welcome!

The Refugee Resettlement Project display case outside the Lounge has been updated. Please take a moment of see pictures of all the families being sponsored by six area churches and learn more about this mission work with the "ones who have no home" in this world.

WELCOME

Steve & Alison Fox
Children, Noah 4, Drew 2
16446 West Willow Drive, SL 49456

Brad & Dianna Sahr
Child, Kevin 2
1201 Franklin, GH 49417

Len & Wanda Anderson
17971 - 148th Ave., SL 49456

Ken & Melissa Koster
Children, Anne 10, Sara 8, Jack 7
12644 - 60th Ave., Allendale 49401

Virginia Weenink
4905 Rosabelle Beach, Holland 49424

David & Gail Bos
15400 Leonard, SL 49456

Nita Pellegrom
732 River St., SL 49456

Rick & Rachel Womack
Children, Morgan 7, Evan 3
17581 Duneside Dr., GH 49417

2009 GRADUATES!

Graduation Recognition is Sunday, May 31

Please contact the church office with the following information:

- name of the graduate and school
- parents names
- future plans
- degree received if college graduate
- drop off a photo to the church office
(Photo will be for the display in Gathering Area)

Phone: 842-6760, E-mail: firstpres@fpgh.org



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 dates:

Sunday, June 7
Sunday, July 5

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. Next Member Mixer date:

July 17th or 18th

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



Check Us Out!

www.fpgh.org



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

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

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