

Joys and Concerns

Week of August 6, 2017

Joys and Thanksgivings

It is a joy to welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time. May you experience God's presence and blessing in this gathering of believers.

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for the work of the 2017 International Peacemakers.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for Spencer Presbyterian Church in Spencer, Indiana, and their pastor, the Rev. David Lee.

Please continue in prayer for all in our congregation and community who are experiencing home, health, family and financial concerns.

A Congregational Meeting will be held following morning worship on Sunday, August 27 to approve Rev. Summerfield's request for the dissolution of his pastoral relationship with our church. His last Sunday in the pulpit will be September 17, and his last day in the office will be September 22. Please keep our church, and pastor, in your prayers as we enter this time of transition and change.



Congregational Meeting



Sundays in August

Morning Worship

@ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School classes are on summer recess

Calendar

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Saturday

9:00AM Loaves & Fishes at First Prez

5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel** *Lord's Supper*
Courtney Bowen Preaching

Sunday

10:00AM Morning Worship *Lord's Supper*
Courtney Bowen Preaching
Home Communion

11:15AM Endowment Committee Meeting

Monday

6:00PM Presbyterian Women in the Agape Room

7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

7:00PM Combined Choir Rehearsal at First Trinity
(1506 Spring Street)

Wednesday

6:00PM Evening Prayer in the Chapel

Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Saturday

5:00PM **Worship in the Chapel**

Sunday

9:45AM Morning Worship with First Trinity
at First Prez (Rev. Devin West Preaching)

11:30AM Morning Worship with First Trinity
at First Trinity (Rev. Summerfield Preaching)

2:30PM *Reconstruction* Book Group



First Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours: 1:00—4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Pastor—Don Summerfield Student Pastor—Courtney Bowen
Choir Director—Steve Inman Organist—Judy Diekhoff
Bell Choir Director—Trish Read
Saturday Night Music Director—Brian Herald
Sunday Sound & Technology Engineer—Keith Noe
Saturday Projection Crew—Alecia Simonis & Keith Noe
Church Administrator—Becky Herald
Church Sexton—Mindy Inman
Clerk of Session—Mary Ruth Phares

Hope Chest Gifts for August Support Haven House

Suggested donations:

- Fabuloso Lavender
- Paper towels
- Notebooks, pens, paper
- Band-Aids, gauze
- Deodorant for men or women
- Diapers—any size
- Kroger gift cards



*Please leave your in-kind contributions in the Hope Chest,
located in the Atrium.*

Gift cards/cash donations may be left in the church office.

Also, for those who forget or prefer not to shop, “Hope Chest” donation envelopes are available in the pew racks and from the table in the chapel.

First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, on Spring in Jeffersonville has invited us to join them in a
“Cross Cultural Worship Exchange”

On Sunday, August 13, we'll begin our worship at 9:45 (15 minutes early), with First Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Devin West as our preacher. After worship here at First Prez, we'll head to First Trinity (1506 Spring Street) and their 11:30 worship service (which is starting 30 minutes late, to accommodate our plans), where Pastor Summerfield will be preaching.



We're also joining First Trinity in putting together a combined choir to sing at both services. A rehearsal will be held at 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday, August 8, at First Trinity.

Even if you're not a regular member Choir member you're invited and encouraged to come sing!

Questions? Please speak with Pastor Summerfield about worship or Kathy Bixler about the Choir.

The Center for Lay Ministries has a “Secret Santa” who will be matching all monetary gifts through the end of August, up to \$5,000. If you have been thinking about making a donation to CLM, now is the time!



Presbyterian Women will have their monthly meeting on Monday, August 7, at 6:00 in the Agape Room. All women of the church are invited. Speak with Beth Snyder if you have any questions.

Bring Your Family & Friends!

Outdoor Service & Pitch-In Picnic

**Sunday, August 20
Perrin Park @ 10:00**



Outdoor Worship
at Perrin Park

Bring a lawn chair for yourself and a salad, vegetable and/or dessert to share .

(Meat, drinks and setups will be provided.)

The Mission Committee will be collecting canned goods for the Center for Lay Ministries, so bring your donation and place it in the box provided.

On Saturday, August 19, the eve of our worship service and picnic at Perrin Park, we'll be having a

Saturday Sundaes Vespers Service

Our plan is to hold a vespers-style Saturday service—including the Sermon on the Mount—on the front lawn, then enjoy some ice cream sundaes afterward.



A group will be walking the neighborhood, passing out invitations after the Wednesday evening service (6:45-ish) on Wednesday evening, August 16.

For more information, or to lend a hand, please speak to Pastor Summerfield.

A second Al-Anon group will begin meeting at First Prez on Monday evenings at 7:30 beginning August 7. If you or someone you know would like more information, call Jane Hubbard at (502) 548-8266.

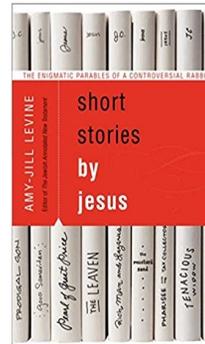
Welcome to First Prez...

Visitors — We welcome you! If there is any assistance we can provide, or if there are any questions we can answer for you, please speak to a greeter or usher, a neighbor next to you or the pastor. We'll be happy to do what we can to help you feel at home.

Ministry of friendship sheets are in the folders at the end of the pews on Sunday and on the table with the bulletins on Saturday night. Please leave a record of your attendance by signing in.

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth—and cell phones—keep silence before him (Habakkuk 2:20 paraphrased). As the service begins, please remember to turn off the ringer on your cell phone.

This summer's sermon series is based on the book *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. The book is about the parables Jesus told and gives us a new way to think about those old, familiar stories. The series will be on hold for a couple weeks as we worship with First Trinity (August 13) and at Perrin Park (August 20). On August 27, we'll resume with the Parable of the Widow and the Judge (Luke 18:1-8).



We'll be kicking off a new program year on Sunday, September 10.

There'll be breakfast with Chris Cakes, Sunday School and, in morning worship, a report from the Summer Youth Mission Trip. Make plans now to join in!



Winter Coat Collection . . .

We are again collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts and other warm winter clothing items for adults and children. We have had great success in the past and have helped many people who needed warm clothes to get them through the winter. Donations will be distributed by Exit 0 and the Center for Lay Ministries. Please help out by leaving your donations in the box in the Atrium. If you have any questions, speak with Virgil Hertling.



The Men's Group will have their next gathering at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, at Adrienne's Café. Contact Doyle Criswell for more information.

A Book Discussion Group is meeting Sunday, August 13, at 2:30 in the Meriwether Room. They will be discussing chapter three of *Reconstruction* by Eric Foner. The group gets together the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested, contact Rodney Smithey at rodwsm@gmail.com or 812-406-9654.



Attendance on Sunday, July 30 was 76. There were 17 at the Saturday evening service. Attendance at Wednesday's service was 15.

Staff Comings & Goings...

Courtney Bowen will be away on study leave next weekend, attending the Women's Connection Conference at Montreat.



This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Jill O'Daniel, Marsha & Roger Emily, Lucy Lane, and Alecia & Isaiah Simonis.

Next Sunday's ushers and greeters are Pam Spellman, Gail Peterson, and Ray & Pat Stone.

In the Nursery this Sunday is Sheri Isgrigg, and Season Neal is in the nursery next Sunday. Kidz Church is on holiday for July and August.

Serving Communion this Sunday are Kathy Bixler, Jane Dillion, Roger Emily, Yvonne Knight, and Mary Ruth Phares.

About our celebration of the Lord's Supper...

In the Presbyterian Church, all baptized Christians are welcome to participate in the Sacrament, regardless of denominational affiliation.

As the congregation comes forward for the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, an elder will be available to bring the Sacrament to those who need to remain in their pews due to limited or difficult mobility.

On Saturday night, if you need to be served at your seat, simply raise your hand as the last person passes through the line for Communion.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available on the Communion trays at both services for those who need them.

A member of the prayer chain will be in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, available to pray with and for anyone having personal concerns or special prayer requests. Feel free to go see them as Communion is being served or anytime through the remainder of the service.

