

First Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude *[A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.]*

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" *arr. by Carter*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Barb Cole

Ringling Our Historic Church Bells

Opening Hymn #799 "America, the Beautiful"

The Call to Worship *(responsive)*

L: Come to the One who heals and restores us to new life.

P: Come to the One who turns our mourning into dancing.

L: Come to the One who invites us to share in a new creation.

P: Come to the One who calls us to spread the good news of God's love everywhere.

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

The Anthem "Hallelujah Thine the Glory" *by McDonald*

Prayer of Confession *(unison)* Gentle and gracious God, we know we have let you down in many ways. We have not lived up to your high intentions for us. You send us out as ambassadors of peace, and instead we pick fights with our sisters and brothers. You commission us to travel light, and we come bogged down with our possessions. You ask us to help ease the burdens others carry, but we add to them. You call us to joy in your inclusive realm, but instead we create our own ghettos. Patient God, forgive us, we ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #812

The Pastoral Prayer

Offertory As a tangible expression of our gratitude to God, we joyfully offer our monetary gifts to financially support God's work at First Presbyterian Church

Offertory Music "Heal Our Land" *by Schrader*

***Doxology #678 "We Are an Offering"**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pledge to the Bible *(unison)* I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

Prayer of Illumination

First Readings of Scripture Galatians 6:1-6: *(p. 191 NT)*

8:30 a.m. LeRue Werner

10 a.m. Stan Holzhauser

***Hymn of Preparation #795 "We Are So Blessed"**

Second Reading Luke 10:1-11 *(p. 71 NT)*

Sermon "Let Freedom Ring" *Rev. Shafer*

Pledge to the Christian Flag *(unison)* I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Institutes

Dispensing of Elements

Prayer after Communion/Lord's Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance *(unison)* I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

***The Closing Hymn #802 "The Star-Spangled Banner"**

***Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

***The Pastoral Benediction**

The Postlude “O Worship the King”

arr. by Wyrzter

[Thank you to Jennifer Haskell, trumpet, and David McKeon & Paul Schultz on Trombones

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LET

FREEDOM

RING

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY, July 4

Communion Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, July 5

Office Closed
No PNC

- 7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices

TUESDAY, July 6

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Exercise
- 3:00 p.m. Outreach MT

WEDNESDAY, July 7

NO Bible Study in MP

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, July 8

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRIDAY, July 9

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
- 9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del

SATURDAY, July 10

- 11:00 a.m. Crider Memorial Service

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUN., July 11

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study

MON., July 12

- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee
- 6:30 p.m. PNC
- 7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices

TUE., July 13

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Exercise
- 2:00 p.m. Nurture MT
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Youth MT @LH

WED., July 14

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Worship MT
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THU., July 15

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRI., July 16

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
- 7:05 p.m. Beach Bum Baseball Game
carpool from church @ 5 p.m.

GREETERS 8:30
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USHERS 8:30

USHERS 10:00

Penny Novarro
Greg and Nancy Socha
Bob and Maxine Cameron
Steve and Marcia Major
David and Shanna Branding
Myrta Keelan and Roger Gehrt

We are experiencing some difficulty with our church's email (info@erfpc.org) through our website. For the time being, please use slake@fpc-elkrapids.org for all church email. Thank you!

CHANCEL FLOWERS are placed by the Deacons.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN FRIENDS Omer Foret, Elinor Herrmann, Earl Morrison, Vern Oxender, Cecil and Irene Smith.

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Katie Atkinson and JoEllen Gilreath are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Jane Lund is scheduled to assist next week.

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY

MASON'S PANCAKE BRUNCH at the Masonic Hall today from 9 to 1 p.m. Cost is \$7. Everyone is welcome!

PASTOR SANDY is a Commissioner to General Assembly for the Presbytery of Mackinac and will be in Minneapolis July 2-10. Please pray for the General Assembly during this next week.

PNC UPDATE: The Pastor Nominating Committee has begun receiving PIFs and we're working to evaluate these "Personal Information Forms" or resumes. As we find candidates who may be a match for our church, we request video sermons to watch as the next step in our decision process. We are currently requesting sermons from four of our initial candidates. We ask for your prayers for discernment as we read incoming PIFs and study sermons as part of the search for our new Senior Pastor.

CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS: Thank you for all of the cards and condolences extended to our family with regard to the passing of my mother, Edith Crider. You are all invited to her memorial service on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 11 a.m. in our sanctuary. A luncheon will follow in our Fellowship Hall.

Cheryl & George Knight

BEACH BUMS TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. If you are interested in attending the baseball game on Friday, July 16, Connie Claar has tickets. Please contact her at 599-2290 or 231-883-9408.

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

*Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;
Deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;
Demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Toddlers (18 – 36 months)

Nursery Lower Level

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY: During the month of July, all money placed in the Loose Change container will benefit the Antrim County Commission of Aging. Thank you for your support.

POSITIVE IMPACT: You may not make a hole like a meteor does when it strikes the earth. You may not give a speech that people will be quoting for years to come. You may not perform some great feat that makes the TV evening news. But you can make an impact by answering God's call to serve. Our Stephen Ministers have an impact on people's lives at times when they really need someone to care. A *new* training class will begin in September. To find out how you can make an impact through Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Sandy, 264-8167, Connie Clark, 264-5977, Charlene Hansen, 499-9702, Sue Johnson, 264-6994, Pam Shuler, 599-2480 or Greg Socha, 264-9471 today.

OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR will be singing two original compositions by Jeff Cobb on Sunday, July 18, 2010, during both worship services. Jeff will also be conducting the choir. His accolades are extensive as a composer, choral conductor and jazz musician. He is the music director at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City. A choral workshop with Jeff will take place on Wednesday, July 14, from 4:30-6 p.m. in our sanctuary. Please call Cheryl Knight at 264-8899, with any questions.

SENIOR PROJECT FRESH: Senior Project FRESH provides qualifying seniors in Antrim County with coupons to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at Michigan farmers markets and roadside stands. The program is open to seniors 60 years of age and older, total monthly income of less than \$1,669 for one person or \$2,246 for two people. The program runs through October 31st. For more information, contact Elizabeth at the Commission of Aging Office at 533-8703. See flyer on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

PIANO AVAILABLE: Do you know of a group or church who could use a piano? We have one downstairs, where the choir practiced, that the church would like to donate. Whoever would like it must pick it up. Any questions please contact Wayne Shuler or church office.

“VEGGIE TALES” CHILDREN’S CHURCH HELP NEEDED: We are still in need of volunteers to lead Children’s Church on the following Sundays: July 18 or 25; August 1, 15, 22 or 29; September 5 or 12. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. Any questions please call Pam at 264-8167.

ENJOY SEWING?

HELPING OTHERS?

We have a simple and useful project in mind. Haiti is beginning to establish schools following the disastrous earthquake in February. Church World Service provides **school kits** for children in poverty-stricken nations consisting of tote bags with school supplies, and we can be a part of this program.

If you are interested in providing sturdy, kid-friendly fabric (about ½ yard per bag) and sewing some tote bags, the Mission Outreach Ministry Team will begin collecting school supplies to fill them in August when supplies are on sale everywhere.

School Bag Pattern

Materials needed:

½ yd “Kid-friendly” fabric

Make the bag:

- Cut two pieces of fabric 13”x17”
- Place the two pieces together, right sides together, and sew a 1/2” seam down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side, leaving the top open.
- Turn the bag so the seam is in the inside.
- Turn under 1/2” on the top edge and press.
- Turn under 2” at the top edge to form a hem and stitch.

Make the handles:

- Cut two pieces of fabric 4”x22”
- Fold in half one of the 4”x22” pieces with right side together. Stitch with a 1/2” seam allowance and turn inside out, or turn under and press ½” on long side of fabric. Fold wrong sides together. Top stitch close to edge. Press.
- Repeat for the second handle. Press.
- Turn under raw edges and stitch to the top of the bag.

Finished bag will be approximately 12”x14”. Place school items in bag.