

First Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude [A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.]
"We Give Thee but Thine Own" by Thygerson

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Stan Holzhauser

Ringing Our Historic Church Bells

Opening Hymn #434 "Revive Us Again"

The Call to Worship (*responsive*)

L: Friends, let us gather here in the presence of God and one another and place our trust in God.

P: Show us your ways, God, and teach us your paths.

L: Let us turn to the One who is filled with mercy and love.

P: Show us your ways, God, and teach us your paths.

L: Even when the world turns its back, God is here for us.

P: Show us your ways, God, and teach us your paths.

L: Come, let us worship God.

Based on Psalm 25

The Anthem: "Song of Creation"

by Martin

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) **Gracious Companion of all the faithful, we come before you in awe of your goodness, your love, your never-failing mercy. Even when we turn from you and live our own agendas, still you love us and call us into new ways of living and being. Grant us an awareness of the beauty of one another and the goodness of your people. Help us to seek out the good in each person and celebrate it with all our being. Help us, as a church, to live with such dynamic faith that others will be in awe of us—not for our sake, but for yours. In Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #812

The Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon – 10 a.m. Children's Church yellow classroom downstairs

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 "Knowing You"

arr. by Larson

Duet: Susan Calkins & Susan Wiltse

***Doxology #815"**

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*) **We offer ourselves to you, Creator, trusting that you will use us for your work. Others pray for us and look to us as a church to teach about you, offer care in your name, and bring about justice in our world. Use these gifts to help us do these things, in Christ. Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

First Readings of Scripture Amos 7:7-17

(p.855 OT)

8:30 a.m. Jim Lund

10 a.m. Doug White

***Hymn of Preparation** (*insert*) "We Are Your People"

Second Reading Luke 10:25-37

(p.71 NT)

Sermon

"Our Neighbor"

Rev. Shafer

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) **We acknowledge and confess that this wonderful union between the Godhead and the humanity in Christ Jesus did arise from the eternal and immutable decree of God from which all our salvation springs and depends.** *The Scots Confession 3.07*

***The Closing Hymn # 343** "Amazing Grace"

***Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

***The Pastoral Benediction**

The Postlude "Fanfare and Pageant of Praise"

by Wyrzten

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY, July 11

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship MT
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group @ Dam Beach

MONDAY, July 12

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

TUESDAY, 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

WEDNESDAY, 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

THURSDAY, July 15

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

FRIDAY, July 16

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

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUN., July 18

- Mission Sunday*
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Rev. Veeda Javaid &
Ice Cream Social

MON., July 19

- 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Articles Due
- 3:00 p.m. Personnel MT
- 5:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 6:30 p.m. PNC
- 7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices

TUE., July 20

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Exercise

WED., July 21

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THU., July 22

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH
Bible Study

FRI., July 23

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
- 9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del
- 12:00 p.m. Session Packet Print

GREETERS 8:30
GREETERS 10:00
USHERS 8:30

USHERS 10:00

Lynda Mangene
Dennis Prebee and Charlene Hansen
John and Kathy Moore
John and Marilyn West
Don and Sandy Davids
George and Shirley Landon

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

PRAYER REQUEST: Shirley Goddard

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Irwin "Irv" or "Sonny" Sutter, nephew of the late Marion Sutter Ring on July 3, 2010. Please keep this family in your prayers.

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Jane Lund and Bazel Shaw are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Kaitlin Eberle, Amy Russell and Dave Bellingham are scheduled to assist next week.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is available during the 10 a.m. service for children ages 4 years old - 5th grade. Children are dismissed after the Children's Sermon and class is held in the yellow classroom downstairs.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume on July 14 at 10 a.m. in the multi-purpose room.

"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.

BEACH BUMS TICKET HOLDERS – Just a reminder the game starts at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, July 16. We have 100 seats reserved in Section 104 behind the home team dugout, third baseline side (we will occupy about a quarter of that section). We're in Rows 7-11, but we don't have all the seats in those rows. Bring your appetites for burgers, brats, hotdogs, chili dogs, pulled pork, chicken fingers, pizza, nachos, popcorn, ice cream . . . (Are you hungry yet?) Anyone interested in carpooling should meet at the church at 5 p.m. and plan to leave no later than 5:15. Arriving at the ball park by 6 p.m. gives us plenty of time to get in, get settled, get food, and get ready to cheer the Beach Bums to victory! There are a few tickets still available. Contact Connie Claar at 599-2290 or 231-883-9408 if you are interested.

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*

NURSERY LOCATION

Toddlers (18 – 36 months)

Lower Level

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.

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

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.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM: The Outreach Ministry Team has created a Gift Card Program that allows you to send a greeting to a loved one and at the same time send a gift to a local agency. A Gift Card Board, located by the water fountain at the north end of the Narthex, explains how to make a gift and how to use the card.

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.

NEVER OUTDATED: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). Christian care is never outdated. God's command that we love one another is the same now as it was thousands of years ago. How are you showing God's love to others? Stephen Ministry is one way you can do that. A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting after Labor Day. 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 to learn more about this important ministry of our congregation and how you can get involved.

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, see the directions below. The Mission Outreach Ministry Team will begin collecting school supplies to fill the bags 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.

DO YOU LIKE ICE CREAM?

DO YOU LIKE FREE ICE CREAM?

WHAT FLAVOR DO YOU LIKE?

On Sunday, July 18, Veeda Javid, a lifelong native of Pakistan, is coming to First Presbyterian Church.

Veeda will be preaching two sermons on July 18 at 8:30 and 10 a.m. At 7:30 p.m., she will present a program about life in Pakistan followed by discussion. Veeda speaks perfect English and is easy to understand. Veeda lives and works in Pakistan as the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board that has the responsibility of overseeing 14 Christian elementary schools, high schools, and LaHore College.

Since the 1850's, the Presbyterian Church has been providing education for the children of Pakistan. In 1972, the government nationalized and took control of all elementary, secondary, and university schools. The quality of education suffered, and the buildings fell in despair. In 1998, the government began returning the schools to the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) and the task of restoring the schools to their previous excellent condition was started. The educational philosophy is similar to the book *Three Cups of Tea* - - - "teach the girls who will be the mothers that will teach the children." The difference is the PEB schools are Christian schools. All elementary schools are co-ed until the 8th grade. To learn more about the schools and what is happening there, visit the PEB website:

www.friendsofpeb.org/about_the_schools.htm.

Also, read an article in the May issue of *Presbyterian Today* "Education Is the Key". A copy is available in the library.

Mark your calendar now. Plan on attending one of the worship services, and then join Veeda and the Outreach Ministry Team for an evening of learning and ice cream sundaes.