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Join the March to VBS

Everyone loves a parade, and the workers in Vacation Bible school are no different. Our church will be helping to put a float in the Fourth of July parade this year, and helpers are needed for that event. Of course, it's also not too late to register kids for VBS itself!



Float Camp: July 2-3, 10:00 am-Noon	Family Day: Sunday, July 6, 3:00-5:00 pm
Parade: July 4, 3:00 pm	VBS: July 7-July 9, 9:00 am-Noon

Please note the change in "Family Day" times in the schedule above.



VBS Work Day Report

Our Vacation Bible School Work Day was great. We got to know a six-foot character of Fizz, a thankful test tube. We cut out decorations for the ceiling and attached strings. AND candy was stapled to 250 fliers about our VBS. These will be thrown to the crowd during the Fourth of July parade. We had six ladies come to help. They are Jan Hartje, Dorothy Lonberger, Iris Allen, Susan Presley, Barbie Sanders, and Doris Bohon. Thanks and more thanks for all your help, ladies!

Ronnaug

Christmas in July

For the creatures of *Narnia*, it was always winter, but never Christmas. For the creatures of Kirksville, Christmas will come even in the heat of summer this year. Kids and adults can join us for Christmas in July and feel a welcome relief from the mid-summer doldrums.

A kids' program will be held on Friday, July 25, 6:00-8:00 pm. Look for food, songs and other Christmas activities. Adults can join the festivities at the worship service on Sunday, July 27.



"Food 4 Kids" Week is July 14-18

Talk with John Rowe if you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile ministry to the children of Kirksville.

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July Lectionary

JULY 6

14th Sunday in Ord. Time

Genesis 24:34–38,

42–49, 58–67

Psalms 45:10–17 or

Song of Sol. 2:8–13

Romans 7:15–25a

Matthew 11:16–19,

25–30

JULY 13

15th Sunday in Ord. Time

Genesis 25:19–34

Psalms 119:105–112

Romans 8:1–11

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

JULY 20

16th Sunday in Ord. Time

Genesis 28:10–19a

Psalms 139:1–12, 23–24

Romans 8:12–25

Matthew 13:24–30,

36–43

JULY 27

17th Sunday in Ord. Time

Genesis 29:15–28

Psalms 105:1–11, 45b or

Psalms 128:1–6

Romans 8:26–39

Matthew 13:31–33,

44–52

Baptism

Katherine Grace Marshall was baptized during the last month. We're grateful for the opportunity to be her church family.

Bloskovich Memorial Dedicated



Above: The guest book and console table. **Right:** One of the new First Presbyterian CD's.

The JACK FELIX BLOSKOVICH (July 7, 1918–July 8, 2007) MEMORIAL was dedicated June 22, 2008, during the morning worship service. Jack was a beloved member of this church for many years, having served as Deacon and as an Elder. He also devoted countless hours toward the repair and improvements of our church property.

Jack's memorial fund made possible the purchase of a sanctuary CD recording system including the recorder, duplicator, microphones and CD discs. Sunday morning worship services, as well as any special services, can now be recorded for those wishing a copy.

The memorial fund also provided furnishings for the elevator alcove on the second floor, including a carved, walnut console table, lamps, mirror and registry book.

We appreciate Jack's family for establishing this memorial fund and offering these generous gifts to the church, which will continue to serve this congregation for many years to come.

In Jack's honor, it is with deep reverence and gratitude that First Presbyterian Church accepts these memorial gifts as a sacred trust to the GLORY of GOD.

*Linda Hudnall
Memorial Committee Chair*



Mike's Page: A Passport to Our Own Country

July is often a month to think about America, what it means to us, our thankfulness or gratitude for this republic. Let me share something with you, a personal interest of mine that gets me in touch with America, what is right about it, and why I am thankful: National Parks.

On October 25, 2003 I visited Mammoth Cave National Park. I went with Elizabeth and our good friends Desiree and Chris. We were all relatively newlyweds. We thought nothing of trying to put up our tents in the dark (bad idea) or sleeping in them once they were up (questionable idea). The following day, we took a tour of some of the cave system, the largest in the world. We carried oil lamps, just as many people would have years ago. It was a wonderful 2.5 hours underground, and when we were finished, we did what all good Americans do: we went to the gift shop.

I saw a little book in the gift shop. It was set apart from the others, excluded or elevated, I wasn't sure. The title read: *Passport to Your National Parks*. What? A passport. I was interested, but unsure. I went outside and told the others. "Oh yeah, you've got to get that. Chris and I had that on our honeymoon. We went and saw tons of parks out west. You've got to get it." I went back in, bought the passport for \$8, and received my first "cancellation," a small ink stamp with the day's date (October 25, 2003) in the color of the region (purple, southeast region) and the park where I visited (Mammoth Cave).



Inside Mammoth Cave. Photo by the National Parks Service.

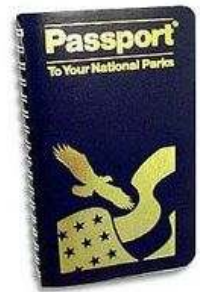


The symbolic cabin at Abraham Lincoln's birthplace.

Now, whenever Elizabeth and I go somewhere, I try to suggest that we consider taking, not the great circle route, but the national park route. We have seen the orange crate where Carl Sandburg placed his typewriter to write about Abraham Lincoln (Flat Rock, NC – August 1, 2004), we have seen where Abraham Lincoln was born (Hodgenville, KY – November 1, 2003), lived (Lincoln City, IN – February 18, 2007) and worked (Springfield, IL – August 6, 2004). We have even seen his monument (Washington, DC – June 8, 2004). Once Noah was born, I got him in on the action. Noah sat in the lap of George Mason, writer of the Virginia constitution. Noah enjoyed seeing the FDR memorial, a sprawling tribute to a President who seemed reluctant to let his disability be known or get in the way of his plans.

As I have traveled around America, I have paid more attention to our country, our history, our great writers and leaders, to our government and the way it works, because of the Passport Program. Not everyone needs something silly like this to see what is right with America. But I did and I do.

I am thankful for this country I live in, for the 380 plus parks that have been set aside as places of learning and growth. I am thankful for my family, so I can bore them with these places. Most of all, this July, as the rockets glare red, I am thankful for my country. It is a place that has saturated my life, so much so that I often cannot see it for what it really is. My home.



Mike's Office Hours

MONDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

1:00 – 5:00 pm

TUESDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

WEDNESDAY:

8:30 am – Noon

THURSDAY:

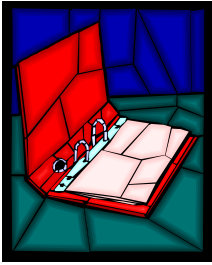
8:30 am – Noon

1:00 – 5:00 pm

FRIDAY &

SATURDAY:

No office hours.



Notes from Session

The meeting this month was preceded by a pleasant potluck for both current and new members of Deacons and Session. Thanks to all who brought food, and especially to all who helped wash dishes!

DEACONS' REPORT

Apologies were made (profusely) for the fact that Fred Wheeler wasn't actually notified of Fred Wheeler appreciation day. He will try to come to July's Second Sunday Brunch.

John Rowe will begin to recruit people to handle our week at Food 4 Kids on the 22nd of June. We'll need to fill 13 jobs per day. Our week is the 14th through the 18th of July.

We have reserved the point picnic area at Thousand Hills for September 21st this year.

BUDGET AND FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT

It was a (good) average month. Our giving was \$11,034 for the month. The Pentecost Offering was \$446 this year. Approximately \$200 from the Pentecost Offering (our local portion) will be sent to KIM's Emergency Relief Ministries. Fish for Hunger raised \$426, which was mailed to the Food Depot last month.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT

Benton and Associates has completed Phase I of their report. It is possible to put an elevator in the south stairwell at the front entrance. Phase II consists of the creation of the actual construction plan, which will then be sent out for bidding. The cost of Phase II is approximately \$12,000.

The total estimated cost of the elevator project is \$250,000. Part of the memorial for David Lintner will help with that cost, and outside grants are also being sought. Still, members of the church will also be called upon to contribute to this project. The committee sought a vote of the Session to continue with Phase II, and that motion passed unanimously.

We are also looking at the addition of an accessible ramp at the front entrance, as well as some repairs to the sidewalk, but the Session is hesitant to move forward with those plans until it is known whether elevator construction will tear up the front entrance.

Finally, the committee sought approval to paint and brighten up Fellowship Hall. That motion passed, but the committee promised to bring more detailed plans back to the Session in July before any work was begun. Scott Thatcher gave a spirited defense of the paneling.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Last Sunday was the kick-off for the summer *Narnia* Sunday school program for all ages. Compliments were given for the decorations in the children's Sunday School room.

The kids will have a Christmas in July program this year, including a lock-in and other Christmas-themed events.

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS

A different liturgy is being used this summer, and Michael is continuing his sermon series on the Psalms.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

The Bloskovich memorial will be dedicated on Sunday, June 15. A CD recorder and duplicator have already been bought, along with 500 blank CD's that have the name and image of the church printed on them. A new table and mirror have been placed next to the elevette on the second floor, along with a registration book at that location.

OTHER BUSINESS

Walter Olker from the Presbyterian Foundation will present an overview of the Foundation at the July 8 Session meeting. The Bell Fund trustees will also be invited to attend that meeting.

Congratulations July Birthdays and Anniversaries!

BIRTHDAYS

Lin Twining
Sue Ross
Stanley Bohon
Joy Bulen
Catherine Spangler
Jean Crawford
Bradley Collier
Dorothy Link
Scott Thatcher
Meghan King

Dillon Poston
John Settlege
Larry Payton
Zachary Hunter
Janice Keough
Brooke Riley

ANNIVERSARIES

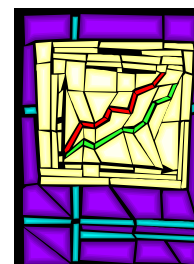
Robert & Shirley Sprehe
Steven Carroll & Cheryl Gracey



Financial Report

MAY 31, 2008

	Month	Month	YTD	YTD
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Giving & Other Revenue				
Restricted Program Transfers				
Designated Income/Expense				
Direct Mission				
Pastoral Leadership				
Worship & Music				
Christian Education				
Administrative Support				
House & Grounds				
General Needs				
Campus Ministry				
Membership Shepherding				
Community Ministries				
Rollins Ministry				
Westminster House Ministry				
Total				
Undesignated Cash Checking Account:				



VBS Needs Your Empty Soup Cans

Our VBS needs empty soup cans or the equivalent size for a craft project. They can be left in the church office, left in the narthex, or given to Ronnaug. Thanks for your help!



Dates to Remember

SUNDAYS

9:30–10:45 am: Sunday Worship Service
11:00 am: Sunday School for All Ages

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July 6, 2:00 pm: Highland Crest Worship
July 6, 3:00–5:00 pm: VBS Family Day
July 13: Second-Sunday Brunch
July 27: Christmas in July Worship Service

MONDAYS

July 7, 9:00 am–Noon: Vacation Bible School
July 14: Food 4 Kids Week

TUESDAYS

July 8, 9:00 am–Noon: Vacation Bible School
July 8, 7:00 pm: Session/Deacons
July 15: Food 4 Kids Week
July 22, 3:30 pm: Christian Education Committee

WEDNESDAYS

1:15 pm: Bible Study

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July 2, 10:00 am: VBS Float Camp
July 9, 9:00 am–Noon: Vacation Bible School
July 16: Food 4 Kids Week

THURSDAYS

July 3, 10:00 am: VBS Float Camp
July 3, 1:30 pm: Budget & Finance Comm.
July 10, 9:00 am: Presby Seniors at Rosie's
July 17: Food 4 Kids Week

FRIDAYS

July 4: Church Office Closed
July 4, 3:00–4:30 pm: 4th of July Parade
July 18: Food 4 Kids Week
July 25, 6:00: Kids' Christmas in July

July Food:



Peanut Butter!