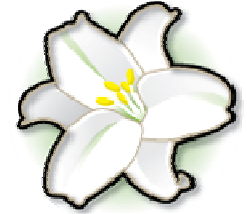


April 2010

Happy Easter

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EASTER SERVICES

There will be a Good Friday Service on April 2 at 7:00 pm.

Communion will be served.

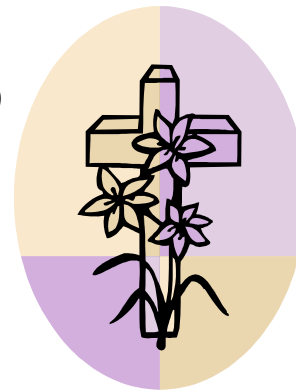
Easter Sunday is April 4

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am. This service will be led by Ben.

There will be three regular services on Easter: 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00.

Communion will not be served on Easter.

Sunday school will still be held for those who would like to attend.



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New Members Class

April 11 through May 23

Pastor Richard will be leading a new member's class this spring. The class will meet in Knox Hall A for seven weeks during the regular Sunday school hour, 9:45 – 10:45 Sunday mornings. You don't have to be present for every class to participate. Full membership in the congregation allows one to vote in congregational meetings and to hold office in the congregation.

The class will cover the vision, values and mission of First Presbyterian Church as well as Presbyterian history and church government, and the essentials of the Christian faith. Becoming a full member of the congregation is your option at the end of the course. We like to think of full membership as a beginning not an end, because we see membership not as something with rights and privileges, but as something that brings responsibilities to share in the ministry and mission of the church.

If you would like to participate in the class please register by calling the church office. Call Tim Wilson at the church (423-3470) or at home (423-2940), for more information.



Richard Reflects...

The face of Christianity is changing. By that, I mean the church is changing. Not just our community of faith here in Tecumseh, but the landscape of the church in America is undergoing change.

Some of that change isn't for the good.

Change is good...and change is bad. It's a good thing for the church to change, as long as that change is Biblically grounded and rooted in Reformed theology.

One of my favorite new resources for moving with the church into the 21st century is a website, *the Resurgence*. *The Resurgence* is a reformed, complementarian, missional movement that trains followers of Jesus Christ to serve the Church to transform cultures for Christ. It is a theologically grounded, Christ-centered movement that has proved helpful to me.

As you know, beginning in the fall of 2009, our worship focus has been on the essential truths of the Christian faith. The author of the book that's been guiding me, R.C. Sproul, has been a theologian of great impact on many of those in *the Resurgence*. The time has been right for me to stumble upon this movement of God.

Please prayerfully consider where God is leading us and what He is calling us to do.

In Christ,

Richard

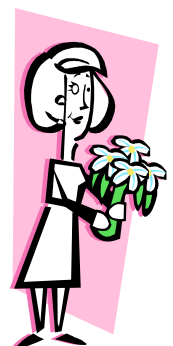
www.theresurgence.com



There will be a 'Round Table Conversation with Pastor Richard' on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm for anyone who would like to speak with Richard about our relationship with the PC(USA) and the possibility of us joining the EPC.

From Michelle's Desk

I hope that everyone who has teenagers had a chance to go see the "To Save A Life" movie. In all total we took 33 people and I know of many more that went on their own. I know that two of the show times were completely sold out. It's great to hear the kids talking about the meat and potatoes of the movie. "To Save A Life" is a powerful movie about the real-life challenges of teens and their choices. The movie touched on suicide, drinking, drugs, cutting, teen pregnancy, divorce, the real life consequences of those choices and how your walk with Jesus Christ plays into all of it. It is easier for teens to "live" their faith inside the confines of Sunday school or youth group than to "live" it at school with many unchurched teens. Hopefully, this movie helped teens to understand that at some point they need to decide what their life is going to be about. We challenged our teens to reach out to 10 people that they would not normally reach out to at school. Something as simple as making eye contact and saying hello. As adults, how many of us stay within our comfortable circle of friends? So....the youth of this church would like to challenge the adults to reach out to 10 people this week that you would normally not reach out to. Introduce yourselves, shake a hand, make eye contact, smile....you never know how you might change someone's day, week or year by a simple gesture. Decide what YOUR life is going to be about.



~Michelle

First Presbyterian Church
of Tecumseh Presents:

Jazz Vespers

Sunday,
April 11th
6pm

*Come worship
in Spirit
and Truth
and Jazz*

Church Leadership

Elders

Rick Bunch	Charles Saling
Leigh Elliott	Jan Salsberry
Steve Gruber	Tracey Schafer
Kurt Hillegonds	Joseph Serafin
Amy Korte	Doug Smith
Martha Melcher	Nate Smith
Fred Miller	Ben Spence
Bill Poston	Tom Sollars, Clerk

Deacons

Sherrie Bertram	Marc Hernandez
Renee Bilotta	Betty Hyatt
Dana Black	Jim Ingle
Leah Chludzinski	Ann Ingram
Lorie Easton	Val McLerran
Tammy Gruber	Colleen Ream

Session meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm.the next meeting will be April 22. The meeting is open to all church members.

2010 Financial Update

From the Session, here is a look at our 2010 Financial Update:

February 2009 actual giving:	\$32,471.00
February 2010 actual giving:	\$31,058.88

Our Vision, God Calls Us To:

Introduce...

Disciple...

Deliver...

- † Introduce people to Jesus.
- † Disciple believers through relationships in groups.
- † Deliver real help for human hurts and hopes.

The church exists to introduce people to Jesus Christ. We are to share our experience with Jesus with others. To **Introduce** fixes our attention on the worshiper, the Sunday school child, the young person at youth group, or the person we see each day of the week. We are simply asked to tell others what Jesus has and is doing in our lives. Sometimes we speak with words, sometimes with actions.

To **Disciple** draws our focus to the spiritual journey we each travel. As Christians, God wants us to grow in our discipleship. We expect to grow as we help one another and grow in our relationships as a family. Disciple is a verb. We are asked to disciple one another just as a family helps each member grow towards his or her own potential. Ultimately our discipleship is lived out in our walk with Jesus and is demonstrated in the "Marks of Discipleship": Scripture, Prayer, Worship, Giving, Relationships, Spiritual Growth, and Encouragement.

To **Deliver** real help takes the disciple to the role of servant. It acknowledges that we do not live alone as a Christian or as a community of faith, but we are in the midst of a world with real hurts and hopes. We are called by God to make a difference in this world.

Membership Covenant

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, feeling the leading of the Holy Spirit, I am ready to unite with the First Presbyterian Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church. . . by acting in love toward other members, by refusing to gossip, by following the leadership.
2. I will contribute to the life of my church . . . by praying for its growth, by inviting the unchurched to attend, by warmly welcoming those who visit.
3. I will serve the ministry of my church . . . by discovering my gifts and talents, by being equipped to serve, by the pastoral staff, by developing a servant's heart.
4. I will support the testimony of my church . . . by attending faithfully, by living a God honoring life, by giving regularly.

When I commit to these values, I am helping my church grow in faith, service, and devotion to Jesus Christ.

Church Happenings

Baptism

☞ Aubree Renee Barkway, daughter of Jeff and Nicole, sister of Cooper, granddaughter of Steve and Laurie, was baptized on March 14 at the 8:30 service.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Saturday, April 17

All the men of the congregation are invited to a fellowship breakfast on Saturday, April 17, from 8 until 9 AM. The men will enjoy a hardy and delicious breakfast and share in devotions and fellowship. Please join us! Call Tim Wilson for more information (423-2940 home or 423-3470 church).

David and Ruth Burns to Visit This Summer

David and Ruth Burns, our missionaries in Asia, will be visiting our congregation during June and July. We are in need of housing for them as well as a vehicle that they might borrow. If you know of a place they might stay or a vehicle to borrow, please talk with Tim Wilson or Pastor Richard. Ideally we would like to find a furnished place they might stay where they will have some privacy.

We Are Taking Bids for Summer Lawn Care

If you or someone you know is interested in putting in a bid for the care of our church grounds for the summer, please get your bid in to the church office by April 10. You MUST be insured.

We Will Be Helping With Food Collections in the Month of April

As you know, we normally don't collect food. However, in the month of April we will be collecting for the food bank in Tecumseh and for a new school snack program. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins.

MOPS Mom to Mom Sale - April 17 in Knox Hall

The sale is from 9-2. You can rent a table for \$10. Contact Kelli Schefka at 265-4853.

Tecumseh Senior Center Volunteer Banquet

To say "Thank you" to the volunteers who give of their time, the Tecumseh Senior Center is having their annual volunteer banquet. It is taking place on Thursday, April 29, at noon. If you will be attending, please RSVP to Jennifer Clary at 423-5939.



Where & When:

- April 29
- Noon
- Tecumseh Senior Center

Something to Think About

Spring is just around the corner and people like to spend time on our church grounds. Please keep in mind that the Columbarium (the walled memorial garden on the west side of the church) is a final resting place of some of our former members. As such, sometimes people are there to mourn loved ones. We ask that if you are there to enjoy the gardens, please be respectful of mourners.



April 2010

Events & Activities

Friday, 2 - Good Friday - The Church Office will be closed.

Friday, 2 - Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm, Communion

Saturday, 3 - Great Food For All order time 10-11 am

Sunday, 4 - Easter: Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, Services at 8:30, 9:45, 11:00
No Youth Group

Wednesday, 7 - Great Food For All order time 4-5 pm

Wednesday, 7 - Men's Bible Study at 7:00 pm

Sunday, 11 - Jazz Praise Vespers at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 13 - MOPS at 9:00 am

Tuesday, 13 - Round Table Conversation with Pastor Richard at 7:00 pm

Saturday 17 - Knox Hall Reserved for the MOPS Mom to Mom sale

Sunday, 18 - Confirmation, both services

Tuesday, 20 - MOPS at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 21 - Men's Bible Study at 7:00 pm

Saturday, 24 - Great Food For All Distribution, 8:30 am

Saturday, 24 - Knox Hall Reserved

Sunday, 25 - Youth Group Breakfast fundraiser in Knox Hall from 9:30 - 11:00

Tuesday, 27 - MOPS at 9:00 am

EVERY WEEK:

Sunday - Worship at 8:30 and 11:00, Sunday school at 9:45

Tuesday - Living Water Children's Choir at 6:30, St Andrews Choir Rehearsal at 7:00

Wednesday - Quiet Prayer Hour at 6:00, Carillon Choir Rehearsal at 6:30, Praise Choir Rehearsal at 7:00, Women's Bible Study at 7:00.

Friday - Celebrate Recovery at 6:00 pm

***HEY - LOOK AT THIS!!* EMAIL BLAST**

We are putting together an email list for people who would like to get reminders of special events here at church - for example, pot lucks, special music events, special meetings, etc. If you would like to be on the reminder list, please send an email with the words "email blast" in the subject line to: vbechler@tecpres.org. Thank you.

Helping people become
totally devoted followers of
Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian Church

April 2010 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Eloise Adams Ken Densmore Douglas Ferguson	3 Debi Brueckner Sue Jacoby George Reasoner Jack Reeck John Wilson
4 Audrey Logan Douglas Williams	5 Ellis Hunter Mary Beth Reasoner Joseph Spence	6 Stephen Bilotta ♥John & Penny Toburen	7 Jess Ashenfelter Ashlynn Chludzinski Marian Tucker	8 Gary Easton	9 Daniel Burchett Tom Jacoby Sam Schmidt	10 Andy Collings Judy Kastel
<i>Easter Sunday</i>						
11 Joan Brown Mike Feight Cori Roberts	12 Joan Ketteman	13 Stuart Bailey Abigail Bouse Lindsay DeLise	14	15 Silas Rebottaro	16 Christopher Barkway Donna Church Scott Church Jacki Roehm	17 Caitie Christensen Gary Roberts
18 Leva Brown Ron Publiski	19 Andy Aalto Ken Pieh	20 Lynda Anderson Lori Benedict Jessica Ferguson James Hunt ♥Tom & Joyce Fisher	21 Jim Ellerman Steven Gruber Jim Hunt	22 Ben Church	23 Jim Brink Owen Studer	24 Sarah Pfister ♥Bryan & Elaine Mincks
25	26 Jack Bailey Katie Easton Andrew Nowak ♥Joshua & Sharon Ketola	27	28 Lucas Leffler	29 Jordan Fox Mitchell Leffler	30	



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**Sign-Up Now!
Cabwaylingo West Virginia Work Trip
July 4 – 10, 2010**

The Mission Ministry team is making plans for another great week of fellowship and service in cooperation with the Cabwaylingo Presbyterian Chapel in Dunlow, West Virginia. Our work team will be staying in cabins at the Cabwaylingo State Forest. They will be working on home repair projects arranged and coordinated by the folks at the Chapel in Dunlow.

The Cabwaylingo Presbyterian Chapel is a small congregation up in the mountains south of Huntington, West Virginia. They have a significant ministry hosting work teams who repair and renovate homes for needy people in the area. This is the heart of old Appalachia. A mining area where most of the mining companies have left, this is an area of extreme poverty.

No special skills are necessary. Painting and minor home repairs are done as well as more major projects. We generally take our own tools, but much of what we need is in the tool shed down there. Sometimes the time we spend with the resident can be as significant as the repairs completed.

This mission project is open to adults and families. Sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. For more information call Tim Wilson at home (423-2940) or at the church (423-3470).