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*"..so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all others." Romans 12:5*

**OCTOBER 2011**

First Presbyterian Church  
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Dr. Richard B. Culp, Pastor  
Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner, Pastor Emeritus  
Kathy Wehrman, Program Director  
Mario Bolivar, PYC Director

Someone recently asked me if coming back to work after three months away depressed (not in a clinical sense, but in a "why am I here?" sense) me. My immediate response, much to the person's surprise, was "No." Maybe depression will set in later, but I think it has skipped me for the moment because of three things: 1. The wonderful welcome you provided me on my return. I cannot adequately describe how great it felt to receive the many notes, hugs, and thoughtful comments from many of you. 2. I am too busy to stop and figure out if I am depressed. The energy, excitement and challenges of the capital campaign (along with the normal fall schedule) have filled my days (and some nights) with lots of things to do. 3. Tracing my faith journey over the Clergy Renewal time gave me a strong reminder of my sense of call to parish ministry. I still believe that the privilege of being a minister and the opportunity to serve this congregation and join with it as we serve the world are two great gifts God has given me. I know that the seasons of life come and go, so there will be times when I wonder "What am I doing here?" but in this moment I feel energized and excited to be serving here among you and with you.

*Richard*

## October Worship Schedule:

Sunday, October 2	"Desperate People" Mark 5: 21-34 World Communion Sunday Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Sunday, October 9	"The Power of Love" I John 4: 7-13
Sunday, October 16	"A Personal Commitment" I Chronicles 29: 10-22
Sunday, October 23	"Does It Matter - Part I" Exodus 25: 1-8
Sunday, October 30	"Does It Matter - Part II" II Corinthians 8: 1-5



### World Communion Sunday October 2nd

The Worship Committee invites you to join us for World Communion Sunday. Communion will be served in the regular way at the 8:30am Chapel Service and during the 11:00am Sanctuary Service we will serve Communion by Intinction.

Flu season is January/February/March, so having your shot in the fall prepares your body to protect itself during flu season. But, a flu shot can only protect you against the types of flu in the shot. If a type of flu pops up that is not in the shot, you can get that flu. So, it's still important to wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water.

With the flu, many people have mild symptoms and can recover in a week or two. However, in some people flu can be dangerous. Although all children and adults should get a flu shot, it is important for certain groups to get their vaccine every year including:

- Pregnant women
- Adults 50 or older
- Children ages 6 months to 5 years old
- People with ongoing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease and cancer.



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## Parish Health Ministry

### Flu Shots: Yes, You Do Need One

It's that time of year.

Summer is over and flu shot season is just around the corner. Each year, you hear everyone talking about flu vaccines and how you should get one, yet many people choose not to. It is important to get your yearly flu shot to stay healthy and survive another flu season. The flu (also called influenza) is a lung infection. There is no such thing as the stomach flu. We often think the flu as more of a nuisance, but it can be life threatening for children, older adults and those living with other health problems. One of the best ways to prevent the flu is with a flu shot. In fact, the Center for Disease Control suggests all people 6 months or older get a flu vaccine every year. Many people don't get a flu shot because they believe it will give them the flu. This is a myth. You cannot get the flu from a flu shot because the virus used to make the shot is dead. Vaccine you breathe through your nose is made with live virus, so there is some risk of getting the flu.

If you feel ill after a flu shot, a few things can be happening:

1. It takes time for the shot to work. After a flu shot, your body uses the dead virus to create special soldiers called "antibodies" that attack the virus in the shot. It takes your body time to make enough antibodies to protect you. If you are exposed to the flu while your body is still making antibodies, you may not be able to fight it off.
2. Your immune system makes antibodies, so if it's busy doing that, you may catch colds and other illnesses more easily.
3. Sometimes when your body begins to start making antibodies, you can feel achy or like you have a fever. This is not the flu and will pass in a day or two. If your doctor recommends taking ibuprofen after your shot, follow his or her directions.

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



**Book Corner:** In Doc: A Novel, Mary Doria Russell presents an historical fiction account of Doc Holliday's life as a dentist and gambler in Kansas in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. While the author looks back on his life leading up to that time and looks forward to the famous shoot-out at the OK Corral, the bulk of the book explores his time in Kansas when his friendship with the Earp brothers developed. I found the author offers some particularly interesting character studies and explorations of issues such as repentance, forgiveness and our human frailty. Since I am not well-read on this era or these people, I do not know how historically accurate the author is, but I found her work to be very interesting.

**New Member Class:** If you are interested in being a part of the next New Member class, or you know someone who might be, please contact the church office. The class begins **Sunday, October 2**.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFO "Shining Our Light"



October 9th— VISION SUNDAY

October 25th—ADVANCED COMMITMENT  
GATHERING

October 30th—CHILDREN PRESENT  
"Windows on Parade"

November 13th—COMMITMENT SUNDAY &  
ALL CHURCH EVENT

A lunch will be served after the 11:00am service on November 13th in conjunction with **Commitment Sunday**. All are invited to join in. Please RSVP "yes" when you are called. A Mexican fiesta will be served, with vegetarian options available. Please join the celebration!



"Shining Our Light" T-shirts have been designed to enhance the awareness that First Presbyterian Church is a very important part of the downtown community of Troy. Our ministry and outreach programs are vital in spreading the "Good News." Show your spirit and shine your light! The T-shirts will be available for \$8 beginning October 2. We have adult sizes S-3xl and more can be ordered.

Call Lori Graff at 332-7377 for more information.

## 2011 PEACEMAKING OFFERING Sunday, October 2nd



The theme for the 2011 Peacemaking Offering is "A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace" (James 3:18). Make this year a time to renew your commitment to giving as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but is our peace. Your gift to the Peacemaking Offering helps cultivate a culture of peace. Please give generously.

*"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."*

## FPC LIBRARY Book Review



Check this out!

Two Women of Galilee by Mary Rourke.

The author took one scripture from the book of Luke about a minor character and created a novel about the wife of Herod's steward and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

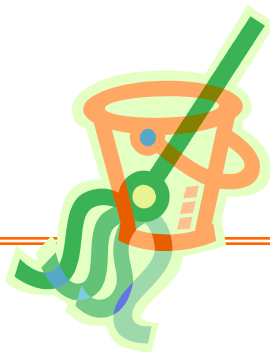
The reader is left with a compelling story of two women, both connected to Jesus and the comforting character of a loving savior!

This book is at the Troy-Miami County Library.

## CLEANING FOR A REASON

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Please pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFO FROM THE PRAYER LEADERS

Merle Neumann and Jo Hermes, the Capital Campaign Prayer Leaders, have asked each of you to please commit to praying the following prayer daily:

*"Lord, what do You want to do through me to fulfill Your will for our church?"*

Merle and Jo are inviting everyone to a Prayer Meeting that will be held every Tuesday (a little after 5:00pm) at the church. This will run through the beginning of December. Please let them know if you will attend.

Please pray for:

Tuesday: Tom George and Elders

Wednesday: Office team, Vicki, Kathy W., Sue G.

Thursday: Richard - sermon/pastoring and the Stephen Ministry

Friday: Music Team, Kathy Mc, Carol C., Brenda

Saturday: Church School Teachers

Sunday: Mario, youth and Trustees' needs

Monday: Roger Deeter and Deacons

## PYC (Presbyterian Youth Connection) October Schedule:

- October 2 No-Matter-What Mission Time 5-7:30pm
- October 9 Sidney Corn Maze 12-4pm
- October 16 Scavenger Hunt at the Greene 4-7:30pm
- October 22 Kings Island Halloween Haunt & Sleepover
- October 30 Operation Christmas Child 5-7:30pm



PYC Kids in their pajamas on Rally Day Sunday !!



We are 13,000 Presbyterians in 62 congregations in Southwest Ohio.

*Grace to you and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Walter Brueggemann to speak in PMV in November

**Walter Brueggemann**, noted author and Old Testament scholar, will speak at [Southminster Presbyterian Church](#), Centerville, November 13, 3:00-5:00 P.M. The lecture, sponsored by the [Equipping for Ministry Network](#) of Presbytery of the Miami Valley, is entitled "Hope and Healing in a Broken World."

The Rev. Dr. Brueggemann is recognized the world over for his work on Biblical interpretation and is the author of over 58 books and several commentaries on the Bible. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a retired faculty member of Columbia Theological Seminary.

Tickets are \$5.00 a person and free to members of the Equipping for Ministry Network. [Email Jackie Nowak](#) for reservations and more information or call 937-433-1810.

### Presbyterian Tentmakers Conference November 4-6

The [Association of Presbyterian Tentmakers](#) (APT) will hold its national conference November 4-6 at Stony Point Center, Sony Point, NY. Tentmakers are pastors who divide their work between two or more vocations - at least one of which is a ministry validated by presbytery and at least one of which is a secular vocation. The purpose of APT is to provide support for tentmakers and tent-making congregations and to advocate for tentmaking in the PC(USA).

## "Kids in the Country"

Wednesday, October 12

4:15-7:30pm

1st grade - 6th grade  
FPC & PYC are hosting another kid event  
for fun in the country. We will cook  
our dinner over an open fire, play  
outdoors, learn about the "Armor of God"  
and be with friends!  
Call the church office to sign up!!



## IS YOUR PLEDGE UP-TO-DATE?

3rd Quarter Giving Statements will be coming shortly.  
Please call Tom George at the church office (339-1317)  
if you have any questions.

## FAMILY CAMP AT KIRKMONT

September 2011



What fun we had !!!



# FPC BICENTENNIAL

# 200

In 2013, First Presbyterian Church will be 200 years old. The Bicentennial Committee is meeting for the first time on October 12 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in the planning of this celebration. Contact Teri Okrutny at 238-0525 or [topcat1292@yahoo.com](mailto:topcat1292@yahoo.com) for more information. Hope to see you there!



## FPC Child Care Schedule

	Nursery Adult	Nursery Youth	3-5 Yr. Olds Adult	3-5 Yr. Olds Youth
Oct 2		Caroline S.	Carol Riggle	G. Riggle
Oct 9		Michael S.		
Oct 16				
Oct 23				
Oct 30			A. Senseman	

Please contact Dee Mahan if you can help fill in some of the above child care dates.  
Thank you !!!

### PREVIEW OF A COMING ATTRACTION:

The Final Dance: A time for learning about death: the theology of it, forgiveness, grief, how to prepare for it and talking with professionals to plan. We are planning a two-part segment event. Stay tuned!

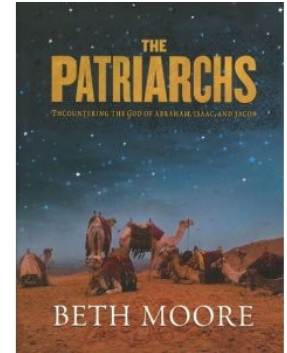
# October Birthdays

- October 1 Donna Dixon  
Grant Rehmert
- October 2 Margaret Dillow
- October 3 Philip Dresden  
Kristen (Schroeder) Buscemi
- October 4 Molly Sanders
- October 5 Patrick Firstenberger
- October 8 Caitlin Culp  
Daniel Myers  
Johnny Muhlenkamp
- October 11 McGregor Dixon
- October 12 Richard Sponslor
- October 14 Sue Carslon  
Brian Firstenberger  
Sara Sutton
- October 15 Sheryl Asbury  
Carol Hess
- October 16 Sarah Conover
- October 17 Jack Gates
- October 18 Stan Apgar
- October 20 Bob Copp  
Ernie Reed  
John Morones  
Steven Gohrband  
Wade Timmer
- October 21 Kelly Sutton
- October 22 Sandy Flinn
- October 24 Alex Klein  
Owen Wheeler
- October 25 Tom Hay
- October 26 Patty Wackler
- October 29 Stacey Kerns
- October 30 Mary DeVault  
Meggan Klein



## Monday Evening Bible Study

Beginning Monday October 17th at 7:00pm our Monday Evening Bible Study will begin studying *The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—A DVD Bible study* by Beth Moore.



The 11 week study will take a break in December and restart in January. Call Vicki Elliott or Dianne Niece by October 5th to order your \$15 study book.

## RICHARD'S PREACHING BLOG

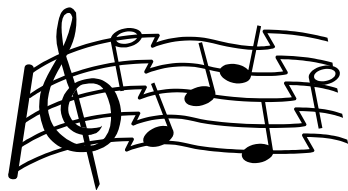
<http://whatisrichardpreaching.blogspot.com/>

*Blog*

# RALLY DAY



The FPC Choir is back—and boy, do they sound great!!! On Rally Day the FPC Choir sang for us and we were delighted to listen!! Want to be a part of this amazing choir? Just call Kathy McIntosh, the FPC Choir Director, for more info!



thank you

George and I would like to thank our church family for the cards and notes we received in remembering my mother. Your thoughtfulness and caring means a great deal to us. We are truly blessed.

*Cindy Meeker*



## Reception for Tom and Liz Gregg



## CHALLENGERS & FRIENDS

October 8th

A "Mystery "Tour" is planned for Saturday morning, October 8th, when we will meet at the church parking lot between 9 and 9:15am. Our first stop will be in the Troy vicinity, and there will be maps to accommodate us all!. There will be two other places that we plan to visit. The morning tour will conclude with "lunch out." Reservations will be made, so plan to call either Cathy Starcher (339-7608) or Merle Neumann (339-3586) so we can make arrangements for our meal.



## FIRST GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

On Rally Day at First Presbyterian Church our first graders received Bibles.

Congratulations to:

Alaina Buerger  
Alex Wheeler  
Leah Harnish  
Garrett Smith  
Payton Zeh  
Nolan Firstenberger



*"By this we know love, that Christ laid down his life for us;  
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another."*

*1 John 3:16*



# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 8:30a Chapel Service 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Church School 9:45a New Member Class 11:00a Sanctuary Service	3 9:30a Serendipity	4 5p Prayer Mtg. 6p Exercise Class 6:30p Session Mtg.		5 6 9a Tipp Coffee Group 6p Exercise Class 7p Walking Group 7:30p Thurs Eve Circle	7 8 9a Challengers Outing	
9 <b>VISION SUNDAY</b> 8:30a Chapel Service 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Church School 9:45a New Member Class 11:00a Sanctuary Service	10 9:30a Serendipity 7p Mission Mtg.	11 5p Prayer Mtg. 6p Exercise Class	12 Kids in the Country 7p Bicentennial Mtg.	13 9a Tipp Coffee Group 6p Exercise Class 7p Walking Group 7p Deacon Mtg. 7:30p Trustee Mtg.	14 15	
16 8:30a Chapel Service 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Church School 9:45a New Member Class 11:00a Sanctuary Service 5p New Member Class 6p Session/New Member	17 9:30a Serendipity 7p I & S Mtg. 7p Mon Eve Bible Study	18 5p Prayer Mtg. 6p Exercise Class 7p Comm. Mtgs.	19 6:30p Winan's Coffee Group	20 **LINK deadline** 9a Tipp Coffee Group 6p Exercise Class 7p Walking Group	21 22 PYC—Kings Island & sleepover	
23 8:30a Chapel Service 9:15a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Church School 11:00a Sanctuary Service	24 9:30a Serendipity 7p Mon Eve Bible Study	25 5p Prayer Mtg. 6p Exercise Class 7p Steph Min. Mtg. Adv Comm Gathering	26 27 9a Tipp Coffee Group No Exercise Class 7p Walking Group	28 29		
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AA Mtgs: Wed @ 7:30p & Thur @ 7:00p  
 Alanon Women's Mtg: Mon @ 6:45p  
 Breakfast Club: Mon-Fri 9-10a