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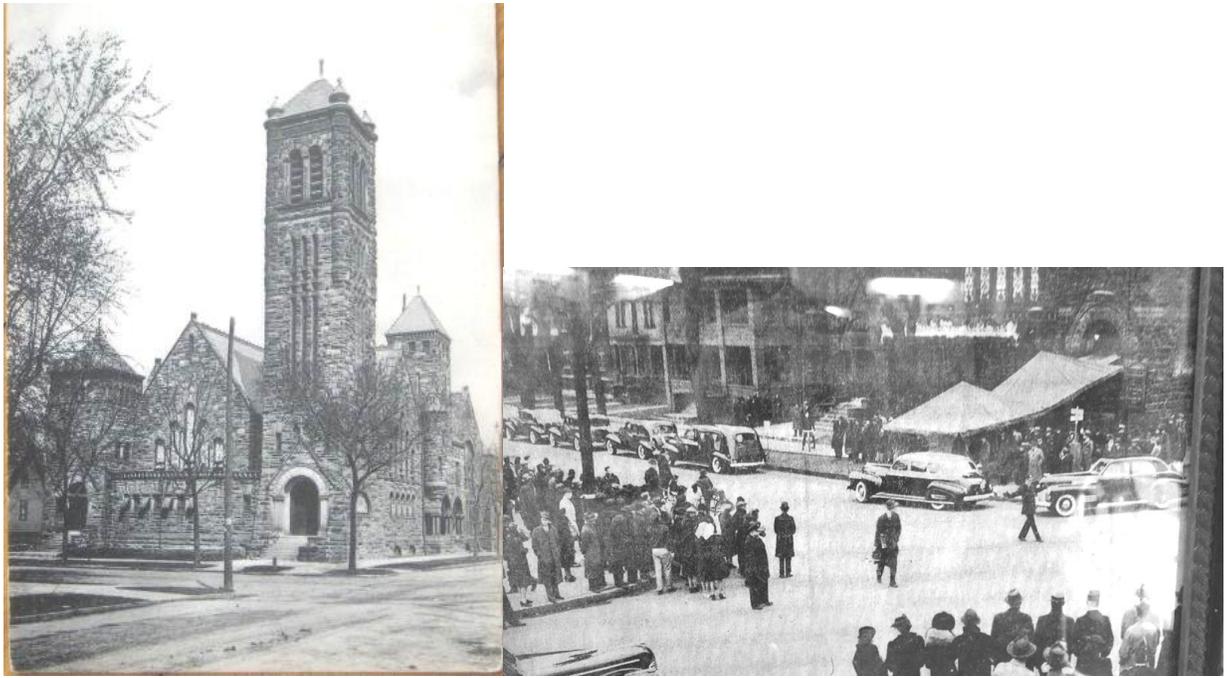
Session will meet on Monday August 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

August 10, 2016

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History Corner

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN 1910 and 1940



Decatur Celebration First Pres Fund Raiser



The Youth Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us raise \$ 1,542. We will use these funds to attend Camp Carew, Montreat, and the 2017 Presidential Inauguration where we will do a Mission project in DC. This could not have been done without our great volunteers: Sue Weinstein, Bev Ritter, Brad and Beth Bachtold, Kelly Tohill, Joli and Andy Cirks, Jane Spires, Wally Minnis, Paul and Verlyn Rosenberger, Norm and Lori Jensen, Ralph and Debbie Czerwinski, Richard and Ruth Sublett, Bob and Diane Dunn, Donna Washburn, Chuck and Cathy Force, Mike Beube, Ray Landon, and all who parked in our lot.

Kathy Beube and Brenda Aymer, Co-chairs Youth Ministry Team

SERVICES	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Hour – Everyday Issues Class
	9:15 a.m.	NewSong Worship Service – Chapel
	10:15 a.m.	Chapel Class – Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary

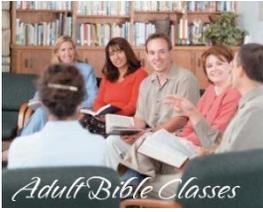
Deadline for the next issue is **Monday, August 22 at noon.**



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Coming Events . . .

Wednesday, August 10



Revelation Class, 1:30 p.m.
Revelation: It's Not the End of the World Wednesday class will continue through August 31. Bring your Bible to compare the various versions.

String Band Practice, 5:00 p.m.

Newcomers of all levels welcome! Meet in the Dining Room on most Wednesdays. Contact Doug Nicholson at 521-1314 or dougnicholson2@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, August 11



Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m.

We are using a study guide, "The Present Word," and applying it to our modern lives. We will meet from 7 to 8 Thursday mornings at the home of Paul Rosenberger. Come share the Bible. Call Paul at 877-4789 by the evening before to ensure that the Bible group is meeting.



1st PRES STRING BAND

6:00 p.m.

The 1st Pres String Band will perform at Oxford House, 2700 N. Monroe St., Decatur.

Friday, August 12



1st PRES STRING BAND

2:30 p.m.

The 1st Pres String Band will perform at The Heritage, 1225 Woodland Drive in Mt. Zion, IL.

Sunday, August 14

MISSION SUMMER SHOWCASE

Stop by and check out how First Pres is reaching out to our community. There will also be a suggestion box for your ideas on mission opportunities and needs you have seen in the community.



EVERYDAY ISSUES

9:00 a.m.

Revelation: It's Not the End of the World – Sunday class will continue through August 28. Bring your Bible to compare the various versions.



DEACONS MEETING,

11:45 a.m.

Meet in the Dining Room.

Looking Forward . . .

Monday, August 15

- **Women's Bible Study, 1:30 p.m.**, Downstairs
Meet Barbara Keagle in the Adult Classroom.

Wednesday, August 17

- **Revelations Class, 1:30 p.m.**, Dining Room
Revelations Class continues until August 31.
- **String Band Practice, 5:00 p.m.**, Dining Room

Thursday, August 18

- **Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m.**, Paul Rosenberger's home. Call first, 877-4789.

Saturday, August 20

- **Interfaith Potluck Picnic Rescheduled**
The picnic planned with the Islamic Center for August 20th has been **postponed**. Plans to reschedule are underway. We will let everyone know as soon as plans are complete. We look forward to continuing our friendship together.

Sunday, August 21

- **Summer Showcase**, between services
Stop by the Handbell display and check out your interest by ringing these beautiful instruments.
- **Everyday Issues, 9:00 a.m.**, Dining Room
Revelations Class continues through August 28.

Wednesday, August 24

- **Revelations Class, 1:30 p.m.**, Dining Room
Revelations Class continues through August 31.
- **String Band Practice, 5:00 p.m.**, Dining Room

Thursday, August 25

- **Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m.**, Paul Rosenberger's home. Call first, 877-4789.
- **First Friends at 1st Pres, 10:30 a.m.**, Dining Rm.
- **String Band, 2:30 p.m.** at Eagle Ridge, 875 W. McKinley Ave.
- **Women's Night Out, 5:30 p.m.** – RSVP to 429-4195, and we'll have a chair ready for you at Taproot, 170 N. Merchant.

Friday, August 26

- **String Band, 3:00 p.m.** at Imboden Gardens, 185 West Imboden Drive.

Sunday, August 28

- **Summer Showcase**, between services
Stop by the Volunteer display to see what volunteer opportunities the church has to offer you.
- **Everyday Issues, 9:00 a.m.**, Dining Room
Revelations Class continues through August 28.

Sunday, September 4

- Church School for youth and kids begins.

Wednesday, September 17

- A Jubilee Farm bonfire is being scheduled for young families and grandparents with families.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Christl Smalley's brother Gary** continues to improve and may soon be moved out of ICU at St. John's in Springfield.
- **Pat Nevitt** continues to receive chemotherapy.
- **Carolyn Butler** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery and doing very well.
- **Shelli Brunner** is home recovering from surgery.
- Our sympathy is extended to **Joan Winick**, her daughter **Sue Weinstein** and their families.



In Memoriam

*John A. Winick
September 9, 1930 – August 2, 2016*

*Uphold us now, O Lord, as we entrust him to
your boundless love and eternal care.*

*A memorial service will be at First Presbyterian
Church on Saturday, August 13, 2016, at
11:00 a.m. with visitation at 10:00.*



THANK YOU

- ❖ *Friends,
Many thanks for all of the nice cards and kind
thoughts that I received during my knee replacement
surgery and recovery. -- Carolyn Butler*



A new grandson for Tom and Nancy Force:
Parker Noble Terrell was born in San Diego on July 29, 2016, at 8 lb. 9 oz., 20 1/2 inches
Parents: Kellie & Nate Terrell
Big Sister: Peyton Marie

Two new grandsons for Ann and Mike Elder:

Crosby Michael Elder was born June 8, 2016, at 7 lb. 3.5 oz., 19 inches
Proud parents: Nick and Melissa Elder
Big sisters: Grace Ann, Lillian Jaymes and Harper Nicole

Hunter William Elder was born August 7, 2016, at 6 lb. 6 oz., 19 inches
Proud parents: Jason and Jessica Elder
Big sister: Raegen Ann

Presbyterians Today magazine subscriptions

Presbyterians Today magazine offers many meaningful stories about Christian life, education, mission and social issues. Paying through the church offers you a \$7 savings off the cover price! Check out the table in the Gathering Room to look through past issues and sign up for a 1-year subscription. Current and new subscribers should take checks to the church office, made payable to First Presbyterian Church, for \$17.95. Be sure to put "Presbyterians Today" on the memo line. Deadline is noon on Friday, August 19.

MOVING

Julia Bright has moved to River Birch Senior Living in Springfield.

River Birch Senior Living
4012 Cockrell Land
Springfield, IL 62711
Ph. 217-429-7971
River Birch 217-547-0400

CHURCH STREET BELLS OPPORTUNITY

This fall we have openings in the Wednesday (Church Street Bells) group, rehearsing at 5:15 beginning September 7th. Contact Barbara or any ringer.

On August 21, our handbells and chimes will be on display in the Gathering Room. We hope you will take the opportunity to lift and ring a few different sizes of bells to get a "feel" for the instrument. Our ringers will be there to guide and advise. We hope you join us!

STOCK THE "FREEZER"

Our LAST Sunday for 2016 to prepare and serve the meal for 300 people at Good Samaritan Inn is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. We welcome donations of pre-wrapped treats such as Little Debbie Nutty Bars, Oatmeal Pies, Rice Krispie Treats, etc. Please put any donations in the kitchen by NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. Your support is always appreciated.

Thanks! The Deacons and NewSong Mission Group

TAPAS GATHERINGS

Join our fun this fall and sign up in the Gathering room. All you bring to each event is Tapas (easy spelling for *hors d'oeuvre*). Signing up to be a host, providing a meeting place, beverages, plates, glasses, etc., is strongly suggested, but not mandatory.

Questions? Call Judy Batson, 422-8319

Children's Ministry Help?

Beginning September 4, Sunday Church School will be held from 10:30-11:45 a.m. downstairs. We are in need of someone to lead church school class, and each lesson is already prepared for you to follow. The number of children varies from 1 to 8, so the class is relaxed and fun, with a focus to make learning about God fun and inviting. You would do it for one month; we have October, November and April 2017 remaining open. Please consider your talents and the children's smiles when you enter the classroom. Many hands make light work. Thank you. Contact fpdec@comcast.net or 429-4195.



FIRST FRIENDS HAS NOTABLE GUESTS

Our August speakers will be Michael Stevens and Dounia Zlaik, a married couple who lived and worked in Saudi Arabia for that country's oil industry, he as an engineer and she as a nurse. She is a native of Lebanon, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens, who are members at First United Methodist. Michael and Dounia will share pictures as well as the story of their time in a part of the world that is always much in the news.

Come and bring a friend!

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF MINOR BURN TREATMENT

When a minor burn occurs (usually less than 3 inches and not deep), there are things you can do that are helpful and others things that are not. Here is what the *Consumer Reports on Health* tells us:

DO

- Immerse the affected area in cool water for 15-20 minutes.
- Clean gently with soap and water and bandage with a non-stick bandage.
- Leave blisters alone.
- Take ibuprofen for pain. Aloe-vera gel may also help.
- A dab of honey can help repair damaged skin faster.



DON'T

- Apply ice or butter or put milk on a burn.
- Leave uncovered.
- Puncture blisters.
- Use hydrogen peroxide, white vinegar or toothpaste.

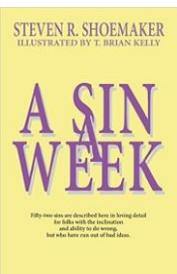
Get medical help if the burn is large, deep, on the face, feet, hands, or joint.

Seek help if there are signs of infection (redness, yellow drainage, increased pain).

Wishing you a burn-free, rest of the summer, and that goes for sunburns also!

Phyllis, Parish Nurse

Book by Steven Shoemaker



A copy of Rev. Steven Shoemaker's new book, *A Sin a Week*, is available for purchase. Steve was a pastor at McKinley Church in Champaign for eighteen years, served as director of the University YMCA for nine years, and hosted the "Keepin' the Faith" radio program on NPR's WILL 580

station for fourteen years. Steve is a well-loved pastor and member of our presbytery and was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a few months ago. Our gratitude and prayers are with him. To order his book:

email sshoem3636@gmail.com – \$ 19.30 incl tax

Church Facelift Project

There are several things that could be done around the church to freshen things up for a new minister. Some are already in the works. The pastor's and Ann's offices are finished and look great. The library is continuing to get a new look as we struggle to define its main purpose.

A group of volunteers worked on the kitchen and the painting. After working on the kitchen, there were items that were too much for one day. Bids were obtained to deep clean the kitchen (like strip and re wax the floors), clean carpets and paint the library and office area. The bids for just these jobs were close to \$20,000. Unbelievable. While some items on the list will need to be done by professionals, it would be great if volunteers could perform items where they are proficient.

Here is the list of items we would love to see done in the next year or so. There is some money in the facilities budget to do regular maintenance, but if we can get items below performed by volunteers, then the money available will go much farther.

- ✓ Clean kitchen (ovens, ceiling fans, wipe down cabinets, strip and refinish floor)
- ✓ Paint the administrative assistant's office
- ✓ Review and organize books in the library
- ✓ Paint the library
- ✓ Paint the outside steps on the Prairie side of the building
- ✓ Paint the concrete floor on the landings of the stairs on the northwest side of the building (where you come in from the parking lot)
- ✓ Shampoo carpets (for example, we would rent several shampoo machines so that 4 or 5 people could work in the Sanctuary)
- ✓ Paint the louvered area outside the entrance doors where the PVC pipes were removed.
- ✓ Trim the trees on the boulevard
- ✓ Wash and check all stained glass windows

Can we accomplish all these items in the next few months? Of course not! Can we make a dent in the list by working together to do

some painting and organizing? We think so!

Watch for a schedule and



task list. Come when you can OR volunteer for a task with a friend or two and let us know when you will handle it. The facilities committee will continue their conscientious care of our aging building with the dollars allotted in the budget.

Carolyn Allin, Kathy Beube, Sue Grieve

We send over 200 Tower Notes and will always mail to those who wish it. However, we would like to encourage you to try getting them by email. If you would like to try this, please let the church office know. fpdec@comcast.net or 429-4195