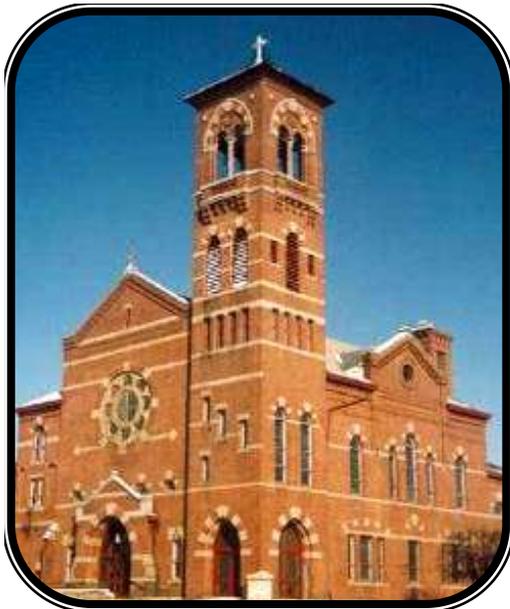


# THE CALL



## Church Happenings

Communion	Sept. 3
Trustee Meeting- 4 pm	Sept. 11
Nominating Com. Meeting- 1 pm	Sept. 5
Care of Parish Meeting- 1:30 pm	Sept. 13
Worship & Music Meeting- 5:30 pm	Sept. 14
Mission, Outreach, and Advertising Meeting- 6 pm	Sept. 19
Session Meeting- 5:30 pm	Sept. 26

## SEPTEMBER SERVERS

### LAY LITURGIST:

Joe Curran

### GREETER:

LARRY CLARK

### USHERS:

Jean Stutz & Marilyn Woods

### REFRESHMENTS:

Phyllis Hamilton

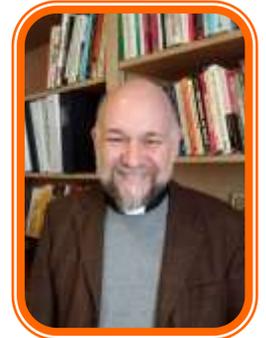
### COUNTERS:

Larry Clark & Marilyn Woods

## PASTOR LAWRENCE

### Preaching the Great Story

This month I'm starting not one, but two preaching series. On September 10 I'm going to be starting a nine-month series that will take us in a narrative arch all the way through the Bible. On September 24 I'm starting a six-week series that will take us through the book of Romans.



### Journey through the Bible: The Narrative Lectionary

The larger series takes us from Creation to the Early Church in a fairly new series of readings called the "Narrative Lectionary." Obviously we won't be going through the entire Bible in just 37 Sundays, but you will get a good idea of the overall story of the Bible.

In the fall we focus on readings from the Old Testament, but we do the readings in chronological order, not in the order they are found in your Bible table of contents, so you can get an idea of what goes where and when.

From just before Christmas until just after Easter we will be focusing on the Gospel of John. The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle, each year focuses on one of the four gospels. This year, Year 4 in the cycle, is John's year, which is special because in the Revised Common Lectionary, which most churches use, John never gets its own year.

Then, after Easter until Pentecost, we will be focusing on the life of the Early Church with stories from the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles.

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## Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic Sunday, Sept. 10th at High Point Orchard

Come join us for our annual outdoor worship service and picnic. Springhill and Kingston congregations have been invited to join us, and the service, shared by Rev. Lee and Rev. Burford, will have a Creation Theme. Worship will be followed by a picnic and yard games. The meat and drinks will be provided, but we are asking all attendees to bring a dish (last names A-L a dessert, and M-Z a side dish). We do need a count, so please let us know if you plan to attend. We hope to see you all there.



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### Presbyterian Women

Join us for Presbyterian Women's Bible Study on Wednesday September 13. Darleen Fox will lead the study of WHO IS JESUS? According to Paul. We meet in the Memorial Room at 10:30 a.m.

### Friendship & Talent

Following our P.W. Bible Study is the Friendship and Talent luncheon at 12:00 noon in the church basement. Lunch will be prepared by Darleen Fox. Darleen will also be giving the devotions. The date is **Wednesday September 13**. You won't be called before this luncheon for a count, or as a reminder, since Kathy Denny will be away in September. We'll count on our usual attendees which is around 16-20 ladies.

Mark your calendars and please try to be there.

### Sisterhood of the Traveling Presbyterians

The Traveling Presbyterians are traveling to Columbus on Tuesday, September 5. They are planning to leave Greensburg at 2 p.m., stop for a bite to eat at Joe Willy's in Columbus, and go to see the movie "Columbus" which begins at 4 p.m. This movie (a love story) was filmed in Columbus and features several of the architectural sites.

### Rummage Sale

**PW's annual rummage sale is scheduled for October 12 and 13.** There is still plenty of time to get items that you wish to donate to the church. Due to moisture in the basement, we are now putting items in an upstairs classroom.

(If you can, please go ahead and price your items before dropping them off.)



## IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Mike Gommel

For the past several months, I have been using the newspaper files at the public library to gather obituaries of members of First Presbyterian Church for our archives. It is remarkable to see the diversity of our membership.

Some were descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims, and some were themselves immigrants. Some were county historians, and some made history.

Some were judges, lawyers, physicians, and veterinarians. Some were farmers, housewives, teachers, and librarians. Some were in retail and worked in hotels. Some were elected to public office. Some were members of Kiwanis, Masons, Knights of Pythias, Eastern Star, and the Daughters of Isabella.

One man who served in the Civil War was captured by the Rebels and was taken to Andersonville, GA, the most notorious prison in the south. He escaped once but was tracked down by bloodhounds and brought back to the prison. A few months later he stole a Confederate uniform and walked out of the prison. After traveling for 36 hours, he came to the Union line where, by the grace of God, the sentry was another Decatur County man who recognized the soldier.

One woman was head of the **Women's Christian Temperance Union** for over 20 years. One man was the organizer and first president of the local Rotary Club. One member put on blackface and performed with a minstrel troupe in Vaudeville.

Many of the people of the church served as Sunday school teachers and served as Trustees, Deacons, and Elders.

We should study these obituaries and learn from them. Let us honor our former members and thank them for leaving us the rich legacy of First Presbyterian Church.



We are celebrating our  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Day of Caring**  
 on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**First Presbyterian Church's Day of Caring is a special day of ministry where we are able to go into the community and serve others.**

This year we will be helping Greensburg Bread of Life, Decatur County Animal Shelter; Decatur County Parks and Recreation; Decatur County Historical Society; and the Tree County Players. We will also be baking cookies for local service people and sponsoring a canned food drive to help the local pantries.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Reception Hall to choose where you would like to help. Whether you are a member, guest, or you just have a passion to serve others, you are welcome to join us! You are also welcome to bring a friend as we would love to get to know them!

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the basement of the church, and we will go to our destinations and work from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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**“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”**

*Roy and Linda Simpson*

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### **Reforming Love: Paul's Letter to the Romans**

The second series starts at the end of September and focuses on **Paul's Letter to the Romans**. I'm focusing on this letter in celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 theses on **October 31, 1517**. Much of Luther's theology, as well as other reformers, was based on their reading of Romans in particular. This letter has shaped and reshaped the thinking of many Christians and it deserves to be preached and heard and lived out.

How will I be doing both of these series simultaneously? Well, Paul in Romans reaches back to themes and illustrations from the Old Testament, so it's not hard to weave these two series together.

### **Preaching as Time Travel**

Preaching, done well, is a kind of time travel. These ancient words transform our understanding of the past and the present and our hopes for the future. It sets our present reality in sharp relief and we can see ourselves with new eyes.

One of my Homiletics (Preaching) Professors used to say that the job of the preacher is to build a bridge from the 1st century to the 20th (now 21st) century and carefully construct it so that the whole congregation can go all the way back and then return with new understanding. So every sermon is a journey there and back again.

I look forward to seeing you in church!

Peace,

Pastor Lawrence  
 218-591-9686, [pastor.lawrence.lee@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.lawrence.lee@gmail.com)





## PRAYER FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER:

### School Days

It is September and we are back in school. Some of us no longer attend classes, but we may remember tests and exams. Then there was the dreaded "pop quiz." We had no way to know when these were going to strike. We should have been ever ready.

For a final exam we had the date on our calendars and spent days before preparing for the test; or we crammed the night before. We did not have any surprises with these tests, at least until we received our grades.

What does this have to do with religion? We must be prepared for any kind of "test" by studying our faith and living it. God wants us to be ready for any example of our Christian knowledge. Therefore, we need to start studying and be ready if we are given a "pop quiz."

*Prayer: Our Father and Teacher, Help us to prepare for the small and large tests along our road of life. Be with us as we try to make every grade a passing one. Help us not to fail in our efforts to live as Christians. Amen*

*Polly Matlock, Care of Parish Team*

## Family Faith Night - Fall Session - October 18 - November 15

Family Faith Night is undergoing some changes this year and we are looking for leaders interested in leading programs and serving meals.

The first session is going to begin October 18 and will last 4 or 5 weeks, depending on if we have Community Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 15. For this period we need ideas and leaders.

- ◆ Meals - We need someone or some group to head up the meal ministry for those weeks, providing simple, enticing meals for those attending. A sign up sheet is available at the Information Table in the Reception Hall.
- ◆ Programs - We want a diversity of programming for these weeks and we need leaders with ideas! These could range from movie nights, to prayer circles, to crafts, to games for kids, to Bible studies... What are you passionate about? Share it! Program Idea Forms are available at the Information Table in the Reception Hall.

Here's the good news about this. If you sign up, you are only committing for the Fall Session - just 4 or 5 Wednesdays! That's it! Our next session will begin in January and we'll be looking for new ideas and leadership for that session. This is high commitment but short duration. We get that people don't want to make a long term commitment, but we think this is manageable.

So bring your ideas! Program Idea Forms will be green-lit by Pastor Lawrence and the Spiritual Formation Committee, and we'll help you get the resources you need to make your program work. We need these ideas by the middle of September so we can properly publicize the programs, so don't wait.

*Pastor Lawrence*



# God's Green Earth: Alternative Energy

## A Guide to Greening Your Home

Alternative energy is a growing market, and though many states offer tax credits, rebates, and other incentives to promote clean energy, it can still prove to be an expensive proposition. It generally also **requires plugging your energy source into the grid so you're not left in the dark when the wind calms or the sun lingers behind clouds.** Here are a couple of solutions that can help power a home.

### Solar

Solar is, in some ways, the easiest solution, or at least one of the most accessible. Plugging into the sun requires photovoltaic solar panels, an inverter, and batteries that can store a bit of any excess energy for a rainy day. Performance varies regionally, of course, with states in the southern and southwestern regions enjoying the most days of sun per year. Solar panels require little maintenance once installed and can provide large amounts of electricity in fair weather. It can be expensive, however, even with **incentives, and even when hooked up to batteries, it doesn't do much good when there's no sun for stretches at a time.**

### Wind

Wind energy is often associated with mammoth wind farms, but smaller sized turbines are also produced for backyard energy production. The speed of the wind is the determining factor in whether wind power is the right solution for your home. Weather services can tell you what the average wind speed in your region is, but it can vary within a region. Not surprisingly, bigger turbines can produce larger amounts of energy. A 10-kilowatt turbine can usually provide enough energy for a house and is usually around 100 feet tall with a 23-foot turbine. As with solar, wind energy is climate-**dependent so when the turbine's not turning, you might need a different energy source.** Unlike solar, wind turbines have the added con of being built out of moving parts that need regular maintenance.

*By Robin Wauters*

For resources go to: <https://techcrunch.com/2010/08/17/alternative-energy-a-guide-to-greening-your-home/>

## SESSION NEWS

- ◆ The Mission Committee has recommended that our 25% of the Peace Offering be donated to New Directions
- ◆ The Day of Caring canned food drive will be held at a home football game. Members of the Junior Optimist Club will be helping. Canned goods can be dropped off at the church.
- ◆ The Mission committee is thinking of changing Day of Caring from Fall to Spring because of conflicts.
- ◆ Presbyterian Women bought a new refrigerator for Fellowship Hall to replace an old one with problems.
- ◆ The Nominating Committee will meet soon to find candidates for the Class of 2020.

## CONFIRMATION

Are you 12 to 17? Are you seeking to better understand the Christian faith? Do you want to know more about the Bible? Do you want to formally join the church as a full member? Do you want to know more about what it means to be a Presbyterian? Are you baptized or, if not, want to be?

If so, Pastor Lawrence is starting up a Confirmation Class this fall and wants to include you. Contact him ([pastor.lawrence.lee@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.lawrence.lee@gmail.com) or 218-591-9686) if you are interested and want more information.

The schedule is not set yet and depends largely on the people who are interested. Currently the plan is to meet on Wednesday evenings during Family Faith Night, but your input will help shape the schedule.

Those who complete the confirmation requirements would join the church as members on April 8, the first Sunday after Easter.

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### Prayers

Each week, on Sunday, our church will be praying for a member or family in our congregation, or whoever they request we pray for.

We are also selecting a church in the Whitewater Valley Presbytery each week to pray for as well.

The churches and families will receive an email or letter during the week prior to their turn.

In the month of September we have selected:

- The Andersons
- The Barkers
- The Baumgartners
- The Blares
- Amistad Christiana NCD, Fort Wayne
- Bethel Church, Knightstown
- Boggstown Church, Boggstown
- Chin Fellowship Church, Greenwood

## Disaster Relief– Texas

Harvey has turned southeast Texas into basically an inland lake the size of Lake Michigan. People are being rescued by the thousands, and many more are still trapped. The good news is they have resources in Texas today to shelter over 50,000 people. Right now they're properly focused on rescue and getting much needed supplies to those who need it. Everyone is acting in good faith, cooperating together, and trying to do the best thing for the people of Texas. Families, homes, jobs, travel, and energy markets to name a few, will all be affected by **Harvey's destruction. We are asking all of you to help where you can.** Money, supplies, and labor are all needed. You can donate to the American Red Cross/Harvey or donations can be made to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA) through the church. Make checks payable to the **PDA** and in the memo section designate: **DR000169-Harvey.**

### Fall Festival– Friday, Sept. 15th and Saturday, Sept. 16th

- Kiwanis will hold their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, morning, Sept. 16th from 7 a.m. until noon.
- The Mission Committee will hold their final Ice Cream Fundraiser on Saturday afternoon from noon until 5 p.m. (If weather is cool, they will serve hot coffee, hot cider, and donuts.) Your free-will offerings will go to assist those affected by hurricane Harvey.



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS:

### Shut-ins

**Anna Clemenz**— Room 405  
Aspen Place, 2320 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240

**Bill Baumgartner**  
At Home, 924 E. Beechwood Ln.  
Greensburg, IN 47240

**Hazel Shonk**  
At Home, 1029 E. Tara Rd.,  
Greensburg, IN 47240

**Barb Blare**  
At home, 207 Orchard Drive,  
Greensburg, IN 47240

**Pat Rooker**  
1555 N. Main St., Rm. H122  
Frankfort, IN 46041



### Prayers

Agatha (Aggie) Search  
Alice Rust  
Audrey (Rust) Hadler  
Brenda Oldham  
Carol Courtney  
Claude Bilbrey  
Clinton Shepherd  
Gary Miller  
Jonathan Friend- infant  
Kathy Autry Miller  
Larry Skinner  
Merrilyn Gronau  
Michael Yarmuth  
Monique Rust-Metzing  
Naoyuki Furukawa and family  
Pat Smith  
Steve Gookins  
Dennis Shepherd

YOUR PRAYERS DO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



PW Women cleaned the kitchens on Aug. 9 with a little extra help!



We received Wendy Whitehead as a new member on August 13th Welcome Wendy!

