



## SOS Building Progress

The work on our building is coming along! Things change every day, but here's where we stand right now:

The gutters on the west side of the building are finished, including the structure that has been specially built to support them. The original design of the soffit molding is being reproduced for historical accuracy, and the molding will be replaced after the gutters are finished on the east side.

If you were here on Sunday, you couldn't help but notice that the front entrance was closed. We hope to have it reopened for this Sunday's worship. Water leakage at the lower water table caused some of the stucco finish to come loose and we will need to replace it. You can see the exposed brick that was the original building. What looks like stone exterior is really stucco that was added perhaps in the 1920s or 30s.

As you can see, the front round tower window has been removed. The wood of the frames on the tower windows had rotted and the windows were in danger of falling. New frames for all four tower windows are being made to fit the original stained glass. (The stained glass in the sanctuary was reinforced this spring as the first stage of this project.)

On the front tower, they have opened up the lower water table, which is an 18-inch flat roof area around the tower. The eave that extends below the windows in the tower is being rebuilt and coated with new metal for protection. They have not gotten to the upper water table on the tower yet, nor addressed the small area of the foundation that needs attention.

By the end of this week, an eighty-foot crane should arrive that will reach to the top of the steeple. Workers will remove the finial and check the tiles. We expect that some tiles will have to be replaced. They will also reinforce the steeple and make sure that it's stable.

We are blessed to have this beautiful historic building. In the near future you'll be hearing from our fundraising committee asking for your help. And be sure to attend our special event, the "Save Our Steeple" concert on Sunday, August 29 from 5 – 8 pm. It will be a chance to celebrate as well as raise much-needed money for this project!

~ Karen

**August 16, 2010**

## Worship Schedule

### Saturday Worship

5 p.m.

### Sunday Worship

8 a.m. Chapel

10 a.m. Sanctuary

### Fellowship

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



## Rummage Sale

Start cleaning out your closets and basements. It's time for the ultimate recycling program - your trash may be someone else's treasure! Our church-wide rummage sale (a fundraiser for our senior high youth events) will be held on **Saturday, September 25th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** We'll start accepting donations the week of September 20th.



## Youth and Children's Ministries

*Two eyes hath every soul: one into time shall see; the other bends its gaze into eternity.*  
~ Johannes A. Silesius


**Confirmation Class Parent Meeting** – Sunday, August 22, 9 a.m. in the Teen Center  
**Confirmation Class Begins** – Thursday, September 2 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall

**Youth Leading Worship** – The Senior High will lead us all in worship August 28/29 as we witness the *Spirit Moving in Us to Serve Others*.

**Rally Day**– Children and Youth K- 12 and their parents can meet Sunday school teachers and locate the classrooms on Sunday, September 12 between 10 – 10:45 a.m.

**Sunday School Begins** – Children and Youth K-12 start Sunday school classes on Sunday, September 19 from 10 – 10:45 a.m.

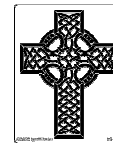
**Agape Fall Kick Off** – Fellowship for all 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades begins Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 p.m.

 **Third Grade Bible Presentation** – Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the 9 or 11 o'clock service. Please contact Ellen to state your preference. Wee Kirk "Graduation" will be included in the Bible presentation.

As we all prepare to enter into the fall and all it has to offer, may we see with both eyes of our soul, choosing prayerfully from all this world begs us to do.

On the journey, *Ellen*

## Taizé Service



On **Friday, September 3rd at 7p.m.**, we will begin a monthly Taizé service. This is a time of prayer through song, silence and scripture.

## Deacon Parish Care - Parish Personals

Prayers of sympathy for **Sandy Darfus** and family on the passing of her mother, **Irene Weemhoff**.

Continued prayers for **John Campbell, Rachel Cooper, J D Cujas, Peg Dekker** and **Nicholas Hill**.

## Prayer Requests

Please contact **Jennie Richards**, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, email to: [pnrichrds@roadrunner.com](mailto:pnrichrds@roadrunner.com) if you would like your prayer request sent to the Circle of Prayer.





**Barnabas Breakfast - Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 AM in the Teen Center**

The Men of Barnabas will once again be looking at fresh insights from familiar texts. Thom lamb will be leading us through an exploration of the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus in the third chapter of the Gospel of John. Embedded in this text are the idea of being born again, what it means to live by the Spirit and of course John 3:16! There is so much rich material within this short selection of verses. Combine this material with our reflections, and it promises to be an excellent breakfast! All men of the church are welcome. We hope to see you there!

**Time off Prescribed for Clergy Members**

You may have see the article at the link [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/national\\_world/stories/2010/08/02/time-off-prescribed-for-clergy-members.html](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/national_world/stories/2010/08/02/time-off-prescribed-for-clergy-members.html) which appeared in the August 2, 2010 Columbus Dispatch. It describes the mounting stress that has become part of the lives of modern pastors, and we on the Personnel Committee hope that each member of the congregation will read it and take it to heart. We are urging our Pastors to take as much of the time off to which they are entitled as they can, which of course they never do, and especially want to urge everyone to respect Karen's day off, which is Monday, and Thom's, which is Friday.



Thanks on behalf of the Personnel Committee. --Tom Martin

**Mission and Ministries Fair**

The Mission and Ministries Fair is an event held for the congregation each fall to discover the various programs and opportunities that are offered at FPC. It is a wonderful way for the many groups to highlight their activities, increase awareness and encourage participation. This year the fair will be held on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Forms have been e-mailed to last year's participants, and are also available in the church office if your group or committee would like to participate. For more information, please contact Membership Ministries Elder Gail Klink at [usaklink@windstream.net](mailto:usaklink@windstream.net) or Doris Porter at 587-0178 or [dporter@granpres.org](mailto:dporter@granpres.org).

**Fun at First Presbyterian**



This Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 4 p.m., we'll have our annual All-Church Picnic and Worship Service at the home of Jerry and Gail Klink (4063 Goose Lane). It will be a wonderful opportunity to share some time with your church family. There will be lots to do: swimming, paddle boats, zip line – and lots to eat: we'll provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and paper goods, you just bring a side dish or dessert to share. Following dinner (we'll eat around 5 p.m.), we'll gather together for an outdoor worship service in the shade of the trees.



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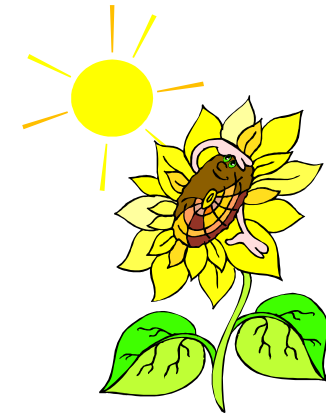
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**Upcoming Deadlines for the Messenger!  
Fridays at Noon  
Aug 27th and Sept 10th**

**Calendar Highlights & Events**

**Each Monday at 6:58 a.m.**, Men's Bible Study.

**Each Friday Morning at 10 a.m.**, Mom's Group.

**Thursday, August 19th at 7 p.m.**, Music Theory Class.

**Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>: at 8 a.m.**, Barnabas Breakfast in the Teen Center, **and at 4 p.m.**, All-Church Picnic and Worship Service at the home of Gail and Jerry Klink.

**Sunday, Aug. 22nd at 9 a.m.**, Confirmation Parents Meeting.

**Sunday, August 29th at 11:15 a.m.**, Children's Choir parents meeting.

**Sunday, August 29th at 2 p.m.**, Agape Leader Retreat.

**Sunday, August 29th at 2 p.m.**, Youth Choir Party at the home of the Hires.

**Sunday August 29th at 5 p.m.**, Save Our Steeple (SOS) Fundraiser.

**Daily Psalm Readings  
Aug 18th- Aug 31st**

Wednesday: <i>Psalm 132</i>	Wednesday: <i>Psalm 1</i>
Thursday: <i>Psalm 26</i>	Thursday: <i>Psalm 16</i>
Friday: <i>Psalm 25</i>	Friday: <i>Psalm 142</i>
Saturday: <i>Psalm 125</i>	Saturday: <i>Psalm 138</i>
Sunday: <i>Psalm 117</i>	Sunday: <i>Psalm 81</i>
Monday: <i>Psalm 82</i>	Monday: <i>Psalm 97</i>
Tuesday: <i>Psalm 102</i>	Tuesday: <i>Psalm 30</i>