



Thursday, September 1st

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 4th

Service 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 5th Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6th

Women's Board meeting 8:30 a.m.

Membership meeting 10:30 a.m.

MS meeting 12:00 p.m.

Dulcimers meet 1:00 p.m.

Worship committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Barbershoppers meet at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 8th

Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.

Mystery Book Club meets at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 11th - Fall Patriotic Festival

Service 9:30 a.m.

Fall Patriotic Festival following service

Pre-pack Food pantry 4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 12th

Alzheimer's Support Group meets at 1:00 p.m.

Esther Circle meets at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13th

Dulcimers meet at 1:00 p.m.

Priscilla Circle meets at 6:30 p.m.

Barbershoppers meet at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14th

Kids' Club meets at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 15th

Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.

Low Vision meets at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 18th Sunday school starts

Service 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Second Service 10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting after service

Monday, September 19th

Christian Education meets at 6:00 p.m.

September 2
Genetta Townley
Becky Thurn

September 5
Dale Williams

September 6
Pauline Phipps
Ellie Haskett

September 8
Brookelynn Figgins

September 9
Maxine Marvin
Donita Faris

September 12
Gayla McDaniel

September 15
Nadine Ogletree

September 20
Lindel Martin
Sandra Dye
Jan Ronchetti

September 21
Paul Daily

September 23
Sharon Barta

September 24
Kathy Saunders

September 26
Leon Huffmaster

September 27
Bill Saunders

September 29
Eula Walworth
Joan Cole

September 30
Molly Ravetto
Nate Carter

Tuesday, September 20th

PEO meets at 9:00 a.m.
Dulcimers meet 1:00 p.m.
B&G meets at 5:00 p.m.
Mission meets at 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers meet 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21st

Kids' Club meets at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 22nd

Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.
PEO meeting 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 25th

Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Second Service 10:30 a.m.
Movie Time 2:00 p.m.

Monday, September 26th

Alzheimer's Support Group 1:00 p.m.
Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27th

Dulcimers meet at 1:00 p.m.
Session meets at 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers meet at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28th

Kids' Club meets at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 29th

Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

THIS & THAT...

Bible Study

The Thursday morning group is studying the Gospel of John. Anyone is welcome to study with the group from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

Pricilla Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at the home of Alice Jeisy. Tami Cox has the Bible Study and Barb Daily devotions.



ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH!

We are going to begin a "Ladies Leisurely Luncheon," which will meet the second Monday of each month, beginning on Monday, September 12th at 12:00 p.m. On that day we will meet at Common Grounds. We will decide then where we will meet the following month.

This will be a great way for us to share in Christian fellowship and get to know each other better.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex two weeks prior to the meeting date, so we can make reservations, if necessary.



Fall Patriotic Festival Sunday - September 11, 2011-

with festivities beginning at 11:00 a.m. - following the 9:30 worship service, **casual dress**. This is an open invitation to our church family, friends and community. There will be activities for everyone from face painting to cotton candy - special live music - and everything in between. Please plan to join us for this special event. The Worship service will honor the memory of those who were victims of the terrorist attacks as well as the commitment of those who went to help. A special time of remembrance will follow the service as we gather around the flag pole by the Pastor's Garden.



**American
Red Cross**

To all Presbyterian Church members thank you so very much for letting us use your location for our emergency drive on August 9th you helped save up to 33 lives. Thanks again, Angie Lobdell

Final Count on Little Dresses

There were 57 dresses made by the women of this church. I am taking them to Nancy's Notions store in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. The store will pack and ship them to Africa paying for all shipping costs.

Thanks to all who participated in this mission project. The Mission Committee is checking for needs in our area to see if we can do another sewing project - so ladies keep those sewing machines oiled and ready to go!

Elsie Carter - Mission Committee



Presbytery meets Thursday, September 15th at First Presbyterian Church in Champaign, IL.

SERMON SERIES: LESSONS FROM GOD'S PIONEERS

Abraham: The Father of Faith

"So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith." - Galatians 3:9

Theme: Faith is trust in God's promise, despite our unbelief, tested by trials.

Schedule:

September 18 - Faith is trust in God's promise, despite our unbelief, tested by trials. -- Genesis 15:1-6

God promises to fulfill his promises by giving Abraham a son.

September 25 - Faith is trust in God's promise, **despite our unbelief**, tested by trials. - Genesis 18:9-15, 21:1-7

Sarah laughs at God's promise. But God has the last laugh. When the baby is born, he is named Isaac, which in Hebrew means, "He laughs."

October 2 - Worldwide Communion Sunday

Faith is trust in God's promise, despite our unbelief, **tested by trials**.

God asks Abraham to *sacrifice* Isaac, his only son. Has God forgotten his promise?!

Isaac: The Middle Man

Schedule:

October 9 - **The Original Seeker** -- Genesis 24:1-4, 10-27

Abraham's servant goes on a quest to find a wife for Abraham's son, Isaac. The servant becomes the original Spiritual Seeker!

October 16 - **Relationships Rule!** - Genesis 24:52-67
Rebekah agrees to marry Isaac, and Isaac falls deeply in love with her!

October 23 - **God Does Things Backwards!** - Genesis 25:19-26

Rebekah gives birth to twin boys and, against all expectations, the younger son is destined to eclipse the older one!

News from Kemmerer Village

The quilt drawing will be at the Fall Gathering of Southeastern Presbyterian Women on October 15th at the Presbyterian Church in Effingham. There are still tickets to purchase if you didn't get a chance to buy any. They are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 see me if you wish to purchase some.

School has started and Kemmerer could use ink pens, colored pencils and notebook paper with no metal coils. Craft supplies, beads, yarn etc. They can always use towels and twin sheets, books suited for teenagers such as animal stories, adventure, and science but nothing with violence. Used musical instruments would be welcome.

Thanks to all who save Campbell labels and Box tops for Education coupons. There is a box in the Fellowship hall to place them in. -Elsie Carter



Regular Sunday Worship

Resumes September 18th

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Children's Church - 10:30 a.m.

Childcare provided

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Updating our member information:

We look forward to acknowledging church family birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter and our Sunday bulletins - but feel that perhaps not everyone is being recognized because we don't have the information.

Please complete the following form with anniversary information and birth month and day - and mail or bring to the church office and we will update our records.

FAMILY: _____ Anniversary _____

Name _____ birthday _____

Name _____ birthday _____

Name _____ birthday _____

Name _____ birthday _____

Name _____ birthday _____

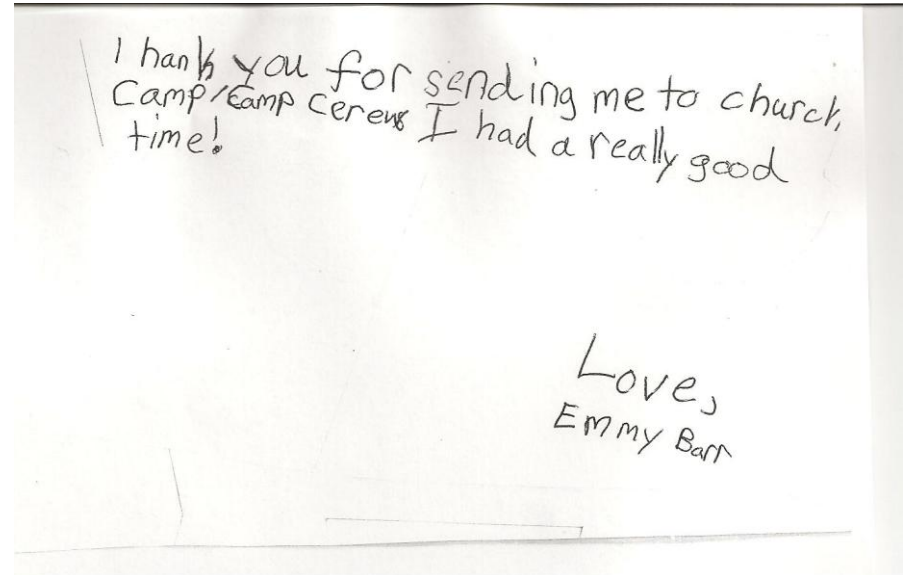
The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to commence following the worship service on **September 18th** to consider amending the By-laws to change the size of the Session from 18 to 15 elders. This recommendation comes from the Nominating committee and was endorsed by the Session.

MOVIE TIME - The Prize-winner of Defiance, Ohio, September 25, 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Do you remember the attendant pumping your gas at the service station? Collecting S & H Green Stamps? Submitting entries for prize-winning jingles? Then take a walk down Memory Lane with Julianne Moore, who stars in this true story of a 1950s mother who helps to support her large family by winning every contest imaginable. This is a timeless story of grit and determination and humor that **all ages will enjoy**. Please call the church office (234-6722) and let us know if you're coming so we'll know how many movie snacks to prepare. *Now for a movie advice straight from our secretary Cherry: Don't miss it!!*

Summer Camp

We had four children who attended Camp Carew this summer. They all reported having a lot of fun and shared stories of visiting a castle themed park, playing with shaving cream, wiffle ball, and growing closer to God. Thank you for your prayers and support!



Kids' Club

Well, it's that time again, and the kids are back in school. That means it's also time to start Kids' Club again. We are excited about a new year and cannot wait to catch up with everyone! We will meet every Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 pm to enjoy a meal, games, crafts, interactive bible stories, songs, and more. Here are a few dates to highlight:

- 9/14 - First week of Kids' Club ☺
- 10/26 - Halloween Party
- 11/16 - Thanksgiving Dinner
- 11/23 - NO Kids' Club - Thanksgiving week
- 12/14 - Birthday party for Jesus
- 12/21 - NO Kids' Club - Christmas break
- 12/28 - NO Kids' Club - Christmas break
- 1/4 - Kids' Club resumes
- 4/4 - Last Kids' Club - Family Easter Party

We will let you know of any changes to the schedule. If Kids' Club is ever cancelled due to weather, it will be posted on www.illinoishomepage.net.

During Kids' Club, the church sanctuary will be open and parents are invited to stay and enjoy a quiet moment of reflection or prayer.



Please don't make me beg . . .

We are only a couple weeks away from resuming Sunday school and Kids' Club and we still need people! There are a variety of ways that you could be of help - AND have fun in the process! A little effort goes a long way with kids, and it is so very rewarding. Please contact

Jessica Seals as soon as possible so that you can get involved.



Are you in need of a ride to Church Service?

We have transportation available to and from services. If you need a ride just call the church office - 234-6722.



I would like to thank everyone for helping with the pre-packing at the Food center. I picked up the plastic bags and food from the Fellowship Hall and there was 14 pounds of food. - Jerry Parker

Special note pre-packing at the Food Center will be Sept. 11th at 4:00 p. m.

The Worship Committee is continuing to investigate what options to replacing the organ would be best for our congregation.

To date, including donations received for memorials to Lester Icenogle and June Dooley and special gifts which have been designated to be used for the "organ fund", the total is \$6,435.00.

There will be more information and a special fundraising campaign planned to take place beginning next spring.

We appreciate your patience and interest as we've gathered necessary information to proceed as thoughtfully as possible.
THANK YOU

NEWSLETTER NEWS

We are considering trying some new things for the monthly newsletter and we're anxious to know:

- Would you consider downloading your newsletter from the website...???
- Would you consider receiving your newsletter via e-mail..??
- Would you consider picking up a newsletter if conveniently available in the narthex on Sunday...???
- Is your preference to receive your newsletter in the mail...???

We're aware that several in our church family don't currently have e-mail, and it's not a problem to send by mail.

Please send your thoughts to fpcmattoon@consolidated.net or phone 234-6722 - or drop a note to the church office.

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)