

# First Facts

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To the Dear Saints in and around First Presbyterian Church of Cape,

My heart is still filled and my mind is overwhelmed with the many images of our recent study leave and vacation. For seven wind and rain swept days, we walked the Scottish Island of Iona. The ever present sound of lambs baying for their mothers echoed off the granite rocks which constituted the substrate of this western Hebrides isle. The granite's strength enabled the island to survive the onslaught of winter storms and multiple invasions. It is inhabited mostly by spiritual pilgrims and, more recently, avid bird watchers. Silhouetted against an evening sky is the Monastery or Abbey which began under the guidance of St. Columba of Ireland in the year 563. There is no mistaking the early Christian influence which continues to be shaped and formed by the Church of Scotland, the 'mother' church of our denomination.

The formative theological tenants of our Reformed faith are strengthened by the hardy people of Scotland. There is no mistaking how the Christian faith is fully integrated into all aspects of life. Political, social, economic and environmental issues are woven together in a brightly patterned spiritual tartan that continues to inspire young and old alike in their walks of faith. In British history books the writers refer to the Revolutionary War as the 'Presbyterian Revolt.' Those early American human souls combined with egalitarian philosophies expounded upon by the French and Greeks laid the foundation stones of our nation. Today, that 'spiritual tartan' reaches across the Atlantic to inspire Presbyterian and other Christians today to engage in transforming ministries of our world.

To disembark from this island took a long yet beautiful journey of two ferries, a bus and an adventurous train ride ending in Glasgow. Our one night in Glasgow permitted us to dine with a former colleague Kristina Hine-Merkley from the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands who is serving the Parish Church in Ary, Scotland, and a long time friend in ministry, the Rev. Dr. Ernest Sangster and his wife Alison. He served as the pastor of the Blackhall Parish Church in Edinburgh and the Parish Church in Alva, Scotland. It was an honor to introduce these two colleagues to one another.

The next morning took us from Glasgow to Paris via a local European airline. Our flight passed over the rolling English countryside, London, English Channel, Normandy and finally the beautiful city of Paris. Looking out the port hole size window of our aircraft I saw not only the landscape below but the well worn pages of history being turned. I found myself overwhelmed in thinking how this region of the world embraces the history that I have studied, yet still feel I only slightly comprehend. Paris itself was filled with visits to my favorite museums, Churches whose stained glass windows since inspire artisans, many epicurean delights, and wine that saturated my California taste buds. It also was special to spend time with our daughter's French family, with whom she lived when she was a foreign exchange student as a Junior in high school. One such encounter was on the banks of the Marne River, famous from battles in WWI. The afternoon along the Marne was filled images that inspired the impressionists with how the afternoon light danced upon the slowly moving waters. Kayakers, boaters, ducks and geese reminded me of how every generation, every species is drawn to the water.

The Grand Isle, the oldest part of Paris, is the location of Notre Dame, the great cathedral whose construction began in 1163. A millennium of Christians have been spiritually nurtured within these hallowed walls. A primary reason of our visit to Paris was to hear Rebecca's organ professor of her Master's Degree from Santa Clara University, Dr. James Welch. On Saturday night, June 6, directly after the evening Mass, Dr. Welch breathed life into the Great Organ of 86 stops, five keyboards and pedalboard.

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Each piece of the recital paid tribute to the myriad of famous organists including Louis Verne who was the organist of Notre Dame from 1900-1937. Dr. Welch's glorious adaptation of "How Great Thou Art," synthesized my entire trip.

My life upon this planet is so short compared to the living history of Christ that is still being written by the Church. My humble contribution through Word, music and faithfulness to Christ is insignificant in many ways. Yet, when combined with the faithfulness of other Christians throughout the ages, many beautiful and inspiring edifices are constructed, figuratively and literally. My prayer is that our combined contributions to Christian history inspire the generations which will follow. So that, in a thousand years from now, when people walk in our very footsteps, they too will be inspired by the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Sincerely in Christ, Pastor Kim

### Worship Attendance

June 7	60
June 14	40
June 21	88
June 28	

### Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2015

Year to Date Income	\$88,533
Year to Date Expenses	\$117,621
Expenses Greater than Income	\$29,088

#### Investments

Permanent Endowment	\$250,000
Restricted Investments	55,194
General Fund Savings	63,518
Presbyterian Investment	136,071

For a more complete financial picture, you can attend the Finance Committee Meeting, Session Meeting, or contact our Treasurer, Jean Cairns at 573-803-0085.



### Flowers for Worship

The flowers in the Sanctuary were given on June 14<sup>th</sup>, to the glory of God and are from Nancy Bray in memory of her parents, Paul and Mary Lou Bray.

The flowers in the Sanctuary were given on June 28<sup>th</sup>, by Sam & Lisa Bishop in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers for worship may be shared to celebrate your anniversary, someone's birthday, or in memory of a loved one or friend. They can also just say "Thanks, God!." Please call the church office (335-2579) to sign up for flowers.

### July Meal-A-Month

Box of ready to eat cereal or instant oatmeal

Box of raisins-children would love individual boxes

Can of pineapple (juice packed)

## Adult and Youth Sunday School

**Nursery:** Our nursery is open from 9 a.m. on Sunday morning through our worship service, for children birth through kindergarten. Children will be escorted upstairs from the nursery to the worship service for the "Kids' Message" and then will return to the nursery. In the nursery they may participate in a brief Sunday School lesson and activity. Children are welcome to join their parents for the worship service at any time. **Parents come to the nursery after worship to pick up their children.**

**Children and Youth Sunday School:** The "Upper Grades Sunday School Class" will meet for Summer Sunday School in the Children's Library. They will be learning how to use the Bible. The younger class will continue with Kathy Woodfin in the nursery area.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday Service of Worship - 10:00 a.m.** \_\_\_\_\_

### Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the home of Jeanne Hirsch, 2808 Gordenville Road, at 7 p.m. The discussion will be on the book, "Benjamin Franklin's Bastard" by Sally Cabot. Please call Jeanne at 334-9215 to let her know you can attend. The August selection is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. The hostess will be announced later.

A graphic featuring the text "FOURTH OF JULY!" in a bold, black, hand-drawn font. Below the text is a stylized illustration of a watermelon slice with a pinkish-red interior and a green rind, partially obscured by a white, cloud-like shape.

The office will be closed on Friday, July 3 for the July 4th weekend.

### **New Members**

A big welcome to our newest members! At the May 20th Session meeting, five new members joined the church. Welcome to Scott and Julie Harrison, Dusti and Tami Miller and Sheri Lynn Mitchell.

### First Facts

In the future, First Facts will be run and mailed before the end of the month. Shirley would appreciate help with the preparation for mailing. This involves folding, applying labels and sealing. If you would be willing to help, call the church office (335-2579) to volunteer. Shirley will contact you when needed. With a couple of volunteers each month, the job goes very quickly.

### Memorials

*"Death is not extinguishing the light. It is turning out the lamp because the dawn has come."*  
*Rabindranath Tagore, a Bengali poet*

Memorials have been received in memory of:

**Sina Kaiser**, from Marcia Bliss, Daryl Henry, Bill & Evelyn Stover, Lewis & Carolyn Bock, Elizabeth Mueth, Catherine & Alan White, Rose Hill Garden Club, Broadview Management Services, Don & Shirley Gibson.

**Ed Kaiser Jr**, from Lewis & Caroline Bock.



**“SECRET AGENTS FOR GOD”**

**Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendars for July 12th - July 16th for this year's Vacation Bible School. We will be joining with both Westminster Presbyterian Church and Christ Episcopal Church at Westminster for our Bible lessons and fun. Lessons and activities will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday through Wednesday nights. There will be classes for children age 4 and above and a separate adult class. We will be focusing our lessons around the story of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho. There will be a special **CELEBRATION PICNIC ON THURSDAY NIGHT, July 16th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** for all children, families and church members from the three churches. We will celebrate all that we have learned and shared during our VBS. Please call the church office (335-2579) to register so we can plan our materials.



**SPLISH  
SPLASHING FUN**

**Mark your calendars!**

**Friday, July 17**

**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

What a fun way to end the week of VBS!

Reservations are required.

RSVP to Kate Broeckling 1-573-450-3662  
or the church office by Wednesday, July 8.

**Thank You**

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you for all of the prayers, good thoughts,  
cards and phone calls. I know they helped me get  
through my surgery and recovery. I am so blessed  
to belong to such a caring church.  
Love, Julia Woodfin



**From the Session**

At the stated June 17, 2015 meeting of the Session, the Elders did the following:

1. The Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Session held on May 20, 2015 were approved.
2. Received the committee reports.
3. Reminded of Vacation Bible School to be held July 12 - July 16th. We will be joining
4. Pastor Kim told about his trip to Scotland.
5. Next meeting is July 15, 2015.

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**JULY PRAYER CALENDAR**

The Session hopes you will use this Prayer Calendar as we daily pray for each other and some of the mission concerns of our church.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Presbytery of Missouri River Valley	16 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Ohio Valley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Brown (birthday)	17 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Woody & Julia Woodfin (anniversary); Judy Wagoner (birthday) Caroline Manuel (birthday)	18 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Wabash Valley
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Presbytery of Northern Waters	19 <sup>th</sup>	Midwest Hanmi Presbytery
5 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Prospect Hill	20 <sup>th</sup>	The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry & Marlena Pind (anniversary) John Hirsch (birthday)	21 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Parkinson (birthday)
7 <sup>th</sup>	The Presbytery of South Dakota	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wyn Hirsch Ward (birthday)
8 <sup>th</sup>	The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Randy & Karen Flowers (anniversary)
9 <sup>th</sup>	The Presbytery of Winnebago	24 <sup>th</sup>	Don Fadler (birthday)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Synod of Lincoln Trails	25 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of the Mid-South
11 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Blackhawk	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Kentucky Presbytery
12 <sup>th</sup>	Becky Parkinson	27 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
13 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Chicago	28 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Ray Ritter, Jr. (birthday)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Presbytery of Great Rivers	29 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle Miller (birthday)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Peter & Jodi Durow (anniversary)	30 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Mike & Kathy Brown (anniversary)
		31 <sup>st</sup>	Presbytery of South Alabama

**From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study**

O God, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

As you are enjoying  
Your summer don't forget  
Flat Jesus.



# July 2015

## Monthly Planner

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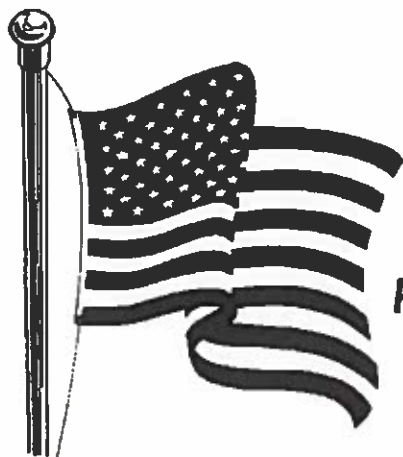
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