

# *First Presbyterian Church Newsletter*

*February 2012*

*...the window on our world*

## *From Gary's Desk Back To School*

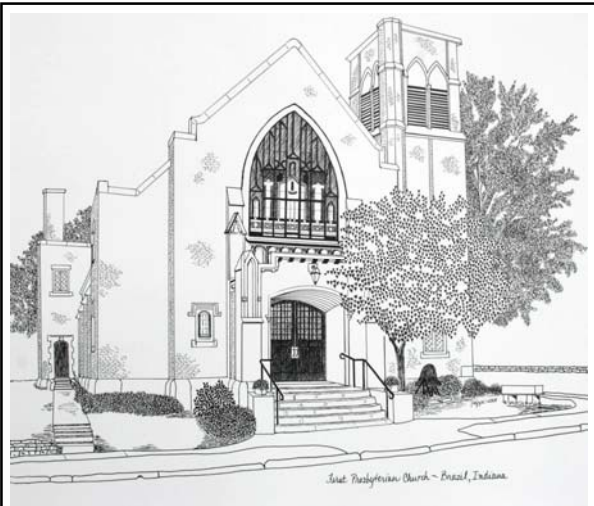
It is a wonderful thing to be "on journey" with you. I enjoy celebrating (and, in a few cases, dancing) with you in the good times. I appreciate being included when life gets difficult..and am honored to be your companion when the very worst seasons arise. To complete the cycle, it occurs to me that you might want to be "in the loop" on what I am scheduled to be doing during the next two years.

Beginning this month (February) I am beginning another "Academy of Spiritual Formation". Once each quarter (8 times in the next two years) I will be spending a week in community with a group of people who have committed to spiritual study and growth. Over the course of the two years I will read approximately 40 assigned books.

Among the courses will be: Traditions of Christian Spirituality .. Spirituality Of The Psalms .. Liturgy & Spirituality .. Spirituality Of The New Testament .. Spiritual Disciplines .. Orthodox Spirituality ..Spiritual Guidance .. Roman Catholic Spirituality .. Discernment & Ways Of Prayer .. Protestant Spirituality .. Spirituality & Ways Of Healing .. Christian Spirituality In The Global Context .. Spiritual Leadership In Local Faith Communities .. Sustaining Our Life In Christ: A Rule Of Life .. and Bearing Witness To The Reign Of God In The World.

As you can see, these are some deep and meaningful topics.

Almost exactly 10 years ago I did a similar Academy. I'm a different person now. Ten years



of living have raised further issues for reflection. Sandy and I have traveled the wilderness of leukemia. I have lost several family members to death. I have seen all of my children grow up and establish their own homes. I'm further down the "river of life".

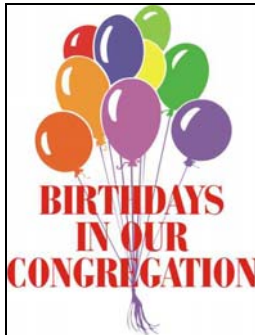
At the outset of this Academy I have two goals. I hope to be molded and shaped in whatever way God may want to form me. Secondly, I pray that I will bring back to you exactly those things that God wants you to receive through my meager efforts. I will be listening carefully for God's instruction and for ways that I might be able to include this wealth of material in my preaching, teaching, counseling, administration, etc...

I will ask that you pray for me and for the other Academy participants during these two years.

For now..it is Back To School!

Blessings,  
*Gary*

## February Celebrations



1st Layla Brosey  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wrangler Thomas  
 4<sup>th</sup> Madison Kapke  
 5<sup>th</sup> Amy Duell  
 12<sup>th</sup> John Mace  
 13<sup>th</sup> Alyssa Clarke  
 13<sup>th</sup> Kaitlyn Kidwell  
 14<sup>th</sup> Quinton Hayes  
 15<sup>th</sup> Josh Hoffman  
 16<sup>th</sup> Denny Houk  
 19<sup>th</sup> Katie Weddle  
 20<sup>th</sup> Tyler Fischer  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Pat Shewey  
 24<sup>th</sup> Rochell Reberger  
 26<sup>th</sup> David Boor  
 26<sup>th</sup> Ashley Jones  
 27<sup>th</sup> Wade McCullough  
 27<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Swaim  
 28<sup>th</sup> Owen Geswein



13<sup>th</sup> Trevor and Samantha Hassler  
 18<sup>th</sup> Mitch and Kerin Reberger

## New Church Officers



On Sunday, January 22, the following church officers were installed:

### Session

Amy Boor  
 Nancy Farr  
 Greg Halls  
 Todd Harrison  
 Theresa McCullough

### Deacons

Courtney Carr  
 Trevor Hassler  
 Mike McCullough  
 Jerry Pilman  
 Toni Pilman

### Trustees

Janice Clark  
 Jeff Duell  
 Wrangler Thomas

Many thanks to all who are serving in church leadership roles. Our prayers are with you!

## New Arrival



**Hunter Joseph DeWeese** son of Joseph and Courtney DeWeese arrived on November 26, 2011 at 5:32 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 22 inches long. Hunter's proud grandparents are Tim Perkins, Debbie Perkins and John and Kathleen DeWeese.

## Meet Our 2011 Communicant Class!



**Front Row (Left to Right): Quinton Hayes, Mannah Mace and Maeghan Pilman.  
 Second Row: Kaysia Reberger, Whitney Scott, Alex Swaim and Lainey Latham.  
 Third Row: Jed Thomas, Steven Onken, Braden Timberman and Brennen Pilman.**

On Sunday, November 20, 2011 we received the eleven members of the 2011 Communicant Class into church membership.

**Quinton Hayes** is the son of Scott and Elizabeth Hayes; **Mannah Mace** is the daughter of John and Jane Mace; **Maeghan Pilman** is the daughter of Jerry and Toni Pilman; **Kaysia Reberger** is the daughter of Mitch and Kerin Reberger; **Whitney Scott** is the daughter of Doug and Brenda Scott; **Alex Swaim** is the daughter of Jennifer and the late Steve Swaim; **Lainey Latham** is the daughter of Brad and Stacey Latham; **Jed Thomas** is the son of Jerry and Karla Thomas; **Steven Onken** is the son of Mike and Anita Onken; **Braden Timberman** is the son of Brian and Amy Timberman and **Brennen Pilman** is the son of Jerry and Toni Pilman.

We are very proud of this group of young people as they take this very large step in their religious lives and welcome them into our church family!

## Meet Our New Members!



**Front Row (Left to Right): Jerry Pilman, Toni Pilman, and Sandra Newport**  
**Back Row (Left to Right): Ben Hamblen, Lee Ann Hamblen, and Ryan Dailey**

On Sunday, November 20, we received five new members. **Jerry Pilman** is a warehouse foreman for the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons in Terre Haute. He enjoys running (he recently qualified for the Boston Marathon), coaching youth sports, his family and cooking. His wife, **Toni Pilman**, is an attorney for the Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Indianapolis. Her interests include family activities, running, writing and baking. Both Jerry and Toni say they were attracted to First Presbyterian because of the youth programs for their children. **Sandra Newport** is retired and a member of our choir. She attended our church when she was in junior and senior high school. She also has family (Brenda Knight, Rochell Reberger and Mica Bonomo) in our congregation. **Lee Ann Hamblen** is an executive coordinator. She especially enjoys volunteering and organizing. She says she was attracted to First Presbyterian by “the people, sermons and how giving the church and members are”. **Ryan Dailey** is a chiropractor. His interests include golf and history (world, U.S. and church). He was attracted to First Presbyterian because his wife Katie and her family (the Joe Trouts) are members, and because of the loyalty and commitment of the congregation. He is grateful to be a part of a well grounded and responsible church body.

We are glad to welcome you all to our church family!



*From an Angel Tree & Christmas Food Basket recipient:*

We just wanted to say thank you for the gifts and your help this Christmas. God bless you and may you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Thanks to Mitch Reberger and David Boor and their sons Zade and Dylan for their work in stripping off, sanding down and painting the Middle School classroom floor in the basement of Fellowship Hall.

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*From Meridian Elementary:*

Thank you for the \$500.00 donation to Meridian. The donations have helped numerous students.

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*From The House of Hope*

Thank you for your wonderful casseroles and vegetable trays !!

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### *Youth Sunday School Schedule*

**February 5** – Jesus Heals, Prays and Preaches

(Mark:1:29-39)

**February 12-** Jesus Calms a Storm

(Mark 4:35-41)

**February 19-**Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man

(Mark 2:1-12)

**February 26-** Jesus Heals the Blind Man

(Mark 10:46-52)



### *“Souper Bowl Sunday”*

On Sunday, February 5, everyone is invited to bring a can of soup to church. The soup will be donated to the Clay County Food Pantry.

### *Bulk Mailing of Newsletter Phased Out*

As most of you know, the “Window” is available online at [www.brazilpresbyterian.org](http://www.brazilpresbyterian.org). However, we have phased out the bulk postal mailings of the newsletter as of December 2011. If we don’t have your email address, send it to us and we will alert you each time a new issue is posted.

If you don’t have internet access, or you just prefer to continue receiving a paper copy...no problem. Just give us a call in the church office and we will be happy to mail you a paper copy each month.

### *Church Email Address is Changing*

The church email address is changing. The new address is [brazilpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:brazilpresbyterian@gmail.com). Emails to the old address will still be received until April 2012.

### *Sermons Online*

Gary’s sermons are available on the church website at [www.brazilpresbyterian.org](http://www.brazilpresbyterian.org). Due to technical difficulties, however, the sermons from our worship services in Fellowship Hall will not be recorded. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the sermons will be recorded again once we return to the Sanctuary in April. If you don’t have access to the internet, call the church office and we will be happy to provide you with a DVD or CD of past sermons.



### *Sanctuary Renovation Update*

The renovation of our Sanctuary is moving forward as planned. This is the first renovation since 1965 and the committee is attempting to restore the integrity of the original 1924 building. Work to remove asbestos from our building is complete and the choir room renovation was finished in September.

After removing the organ pipes from the choir loft and transporting them to Indianapolis for safe storage, the Sanctuary renovation was underway.

In the choir loft organ blower/mechanical closet, the plaster has been removed and foam insulation installed.

The Sanctuary has received necessary plaster repair and has been totally repainted. The floor has been reinforced and the heating & AC ducts cleaned and repaired.

The Sanctuary carpet has been ordered and is to arrive the end of February.

The wood panels on the back wall of the Chancel and the half-wall in front will be repaired and the cross will be replaced with a new one. The pews will be cleaned and repaired and new pew pads will also be added. The work will be complete by Easter of 2012.

In addition to the Sanctuary work, water damage has been repaired in the boardroom, the Sunday School rooms upstairs and Gary's office. The damaged areas have also been replastered.

Sunday morning worship during the renovation is being held in Fellowship Hall. From now until Easter we will be offering "Valet Parking" for those who might have difficulty walking from Fellowship Hall to a parking lot. Just drive up to the Fellowship Hall entrance, exit your car, and a Deacon will park your vehicle.

Join us for Cookies and Coffee each week at 10:00AM in Fellowship Hall prior to 10:30AM Worship.



That's a long.....way up there!



A 'Crafton Painting & Decorating' craftsman works his artistry in the Sanctuary.



*Sanctuary  
Redecorating  
Project  
2012*



*Clay County Emergency Food Pantry*



*“He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.” Psalms 146:7*

Please remember we are still collecting items for the Clay County Emergency Food Pantry. Current needs are:

- Empty 8 oz. or 10 oz. water bottles with lids**  
(dishwashing detergent is put in them)
- Toilet Tissue**                      **Shampoo**
- Laundry detergent**            **Bath soap**
- Canned peas**                      **Sugar**

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. Their hours of operation are 9:00AM to 12:00PM, Monday through Friday. They are located at 506 East Pinckley Street. For more information please call them at 446-2293.



**Annual 2011 Church Support Budget \$178,800.00**  
**Monthly Goal \$ 14,900.00**

January	\$14,848.59	July	\$21,132.68
February	\$13,158.10	August	\$14,232.87
March	\$16,218.88	Sept.	\$11,239.63
April	\$15,171.33	Oct.	\$21,197.70
May	\$16,386.32	Nov.	\$13,621.83
June	\$11,793.90	Dec.	\$13,802.40

**Church Support Offering as of 12/31/11 \$182,804.23**

**2011 Per Capita Pledged to Presbytery \$8,623.02**

**2011 Per Capita Collected as of 12/31 \$3,951.45**

**2012 Per Capita Collected as of 12/31 \$1,983.83**

**Average Worship Attendance**

January	141	July	150
February	147	August	135
March	136	Sept.	143
April	197	Oct.	140
May	155	Nov.	168
June	125	Dec.	153

*It's Knight Time!*

Our church was well represented at the Winter Sports Celebration. Jed Thomas and Kelsey Oehler were among the senior class candidates for Winter Sports King and Queen. Kaysia Reberger was one of the freshman representatives and Katie Boor was the crown bearer.



*Kaysia Reberger, Katie Boor and Jed Thomas*

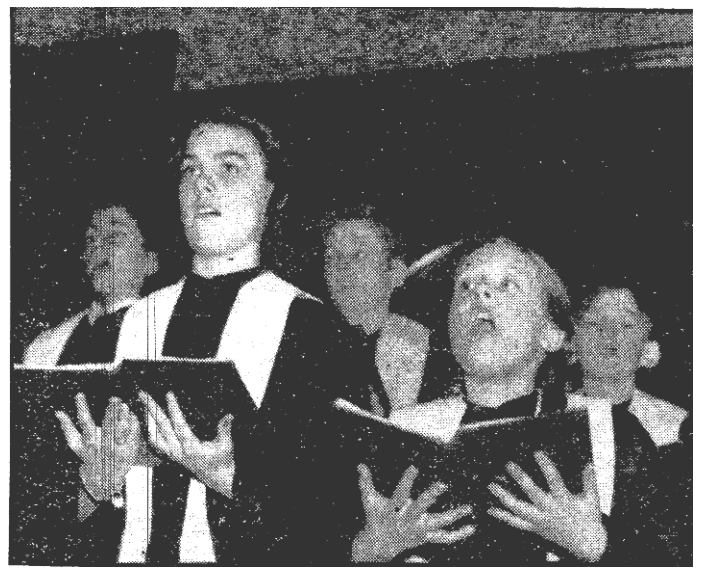


*Kaysia Reberger and Kelsey Oehler*

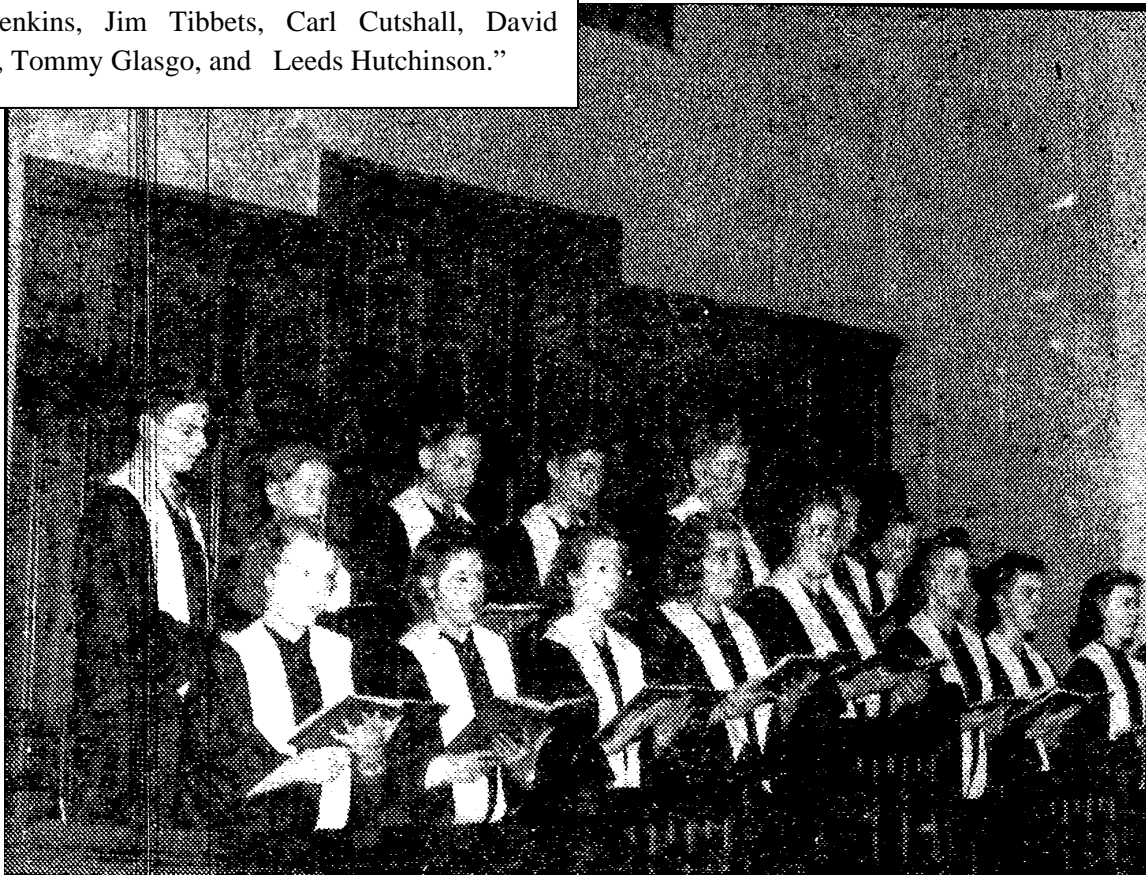
*“Sunday School Chorus Popular With Churches”*

**From the Brazil Daily Times  
January 1942**

“America seems to be about the only place on earth left where the people are still happy enough to sing. There is a growing popularity of vocal music among young people and with voices trained in the schools, they can take to parts singing. Here the Times caught the Presbyterian Sunday School choir, in their robes and stoles, furnishing the anthems for the church service last Sunday. The young choir is directed by Miss Katherine Haverkamp. Karl Leifheit is accompanist at the piano. The young people really put their hearts into their music. Participating (in the photo below) is **First Row L-R:** Marcellaine Englehart, Alice Jones, Delores Daley, Nancy Weaver, Joan Glasgo, Joanna Fuqua, Rebecca Raab, Dorothy Fisher, and (Margaret Stigler out of picture). **Second Row:** Karl Leifheit, Bro D’Arcy, Wayne Jenkins, Jim Tibbets, Carl Cutshall, David Englehart, Tommy Glasgo, and Leeds Hutchinson.”



**Front Row:** Dorothy Fisher and Margie Stigler “*Cauldwell*”.  
**Rear:** David Englehart, Tom Glasgo, and Leed Hutchinson.





# February

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>SESSION</b>  7:00 PM	2	3	4
5 <i>CHOIR 9:00</i> <i>COFFEE 10:00</i>  <i>holy communion</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>CHOIR 9:00</i> <i>ADULT BIBLE STUDY 9:30</i> <i>COFFEE 10:00</i>	13	14  <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15	16	17	18
19 <i>CHOIR 9:00</i> <i>ADULT BIBLE STUDY 9:30</i> <i>COFFEE 10:00</i>	20  <b>President's Day</b> <i>TRUSTEES MEET 6:30 PM</i>	21	22  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	23	24	25
26 <i>CHOIR 9:00</i> <i>ADULT STUDY 9:30</i> <i>COFFEE 10:00</i>  <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	27	28	29			



## *First Presbyterian Church*

*210 N. Walnut Street  
Brazil, Indiana 47834*

*Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM*

### *Church Staff*

*Rev. Gary K. Scroggins Pastor  
Steve McCullough Director of Music/Organist  
Anna Head Housekeeper  
Amy Duell Secretary*

### *Volunteer Staff*

*Jeff Kapke Director of Christian Education  
Michael Hagemeyer Business Administrator  
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