

The Inklings

The News of First Presbyterian Church of New Haven

July/August 2010

Learning the Psalms by Heart - This Summer's Preaching Theme

Beginning on July 4 and continuing throughout the summer, preachers from our congregation will offer sermons on the Psalms. Take a look at the insert on pages 5-8 at the preaching calendar and ideas about how we can learn these psalms by heart.

Summer Wednesday night worship returns!

On Wednesday, **July 14th at 6:30 pm**, we will begin this summer's Soulfood gatherings. Soulfood is a mid-week time to gather for worship, music, and a meal around the outdoor table where we sing, listen, pray, speak, and cookout. Worship occurs around the meal we eat together, a practice that celebrates the richness of our communal life, as well as the bounty of God's gifts. This year, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion each week, with Nancy McLaren presiding. Soulfood gatherings will take place on six Wednesdays (July 14th, 21st, 28th, and August 4th, 11th, and 18th), and each week we will hear reflections and prayers from different people. The communal meal will be prepared and served by a different team of volunteers each week.

We would like to invite everyone to lead and participate in various aspects of each service. The casual and informal setting will be a great opportunity for any and all who feel moved to participate, whether it is by joining one of the meal-making teams, helping in the set-up or clean-up, reflecting on the Word, reading scripture, offering prayers, playing your instrument (just bring it and play!), singing out, or leading a prayer or song.

Nancy McLaren is organizing the Soulfood events, but welcomes your leadership and participation. Nancy is still looking for volunteers. She would be glad to talk to you about your interest in helping or just attending, or about any questions you may have.

So, come! Bring open ears, an instrument, and a voice ready to sing. Let's pray, sing, and eat food for the good of the soul.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School 2010

Our annual VBS, "How Can We Keep From Singing?" will take place from 5:30-8:00 pm on August 29th, 30th, and 31st... just in time for the new school year to begin! This program will have something for all ages, adults and children alike. This year, each age group will explore Bible stories wherein people have responded to God's good work with praise and song. VBS promises to be a wonderful time of learning, and communing with old and new friends alike. Do you have questions or want to participate? Contact Nancy McLaren or Maria LaSala.

Killam's Point Picnic is Sunday, July 11

The waters of the Long Island Sound await us on the afternoon of July 11th. Come and swim, eat, and enjoy time with friends from First Presbyterian Church. The grills will be hot...bring your own food and table ware. A lifeguard will be present to look after the swimmers. Directions to Killam's Point can be found on the Welcome Table. Everyone is welcome. Bring friends!

July 17 Family Picnic

Mary and Art Hunt hope you will join them on Saturday, July 17 from 1 pm to whenever (no rain date this year) for their annual picnic on Cranberry Lake in Tolland, Massachusetts (southern MA near the junction of Routes 8 and 57). Directions will be available in the coming weeks.

The lake is great for swimming and boating (no motorized boats allowed), the beach is very child friendly. A canoe and several kayaks will be available for gentle rides on the lake.

Chicken, hot dogs and sausage will be prepared on the grill. There will also be a variety of vegetarian protein. Please bring a salad or hors d'oeuvres plus some drinks and maybe a snack to share.

The drive is a little less than 90 minutes from New Haven. This will be the last annual cottage picnic, as the Hunts have sold the cottage and it will close the following Monday. Please RSVP via email to arthur.hunt@yale.edu or RSVP on the sheet on the welcome table.

Co-Pastors Bill Goettler and Maria LaSala on Vacation

Co-Pastors Bill Goettler and Maria LaSala will be on vacation beginning August 1. They will return to the office on Monday, August 23rd and to the pulpit on Sunday, August 29th.

If you have any pastoral care needs, please be in touch with Christian Educator, the Rev. Nancy McLaren. She can be reached at nancybmclaren@gmail.com.

Library named after The Rev. Alan Hogle

Last month, the Session took action on an idea suggested by 7th grader Leah Miller to rename the church library the Reverend Alan Hogle Library. This past year, Alan was instrumental in organizing the Library Committee, soliciting donations, moving and cataloguing the collection, and reopening the library. Check out the library ... and a few books for your summer reading!

First Presbyterian Church to be involved with new Presbyterian Hymnal

First Presbyterian Church has been selected as a test congregation for the new Presbyterian hymnal. In the upcoming months, we will be singing new hymns at worship and asking for your feedback. Come and make a joyful noise to God!

Upcoming Meetings

The Session will meet on Tuesday, July 20th at 7:15 p.m. There will be no August meeting.

The Mission Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m. instead of September 7.

A letter from Elizabeth Kvach

To my church family:

I would like to express my profound gratitude to you for being my family away from home. Though my time in medical school was often very stressful and lots of hard work, I can honestly say that I have been filled with joy over the past five years due in large part to my involvement with this church community. Each week I felt like I should be the subject of the Minute for Mission. Though I know it is hard to watch so many students come and go in this congregation over the years, I commend you for your ministry to students. It is the spiritual support and encouragement I received here that enables me to go and serve others. Who I am, and who I will be as a physician is intricately linked to the spiritual growth I have achieved as a member of this church. Yes, I spent countless hours in classrooms at the medical school with my nose in thick textbooks, but equally important to my medical education has been the teaching I have received about my spiritual calling as a physician from each of you. It is so hard for me to leave this beautiful, wonderful loving community of Christians who weekly reminded me that my calling is to serve the poor, to speak out and act against injustice and to welcome everyone equally into the family of God with wide open arms. I will miss you all so very much and will think of you daily as I begin my training as a family physician in Madison, Wisconsin. Please know that you will have touched the hearts of each patient I will serve in the future because you have loved and nurtured me during my time here.

I have moved into my new home in Madison and are all welcome to visit if you're in the Midwest! My e-mail address will remain the same: elizabeth.kvach@gmail.com.

Much love in Christ,
Elizabeth

So Long, Farewell

Over the summer the First Presbyterian Church family continue to say farewell to many. Leaving us this summer are:

Khelen and Paul Kuzmovich who have moved to North Carolina so that Khelen can begin studies at Wake Forest Divinity School.

Mary Nebelsick, Paul Matheny and Rachel return to the Philippines in August.

Kristen Leslie and Michael Boddy will move to St. Louis, Missouri where Kristen has accepted a senior position in Pastoral Theology at Eden Seminary. Michael has accepted a position in their theological library.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer...

Prayers for Jeff Owens, who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for John Bollier, who is now at Arden Court.

Prayers for Alan Hogle, who is growing stronger at home.

Prayers for Anna Balakrishnan and Andrew McCloskey, who leave on a short-term mission trip to the Dominican Republic at the end of June.

Prayers for those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis: Jim Tenney; Jan Forman; Ken and Kay Jetter; and Nancy Johnstone.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

Happy 125th Anniversary Update!

Happy Anniversary to FPC! As reported in the last month's Inkling, we will be marking our 125th year as a Presbyterian Christian Community on February 20, 2011. The 125th Anniversary Committee has been working on enlisting Celebration Committee Coordinators. We are happy to share our progress.

The following Celebration Coordinators have been enlisted and the description of the committee work is noted.

History Celebration Committee: Celebration Coordinators – Rev. Alan and Elder Teddy Hogle

- Develop the comprehensive FPC History Book to be available for purchase by FPC members and friends
- Develop the FPC History Booklet
- Develop an area in the Church Library for historical memorabilia

Media Celebration Committee: Celebration Coordinator – Elder Seth Craigo-Snell

- Enlist videographer to video the events of the celebration
- Coordinate pictures from the congregation to create a "picture of our history" on a DVD with music
- Scanner – someone to scan all the pictures submitted from members
- Enlist someone to create the "picture of our history" DVD
- Coordinate the "Picture of the Congregation"
- Coordinate a "Picture Book" of all the present members of FPC – family/member snapshots

Fall Events Celebration Committee: Celebration Coordinator – Elder Paul Turner

- Coordinate at least 2 events to lead up to FPC History Month in January
- Music concert – 125 years of church music
- Presbyterian History – sessions/series sharing our heritage and how it relates to New Haven

Worship Celebration Committee: Celebration Coordinator – Elder Justin Ray

- Develop the "Minute of Reflection" series – members sharing brief historical memories during worship service. This will be done periodically through the fall and during FPC History Month
- Assist pastors in developing elements of worship that focus on our history
- Assist in the development of the Celebration Worship on 2/20/11

Luncheon Celebration Committee: Celebration Coordinator – Elder Mary Webber

- Coordinate the celebration luncheon
- Coordinate the activities/ceremony for the luncheon

FPC History Month Celebration Committee: Celebration Coordinator – Elder Rona Gordon

- Assist in the events of history month – working with the other coordinators
- Develop a plan to support the FPC History Month in January and February

Written Communication Coordinator (still looking!)

- Articles for bulletin, Inkling, newspapers
- Letters to pastors, musicians and interns inviting letters sharing memories of their time in our midst.
- Letters requesting greetings from elected officials.
- Letters to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, seeking recognition of our Anniversary

This summer we will be joining together to support the various committees to begin working on the 125th Celebration. We plan to have our 125th Anniversary Celebration Kick Off in the Fall of 2010.

If you are interested in being part of any of the Celebration Committees, please feel free to contact the Committee's Celebration Coordinator or email Beth Aura Miller, 125th Anniversary Chair, (dbmiller@optonline.net) and let her know what Celebration Committee you are interested in joining!

Special Insert: A Summer of Psalms



Each week of the summer, our congregation will be invited to learn the Psalm for the following Sunday by heart. Then, using word and song, art and dance, we will experience these important verses in new ways.

Take a look at the preaching schedule below:

July 4: Bill Goettler – Psalm 121

July 11: Phil Yoo – Psalm 46

July 18: Bruce Gordon – Psalm 52

July 25: Jenny Davis – Psalm 30

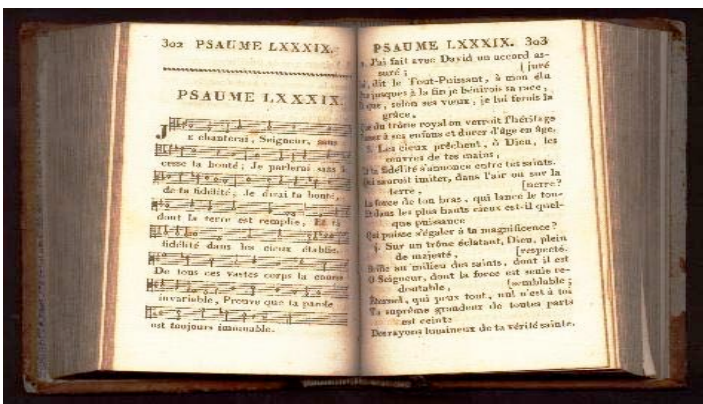
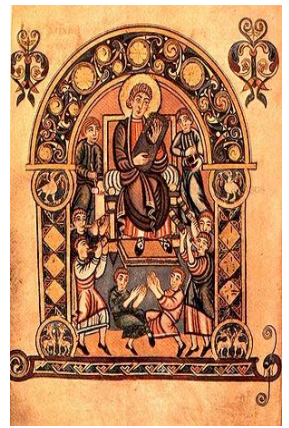
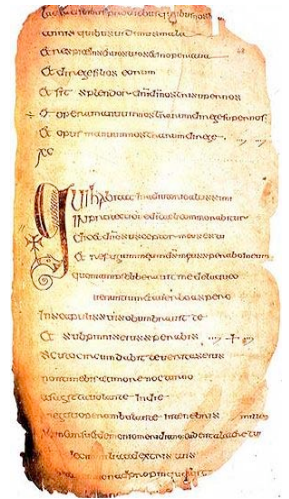
August 1: Steve Jungkeit – Psalm 107:1-9

August 8: Diane Goudreau – Psalm 31:1-5, 9-10, 21-24

August 15: Nancy McLaren – Psalm 100

August 22: Arthur Shippee – Psalm 110

August 29: Maria LaSala – Psalm 23



Clockwise from top: The Great Psalms Scroll from Qumran (1st c.); Cathach of St. Columba Psalter (Ireland, 7th c.); Vespasian Psalter (England, 8th c.); Ps 27 from the Utrecht Psalter (Netherlands, 9th c.); Ps 89 from the Geneva Psalter (16th c.); Kiev Psalter (14th c.).

Psalm 121 - July 4

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
² My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Psalm 52 - July 18

To the leader. A Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite came to Saul and said to him, 'David has come to the house of Ahimelech.'

- ¹ Why do you boast, O mighty one,
of mischief done against the godly?
All day long ²you are plotting destruction.
Your tongue is like a sharp razor,
you worker of treachery.
³ You love evil more than good,
and lying more than speaking the truth.
Selah
- ⁴ You love all words that devour,
O deceitful tongue.
- ⁵ But God will break you down for ever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.
Selah
- ⁶ The righteous will see, and fear,
and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,
⁷ 'See the one who would not take
refuge in God,
but trusted in abundant riches,
and sought refuge in wealth!'
- ⁸ But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God
for ever and ever.
⁹ I will thank you for ever,
because of what you have done.
In the presence of the faithful
I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Psalm 46 - July 11

To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamothe. A Song.

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
Selah
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'
¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah

Psalm 30 - July 25

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of David.

- ¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- ⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'
⁷ By your favour, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.
- ⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
⁹ 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!'
- ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Psalm 107:1-9 - August 1

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
- ⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- ⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their
trouble,
and he delivered them from their
distress;
- ⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
- ⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast
love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
- ⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Psalm 31:1-5, 9-10, 21-24 - August 8

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
- ³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- ⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.
- ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.
- ²¹ Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was beset as a city under siege.
- ²² I had said in my alarm, 'I am driven far from your sight.'
But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.
- ²³ Love the Lord, all you his saints.
The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts
haughtily.
- ²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

Psalm 100 - August 15

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the earth.
- ² Worship the Lord with
gladness;
come into his presence with
singing.
- ³ Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we
are his;
we are his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with
thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his
name.
- ⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for
ever,
and his faithfulness to all
generations.

Psalm 110 - August 22

Of David. A Psalm.

- ¹ The Lord says to my lord,
'Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies your
footstool.'
- ² The Lord sends out from Zion
your mighty sceptre.
Rule in the midst of your foes.
- ³ Your people will offer themselves
willingly
on the day you lead your forces
on the holy mountains.
From the womb of the morning,
like dew, your youth will come to
you.
- ⁴ The Lord has sworn and will not
change his mind,
'You are a priest for ever according
to the order of Melchizedek.'
- ⁵ The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his
wrath.
- ⁶ He will execute judgement among the
nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter heads
over the wide earth.
- ⁷ He will drink from the stream by the
path;
therefore he will lift up his head.

Psalm 23 - August 29

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall
not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green
pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the
darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the
Lord
my whole life long.

Below are some of the ways you can experience the psalms:

- **Pray the Psalm.** Read the Psalm for the coming week. Focus on an idea or phrase from the Psalm that speaks to you. Now pray that Psalm, using the words from the Psalm itself, in a prayer to God. Include your own concerns, needs and hopes within the prayer. Now read the Psalm again, addressing God with the Psalmist's words. Let the words of the Psalm replace your own.
- **Meditate on a Psalm.** Read the Psalm. Now write it out, in longhand. Consider the importance of each phrase, each line, each word. Now think deeply about one or two concerns that you are facing, and read the Psalm again, paying attention to your own issues and the ways in which the Psalm might address your issues.
- **Draw the Psalm.** Read the Psalm. Now draw it out on a sheet of paper with markers, crayons, pencils, or oil pastels. Consider the images conveyed by a phrase, a line, or a word.
- **Read a Psalm to Someone Else.** You don't need to be alone with Psalms. Read this week's Psalm to another person – at your dinner table, at the office, with a friend. Visit someone in the hospital or someone who needs encouragement. Talk about the Psalm with them, if that seems appropriate. Or simply read the Psalm, and continue your visit.
- **Paraphrase the Psalm.** Rewrite the Psalm for the week in your own words. Feel free to be very creative, to paraphrase the Psalm's language or to go in entirely different directions.
- **Write Your Own Psalm.** Read the Psalm, reflect on its meaning, then write a new Psalm entirely your own. Use rhyme or free verse without rhyme. Try a Haiku Psalm. God is your audience; express your thoughts to God.
- **Sing the Psalm.** Most weeks, we will include a hymn based on the Psalm for the week. Sing the psalm, softly or in full voice. See if in the singing the words of the Psalm grow familiar. Now try to sing without looking at the words. It doesn't have to be perfect. Try to learn as much as you can.
- **Learn the Psalm By Heart.** Read the Psalm aloud each morning and evening. Take your time. When you are ready, on the second day or the third, read each line, and then repeat each line without looking at the text. Then recite the Psalm without reading. Look down whenever you need to, but push yourself to risk speaking the Psalm from memory. Even one line or two is a great accomplishment. Come to church ready to read or to speak the Psalm aloud, with the community of faith.

Meal-a-Month

Your generous donations go to the Christian Community Action food pantry.

- CCA's clients select the items they need and want for families ranging from one or two to seven or eight.
- A variety of sizes are appropriate.
- Use this list as a guide. Check the specials aisle for similar items on sale.
- The CT health department prohibits distribution of fresh foods.
- Census data show Connecticut had the largest percentage increase for all people and for children living in poverty in the country, despite our goal of cutting the child poverty rate in half by 2014. That's almost 315,000 Connecticut residents living under the Federal poverty level.

Meal-A-Month GROCERIES

- Bags of rice*
- Bags of beans (red or black)*
- Pasta / pasta sauce*
- Canned tuna*
- Canned fruits (low sugar preferred)*
- Canned meats*
- Canned vegetables (low-sodium)*
- Boxes of mashed potatoes*
- Pasta sauce*
- Peanut butter*
- Low-sugar breakfast cereals (Cheerios, etc.)*
- Low-sodium soups*
- Dessert items – Jello, pudding mixes, etc.*
- Canned juices: tomato, VS, grape, orange*
- Instant milk*
- Coffee and/or tea*
- Flour*
- Sugar*

Afraid that you might lose this Inkling? Find your e-copy on the church website at fpcnh.org. Please note that for privacy reasons, the e-copy may be slightly different than the hard copy.

July Property Committee Report

The Property Committee continues to make progress on our summer task list. The refinishing work on the Church Exterior is complete. Bird deterrents have been installed at the front and back of the Church.

The carpenter Peter Wigginton did a terrific job for us.

Committee members Jim Owens and Bob Frew contributed their architectural expertise. Peter has started work on the front door on the Manse, which really needed refinishing and next will work on the Manse windows.

David Miller contributed both his expertise and labor to the exterior lighting. The fixtures have all been replaced and he is working on the final problems. The roofing contractor is almost done with the south side of the Owens Building roof. It is slower work because he is using the old fashion two nails per shingle technique. We specified this because of the problems we had with the previous installation.

Many thanks to Pat Wales and the second Garden and Grounds Spruce Up crew. Great work everyone. There was quite a bit to do before we started and we have gotten most of it done. Pat will be scheduling a third Spruce Up day to complete the list before the end of the summer.

We have received a \$10,000 settlement for the problems with the roof on the Owens Building and have an agreement to receive \$10,000 more in four installments. We expect to receive the first \$2,500 installment on June 28.

The work still before us includes: Filling the pot hole in the driveway with stone dust (this is a temporary fix, we will probably have to pave the driveway next year), refinish the pews, install new lights on the outside of the Owens Building to light the walkway and the grass parking lot, repair the lights in the Sanctuary and Miller Gathering Hall and replace the door locks on the side doors of the Church.

We are a roll-up-our-sleeves and get the job done congregation and the Property Committee benefits greatly from that. We very much appreciate the energy, talents, and volunteer labor of everyone who helps maintain our Church home.

Bless you all,
Art Hunt, Chair

Presbyterian Church General Assembly Meets in Minneapolis

The Presbyterian Church General Assembly “Rivers of Living Water,” will begin meeting on Saturday, July 3rd. The Assembly will take place in Minneapolis and will bring together Presbyterian clergy and elders, theological students and youth delegates from all around the country. In addition, many ecumenical partners will be present to share stories and engage in dialogue about many issues facing the church today. Included in the week long meetings will be the election of a new moderator, discussion and votes on ordination standards for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Presbyterians, with the hope once again of overturning G-6.6013b, the standard that forbids the ordination of GLBT people. The commissioners will hear reports from the Task Forces on marriage equality, and on Middle East issues. There will be a pre-assembly conference on the Middle East entitled, “Shalom, Salaam, and Peace: One Hope, Two Peoples, Three Faith Traditions.” Each day will open with worship, and meetings of the many General Assembly committees will occur all week. Elder Ralph Jones will attend the meeting as an overture advocate for the Presbytery of Southern New England. You can learn more about the assembly, and keep up to date with actions by visiting the website www.pcusa.org.

PCUSA responds to the Oil Spill

Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

The oil spill and its effect on the local economy has the potential of impacting the very same people who are only just recovering from Hurricane Katrina which occurred almost five years ago.

A pastoral letter has been written for those affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster and has been shared with 12 Florida and gulf presbyteries.

On Wednesday, May 19, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal noted that "heavy oil" has entered the marshlands, home to endangered plant and animal life. The threat of the spill reaching land and moving along the Eastern seaboard is still real.

The Environmental Protection Agency has informed BP officials that a less-toxic form of chemical dispersants must be used to break up its oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. This announcement was made due to concerns that the unprecedented use of chemical dispersants could pose a significant threat to the Gulf of Mexico's marine life.

Efforts are underway by many experienced organizations to minimize damage from the huge oil spill caused by the rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. A report from the Church World Service Emergency Response Committee states, “This type of clean up needs to be carefully supervised by experts — no one should just go out and try to do something, as it is very dangerous to human health.” The Environmental Ministries Office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a blog that includes information on the oil spill.

Prayer for the Gulf Coast

Creator God, we pray for the people and your creation that have been affected by the oil spill off the Gulf Coast. Guide those who are called to cope, to clean, to care for damaged habitat and creatures, and to continue to make a living. Grant wisdom to those who plan and strength to those who work upon the sea, in the air, and on the shore to deal with the oil's effects. Lead us all to help. We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

June

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August

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July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 27 9:30 AM Worship	28	29	30 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	July 1 9 AM Yoga	2	3 Columbus House 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA
4 Independence Day 9:30 AM Worship	5	6 7:30 PM Mission Committee 7:30 PM CLOC Meeting	7 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	8 9 AM Yoga	9	10 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA
11 9:30 AM Worship 1 PM Killam's Point Picnic	12	13	14 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6 PM Soulfood	15 9 AM Yoga	16	17 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA 1 PM Family Picnic @ Hunt's
18 9:30 AM Worship	19	20 7:15 PM Session	21 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6 PM Soulfood	22 9 AM Yoga	23	24 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA
25 9:30 AM Worship	26	27	28 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6 PM Soulfood	29 9 AM Yoga	30	31 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA

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August 2010

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August 1 9:30 AM Worship	2	3 7:30 PM Mission Committee 7:30 PM CLOC Meeting	4 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6 PM Soulfood	5 9 AM Yoga	6	7 Columbus House 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA
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29 Vacation Bible School 9:30 AM Worship	30	31	September 1 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	2 9 AM Yoga	3	4 Columbus House 9 AM Kundalini Yoga 9:30 AM Women's AA

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Worship

9:30 a.m.

**Worship will continue at 9:30 a.m. in the air-conditioned Miller Gathering Hall through Labor Day Sunday, September 5.

Office Hours

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8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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