

# The Inkling

The News of First Presbyterian Church of New Haven

July-August 2013

## SummerTime

### ... and we worship, study, and play!

Summer has arrived at First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We've moved our worship hour to 9:30 a.m. and we are gathering in the air-conditioned Owens Community Building to hear the Word read and proclaimed, sing spiritual songs, and lift prayers for our community and world.

This summer preachers from our congregation will take us on a journey through the Bible. We've already learned a bit about the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, and the Historical Books which tell the stories of how the small band of Yahweh's followers made their way to the Promised Land and formed their identity as God's people.

The preaching schedule for the remaining summer Sundays is below. A Time for Children and Children's Worship Program will be offered each Sunday. Nursery care is available for the littlest among us. And, a Friendship Hour will follow the morning service. Join friends each Sunday morning, giving thanks and praise to God.

**The summer preaching series, "A Summer's Journey Through the Bible: From Genesis to Revelation," has begun.** The series invites us to reflect on the joy we know when we open the Bible's pages and read God's amazing love story to all the world. The Bible is not a book for the faint of heart and each week we will have the opportunity, beginning with the Book of Genesis and ending with the Book of Revelation, to understand this book even better. Each week the preacher will offer a teaching moment highlighting important themes from the scriptures. There will be only one scripture reading each Sunday, followed by a sermon. You will hear from a wide array of voices this summer, each bringing their particular insight to how the Bible carries good news for us all.

July 7 - The Psalms and Wisdom Literature. The Rev. Arthur Shippee preaching and presiding at the Table for The Sacrament of Holy Communion.

July 14 - The Major Prophets. Jessica VanDenend, Ph.D., preaching

July 21 - The Minor Prophets. Margaret Fox, Candidate under care of the Presbytery of Southern New England, preaching.

July 28 - The Gospels. The Rev. Ned Castner, preaching.

August 4 - Acts of the Apostles. The Rev. Diane Goudreau preaching and presiding at the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

August 11 - The Letters of Paul. Bryce Wiebe, Christian Educator, preaching.

August 18 - The Other Letters. Co-Pastor Maria LaSala, preaching

August 25 - Revelation and the Books of the Apocrypha. Co-Pastor Bill Goettler, preaching.



## Killam's Point Picnic

The beautiful Branford Killam's Point awaits our arrival on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at noon until 6 p.m., join friends from First Presbyterian Church for food and fun. The grills will be hot ... you are to bring your own food and picnic ware. There are walks to take, and great swimming in the little beach. Christopher Woodington will serve as our Lifeguard.



Killam's Point is a lovely spot ... with views of the Connecticut shoreline and gentle waves for swimming. Directions will be available at the church on the Welcome Table. Come one, come all ... For more information please speak with Elder Mary Webber.

## Elders-on-call and Pastors-on-call

During the summer weeks of Co-Pastor Bill Goettler and Maria LaSala's vacation, Elders from First Presbyterian Church will be available to respond to building concerns and emergencies. If you would like to speak to the Elder on Call, please call the church office at 203-562-5664 and leave a message with your name and phone number, asking for a return call. The Elder on Call will check messages daily and get back to you as soon as they are able. Bryce Wiebe is serving as the Office Administrator for the summer. If you have announcements for the bulletin, please send it to the church at [firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com). Please note in the subject line that it is for the bulletin. Finally, The Rev. Ned Castner has offered to serve as the Pastor on Call while Bill and Maria are away from the church. Ned can be reached at 203-679-0164 or [edwardcastner@ashlarvlg.org](mailto:edwardcastner@ashlarvlg.org). Please contact him directly if you wish a visit or a call. In addition, The Rev. Sue Asher will be available for Yale New Haven Hospital visits. Please contact her at [susan.asher@ynhh.org](mailto:susan.asher@ynhh.org) or 203-688-2151.

July 2 – July 7 – Elder on Call, Tim McCloskey

July 7 - July 14 – Elder on Call, Martha Smith

July 14 - July 21- Elder on Call, Joanna Ali

July 21 – July 28 – Elder on Call, Mary Webber

July 28 – August 4 – Elder on Call, Scott Funston

August 4 – August 11 – Elder on Call, Karina Woltke

Bill and Maria return on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and will be back in worship on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial Cairn

Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice will again be marking the cost of the continuing violence in Iraq and Afghanistan by placing the June stone on the Memorial Cairn at the intersection of Broadway, Elm and Park streets in New Haven on Monday evenings, July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 5, at 6 p.m. This stone will be inscribed with the June death toll of US military personnel and the approximate documented numbers of Iraqi and Afghani civilians killed during that same period of time.

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

Christian Educator Bryce Wiebe will lead a weekly Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall over a pot-luck supper. Each week we explore the text selected by the preacher for the coming Sunday service of worship. Bibles are provided ... come with a dish, if you can, and share and an open heart and mind to explore God's word to us.

## Tuesdays in July --- Come and eat. Come and sing. Come and worship God.

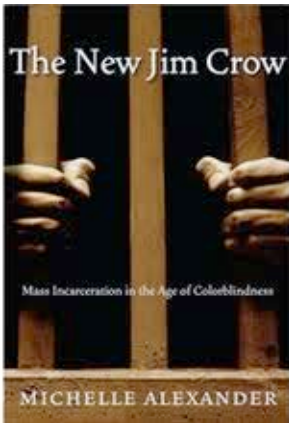
Bryce Wiebe will lead two Tuesday evening supper and song programs. This will be a time for eating with friends, singing new songs, and reflecting on God's word in our lives. Join us from 6 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Help is needed to set out tables and chairs and to clean up. If you'd like to participate, please talk with Bryce or email him at [firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com).

## Friendship Hour Hosts needed!

The summer friendship hour is simple ... lemonade and cookies. As soon as worship ends and the chairs are stacked, a table of simple treats is set. Please sign up to host one this summer.

## Ushers needed!

Ushering at the church is easy and fun. Hand out bulletins to everyone in attendance and make sure the offering collection runs smoothly. Sign up at the Welcome Table after worship.



## Let's Read The New Jim Crow

Ten copies of the book, *The New Jim Crow* are available for church members to read this summer. Michelle Alexander's compelling narrative about the incarceration of African American men, and the systems of oppression that disenfranchise African Americans, will be the focal point of a fall 2013 book conversation. Now is the time to borrow one of the copies, and to engage these provocative and challenging ideas. Books can be found on the table in the Miller Gathering Hall. Please plan to read the book and then to return it to the table for another church member to borrow.



## A Summer Film at the Criterion

Jennifer Bechtel is an Illinois filmmaker with a New Haven, CT connection who saw a need for movies with strong young LGBTQ characters that are not geared explicitly toward adults. *Scary Normal* is a family coming-of-age comedy about Chelsea, a teenager who just wants to be seen as normal. However, with the strange lifestyle that her family lives as her stepdad completes his indie horror movie projects, she spends much of her time frustrated and embarrassed by her family. Then, along comes Danielle, a sometimes brash, almost always self-confident young lesbian who has been kicked out of her own family because of her sexuality. Through their friendship, Chelsea starts to realize the true value of friends and family who love unconditionally. The screening will be **Monday, July 15th 7:30pm** at the Criterion Cinemas in Downtown New Haven (with a possible additional 5:30 screening, depending on pre-sales). The screening will be followed by a time for questions and answers with the director. A portion of the proceeds will be used to support local LGBT youth organizations including Unity in Diversity and the Co-op High School's GSA. Ticket information is here: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/399191>

## In Celebration

Our own Andrew Forsyth, a PhD candidate in Ethics at Yale University has been named a 2013 Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellow. Congratulations, Andrew!



**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 ...

The family of Ron Clave, who died on Monday, June 10 after a long illness. Services were held at First Presbyterian on Sunday, June 30. The family of Nelson Mandela ... and for the people of South Africa and around the world who knew this man to be a man of peace and patience and love.

The people of Syria, Egypt, and for all across the Middle East, during this time of unrest, violence, and discord.

Blanca Thiebaut and her colleague Montserrat Serra, who work for the Spanish division of Doctors Without Borders, and who have been held captive for over two years.

Jordan Matos and James Smit, who are serving in the armed forces. David Meeske, serving a two-year term in Mongolia with the Peace Corps

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

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

## Vacation Bible School no longer scheduled

The summer Vacation Bible School won't be happening in later August. The lead teachers in the churches with whom we partner for the program were no longer available; instead, we will launch the new church year at First Presbyterian early in September with great joy and expectation! Look forward to the fall at First Presbyterian Church!

# July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:00pm Music Together	2 9:30am Musical Folk 7:30pm CLOC and Mission Committees	3 9:30am Musical Folk 4:30pm Music Together	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5	6 9:00am Yoga 9:30am Women's AA
7 9:30am Worship, with Communion 10:45am Friendship Hour	8 4:00pm Music Together 6:00pm Worship committee	9 9:30am Musical Folk 4:00pm Musical Folk 6:00pm Summer program	10 9:30am Musical Folk 4:30pm Music Together	11 9:00am Yoga 5:30pm Musical Folk 6:00pm Bible Study	12 10:00am Musical Folk	13 9:00am Yoga 9:30am Women's AA
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<b>4</b> <b>9:30am</b> Worship, with Communion <b>10:45am</b> Friendship Hour	<b>5</b> <b>4:00pm</b> Music Together	<b>6</b> <b>9:30am</b> Musical Folk <b>4:00pm</b> Musical Folk	<b>7</b> <b>9:30am</b> Musical Folk <b>4:30pm</b> Music Together	<b>8</b> <b>9:00am</b> Yoga <b>5:30pm</b> Musical Folk	<b>9</b> <b>10:00am</b> Musical Folk	<b>10</b> <b>9:00am</b> Yoga <b>9:30am</b> Women's AA
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<b>18</b> <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:45am</b> Friendship Hour	<b>19</b> <b>4:00pm</b> Music Together	<b>20</b> <b>9:30am</b> Musical Folk <b>4:00pm</b> Musical Folk <b>7:15pm</b> Session	<b>21</b> <b>9:30am</b> Musical Folk <b>4:30pm</b> Music Together	<b>22</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Musical Folk <b>6:00pm</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>10:00am</b> Musical Folk	<b>24</b> <b>9:00am</b> Yoga <b>9:30am</b> Women's AA
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**Worship**

9:30 a.m. for the rest of the Summer

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