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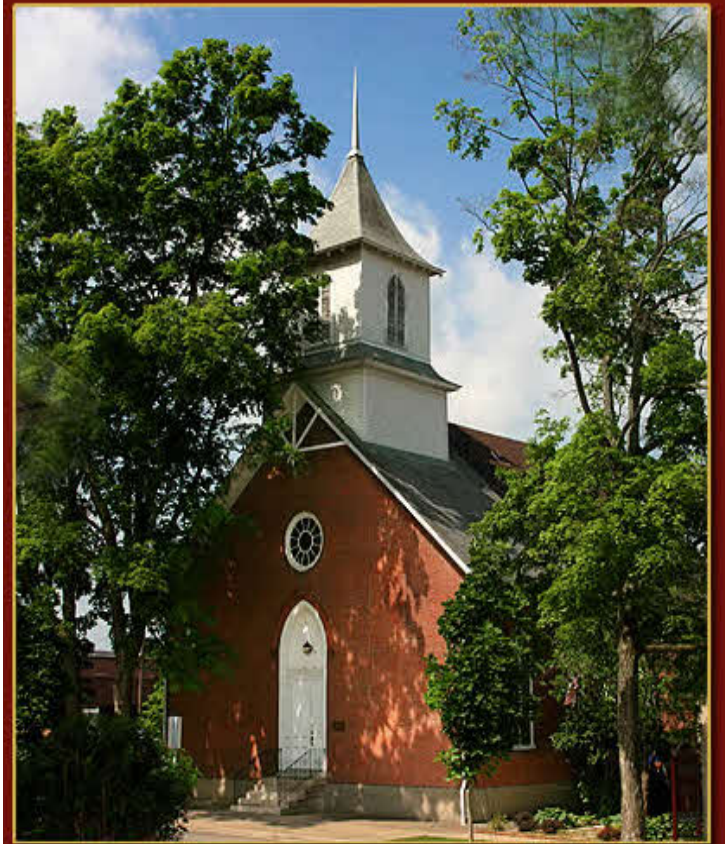
Important Dates

- May 3: Presbytery South
Central Cluster [here]
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 25: Memorial Day
- May 31: Graduation Recognition
- June 21: Father's Day

Our church will host a Presbytery of Ohio Valley "cluster event" in Mariner Hall on Sunday, May 3rd. The event will begin with a meal served at 5:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be a report from members of our Presbytery who went to New Orleans in April to help with ongoing rebuilding and recovery efforts following hurricane Katrina. John Stanley is among them. The cluster structure is a new plan in our Presbytery for enabling communications and connections toward collaborative ministry. The Presbytery is divided into six geographical clusters with approximately 12 churches in each one. We are in the South Central cluster. It is hoped that the new structure will enable churches to connect more effectively in both fellowship and ministry. Are you saying there will be people from other Presbyterian churches in our fellowship hall on May 3rd? Yes! Curious? Come, check it out!

Salem Presbyterian Church

Peace to All Who Enter



~ linking to one another ~

~ welcoming diversity ~

~ cherishing each story ~

Mission Statement

Understanding that grace is a gift from God to the world, to us.....

The Mission of the Salem Presbyterian Church is to support our church family in fostering growth in the Christian faith, in leading meaningful lives, and in doing good works to the glory of God.

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Micah Chapter 6, Verse 8

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Bill LaFollette

**Manual High School
Louisville, Kentucky**



HALL OF FAME

On April 19, 2009, at the University of Louisville's University Club, Bill, along with nine other graduates, was inducted into the Manual High School Hall of Fame. There were approximately 200 in attendance at the luncheon. Below is the text of the program:

Since the Hall of Fame began in 1994, there has never been such an outpouring of support for a candidate to match what the Class of 1953 has mustered for William Otis LaFollette.

Modesty is the byword for Bill, who prefers keeping his persona under the radar. At long last, however, the story can be told about all the great things in which he has been involved. Although he lives in New Albany, Indiana, he has been referred to as "Portland's adopted son." And, no wonder. In 1994, he founded the Portland Area Ministries for which he still serves as chairperson. He provided ground level support for the old Louisville U.S. Marine Hospital Committee in 1998 and is still actively involved in the restoration of that historic building.

He has served on the Portland Museum Board of Directors since 2001, was a director on the Portland Neighborhood House board and was the Family Resource Center Coordinator at Portland Elementary School from 1993 to 2004. He is also a member of the Habitat for Humanity Family Selection Committee. His dedication to those less fortunate is well documented. One of his professional associates said of Bill, "He just loves to help people. When they made him, they broke the mold."

If Bill ever wanted to run for office, however, he could easily put together a campaign committee from his Manual classmates. He headed up the first 1953 reunion committee, is still dedicated to that endeavor, and many who worked with him then are still with him today. Due to his efforts, his class has had a reunion every five years and through his contagion remains the most supportive class—in terms of membership—of the alumni association.

Bill's roots are not far from Portland; he was raised in the Parkland neighborhood where he attended Parkland Elementary and Parkland Junior High [now Johnson Middle School]. After Manual he earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Louisville. From there, he spent time in the Army and working for a railroad company before starting his first teaching job in 1966 at the old Valley Elementary School. He left teaching in 1970 to become a union representative for Jefferson County teachers and went on to hold similar posts at the state level in both Kentucky and Indiana and taught adult education before taking on the job at Portland Elementary. From 1971 to 1973 he served as U of L's School of Education Alumni President.

When he's not helping other people, Bill and his wife Donna spend a lot of time traveling. They have been to 50 states and eight or nine foreign countries.



More Presbyterians in Paradise

In late March, Jean Wilson traveled to Florida with her niece Holly and husband Ron Zimmer. While Holly and Ron visited at Dunedin, near Clearwater, Jean spent the week with Norm and Rosemary Webster at The Villages. On Sunday, they drove down to Treasure Island and spent the day with Julia Dyer, having brunch at her country club and later enjoying a lovely afternoon sitting outside at the ice cream shop, basking in the spring day. Julia's condo, in the background, has a balcony with a view of the bay and the drawbridge, which goes up and down as the sailboats float by. Jean thoroughly enjoyed her visit with the Florida Presbyterians.

BIRTHDAYS

May

01 Norma Eisert
04 Elinor DeJean
07 Susie Lopp
07 Emmons Ratliff
08 Chris Beck
09 Maggie Caum
16 Jean Wilson
18 Cathy Huey
18 Carla Peugh
21 Ruby Davis
22 Jean Robbins
28 Scott Grovesnor

June

07 Avery Robbins
09 Andy Terrell
11 Bill Spencer-Pierce
19 Tom McQuiddy
20 Frank McQuiddy
21 David Beck
21 Carolyn Haag
28 Jim Apple

July

02 Deanna Davis
03 Elsie Rose
04 Larry Humphrey
08 Lee Henry Peugh
10 Roger Lyles
16 Jeanne Bedwell
18 Jason Zink
21 Judy Davis
23 Alene Smith
24 Alice McGinnis
27 Jordan Humphrey
28 Sue Humphrey
30 Wilma Winslow

Liturgists

May 3 Leah Fihe
May 10 De Davis
May 17 Nancy Godfrey
May 24 Richard Clark
May 31 Kerry Lewis
June 7 Paul Scifres
June 14 Stephanie Scifres
June 21 Maurice Godfrey
June 28 Betty Stanley
July 5 John Morris
July 12 Wendell Brown
July 19 Trina Brown
July 26 Nancy Godfrey
Aug. 2 Ginger Morris

The National Day of Prayer is May 7th. There are three opportunities to participate locally. A prayer breakfast will be held at Wonder Valley, beginning at 8:30 a.m. There will be “prayer at the pole” at City Hall at Noon. There will be praise and worship at Lake Salinda, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The theme of the National Day of Prayer is Psalm 28: 7: “The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped.” The words are penned by David. You will remember that David is the biblical hero, who, in his youth and apparent weakness slew Goliath, the larger and terrifying enemy that stood to defeat him. David used a simple slingshot to overcome his enemy but he drew his courage and help from the Lord.

The flyer for the National Day of Prayer would have us identify America with David, as an entity that faces larger than life enemies, and invites us to pray like David did for God’s protection and help. Astute people will realize that in the eyes of many Americans and countless people of other nations, in the contemporary world scene, America compares more accurately to Goliath, being the greatest military and economic power on earth, whose decisions and actions impact millions of people every day in both positive and negative ways.

What do you think? Is America more like David, a weak youth up against forces and powers that are likely to defeat us? Or is America more like Goliath, wielding military and economic power in the world stage in ways that affect lots of people who are significantly less powerful than us?

There are many ways to respond to that question. What you think about it will dictate if you pray and how you pray on the National Day of Prayer, and every day. I hope you will think about it. I pray that both our prayers and actions will make a true assessment of our strengths and weaknesses, that we will know when it is a time for war, and when it is a time for peace; when it is a time to give and when it is a time to take away; when it is a time for competition and when it is a time for compassion. I pray that we Americans will remember that the God of Jesus Christ loves the whole world and calls us beyond self-interest to give credible and loving interest to other people, even to humanity itself.

If you see me standing around the pole at City Hall on May 7th or if you don’t, know that I am praying for human beings everywhere, and giving thanks to God for every good thing that happens anywhere, and praying for more good and more love to be manifest in all places. I pray for more prosperity where it is needed, and more sacrifice where it is needed. Mostly I ask God to teach me to pray.

SARA SAYS....



Graduation Sunday: May 31, 2009

SHS graduates Eriz Zink, son of Dee Dee and Joe Zink; Josh Miller and Luke Spencer-Pierce, sons of Bill and Jane Spencer-Pierce; and Jordan Humphrey, son of Mark and Jennifer Humphrey, will be honored, as will Richard Clark, who earned an Associates Degree from Indiana University Southeast this spring.

National History Day

Salem Community Schools



Beth Godfrey, granddaughter of Nancy and Maurice Godfrey.



Kolton Roach, with his mother Connie Rose Roach. Kolton is the grandson of Dick and Elsie Rose.

NHD is a history project that begins locally and continues to national levels. The program culminates in a national competition each June held at the University of Maryland at College Park. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive research. This year's theme is about how individuals in history have influenced changes. Students can work alone or in groups depending on their preference.

Proud grandparents of the following winners are:

Elementary: Individual 2nd place
Kade Roach – Dick and Elsie Rose

SMS Individual winner: 1st place
Beth Godfrey for Louis Braille
Maurice and Nancy Godfrey

SMS group winners: 3rd place
Jason Zink – John and Jo Stingle
parents – Joe and Dee Dee Zink

SHS Individual winner:
2nd place, Kolton Roach
Dick and Elsie Rose

National Junior Honor Society Salem Middle School

Elizabeth Catlin and Jason Zink display their membership certificates after being inducted into National Junior Honor Society on April 20, 2009 at Salem Middle School. Elizabeth is the daughter of Chris and Debbie Catlin, and the granddaughter of Jo and John Stingle. Jason is the son of Jo and Dee Dee Zink and the grandson of Jo and John Stingle.





The Choir, led by Doug McKinley and Connie Kenninger, prepares for the Processional on Easter Sunday. An Easter Cantata was the highlight of the day.

EASTER, APRIL 12, 2009



Pastor Sara stands by the Cross filled with tributes from the Congregation.



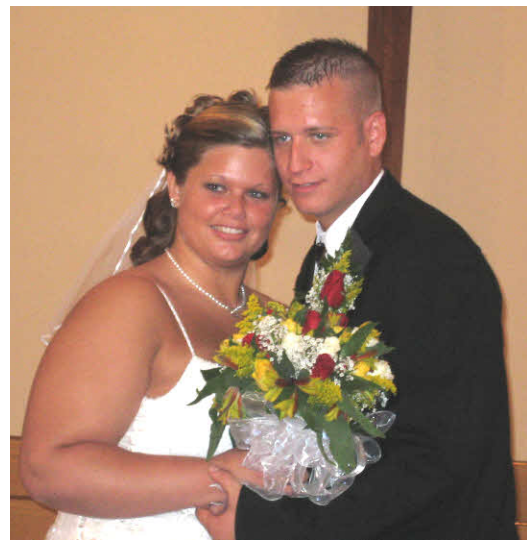
Worship Chair, Trina Brown, stands in front of the moss-covered cross. She and Wendell constructed the cross and Roger Lyles prepared the stand. Congregants came forward during the service to place tributes of flowers and personal items on the Cross.



Carolyn Haag was joined by her son Roger and granddaughter Courtenay Haag. Carolyn Lyles is on the right. Jeanne Bedwell, Norma Eisert, and Max Bedwell are behind the Haag family.



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Uriah Clark and Ashlea Potts were married at Salem Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. Richard Clark conducted the wedding ceremony.

Anson and Becky Humphrey, with Kellen Ray Humphrey, b. 14 December 2004 and Morgan Shay Humphrey, b. 1 February 2007. Just two years ago we were looking at the incredible pictures of "our" miracle baby and praying for her life. Now, Morgan is a sprightly two-year old, who often waves and says "bye" to the congregation as Aunt Lana takes her and brother Kellen to the nursery. Sue and Larry Humphrey are grandparents. Wilma Humphrey is the great-grandmother and matriarch of the Humphrey



Stephen Bedwell and Michelle, holding granddaughters Jordan and Logan Schmeltz, children of his daughter Lindsay and her husband Wes Schmeltz. Max and Jeanne Bedwell are great-grandparents. Steve is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Indiana.



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Ethan Bundy, grandson of Max and Jeanne Bedwell, and his children. Riley, 5, Rhett, 7, Abigail Elaine, b. 21 April, and Bailey, 3. Abigail was named for her grandmother Deanna Elaine Bedwell Smith, who grew up in Salem Presbyterian Church. Ethan and his wife Erica, and family, are active in the Memphis Community Church. Max and Jeanne now have eight great-grandchildren.



"Penny saved a piece of her Strawberry Rhubarb pie for the guy who gave us the rhubarb. But Elias got there first."

Elias Ratliff, son of Penny and Michael Ratliff, and grandson of Donna and Bill LaFollette.

MEMORIAL DAY

Roger Lyles, Major (Retired) US Army

As a wounded soldier lay dying on the battlefield, he looked at his companion and uttered the words “REMEMBER ME.” And that is the reason there is a Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember the sacrifices made by that soldier and the other servicemen and women who gave their life and to give credit for the tremendous human costs paid by those who died defending freedom throughout the world. It is also to honor all living veterans who sacrificed so many things while serving their country.

Memorial Day is a sacred day that we should not have to be reminded why this day is commemorated. It is our obligation to remind all citizens of the deaths of our fellow countrymen and women that occurred during war time and to thank the many veterans who were able to return from wars past. Memorial Day is a day that we honor the memory, the service and the sacrifice that has been paid by our nation’s defenders of freedom. The soldier who asked his companion to remember him was one of many soldiers who did not choose to die, but soldiers who paid the greatest sacrifice possible – giving their life so we can live in a free society. “Freedom is not free.” Regardless whether they died during a lesser known action, we remember, and will always remember that they served and died protecting our freedom.

How could we forget those brave heroes that fulfilled the obligation of the oath they took with raised hands before God and man and gave their lives for their country, their homes, and their loved ones? How could we forget them? We will always be grateful to those who lost a loved one while serving their country. Grateful because if it were not for those whose lives ended while defending our freedom, we would not be able to freely express our opinions, to worship at a religious institution of our choice, or even to openly honor our nation’s heroes who sacrificed their lives for you and me.

Those heroes are scattered around the earth from the tropics to the frigid zones and many of their grave known only to God. Their bodies have joined the long and motionless list of gallant heroes that won the independence and those that gave their blood to keep this nation united.

Their life work is over. They gave the last breath of life for the freedom we enjoy today. Faith may end in sight, hope ends in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity. Abraham Lincoln stated during the Gettysburg Address “From these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain.”

God Bless our fallen soldiers and our living veterans and God Bless the United States of America.

Curious John



On Sunday, April 19, John Stanley made a presentation to the church, giving information about his mission trip to New Orleans in March.

John admitted up front his reason for going on this PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) mission was that he was curious and he wanted to find out what the week in Louisiana would be all about.

The group left Jeffersonville early on Sunday, March 22 and spent the next week helping rebuild a home that had been damaged by Hurricane Katrina. John spent the week working on the replacement of windows.

He shared that the mission was truly a time of work with the workday beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending around 4. The living quarters were in a church with dorm-like rooms; John stated the worst part of the whole week was the sleeping accommodations. A bath house was near and delicious meals were served in the dining room.

John met many folks from our Southern Indiana Cluster as well as many young people from Americore who spent their Spring Break at work. On the last night, the group met with the home owner Connie Gray who shared the evening meal with the workers.

Presbyterian USA will continue this Katrina restoration for three more years. John isn't sure about returning next year but says if he does, he will bring his own blow up mattress!

A Dogwood Legend

In Jesus' time the dogwood grew
To a stately size and a lovely hue.
'Twas strong and firm as oak branches interwoven
For the cross of Christ its timbers were chosen

Seeing the distress at this use of their wood
Christ made a promise which still holds good:
"Never again shall the dogwood grow
Large enough to be used so
It shall slender and twisted be
With blossoms like the cross for all to see.

As blood stains the petals marked in brown
The blossom's center shall wear a thorny crown.
All who see it will remember
Crucified on a cross from the dogwood tree.
Cherished and protected this tree shall be
A reminder to all of my agony."

Recited during the Service by
Elder Dick Rose
Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009

by gail brown

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