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ANSWERED PRAYERS

A very grateful thanks for every prayer you prayed in my behalf. Those prayers worked! I have had very little pain and all the medical people tell me I'm way ahead of where I should be just two weeks after surgery. All your cards perked me up and I've enjoyed your phone calls and visits. A special thanks to Betty Paquin who has been driving me to appointments. I have several more physical therapy treatments scheduled, so I have some work still to do.

Rodney, Beth, and Anne were here my first week home so Carl and I were grateful for the help and the food. Thanks so much to all of you. God has truly blessed me.
-Delores Lucas

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR SUMMER 2009

Please note the change! Monday and Tuesday Afternoons from 1-4pm.

Please feel free to call, email, or stop by with any questions and concerns at this time.

TOP STORIES

- **VBS 2009 Camp Friendship was a great experience!**
- **Possible contemplative service this month!**
- **Be on the lookout for our new church website designed by KVR Company!**

MEET YOUR SESSION MEMBERS

Chris Schweighart - Clerk
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Jeannette Hulick - Mission
485-5678

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Gary Fisher - Buildings &
Grounds

485-8120

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A Few Well-Chosen Scattered Thoughts

Here are three short and sweet paragraphs because it's 10pm on a Friday night and I can't find my glasses...

IN PRAISE OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Unless you've ever helped out with a typical VBS, you probably have little idea the amount of time, energy, planning, and patience it takes to pull it all off. Well, this summer we had a really dedicated group of adults and young people who made our Camp Friendship VBS 2009 a terrific Christian Education experience. I'm not going to name all of them here, but I do think special mention is due our CE Committee: Jeannette Hulick, Bonnie Woolard, and Susie Fisher. The amount of planning and organizing and preparation is huge. It seems like we had dozens of activities and snacks and silly songs. But it's worth it when you remember that for many of the kids who attended this is the most concentrated Christian Education they will get all year. So, even though VBS is a labor, ultimately, it's a labor of love.

REMEMBERING REV. MASON

No doubt many of you would do a better job writing this paragraph, since I hardly knew Don at all. I remember him from my days (back in the 90's) at Stronghold Camp and Conference Center when Don would bring groups up from Urbana. And, of course, I met him at Presbytery several times. But I know he was a big friend of camping (he had spent many summers at Ghost Ranch, a national PCUSA retreat center, out in New Mexico), and therefore he was, in spirit, a good friend of mine. Many of my colleagues have spoke eloquently of Don and say that they will miss him. Information about his memorial service at 1st Presbyterian Church of Urbana is elsewhere in this newsletter. If you didn't know Don, you missed knowing a good man who served God and the church well.

TAKING TIME TO BE CONTEMPLATIVE

Pending session approval, our church will be hosting a second contemplative worship on Sunday evening, August 30th at 8:00pm. The first service, held last month in Philo was beautiful and refreshing for the spirit. This service is feature music from the Taize' religious community in France, and the liturgy will probably be a lot like the first: lots of prayer, some silence, candles, and a relaxed, thoughtful pace. Please plan on making time for this worship. I think you'll find it to be, in a strange way, like an Altoid mint: "curiously refreshing"!

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Kerry Bean

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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It's once again time to sign up for softball! Last year, we were invited to join a co-ed league consisting of Philo Presbyterian Church and a few other churches from Villa Grove. This year, Pastor Kerry is leading the team! The schedule is in the Narthex or call the church office. No prior softball skills required— this is just a fun way to get together and meet others from area churches!

LAY LEADER SCHEDULE

August 9- Youth Sunday
 August 16- Jeff Fisher
 August 23- Susie Fisher
 August 30- Jeannette Hulick

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Kendra Reasor, owner and developer of KVR Company, will be designing and maintaining a website for the church. We will let you know when it is up and running! Kendra also handles the Hand-in-Hand Daycare/Preschool website. To visit KVR Company's website, go to www.kvrcompany.com. To visit Hand-in-Hand Daycare's website, go to www.handnhanddaycare.com.

BIRTHDAYS

8/5	Jordan	Fisher
8/11	Katherine	Bretzlaff
8/18	Stephanie	Seiler
8/20	June	Little
8/24	Sue	Payne
8/30	Laura	Seiler
8/31	June	Gardner

MEMORIAL SERVICE DETAILS

There will be a Memorial Service for the Rev. Donald E. Mason on Saturday, August 15 at 2pm. It will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Urbana. All members and friends of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois are invited to share in this remembrance of Don's life and witness to the resurrection.

ANNIVERSARIES

8/8	Ralph & Wilma Lee	Woolard
8/22	John & Nancy	Reifsteck
8/25	Jeff & Susie	Fisher

August 2009

- **Pastor Kerry is on vacation until Monday 8/10**
- **Sunday 8/9 Youth Sunday**
- **Tuesday 8/11 Session Meeting @ 7pm**

- Worship is every Sunday at 10:30 am.
- Adult Sunday School is at 9:15 am and Children Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
- The Quilting Bees meet every Wednesday at 1pm in the church basement. All are welcome!
- The Friends of the Church will meet for lunch on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 am at the Hometown Buffet on N. Prospect in Champaign. Everyone Welcome!
- For more events please visit our online calendar: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/tolonopres/>

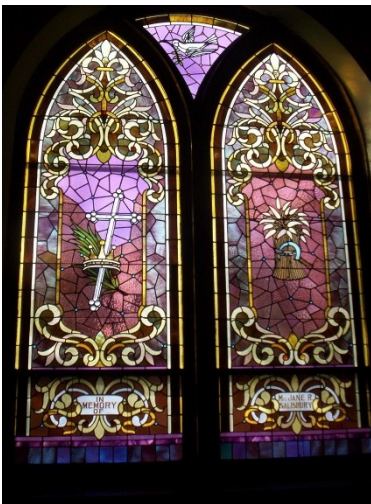
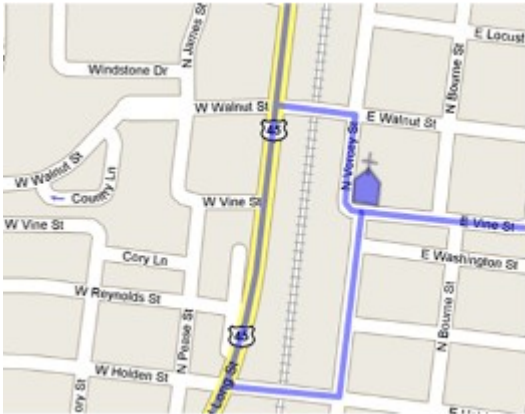
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**"I CAME SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND
HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY." JOHN 10:10**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Calendar of Events: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/tolonopres/>

Discussion Forum: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tolonopres/>

Temporary website: <http://il.local.yahoo.biz/tolonopres/>

Every Sunday:

Worship Service 10:30 am (Nursery Available)

Adult Sunday School 9:15am Children Sunday School 9:30am

Fellowship immediately following worship

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