



The Presbyter

June 2017

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

It's a Pentecost Party

Join us on Sunday, June 4, as we celebrate the "birthday" of the church

The first Sunday of June is a special day for the Church on the Hill. We will have a number of celebrations wrapped into one:

- We will celebrate the **graduations** of our high school and college students.
- We will celebrate those among us who are **ninety years or more**.
- We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** at our festive 10:00 a.m. worship service.
- We will enjoy our **Parking Lot Picnic**, immediately after the worship service. All food will be provided by our Fellowship Committee, and you'll smell hot dogs and hamburgers cooking on the grill while we worship.

The theme for the day is from the Pentecost story in Acts 2:17 - "Your young people shall see visions and your elderly people shall dream dreams." It's going to be a very special day in the life of our church.

Here is what you can do to take part:

- **Wear something RED**, the brighter the better. Red is the color of Pentecost.
- **Invite your friends, family members, and neighbors.** It's a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the vibrant energy of our church.
- Most obviously: **come and enjoy the day.** All of us love to enjoy in a full sanctuary. And the best way to make it full is for everybody to come!



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Notes from Session Meeting of May 9, 2017.

1. Session welcomed Alan Baker, Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Andy Kepler, Karen White and Diane Scheuer (second term) and said farewell to Richard Cochrane, Judy Cutler, Donald Keen and Tyler Kusma, thanking them for their service on Session.
2. Rev. Carter prepared new session members for their ordination on Sunday, June 11th.
3. Session members will continue to take communion to the homebound on selected Communion Sundays. The next Sunday will be July 2. Please let us know if we provide the sacrament to somebody you know.

The Presbyterian deadline for
The July/August issue is
June 16, 2017

The Presbyter is a monthly newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

All visitors are welcome to worship with us. **Worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** Child care is available. Communion is observed the first Sunday of every month.

If you do not attend a church in this area, we invite you to any and all of the events, programs, and worship services described in this newsletter. Please call the church office to arrange child care. Our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are both handicapped accessible.

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| Church Office | (570) 586-6306 |
| Fax | (570) 587-3784 |
| Web Page | www.fpccs.org |
| Pastor | William G. Carter |
| Administrative Assistant | Nancy Owens |
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| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Director of Bells | Richard Cochrane |
| Director of Chapel Choir | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Sexton | John Conklin |



SAVE THE DATE - July 16th

The Fellowship Committee will be hold the Scavenger Hunt after church services on Sunday, July 16th. Details to follow!

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2017**

REVENUE

| | |
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| Budget | \$ 117,500 |
| Actual Received | 115,555 |
| Difference | \$ (1,945) |
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EXPENSES

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| Budget | \$ 122,183 |
| Actual Expenses | 121,906 |
| Difference | \$ (277) |
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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ (1,688)

PLEDGE INCOME

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| Budget | \$ 106,667 |
| Received | 101,331 |
| Difference | \$ (6,607) |

Per Capita 2017 is \$2,760 so far.
One Great Hour of Sharing for 2017 equals \$5,642.
Building Maintenance Fund for the roof repairs totals \$6,620.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXTRA
EFFORTS THIS SPRING!**



**Financial Assistance
Needed**

Last year when our budget discussions were held, we did not know our slate roof was in need of repair. The repairs have been made and the final cost was \$18,000. So far this year, we have received \$6,620 which has been deposited into the building maintenance fund (thanks to a bequest), a few \$1000 gifts and many other contributions.

If you would like to help, please make your check payable to the church and note that it is for the Building Maintenance Fund. **ANY AND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TRULY APPRECIATED.**

From the pastor

June 2017

A quick scan of the shelves at the Hallmark store will reveal no Pentecost cards for sale. We celebrate graduations, birthdays, and anniversaries, marking them with expressions of love and congratulations. Easter is portrayed with eggs, bunnies, and bright sunrises. Passover is marked with blessings in Hebrew script. But Pentecost is not for sale.



Pentecost is a day unlike any other. Originating as a festival marking the first fruits of Israel's harvest, the day's meaning shifted as the rural population shifted toward the city. By the time of Jesus, Pentecost became a celebration of God giving the Torah to Israel. It was a festival to the Word of God, given on Mount Sinai in the Ten Commandments and observing the ongoing guidance that God spoke through scripture.

So that's why pious Jews were gathered for the Pentecost holiday that we hear in the second chapter of Acts. They gathered from the various lands where they had been dispersed, expecting a homecoming with their families, celebrative worship, and the excitement that comes with taking part in a large crowd.

What they did not expect - what nobody expected - is that God would break through in some extraordinary ways. Luke describes the first Christian Pentecost in vivid ways:

- *"Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting..."* "Wind" is the same Hebrew word as "Spirit." There was a palpable, real Presence among the people. God was among them.
- *"Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them..."* This is holy language, recalling the "pillar of fire" that was God's Presence leading the people as they put Egyptian slavery behind them. Now that fire is given freely to each believer. It is no longer a private, guarded possession, but a gift for each one.
- *"They began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability..."* This dazzling sign had a purpose: to proclaim that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. The message is clear as the apostle Peter stands to speak. Resurrection is a sign of God's power - and an invitation to turn away from the destructive, crucifying forces of evil.

I think I know why Pentecost has never been captured in a greeting card. It's too big, too loud, too explosive. It cannot be reduced to a happy wish or portrayed in a scene from nature. Pentecost is the day when God comes to those who love him, offers the holy Presence among them, and equips us to proclaim that Christ is alive and stronger than the powers of destruction. It's when all the things we have heard about become real for us — and real for the world.

So let's celebrate it in grand style. See you on Pentecost, June 4.

Rev. Bill Carter

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

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| Independent & Assisted Living: | Sara Ann Hosier | 587-0371 |
| Deacon Meals: | Donna Kepler | 587-2729 |
| Time of Loss: | | |
| Emergency Home Repairs and Maintenance: | Joe Waters | 586-7233 |
| | Greg Matthews | 587-2644 |

Please let the Board of Deacons Care Team Coordinators or the church office know if anyone is in need of care.

We're here to care for FPC members and friends and we count on all of you to let us know when help is needed. This is our ministry and our Christian privilege to care for you.



Welcome to our newly elected officers:

Elders, Class of 2020

Alan Baker, Andy Kepler, Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Diane Scheuer, Karen White

Deacons, Class of 2020

Bill Farrell, Hadley Gilbert, Betty Keen, Donna Kepler, Jim McLaughlin, Marsha Parrish, Steve Selige



Going to Church Camp?

We support Camp Lackawanna as a ministry that helps kids and teens grow in their faith, enjoy God's creation, and have a lot of fun! Take a look at the camp's new website to see the program and register:

www.camplackawannafirst.com

The Christian Education and Growth Committee is pleased to award scholarships to any child, teen or young adult who wishes to go to a church camp, church leadership conference, church national event, or other Christian Education event. The amount given to each student is considered on an individual basis. Applications can be picked up in the church office.



Save the Date:

On Friday, July 21, we will have a special free concert at 7:00 p.m. in our air conditioned sanctuary. Charles Truitt and Ed Wargo will bring us an evening of classical guitar and flute. There's a rumor that ice cream will follow. More information in next month's newsletter!



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

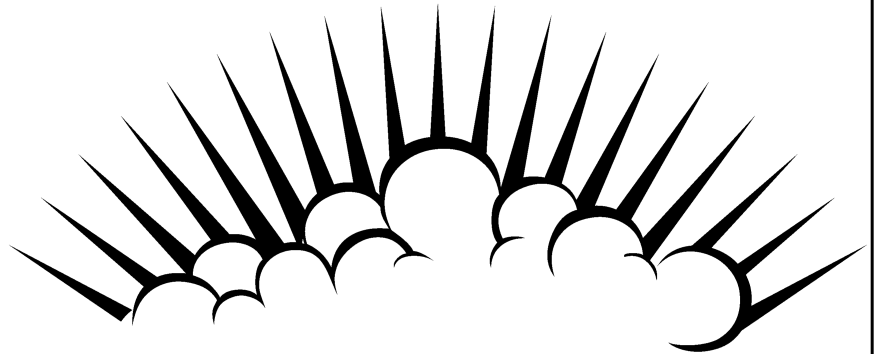
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _t t_ m_,"

'Y_ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_r.'" "

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

Christian Education



It's for life!

The Christian Education and Growth committee would like to say **thank you** to all of our teachers who helped lead the WAY. Your support, enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to sharing God's word is appreciated. Many thanks -- and we hope to see you again in the fall!

Calling all volunteers! VBS 2017 needs your help!

Join us as we bring ancient Rome to life, exploring the life of early Christians as we learn about God's love for us!

We can't do it without you...we need teachers, leaders, and behind-the-scenes helpers.

Vacation Bible School runs July 10-14. Please consider volunteering for a day, for the week, or to help set up and decorate for our Roman adventure.

Sign up at vbspro.events/p/fpccs or contact Jana Schillinger or Nancy Dennen for more information.

Vacation Bible School 2017

Open to all children

Age 4 - completed Grade 6



Register online at

vbspro.events/p/fpccs



July 10-14

9:00am-12:00pm



Join us in ancient Rome...

Sign up today!

Youth Fellowship

All youth grades 4-12 are invited to join us.

Friday, June 9th

from

6:30-8:30PM

and

Saturday, June 24th

for **Mini-Golf** from 2-4PM

Bring a friend! New faces always welcome.

Congratulations!

On May 21, we officially welcomed 4 youth into the life of the church as new members.

Congratulations to the 2017 Confirmation Class:

Ariana Billiot

Hadley Gilbert

Kate O'Brien

Mary O'Brien



Alleluia Choir and Chapel Choir Notes

Submitted by: Kay Ten Eyck



"I hear babies cry, I watch them grow, They'll learn much more, than I'll ever know. And I think to myself, What a wonderful world." Bob Thiele & George David Weiss

What a *wonderful* year this has been. We've shared our music on Sunday mornings, the church concert and Christmas Eve. We've sung music in Latin and Swahili. We've sung fast songs and slow songs, loud songs and soft songs. We've prayed and read scripture as liturgists during worship. We have beautiful new stoles and for our youngest singers, new robes.

We had a *wonderful* time singing for worship on Mother's Day. Our last event of the academic year was the Music in the Parks event at Hersheypark. We will be on hiatus for the summer and look forward to resuming rehearsals in the fall.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our choirs this year:

- * our singers
- * the parents and grandparents who brought them
- * the adults who help on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings
- * the adult musicians who have played piano, drums and chimes for our anthems
- * all of you in the congregation who listen to us with your hearts as well as your ears.

*"Yes, I think to myself,
What a wonderful world.
Oh yeah."*

MISSION AND JUSTICE

Our Keystone College Education and Peace Scholar, Yaya [Williamson Jacques] will be in Haiti from May 16 to August 24 interning with Partners for Local Development, supervised by Cantave Jean-Baptiste, whom you might recall visited us to update us on the success of the program we supported through Groundswell International and our 2012-2013 capital campaign. Yaya will be trained in community education programming and delivery, which fits very well with his Child and Family Studies education program at Keystone College. He will be getting 3 credits of Education Internship coursework through this activity and has decided to stay on beyond the necessary 120 hours for the internship and also volunteer with PDL for most of the remainder of the summer. The Mission and Justice Committee has allocated funds for his round trip transportation, his annual health insurance, and other incidental costs associated with being a student at Keystone College.



We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the congregation's generosity to One Great Hour of Sharing. This year we raised \$5606. We can be proud that we respond to our world's challenges in such a positive way. Thank you.



The next Adopt-a-Highway clean-up will be Saturday, June 10th. We will meet at the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church parking lot at 9 AM.



Stephen Ministers get as much out of their ministry as the care receivers. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Here are some words from a Stephen Minister.

T.J. - Flight Instructor

I'm a flight instructor, so I tell people what to do a lot in the airplane. But when I'm a Stephen Minister, I don't have to do that—my role is just to be there. And honestly, it took all fifty hours of my training to get that through my head.

I've had three care receivers so far. Each has been about my age, struggling with some kind of a challenge. And it really takes the pressure off to know that I don't have to try to fix things. All I need to do is just be there—and watch God work in my care receiver's life.

FATHER'S DAY





Thank you to all who assisted in every aspect during and following our recent Memorial services. This gift of love to each family and their friends is a ministry that is organized by members of our Board of Deacons and supported by many willing members of our congregation.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our Dorcas, Priscilla and Eunice Circles will meet in June to close out our Bible Study year. Please see your Circle leader or teacher for further details.

In September we will meet again for our Relate/Relax/Renew Supper and Study Overview on September 12 before we begin our Circle meetings again on September 19.

Thank you all for your faithful attendance and support this past year and have a wonderful summer. See you in September for our studies in Hebrews by Melissa Bane Sevier.



We are taking a break from meeting for the summer and the next list of titles is still under construction. If you would like more information about the group or upcoming titles, contact Judy Cutler at jdragonflyc@hotmail.com or 570-446-9310. Asking to be on the e-mail list does not commit you to coming every month. You are welcome for one or all of our get togethers.



Join us again for our annual ride down the **Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail**, with lunch at Molly Brannigans in Jim Thorpe.

This year's trip will be on July 8, 2017. Price is \$20.00 for the shuttle (or \$40.00 for shuttle and bike). There is one return shuttle, at 4:30 pm from Jim Thorpe.

Contact Dick or Marie Cochrane at 570-587-3970.

Joys and Sorrows



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| June 3 | Karis Naeher | June 22 | Jacob Cole Kim Rich |
| June 5 | Sherry Connell Ron Wescott | June 23 | Jay Clymer |
| June 9 | Deb Traettino | June 24 | Ran Billiot |
| June 10 | Hadley Gilbert | June 25 | Jacki Bailey |
| June 17 | Al Traettino | June 30 | Janet Dobson |
| June 21 | Gerry Conklin Jacob Wescott | | |



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| June 4 | Jay and Liz Clymer |
| June 8 | Al and Deb Traettino |
| June 11 | David and Donna Porter |
| June 23 | Fran and Jim Justin |
| June 26 | Wendy and Ron Wescott |



Births in the Church Family

Hannah Grace Wadsworth, daughter of Phil and Abby Wadsworth, was born on March 31. Hannah is the first grandchild for Barb and Gary Wadsworth, and first Great-grandchild for Nancy Ford.

Congratulations to Kelly and Joshua Arp and family on the birth of their son, Clement, on April 12, 2017.

Blessings and best wishes to all!

Lectionary Readings

June 4 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
John 7:37-39

June 11 - Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20

June 18

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7);
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Romans 5:1-8;
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-12)

June 25

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10,
16-17; Romans 6:1b-11;
Matthew 10:24-39



Communion Servers

Connie Weiss, captain
John Weiss
Dave Porter
Donna Porter
Olympia Cianfichi

Ushers

Donna Kepler

Welcomers

June 4 Mick & Lee Wirth
June 11 Sandra & Steuart Bailey
June 18 Janet Dobson
June 25 Mick & Lee Wirth

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Free Program Focuses on Educating Seniors

The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) Program celebrates healthy aging and educates older adults on a variety of topics. This free program will take place at **First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit**, beginning on June 12 at 10 a.m. and continues for 6 Mondays. It is open to anyone 60 or older.

The educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics. Participants will have an opportunity to meet new people and:

- Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the benefits that come with it.
- Discuss risk factors and behaviors older adults should avoid to stay healthy.
- Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how they can avoid problems.
- Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive.

Free refreshments will be served at each lesson, and all program participants will be eligible to receive gift certificates and other free giveaways.

For more information, please contact **Nancy Post at Voluntary Action Center: 570-347-5616**.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday 1 | Friday 2 | Saturday 3 |
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| June 2017 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 7am-AA 8:30-Men's Breakfast 4:30-Staff 7pm-Building & Grounds 7pm-Christian Ed. | 7am-AA | 7am-AA 6pm-Recital |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 7am-AA 9am-Adventures in the Bible 9:45-Hymn Sing 10am-Worship <i>Honoring our Nonagenarians and Graduates</i> 11am-Parking Lot Picnic 3pm-OA Pentecost | 7am-AA 6pm-Weight Watchers 7pm-Mission and Justice | 7am-AA 10am-PW Board Meeting 6pm-OA 7pm-Big Book | 7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 7:15-Adult Choir 8:00-Alanon/AA | 7am-AA 5pm-AH Debate Team (FH) | 7am-AA 6:30pm-Youth Fellowship | 7am-AA 9am-Adopt-A- Highway |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 7am-AA 9:45-Hymn Sing 10am-Worship <i>Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons</i> 3pm-OA | 7am-AA 10am-Health & Wellness for Seniors 6pm-Weight Watchers 7pm-Worship, Music, Arts | 7am-AA 10am-MBK Quilts 6pm-OA 7pm-Session 7pm-Big Book | 7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 1pm-LP COM 8pm-Alanon/AA | 7am-AA 8:30-Men's Breakfast 7pm-Ampoa | 7am-AA Presbyter Deadline | 7am-AA |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 7am-AA 9:45-Hymn Sing 10am-Worship 11:15-Fellowship Committee 3pm-OA Father's Day | 7am-AA 10am-Health & Wellness for Seniors 6pm-Weight Watchers | 7am-AA 6pm-OA 7pm-Big Book Circle year-end gatherings- check with Circle Leaders for details | 7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 8:00-Alanon/AA | 7am-AA 9am-Adult Ed Planning Day | 7am-AA | 7am-AA 2pm-Youth Fellowship |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| 7am-AA 9:45-Hymn Sing 10am-Worship 3pm-OA | 7am-AA 10am-Health & Wellness for Seniors 6pm-Weight Watchers | 7am-AA 6pm-OA 7pm-Deacons 7pm-Big Book | 7am-AA 9am-Presbyter Mailing 6pm-OA 7pm-Big Book | 7am-AA | 7am-AA | |