



The Presbyter

June 2019

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

New Officers!

On May 26, we ordained and installed elders and deacons for the next term. Barbara Decker was ordained and installed as an elder, class of 2022. David Naehar, Chris Norton, Craig Smith and Briar Woodley were installed as elders in the class of 2022.

Jeanne DeVigilis, Grace Farrell (both in class of 2022), and Mary O'Brien (class of 2021) were ordained and installed as Deacons for the term noted. Katie Carter, Anne Rich, Andrew Taylor and Mick Wirth were installed as Deacons, class of 2022.

Have you ever wondered.....



- who selects the service hymns?
- who chooses and schedules Communion servers?
- who suggested we stay seated during the postlude?
- who was responsible for adding the choral Amen at the end of the service?
- who chooses liturgists and Advent lighters?
- who makes sure there are enough candles for Christmas Eve?
- who schedules the nursery workers?
- who plans the schedule for the Arts at First Presbyterian?

The members of the Worship, Music and the Arts Committee meet monthly to talk about all of these things and so much more.

Working in concert with the staff, the committee strives to design services that enhance the congregation's worship life. Would you like to join us? We are eager to welcome new committee members. Please speak to Alan Baker, chairperson, about our meeting schedule.

There is plenty of room at the table!

Nancy Post
for the Music ,Worship and the Arts Committee



Meet Our Confirmands

On June 2, we will officially welcome 9 youth into the life of the church as new members. Congratulations to the 2019 Confirmation Class:

- Elizabeth Cowgill
- Jack Cowgill
- Leelah Farrell
- Ethan Flynn
- Brady Kareha
- John Rich
- Cameron Taylor
- Riley Wescott
- Calyssa Yankow

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Notes from the Session Meeting on May 7, 2019

1. Session welcomed Briar Woodley to the May meeting and look forward to Barbara Decker and Chris Norton joining the Session at the June meeting. Session would also like to thank Heather Acker, Nancy London and Robin Pinches for their committee work and continuous program support for First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit.
2. Session and the Board of Deacons will have their combined meeting on July 23rd in Fellowship Hall.
3. If any church member or friend would like to participate in our Worship Through Service Sunday on September 22nd and would like a Tee Shirt, please let Diane Scheuer know before August 1st. The order will be placed very soon after that date.

Beverly Bright
Clerk of Session

**The Presbyterian deadline for
the July/August issue is
June 14**

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.

Church Office	(570) 586-6306
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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

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry **Coordinators are:**

Independent & Assisted Living:	Donna Kepler 587-2729
Deacon Meals:	Donna Kepler 587-2729
Time of Loss:	Anne Rich 587-2802
Emergency Home Repairs And Maintenance:	Joe Waters 351-3620

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.

FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH ENDING April 30, 2019

REVENUE

Budget	\$124,503
Actual Received	123,324
Difference	(\$ 1,179)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$128,017
Actual Expenses	132,103
Difference	(\$ 4,085)
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BUDGET VARIANCE (\$ 5,264)

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 108,333
Received	108,591
Difference	\$ 257
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At the end of April, contributions for Per Capita 2019 (which is \$34.50 per member) equaled \$2,986, and One Great Hour of Sharing totaled \$5,639.

From the Pastor June 2019



It's time to hose off my favorite Adirondack chair, park it under a tree, and dig into a pile of good books. Here are the highlights of my summer reading list. What is on yours?

Jonathan Haidt, *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided By Politics and Religion*

I am troubled by the deepening divisions in our nation. Why do liberals and conservatives hate one another? Why are good people incapable of civil conversation? Brent Eelman suggests this book to me, which digs into years of research on moral psychology. It promises to show how moral judgments arise not from reason but from gut feelings, and why each side is actually right about many of its central concerns. Can different folks cooperate and find a common future together?

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., *Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow*

Jack Scheuer suggested this book right after I watched the author's first episode of a PBS series on the Reconstruction. My history teacher had told us that President Lincoln abolished slavery; Gates teaches us that notion is wrong. He chronicles the African American experience after the Civil War to the present day, reporting on the "Black Codes" of Jim Crow, the rise of the KKK, and the ugly lynchings that scar our national soul. I want to purge the evil from my own soul and hope this book can help.

Robert P. Jones, *The End of White Christian America*

I grew up in a town where everyone looked and thought like me. Or at least, I thought they did. But America has always been more diverse – and is becoming more so. This highly regarded study explores the visceral nature of today's most heated issues, and finds that white Christians' anxieties about the changing democratic landscape are the source of arguments about same-gender marriage, the rise of the Tea Party following the election of our first black president, and racial disagreements about the fairness of the criminal justice system.

Barbara Brown Taylor, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*

A revered preacher recently retired from a second career as a college religion professor. In this memoir, she tells of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia. What she discovers is how God delights in confounding our expectations. Taylor weaves together classroom stories with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other religious traditions.

Thomas Lynch, *Whence and Whither: On Lives and Living*

My favorite funeral director-poet has a new collection of essays. Yes, that's right: Lynch is both funeral director and poet. His previous books (most notably *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade*) are insightful, deep, and unexpectedly comical. He makes sense out of the senseless, and every new book of his lands on my shelf.

Peter May, *various titles*

What's a reading list without a mystery novelist? Peter May is my current favorite. I discovered a trilogy of his novels based in the Outer Hebrides islands of Scotland and I was hooked. His characters are memorable and complicated, his plots intriguing, and his writing crisp. I have three more of his books waiting for me.

Wishing you a literate and restorative summer,
Rev. Bill

MISSION AND JUSTICE



We are a socially involved congregation – as is witnessed by our supplying the food pantry, Hi-way clean-up, volunteering at the regional food bank, worship as service, etc., etc., etc. But the Mission and Justice committee has brainstormed the question: Are we socially engaged enough? Could we better reach out to the world’s and God’s pain in new ways – in our worship? Through Table Talks? Support of some advocacy groups? Help and guide us. Please contact Robin Pinches, Diane Scheuer or any member of the committee and give us some ideas. The injustices in the world are calling.

Earth Care

The next **Adopt-a-Highway** will be Saturday, June 8th. We will meet at the Clarks Summit Methodist church parking lot (across from the library) at 9:00 AM. Highway clean-ups are the 2nd Saturday of April, June, September, and November. All are welcome. Contact Donna Porter (porterhouse@epix.net) for more information.

Hard to Recycle Items

Are you having trouble finding where to recycle certain items? Here is a Lackawanna County website to check out <http://www.lackawannacounty.org/portal/recycling/hardtorecycle.html>

For your convenience, it is suggested that you call first before you deliver the items.

From the Deacons....

Hate Has No Home Here

The Need

“Hate, unchecked, can make neighbors feel fearful and unwelcome in their own communities. The Hate Has No Home Here project reminds us what it means to be American”.

The Message

“The Hate Has No Home here seeks to declare neighborhood residences, businesses, and places of community free from hate speech and behavior, promoting safe places for conversation, work, learning, and living.”

The Plan

If you would like to declare your property as one without hate for another person based on race, religion, ethnicity, age, ... Please take a sign and display it proudly. You can make an optional donation. These signs were purchased by the Deacons in an effort to get this inclusivity campaign started. If there is a need for more signs, we can keep it going with the monies donated.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

Mary Ellen Lawlor



We have completed our 2018-2019 Bible Study “God’s Promise I Am With You,” but we will meet for a time of food and conversation.

The Dorcas and Priscilla Circles will have a luncheon at noon at The Canoe Club, Lake Winola on June 18. Some will leave from the church at 11:30; others may follow or car-pool. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Pitman at 570-587-2050 or Bonnie Plantholt at 570-212-1566.

The Eunice Circle will have a Pot Luck Picnic at Gwynne Gilbert’s home at 6:00 p.m. on June 18. If you have any further questions or need a ride, please call Kate Hopkins at 570-587-2390 or Barbara Mellander at 570-587-5236.

Thank you to our Circle Leaders and Study Leaders for their direction and preparation this past year. A special thank you to our officers for their planning and organization. Thank you to all who have contributed refreshments and attended.

It has been a good year together and we look forward to our new study in the fall entitled “LOVE CARVED IN STONE: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments” (or Ten Words) by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

All women of the church are invited to our luncheon or picnic on June 18 and to our studies next September. You can always bring a friend.

Observing Changes in Enthalpy



Well, I thought, the first thing I need to do is look up enthalpy in the dictionary. But I decided to glance inside the book itself instead. Lo and behold, the author was thoughtful enough to provide a definition on one of the opening pages – clear, concise, and somewhat beautiful. Which was apt, because this is a book of beautiful poetry.

Whether I was sitting inside on my couch on a cool, rainy day, or outside in the 80° heat in a cement park in NYC, these poems lifted me out of that place, to a new level, and opened my eyes wider and my heart deeper. Within them, a scientific concept becomes movement, relationship, warmth, and spirit.

“And while that could have been the poem, I thought
it really was that I had a moment and the luxury
for the thought.....”

My luxury was that the author has shared his thoughts with us. Oh, the author? You might recognize the name – Glenn R. McLaughlin. What a gift for our library.



CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL

Grace Brock
 Ryan Flynn
 Hadley Gilbert
 Amber Kusma
 Jake Wescott
 Cassie White

POST HIGH SCHOOL

Sam Brock
 Matthew Cole
 Victoria Jeschke
 Megan Kane
 Nicole Martin
 Bill Roditski

Robert London Scholarship Fund



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.

Applications are also available at <http://www.fpccs.org/church-programs/scholarships/>

Summer camp at Camp Lackawanna is the adventure that your child is looking for. There are a variety of programs and option for campers from first through twelfth grade. Campers all enjoy swimming, crafts, canoeing, games, and studying the word of God, making new friends and worshipping.



Camp Lackawanna hosts a special **Family Camp Weekend** on June 27-30. It's really affordable for families of all shapes and sizes.

Go to **CampLackawannafirst.com** for more information and a complete schedule.

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 -- we hope to see you again in the fall!

Calling all volunteers! VBS 2019 needs your help!

Join us as we bring ancient Athens to life, hearing from Paul about God's boundless love for us!

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

Vacation Bible School runs July 8-12. Please consider volunteering for a day, for the week, or to help set up and decorate for our Athens adventure.

Sign up at myvbs.org/fpccs or contact Jana Schillinger for more information.



WHAT: VBS 2019

WHEN: Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12, 9am-12pm

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

300 School St, Clarks Summit

WHO'S INVITED: all children age 4 to completed grade 5

TO REGISTER, VISIT: myvbs.org/fpccs

Want to volunteer? You can help bring ancient Athens to life by teaching, leading, or preparing.

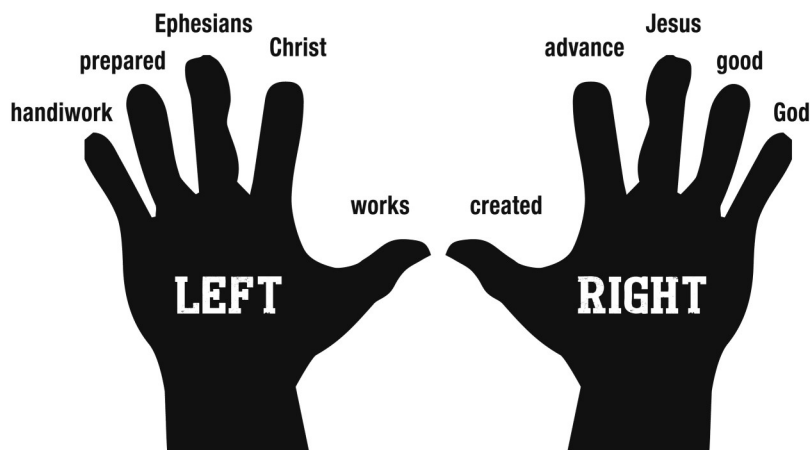
Please contact Jana Schillinger, or send an email to fpccs.vbs@gmail.com



Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in
L pinky R thumb
 _____ to do _____,
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb
 which _____ in _____
R pinky L ring R pointer
 for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, works, good, prepared, advance, Ephesians

GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!

Note: The deadline for the next *Presbyter*, which is the COMBINED JULY/AUGUST issue, will be June 14.

Looking Ahead



June 2	Confirmation
June 9	Pentecost and Volunteer Recognition
June 15	Bike Ride
June 23	Parking Lot Picnic
July 8-12	Vacation Bible School



The Church Office will enjoy summer hours from May 28 through August 30. The building will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lectionary Readings

June 2, 2019—7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21;
John 17:20-26

June 9, 2019—Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:14-17
or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17(25-27)

June 16, 2019—Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8;
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 23, 2019—

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 30, 2019;

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



Once again, please join us for our annual bike ride on the Lehigh Gorge Trail. Meet at White Haven and ride to Jim Thorpe for lunch, and ride or shuttle back to White Haven. This year's ride will be on Saturday, June 15.

Keep an eye on the worship bulletin or www.fpccs.org for updates.

Contact Dick or Marie Cochrane at 570-587-3970 for more information.

Join Us for the Parking Lot Picnic!

Date: Sunday, June 23

Time: after worship.

All are invited.

Food and drinks are being provided by our Fellowship Committee.



Joys

Sorrows

Thank You Notes



June 3	Karis Naehner
June 5	Sherry Connell Ron Wescott
June 9	Deb Traettino
June 10	Hadley Gilbert
June 17	Al Traettino
June 2	Gerry Conklin Jacob Wescott
June 22	Jacob Cole Kim Rich
June 23	Jay Clymer
June 24	Ran Billiot
June 25	Jacki Bailey
June 28	Tom Decker
June 30	Janet Dobson



June 4	Jay and Liz Clymer
June 8	Al and Deb Traettino
June 11	David and Donna Porter
June 26	Wendy and Ron Wescott



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of **Howard Miller** who passed away May 14, 2019.

Ed Cole joined the Church Triumphant May 23, 2019. Condolences to his wife, Diane, their children, Tracy, Heather, and Aaron, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Ed's many friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 29, 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of this church. His family will receive visitors starting at 10:00 a.m.



Greeters

June 2	Jay Clymer
June 9	Janet Dobson
June 16	John Conklin
June 23	Nancy London
June 30	TBD

Ushers

Jim McLaughlin	Hadley Gilbert
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>First Presbyterian Church</p> <p>June 2019</p>						<p>1</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-Confirmation Meets with Session 2pm-Girl Scouts</p>
<p>2</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-Worship 11:15am-Finance 2:30pm-Hitchcock Recital 3:00pm-OA</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7am-AA 6pm-Girl Scouts 7pm-Mission and Justice 7pm-Arts Series Planning</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-PW Executive Board 5pm-OA 7pm-Big Book</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7am-AA 11am-Prayer & Share 7:15pm-Adult Choir 8pm-AIAnon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7am-AA 8:30am-Men's Breakfast 4:30pm-Staff Meeting 7pm-AIAnon 7pm-Building & Grounds 7pm-Christian Ed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7am-AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7am-AA 9 am-Adopt-A-Highway</p>
<p>9</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-Worship 11:15am-Music, Worship & Arts 3:00pm-OA Recognition Sunday</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7am-AA 6pm-Girl Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-MBK Quilts 5pm-OA 7pm-Session 7pm-Big Book</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7am-AA 11am-Prayer & Share 8pm-AIAnon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7am-AA 7pm-AIAnon</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7am-AA Presbyter Deadline</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7am-AA</p>
<p>16</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-Worship 3pm-OA Father's Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7am-AA 6pm-Girl Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7am-AA 11:30-PW Morning Circle Luncheon 5pm-OA 6pm-PW Eunice Circle Potluck 7pm-Big Book</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7am-AA 11am-Prayer & Share 8pm-AIAnon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7am-AA 8:30am-Men's Breakfast 6pm-Worship, Music, Arts planning 7pm-AIAnon</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7am-AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7am-AA</p>
<p>23</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-Worship 3pm-OA Parking Lot Picnic</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7am-AA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-MBK Quilts 5pm-OA 7pm-Big Book 7pm-Deacons</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7am-AA 9am-Presbyter 11am-Prayer & Share 8pm-AIAnon</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7am-AA 7pm-AIAnon 7pm-FPC Book Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7am-AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7am-AA 11am—Memorial Service for Ed Cole</p>
<p>30</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-Worship 3pm-OA</p>						



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Join us for a fun night of Minor League Baseball!



Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders vs. Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

August 2, 7:05 PM PNC Field, Moosic

FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME!

\$11 tickets; Parking \$5.00 per car (Carpool!)

If you'd like to sing the National Anthem, email Frank Jones office@fpccs.org

ORDER FORM: AUGUST 2 at PNC FIELD, Moosic DEADLINE: July 1st

Contact Name: _____

Church: _____

Address to mail tickets: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ (Any changes in game time, etc. will be emailed to this contact.)

_____ @ \$11 = Total due to Lackawanna Presbytery: \$ _____

Mail order form with payment for tickets (parking paid in lot) to:
Lackawanna Presbytery, 816 Olive Street, Scranton, PA 18510