



The Presbyter

October 2019

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit



October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church, inaugurated at Pittsburgh's Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933 to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity. In 1940 the forerunner of today's National Council of Churches promoted extending the celebration to all denominations around the world. That idea spread slowly at first, but gained momentum during the Second World War and today, World Communion Sunday is a universal celebration, "demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed."

As we worship on October 6th, the service will mark this world-wide celebration through multicultural music and texts, and Communion will be served using vessels collected by church members in their own world travels, some of those trips even mission-related. We invite everyone to give a wider visual emphasis to the day by wearing clothing and jewelry you may have collected while likewise traveling the world.

After the service, please plan to stay not only for a coffee hour that will continue to celebrate the day's "world" theme, but to shop the **Alternative Gift Market**.

This special day will also culminate our month-long focus on the Presbyterian Church's annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, encouraging the church to "cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world."

(See MISSION AND JUSTICE on page 5 for more details on both the Alternative Gift Market and the Peace and Global Witness Offering.)

Abraham Jam to open 2019-20 season



A Muslim, a Jew, and a Christian walk into a concert hall . . . and treat the audience to an inspiring afternoon of song, story, and laughter. These three seasoned songwriters, Dawud Wharnsby, Billy Jonas, and David LaMotte, known as **Abraham Jam**, have teamed up to make a convincing case that harmony, where we sing different notes that are beautiful together, is even better than unity, where we all sing the same note.

This outstanding trio based in Asheville, NC, will open the 2019-20 Arts at First Presbyterian concert series on Sunday, October 20 at 4:00 pm in the church sanctuary. Don't miss it!



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The Presbyterian deadline for the November issue is October 18

Notes from the Session Meeting September 10, 2019.

Jay Clymer, Building & Grounds Chair reminds everyone that the Fall Clean-up will be held on November 16th beginning at nine o'clock. Please try to help out if you can.

The Nursery position has been filled and we hope our congregation will welcome our new nursery worker, Heather Lyons when the opportunity arises.

Session is planning the Stewardship campaign for the month of October and pledge cards will be received on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

The Presbyterian 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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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 August 31, 2019

<u>REVENUE</u>	
Budget	\$249,006
Actual Received	235,451
Difference	(\$ 13,555)
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<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Budget	\$256,035
Actual Expenses	262,597
Difference	(\$ 6,562)
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<u>BUDGET VARIANCE</u>	(\$ 20,117)
<u>PLEDGE INCOME</u>	
Budget	\$ 216,667
Received	206,873
Difference	(\$ 9,794)
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At the end of August, contributions for Per Capita 2019 (which is \$34.50 per member) were \$3,237.

“May the Lord give you peace at all times and in all ways” 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Dear Friends,

Most of us don't get any mail except for what? Bills and junk. But once in a while, now and then, a pretty envelope, perhaps hand-addressed and with something nice inside, is nestled among the coupons, ads, and utility bills. An invitation. It's different and it feels... good. It feels good to be invited, does it not?

Sometimes the church talks about the work we do as an obligation or a duty. We start thinking about the sign-up sheets and the volunteer time and the money... But if we think of it as an invitation, our attitude changes. Every time we are asked to give of our time, our talent, and our treasure, thinking of it as an invitation to participate in God's reign on earth shifts it from a duty to an alluring opportunity.



World Communion Sunday is certainly an invitation; an invitation to join in God's reign of peace. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, invites us — invites you — to the table of grace. Christ also invites believers from all over the world, in every time and place, to join us. As we open the doors and prepare the meal, Christ invites all—despite our differences, experiences, and pasts—to come to the table as one body and to make peace through reconciliation and advocating for God's justice.

Christ invites us to join in the ministry of reconciliation and the pursuit to end violence through the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through our participation in this Offering and the ministries it supports, we offer healing, peace, and reconciliation. In joining the Offering, we serve God's people in Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, and the USA, as our hands serve women experiencing abuse, our words bear peace to the incarcerated, and our relationships enable conversations of reconciliation to begin.

This offering will support the NEPA Youth Shelter with the 25% we retain for our own ministries of peace and reconciliation. Our Session and I invite you to join in this ministry. Visit the Peace & Global Witness Offering website [www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global] to find more information on how our gifts promote peace in our world.

As a community of God's people seeking to be instruments of peace bearing “peace, at all times and in all ways,” we want to make our commitment and participation in ministries of peace visible to all. I pray that the God of Peace might inspire us to be peacemakers in every word and deed as we celebrate World Communion Sunday on Sunday, October 6 and give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

May we claim Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness, and grace that he shows us.

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

Rev. Bill Carter

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES



Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Words

On September 10 we began our new year with a potluck dinner enjoyed by all who attended. We were led in our Dedication Service for our International 2019 Thank Offering by Betty Keen. Of the 75 applicants for grants, 18 were chosen for funding for a total of \$391,762. Thank you to all who helped support these needy ministries. We then had presentations by our two teachers regarding what to expect in our new Bible study on September 17. Thank you to all for your preparation of food and to our officers for the planning.

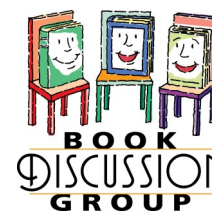
We have now completed our first lesson - "Words of Love; I am your God; you shall have no Others" - which covered the first two words. In the October meeting we will study the third Word in Lesson two, "Words of Love; Don't Trivialize my Name." Our author, Eugenia Anne Gamble, has said this Word "summons us into deep and honest intimacy with God for who God is and not for what God can do for us."

You are welcome to join us on October 15 at the church for our morning and evening Circle meetings to study God's third Word. The Dorcas and Priscilla Circles will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Eunice Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Barbara Pittman at 570-587-2050 or Bonnie Plantholt at 570-212-1566 for 10:00 a.m. and Kate Hopkins at 570-587-2390 or Barbara Mel-lander at 570-587-5236 for 7:00 p.m.

Mary Ellen Lawlor

All are welcome! FPC Book Group

7:00 p.m., October 24 @ Gwynne Gilbert's home



Rules of Civility Amor Towles (368 pages) On the last night of 1937, twenty-five-year-old Katey Kontent is in a second-rate Greenwich Village jazz bar when Tinker Grey, a handsome banker, happens to sit down at the neighboring table. This chance encounter and its startling consequences propel Katey on a year-long journey into the upper echelons of New York society—where she will have little to rely upon other than a bracing wit and her own brand of cool nerve.

With its sparkling depiction of New York's social strata, its intricate imagery and themes, and its immensely appealing characters, *Rules of Civility* won the hearts of readers and critics alike.

MISSION AND JUSTICE

The **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering** ends on Sunday October 6th. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this worthy cause. Should you have missed the opportunity to contribute, it is not too late. Please consider giving generously as we continue to promote peacemaking through our offering. Reminder that we will be donating our 25% congregational portion to the Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project that provides free legal services to men, women, and unaccompanied children detained by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) division of the Department of Homeland Security in Arizona.



Sunday October 6th, World Communion Sunday, after the 10 a.m. service, **the Alternative Gift Market will take place in Fellowship Hall**. Among the offerings, you'll be able to find fair-trade products from:

- SERRV, empowering disadvantaged artisans and farmers;
- Heifer International, providing livestock to disadvantaged families and communities;
- Reaching the Pygmies Ministry, benefitting Pygmies in Uganda;
- Appalachia Service Project, helping defray the costs for local teens to travel to help needy families in Appalachia;
- Haiti, art sold to support the artist;
- Fair Trade coffee sold at cost.

This is the same Market we have traditionally hosted in November, but we've moved it earlier this year to help us celebrate World Communion, so be sure to bring your checkbooks to start your feel-good holiday shopping early.

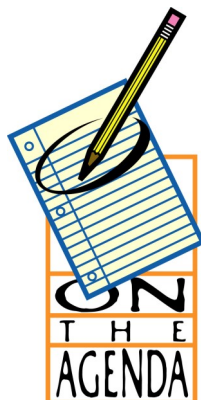
Sunday, October 13th, there will be a **Table Talk** after the 10 a.m. service, with Maureen Maher-Gray, who will address Homelessness in NEPA, the work of the NEPA youth shelter, and other organizations addressing homelessness in our area.



World Communion Food and Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee is planning on having refreshments with an International flair on World Wide Communion Sunday on October 6.

If anyone has an ethnic finger food that they would like to share, please contact Karen White at 570-575-7005 or whitekb1214@gmail.com or JoAnn Hall at 570-806-1591 or jodihall@nep.net and let them know the type and nationality of the food you are planning on bringing.



Put God FIRST on your agenda this year!
Come to Worship each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
AND
Come to THE WAY for a Fellowship Meal, Christian Education,
and Choir each Wednesday evening.

Wednesday Evening Schedule

5:00-6:10 pm Light supper *

5:30-6:10 Chapel Choir Rehearsal

6:15-7:10 Christian Education classes for All Ages

7:15-8:25 Adult Choir

8:30-9:15 Bell Choir

*Please make a reservation for supper by filling out a slip found in the church office, the kitchen, or in pews and returning it in the offering plate or in the basket near the phone in the kitchen. You may also call the church office to make a reservation. Suggested donation \$3 per person.

Lectionary Readings

October 6th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-28 or Psalm 137;
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 13th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12;
2 Timothy 2:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 20th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 27th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;
1 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



We're collecting for the Dalton Food Pantry during October. Your donations of non-perishable foods will be appreciated by many.

The food will be taken to the Pantry at the end of the month.

Christian Education



It's for life!

THE W.A.Y.The Wednesday Addults and Youth Christian Education

"I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE"

Supper 5:00 Classes 6:15

Classes For Children and Youth:

Spark Nursery (up to age 4): A nurturing class for our youngest learners, our nursery class will hear Bible stories, sing songs, play, and participate in activities appropriate to their age.

Grace & Faith (4 years old - Grade 5) experience Bible stories through our curriculum *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*. This fall is all about action verbs — God is at work in the world, and children will learn about the amazing things He has done. In October, we will learn about Loving Others, that The People Give God Thanks, What Do the Stones Mean?, Your God Shall Be My God, and David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem.

We Believe (Grades 6 and up): This fall, students will go back to the beginning by exploring the Old Testament. We'll continue to discover the history and richness of the Bible as we discuss, ask questions, and dig deeper into familiar stories. In October, we'll finish Genesis and explore Exodus and the Law.

Classes for Adults

John Lawlor will lead **Archaeology of the Bible: From Oral Word to Written Text**. This two-part study will first pursue the questions: "How did the Bible come into existence and what is the history of the English text"? Part two will be a follow-up case study using the Hebrew Psalter [The Psalms]. How did the "book" of Psalms emerge from individual oral poems, songs, prayers into an organized [five books] written collection? In Sanctuary.

Let's Talk About Race is an honest conversation about an important topic that is tearing apart our nation -- and has been tearing it apart for 400 years. In 1619, a Dutch ship landed in Jamestown with twenty African slaves. Ever since, some American immigrants have felt entitled to subjugate others who do not look like them. Where does hatred come from? Are there true differences between the races? What are the consequences of racial injustice? And most important, what could be done to heal deep wounds? Through presentations, conversations, and film, we will find ways to address these issues. In Room 206.



Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.



caepe



reway



delfis





Galatians
6:9



James 3:18



John
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answers: peace, weary, fields

HARVEST

* Trail Mix *

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.



Christian Education

The W.A.Y.



It's for life!

Join us each week for a delicious meal, engaging classes for kids, thought-provoking classes for adults, and uplifting choir rehearsals for all!

See Page 7 for a list of classes

Welcome Back to Our Adventures in the Bible Group

Adventures in the Bible



Families with children ages 2 and older are welcome, and parents of younger children are invited to stay in the class to enjoy the lesson and craft or activity with their little ones. We look forward to seeing your family downstairs on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in room 110.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karis Naeher at klnaeher@outlook.com or Tabbi Miller-Scrandle at tabbi.miller-scandle@scranton.edu.

Join us for this year's Adventure in the Bible!



Calling all teachers!

The Wednesday Aadults and Youth Christian Education Program (the WAY), offers classes for all ages every week. Christian Education is an important part of who we are and what we do — and you can be a part of it! Help us all to grow in Christ by volunteering to teach...at any grade level for any amount of time, you can lead our children and adults in learning and growth. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry.

Contact Tabbi Miller-Scandle at (570)562-6118 for more information.

Helpers Needed!

The W.A.Y. is looking for people to help with our meals. You are welcome to help once in a while, once a month, or whenever you are able!

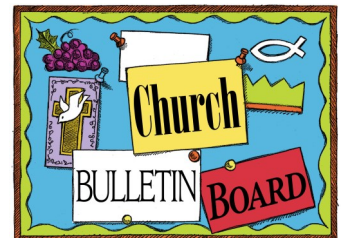


You can help by: cooking or helping to cook a main dish, providing a salad, providing a dessert, helping with setup, helping with cleanup.

Contact Karen White or Tabbi Miller-Scandle to volunteer!

HELP WANTED

Have you noticed the seasonal bulletin board that greets you as you enter the lower door on School Street? Edie Suydam has been bringing joy and beauty to that spot for many years. THANK YOU, Edie!



However, Edie wants to make time for other things, so we're looking for someone who would be inspired to decorate that bulletin board, welcoming all who enter the building. If interested, please contact Nancy in the church office (570-586-6306).



Joys

Sorrows

Thank You Notes



- 1 George Harris
- 4 Riley Wescott
- 9 Sadie O'Brien
- 13 Sue Fulton
- 14 Barbara Decker
- 19 Nancy Owens
- 20 Darlene Scappatura
- 21 Ryan Flynn
- 23 Kim Barrows
- 27 Linda Weaver
- 28 Linda Schuller



Jeanine Adams and Erica Adams Henderson, joined the membership of our church on September 8, 2019.

Be sure to give them a warm welcome!



On September 8, 2019, Charlotte Anne LaCoe was baptized by Rev. Carter.

Charlotte is the daughter of Stacie Kane and Timothy LaCoe, and granddaughter of Carole LaCoe. Blessings to Charlotte, and her family.



October 28th Anne & John Rich



My sincere thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my recent ordeal. Your kind gestures of support and prayers is most sincerely appreciated. Blessings to our church family.

Faith-Hope-Love,
Sandra Bailey

October 6
Communion Servers
 Captain Beverly Bright

Alan Baker, Kim Barrows, Judy Cutler,
 and Chris Norton

Greeters for October
 October 6 Janet Stansbury
 October 13 Mick and Lee Wirth
 October 20 Mick and Lee Wirth
 October 27 Chuck and Maggie Woolever

Ushers
 Vi Dygert
 Betty Keen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>A Place at the Table</p>		<p>1</p> <p>7am-AA 10 am - PW Execu- tive Board 5pm-OA 5:30pm—Choral Society 7pm - Big Book</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 5 pm - Light Supper 6:15 pm - The Way 7:15 pm - Adult Choir 8pm-AIAnon 8:30-pm - Bell Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7am-AA 8:30-Men's Breakfast 7pm-AIAnon 7pm Building & Grounds 7pm-Christian Ed 7 pm - Finance</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7am-AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7am-AA</p>
<p>6</p> <p>7am-AA 9am-Adventures in the Bible 10am-Worship Alternative Gift Mkt 2pm - Immerse 3pm-OA</p> <p>WORLD COMMUNION</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7am-AA 6pm-Girl Scouts 7pm-Mission & Justice</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-MBK Quilts 5pm-OA 5:30pm - Choral Society 7pm-Big Book</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 5pm- Light supper 6:15 pm - The Way 7:15-Adult Choir 8pm-AIAnon 8:30-Bell Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7am-AA 7pm-AIAnon</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7am-AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7am-AA 9 am - Millenium Piano Competition</p>
<p>13</p> <p>7am-AA 9am-Adventures in the Bible 10am-Worship 11:15am-TableTalk 2pm -Immerse 3pm-OA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7am-AA 6pm - Girl Scouts</p> <p>Church office is Closed.</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7am-AA 10am-PW Circles 5pm-OA 5:30pm Choral Society 7pm-PW Circle 7pm-Big Book</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 5pm-Light Supper 6:15-The Way 7:15-Adult Choir 8pm-AIAnon 8:30-Bell Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7am-AA 8:30am-Men's Breakfast 4:30pm - Staff Meeting 7pm-AIAnon</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7am-AA 2pm - AGO mtg.</p> <p>Presbyter Deadline</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7am-AA</p>
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Coming in November



Sunday, November 3, Daylight Saving Time ends

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 p.m.

“Light Shines in the Darkness” with First Presbyterian Church musicians

Thursday, November 28, Happy Thanksgiving!

