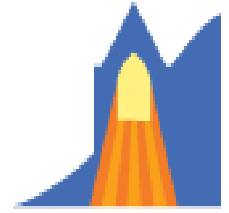


The Presbyter

Celebrating
100 Years
1912 - 2012



First Presbyterian Church

September 2013

Clarks Summit, PA



Why not turn over a new “leaf” and join one of our musical ensembles? It would be a shame if you were to “fall” into the same old routine . . . we’d love to have you with us!

Adult Choir—Dr. Susan Kelly, director; Kay Ten Eyck, accompanist

The adult choir will have their first rehearsal in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, September 4th**. Although our regular rehearsal time will be from **7:15PM-8:30PM**, for our first two weeks of rehearsal (September 4th and September 11th), we will rehearse from **6:45PM-8:30PM** to allow us some extra time to prepare for the All-Church Recital. We would love to have you join us! Feel free to just “show up” on September 4th or contact Susan if you have questions (362-0383 or skelly225@verizon.net).

Teen Choir—Dr. Susan Kelly, director; Kay Ten Eyck, accompanist

The “award-winning” teen choir will have their first rehearsal in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, September 11th** from **8:30PM to 9:15PM**. This will be our rehearsal time for the 2013-2014 school year. If you are an older youth and like to sing, please join us!

Chapel Choir—Kay Ten Eyck, director and accompanist

The Chapel Choir will begin rehearsals in the choir room on **Wednesday, September 11th** from **5:00PM to 5:45PM**. This first rehearsal will be followed by a pizza party and games from 5:45PM to 6:00PM. If you are a younger youth and like to sing, please join us!

Bell Choir—Dick Cochrane, director

The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 18th** from **8:30PM to 9:15PM**. High-school-age teens and adults who can read music are welcome. If you want to try ringing for the first time, or if you're an experienced ringer, come join in. Call Dick at 570-587-3970, or just show up in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays.

And . . . if singing or ringing isn't your passion, there is still an opportunity for you to be involved by joining the Worship, Music and Arts committee. Contact **Connie Weiss** at 586-0434 for more information.

CHURCH DINNER ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

As part of the Lily foundation grant, First Presbyterian Church members can enjoy an evening of fellowship with one another. On September 8th, at five o'clock in the afternoon members and friends of First Presbyterian will gather in member's homes for hors d'oeuvres and dinner and then join with everyone attending in Fellowship Hall of the church at approximately 7:15 p.m. If you haven't signed up for this dinner, please call Connie Weiss at 586-0434 or Barbara Pittman at 587-2050. If you have any questions about this dinner please don't hesitate to ask a member of the committee, Mary Ann Nichols, Carol Winn, Linda Frangos, Beverly Bright or Connie and Barbara. Hosts for the evening are: Warren and Heather Acker; Dick and Marie Cochrane, Bill and Grace Farrell, Jim and Linda Frangos, Charlie and Robin Pinches, John and Anne Rich, Gail Van Horn and John and Connie Weiss.



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Notes from the Session Meeting on August 13, 2013

1. Session thanked Anne Rich and Joan Thomas for all of their time, work, study and efforts for Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian Church in July. They had record attendance at the Bible School and the carnival for the children, parents and friends on Friday evening was outstanding. Thanks for a job well done.
2. Rev. Roger Griffith reported to session on various statistics, pastoral care and meetings he had with members of the congregation during his first two months at First Presbyterian. Session is very appreciative of the job that he is doing for all of us as our three-month supply pastor. Thanks, Roger.
3. Dick Maurer, Chair of Building & Grounds, informed session of projects that have been completed by their committee members and volunteers. Also, he mentioned that the wall in the parking lot will be started very shortly and the three parking lots are due to be sealed and striped after Labor Day by American Asphalt. Thank you to Dick and his committee members from Session. Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session



Several groups from New Jersey were among those who helped rebuild NEPA after the Hurricane Lee flood of 2011, and a group from the Lackawanna Presbytery is planning to return that kindness to victims of Hurricane Sandy. Please consider

joining a work team as it travels to Hope Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, NJ, September 8-13. Call Marge Zeigler at the presbytery office (348-0643) ASAP for more information.

Another work team, sponsored by FPC Wilkes Barre, will travel to Brigantine, NJ to work in that area October 4-6. Anyone interested in joining them should contact Pam Kerns at 824-2478.

The Presbyterian deadline for the October issue is September 13, 2013

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 will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 1st and the Fall schedule of services at 9:00 and 10:55 a.m. will begin on Sunday, September 8th. Child care is available all morning. 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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Director of Bells	Richard Cochrane
Director of Chapel Choir	Kay Ten Eyck
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
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Dear friends,

I am looking forward to returning to you for worship on Sunday, September 15. My sabbatical has been deeply enriching, and I can't wait to get back among you. Please know of my continuing love and prayers during this time away. I look forward to hearing the stories of your lives, as I return well-rested and enthusiastic to serve as your pastor and friend.

With deep gratitude for the grace of God,

Rev. Bill

Pastor Carter continues an on-line journal of his sabbatical plans and thoughts. If interested, you may view it at:

www.spiritsmusic.blogspot.com

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH ENDING July 31, 2013

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 227,048
Actual Received	<u>210,840</u>
Difference	<u>\$ (16,208)</u>

EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 232,058
Actual Expenses	<u>201,846</u>
Difference	<u>\$ (30,212)</u>

BUDGET VARIANCE \$ 14,004

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 183,750
Received	<u>175,861</u>
Difference	\$ (7,889)

Per Capita Update 2013:

Total Received to date - \$4,070

From Your Temporary Supply Pastor

Rev. Roger E. Griffith

“Remember The Sabbath Day, And Keep It Holy” (Exodus 20:8)

Some may respond to this Mosaic law by saying: “How do we “remember?” Do we mark it on our calendars, or tie a string on a finger? Does Sunday always mean its time for Sabbath or are there other days of the week where considerations could be made to help us remember to take time out of our busyness to have Sabbath? In the story of creation found in Genesis, it does say that on the seventh day God rested. After all, one would think he must have been quite tired after six days of doing all that creation and perhaps took time out for rest.

We preachers are used to hearing that this is easy for us to say since we only work on Sunday! All kidding aside, we need to take this seriously and clearly from the earliest traditions, to live the gift of Sabbath is to hal-low time. This is how we keep it holy. Jesus is recorded throughout the gospels as going off by himself, away from the disciples after a long day to be alone with God. This is a spiritual discipline that we all must practice.

The psalmist understood that when he wrote in Psalm 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God.” Being still is defined as relax, stop and be calm. In many of my children’s messages over past years of ministry, I would use commonly seen signs along our highways and byways that we can relate to Sabbath time; ie: a stop sign that brings us to an abrupt stop, a yield sign meaning we need to yield to God’s will for us to take time out for Sabbath, or my favorite, a railroad sign (RR) that says to us: stop, look and listen. If we ignore the sign, we can easily be derailed. Case in point: how can we stop, look, and listen if we aren’t “being still” long enough to practice these spiritual disciplines?

There is a deep need today to rediscover the gift of Sabbath. The need declares itself in the most intimate places of the human heart and in the broadest spheres of social and economic interchange. It asserts itself even where Sabbath is only a distant memory, even where the word “Sabbath” is not known at all. Across barriers of age and culture, the need speaks, presses, and makes itself known.

In the Church, the need to rediscover the gift of Sabbath sounds through both the best and most harried realms of our common life. At best, we desire to know more fully the overwhelming mystery of God’s all-restoring love. Let’s consider what the gifts of Sabbath are: 1. Sabbath is for our joy and rest which we can also relate to our need for sabbatical time. 2. Sabbath is for deepened communion with the living God. 3. Sabbath draws us into the sacred rhythm God has woven into all of life and creation. 4. Sabbath is profoundly prophetic. 5. Sabbath is for our life in community.

To live the gift of Sabbath is to receive it openly and with gratitude. It is to savor Sabbath’s freshness. It is to walk in Sabbath ways, even when those ways set us apart from the culture that surrounds us.

With you for the good,

Rev. Roger E. Griffith



Worship services will be held @
10:00 on Sunday, September 1st.

We will begin our fall schedule of two
services at 9:00 and 10:55 a.m. on
Sunday, September 8th.



THE WAY

The Wednesday Adults and Youth

Christian Education

“I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE”

Supper, 5:45-6:10

Newborns - 3 year olds will enjoy Bible stories, songs and games in the nursery with our caregiver Kaitlin Scappatura.

4 year old - Grade 6 are divided into three age groups and will be learning about how the Bible contains God’s teachings that help us know how God wants us to live.

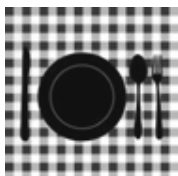
Grades 7-8 meet in room 209 with Jana Schillinger and Katie Fischer.

Grades 9-12 meet in room 111 with Charlie and Robin Pinches.

Talking About God Stuff (TAGS) meet in room 206. Fall 2013: *Windows Into God’s Kingdom*. Led by Rev. Bill Carter. Jesus was a consummate storyteller who provoked, teased, and enticed listeners to imagine a different world. Can you imagine a father who loves arrogant children, or a boss who commends a thief? How about rich and poor neighbors who feed one another, or a God who answers people when they annoy him? Join us for an exploration of Jesus’ parables, as found in the Gospel of Luke. Bring a sense of humor and a curious spirit. Bibles will be provided.

Faith and Life - meets in Narthex. September 18-25: *The Good Work Of Eldering*. Eldering is in part sharing the best of who we are, passing on our wisdom to the following generations. With an open mind we must listen for opportunities to develop multi-generational relationships. You are invited to come listen and/or share in the discussion of the rewarding life of being a good elder. The Eldering Institute’s website, eldering.org, has provided some information for this class as well as the books, *The Elder* by Dr. Marc Cooper and James C. Selman and *From Age-ing to Sage-ing* by ZalmanSchachter-Shalomi and Ronald S. Miller.

Contemporary Christian Living (CCL) meet in room 210. September 18-25. *Hopes and Fears of Raising a Family*. This new adult class is aimed at young adults and parents. Our first series will explore topics related to family life because, let’s face it, raising a family is no easy task. One day your children will be wonderful angels and the next they leave you pulling out your hair. But here’s the good news, you are not alone! Throughout this series, you will hear from various parents who have been there or are currently there. They will share a mixture of their parenting experiences while including passages of wisdom from the Bible. Come join us as we explore the hopes, the fears and the joys of raising a family!



Wednesday Supper Reservations

Light Supper is served before The Way classes from 5:45-6:10 for those with **reservations**.

Suggested donation: \$3 per person.

"T" Time . . . by Tina Ide

This summer has been filled with a great number of exciting events. We gained some fantastic momentum for the youth ministry through a successful messy game evening early in July. I accompanied Meg Carter and 22 other youth from Eastern PA to Triennium. It was truly amazing to witness over 5,000 students worshipping God and seeking out ways to grow in their faith. What left me truly speechless was the realization that these 5,000 participants are just a small sliver of the total number of believing Presbyterian youth and an even smaller sliver of the total number of Christian youth in America. We are one denomination among so many. If you do the math, that must leave us with an incredible number of Christian teens and preteens. What hope that leaves us for the future! The excitement of Triennium was followed close behind by Vacation Bible School where we had an eruption of excitement evidenced by increased attendance. Each day our students visited the Everywhere Fun Fair where they learned what it means to be a neighbor.

But the fun isn't ending there. The Christian Education and Growth Committee has an exciting fall planned for the life of our church. The Way will resume on Wednesday, September 18. We are adding a third adult class this year aimed towards young adults and parents. For details on this and all our other classes please see the Way section of the Presbyterian. This fall we are also launching the youth ministry. The two primary components to this ministry will be Wednesday evening Way classes and Sunday evening youth groups. Middle School (grades 6-8) will meet each Sunday from 5:00-6:30. High School (grades 9-12) will meet each Sunday from 6:45-8:15. On October 20, the youth group will be exploring the corn maze at Roba Family Farms. Be sure to come to youth group or check October's Presbyterian for more information.

**COMING
SOON!!**

The Youth Ministry of
First Presbyterian
Church launches in
September offering
Way classes and
Youth Group for
students
grades 6-12!

THE WAY

Begins Wednesday,
September 18

Supper 5:45 pm
Classes 6:15-7:15 pm

Grade 6: Rotation Class
Grades 7-8: Junior High
Grades 9-12: Senior High

YOUTH GROUP

Begins Sunday,
September 22

Middle School
(Grades 6-8)
5:00-6:30pm

High School
(Grades 9-12)
6:45-8:15pm



After taking the summer off, the Book Group will kick off the fall at Connie Weiss' home on September 26th at 7:00. We will be discussing Levi's Will by Dale Cramer. Come join us for an evening of good conversation and delicious deserts. We have an exciting year of reading planned. For more information about this or upcoming readings, contact Judy Cutler at:

jdragonflyc@hotmail.com
or 570-446-9310.

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Independent & Assisted Living:	Sara Ann Hosier	587-0371
Emergency Needs:	Jo Conklin	563-0211
Time of Loss:	Lee Wirth	587-3767
Emergency Home Repair/ Maintenance:	John Conklin	563-0211

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.

Counting our Pennies

Committee chairs will soon engage in the 2014 budget process. As stewards of God's gifts we try to ensure our resources are spent wisely. One of the budget items for the Worship, Music and Arts committee is the purchase of the monthly Upper Room Devotional booklets. Each regular print subscription costs \$6.30 and there is an additional charge for large print. While this is a small amount, it does add up and every month there are unused booklets left in the Narthex. In the current digital climate there are numerous online devotional resources available which are free. If you enjoy reading the Upper Room and would like the Worship Committee to continue to provide the booklets please contact Connie Weiss (586-0434 or cweiss@epix.net). A reduction in the number we buy would help balance our budget.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

JO ANNE SHEPHERD

Background Scripture: Exodus 1-2

Key Scripture: Exodus 1:1-2; 2:23-25

Key Idea: God saved the Hebrew people by using 5 women during the exodus. The people realized that God was acting for them during their suffering.

As time migrates (migration is a central theme for this study), we start a new Bible study in September. This year we will be studying An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy by Janice Catron. This study will have us realize, as we wonder if anyone is there in our times of trouble, that God is always with us and working for our benefit. We will learn what it means to be a people of God who live in His presence. Even through sin and rebellion by humankind, God chooses to give us love, faithfulness, and grace.

In Lesson One the story starts in Egypt where the Hebrew people did well under Joseph but things changed after his death and under a new ruler. He thought the Hebrews were too numerous and powerful so he increased their required labor. This did not bring his hoped for results so he asked two midwives, Shiprah and Puah, to kill all the male Hebrew babies. The brave ladies resisted the order so Pharaoh told all Egyptians to drown the babies. Jochebed, Moses' mother managed to hide him for the first 3 months of his life and then, knowing she could not continue to do so, she put him in a basket in the Nile at the place where Pharaoh's daughter bathed with his sister Miriam watching. The unnamed daughter found the baby Moses and saved him. Miriam offered Jochebed to be the baby's nursemaid so Moses was raised by his parents until he was five when he was returned to Pharaoh's daughter. Thus God's chosen, Moses, had a background of the Hebrew traditions plus the knowledge of court life of Egypt which he used to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt when their lives in slavery became unbearable.

During the exodus the Hebrew people became God's people as a group instead of individuals promising to commit to God. God heard the cries of the people and acted in their behalf, which He had been doing all along. The people needed God and looked for signs of His presence in their lives as they struggled in exodus. Today we also call for help from God, especially in times of trouble. God helps and blesses us always as He did for the Hebrews. Please plan to come to the first circle meeting of the year on September 17, 2013 at either 10 AM, 1:30 PM or 7 PM to learn more about God's work in our lives and how we can pass on those blessing to others.

Women's
Association
REST-RELAX-RENEW

Tuesday, Sept. 10th
10:00 – 2:00
Hull's Pond House

Bring a dish to share for lunch. Beverage provided.

The Rev. Rebecca Tanner will lead us in an overview of our 2013-2014 Women's Bible Study, An Abiding Hope. See you on the 10th!

“Glory to God” – A Report from Montreat
By Connie Weiss

In June, Sue Kelly, John and Connie Weiss attended the Montreat Music and Worship conference in North Carolina. It was an amazing week filled with vocal and instrumental rehearsals coupled with seminars on numerous aspects of worship. At the conference we had the opportunity to preview the new Presbyterian hymnal which will debut this fall. It's hard for me to believe that the blue hymnal currently in use at our church was published 23 years ago in 1990.

Our world and lives have gone through many changes in the last twenty plus years and so has the new hymnal. “Glory to God” is a collection of 850 hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs. That's 248 more selections than our current hymnal. Some of the new hymns in the book, for example, ‘Gather Us In’ will be familiar to our congregation as they are in our green “Sing” book. Along with contemporary selections some old favorites are back in the hymnal, such as ‘His Eye is on the Sparrow’ and ‘Rock of Ages’. In keeping with the shrinking of our world there is a good selection of global music.

To learn more about ‘Glory to God’ including a full list of contents, visit the hymnal website www.presbyterianhymnal.org, talk with Sue Kelly, John or Connie Weiss or plan to attend the first hymnal publication event in Wayne, PA on October 18th and 19th. Speakers at the event include old testament scholar Walter Bruggeman and Kim Long from Columbia Theological Seminary.

2012 Centennial Campaign Update

As you recall, this 3-year appeal began last year in honor of our church's Centennial. The purpose of the funds received was to update certain areas of the church building and grounds, and equally important, to allow First Presbyterian to make meaningful financial commitments to some of the Mission and Justice causes that we know are significant to our members.

We are happy to report that good progress is being made, as shown in the figures below. We received pledges of over \$106,000 for the three year campaign, and we are extremely grateful for the income that has been received to date. The pledges fell slightly short of our initial goal, but our elders responsible for Building & Grounds and Mission & Justice have been able to adjust our planned projects to align with the expected income while still making improvements and commitments that are meaningful.

In closing, we'd like to thank you again for your support. Of course, if anyone is interested in making a new Centennial Campaign pledge, please contact Nancy in the church office.

Centennial Campaign Status Update				
As of June 30, 2013				
Centennial Campaign Income	Planned	Revised	Actual Income	
Centennial Pledges	\$ 150,000	\$ 106,151	\$ 51,550	
Total Centennial Campaign Income	\$ 150,000	\$ 106,151	\$ 51,550	
Centennial Project Expenses	Planned	Revised	Actual Spent	Project Status
Replacement Windows	\$ 21,500	\$ 21,500	\$ 21,870	✔
Parking Lot Retaining Wall & Drainage	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,237	\$ 9,119	In progress
Fellowship Hall Flooring	\$ 34,523	\$ 17,153	\$ 10,792	✔
Countertops in Kitchen	\$ 5,658	\$ -	\$ -	Deferred
Misc	\$ 1,565	\$ -	\$ -	Deferred
Total Building and Grounds Projects	\$ 83,246	\$ 56,890	\$ 41,781	
United Neighborhood Centers AfterFosterCare	\$ 37,500	\$ 25,500	\$ 8,500	1st of 3 payments!
(Haiti) NaSonje Women's Micro-Finance	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	✔
Haiti Relief - Groundswell International	\$ 32,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	2 of 4 payments made!
Total Mission Projects	\$ 75,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 24,000	
Total Centennial Project Expenses	\$ 158,246	\$ 107,890	\$ 65,781	

Mission and Justice Committee News

Earth Care Task Force News

The annual recertification process of FPCCS's Earth Care status was completed and sent in to the National Office of the Presbyterian Environmental Ministries. Recertification involves an evaluation of a church's continued and growing commitment to environmental stewardship related to worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Some of the highlights of efforts of the past year have been the initiation of the Adopt-a-Highway program, installation of energy-efficient windows, and environmentally-focused "Table Talks" during Fellowship Hour. We are only one of four Presbyterian congregations in Pennsylvania to be certified as an "Earth Care Congregation." We thank the congregation for their continued support.

Adopt-a-Highway

The next Adopt-a-Highway date is Saturday, September 14th at 9 AM. If you plan to assist in the clean-up, please contact Donna Porter at 570-585-4006 or porterhouse@epix.net.

St. Francis Kitchen

We continue to support St. Francis Kitchen with financial aid and help with serving the evening meal on the last Thursday of each month. Volunteers can sign up on the hall bulletin board. When you clean your closets this fall, consider donating gently used warm clothing. Place items in a box located in Fellowship Hall.

Peacemaking Offering

Without a doubt, our world is in need of peace. On our streets and in our communities, within our households and in our relationships, within groups and between factions, among nations and within the whole global community, we need peace. Stark reminders of our need for peace confront us every day, calling us to act and inviting us to engage in the work and witness of peacemaking. The Peacemaking Offering provides a concrete way to contribute to the work of peacemaking in our communities, region, and world. Within the denomination, it funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, enabling us to bring in International Peacemakers, hold conferences and advocate for active, nonviolent solutions to conflicts, and equipping all Presbyterians to bear witness to how we can live out our faith in the midst of challenge and violence. 25% of this Offering will remain local. Please participate in the Peacemaking Offering to renew your commitment and reaffirm your calling to peacemaking. One heart at a time, we can change the cultures of violence into communities of peace!

Mission Trip to Haiti

It was an honor and pleasure to represent you on our recent trip to Haiti. We travelled to and from Port-au-Prince without incident aside from one vehicle break-down and we were impressed with the wonderful people and organizations we met. We feel the capital campaign money is supporting good work in Haiti and your generosity allowed us to disperse an additional \$2000 while we were there. Briefly, we travelled to Jacmel and observed an organization that is working against violence towards women, prevention of HIV/AIDS infection, and toward positive and responsible male behavior toward women. We saw a tire garden and an organization working for sustainability and dignity in Cite Soleil. We met women in Gwo Jan who are benefiting from the Na Sonje microcredit program which our church funded. We travelled by rutted road and river crossings to St Michael where we met more women benefiting from your generosity through PDL. PDL provides training for the community as well as a microcredit program. Unfortunately we did not manage to see Pastor Cicerone or make it to the aviary, but our trip was full of inspiration and wonderful people. We look forward to sharing more details and pictures from the trip at a date to be determined. Meg is particularly thankful for the half of her travel expenses covered by the church and for Dave Porter's efforts organizing the trip and doing the legwork to find the effective organizations the church is supporting.

Meg Hatch, Donna Porter, and Dave Porter



Stephen ministry is a program designed to bring Christ's love and healing to those in need. Stephen Ministers go through 50 hours of training in how to be good listeners, provide support, and maintain absolute confidentiality about their care receivers. They are the silent workers who are bringing help to others. Because of their pledge of confidentiality, you won't hear much about them. Be assured that they are there to help you or someone you know through difficult times. If you feel you would like to have the help of one of our Stephen Ministers or if you think you would like to consider becoming a Stephen Minister, contact one of our Stephen Leaders, John Conklin, Judy Cutler, or Rev. Bill Carter.

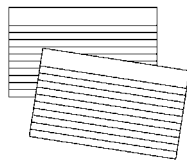


Keepsake BOOK

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.



From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

JOEL 1:3, NIV

Directions: List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words	3-letter words	4-letter words	5+ letters
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Add up the total number of words you found. >>> _____

Answers will vary.

Joys and Sorrows



Sympathy of the congregation is extended to

- the family of Rev. Robert H. London. Bob entered the church triumphant June 26, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers continue with his wife, Nancy, their children & grandchildren.
- Jack Scheuer and his family at the recent passing of his mother, Elizabeth.
- Marie Littell upon the death of her sister.

BE ADVISED! During the week of September 2 through 6, all of our parking lots will be sealed and relined. Please observe all baracades and plan to park on the street during that time.



October 1st - Noon

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship with our guests.

Presbyterian Women

Lectionary Readings

**September 1—Jazz Communion
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 1-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

**September 8
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

**Return to 2 services:
9:00 and 10:55 a.m.**

**September 15
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

**September 22
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

**September 29
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



It is that time of year again. Fall is approaching and I am planning on hosting my annual Thanksgiving Feast. This is a time for anyone who would like to experience Thanksgiving day with others to come to my home for a traditional feast. We share turkey and all the trimmings along with a chance to be with others. Watch the *Presbyter* and the church bulletin for more information or contact Judy Cutler at jdragon-flyc@hotmail.com or 570-446-9310.



For cards, calls and prayers; for visits and food for Fred during his recent surgery recovery, we thank you and greatly appreciate all the love, care and concern from our Church Family.

Fred and Char Lyon



**Excelsior Cornet Band, New York
State's Authentic Civil War Brass
Band**

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013 - 4:00 pm

In commemoration of the mid-point of the Civil War 150 years ago, we present the Excelsior Cornet Band, which recreates the glorious sounds and appearance of this pivotal period in American history. The band performs the most popular melodies of the 1850-1870 period, as well as patriotic airs, operatic medleys, marches, and dance music by the era's most renowned composers and bandmasters.

The leader of the group is Jeff Stockham, who has performed a number of times at the church with the Presbybop Quartet. Jeff participated in the filming of Stephen Spielberg's epic movie "Lincoln". He played tenor horn in the brass band of "President Lincoln's Own", which portrayed the US Marine Band of 1864. In addition, he supplied a number of rare original musical instruments (his tenor horn, a clarinet, snare drum, and bass drum) for the band's use; and he provided other props including twelve original M1840 Musicians Swords and the Drum Major's mace.

September 2013

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																			
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM Annual Jazz Communion Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office is closed. Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM PW Executive Board</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer & Share 6:45 PM Adult Choir begins</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group 7:00 PM Building & Grounds 7:00 PM Christian Education</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>																																																																																																			
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**Our Annual
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The musicians will include Susan Kelly as cantor, and saxophonist Al Hamme, drummer Tom Whaley, bassist Tony Marino, and guitarist Tim Schumacher. Rev. Griffith will be preaching and presiding at the communion table.

It will be a toe-tapping time!

