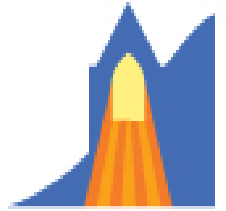


The Presbyter

Celebrating
100 Years
1912 - 2012



First Presbyterian Church

June 2015

Clarks Summit, PA

Vacation Bible School
July 13-17
9:00 am—12:00 noon

Open to children
Age 4-Completed Grade 5

Register online at
fpccs.org



We still need volunteers!

Talk to Tina
-or-
Signup online at
fpccs.org

Church Parking Lot Picnic

Sunday, June 14th

Fellowship Hall - After 10 am service

Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, baked beans, beverages, plates & utensils will all be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for 10 desserts to complete the meal. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship, food and fun – all are welcome!



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Notes from the Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 12 , 2015
 Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

1. Session welcomed Bill Davis, Nancy Dennen, Adrienne Horgor and Nancy Post as new session members and thanked Bill Keen, Wally Longcor, Steve Selige and Briar Woodley for their time and efforts for our Session and Church.
2. Session received a Letter from Lilly Enhancement, Inc. stating that they were closing their file on our grant. They celebrated with us that Rev. William Carter's grant fulfilled expectations and hope that our renewal will continue to energize our ministry in Clarks Summit.

**The Presbyterian deadline for
 The July/August issue is
 June 19, 2015**

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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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION
 FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
 FOR THE MONTH ENDING April 30, 2015**

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 131,567
Actual Received	125,896
Difference	\$ (5,671)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 137,252
Actual Expenses	137,256
Difference	\$ (4)
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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ (11,361)

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 106,667
Received	102,296
Difference	\$ (4,371)

Per Capita Update:
 Total Received in to date in 2015 \$ 3,265

Per Capita assessment for 2015 is \$30 per member



Welcome New Members

With joy, we announce these new members to our church family:

Paul Canterbury, Joe O'Brien, Tabbi Miller-Scandle & Anthony Scandle. Tabbi and Tony have a young daughter, Ariana.



From the Pastor

William G. Carter

My Adirondack chair is pulled out of the shed and scrubbed down. That's a clear sign that June is here. Pretty soon, I will retreat to the back yard on a regular basis and start my summer reading.

I enjoy reading and do a good bit of it. Weekly sermon preparation pushes me to dip in and out of reference books and journals. It is episodic, and I find myself skipping along the surface rather than plumbing the depths. The rhythms of summer allow me to sink a bit deeper, and I start a small stack of books to enjoy each summer.

For this month's column, I thought you might be interested in the books in this year's pile. So here is what I have for this year's summer reading list:

Belden Lane is a favorite writer. He has written only a handful of books, but each one is rich and worth waiting for. His new book is *Backpacking with the Saints: Wilderness Hiking as Spiritual Practice*. It promises to weave the strands of his recurring interests: honest reflection, a first-hand love of nature, and a penetrating view of the spiritual life. I read his books very slowly and they enrich my soul.

The Road to Character is the new book by columnist David Brooks. It has been quite popular in the interview circuit, as Brooks looks with typical candor at the superficial values of our society. He asks, "Do you live by the achievements on your resume or the virtues that you hope to have named in your eulogy?" Good point. If there's something more important than the things we have done, it's the kind of people we are.

My ministerial colleagues have mentioned *American Apocalypse: A History of Modern Evangelicalism* by Matthew Avery Sutton as one of the most notable books of the last year. Sutton traces the rise of conservative thinking in church and politics, and notes its entanglements with the lesser gods of power and money. I think this book will help me understand the complicated lineage of religion in America, especially as some of the voices that were once relegated to the margins of society have pushed their way into the public square.

Many friends have suggested that I cannot understand the last fifty years of NE Pennsylvania history without understanding the underbelly of its power structure. At their encouragement, I have picked up *The Quiet Don: The Untold Story of Mafia Kingpin Russell Bufalino* by Matthew Birkbeck. From a quick glance, it explains how casinos get their licenses, how corruption seeps into our public life, and how landfills expand despite public outcry. I may discover, too, where Jimmy Hoffa is buried.

For fun, I picked up a book called *Keith Jarrett's The Koln Concert*. In January 1975, the brilliant pianist performed an extraordinary solo concert that was completely improvised. He was operating on little sleep, his back is in excruciating pain, and the piano was in lousy shape – yet his recording shaped the next decade's piano music. Peter Elsdon tells the back story and provides a deep analysis of the music that Jarrett created spontaneously. Not everybody's cup of chai, but it definitely floats my boat.

So what are you reading these days? I'd love to know.

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Independent & Assisted Living: Sara Ann Hosier 587-0371

Emergency Needs: Donna Kepler 587-2729

Time of Loss:

Emergency Home Repair/

Maintenance:

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.



The third group of people in the Stephen Ministry are the Care Receivers. These are people like you who could use someone to talk to about some issue in your life. This can be a loss such as death of a loved one, losing a job, facing an illness, moving to a new area, or just facing any of life's challenges. You will be assigned to one of our Stephen Ministers for a weekly meeting to share your concerns. These meetings may go on for just a few sessions or they may go on for many months. Men are matched with men and women with women. You may talk while the Stephen Minister uses the skills they developed in their 50 hours of training to listen, comfort, and help bring Christ's love and support into your lives. If you would like to know more or if you think you would like to have a Stephen Minister, contact one of our Stephen Leaders John Conklin, Judy Cutler, or Rev. Bill Carter.



The book group will be taking a break from meeting for the summer but that doesn't mean we will stop reading. A full list for the next season has been put together with some very exciting titles. Watch future Presbyters for upcoming readings or contact Judy Cutler at jdragon-flyc@hotmail.com if you would like the list. Come and join us in September to kick off our new season of reading and wonderful evenings of fellowship.



Earth Care News

We had a wonderful Table Talk Presentation on May 3rd, organized by Meg Hatch, and hosted by the Countryside Conservancy.

Following the presentation about twenty of our FPCCS members participated in a walk on the newly opened beautiful Trolley Trail.

FPCCS will soon be renewing our application as an Earth Care Congregation. The process involves an assessment of environmental efforts related to our facility, worship, education, and outreach.

If you are interested in seeing aspects of each of these four areas is evaluated, you can go to http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/environment/docs/churchnamecitystaterecert2013.pdf

Our next Highway Clean-up will be the second Saturday in June (June 13th). Meet at the Clarks Summit Methodist Church parking lot at 9 AM that morning. For more information contact Donna Porter at 585-4006 or porterhouse@epix.net

Confirmation Sunday

June 7

This year we have the joy of celebrating three amazing students who have gone through confirmation. This year's confirmands are:

Ryan Flynn

Jake Wescott

Cassie White

Since September, these students have spent their Sunday afternoons learning more about who they are in Christ, what they believe about God and what it means to belong to the church.

Be sure to mark your calendars so you can join us in honoring them on Sunday, June 7!



THE W.A.Y.

“T” Time

The Wednesday Aadults and Youth Christian Education

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

Class might be over but learning and spiritual growth never are!

“What’s on your summer reading list?” seems to be a common question as we approach summer. Whether or not your job stops for the summer, most of us are able to find some time to relax, enjoy the warm weather and even read a book or two. As you begin to make that summer reading list, consider some of the following books from my top 10 list.

The Sacred Romance, John Eldredge - When asked what books I recommend, this one always makes the top of the list. It is a book that compels you to reevaluate and redefine your relationship with God. As you read, the layers of pain, hurt, selfish ambition and pride peel away and are replaced with an invitation to experience God’s unfathomable love for us.

Making Sense of the Bible, Adam Hamilton - Let’s face it, the Bible is not an easy read. Some passages leave us with more questions than we started with. The first part of this book provides the context to understand the answers provided for the confusing questions addressed in the second part of the book.

Radical, David Platt - It is so incredibly easy for us to get swept away by the expectations of the world; expectations of wealth, fame, convenience, independence and more. In this book, we are called to remember Jesus’ true calling for his disciples; a calling to abandon everything for the Gospel.

If your family includes children, try:

Creative Family Prayers, Mike and Amy Nappa - This book is a great way to get your families praying! Prayer is more than just sitting quietly, repeating the same words each day. These hands-on, creative prayer ideas will bring prayer alive for your whole family!

The Family Project Devotional, Ray Seldomridge - Not sure where to start when it comes to teaching your children about faith? This book offers 52 guided devotions that walk your family through Scripture, prayer, and activities or questions for reflection. These devotionals are adaptable to whatever age your children are!

The best part of these books is: They can all be found here at First Pres.!

Look for them on the shelves downstairs or in the library upstairs. If you still can’t find them, ask Tina!



Joyful Noise! will be taking a break for the summer. Starting June 7, children age 4-grade 2 will remain upstairs during the service.



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 and are also available from the FPC web site at <http://www.fpccs.org/church-programs/scholarships.html>



Camp Scholarship

Mission and Justice Committee News

RAIN-CHECK FOR HAITIAN PERFORMERS

Sadly, I must inform everyone that the 20 Haitian guests we were hoping to host in September, for a variety of reasons, have to cancel their trip for this year. They were unable to raise enough money for their travel to the U.S. They were prevented from bringing children because bringing children jeopardized the visas for all the adults. One member of the performance

group Myriam is pregnant and would not be allowed to travel, and the primary organizer of the trip, Ingrid Askew, has gone through aggressive cancer surgery and cannot recover to handle the work involved in this endeavor. There are more barriers to mention, but I'll keep this short. They are hoping to use this next year to raise money for their travel and so, hopefully, be able to come to the U.S. to perform in September 2016. Again, we would hopefully include

them in the Interdependence Week Celebrations and activities, but we will not be able to share time with them this year. We had hoped to host them for performances during September.

Thank you to all who came forward to offer driving, feeding, and entertainment assistance and activities for NaSonje and 2 Rasin.

With appreciation

David Porter



Hats Off to our Volunteers



Get your bikes ready! Join Dick & Marie Cochran on June 6 to ride the 26-Mile Lehigh Gorge Trail from White Haven to historic Jim Thorpe. (It's all downhill!) We'll have a late lunch in Jim Thorpe, and shuttle back to White Haven with Pocono Whitewater Outfitters. Non-riders are encouraged to join us for lunch in Jim Thorpe.



"SUNDAE" PARTY

Invite your Sunday school teacher(s) to a special thank-you celebration.

What you need to make a card:

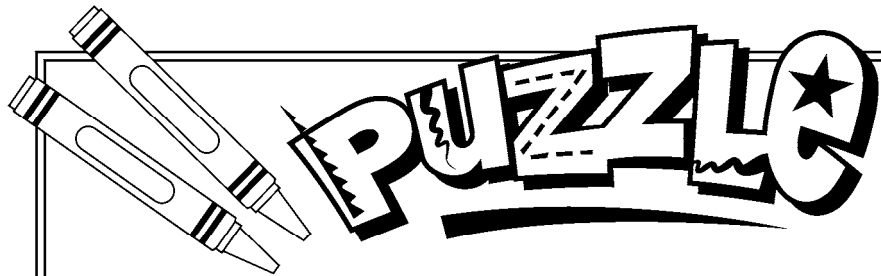
- 8" x 11" cardstock (or blank cards)
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold the cardstock like a card. On the outside, write "Thanks for being my teacher!"
2. On the inside, write a personal message and sign your name.

Celebration options:

- Buy a gift card from a local ice cream parlor and tape it inside the card.
- Invite your Sunday school class to bring all the makings for sundaes for your teacher(s).
- Invite your teacher to an ice cream parlor or to your house to enjoy sundaes together.



Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask	do	eternal	If	good	good	Why
	good	Jesus	life	man	One	Teacher	

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
 "_____, what _____ thing must I _____
 to get _____ life?" "_____ do you
 _____ me about what is _____?" Jesus replied.
 "There is only _____ who is _____.
 _____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, NIV

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments."

Joys and Sorrows



A VERY BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS). Our contribution will join millions more, some of which will be sent to Nepal for disaster assistance. In addition, the Mission and Justice committee voted to use \$1,000 of our International/National recovery fund to be sent to Nepal. Your continued support of mission projects makes a difference to lives here and overseas.

THANK YOU!

The Christian Education and Growth Committee would like to thank all those who taught throughout this year! All our education programs are only possible because of willing, dedicated and energetic volunteers!



High School Grads

Nicole Martin

Bill Roditski

Matthew Cole

Bailey Quinn

College Grads

Kristen Hardy

Elizabeth Shedlock

Post College Grads

Christine E. Acker

Warren W. Acker

Benjamin Norton

Kaitlin Porter

Kimberly Rich

Lauren Urso

Briar Woodley

Glenn Woodley

Lectionary Readings

June 7, 2015

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20
(11:14-15)

Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;
Mark 3:20-35

June 14

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17;
Mark 4:26-34

June 21

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
and Psalm 9:9-20; or

1 Sam 17:57-18:5; 10-16 and Psalm
133;

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 28

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130;

2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

June Ushers:

Meg Hatch
Donna Kepler

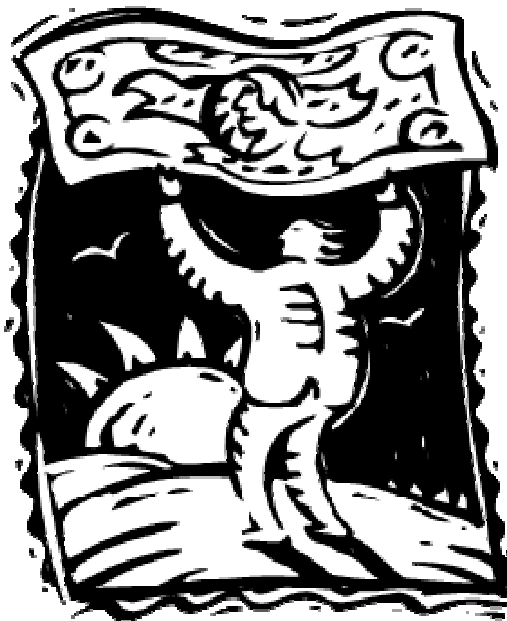


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Monthly Planner

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