



# The Presbyter

July / August 2015

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

## 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](http://fpccs.org)



We still need volunteers!

Talk to Tina  
-or-  
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[fpccs.org](http://fpccs.org)



## Dr. Susan Kelly to depart our staff

With mixed feelings, we share the news that Dr. Susan Kelly, our beloved Director of Music, has taken a teaching job at Tennessee State University. She will begin her work there in the fall semester.

This is hard news for our church family and community, although we congratulate her as

she moves into an exciting new challenge. Her shoes will be hard to fill, but we will work diligently to find the right person to build upon her extraordinary work.

We will celebrate Susan's sixteen years of music-making after worship on Sunday, August 2. Please join us in thanking God for the gift that she has been to us.

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**Notes from the Session Meeting on June 9, 2015**  
Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

1. Rev. Carter announced that Rev. Virginia Miner is the Transition Executive for Lackawanna Presbytery.
2. Session reviewed Pennsylvania's background check information and will comply with new regulations
3. Frank Garnecki, Chair of B & G reviewed with Session the committee's plans for the Fire Drill which is planned for Sunday, June 14th -- report follows.



**FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2015**

**REVENUE**

Budget	\$ 164,458
Actual Received	<u>155,626</u>
Difference	\$ ( 8,832)
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**EXPENSES**

Budget	\$ 171,565
Actual Expenses	<u>168,218</u>
Difference	\$ 3,348
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**BUDGET VARIANCE** \$ ( 5,485)

**PLEDGE INCOME**

Budget	\$ 133,333
Received	<u>128,969</u>
Difference	\$ (4,365)

Per Capita Update:  
Total Received in 2015 \$ 3,475

*Per Capita assessment for 2015 is \$30 per member*

**The Presbyterian deadline for  
The September issue is  
August 14, 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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<b>Director of Adult &amp; Teen Choirs</b>	Susan Kelly
<b>Director of Bells</b>	Richard Cochrane
<b>Director of Chapel Choir</b>	Kay Ten Eyck
<b>Organist</b>	Kay Ten Eyck
<b>Sexton</b>	John Conklyn

*Love*

is patient ♦  
kind ♦ not envious ♦  
not boastful ♦  
not arrogant ♦  
not rude ♦ does not insist  
on its own way ♦  
is not irritable or resentful ♦  
does not rejoice in  
wrongdoing ♦ rejoices in the  
truth ♦ bears all things ♦  
believes all things ♦  
hopes all things ♦  
endures all things ♦  
never ends. ♦

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NRSV [adapted]



## From the Pastor

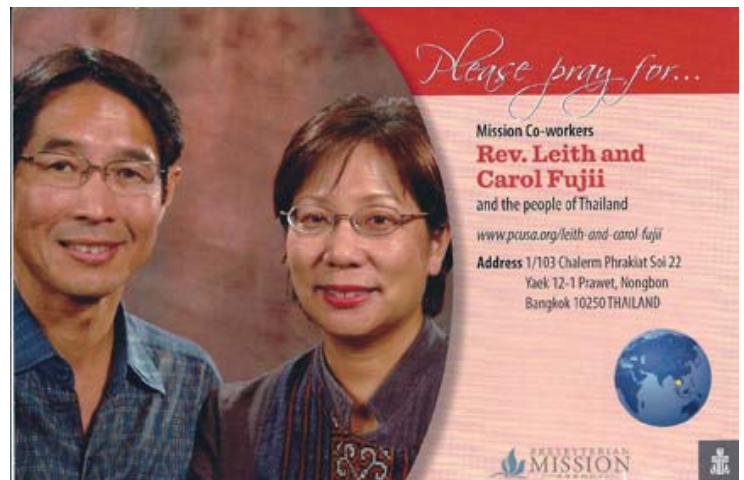
William G. Carter

We look forward to welcoming the Rev. Leith and Carol Fujii to Clarks Summit on Sunday, July 26. Leith and Carol have served as Presbyterian mission workers in Thailand. Our congregation has supported them for many years, and we are thrilled that we will be with us for worship and a presentation following.

In a country where fewer than 1 percent of the people are Christian, the Fujiis embody a respectful witness that flows from walking in relationship with Jesus Christ. For example, Leith has developed a friendship with his barber, Noot, a devout Buddhist. They have had many conversations over the years and one day she asked Leith for a Bible and Christian literature. "She is not the only neighbor who is wondering about our Lord," Leith says.

The Fujiis and their colleagues at the Bangkok Institute of Theology (BIT) are equipping students to present the good news that can satisfy such spiritual curiosity.

A compassionate and compelling witness to Christ's love is needed nowhere more than in Bangkok's notorious red-light district. Every day three BIT alumnae work to help free women from lives of prostitution. They develop friendships with the women, listen to their stories and eventually introduce them to Christ as they demonstrate God's love for them.



The women reached by these BIT alumnae and their co-workers have the opportunity to learn job skills such as jewelry design, card-making, tailoring and business management/accounting. Some of them with only an elementary-level education have been able to study toward and complete their high school equivalency. Carol has been a friend and confidante to the former BIT students and the women they are serving.

Plan on being with us for the day of their visit. You will be enriched by their Christian witness and gain a sense of Christ's work through the many, many people who serve in the mission field for the Presbyterian Church (USA).

With you on the journey,

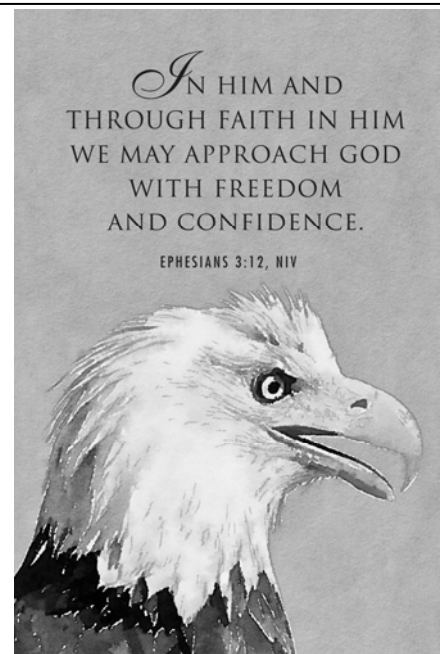
## Board of Deacons

### 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:	Joe Waters	586-7233
	Greg Matthews	587-2644

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

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



Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love to people during a time of need.

Since 1975, more than 600,000 people from more than 12,000 congregations been trained as Stephen Ministers. Talk to one of our Stephen Leaders, John Conklin, Judy Cutler, or Rev. Bill Carter if you would like more information about the Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister for help with a situation in your life.



After a quiet summer, the book group will pick up again in September with **The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing** by Marie Kondo. Come join us as we figure out if we truly can declutter our homes and lives. We will meet at Connie Weiss' home on Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m.

We have quite a list of titles for the upcoming year. If you would like to see it, contact Judy Cutler. Even if you don't feel you can make it every month, perhaps there will be one or more titles that you would like to read and join us for the discussion.



## Calling All Golfers

The Annual Camp Lackawanna Golf Tournament will be held at Shadowbrook Golf Course in Tunkhannock on September 26.

Registration is from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. At 9:00 we begin the Shotgun start. A luncheon will be held at 1:30. Cost for the whole event is \$85.

Check the Presbytery website **[lackawannapresby.org](http://lackawannapresby.org)** for more details and registration.

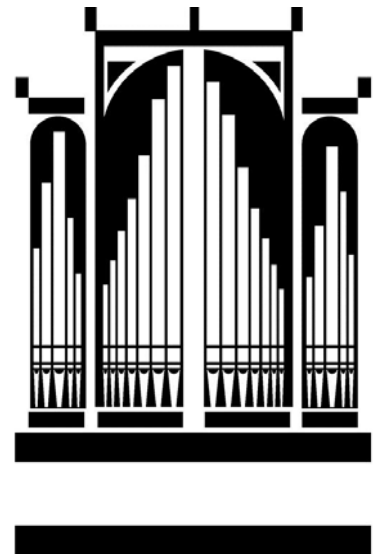
## Pulling Back the Curtain

by Kay Ten Eyck

Stately trumpets, soft strings, and everything in between . . . from where does that music come? You can hear it but can't see it. How does an organ work?

It has been fifteen years since our Moller organ was fully rebuilt, and the Worship, Music and Arts Committee would like to celebrate this milestone. After the worship service on October 25, gather around the organ to find out a little of the history of pipe organs in general, how an organ works, and explore some of the sounds that are unique to the instrument.

Join us for what is sure to be a "great" and "swell" time!



## My Brothers' Keeper Quilting Group

My Brothers' Keeper quilting group completed their 2014-2015 season with a pot luck luncheon on June 9. Dedicated members are Diane Cole, Jeanne Comly, Marie Cochrane, Doris Dempsey, Janet Dobson, Barbara Pittman, Kay Rudis, Linda Schuller, Shakun Shah, Carol Shamonsky, Charlotte Spory, Edie Suydam, and Lee Wirth.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday we meet in Fellowship Hall to sew sleeping bags for the homeless. This year we completed 44 bags, which were taken to the Church of the Epiphany to be distributed where needed. We are able to do this ministry because of the generous donations by our church members. Please think of us when you have extra blankets, sheets, and towels. And join us on September 8 at 10 a.m. when we begin again.





## THE WAY

The Wednesday Aadults and Youth Christian Education

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

Supper, 5:15 \* Gathering Time, 6:10 \* Classes for all ages, 6:15

## Save The Date!

September 16, 2015

W.A.Y. Classes resume for the year!

Here are four reasons why we love the W.A.Y.

“I like it because it really gives me an opportunity to participate in adult education. When education was on Sunday morning I was rarely able to participate because of conflicts with choir and other things.” Judy Cutler

“I enjoy coming to the WAY because it is a warm atmosphere where my knowledge of the Bible can grow. I keep coming back because there is always more to learn and I enjoy my class.” Tyler Kusma

“I’d go anywhere for Bible Study and I’d miss it if I didn’t come. I also enjoy the comradery before class.” Don Keen

“Being part of a Bible study for adults and Bible lessons for children is important for the spiritual growth of our family. It is a good reminder that our faith is a vital part of each part of our lives, not just something to do on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening.” A regular W.A.Y. mom

### 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.



# Messy Game Night

Friday, August 14

6:30-8:00pm

Open to all youth, grades 5-12.

Bring a friend or few!

Please wear clothes that can get dirty, messy  
and stained.

## Chapel Choir Notes

submitted by Kay Ten Eyck



Congratulations to both the Teen Choir and the Chapel Choir for earning Superior ratings at the Music in the Parks event May 23rd! They were wonderful ambassadors for First Presbyterian Church both as musicians and as well behaved children and youth.

We will hold a Music Camp Sunday, August 23rd from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, for children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Participants need not be members of the church to attend. In addition to singing, we'll have activities to learn how to read music, games and snacks. Need more information? Please contact Kay at 570-313-0146 or [kayt1085@gmail.com](mailto:kayt1085@gmail.com).



## PAUL R. DOBSON SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to this year's winner, Bill Roditsky. We wish him well as he heads off to Keystone College.

- The Dobson Family



## Building & Grounds Committee Notes:

We thank everyone for their cooperation during our mock fire drill on Sunday, June 14. This was a necessary first step in developing an effective emergency evacuation plan. Over the next few months the B&G committee will be formulating a set of safety policies & procedures, which will include schematic diagrams posted on each floor where needed showing nearest and alternate escape exits, as well as locations of fire extinguishers, oxygen tank, and medical supplies.

In addition, a more detailed set of evacuation instructions will be posted on a wall on each floor, distributed on flyers to each member, included in the Presbyterian periodically, and posted on our website.

Sunday's drill was purposely announced in advance, and as expected there was a less than urgent response. As a result, the 100% evacuation goal took 2 minutes and 45 seconds - which is dangerously too long. If a real emergency is caused by a gas leak, toxic fire, or other rapidly advancing threat we will need to get everyone out of the building in half that time. We need to work on this and it will be the major focus of future drills.

During our consultation with Clarks Summit Boro fire chief Jake Hoinowski on June 7, he recommended specific improvements and upgrades which the committee is actively exploring.



## Are you traveling this summer?



Travelers can keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically. Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, First Presbyterian Church relies on your regular contributions.

We appreciate the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year—especially during popular summer travel periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions.

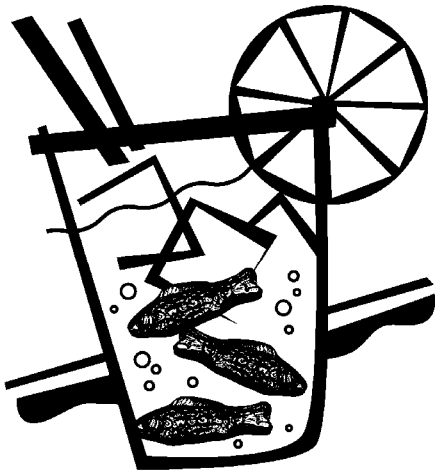
Please check our website ([www.fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org)) to enroll or contact the church office.





# OCEAN WATER

After a busy summer day, relax in the shade with this cool drink.



### What you need:

- 3 Tablespoons water
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 drops blue food coloring
- 24 oz. (2 cans) lemon-lime soda
- Clear cup or glass
- Ice
- Swedish Fish candy

### What you do:

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the water and sugar. Heat for 1 minute. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture into a pitcher. Add coconut extract, food coloring and soda. Stir.
3. Pour into cup. Add ice and fish. Enjoy!










# UNDER THE SEA

This summer, consider God's marvelous creation under the sea.



Directions: Write the animal names on the blanks. Then use the circled letters (they may not be in the right order) to create a new word from Psalm 148:7, NIV. Finally, match the words to their numbered blanks below.

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PSALM 148:7, NIV

Answers: lobster > Lord, sea horse > earth, hermit crab > great, stingray > praise, jellyfish > you, clownfish > from, sea star > creatures  
 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures. Psalm 148:7, NIV

## Joys and Sorrows



Chelsea Barrows and Timothy Rixner were married on May 9, 2015.

Abbey Valvano and Jason Kelley were united in marriage on June 13, 2015, with Rev. Carter presiding.

Justyna Thomas and Glenn Woodley became husband and wife on June 20, 2015.

**Blessings and best wishes to these newlyweds.**



Many, many THANKS to everyone who helped provide food, cooked, or cleaned-up for our weekly Wednesday suppers. We had a lot of fantastic meals from chili, various pasta dishes, pierogis, chicken, tacos, pizza, soup, sandwiches, desserts, breakfast for supper and "Real Salad."

THANK YOU ALL!  
Janet Dobson



- Doris Dempsey on the recent death of her brother;
- the family of Betty Stark, who entered the church triumphant June 23, 2015.

## Lectionary Readings

**July 5**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**July 12**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**July 19**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 26**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

**August 2**

**10 Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:10-16; John 6:24-35

**August 9**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

**August 16**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

**August 23**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 8:1, 6, (10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

**August 30**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15; 21-23

**July 2015 Calendar**

- 1— 9:00 AM—Presbyter Mailing  
10:00 AM—Prayer & Share
- 2—8:30 AM—Mens' Breakfast  
5:00 PM—CSG  
7:00 PM—Christian Education Mtg.
- 3—Church Office is closed in observance of  
Independence Day
- 5—10:00 AM Summer Worship**
- 6—12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM Weight Watchers
- 8—9:30 AM—LP LDT; 11:00 AM—Presbytery  
Meeting; 1:00 PM—LP COM  
10:00 AM Prayer and Share
- 9—5:00 PM Counseling Support Group
- 12-10:00 AM Summer Worship**
- 13—9:00 AM to Noon Vacation Bible School**
- 14—9:00 AM Vacation Bible School**
- 15—9:00 AM Vacation Bible School**
- 16—8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast  
**9:00 AM Vacation Bible School**  
5:00 PM Counseling Support Group  
6:30 PM Fellowship
- 17—9:00 AM Vacation Bible School**  
**6:00 PM VBS Evening Carnival**
- 19- 10:00 AM Summer Worship**
- 20—12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM Weight Watchers
- 22—10:00 AM Prayer and Share
- 23— 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group
- 26—10:00 AM Summer Worship**  
**Leith and Carol Fujii will be visiting.**
- 27—12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM Weight Watchers
- 28— 7:00 PM Deacons
- 29—10:00 AM Prayer & Share
- 30— 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group

**August 2015 Calendar**

- 1—11:00 AM AH Trip Meeting
- 2—10:00 AM Summer Worship**
- 3—12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM Weight Watchers  
7:00 PM Mission & Justice
- 5— 10:00 AM Prayer & Share
- 6— 8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast  
5:00 PM—CSG  
7:00 PM Building and Grounds  
7:00 PM Christian Education
- 9—10:00 AM Summer Worship**
- 10— 12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM Weight Watchers  
6:30 PM Worship, Music and Arts
- 11— (Time TBD) Combined Session and Deacon  
Meeting
- 12— 9:30—LP LDT & 1:00 PM—LP COM  
10:00 AM Prayer & Share
- 13— 5:00 PM CSG  
5:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 14— Presbyter Deadline  
6:30 PM Youth Event: Messy Game Night
- 16—10:00 AM Summer Worship**
- 17—12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM Weight Watchers
- 19—10:00 AM Prayer & Share
- 20— 8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast  
5:00 PM CSG  
6:30 PM Fellowship
- 23—10:00 AM Summer Worship**  
**2:00 PM Music Camp**
- 24—12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM Weight Watchers
- 26— 9:00 AM Presbyter Mailing  
10:00 AM Prayer & Share
- 27— 5:00 PM CSG
- 30—10:00 AM—Summer Worship**
- 31—12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM Weight Watchers



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**Looking for a fun summer evening?**

The Abington Rec Board is providing free concerts on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Held at the Hillside Park on Winola Road (adjacent to the Clarks Summit State Hospital), the concerts feature many local performers in a variety of musical styles. You can bring a picnic supper or get a bite to eat from a cookout stand. It is a wonderful family-oriented event — and fully handicap accessible. Canoeing is also available.

This year, Rev. Bill Carter has invited his friend Rev. Mark Terwilliger to help put together a band for an evening concert. Mark is the pastor of the Countryside Community Church and an excellent guitarist and bassist. They will join with saxophonist Mike Carbone and drummer Tyler Dempsey to create the “Holy Smoke Jazz Quartet” on Wednesday, July 22. They are one of the many groups performing this summer.

Enjoy the summer with the sounds of music!

