



# The Presbyter

October 2018

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

## Welcome to our new members!

Jennifer and Steve Cowgill, Barbara Norton, Susan D. Sill, Tracy and Brian Smith, Jeanette Stauffer, and Margaret (Maggie) Woolever officially joined our church community on September 16, 2018.

## Food Pantry

It's time to grocery shop for our neighbors as we grocery shop for ourselves.



October is Food Pantry month, and the deacons will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Abington Ecumenical Ministerium's (AEM's) Food Pantry in Dalton.

Items such as soups, pasta and sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, fish and chicken, peanut butter, cereal, dry milk.

Please consider each time you go shopping to buy an item for yourself and one for our neighbors.

Items will be collected in the Narthex until the end of October. (Sorry, homemade items and exotic items aren't suitable.)

## Clergy Appreciation Month!



Who knew? Not me, until I was searching for artwork for the October Presbyter and saw this graphic!

"Newsletternewsletter.com" says "Appreciate your pastor, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!" My experience so far is that this is a church that does just that. But I'm thinking that it wouldn't hurt to actually say "thank you" every once in awhile also.

*So thank you Rev. Carter!*

(Added at the discretion of the Editor)

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## Notes from the Session Meeting on September 11, 2018

1. Session approved an additional Bible School for Thursday, December 27th and Friday, December 28th. Further information will be forthcoming.
2. Approval given to Connie Weiss, as a Certified APPRISE counselor, to offer free Medicare counseling services during the annual open enrollment period, October 15 to December 7. Please contact Connie Weiss at 570-586-0434 if you would like an appointment.
3. Session chairs will begin to work on their budgets for the 2019 year.
4. Please contact Jana Schillinger or Tabbi Miller-Scandle if you can help with The Way program on Wednesday nights. They are in need of teachers in particular for fourth grade.

Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

### The Presbyterian deadline for the November issue is October 19

The Presbyter is a monthly newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

All visitors are welcome to worship with us.

**Worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** Child care is available. Communion is observed the first Sunday of every month.

If you do not attend a church in this area, we invite you to any and all of the events, programs, and worship services described in this newsletter. Please call the church office to arrange child care. Our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are both handicapped accessible.

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<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 Conklin

## Board of Deacons

### Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Independent & Assisted Living:	Donna Kepler 587-2729
Deacon Meals:	Donna Kepler 587-2729
Time of Loss:	Anne Rich 587-2802
Emergency Home Repairs And Maintenance:	Joe Waters 954-6650

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, 2018

#### REVENUE

Budget	\$ 244,889
Actual Received	<u>218,372</u>
Difference	\$ ( 26,517)
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#### EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 253,137
Actual Expenses	<u>240,686</u>
Difference	\$ 12,451
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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ (14,067)

#### PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 213,333
Received	<u>200,842</u>
Difference	\$ (12,491)

Per Capita 2018 is \$33 per member. As of the end of August, \$3,222 has been contributed.

## From the Pastor October 2018

Dear Friends,

Sometimes it feels like the world is coming at us so quickly that we don't know which way to turn, where to look, what to do next. In a chaotic world, we find strength in knowing that God is always near. That is why I'm grateful for *A Season of Peace* we are in, which culminates with the Peace & Global Witness offering on World Communion Sunday. The ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation witness to the Prince of Peace. It is good to be reminded that, with all the discord, pain, and conflict in our communities and in the world, we serve a God who promises harmony and responds to violence with reconciliation and peace.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It has helped support our church partners in Madagascar recover from years of destructive development. Scriptural resources helped congregations, like the one in Old Bergen, New Jersey, find common ground with neighbors of many faiths, bringing their children together to learn from one another and to build a peaceful future. And the whole church joins together, through this offering, to work for an end to all forms of human trafficking, specifically, the sin of child soldiers.

This is why we give to the Peace & Global Witness offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace – at all times, in all ways. From our congregation, where we retain 25 percent of this offering to support the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, which Kaitlin Porter spoke about in a Table Talk on June 2. The mission of the Florence Project is to provide free legal and social services to detained adults and unaccompanied children facing immigration removal proceedings in Arizona. Their vision is to ensure that all immigrants facing removal have access to counsel, understand their rights under the law, and are treated fairly and humanely.

As to the remainder of the funds raised, 25 percent is retained by mid councils of the church in our region to support peacemaking efforts with our neighboring congregations. The remaining 50 percent is utilized by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website ([www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global)) to find out more information on how your support of this offering helps. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community. I challenge each of us to consider how we might increase our witness, and increase our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. I pray that the God of Peace might open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 7, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

As Presbyterians, 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**

**Book Group:****October 25, 7 p.m. – The Hidden Life of Trees** by Peter Wohlleben

Are trees social beings? In this international bestseller, forester and author Peter Wohlleben convincingly makes the case that, yes, the forest is a social network. He draws on groundbreaking scientific discoveries to describe how trees are like human families: tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them, support them as they grow, share nutrients with those who are sick or struggling, and even warn each other of impending dangers. Wohlleben also shares his deep love of woods and forests, explaining the amazing processes of life, death, and regeneration he has observed in his woodland. After learning about the complex life of trees, a walk in the woods will never be the same again. Location:TBD – check your Sunday bulletin.

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For more information about the Book Group, contact Judy Cutler at 570-446-9310 or [jdragonflyc@hotmail.com](mailto:jdragonflyc@hotmail.com)

**A very special event for the Neighborhood**

Rev. Carter invites his friends to view the recent documentary “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” at the church on Tuesday, October 30, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The award-winning film traces the work of Fred Rogers, who taught peace and compassion to generations of children on his PBS show. Come and join us for the 95 minute film in the Session Room. Popcorn will be available.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES**

Our second lesson for the year will be *God with us in our Uncertainty*. The focus will be “God accompanies the called: it is God’s presence in our weakness that equips us for our calling.” Our scripture passages are Exodus 3:1-12 about Moses and Judges 6:11-27 about Gideon. Some women - Jachebed (Moses mother), the midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, Pharaoh’s daughter, and even Miriam (as a child and later as an adult) - will also be discussed in these stories. You may even learn something very interesting about Michelangelo who painted the Sistine Chapel.



We had a great time at our Kickoff Pot Luck Dinner on September 11, at the church with between 20-25 in attendance. We missed those who could not come but anticipate more for our first September Bible Study Circles.

We are looking forward to seeing you again at our October 16 Bible Study Circle at the church. The times are still 10:00 a.m. for Dorcas and Priscilla Circles and 7:00 p.m. for Eunice Circle. If you need a ride please call Barbara Pittman at 570-587-2050 and Bonnie Plantholt at 570-212-1566 for 10:00 a.m. and Kate Hopkins at 570-587-2390 and Barbara Mellander at 570-587-5236 for 7:00 p.m.

Mary Ellen Lawlor

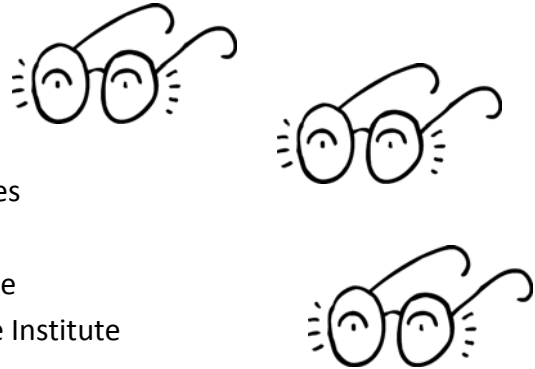
**Vision Services  
with a Concentration on  
Macular Degeneration**

October 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Presenter: Jeanne Gardier

Agencies: Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services  
Lackawanna Blind Association

Doctors: Dr. Sachin Patel – Patel Retina Institute  
Dr. Joseph Shovlin – Northeastern Eye Institute



**Countryside Community Church**, 14011 Orchard Drive, Clarks Summit  
Please RSVP (570) 586-3206 or [countrysideoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:countrysideoffice@yahoo.com)

This program is free and open to the public. A light luncheon will follow.

### ***St. Paul at the Movies***



No, that's not the title of our October WAY class on Paul. But it is the title of a book in our library! As is the seemingly more scholarly *Paul and the Rhetoric of Reconciliation, An Exegetical Investigation of the Language and Composition of I Corinthians*.

If neither of those titles intrigue you, there are several more books on Paul to check out. And you won't need to search for them—during October they will all be easily found on the display shelf in the library.

Remember, the library is totally self-serve. Just choose the book or books you want to read, sign the card inside the cover (front or back) and leave it in the wooden box. When you are done, leave the book on the shelf labeled for returns. It's easy! And who could resist *St. Paul at the Movies*?

## Lectionary Readings

### **October 7**

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4;  
2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

### **October 14**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews  
4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

### **October 21**

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c;  
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

### **October 28**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22);  
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



Join us on Sundays as we continue another series of Adventures in the Bible. We're learning about the Bible, preparing for worship, building friendships, and exploring different ways to express our faith through arts, crafts, and music.



Classes begin at 9:00, and we welcome children age 2 and older as well as a parent(s) or grandparent(s). Older siblings who would like to help are also encouraged to join us. There is room for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Karis Naeher ([klnaeher@outlook.com](mailto:klnaeher@outlook.com)) or Tabbi Miller-Scandle ([tabbi.miller-scandle@uofs.edu](mailto:tabbi.miller-scandle@uofs.edu)) for information. We look forward to seeing you during October!



The Wednesday Adults 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.

### Confirmation Class

If you are a student in grades 7-12 who is interested in confirmation but haven't yet signed up, let us know!

Classes will begin October 7.

For more information, please contact the church office or Jana Schillinger.

### Helpers Needed!

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

Cook or help to cook a main dish; Provide a salad or a dessert; Help with setup; Help with cleanup.

Contact Karen White or

Tabbi Miller-Scandle to volunteer!



### Wednesday Evening Schedule

5:00-6:10 pm	Light supper *
5:30-6:10	Chapel & Alleluia Choir Rehearsals
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.

Christian Education



It's for life!

**THE W.A.Y.**The Wednesday Aadults and Youth Christian Education

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

Supper 5:00 Classes 6:15

**Wednesday Classes for Adults****October 3:** John Lawlor will conclude the class on “Allowing Genesis to Speak for Itself”

Brent Eelman will conclude the class on “What Is Truth?”

**October 10, 17, 24, 31: Radical Ideas from Paul: 1 Corinthians**

The apostle Paul can be controversial, yet his ideas anchor the New Testament. In this study, we will read one letter carefully, considering how Paul's enthusiasm for Jesus connects with his forceful opinions. This class will be led by Dr. Charles (Charlie) Pinches who teaches theology and ethics at the University of Scranton.

**October 10, 17, 24: Music You Won't Hear in Church — But Should**

Join us for an experience of the prophetic power of music. We will take a listening survey of choral works about social justice, care of the earth, and community life—that may seem to be challenging for the church! Dr. Alan Baker will conduct this class. Alan teaches choral music at Bloomsburg University and directs the Choral Society of NEPA.

**October 31, November 7, 14: Alive to Beauty: A Summons**

God is constantly seeking to be in touch with us. He speaks to us through beauty. We will reflect on paintings that call us to a sense of awe and wonder, awakening us to prayer, reverence, transcendence. We will be guided by Sister Cor Immaculatum Heffernan, Professor Emerita of Art at Marywood University.

**Classes for Children and Youth:**

**Grace & Faith (4 years old - Grade 5)** experience Bible stories through our new 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 how God Saves the People, God Provides Food & Water, God Proclaims Jubilee, God Chooses Deborah to Lead, and God Sends Elijah to Help.

**We Believe (Grades 6 and up):** This fall, students will explore a unit called *Knowing God*, answering questions about who God is and who we are as Christians. In October, we will answer: How does God want churches to treat each other?, then explore What is the Gospel? Looking at the accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.



# From the heart

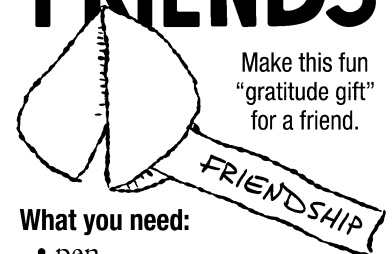
We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

*Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

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the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

## Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun "gratitude gift" for a friend.

### What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

### What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.





**Sunday, October 28, 2018 4:00 pm**  
**"Love Songs" with The Arcadia Chorale**

We welcome the Arcadia Chorale, NEPA's premier chamber choir, to open our 2018-2019 Arts at First Presbyterian concert season with a program of "Love Songs" on Sunday, October 28 at 4 pm. The Chorale has served the region with choral concerts of the highest quality for 40 years. The group is directed by Dr. Steven Thomas, Professor of Music at Wilkes University. Love - longed for, lost, found, faithful and not - has inspired countless poets and composers. The Chorale offers its own take on these songs of love in a program that will be recorded for release later this fall.

This concert will be held at the church. It is open to the public, free of charge, but a free-will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of the event.

We receive some financial support from state and county grants, but rely heavily on the support of individual donors to produce the series. Please consider supporting the Arts Series at First Presbyterian Church. Donations may be made payable to:

First Presbyterian Church  
 300 School Street  
 Clarks Summit, PA 18411



**Notes from the Chapel and Alleluia Choirs**

*"Service to humanity is service to God."*

Lailah Gifty Akita

"Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good for all." What better way to begin our September 23rd worship service and prepare to go out and serve others. That afternoon we visited and sang at the Clarks Summit Senior Living Center as part of the Music, Worship and Arts committee's event. It was a lovely afternoon of making music!

Our next opportunity to read and sing for worship will be October 14th. We are looking forward to sharing a Natalie Sleeth classic, "Come Let Us Sing."

Young singers are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:10. Frank Jones conducts our Alleluia Choir (middle school/high school) and Kay Ten Eyck conducts our Chapel Choir (elementary age). Please note that we will not hold rehearsal Wednesday, October 31st.

submitted by Kay Ten Eyck

# Joys

# Sorrows

# Thank You Notes



- October 1<sup>st</sup> George Harris
- October 4<sup>th</sup> Riley Wescott
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Sadie O'Brien
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Carol Hudak
- October 13<sup>th</sup> Sue Fulton
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Barbara Decker
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Nancy Owens
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Darlene Scappatura
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Ryan Flynn
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Kim Barrows  
Ed Cole
- October 27<sup>th</sup> Linda Weaver
- October 28<sup>th</sup> Linda Schuller



- October 28<sup>th</sup> Anne and John Rich

## Thank You Notes:



From Ann Chamberlin –  
Thank you to all for the nice cards, good wishes, and encouraging calls during my recent hospitalization and recuperation.

From Betty Keen – Thank you to all who provided food and helped with set up and clean up for the memorial service for Bill Keen.

## Greeters for October

- October 7 Steuart Bailey
- October 14 Jay Clymer
- October 21 John Conklin
- October 28 Ed Cole

## Ushers

Betty Keen and Gwynne Gilbert

## October 7

### Communion Servers

David Naeher, Captain  
Meg Hatch, Bill Davis, Lee Wirth, Robin Pinches.

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6	
	7am-AA 6pm-Weight Watchers 6pm-Girl Scouts 7pm-Mission & Justice	7am-AA 12pm- State Hospital Luncheon 6pm-OA 7pm-Big Book	7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 5pm-The W.A.Y. Light supper 5:30-Chapel & Alleluia Choirs 6:15-Christian Ed. 7:15-Adult Choir 8:00-AIAnon 8:30-Bell Choir	7am-AA 8:30-Men's Breakfast 4:30-Staff 7pm-AIAnon 7pm-Building & Grounds 7pm-Christian Ed. 7pm-Finance	7am-AA	7am-AA 10am-Piano Competition	
7 7am-AA 9am-Adventures in the Bible 10am-Worship 11am-Refreshments 11:15-Confirmation 12:30-Youth Group 3pm-OA WORLD COMMUNION	8 7am-AA 6pm-Weight Watchers  Columbus Day Observed  Church Office is closed.	9 7am-AA 10am-MBK Quilts 5pm-OA 7pm-Session 7pm-Big Book	10 7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 5pm-The W.A.Y. Light supper 5:30-Chapel & Alleluia Choirs 6:15-Christian Ed. 7:15-Adult Choir 8:00-AIAnon 8:30-Bell Choir	11 7am-AA 7pm-AIAnon	12 7am-AA	13 7am-AA	
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**Clarks Summit State Hospital Lunch**  
October 2nd, 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall  
We are hosting our guests from Clarks Summit State Hospital for lunch and fellowship. All are welcome to join us!  
If you have never attended and have questions, please don't hesitate in calling Janet Dobson, 570-563-1887

 All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us on  
Sunday, October 7, 12:30-2:30pm  
for fun and games  
and  
Friday, October 26 , 8:30-11pm  
for Cosmic Bowling