



# The Presbyter

June 2022

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

## All hands on deck!

We're having a Spring Work Day on **June 4**, and we sure would like you to come. There will be many jobs, both inside and outside, for every age. Bring the whole family. Let's join together for a time of work and fellowship, taking care of our property and building so that it continues to be a vibrant place of worship and safety in our community.



We will begin at 8 a.m. and will end before noon. Come for the time that fits your schedule.

Mark your calendars **NOW** for **Saturday, June 4 at 8 a.m.**, and be looking for the "task sign up" sheet in the narthex of the church.

**To sweeten the deal,  
Coffee and Donuts will be on hand!**

## Join us for an Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, June 26**

**5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Let's get out of our houses and enjoy one another. Our church is hosting an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social - and inviting the neighborhood to join us.

We have enlisted the Manning's Ice Cream truck to make frozen treats available at a low cost. A keg of birch beer will be on tap. The Tom Hamilton Band will be on hand to stir up some jazzy music with Rev. Bill on keyboards.

We are planning for the social to take place on our side parking lot, on the corner of School and Main Streets. Bring a lawn chair. In the rare case of rain, we'll move the festivities into Fellowship Hall.

Invite your friends and family. Invite your neighbors. It's a good time for us to get together - and we can't wait to see you!

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## Interested in joining our congregation?

Let us know by contacting the church office (570-586-6306 or [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org)). We will receive new members on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.



Masks are now optional in our building

## NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING MAY 10, 2022

1. Session welcomed back Jeff McLaughlin as a Member of the Class of 2025 and will welcome Patty McGonagle on June 14th as another member of this class. Session also said farewell to Dave Naeher and Craig Smith with much appreciation for their time and work the last six years. We will miss you both.
2. William W. Davis has retired from Norwood Financial with thanks for his 26 years of service and leadership with them. Session wishes him good health and happiness in the future.
3. There will be a church work clean-up on Saturday June 4 at 8 a.m. Please come if you can. Our building chairmen, Jay Clymer and Barry Shepherd, would appreciate seeing you that morning.
4. Tabbi Miller-Scandle will chair our Worship through Service Weekend (September 24-25). Please let her know if you are interested in helping her.

Beverly Bright  
Clerk of Session

The Presbyterian deadline for  
the July/August 2022 issue is  
June 17

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 Bells</b>	Richard Cochrane
<b>Organist</b>	Kay Ten Eyck
<b>Sexton</b>	Don Gross

## FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH ENDING April 30, 2022

### REVENUE

Budget	\$131,400
Actual Received	<u>117,541</u>
Difference	(13,859)

### EXPENSES

Budget	\$133,390
Actual Expenses	<u>129,584</u>
Difference	\$ 3,806

Result of operations (\$10,053)

### PLEDGE

Budget	\$108,333
Actually received	<u>94,894</u>
	(\$13,439)

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2022 Per Capita assessment is  
\$35 per member.

## Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Deacon Meals	Erika Adams 570-878-2410
Time of Loss	Anne Rich 570-587-2802
Emergency Home Repairs and Maintenance	Joe Waters 570-351-3620
Deacon Driver	TBD

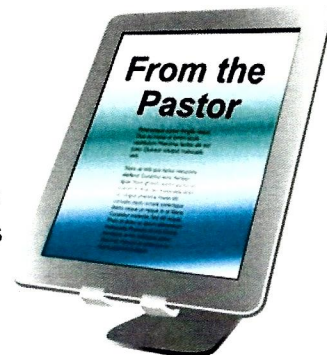
Please let the Board of Deacons Care Team Coordinators or the church office know if anyone is in need of care.

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 the Pastor

June 2022



In the days after Easter, we have heard a lot of Bible stories from the Acts of the Apostles, a “Fifth Gospel” that narrates the beginning of the Christian church. By definition, the church is a human community. A fellowship. A gathering of souls, both kindred and diverse. It is a remarkable gift that signals what God intended from the beginning: people living together in peace, comfort, faith, and joy.

The New Testament describes what this looks like:

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. (Acts 2:44-47)

It's a description of people who spent time together, gathered in the love of Jesus. They cared actively for one another, enjoyed eating at the same table, and expressed their joy through mutual care and generosity. Despite their diversity, they shared a commonality that empowered them to overcome adversity. If any had needs, the others lifted them up. Their neighbors regarded them with goodwill. This is life at its best.

As the pandemic sputters out, our leaders join me in rethinking how we can live together as a faith community. Some have been frightened by the possibility of illness. Others have felt cut off from friends and family. Many of our familiar groups have been splintered, and the relationships that glued us together need fresh attention.

So let's work on this. The recurring theme for June will be **rebuilding relationships**. On the first page of this newsletter, there's notice of two opportunities to enjoy one another's company. We can gather to spruce up our building and grounds on June 4, and enjoy ice cream, music, and fun on June 26. I'm thrilled to announce one of my best friends will visit from Tennessee on June 19 and join me for a dialogue sermon on the topic of friendship. Can't wait to introduce him to you!

Volunteer opportunities are available for all. This newsletter invites you to help beautify the Morgan Highway on June 11, and to volunteer as a teacher or helper with Vacation Bible School in July. Our committees welcome your fresh insight, and their meetings are listed on page nine. Don't wait to be asked to join one - **jump in**. The strength of our congregation has always been our high level of participation. We want you to be involved.

May I ask you to do one thing more? Share some meals with one another, as you are able, as you feel comfortable. We encourage you to create “Suppers for Seven” - perhaps a cookout on the deck, a picnic at the state park, a simple dessert with people you'd like to know, or wine and cheese with hearty conversation. Biblically speaking, “Seven” is a complete number, which presumes that individuals are always expected.

Of course, I hope you can join us for Sunday worship at 10 am. The music will be hot, the air conditioning will be cool, and the welcome will always be warm. It has been a blessing to see so many of you return from Winter Hibernation and Covid Separation. Believe me when I say we will make room for all. There's certainly room for you.

With you in the journey,

*Rev. Bill*

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Class of  
**2022**

***Congratulations to our graduates***

**Zachary Kusma**, a graduate of Abington Heights High School, son of Mark and Heather Kusma, grandson of Janet Dobson, plans to attend the University of Delaware majoring in finance.

**Katherine, “Kate”, O’Brien**, a graduate of Abington Heights High school, daughter of Joseph and Ginny O’Brien, plans to attend the University of Vermont, majoring in environmental engineering.

**Susan Scappatura**, received a Bachelor’s in Architecture from Temple University. Daughter of Darlene Scappatura, she is employed by Stantec Architecture of Philadelphia designing hospitals and schools.

**Benjamin Worrell**, a graduate of Purdue University, with a BS degree in Aerospace Engineering, plans to pursue a Master’s degree in mechanical engineering at Purdue. He is the son of Raymond and Laura Worrell.

**Nathaniel Worrell**, a graduate of Valley View High School, son of Raymond and Laura Worrell, plans to attend Ithaca College of Music, majoring in music education and piano performance.

***With God, all things are possible. – Matthew 19:26***

**Already Time for Another Highway Clean-Up**



The next of our four annual highway clean-ups will be held on Saturday morning, June 11<sup>th</sup>. All who can help meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Clarks Summit Methodist Church at the corner of Grove Street and the Morgan Highway. Trash bags, gloves, and safety vests will be provided. Enjoy a nice walk and good conversation with other members while doing a “good deed” for our community. We pick up both sides of the Morgan Highway between Winola and Country Club Roads.

**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.



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"

The Christian Education and Growth committee would like to say **thank you** to all of our teachers who helped lead WAY classes, VBS, and other CE programs. Your support, enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to sharing God's word is appreciated. Many thanks -- we hope to see you again in the fall!

The Nursery is now OPEN Sunday mornings from 9:40—11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger.

The nursery is located in room 208 which is on the sanctuary level of the building.



Our nursery caregiver is Heather Lyons, a member of this congregation. She was our caregiver prior to the pandemic.

Welcome back, Children. We look forward to seeing you!

**WHAT: VBS 2022****WHEN:** Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 22, 9am-12pm**WHERE:** First Presbyterian Church

300 School Street, Clarks Summit

**WHO'S INVITED:** all children age 4 to completed grade 5**TO REGISTER, VISIT:** [myvbs.org/fpccs](https://myvbs.org/fpccs)

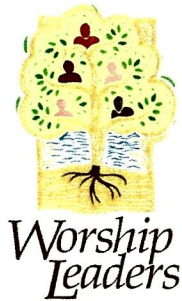
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Want to volunteer? You can help children walk with Jesus by teaching, leading, or preparing. One day or the whole week, we need YOU to make it possible!

Please contact Jana Schillinger or send an email to [fpccs.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:fpccs.vbs@gmail.com)

## Thank you

to all who have assisted with leading our worship services by serving as Liturgist.



Heather Acker	Wayne Griffiths	Chris Norton
Alan Baker	JoAnn Hall	Charles Pinches
Kim Barrows	Meg Hatch	Jack Pittman
Beverly Bright	Adrienne Horger	Nancy Post
Katie Carter	Andy Kepler	Diane Scheuer
Jay Clymer	Candace and	Jana Schillinger
Dick Cochrane	Heather Lyons	Cherie Shepherd
John Conklin	Tabbie Miller-Scandle	Barry Shepherd
Judy Cutler	Debbie Miller	Grant Taylor
Barbara Decker	Laura Moore	Jan Thyren
Myrna Diven	Pete Moore	Connie Weiss
Grace Farrell	Phil Muntzel	John Weiss
Leelah Farrell	Dave Naehar	Nathaniel Worrell

Additional thanks to Grace Farrell for faithfully contacting people and filling the schedule.

If YOU would enjoy participating in worship in this fashion, let Grace know. She will be happy to include you on the list!

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## Our Church Officers

**Rev. William Carter, moderator**

**Beverly Bright, clerk**

### Elders

#### Class of 2023

Alan Baker  
Jay Clymer  
Tabbi Miller-Scandle  
Jan Thyren  
Karen White

#### Class of 2024

Brad Campbell  
JoAnn Hall  
Ginny O'Brien  
Robin Pinches  
Barry Shepherd

#### Class of 2025

Barbara Decker  
Jeff McLaughlin  
Patti McGonagle  
Chris Norton  
Briar Woodley

### Deacons

#### Class of 2023

Erika Henderson  
Jim McLaughlin  
Debbie Miller  
Barbara Norton

#### Class of 2024

Bill Farrell  
Leelah Farrell  
Kate Hopkins  
Peter Moore  
Diana Pope-Albright  
Tracy Smith

#### Class of 2025

Katie Carter  
John Conklin  
Grace Farrell  
Jamie Strong

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## Mission and Justice

### Mission and Justice Committee Disbursements

One of the ongoing functions of the Mission and Justice Committee is to mindfully and prayerfully determine on a monthly basis those in need locally and abroad whom we will help financially with disbursements from our M and J accounts. Since January 2022 we have made 13 disbursements from our yearly account that have included local agencies that address food and shelter insecurities of our neighbors in need: St Francis of Assisi, Keystone Mission, Community Intervention Center, Weinberg Food Bank, and Friends of the Poor. In addition, we continue to support the international efforts of Presbyterian Mission co-workers. This year we sent our disbursements to the General Sending and Support fund of the Presbyterian Mission that supports the efforts of its co-workers in 80 countries across the globe. We made these donations in honor of our missionaries serving in Thailand (whom we have supported for many years) and in honor of new mission co-workers ruling Elder Vilmarie Clintron-Olivieri and Rev. Jose Manuel Capella-Pratts serving in the Caribbean. Finally, in responding to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, we allocated money to St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, a local church that collected and sent relevant supplies and donations to the Ukrainian people.



In appreciation of our caring church family that supports our committee's many efforts throughout the year.

**Mission and Justice** invites anyone who would like to celebrate World Refugee Day with some of our newest neighbors to join us at Nay Aug Park Saturday afternoon, June 18. If anyone would like to contribute towards welcoming refugees in our area, Catholic Social Services Refugee Support Program is looking for baskets to add to their raffle. If you have any questions please contact Ginny O'Brien [ginny8149@gmail.com](mailto:ginny8149@gmail.com).



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Members of our **Mission and Justice** committee are **collecting baby items** for an **expectant family from Afghanistan**. Have a car seat, stroller, pack and play, or other items you could donate? Please send an email to Ginny O'Brien at [ginny8149@gmail.com](mailto:ginny8149@gmail.com) or call her at 570-587-8149. There is a baby shower June 1 and Wahida has registered at Target. If anyone would like to send her something from her registry it can be found at <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=335c17f0-d531-11ec-9013-87ba5562a77d&type=BABY>.

### Join us in supporting the Pentecost Offering.

You can give on Sundays or online. Forty percent of the funds raised will support the NEPA Youth Shelter.



### One Great Hour of Sharing

An enormous "thank-you" to all who contributed to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. We well surpassed our \$5000 goal with a final offering total of \$6,275. Your gifts will join those of other Presbyterians around the world to provide much-needed funding to the PC(USA) programs for Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People.



## Joys

## Sorrows

## Prayers



- 3 Karis Naehar
- 5 Sherry Connell  
Ron Wescott
- 8 Debbie Miller
- 9 Deb Traettino
- 10 Hadley Gilbert  
Drew Taylor
- 17 Al Traettino
- 21 Jacob Wescott  
Caly Yankow
- 22 Jacob Cole  
Kim Rich
- 23 Jay Clymer
- 24 Ran Billiot
- 25 Jacki Bailey  
Brooklyn Yankow
- 27 Eva Moore
- 28 Tom Decker
- 30 Janet Dobson  
Brady Kareha



- 4 Jay & Liz Clymer
- 8 Al & Deb Traettino
- 11 David & Donna Porter
- 26 Wendy & Ron Wescott



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Margaret Reese and her family upon the passing of her husband, Bob, on April 27, 2022. A memorial service took place in our sanctuary on May 7.

Sympathy of the congregation is also extended to Charlie Pinches and his family upon the recent passing of his mother.



Congratulations to Robyn and Charlie Pinches on the birth of Grandson Jaiden Scott, son of Claire (Pinches) and Dan Lovero on April 26.

Prayers and best wishes to all!

## Lectionary Readings

### June 5 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 and  
Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:14-17 or  
Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17(25-27)

### June 12 Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8;  
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

### June 19 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7) 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43

### June 26 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20



## *MARK YOUR CALENDAR*

*Worship every Sunday, 10 a.m., Sanctuary and on-line*

### **Board and Committee Meetings**

**Session Meeting**— Tuesday, June 14, 7 p.m., Room 206

**Board of Deacons**— Tuesday, June 28, 7 p.m., Room 206

**Building and Grounds**—Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m., Room 209

**Christian Education**—Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m., Room 206

**Mission and Justice**—Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Room 206

**Worship, Music and Arts** - Wednesday, June 8, 5 p.m., Room 206

### **Service/Study/Fellowship Gatherings**

**Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** - June 2 and 16, 8:30 a.m., Room 206

**GSA rehearsal** - June 3, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall; **GSA year-end program** - June 5, 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Spring Work Day** - June 4, 8 a.m., church (see page 1)

**Highway Clean up** - June 11, 9 a.m., meeting at Clarks Summit United Methodist Church parking lot

**MBK Quilts** - June 14 and 28, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Sr. Game Group** - Senior Game Group, 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Ice Cream Social** - 5:30-7:30 p.m., June 26, Fellowship Hall (See page 1)

**Prayer and Share** - each Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Room 209

**FPCCS Book Group** is resuming their meetings. We will get together at Noon on Saturday, June 25. Our meeting spot will be the pavilion by the pond at Hillside Park. Bring your lunch! Read a book of your choosing and plan to share your opinion about it.

### **Support Groups**

Many of our support groups have resumed in-person meetings. The schedule is below.

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets each morning at 7 AM in Room 206.
- AlAnon meets on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets in room 210: Sundays at 3 p.m., Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Saturdays at 9:45 a.m.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the church office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

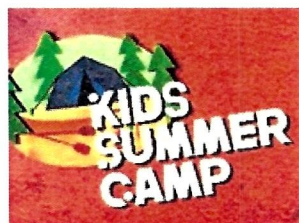
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## **CAMP LACKAWANNA REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP IS NOW OPEN!**

**2022 SCHEDULE****Week 1: June 26-July 1**

Mini Camp	Grades 1-3
Elementary Camp	Grades 2-5
Adventure Camp	Grades 6-12

**Week 2: July 3-8**

Night Owl Camp	Grades 6-12
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**Week 3: July 10-15**

Elementary Camp	Grades 2-5
Adventure Camp	Grades 6-12

**Week 4: July 17-22**

Camp Olympics	Grades 2-12
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