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CAMP LACKAWANNA
IS NOW UP AND RUNNING!

2022 SCHEDULE

Week 2: July 3-8

Night Owl Camp Grades 6-12

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

To register, go to www.camlackawanna.org



The Presbyter

July/August 2022

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit



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/fpcs

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 fpcs.vbs@gmail.com



Michael and Caryn Thompson, and Ryan LaCoe joined our church family on June 5, 2022.

Thank you

to everyone who came to help in the Church Work Day. What a difference you all made with fewer than 3 hours of work. There are many who are very grateful for your work that day.



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**Notes from the Session Meeting
June 14, 2022**

1. Rev. Carter held an installation ceremony for Session members Barbara Decker, Jeff McLaughlin and Patti McGonagle at the beginning of the meeting followed by Prayer.
2. Committee chairs for the 2022-23 year are as follows: Building & Grounds - Barry Shepherd, Chair; Jay Clymer -- Music, Worship & Arts - Jan Thyren & Robin Pinches, Co-chairs; Christian Education - Brad Campbell, Chair; Patti McGonagle; Fellowship - Karen White, Chair; JoAnn Hall, Briar Woodley; People in Ministry - Chris Norton, Chair; Mission & Justice - Alan Baker, Chair, Barbara Decker, Ginny O'Brien; Finance - Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Chair; Jeff McLaughlin.
3. A special thanks to the folks who gave a heroic effort at the June 4th work party. Nancy Owens, Diane Smith; Adrienne Horger; Frank Garnecki Chris Sekol; Brian Schillinger, Jack Pittman, Don Gross; Jay Clymer. Your time was very much appreciated.

Beverly Bright
Clerk of Session

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.

The *Presbyter* deadline for the September 2022 issue is August 12

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.

Church Office	(570) 586-6306
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Pastor	William G. Carter
Administrative Assistant	Nancy Owens
Coordinator of Children & Youth	Jana Schillinger
Treasurer	Wayne Griffiths
Editor	Amanda Roberts
Clerk of Session	Beverly Bright
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bells	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Sexton	Don Gross

**FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING
May 31, 2022**

REVENUE

Budget	\$164,250
Actual Received	<u>141,815</u>
Difference	(\$22,435)

EXPENSES

Budget	\$166,737
Actual Expenses	<u>163,963</u>
Difference	\$ 2,774

Result of operations (\$ 19,661)

PLEDGE

Budget	\$ 135,417
Actually received	<u>117,848</u>
	(\$ 17,569)

2022 Per Capita assessment is
\$35 per member.

Pentecost Offering total is \$1,000.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Board and Committee Meetings

Session Meeting— Tuesday, July 26, 6 p.m., Room 206 } Combined
Board of Deacons— Tuesday, July 26, 6 p.m., Room 206} Meeting

Christian Education—Thursday, July 7, 7 p.m., Room 206

Mission and Justice—Tuesday, August 2, 7:00 p.m., **Zoom**

Worship, Music and Arts - Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m., Room 206

Service/Study/Fellowship Gatherings

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study – July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18, 8:30 a.m., Room 206

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

FPCCS Book Group has resumed their meetings. We will get together at Noon on Saturday, July 30 and August 27. Our meeting spot will be the pavilion by the pond at Hillside Park. Bring your lunch and a chair! Read a book of your choosing and plan to share your opinion about it.

Parking Lot Picnic! Sunday, August 28 following morning worship! More details to follow.

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 now and Labor Day, the church office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 4 and Monday, September 5.

Deadline for the next *Presbyter* is August 12 with anticipated mailing date of August 24.

Joys

Sorrows

Prayers


JULY
Birthdays

July 3	Heather Cole Vi Dygert
July 8	Rebekah Naecher
July 15	Chris Gilbert
July 18	Jeff Leas
July 21	Bob Sproul
July 25	Janet Stansbury
July 30	Clint Sekol Heather Lyons


JULY
Anniversaries

July 19	Bill & Grace Farrell
July 22	Don & Betty Keen David & Karis Naecher
July 28	Tom & Barb Decker

Congratulations and Best Wishes to....


Jennifer Rich and Alex Sandoval who were married May 14 in Philadelphia with Rev. Carter officiating. Jennifer is the daughter of John and Anne Rich. Best wishes to the happy couple.



Barb and Tom Decker on the birth of their first grandchild, a little girl named Julia!



Holly and Kevin Shane on the baptism of their son, Gavin, on June 12.


AUGUST
Birthdays

Aug 1	Jamie Strong Joan Miller
Aug 2	Alice Broxton Joe O'Brien Johnny Rich
Aug 4	Barbara Pittman
Aug 5	Jenn Rich Barbara Brown
Aug 8	Kate Hopkins
Aug 11	Jack Pittman
Aug 12	Gwynne Gilbert
Aug 13	Diana Pope Albright
Aug 17	Ariana Billiot
Aug 19	Peter Moore
Aug 22	Judith Keiser
Aug 23	Betsy Ellis Heather Lyons
Aug 30	Olympia Cianfichi


AUGUST
Anniversaries

Aug 2	Dick & Alice Broxton
Aug 7	John & Connie Weiss
Aug 23	Lou & Lori Kareha
Aug 26	Charlie & Robin Pinches
Aug 29	Jack & Barbara Pittman


Sympathy to

Betty Keen and family on the passing of her nephew, Michael "Mike" Edward Suprick, in May.

Sandra Bailey and family on the passing of her brother-in-law.

Nancy Owens and family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Dave.

From the Pastor
Summer 2022


As of press time for this newsletter, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has been meeting in Louisville. Part business meeting, part pep rally, the General Assembly normally sprawls over a full week in early summer. The Assembly commissions missionaries, hears reports on seminary enrollment and publishing sales, and debates social policy, among many other tasks.

This year, the Rev. Emily Chudy, a sharp young minister from Malvern, reported on Christian education. Listen to what she said:

Overall, Christian formation looks different in most communities than it did twenty years ago. On Sunday morning, we fight against not only other activities, but we're actually up against a cultural shift that is changing community. Because parents are the number-one influence, equipping parents to be followers of Christ at home has more impact than anything that any of our churches can offer. This requires new tools, new ways of thinking, and new ways of teaching.

Her observations echo the reading that I've done over the past few months. Many of the old, familiar ways for learning the faith have evaporated. All across the land, Sunday schools have shrunk or disappeared. Mission trips have been on hold, and youth group sleepovers have gone away.

We could blame the pandemic, I suppose, but covid-19 has only accelerated cultural changes that were already underway. John Roberto, the Roman Catholic church educator, reminds us that Sunday school operated on a model only a hundred years old – in a 2000-year Christian tradition. Youth groups "worked" when teens were free on Sunday afternoons.

The family has always been the primary arena for learning the faith. How many of us learned to pray, not in a church pew, but at the dinner table or before bedtime? When we were little, who read the Bible stories to us and taught us to memorize the Psalms? Do families ever engage in service projects together? I fear that many households have handed off the educating of young hearts to those outside their homes.

So guess what: as we move forward, we need to find ways to support our households in teaching the faith. The task is really up to all of us. The Bible was not written to experts, but to everyday folks who worked hard to read and understand it.

We want to hear from you: how can we support you and your house in learning and practicing the Christian faith? That's a primary reason why we exist!

With you in the journey,
 Rev. Bill Carter



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

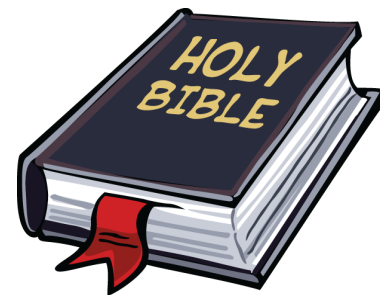
The nursery is located in room 208 which is on the sanctuary level of the building.

Our nursery caregiver is Heather Lyons, a member of this congregation.

Bibles for Children

Each September, we present our new **3rd grade** and **Kindergarten** students with Bibles. It is important to us as a church that we encourage our children to hear God's story and to begin reading it for themselves.

Are you on the list? If you have a kindergartener or third grade student, contact Jana Schillinger to ensure that we present your child with a Bible.



Paul R. Dobson Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to this year's winner, Nathaniel Worrell. We wish him well as he embarks on his next journey attending Ithaca College with a double major in music education and piano performance.

Janet Dobson

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.



Mission and Justice

Thank you! Thank you!

Our congregation really pulled through in contributing a grand total of \$1,000 to this year's Pentecost special offering. To remind you, 60% of this offering (\$600) will be used to support children, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. 40% of this offering (\$400) will be used in combination with \$100 from the Mission and Justice Committee budget to donate \$500 to our local NEPA Youth Shelter.

We are most grateful for your investment in helping to improve the lives of at-risk children and young adults both locally and worldwide!



Beginning in July 2022, we will pass the bread and the cup to share Communion. We will continue to have the "Communion Kits" available as a choice.

We are looking for Elders and Deacons to help serve Communion on the first Sunday of each month, and for special liturgical services. Please note that you do NOT need to be currently serving on Session or Deacons to serve communion. If you are willing and able, please contact the Church Office (office@fpccs.org), or Jan Thyren (jthyren@aol.com), or Robin Pinches (crpinches@gmail.com). Thanks for your help and support!

Summer faith practices

Be a gardener.
Dig a ditch, toil and sweat,
and turn the earth upside down
and seek the deepness
and water the plants in time.
Continue this labor
and make sweet floods to run
and noble and abundant fruits to spring.
Take this food and drink
and carry it to God as your true worship.



—Julian of Norwich, Christian mystic (ca. 1342-1416)

My Brothers' Keeper

Our group finished the current work season on June 14th, by completing five sleeping bags which were sent to the Keystone Mission.

We then met for pot luck luncheon at member Shakun's house. A dozen members enjoyed a gorgeous day, a beautiful setting, delicious food, and great camaraderie.

Since our last report in December, we have delivered fifty-nine sleeping bags to Keystone Mission. This was made possible by a second collection by the Clarks Summit Rotary Club, donations from our Church members, their families and friends, and by our dedicated quilters who show up at each work session do the sewing.



We enjoy our fellowship in making the sleeping bags, and the satisfaction in knowing they are making a real difference in someone's life. If you would like to join us, we will resume meeting on September 13, 2022, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you then!

Hope your Mother's Day flowers are growing!



Arts at First Presbyterian:

The 2021-22 Arts at First Presbyterian concert series concluded with a lively concert by Drew Nugent and the Midnight Society. Karen White and her assistants did a fantastic job decorating Fellowship Hall, and at least one couple was seen dancing to the music of the 1920's. Many thanks to co-chair Dick Cochrane and Bill Carter for their publicity efforts and on-site presence for our events. Thanks also to other members of the committee who aided in the planning and execution of the events, along with all of our supporters from the church who attended the concerts and helped to fund the series. Thanks!

The Arts Committee has planned a number of events for the 2022-2023 season including a concert and art show by the Arcadia Chorale on October 23, a performance by the Beverly Trio on November 6, a recital featuring six outstanding vocalists on March 5, a cantata "Considering Matthew Shepard" to be performed by the Choral Society of NEPA and the Bloomsburg University Choir on April 16, and a Big Band concert on April 30 organized by Tom Heinze and Bill Carter, which will feature a 16-piece band. Other events are still being finalized. It should be an active and exciting year of artistic activities at the church.

The
Arts
at First Presbyterian Church

Lectionary Readings

- July 3 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30
- July 10 Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82
- July 17 Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52
- July 24 Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85
- July 31 Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43
- Aug 7 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
- Aug 14 Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
- Aug 21 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
- Aug 28 Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Please
Remember
Your
Pledge
This Summer