



# The Presbyter

September 2023

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

Please join us for the 2023  
Worship Through Service  
Weekend

September 30 & October 1!

Our annual Worship Through Service event is a reminder that praise begins inside the church and moves outside to love our neighbors and serve our community. Our service activities will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2023, and Sunday, October 1, 2023. Sign-up sheets will be located on the bulletin board in the church narthex as events are confirmed.

**Weinberg Food Bank**—Saturday September 30, 2023, 9 am-12 noon (Barbara Decker)

**Collection of Personal Items for SafetyNet** – items will be collected until Sunday, October 1 (Tabbi Miller-Scandle)

**Grounds and Attic Cleaning** – Sunday, October 1 (Jay Clymer)

**Packing of boxes to take to our shut-ins.** Youth and adults can color greeting cards and help pack the boxes - Sunday, October 1 (Patti McGonagle)

**Make bagged lunches for youth shelter** – Sunday, October 1 (Patti McGonagle)

**Collect items for Clarks Summit State Hospital residents** (easy word-find books, small journals, coloring books (with tear-off sheets and no staples), small stuffed animals (with no buttons or anything that's detachable), crew socks, gloves and hats for men and women, combs and brushes, decks of cards, note cards) until Sunday, October 1 (JoAnn Hall)



## September Activities!

**Sunday, September 3 - Jazz Communion** at 10:00 a.m. The Presbybop Blue Note Sextet will feature the music of trumpeter Lee Morgan.

**Sunday, September 10 - Rally Day** we will celebrate a baptism and join together for a church-wide **pancake breakfast** after morning worship.

**Saturday, September 16 – Highway Clean-up** on the Morgan Highway. (details on page 6)

**Sunday, September 17 – Bird Walk** led by Meg Hatch at Lackawanna State Park. (details on page 9)

**Tuesday, September 19 - Presbyterian Women Bible study** begins. (details on page 4).

**Wednesday, September 20 - Adult Education** begins on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (details on page 4)

**September 30 - October 1 - Worship Through Service weekend**

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The Presbyterian deadline for  
the October 2023 issue is  
September 15.

## Notes from the Session Meeting

July 25, 2023

1. Remember that World Communion Sunday will be observed on Sunday, October 1, 2023 with communion given to shut-ins after the service by the Communion Team.
2. Our Vacation Bible School collected \$245 for the Heifer Project. A big Thank You to each child who attended.
3. Session has authorized new flooring in our kitchen. Further details will be available soon.
4. Mark your Calendars - Worship through Service will be observed the weekend of September 30-October 1. Please sign up to participate.

Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

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>Sexton</b>	Don Gross

## FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH ENDING July 31, 2023

### REVENUE

Budget	\$234,190
Actual Received	<u>238,581</u>
Difference	\$ 4,391

### EXPENSES

Budget	\$233,970
Actual Expenses	<u>239,337</u>
Difference	\$ 5,367

Result of operations \$ (\$976)

### PLEDGE

Budget	\$205,588
Actually received	<u>221,535</u>
Difference	\$ 15,947

2023 Per Capita assessment is  
\$42 per member.

To date, we have received contributions of  
\$5,631, which is 25% of our total bill.  
Please contribute to per capita for church  
members in your family.

## Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Moderator	Barbara Norton 570-878-8026
Deacon Meals	Erika Adams 570-878-2410
Time of Loss	TBD
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.



Dear Friends,

Here is a question worth pondering: how have you become a Christian? Here's my answer: "Slowly."

Notice that I didn't ask, "When did you become a Christian?" As if there was a datable moment of waking or clarification. Those moments do come. For me, they come with some frequency. I have doubts, just like any thinking person. I have moral lapses too, although a newsletter is not a place to confess them. Every so often, the Holy Spirit shakes me awake from spiritual slumber and my faith is energized. Perhaps an insight will come while preparing a sermon, listening to a big piece of music, or talking with one of you. Or the sky splits open, a sunbeam lands on my forehead, and everything gets clear ... for a while.

**September 2023**

No doubt some of my becoming Christian has been brokered through the church. It began as my parents took me to worship, dropped me off for classes, and pointed me to the cookie table in Fellowship Hall. I learned by osmosis to sing the hymns, speak the creed, and discern the location of "Moon Hall" (i.e., "Praise God from Moon Hall..."). Sitting through sermons opened the way to increasing comprehension. One astonishing day, I realized I believed "all that stuff." My mental assent was accompanied by a heart full of trust.

Faith takes a while to develop. It is not an Instant Breakfast drink to gulp down in the morning. Beyond my wet baptism or any initial insights, faith had to be formed in me. It's been a process. It's an unfolding journey. There have been twists and turns in the road. No doubt there will be more to come.

Among my clerical ilk, there's been a development in language. The term "Christian Education" is shifting toward something called "Faith Formation." It affirms what we have learned by hard experience, namely, that you can take a kid to religious education classes, but that's no assurance a heart has been warmed or a hard head has been opened. There's no instant guarantee that young people will continue participating in the church where they were brought up. If that were the case, where are the sixteen other Baby Boomers that were in my confirmation class? Most aren't sitting in a pew on Sunday morning. The world won them over.

But faith can still be formed. It's never too late. Faith can come through a variety of complementary formats, including worship, classroom, service projects, spiritual disciplines, and participation in a community of Christian people. There is content to our beliefs that can be sung. There is a love that can be shared. There are injustices to be uncovered and addressed. There is a hope to be discovered and claimed.

As we move into the fall, I encourage you to renew and develop your faith. Make a commitment to attend worship regularly. Take part in one of our classes. Join a project that reaches out to those in need. Show up and join us on the journey. We will be glad to see you. We trust you will be glad to be here.

See you in church,

*Rev. Bill*

## Wednesday Evening Opportunities

**Wednesday, September 20 - Adult Education** begins on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Charlie Pinches will offer the first series, titled, "The Apostle Paul and the Called Life."

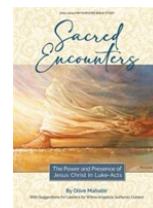
**Adult Choir** rehearses at 7:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, August 30.

**Bell Choir** rehearses at 8:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, September 13

## Additional Adult Education Opportunities

### Presbyterian Women Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 19.

In this new study, readers are invited to consider Jesus, "the good shepherd" (Luke 10:15), who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. The Gospel According to Luke and the book of the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts "one story in two parts," demonstrate the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and travelling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled. The group, including Rev. Carter (leader), will gather on the **third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome!**



**Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** meets for donuts and Bible study on the first and third Thursday of every month. They gather for conversation at 8:30 a.m. in the Session Room (206) and have their study from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. They normally discuss the scripture text for the following Sunday's sermon.

## Join the Bell Choir!

The First Presbyterian Church has had a bell choir for several decades, and this year is no different. Bell Choir rehearsals begin on September 13, at 8:00 p.m. and welcomes and encourages new members. The Bell Choir rings during worship about once a month throughout the church year.



We do ask that ringers are able to read music, but all adults and older youth are welcome. If you play an instrument, but have never rung bells, it's easy, and we will give free "on-the-job" training. For more information contact the office or the webmaster (who happens to be the bell director). Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 10

Come celebrate with us as we present Bibles to our children in kindergarten and third grade.



If you have a kindergartener or third grade student, be sure he or she is present to receive a Bible.

## Welcome Back Brunch and Program

Families with children as well as congregants of all ages are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 10, after worship** for a meal and educational programming. Back to school, back to church — we look forward to seeing you again! Enjoy a brunch of pancakes while we catch up and discuss a Bible story and the year ahead. It's a great time to share fellowship and faith with our friends and family, so be sure to mark your calendars and invite someone to come with you!

Christian Education



It's for life!

## Christian Education: Growing in Faith and Love

The Christian Education and Growth committee is pleased to offer a number of opportunities for our children, youth, and adults to explore the Bible, understand our traditions, and experience ways to live in faith. Everything will kick off with a **Welcome Back Brunch and Program** after worship on **Sunday, September 10**, so be sure to join us as we gather together after a busy summer. What else is going on?

Christian Education



It's for life!



**Bible Time:** An opportunity for our **young children** (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way, weekly **Bible Time** will happen during worship, for about 20 minutes. Children will be invited to attend after the anthem and will return for prayers and the end of the service.

**LIFT (Living in Faith Together):** A regularly occurring **intergenerational program and meal** held after worship. We welcome families of all sizes and ages to break bread together as we hear God's word and engage with one another in discussion and activities. Our first program will happen on **Sunday, September 10, after** worship as we enjoy a pancake brunch. Other fall dates include **October 22** and **December 3**, so mark your calendars and spend time in fellowship with us!



**We Worship Together series:** Have you ever wondered about the church year? Or why we say the Lord's Prayer? How come the worship service happens in the same order every week? These questions and more will be answered in a new series for children. The program will last about 30 minutes and will be held after worship; parents will be invited to sign up, and each family will receive a book to take home related to the topic discussed. Our first program will be held on **Sunday, October 8** on the topic of **Communion**. The next class in the series will be held on **Sunday, November 19** to learn about the upcoming season of **Advent**.

**...and more! Be on the lookout for more opportunities to grow in faith throughout the fall.** Families with children will receive more information by mail; if you aren't sure you're on the list, please contact Jana to let her know you're interested in hearing about our programs.



The Nursery, located in room 208 on the sanctuary level of the building, is open Sunday mornings from 9:40—11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger.

## Mission and Justice Committee!

### Highway Cleanups scheduled for 2023-2024

We will continue to clean our strip of the Morgan Highway (between Winola and Country Club Roads) across the coming year, meeting on selected Saturdays in September, November, April, and June. On those mornings, we will meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot of the Methodist Church (Morgan and Grove). Penn-DOT supplies us with garbage bags, gloves, and safety vests, and we put up warning signs to alert traffic from both directions. The work usually takes about an hour. Please consider joining; some of our dedicated clean-up veterans will be glad to show you the ropes, i.e. "See that can? Pick it up."

Our cleanup days will be:

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Saturday, June 1, 2024



For additional information, contact Alan Baker at [abaker2@verizon.net](mailto:abaker2@verizon.net)

### Weinberg Food Bank



As part of the Worship through Service weekend, the Mission and Justice Committee is sponsoring a volunteer packing morning at the Weinberg Northeast Regional Food bank in their Pittston facility on Saturday September 30, 2023, 9 am-12 noon. Total number of volunteers allowed is 20-25. Please look for the sign up in the church lobby or email Barb Decker at [deckerb2@aol.com](mailto:deckerb2@aol.com) if interested. We can meet at the Pittston location and/or carpool from our church (please indicate your choice as you sign up). Directions will be on display with the sign up at church, and Barb Decker can also send them to you. Look forward to working on this project with those of you who join us. Barbara Decker

### Call for Grocery Donations: Hickory Street Meals

We will take our next turn helping Hickory Street Presbyterian Church with their community meals program on Saturday, October 28th. We will again be seeking volunteers to prepare the entrée (ground beef stroganoff), bake or purchase the desert (pumpkin pie), and help serve the meal that day. Sign-Up sheets and additional info will soon be found in the narthex. We are also collecting bags of groceries to give away that day and history tells us we will need at least 35 of these, each containing the following items:

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| 1 box of breakfast cereal               | 1 can of tuna                        |
| 1 box of pasta                          | 1 four-pack of pudding or jello cups |
| 1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce | 1 box of Pop Tarts                   |
| 1 box of Mac n Cheese                   | 1 plastic jar of peanut butter       |
| 2 cans of vegetables                    | 1 plastic jar of jelly               |
| 1 can of fruit                          | 1 bag of candy                       |



You can shop for the complete list (printed shopping lists will also be found in the narthex) or just selected items and bring them to the narthex. If you have questions or would like additional information, please see Alan Baker or email him at [abaker2@verizon.net](mailto:abaker2@verizon.net).

"O God of Peace at all times in all ways, grant us your peace and help us to imagine a world where your justice and peace are ever known". Amen.



During September, a **Season of Peace** (designated by the national Presbyterian Church) will be observed for four weeks from Sunday September 3rd until World Communion Sunday on October 1st. This month-long pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. Participants are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers through daily reflections that address some of the major issues of our time (climate change, nonviolence, the intersection of poverty and racism, and immigration/migration).

To receive these daily reflections in your email during Season of Peace, subscribe at [pcusa.org/subscribeSOP](http://pcusa.org/subscribeSOP).

Also, as in last year, be on the lookout for Peace Cards that will be in the Narthex and on tables during coffee hour (they offer a question for reflection, an action to be taken and a prayer to be spoken).

During this Season of Peace, we will be collecting our **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**. A gift to this offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. 50% of this offering will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. 25% will be used by mid councils for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The final 25% is designated for local congregations to continue with peacemaking efforts of their choice. This year, we will be donating our **25% congregational portion** to **The Gathering Place** in Clarks Summit, with our funds designated to assist both their:

**Memory Cafe:** a place where people with memory loss and their care companions can share a cup of coffee and socialize with others. They can explore art, music, play games, experience gentle yoga, or just enjoy being with others.

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**Unified and special needs classes and programs** that are intended to offer adults with varying abilities more opportunities to advance their interests and be part of the community. These classes/programs include the following:

- 1) Cooking with Friends
- 2) Craft & Chat - A casual setting where artists with & without special needs come together to create & relate.
- 3) Growing Together Garden Club - Master Gardeners of NEPA will supervise enthusiastic gardeners of varying abilities. This year we will be installing two raised-bed pollinator gardens in the Pocket Park on Depot Street.
- 4) All Access Acting - An acting class focused on self-expression & emotional, social intuition.

Such a worthy way to promote peacemaking with our neighbors and participants at **The Gathering Place** along with supporting the national church's peacemaking efforts across the world through this offering! You can make your donations on line via our church's website.

**When we all do a little,  
it adds up to a lot.**

## Paul R. Dobson Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations to Riley Wescott, this year's winner of the Paul R. Dobson Memorial Scholarship. Best of luck as she enters as a Junior at Millersville University for a BS Degree in writing/journalism

Janet Dobson

**The Arts at First Presbyterian** committee has come up with a terrific plan for our 2023-24 concert series. We had the King's Brass concert on Friday, August 11 and here's what we have planned going forward:

Sunday, October 15 at 4 pm - **Bill Mays Trio**- a jazz trio who performed to great acclaim at FPC in 2010

Sunday, November 19 at 4 pm - **All-church recital**- Adult choir, bell choir and other FPC musicians

Sunday, January 15 at 4 pm - **NEPA Chamber Music Society**- a string sextet featuring John Vaida, Amy Iwazumi, and guest musicians

January or February- participate in **Clarks Summit Festival of Ice**- not sure of date at this point- will include an ice sculpture, Chili Café, and activities for children and adults

Sunday, March 3 at 4 pm - **Marywood University Showcase concert**- a program featuring music faculty and outstanding students from Marywood University in recital

Sunday, April 21 at 4 pm - Jazz Concert with **Presbybop Sextet**

Friday, May 10 at 7 pm - **Paragon Ragtime Orchestra** from Lewisburg will perform an Americana program (tentative)



It's another ambitious season, and we'd love to have support from church members. Donations may be made payable to:

First Presbyterian Church  
300 School Street  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411



Please write "Arts Series" in the memo block. Thank you for your support!  
John Weiss and Richard Cochrane, Co-Chairs

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### ***NEPA Philharmonic Chamber 1*** ***Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 7PM*** ***First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit***

The sinuous sound of the oboe and the throatier timbre of its cousin, the English horn, seem to always send composers in search of their most imaginative color palettes. NEPP's Karen Blundell will beguile you with both instruments in American Impressionist Charles Loeffler's languorous 2 Rhapsodies, Michael White's temperamental and irresistible Introduction and Dance, and more. Violist David Creswell and pianist Matthew Graybill blend their own intriguing colors into the musical canvas.



Tickets available on the Philharmonic website, [www.nepaphil.org](http://www.nepaphil.org) or call the Philharmonic box office at 570-270-4444.



## September Volunteer Corner



We are including the skills and talents survey (**the blue insert**) in this month's issue. If you have not completed one yet, we invite you to do so. This will help us find out a little more about you....and to connect you with some rewarding activities within our church.

If you have young people in your family, please ask them to complete one, too. Did you know that youth who volunteer are more likely to feel connected to their church and community? You may place it in the offering plate, hand it to one of the ushers or drop it at the church office.

Speaking of youth, the Mission and Justice Committee welcomes young people to assist with many of the projects they have scheduled. Whether it is helping with the community meal at Hickory Street, the highway clean-up or food pantry collecting.... there are lots of options. High school students can also help with the ESL classes in Scranton on Sundays. For more information you may call Ginny O'Brien or Barbara Decker.

A number of FPC members have participated in the AmeriCorps Senior Pen Pal Program in the past. It's a wonderful program for older adults to make an impact in a very special way; and so easy - only one letter a month! Even if you are a snowbird you can participate. We are once again inviting you to become a Pen Pal to a student in the Scranton School District. Al Garcia, the Director of the Program, describes it this way: "Embark on a heartwarming journey by becoming a pen pal to elementary school children! Connect with young minds from different corners of the Scranton School District, exchanging letters filled with creativity and curiosity. As you share experiences, interests, and dreams, you'll foster empathy, broaden horizons, and inspire these young learners. Your words will leave an indelible impact, shaping their perspectives and building lasting memories. Join this delightful adventure of mutual learning and joy, one letter at a time." I would be happy to answer any questions you have about the program. I've seen firsthand what an impact this program has had! Please call or text me (570-878-2769) if you'd like to get involved.

Nancy Post

## State Hospital Luncheon

Tuesday, October 3 in Fellowship Hall

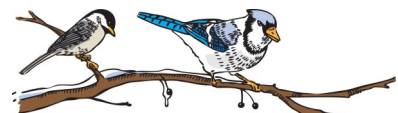


After a 3-year absence (due to Covid) we have invited friends from Clarks Summit State Hospital to join us for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, October 3.

Many members (both women and men) are needed to create a welcoming atmosphere for our friends that have not had the opportunity to socialize outside of their living area for over three years. Some of the help that will be needed includes setting up, serving the buffet line, and cleaning up. If interested or any questions about this event please don't hesitate in calling me (570-563-1887). Somewhat of an Attendance count would be helpful as I want to make sure I have enough food.

Janet Dobson, Women's Association

## Come join us on a Bird Walk



Meg Hatch will be leading us on a bird walk on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Lackawanna State Park following church. Meg suggests that we bring binoculars and take appropriate precautions for deer ticks. We can carpool from the church. For those who are interested, we will stop for lunch after the walk.

Please let Meg know at [mihatch13@yahoo.com](mailto:mihatch13@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us or if you have any questions.

# Joys

# Sorrows

# Thank-yous



- 7 Mary O'Brien  
Frank Garnecki  
Amy Berry
- 8 Dean Shane  
Tony Scandle
- 11 Judy Cutler  
Laura Moore
- 16 Hoyt Keiser
- 20 Lee Wirth
- 21 Nancy Dennen
- 23 Ann Chamberlin
- 24 Tyler Kusma  
Linda Orcutt
- 27 Ethan Flynn  
Stan Gilbert
- 29 Richard Maurer  
Wendy Wescott
- 30 Andrew Taylor



10 Maggie & Chuck Woolever



Please welcome to our church family  
**Kay Fenner Copley and Nan Mansfield.**



Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of

**Nelson (Ned) Connell**

**Irene Dickinson**

**Inge Mills**

**Jean Brown**

who have entered the church triumphant.

## Lectionary Readings

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 40; 1 Samuel 10:1-13

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14;  
Matthew 18:15-20

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13; Romans  
14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30;  
Matthew 20:1-16

### SAVE THE DATE!

First Aid Training Class

Saturday, October 28, 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall of FPCCS

More details to follow.

## *MARK YOUR CALENDAR*

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

### **Board and Committee Meetings**

**Session Meeting**—Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m., Room 206

**Deacons**—Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m., Room 206

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

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

**Mission and Justice**—Tuesday, September 5, 7 p.m., Room 206

**Worship, Music and Arts** - Thursday, September 14, 5 p.m., Room 206

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

**Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** – Thursday, September 7 and 21, 8:30 a.m., Room 206

**Welcome Back Brunch and Program** — Sunday, September 10, following Worship

**MBK Quilters**—Tuesday, September 12 and 26, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Highway Clean-up**—Saturday, September 16 (details on page 6)

**Bird Walk** —Sunday, September 17 following worship (details on page 9)

**Presbyterian Women Bible study**—Tuesday, September 19, 10:00 a.m. (details on page 4)

**Adult Education**—begins on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. (details on page 4)

**Adult Choir**—Each Wednesday, 7 p.m., Choir Loft **beginning August 30**

**Bell Choir**—Each Wednesday, 8 p.m., Fellowship Hall **beginning September 13**

**Worship Through Service** weekend –September 30—October 1 (details on page 1)

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

### **Support Groups**

We welcome members of the following support groups to our building on a regular basis, as scheduled:

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets each morning at 7 AM in Room 206.
- AlAnon meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in room 206 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.

**Deadline for the October Presbyterian** is Friday, September 15  
with anticipated mailing date of September 27.



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**THANK YOU!**

We had an amazing week at VBS because of our incredible volunteer staff. A huge thank you to all those who gave their time and talents this year!

## First Presbyterian Church Skills and Talents Survey 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / email \_\_\_\_\_

When we join a Christian church, we join a community where every person is valued and every skill is welcomed. We encourage you to share your time in furthering the mission of Jesus Christ, both within and beyond the walls of our building. Please indicate what might interest you.

### Teaching

 I would like to teach (please notify):

 Children

 Middle School / High School

 Adults

 I could be a substitute teacher

 I could be a teacher's helper

 I could work with the Youth Group

 I can help with the church library

 I can help at Vacation Bible School

My area of interest:

\_\_\_\_\_

### Caring

 I can greet people before worship

 I can offer a friendly visit to others

 I would visit the sick or hospitalized

 I can visit those with long-term needs

 I can make a meal for somebody

 I can do small repairs in a home

 I could assist with post-funeral meals

### Worship and the Arts

 I can assist in worship leadership

 I would like to plan creative worship

 I could help plan FPC Arts events

 I would sing in a choir

 I would ring for the bell choir

 I play a musical instrument

Which one(s)?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Transportation

 I can offer somebody a ride to church

 I can drive someone to appointments

 I can drive for youth events

### Fellowship

 I would enjoy eating with new friends

 I like to get people together for fun

 I would help with coffee hour, etc.

 I would help to plan social events

 I would help to plan off-site events

 I love to cook and / or bake

 I would love to be part of a group of people who \_\_\_\_\_

### Belonging and Doing

 I would like to join a Bible study

 I would join a Women's Group

 I would join a Men's Group

 I would help our Highway Cleanup

 I could volunteer at the soup kitchen

 I would go on a short mission trip

 I would join a church committee / team

### Office Assistance

 I could volunteer in the church office

 I like to make phone calls

 I could help with monthly mailings

 I could help with filing / organizing

 I have computer skills

 I have experience in websites

 I can maintain a database / spreadsheet

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**Publicity for Events / Church Outreach**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Preparing content for flyers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Designing flyers, e-mails, ads
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Networking (Facebook, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Write and send press releases

**Special Skills**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Audio and Sound
- \_\_\_\_\_ Video Recording and Editing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Raising
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Writing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Carpentry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gardening
- \_\_\_\_\_ Finance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sewing
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Painter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have been a Presbyterian Elder
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I have been a Presbyterian Deacon
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I have been a leader in another church
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I have experience in leading groups
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