



The Presbyter

May 2017

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit



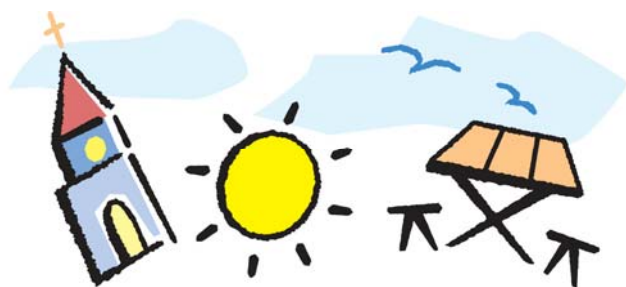
Going to Church Camp?

We support Camp Lackawanna as a ministry that helps kids and teens grow in their faith, enjoy God's creation, and have a lot of fun! Take a look at the camp's new website to see the program and register:

www.camplackawannafirst.com

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. We are blessed to do this, thanks to the Robert London Scholarship Fund!

The amount given to each student is considered on an individual basis. Applications can be picked up in the church office.



Come on out & give us a hand!
Saturday, May 6
Starting at 8:30 a.m.



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Planning to attend the big **Memorial Day parade** in Clarks Summit on May 29? Join us on “Presbyterian Corner” (State and School). Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the parade with others from the church family!



Financial Assistance Needed

Last year when our budget discussions were held, we did not know our slate roof was in need of repair. The repairs have been made and the final cost was \$18,000.

We have received \$4,500 so far to offset this unexpected expense **Thank you!**

If you would like to help, you may make your check payable to the church and note that it is for the Building Maintenance Fund. Any contribution will be truly appreciated!

**The Presbyter deadline for
The June issue is
May 12, 2017**

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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Web Page	www.fpccs.org
Pastor	William G. Carter
Administrative Assistant	Nancy Owens
Coordinator of Children & Youth	Jana Schillinger
Treasurer	Wayne Griffiths
Editor	Lindsey Hardy
Clerk of Session	Beverly Bright
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bells	Richard Cochrane
Director of Chapel Choir	Kay Ten Eyck
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Sexton	John Conklin

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2017**

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 88,125
Actual Received	<u>85,988</u>
Difference	\$ (2,137)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 91,637
Actual Expenses	<u>87,304</u>
Difference	\$ 4,333
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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ 2,197

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 80,000
Received	<u>73,393</u>
Difference	\$ (6,607)

Per Capita 2017 total Received to date - \$2,661
The 2017 Church Per Capita due to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, General Assembly, and The Synod = \$16,500.

From the Pastor

May 2017



After Easter, the church does all the things that it postponed during Lent. May will be a busy month, both for our congregation and for many of us. Here are some of the highlights on my mind as May draws near:

- We will celebrate the confirmation of five of our young adults on Sunday, May 21. They have been meeting with Jana Schillinger and me, pretty much every week since the fall. We have explored our faith and strengthened it. Confirmation Sunday will be a big event for our whole congregation.
- My younger daughter's college graduation will coincide with Mother's Day. We will be blessed to have Tabbi Miller Scandle as the "guest" preacher for the day. She returns by popular request - and it's a particularly appropriate day for her to preach. Tabbi knows about the joys and delights of being a mom. Come and celebrate Mother's Day with us!
- When our presbytery convenes for a May 2 meeting in Montrose, they have asked me to lead a workshop on "Innovation in Worship." I'm not really sure what that is, but I'm fairly certain that if congregations only hear the same voices, sing the hymns in the same way, and generally treat the worship bulletin as a "to do" list, it's time to freshen things up. That reminds me to say thanks to those who made our Holy Humor Sunday so special! We may be selling a bound copy of Wayne's poems as a fund raiser.
- You may have heard that our elders and deacons will be "extending the communion table" on selected Sundays through the year. Yes, but what's that? The idea, now sanctioned by the Presbyterian Book of Order, is that we are invited to serve the Lord's Supper on communion Sundays to those who are not able to be present with us in worship that morning. It is to be seen as an extension of offering the body and blood of our Lord that morning. We are going to try this in a modest way, on May 7. If you would like to receive communion at home in the future, please let me know.
- Pentecost (June 4) will be a big deal for us. As we move through the Sundays after Easter, I'll be preaching regularly on what it means to be the church in the world. The month of May will lead up to this big day. On Pentecost, we will enjoy a parking lot picnic - and will affirm a number of different people and groups within our church. As the prophet declares, "Your young people will see visions and your elderly shall dream dreams." (Acts 2:17)

I will look for you on Sunday . . . every Sunday! It's a treat to serve the Lord with you.

Gratefully yours,

Rev. Bill Carter

Church

DEACONS

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Independent & Assisted Living:	Sara Ann Hosier	587-0371
Deacon Meals:	Donna Kepler	587-2729
Time of Loss:	Anne Rich	587-2802
Emergency Home Repairs and 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

This month's lesson for our consideration in the Circle Bible Studies relates to "Who is Jesus According to Contemporary Cultural Interpretations." The author, Judy Yates Siker, focuses attention on the reader's cultural context and perspective in understanding "Who is Jesus" to us today.

We will meet on May 16 at the church. Dorcas Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., Priscilla Circle at 1:30 p.m. and Eunice Circle at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome.



June will be our last meeting until September. Hope to see you this month and next.

Graduate Recognition – Sunday, June 4th



High School

College

Post Grad

If you have a graduate in your family or know of one, please contact the church office at 570-586-6306 or www.fpccs.org or Char Lyon at 570-222-5966 or flyon@nep.net so that the graduate's name can be included in the June 4th Sunday bulletin. The deadline for this is May 26th.



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother’s Day gift.

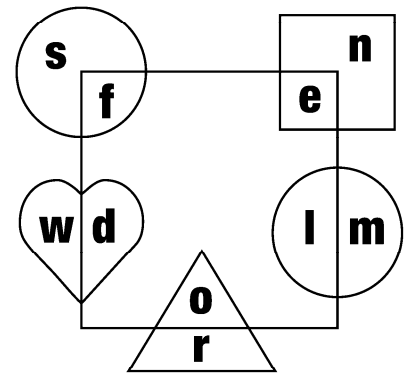


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God’s care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Christian Education



It's for life!

THE W.A.Y.The Wednesday Adulds and Youth Christian Education

"I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE"

Supper, 5:00 * Classes for all ages, 6:15

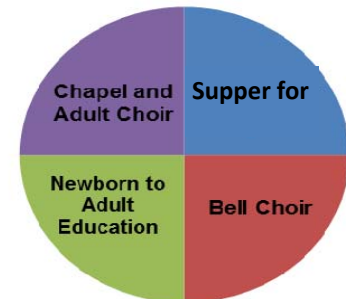
Spark (Newborn - 3 year old) enjoy Bible stories, songs and games in the nursery. In May they will hear stories about the Holy Spirit, Early Believers, Peter Heals, and Paul & Silas.

Power Xpress (4 year old - Grade 5) Students experience Bible stories through interactive rotation classes. In May they will learn about Paul and 3 Women of Faith.

We Believe (Grades 6-8) This spring, students will explore a unit called Paul & the Prophets, learning about several Old Testament prophets and digging into Paul's letters. In May, students will dig into Paul's letters to hear his guidance for the church on the topics of faith, love, unity, and more.

Adults: For the first three weeks of May (May 3, 10, 17), we will offer two classes for adults on Wednesday evenings.

- Dr. Charlie Pinches will lead a **Bible study on the resurrection appearances of Jesus** in Room 210. Come and learn more about how the New Testament perceives—and looks for—the Risen Christ.
- Rev. Carter and friends will meet in Room 206 to hear and discuss a number of "**challenging voices**" in the Christian faith. They include Father Richard Rohr, Diana Butler Bass, Wendell Berry, and Barbara Brown Taylor. Each brings a particular perspective on what it means to live an authentic Christian life in our own day.
- On May 24. our adults will gather in Room 210 to begin to **plan our adult education for the coming year**. The single question is this: **What would you like to learn?** All adults are welcome!

Welcome to Wednesdays

Christian Education is an important part of who we are and what we do...and we need **YOU** to make it happen. How? You can enrich your own faith and help our church grow in Christ by:

- ◆ Attending.
- ◆ Bringing a friend.
- ◆ Volunteering to teach.
- ◆ Helping to set up for, cook, and serve our weekly meal.
- ◆ Joining the CE committee.

Wednesday Supper Reservations

Light Supper is served before The Way classes from 5:00-6:10 for those with **reservations**.
Suggested donation: \$3 per person.

Please return reservation slips no later than **Monday**. Slips can be placed in the **basket near the phone in the kitchen** or in the **offering plate**. You may also **call the church office** to make reservations.

Reservations slips can be found in the church office, in the kitchen, or in pews.





Alleluia Choir and Chapel Choir Notes

Submitted by: Kay Ten Eyck

The only thing better than singing is more singing. Ella Fitzgerald

Our Chapel Choir continues to grow in musicality and in numbers. In fact, we ordered three new robes for the smallest of our singers and have put them to good use! Thank you to Judy Cutler for her assistance in ordering the robes and to the Farrell family for underwriting them. Along with our new stoles, we are one sharp looking bunch!

We have two more spring events until our summer recess. The Alleluia and Chapel Choirs will combine for an anthem on Mother's Day, May 14th. Our anthem title, "Tumefurahi", is Swahili for "We Rejoice". We look forward to sharing this lively song with the congregation.

Our Music in the Parks event will be Saturday, May 20th. Members of both choirs will meet in Linglestown, Pennsylvania to sing for a panel of judges. We'll spend the afternoon in Hersheypark, then meet at the Arena to find out how we placed in the competition. It is a day filled with fun, sun, friendship and . . . singing!

Thank you to everyone who helps to make this program a vital part of our church's life.

Adventures in the Bible



Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 9:45 as we prepare for worship in a special way. We spend time getting to know each other and developing our knowledge of the Bible through storytelling, activities, crafts, and songs. Teachers tell the story, and children get a chance to retell or reenact it through "Godly Play." Crafts, activities, and songs reinforce the lesson and give children a chance to express what they have understood. The only thing we are missing is YOU!

Questions? Contact Tabbi Miller-Scandle at tabbi.miller-scandle@scranton.edu or Karis Naeher at klnaeher@outlook.com

Youth Fellowship

All youth grades 4-12 are invited to join us

Friday, May 12th

and

Friday, May 26th

from

6:30-8:30PM

Bring a friend! New faces always welcome.

PAUL R. DOBSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



High School Church members who are graduating this year and plan to further their education are encouraged to apply. The application can be downloaded on our website and returned to the church office. The winner will be announced On Graduate Recognition Sunday. Any questions, call Janet Dobson.



MISSION AND JUSTICE

Earth Care Task Force

Re-certification has been completed!

First Presbyterian Clarks Summit has been re-certified as an Earth Care Congregation for 2017. This involves documentation made of efforts regarding facilities, outreach, education and worship.

It is both an honor and a responsibility to care for God's creation. To read more about what it means to be an Earth Care Congregation or to see a map of all Presbyterian churches nationwide that have been certified go to:

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/

Table Talk on May 7th

The Earth Care Committee invites you to learn about migratory birds in our next Table Talk. On **May 7** at 11:15 in the Session room, Meg Hatch will give a brief presentation on migratory song-birds and the threats they face. In addition, you are invited to meet at the church at 8:00 AM to carpool to the Trolley Trail to spend about an hour birdwatching. Bring your binoculars and hopefully we will spot some migratory birds!

Adopt-a-Highway

Nine of us completed our first highway clean-up of the year on the Morgan Highway. We had a productive morning gathering the normal litter as well as four tires, a bumper, and a heavy duty tow chain. Join us for the next date on Saturday, June 10th. The clean-up helps the community and is always a pretty entertaining time!

What Is Stephen Ministry?



Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the [Stephen Series](#) system.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.



Dear Friends,

The Bethel AME Church Temporary Homeless Shelter would like to thank your church for being a donor towards the noble cause of our homeless shelter. Without people like yourself we would not be able to run the shelter. You have been kind and generous to us.

We hereby acknowledge that no goodies or services were exchanged against this donation. With your donation, we will be able to provide food, beverages and toiletries to the homeless finding refuge in our shelter.

Thank you once again. Your support is valuable to us.

With kind regards,

Heather Bailey

On behalf of the Bethel AME Church Temporary Homeless Shelter

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the spring luncheon for our guests from the State Hospital. Food, fellowship and musical entertainment from our very own Bell Choir was enjoyed by all.

Everyone is always welcome to join us. Feel free to call Janet Dobson with any questions you might have about this. Hope to see everyone for the next lunch on October 3rd.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



May is movie night for the book group. We will be meeting a week early in May so we can enjoy Marie Cochrane's wonderful home theater. We will watch "Temple Grandin" starring Clare Danes. A biopic of an autistic woman who became a top scientist in the humane livestock handling industry. Join us on May 18th at 7:00.

Joys and Sorrows



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

The family of Louise Check, who entered the Church Triumphant April 6, 2017.

Kate Hopkins and her family on the passing of her husband, Ken.



- May 2 Gary Wadsworth
- May 7 Nancy Ford
- May 8 Doris Dempsey
- May 11 Wally Longcor
- May 14 Bill Fulton
- May 21 Jeanne DeVirgilis
David Naehar
- May 22 Jana Schillinger
- May 23 Jillian Shane
- May 24 Sue Flynn
- May 28 Kate O'Brien



May 24 – Nina and Brian Schillinger

Lectionary Readings

May 7

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;
1 Peter 2:19-35; John 10:1-10

May 14

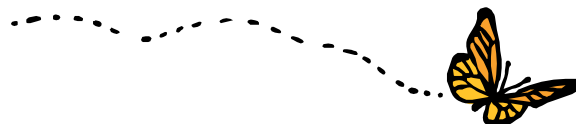
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 21

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 28

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11;
John 17:1-11



Communion Servers

Diane Scheuer, captain
Tyler Kusma, Robin Pinches,
Steve Selige, Gayle Hamilton

Ushers

Andrew Taylor, Wayne Griffiths





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DATED MATERIAL

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WHAT: VBS 2017

WHEN: July 10-14, 9am-12pm

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

300 School St, Clarks Summit

WHO'S INVITED: all children age 4 to completed grade 6

TO REGISTER, VISIT: vbspro.events/p/fpccs

Want to volunteer? You can help bring ancient Rome to life by teaching, leading, or preparing. Please contact Jana Schillinger or Nancy Dennen, or send an email to fpccs.vbs@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
<p>May 2017</p>	<p>7am-AA 6pm-Weight Watchers 7pm-Mission & Justice</p>	<p>7am-AA 10am-PW Board Mtg. 4pm-Art Class 6pm-OA 7pm-Big Book</p>	<p>7am-AA 11am-Prayer/Share 5pm-The W.A.Y. Light supper 5:30-Chapel Ch. 6:15-Christian Ed. 7:15-Adult Choir 8:00-AlAnon 8:30-Bell Choir</p>	<p>7am-AA 8:30-Men's Breakfast 4:30-Staff 7pm-Building & Grounds 7pm-Christian Ed.</p>	<p>7am-AA</p>	<p>7am-AA 8:30-Spring Clean up</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>7am-AA 9am-Adventures in the Bible 10am-Worship <i>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</i> 11:15-Fellowship Committee 3pm-OA</p>	<p>7am-AA 6pm-Weight Watchers</p>	<p>7am-AA 10am-MBK Quilts 4pm-Art Class 6pm-OA 7pm-Deacons 7pm-Big Book</p>	<p>7am-AA 9am-Presbyter 11am-Prayer/Share 5pm-The W.A.Y. Light supper 5:30-Chapel Ch. 6:15-Christian Ed. 7:15-Adult Choir 8:00-Alanon/AA 8:30-Bell Choir</p>	<p>7am-AA</p>	<p>7am-AA 6:30pm-Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>7am-AA</p>
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