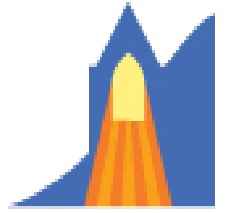


# The Presbyter

**Celebrating**  
**100 Years**  
1912 - 2012



First Presbyterian Church

May 2014

Clarks Summit, PA

## Calling All Graduates

*High School - College - Post Graduate*

We are recognizing all of our graduates at the June 1 worship service. If you are a graduate, or if there is a graduate in your family, please contact the church office at 570-586-6306 or Char Lyon at 570-222-5966 to be included.



It is time to spruce up the church building and grounds after a long, grimy winter. Can you help?

Our Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. We are looking for friends who can help us tidy up the flower beds, rake away the leaves, scrub down the dirty places, and generally help our Building and Grounds committee to add some sparkle to our facility. We would love to have your help!

## Enjoy God's World on a Bike



On May 31, Dick & Marie Cochrane will lead a bicycle trail ride on the Lehigh Gorge Trail. Starting in White Haven, we'll ride the twenty-six miles downhill to Jim Thorpe, where we will eat an early dinner, then hop a shuttle back to White Haven.

The cost is about \$20.00 for a shuttle and another \$20.00 if you need to rent a bike. Contact Dick or Marie at 587-3970.

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**Notes from the Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014**  
Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

1. There will be quarterly planning meetings for session chairs.
2. Mission and Justice committee will provide Table Talks at the quarterly potlucks.



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost



OPEN HOUSE AT CAMP LACKAWANNA  
1219 Vosburg Road Tunkhannock, PA 18657

Saturday, May 10, 2014

**CAMP LACKAWANNA is the place to be on  
SUNDAY, MAY 10.**

Everyone is invited to spend a day outdoors, walk in the woods, view the eagles' nest, and join us for a free picnic lunch. Bring your family and friends, enjoy a reunion with fellow campers, play frisbee golf, and check out what's new for this summer. Hope to see you between 9 AM and 3 PM -- let us know you're coming at [pbylack-camp@aol.com](mailto:pbylack-camp@aol.com) or drop by anytime. See [presbycamp-lackawanna.org](http://presbycamp-lackawanna.org) for details

(Please note: the 5K Trail Run/Walk, previously advertised, has been cancelled.)

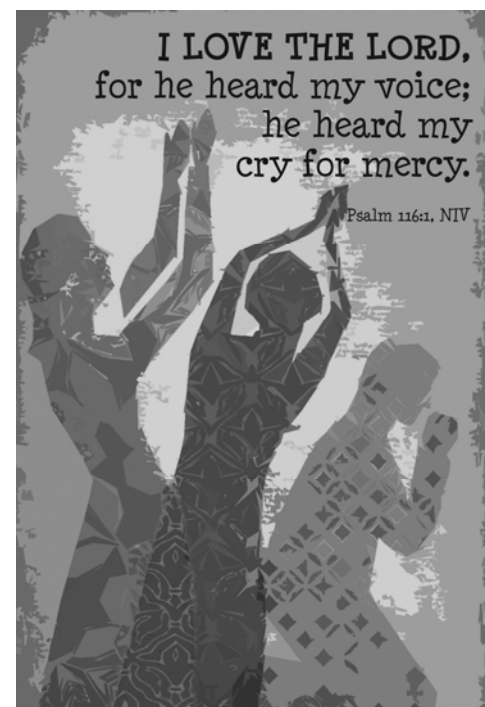
**The Presbyter deadline for  
the June issue is  
May 16, 2014**

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 at 10:00 a.m. "Joyful Noise", an accessible worship experience for our children age 4 to grade 2 will take place during a portion of the service.** Child care is available all morning. 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>	John Conklin





## From the Pastor

William G. Carter

Dear friends in Christ—

A few updates and news items for you as the flowers bloom:

1. On May 18, we welcome a new class of Elders and Deacons to provide leadership for our church. We are grateful for their willingness to serve. At our 10:00 service, we will ordain and install them for their church offices. Elders include Dick Cochrane, Judy Cutler, Frank Garnecki, Don Keen, Carole LaCoe, Diane Scheuer, with Jim McLaughlin filling in for a two-year term. Our Deacons will be Donna Kepler, Meg Hatch, Anne Deremer, Marsha Parrish, Jack Pitman, Laura Schillinger, Betty Keen, with Mary Parry filling in for a one-year term.
2. On that same day, we will commission a team of mission travelers to Haiti, who will go under the leadership of Dave Porter. You can read about this wonderful trip on page 8 of this newsletter. We are grateful for Dave's strong and compassionate leadership in reaching out to the people of Haiti. Be sure to read his article in this edition of the Presbyterian — and consider supporting this cause! Please pray for this mission team, too, that their work will be fruitful!
3. Through the month of May, I will be preaching and teaching through the Heidelberg Catechism, a 450-year-old affirmation of Christian faith that our church holds as a clear statement of what we believe. The Heidelberg Catechism is not merely a list of doctrinal questions and answers. It's not a cut-and-dried summary of what Christians believe. It is a deeply personal statement of faith and remarkably contemporary guide for every life. Join us for the weekly sermons—and consider joining us for the weekly class as one of our WAY offerings on Wednesdays.
4. Finally, our church was invited to submit a proposal to the Yale Institute of Sacred Music for their "Congregations" program. This is an outreach program that Yale undertakes to learn from local churches and to share the resources of the Institute of Sacred Music with them. Our proposal is entitled "Mending the Soul, Tapping the Foot: An Exploration of Jazz and Healing Liturgy," and will create four jazz vespers on Sunday afternoons next year that offer prayers for healing. For a week in mid-June, our project team (Connie Weiss, Susan Kelly, and me) will visit the Yale campus for a week of continuing education with the Institute staff.

Wishing you a spring full of spiritual strength and renewal,

*Rev. Bill Carter*

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*Miss a recent sermon? You can read them online at  
[billcartersermons.blogspot.com](http://billcartersermons.blogspot.com)*

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## THE WAY

The Wednesday Adults and Youth Christian Education

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

Supper, 5:45 \* Gathering Time, 6:10 \* Classes for all ages, 6:15

**Last Wednesday of W.A.Y. classes is May 28. Classes resume again in September.**

**Spark (Newborns - 3 year olds)** will enjoy Bible stories, songs and games in the nursery with teacher Linda Schuller and our caregivers Kaitlin Scappatura and Sondra Lionetti.

**Power Xpress (4 year old - Grade 6)** are divided into three age groups. **May 7: Easter: Peter's Story.** The Easter story tells us that Jesus loved Peter, forgave Peter for denying him and asked Peter to care for God's children. The story also tells us that Jesus loves us, forgives us and asks us to care for others. **May 14, 21 and 28: People Who Made A Difference.** Through the stories of people of faith we learn more about God. As people of faith we can respond to God and make a difference.

**Junior/Senior High (Grades 7-12)** meets in room 111 with Jana Schillinger and Charlie Pinches. This spring our youth will be digging deeper into some well-known Bible stories.

**Talking About God Stuff (TAGS)** - meets in room 206. **May 7, 14, 21 and 28 Body and Soul: What Do We Believe?** Led by Rev. Carter, we will explore these questions of faith: Who am I? What's wrong with the world? What's the purpose of my life? Why should I follow Jesus? How can I grow close to God?

**Faith and Life** - meets in room 210. **May 7 Addictions and Their Effects on Families.** Led by Josh Urso. Northeastern Pennsylvania is deeply affected by alcohol abuse, drug, addiction, and behaviors that are compulsive and destructive. Most of us know somebody whose life has been ravaged by drugs, alcohol, and gambling. How does this affect our families? What roles do we play in our family systems that may enable people to perpetuate addictions? Come and join in a conversation.

**May 14 and 21 Coping With Differences, Conflicts, and Stress in the Family.** Led by Barb Decker and Mandy Doria. Life in a family is not always easy. At times the challenges and difficulties leave us wondering where to go and what to do. During these two weeks, counselors from Marywood University will help us to understand healthy, positive ways to deal with the many differences, conflicts and stresses we experience inside the family.

**May 28. Hunger.** Join us as we discuss who in our area is going hungry, why they are going hungry and what we can do about this issue.

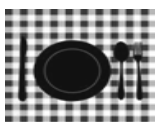
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### Wednesday Supper Reservations

**Light Supper** is served before The Way classes from 5:45-6:10 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.

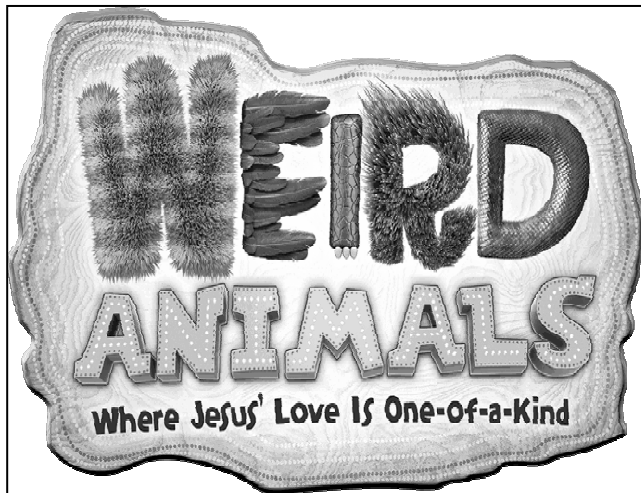
Reservations slips can be found in the church office, in the kitchen, or in pews.

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## YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group meets Sunday, May 4, and Sunday, May 18, 6:00-7:30pm

Canoe Trip - Saturday, May 31, We are headed to Camp Lackawanna for the afternoon to enjoy the weather and do some canoeing. No cost for the event. Please return permission slips by Wednesday, May 28.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 14-18**

**9:00am-12:00 noon**

God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When you feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

Please visit the VBS page on our website

**[www.fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org)**

in order to register children or  
sign up to be a volunteer.

"For we are God's masterpiece.  
He has created us anew in Christ Jesus."  
Ephesians 2:10



All graduating high school members of our church who plan to further their education are encouraged to apply. The application can be downloaded from our website and mailed to Janet Dobson, 105 Center Lane, N. Abington Township, PA 18414. The deadline is May 15th. The winner will be announced on Graduate Recognition Sunday.

## Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Independent & Assisted Living:	Sara Ann Hosier	587-0371
Emergency Needs:	Jo Conklin	563-0211
Time of Loss:	Lee Wirth	587-3767
Emergency Home Repair/ Maintenance:	John Conklin	563-0211

*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.*



### WE CAN ALL RECYCLE

As part of our Green Church initiative, the Earth Care Task Force asks you to please recycle at church as well as at home. There are recycle bins in the kitchen where you may place clean, recyclable items. From the Clarks Summit Borough website: ALL PLASTICS WITH A RECYCLING SYMBOL #1-7, ALMOST ANY PAPER PRODUCT, INCLUDING JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES, OFFICE-GRADE PAPER, NEWSPAPERS, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD AND FOOD BOXES CAN BE RECYCLED TOGETHER!

**CFL's** (the new curly queue bulb) must be recycled. Now that most incandescent bulbs have been replaced by Compact Fluorescent Lights, how do you dispose of them when they burn out? CFL's should never go in the garbage and must be recycled. We encourage you to bring (**only**) CFL's from home and dispose of them in the gray barrel next to the stove in the kitchen. Please be careful to not break the CFL's.

A HUGH THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Spring State Hospital Luncheon. Fellowship and the fantastic singers from the St David's Men Choir were enjoyed by all.

Our next luncheon is October 7th. All (Women/Men) are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting Janet Dobson @ 570-563-1887.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Thank you** to Dori Waters, Mary Ann Nichols, Bill Keen and John Conklin for the part they played in the redesigning and refreshing of the narthex. The plan was to provide a comfortable meeting place for members and visitors, and to promote fellowship before and after worship. They certainly ac-

A Thank You Note was received from the Abington Business Professional Association Board of Directors thanking our congregation for participating in the Ice Festival. It was another successful year.

Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session



## Mission and Justice Committee News

### St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen

We continue to need two volunteers to work at the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen on the last Tuesday of each month. We are grateful for the ongoing support that our church has shown for this worthy cause. In the words of Msgr. Joseph P. Kelly, executive director of the kitchen, "Thanks for hearing the 'Cry of the Poor'. Your support is a light in the Darkness of the plight of the poor." We encourage anyone who has not had the experience of helping serve a meal to the hungry to sign up, and bring a friend. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway by the offices.

### May Table Talk

The next Table Talk will be held on Sunday, May 11, after the morning worship service. The conversation will be led by Debbie Shane, a member of First Presbyterian and an elementary school nurse in the Abington Heights school district. The topic is "What is going on in our schools?" Please bring a cup of coffee and join us in the back of Fellowship Hall.

### Medication Disposal

Have you been doing some Spring cleaning? Do you wonder how to safely dispose of unused medications you found in the back of the drawer? The South Abington Police Department is one of two in Lackawanna County that has a secure drop off container for unused medications. They ACCEPT prescriptions, prescription patches, prescription medications, prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples, and pet medications. NOT accepted are hydrogen peroxide, thermometers, needles (sharps), inhalers, aerosol cans, ointments, lotions and liquids, medications from clinics. Please remove any personal information/identification from the medication container.



The Arts at First Presbyterian concluded its 2013-2014 season on April 27 with a terrific performance by Bill Carter and the Presbybop Sextet. We look forward to next year, and would like your help in selecting the performers for next season. The Arts Series committee will meet on Thursday, May 29 at 7 pm in the Session Room, and we are always looking for new committee people. If you have any ideas for potential performers, please contact John Weiss prior to the meeting at 570-497-9003 or at [jaweiss@epix.net](mailto:jaweiss@epix.net). Hope you can join us!

I want to express my thanks to all who made this season successful, including committee members, volunteers, contributors, and attendees. Below is a list of committee members and helpers:

John Weiss, Chair; Jo Conklin, Administrative Assistant

Operations:	Andy Kepler, Nancy Post, Olympia Cianfichi
Publicity:	Beverly Bright, Jo Conklin, John Weiss, Betsy Ellis
Hospitality:	Karen White, Alma Herron, Connie Weiss
Financial Development:	John Weiss
Church Staff:	Nancy Owens, John Conklin
Members at large:	Susan Kelly, Rev. Bill Carter, Connie Weiss, Bob Dygert, Betsy Ellis

## Join us on May 18 for the blessing of our next delegation to Haiti

From May 19 to June 1, 2014, three Presbyterians and two videographers [Pat Henneforth, Stacey Trunk, Cassidy Evans, Justin Kraky, and David Porter] will be traveling to Haiti to collect footage for a documentary on the band 2 Rasin [which means "Two Roots" in English]. They will be documenting the band's social justice music, each band member's life and motivations, each band member's community involvements, and each band member's advocacies for the people of Haiti. Topics to be documented will include awareness of violence against women and children, the need for positive male behaviors toward women and children, positive parenting, protest of government neglect of its people, and more....

The team's experiences will surely cross over to many if not all initiatives we have supported to date including the NaSonje Women's Micro-Finance Program, the Partnerships for Local Development programming through Groundswell International, and we might even see Pastor Ciceron and his Rays of Hope School in Solino again. The intent, in solidarity with these Haitian friends, will be to enhance and expand their ability to spread their news of justice through the distribution of the final documentary or documentaries to churches, speakers' bureaus and other forums nationally and internationally.

The estimates for this kind of a project are expensive depending on quality and length. Much of this expense will be funded through volunteer in-kind support such as donated professional videography, graphic design, and digital media production. We welcome any support you are willing to offer. Please contact Dave Porter if you would like to help. Thank you.



The Stephen Ministry helps not only the care receivers but the Stephen Ministers as well. Here are some testimonials from Stephen Ministers from many walks of life. If you would like to know more about becoming a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders, John Conklin, Judy Cutler, or Rev. Bill Carter.

“Being a Stephen Minister is much bigger and better than just helping other people. It becomes part of you—it changes you for the better. My faith is stronger. I’ve learned to listen, care, pray aloud, and be more assertive. I love it! With God’s help I’ll continue to grow through this wonderful ministry.”

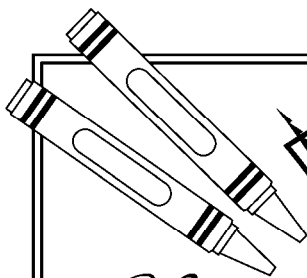
*Doris, Cafeteria Assistant Jacksonville, North Carolina*

“Stephen Minister training has given me skills I use all the time with my patients, particularly when they experience a crisis, large or small. It enables me to provide a level of emotional care that enhances the clinical care we provide.”

*Barbara, Dental Hygienist Saginaw, Michigan*

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# PUZZLE

## Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

**Directions:** First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

**MOTHERS**

Eve<sup>31</sup> ..... bore  
 Sarah<sup>23</sup> ..... bore  
 Rebekah<sup>7</sup> ..... bore  
 Rachel<sup>13</sup> ..... bore  
 Leah<sup>12</sup> ..... bore  
  
 Zilpah<sup>44</sup> ..... bore  
 Bilhah<sup>34</sup> ..... bore  
 Jochebed<sup>19</sup> ..... bore  
 Naomi<sup>2</sup> ..... bore  
 Ruth<sup>14</sup> ..... bore  
 Hannah<sup>26</sup> ..... bore  
 Bathsheba<sup>10</sup> ..... bore  
 Elizabeth<sup>9</sup> ..... bore  
 Mary<sup>3</sup> ..... bore  
 Eunice<sup>6</sup> ..... bore

**CHILDREN**

Cain, Abel and Seth<sup>11</sup>  
 Isaac<sup>18</sup>  
 Jacob and Esau<sup>15</sup>  
 Benjamin and Joseph<sup>41</sup>  
 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,  
 Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah<sup>24</sup>  
 Gad and Asher<sup>36</sup>  
 Dan and Naphtali<sup>38</sup>  
 Moses<sup>29</sup>  
 Mahlon and Kilion<sup>32</sup>  
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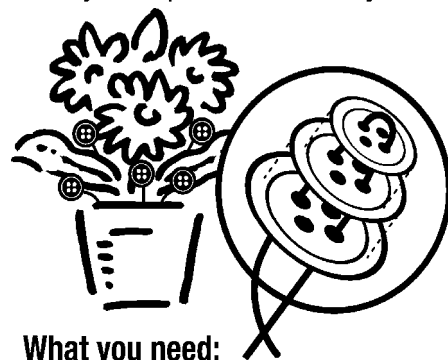
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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV

# Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.

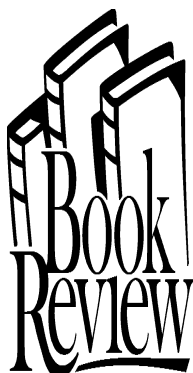


**What you need:**

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

**What you do:**

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!



May is movie night for the book group as we wrap up our meetings for the summer. We will meet at Marie Cochrane's home on May 15th at 6:30 to watch "The Book Thief". We will also be looking at titles for the coming fall through next spring's reading. Come and join us and bring suggestions of books you would like to read and discuss.

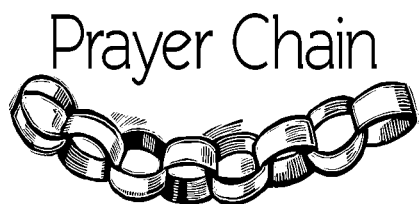
## Joys and Sorrows



Sympathy of the congregation is extended to John Conklin and his family on the recent loss of his brother.



With joy we have welcomed several people into our church family as new members. Please make a special effort to become acquainted with Burt and Marion Reese, Anne and Bob Deremer, Jeff Leas, Betsy Ellis, Nancy McManamon, Donna Evans, Barbara and James Cocolin, Ann Marie Tyler, Tom and Barb Decker.



Our Prayer Chain is looking for more "links". If you would like to be included in the prayer chain, receiving and making a call or two when there is a request, please call the church office (570-586-6306).

## Lectionary Readings

### May 4

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41;

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

### May 11

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter

2:19-25; John 10:1-10

### May 18

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-

16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

### May 25

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

## May Welcomers

May 4 – Nancy and Paul Ford

May 11 – The Cole Family

May 18 – Barbara & Jack Pittman

May 25 – Jesse and Bill Davis

## May Ushers

Wayne Griffiths

Elaine Lavelle





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## Narthex News

As part of **spring cleanup**, the Building & Grounds Committee, with the approval of **Session**, has reorganized the Narthex so it may serve you better.

We have:

- Created a comfortable place where members can gather before and after services
- Devised a location for committee information & announcements
- Made informational pamphlets more accessible
- De-cluttered the area so that it will be more functional for special occasions, such as wedding and funerals

Thank you for your cooperation,

*The Building & Grounds Committee*

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