

The Church on the Hill

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First Presbyterian Church

June 2014

Clarks Summit, PA



Vacation Bible School is Monday through Friday July 14-18, 9AM-Noon You may pre-register your children on line at <u>www.fpccs.org</u>



Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for providing lovely refreshments on so many Sundays following worship. To give the members of that committee a break, members or groups from the congregation are invited to host a Sunday Fellowship Time during the summer. A sign-up sheet is located on the counter in the church kitchen.



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Mark Your Calendars!!

All-church Weekend at Camp Lackawanna August 9 & 10

#### The Presbyter

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Notes from the Session Meeting on May 14, 2014 Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

1. Session welcomed new members to their May meeting and said Good Bye to the Class of 2014.

2. Elected Presbytery representatives as well as information about their past meeting.

3. Planned for the annual financial review.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2014

#### REVENUE

Budget Actual Received Difference EXPENSES	\$ 130,000 117,908 \$ (12,092) =======
EXPENSES	
Budget Actual Expenses Difference	\$ 135,100 _ <u>131,013</u> \$ ( 4,087) =======
BUDGET VARIANCE	\$ (8,005)
PLEDGE INCOME	
Budget Received Difference	\$ 105,000 <u>43,602</u> \$ ( 9,945)
Per Capita Update 2014: Total Received to date - \$3,449	9

#### The Presbyter deadline for the July/August issue is June 13, 2014

<u>The Presbyter</u> 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 will be held at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday throughout the summer. 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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# From the Pastor

William G. Carter

Dear Friends—

As summer draws near, I have been making a lot of lists: *30 Home Repairs That We Need to Do, 15 Books That I'd Like to Read, 19 Grilling Recipes to Attempt for the Family,* and so on. A friend recently pointed out he maintains two lists: what he hopes to do and what he has already done. At times he says the first list can be demanding and oppressive, but the second list gives him relief and assures him of his own slow progress.

What kind of lists will you keep this summer? Let me suggest, among them, that you create a list for your observations on the ways of God's world. Not merely what you need to do, but what you notice!

For instance, in the Book of Proverbs, sometimes we come across the occasional list:

Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a girl. (30:18-19).

Three things are stately in their stride; four are stately in their gait: the lion, which is the mightiest among wild animals and does not turn back before any; the strutting rooster, the he-goat, and a king striding before his people (30:29-31).

Wisdom comes from paying attention and reflecting on what we see. So here's my near-summer invitation to make a Wisdom List. Write down some of your life's observations and polish them in your heart. This is one way to become wise.

Here is one of the lists that I have come across in my reading. It's from William Sloane Coffin, one-time Yale chaplain and pastor of Riverside Church. He calls it "Things to Be Well Aware Of" and it comes from his book <u>Credo</u>:

- A dog can't go anywhere if he's always stopping to scratch his fleas.
- Not all roads lead to the peak of the same mountain; some lead over the precipice.
- God's forgiveness is more than a blessing; it's a challenge.
- Things not worth doing are not worth doing well.
- To let a point pass that calls for a challenge is to be politely dishonest.
- The simplest act of human kindness for a fellow human being is more important than any refinement of the mind.
- Fear is the enemy of learning; it gives ignorance its power.
- God loves us as we are, but much too much to leave us there.
- There never was a night or problem that could defeat sunrise or hope.

Here's to an observant summer, ever increasing in wisdom and full of spiritual growth!

See you on Sunday,

# **Rev. Bill Carter**

## 2014 Pentecost Offering



The Pentecost Offering is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church. Dedicated on Pentecost (June 8 this year), the focus of this offering is to encourage, develop, and support young people and support the needs Pentecost of at-risk children. A large portion (40%) of this offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young

mittee have chosen the Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative (NSPI) as the recipient of our portion of the Pentecost Offering. Begun in 2011, NSPI is made up of all volunteers from local agencies and survivors who have lost someone to suicide, all working toward suicide prevention in Lackawanna and surrounding counties. They meet monthly to coordinate formal clinical and community suicide prevention trainings and survivor activities. For more information on this worthwhile organization, please go to their web site,



# Can You Help?



The Catherine McAuley Center has need for furniture or appliances for families in transition. If you have any furniture or household items in good usable condition that no longer fit in your home, please consider making a donation the Center. Contact Sister Susan at 570-342-1342 to make a donation. Thank you in advance.







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

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

# **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 or from our web-site.



Camp Scholarships



## **Board of Deacons**

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:							
Independent & Assisted Living:	Sara Ann Hosier	587-0371					
Emergency Needs:	Jo Conklin	563-0211					
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Emergency Home Repair/							
Maintenance:	John Conklin	563-0211					
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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.

# Hit the Road!

When a teenager received his driving permit, he asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss use of the car.

His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut, and then we'll talk about it."

A month later, the young man returned to continue the discussion. "Son, I've been real proud of you," the father said. "You've brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The teenager replied, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair and even Jesus had long hair .... "



"Yes," the father said, "and they walked everywhere they went!"



Three new books have been added to our church library in memory of John Foster, teacher, elder, deacon, and Christian educator.

Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor

The Book of Forgiving by Desmond TuTu, MPHD TuTu

Love Wins by Rob Bell

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 CARD-BOARD 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.

## **Mission and Justice Committee News**

#### Earth Care Committee

The next road clean-up will be Saturday, June 14th. We meet at the Clarks Summit Methodist parking lot. We have had solid groups each time and are usually out working for no more than an hour and a half. For more information contact Donna Porter, 585-4006.



# HAITI

Please find below two links to the YouTube videos that are samples of some of the work our delegation of videographers Justin Kraky and Kassidy Evans, photographer and Presbyterian Pat Henneforth, and student and Presbyterian Stacey Trunk, and I had done during our trip to Haiti from May 19 to June 1. Along with my artwork and design as exhibited in these two videos, we will be combining all manner of video footage, interviews, journals, reflections, and digital media production efforts to express as best we can the band "2 Rasin's" [Two Roots in English] social justice music, its members' lives, their communities, and their advocacies. Much of what we do will cross over into the initiatives and sustained efforts we at First Presbyterian Church have made to support those we are close to in Haiti including the NaSonje Foundation and Partnerships for Local Development through Groundswell International's Women's Micro-Finance Organizations, Augustin Mona's people of Mozayik who continue to be Internally displaced, these four years since the earthquake, due to two violent expulsions of them from two different settlements, and possibly Pastor Mathieu Ciceron's Rays of Hope School in Solino, Port-au-Prince.

"Children" http://youtu.be/UsjMQuxxHbY

"Women" http://youtu.be/4v5SZhsDYqq





Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry being used by thousands of congregations to increase care and outreach to hurting people.

Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople—Stephen Ministers—who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, divorce, financial stress, a terminal illness, or other life difficulties.

Visit **www.stephenministries.org** to learn more about Stephen Ministry and to watch online video stories about the difference Stephen Ministers are making in people's lives.

Contact our Stephen Leaders John Conklin, Judy Cutler, and Rev. Bill Carter for more information about receiving a Stephen Minister to help you or about becoming a Stephen Minister.





We will be taking a break from our regular meetings for the summer. We are putting together an exciting list of books to read for the next year. Watch for the summer Presbyter for more information about up coming titles and locations for our meetings. Generally we meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 in members homes. The list will be put together soon. If you want more information or would like to be on the e-mail list so you get information r about the up coming meetings, contact Judy Cutler at 570-446-9310 or jdragonflyc@hotmail.com



Answer: compassion



to express your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



#### What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

### What you do:

- 1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
- 2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
- 3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
- 4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.

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# **Joys and Sorrows**



Congratulations and best wishes to Becky Owens and Joe Ceresini, who were united in marriage on May 2, 2014, with Rev. Carter officiating.



Bentley Anthony Traettino, son of Jessica Hiller and AJ Traettino, was baptized on May 4, 2014 by Rev. Carter. Al and Deb Traettino are his happy grandparents.



Sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

Alice and Dick Broxton upon the passing of their son-in-law, James McMichael.

Gary Wadsworth and his family, upon the recent passing of Gary's father.

Bob Sproul and family as Priscilla entered the church triumphant May 18, 2014.



# Lectionary Readings

### June 1

7th Sunday of Easter

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

#### June 8 Day of Pentencost

Acts 2:1-12 or numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Act 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

### June 15

**Trinity Sunday** Genesis 1:1-2, 4a; Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16 -20

#### June 22

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16 -17 Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

## June 29

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

#### Welcomers:

June 1 - Clarence Ndangam & family June 8 - Mollie Woehling June 15 - Betty and Don Keen June 22 - Mary Ann Nichols June 29 - Jesse and Bill Davis

**Ushers:** John Conklin, Vi Dygert



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).

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Second Annual Camp Lackawanna Golf Tournament Shadowbrook Golf Course Shadowbrook Inn and Resort, Tunkhannock

Saturday, September 27, 2014

8:00-8:45 AM 9:00 AM 1:30 PM Registration Shotgun Start Luncheon

Cost \$75

For more information visit www.lackawannapresby.org/camphome or call 570-348-0643.



### SWB Rail Riders Game

SIGN UP NOW! Faith Day is Sunday, July 27th, at the 1:05 pm game for the SWB Rail Riders baseball team, and we're getting together a group from our church to attend the game. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex. Right now we're just seeing how many people are interested in going to the game. We'll contact you in late June to confirm that you'll be able to attend and to collect \$8 per ticket. Join us for this afternoon of fellowship and fun!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
/ 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:20 AM Joyful Noise Graduate Recognition	2 12:00 PM & 6 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Mission & Justice	3 10:00 AM PVV Executive Board 7:00 PM AMPOLA	4 10:00 AM Prayer & Share	5 8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group 7:00 PM Building & Grounds 7:00 PM Christian Education	6	7 9:00 AM -4:00 PM LF Lay Preacher class 9:45 AM OA
8 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:20 AM Joyful Noise Pentecost Teacher Recognition	9 12:00 PM & 6 PM Weight Watchers	10 10:00 AM MBK Quilts 7:00 PM Session	<b>1</b> 9:30 AM LDT & 1PM LP Ministry Team 10:00 AM Prayer & Share	12 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group	13 Presbyter Deadline	14 9:00 AM Adopt-A-High way Cleanup 9:45 AM OA
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22 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:20 AM Joyful Noise	23 12:00 PM & 6 PM Weight Watchers	24 7:00 PM Deacons	25 9:00 AM Presbyter 10:00 AM Prayer & Share	26 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group	27	28 9:45 AM OA
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