



The Presbyter

October 2015

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

We welcome Frank Jones



After a number of summer interviews with extremely capable candidates, we are delighted to welcome Frank Jones as our new Director of Music. A native of Scranton and a graduate of Penn State, Frank has begun rehearsing with our adults and teens on Wednesday nights. He invites you to sing with him!

For more information on Frank, see page 3.

FIFTH QUARTER-WHAT'S THAT?

It is a gathering at the lower church parking lot after home Abington Heights football games for middle and high school students. There will be wings, soda, a little music, a couple of games and just plain fun. Remaining dates are Oct. 3, Oct. 24 and Nov. 4. So talk it up! If you would like to help call Fred Lyon at 222-5966 or email at flyon@nep.net



Summer Ministry to Seasonal Farm Workers

The seasonal workers and your church representatives want to **THANK YOU** once again for your generosity. This year your gifts allowed us to distribute toiletries, socks, towels, wash cloths, long sleeve T shirts, sun screen, and a Spanish language Bible to our regional guests. We also provided workers with a Wednesday morning breakfast of coffee and donuts throughout the month of August. Maybe next year you could join Dick Broxton, John Conklin, Stan Gilbert, Bill Keen, Andy Kepler, Greg Matthews, Tom Mc Ardle Jack Pittman, Dave Porter, Kaitlin Porter, and Ron Thomas on this local mission outreach.

Jack Pittman

Food Pantry

October is the month we collect food for the AEM Food Pantry. During this month please bring non-perishable items and leave them in the Narthex. Items will be collected until the end of October and delivered to the pantry.



Items such as soups, cereals, pastas, powdered milk, tuna, peanut butter, etc. are of particular need. Please consider each time you go shopping to buy one item for yourself and one for our neighbors in need.

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Notes from the Session & Deacons Meeting on September 8, 2015

Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session

1. Session had a reception to meet Frank Jones, our new Choir Director on Wednesday, September 9 with the Adult Choir participating in the Session Room.
2. Session is helping with the Fifth Quarter plans that Fred Lyon is Chairing.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2015

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 263,133
Actual Received	<u>251,967</u>
Difference	\$ (11,166)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 274,505
Actual Expenses	<u>256,729</u>
Difference	\$ (17,776)
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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ (4,762)

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 213,333
Received	<u>195,500</u>
Difference	\$ (17,833)

Per Capita Update 2015:
Total Received to date - \$5,000

The Presbyterian deadline for
The November issue is
October 16, 2015

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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Sexton	John Conklin



Summer Picnic

It is never too early to start planning for the next church picnic and the church Fellowship Committee is already hard at work making plans. 2016 will again find us going to Camp Lackawanna for this event. It will be held the weekend of August 13-14. Church service will be at the outdoor chapel at Camp Lackawanna on Sunday morning at 10:00 with a guest preacher providing a service in Clarks Summit for those who do not wish to go out to the camp. Following the service at Camp Lackawanna, there will be opportunities for hiking, canoeing, and just having a great time enjoying a beautiful spot in God's creation followed by a picnic provided by the church for all who would like to come. Anyone who stayed in Clarks Summit for church is invited to come out for the picnic. In the past, we have reserved cabin and tent spaces for anyone who would like to come out Saturday evening. We would have a simple supper of sandwiches and such and a camp fire with lots of singing and s'mores. The Fellowship Committee is now looking for a show of interest in the Saturday night activities. We will have to make reservations for the cabins/tent spaces in the near future. We do not need you to make a firm commitment at this time, just a show of interest to give us a rough idea of how many to expect. There will be a small fee to those using the cabins/tent sites and canoe rentals. More on that in the future. Please contact Judy Cutler at 570-446-9310 or [jdragonflyc@hotmail.com](mailto:dragonflyc@hotmail.com) if you think you might be interested in the Friday night activities and staying overnight at the camp.



From the Pastor

William G. Carter

This month, I want to introduce you to Frank Jones, the newest member of our staff. There are a lot of things about him that are impressive. He's an Eagle scout who serves on the summer staff of Goose Pond camp. He teaches children to sing in four elementary schools in the Scranton public school system. Frank directs the "Camerata" choir of teenage men for the Choral Society youth program. And as you might expect, he has an extraordinary singing voice.

In the tradition of a local newspaper, we asked Frank five quick questions to introduce him to you. Here are "Five with Frank."

a. *How did you fall in love with singing?*

I first fell in love with singing when I was in elementary school at Holy Rosary School in Scranton. I began singing for our parish as a cantor then joined the Choral Society of NEPA within a couple of months. After that, it was something that I began to really feel good about and tried to become the best that I could be at it. I originally thought that I wanted to be an environmental engineer, but those thoughts were quickly dismissed. Could you imagine me being an environmental engineer?!

b. *Why is singing so important for worship?*

Music is important for worship because there are certain things that happen when music and worship combine. We can sing praises and emphasize what is being said through scripture, but we're allowed to craft and bring those texts to life. It allows the listener to really interpret what is happening.

c. *Do you come from a musical family?*

I do come from a musical family. My father learned to play the drums from ear and has played ever since. I vividly remember coming home one day from work and my father was jamming out to Maroon 5. I thought it was kind of funny, but he can put on any music and just play. In addition, my grandmother was a fabulous pianist.

d. *What are three things you enjoy doing?*

I really enjoy doing outdoor activities like camping, hiking and kayaking. I'm very involved with the Boy Scouts through working at scout camps, visitations of camps and training leaders for summer camps. Lastly, I never mind turning on a good movie.

e. *What are your hopes and dreams for First Presbyterian Church?*

I'm really hopeful for the position that I'm in. I've enjoyed working with the members of the church. I want as many people to come and sing with us as possible. If you could only make it for a day or want to be a permanent fixture in the choir, I want to extend the welcome to help make music for the church!

I hope you join me in making Frank feel welcome! See you on Sunday.

Rev. Bill

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Independent & Assisted Living: Sara Ann Hosier 587-0371

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Time of Loss:

Emergency Home Repair/ Joe Waters 586-7233

Maintenance: Greg Matthews 587-2644

Please let the Board of Deacons Care Team Coordinators or the church office know if anyone is in need of assistance.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



POTLUCK DINNER On **Sunday, October 18, 2015**, the Fellowship Committee will host a Potluck & Game Day in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Sunday service. Last year's Game Day had a lot of whoopin' and hollerin' going on with the game players, so please come and join in the fun on October 18th. Bring your favorite dish to share, along with your favorite game to play. All ages welcome!



The Stephen Ministers and Leaders will be leading a two week session during the Way to share more about this ministry. Join us on October 14th and 21st to learn more about how the Stephen Ministry works, the skills we learn, and the impact it has had on our lives and the lives of those we have ministered to.



STATE HOSPITAL LUNCHEON
October 6th-NOON

Please join us for lunch and fellowship with our guests.

All are welcome! If you have never attended and have some questions, please don't hesitate to call Janet Dobson @ 570-563-1881.

Presbyterian Women's Association



We will be meeting on Oct 22, 2015 at Char Lyon's home at 7:00. If you would like to car pool, meet in the upper church parking lot at 6:40. We will be discussing **The Spool of Blue Thread** by Anne Tyler. It's pretty clear that Anne Tyler is comfortable with the art of storytelling. From the first lines of *A Spool of Blue Thread*, there's an urge to sit back and settle into the cadence of her words. Or, rather, Abby Whitshank's words as she recounts the story of how she fell in love with Red Whitshank in 1959. But don't get too comfortable. Anne Tyler understands that, despite their best intentions, family members don't often let each other settle back for very long—and the Whitshanks, a Baltimore clan whose history is told through several generations in this sensitive and empathetic novel, is no different than most. As Abby and Red age, their children are drawn back to their sprawling house. When the second part of the novel moves back in time, the shift is jarring at first; but after a fifty year writing career (this is her 20th novel), Tyler has the end in sight. This is a book about the stories we tell each other and the little moments that make up our lives.



The Arts at First Presbyterian concert series will open with the **Terrace Piano Quartet** on Sunday, October 25 at 4 pm. The Terrace Piano Quartet is an ensemble of young musicians with sterling resumes and a variety of national and international exposure. The group consists of John Michael Vaida on violin, Amy Iwazumi on viola, Miho Zaitso on cello, and Hwaen Ch'ui on the piano. Vaida and Ch'ui are graduates of the esteemed Eastman School of Music, while Iwazumi has degrees from The Juilliard School. John Michael Vaida is Adjunct Professor and directs the Chamber Orchestra at Wilkes University. He also serves as Artist-in-Residence at Wyoming Seminary, where he coaches chamber music and maintains a vibrant private studio. Hwaen Ch'ui quickly distinguished himself as one of the rare pianists to be invited three times as a fellow to the prestigious Tanglewood

Music Center; there, he studied with such luminaries as Gilbert Kalish and Leon Fleisher. Having given solo and ensemble performances to critical acclaim in over a dozen countries across five continents, Amy Iwazumi enjoys a diverse career as a musician and web/graphic designer, founding Amy I Productions. Cellist Miho Zaitso continues to excite audiences with her thought-provoking performances throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. They will be performing the Faure Piano Quartet No. 1 and the Brahms Piano Quartet No. 3 at this concert.

This event is open to the public, free of charge, but a free-will offering will be taken to help defray our costs. We receive some financial support from state and county grants, but rely heavily on the support of individual donors to produce the series.

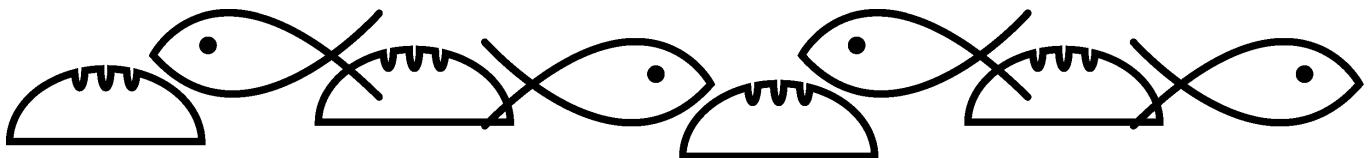
Please consider supporting the Arts Series at First Presbyterian Church. Donations may be made payable to the church, and either mailed to the church or dropped in the offering plate on Sunday. Please write "Arts Series" in the memo block of your check. For more information about our concert series, please pick a brochure from the rack in the narthex or visit www.fpccs.org. Look forward to seeing you on October 25!

John Weiss, Chair
Arts at First Presbyterian



Mending Service November 1st @ 4:00 p.m.

Are you feeling a little blue? Has some event in your life brought you down a bit? Are you missing a loved one? Do you just need a little time for meditation and calmness? Join us for the first "Mending" service of the year. On November 1st at 4:00 pm, we will have a service of communion, healing music, and Scripture to give solace and comfort to those in need. To mark All Saint's Day, we especially invite those who have lost a loved one to come and remember those they have lost.



**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. Stories this month are Isaac’s Blessing (Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40), Free From Slavery (Exodus 5:1-6:13), The Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-30), and the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17).

Power Xpress (4 year old - Grade 5) Are divided into two ages groups and experience Bible stories through interactive rotation classes. Our year continues with Out of Egypt (Exodus 2-14) and Samuel (1 Samuel 1:9-27; 3:1-20).

We Believe: With All Boldness and Freedom (Grades 6-8) Room 209 with Jana Schillinger and Dick Cochrane. This year students will work through the New Testament to gain the overall picture of the life of Jesus and the early church. In October, this class looks at Jesus’ Childhood (Luke 2:21-38; Matthew 2:19-23), Jesus’ Baptism and Temptation (Isaiah 40:3-4; Mark 1:9-13; Matthew 3-4), The Reign of God (Luke 4:14-30; Mark 1:5, 9) and Assembling Disciples (Luke 5:1-32; John 1:43-51; Mark 10:46-52).

PresbyYouth: Prophetic Calls For Justice (Grades 9-12; college age adults) Room 111. This course looks at the prophets’ words of judgment and hope and their relevance to today’s world. October’s lessons include Micah (Micah 6:6-8), The Exile (Psalm 137; 146; 149; Jeremiah 29), Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1-3; 8-11; 37) and Joel (Joel 1-3).

Talking About God Stuff (T.A.G.S.) Room 206. October 7: *Banned: Questions About The Bible*. October 14-November 18: *Esther*. Esther’s story shows God’s deliverance and care for His people amid risky twists turns, happy and fearful moments and dangerous and deadly outcomes. As we venture through the book of Esther, we are reminded that God keeps His age-old promises even in today’s world.

Faith and Life Room 210. October 7: *In The News: Marriage*. October 14-November 18: *Life Together*. Living together as a church family requires us to care for and tend to those among us who are in need. In the first two weeks of this class, our Stephen Ministers share what it means for them to care for us as a congregation and how they have been blessed by this ministry.

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.

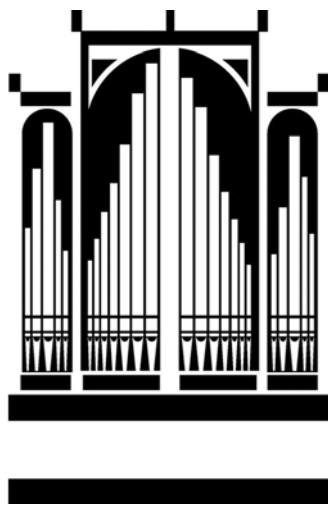
Chapel Choir News



We are off and running with another year of music, friends and fun! We welcome back returning singers and have a few new singers joining us.

Preparations are underway for the All Church Concert in November. We also are planning an outing to get to know each other a little better.

Does your child love to sing? Contact Kay Ten Eyck at kayt1085@gmail.com to learn more about singing with the Chapel Choir!



Does the Organ Need Ruby Slippers?

Submitted by Kay Ten Eyck

Did you know that our organ console has shoes? They aren't ruby and they don't fit the "foot" of any of our pipes. So why do we need them? And why does the organist wear special shoes to play?

It has been fifteen years since our Moeller organ was fully rebuilt and the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee would like to celebrate this milestone. After the service on October 25th, gather around the organ to find out a little of the history of pipe organs in general, how an organ works, and explore some of the sounds that are unique to the instrument. John Conklin will be on hand to assist anyone who would like to visit the pipe chamber.

Helpers Needed!

The W.A.Y. is looking for people to help with our meals. You are welcome to help once in a while, once a month, or whenever you are able!

You can help by:

- *Cooking or helping to cook a main dish
- *Providing a salad
- *Providing a dessert
- *Helping with setup
- *Helping with cleanup

If you can help, please contact the church office at 570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org



RESOURCE FAIR!

Sunday, October 25
during Fellowship Hour,
and

Wednesday, October 28
before and after W.A.Y. classes

Are you looking for some great Christian books, Bibles and resources for children you know?

Come see what Sparkhouse has to offer!
These resources make great Christmas gifts!

We love Sparkhouse and use a great deal of their material with our children and their church school classes.



MISSION AND JUSTICE



In the Presbyterian Calendar, September 6 begins the **Season of Peace**. The Season includes the 9/11 remembrance, the UN designated International Day of Peace on September 21, Native American Day on the 22nd, and the Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence beginning on September 24.

During this time we ponder the events in the world where injustice, intolerance, and violence affect so many people. What can we do? We can pray, be intentional in our own lives toward peace, and we can give generously to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. 25% of the money we collect will be given to the Catherine McAuley Center in Scranton, which is a support system, a lifeline, and a bridge to self-reliance for homeless women and families in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties. You can read their Mission Statement on the Mission and Justice bulletin board in the narthex. 25% of the offering will be used within our Presbytery and Synod, while 50 % will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to promote peace around the world.

The Season concludes on October 4, World Communion Sunday, when we will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Please give generously:

- Through your congregation. You can find an envelope for this special offering in your box of envelopes or in the pew racks.
- Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10
- presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global

- ◆ Conflict can be individual: 1 in 4 U.S. students reports being bullied at school.
- ◆ Conflict can be collective: Up to 70% of women experience violence in their lifetimes.
- ◆ Conflict can be domestic: 1 in 3 women has been the victim of violence at the hands of an intimate partner. 1 in 4 children has been physically abused.
- ◆ Conflict can be international: Conflict and political violence are on the rise in 48 countries.
- ◆ Conflict can be historical: Structural racism creates long-term deficits of opportunity.
- ◆ Conflict can be contemporary: Human trafficking and forced labor affect 3 of every 1,000 people in the world today.

When you give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering your true gift is the peace of Christ, for all of God's children. With each gift, we can begin to create a world of peace—together.

Learn more about issues of conflict:

Bullying: www.stopbullying.gov

Violence against women:

www.endviolence.un.org

World conflict: www.visionofhumanity.org

Structural racism: www.boysandmenofcolor.org

Human trafficking: www.unodc.org



BLESSING BAGS



Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.

meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

*Directions: Starting at the *B and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.*

“B _____
 _____,

 _____ g.”

MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

Answer: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Matthew 6:3, NIV

Joys and Sorrows



Births in the Church Family

Welcome Jack Robert Glasser, son of Andrea Weiss Glasser and David Glasser. Jack was born on August 12, 2015. His grandparents are Connie and John Weiss. Good health and best wishes to all.



Congratulations and best wishes to Maggie Villano and Chuck Woolever who were united in marriage on September 10, 2015 with Rev. Carter officiating.

Lectionary Readings

Lectionary for October

October 4th

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalms 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalms 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 25

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalms 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



"I hope you don't think I'm presumptuous.
I died at a costume party."



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Help Us By Donating & Joining us on October 25th



Do you have a **FABULOUS** piece of artwork or a cherished home accessory that you just don't have room for anymore? Why not donate it to a good cause? The Gathering Place's **TWICE ADMIRIED EMPORIUM!**


Remember, you can bring your donations for **THE TWICE ADMIRIED EMPORIUM** to:

- ♦ **SOLE to SOUL**, 535 S. State Street, Clarks Summit, during regular business hours, or to
- ♦ **THE GATHERING PLACE**, 304 S. State Street, Clarks Summit, Saturday mornings, until October 17th from 9 - noon.

The Twice-Admired **EMPORIUM**

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS & COME...

Shop our huge Upscale Tag Sale
Browse the innovative wares of our Repurposing Vendors
Learn from experts in Home Decorating
Enjoy Complimentary Treats, Good Music & Great Company



The Gathering Place's
Second Annual Fundraising Event

Sunday, October 25

Time:
2:00 – 5:00 PM

Cost:
\$15.00 Donation

Location:
Bedford Street Fire Station
321 Bedford Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411

www.GatheringPlaceCS.org