



The Presbyter

July/August 2016

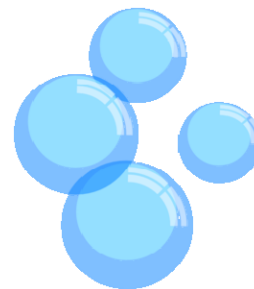
The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

Open to all children
age 4 to
completed Grade 5

July 11 - 15
9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Vacation Bible School



Register online at
fpccs.org

Dive into the fun...
Sign up today!

Join us for the "Weekend in the Woods"

August 13 - 14

Camp Lackawanna, Vosburg, PA

More information on page 4.



Camp Lackawanna on a bend in the beautiful Susquehanna River



During the months of July and August, the church office will be open from 9AM to 4PM. Please make a note of it.

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Notes from the Session Meeting, June 14, 2016

Session Members received their committee assignments for the 2016-2017 year:

- **Building & Grounds** - Frank Garnecki, Chair, Don Keen;
- **Christian Education and Growth** - Nancy Dennen, Chair, Tyler Kusma;
- **Fellowship** - Judy Cutler, Chair; Adrienne Horger;
- **Finance** - Heather Acker, Chair; Dave Naeher;
- **Mission & Justice** - Diane Scheuer, Chair, Nancy London, Robin Pinches;
- **People in Ministry** - Bill Davis, Chair; Craig Smith;
- **Worship/Music/Arts** - Nancy Post, Chair, Dick Cochrane.

Session set three congregational goals for the 2016-2017 year:

- **Intergenerational Ministry** -- To build faith in all ages, emphasizing the connections across age groups, encouraging households, welcoming children and youth.
- **Well-Being** -- To develop ministries and programs that enhance the spiritual, physical, relational, environmental "fitness" of our congregation and community;
- **Loving Our Neighbors** -- To reach into the community through specific acts of service, improving the neighborhood, and inviting people to experience the love and service of this congregation.

The Presbyterian deadline for
The September issue is
August 12, 2016

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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Pastor	William G. Carter
Administrative Assistant	Nancy Owens
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 May 31, 2016

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 147,250
Actual Received	<u>143,778</u>
Difference	\$ (3,472)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 146,835
Actual Expenses	<u>140,692</u>
Difference	\$ (6,143)
	=====

BUDGET VARIANCE \$ 3,086

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 133,333
Received	<u>126,706</u>
Difference	\$ (6,627)

Per Capita 2016 is \$32.00 per member.

Total Received to date - \$3,499



Congratulations to Chapel Choir

Congratulations to our very own Chapel Choir, under the direction of Kay Ten Eyck, who placed 1st with an excellent rating at Hershey Park's Music in the Parks competition this past weekend! You make us all very proud!

Summer 2016

Dear Friends,

For many people, the only “church” they know is the gathering of people who surround them in the pews on Sunday morning. Together they sing the hymns, teach the Christian education classes, attend committee meetings, and serve food at the homeless shelter. All of us know this as “church” — even if we also know that “church” is so much more.



Every two years, the Presbyterians in our country meet for a General Assembly in a large convention center in a major city. It’s an eight-day gathering, but it is so much more than a “meeting.” There are worship services, Bible studies, special speakers, recognitions for faithful ministries, and a festival space filled with every conceivable mission agency, publishing entity, vestment manufacturer, and holy carnival barker. Of course, there are also business meetings (a “committee” may have 50 members in it!) and plenty of votes.

For me, the quickest way to have your view of “church” resized is to go to one of these gatherings. Each one is really extraordinary. It pushes you beyond all parochialism and enlarges your world. Pretty quickly, you realize that Christ’s ministry is an international ministry, taking many forms and utilizing a diverse assortment of gifted individuals. It is awe-inspiring to imagine God as the One who works in so many ways through so many people.

Fred Lyon (see right) reports on two of those people, having attended this year’s General Assembly in Portland, OR. We rejoice with him and his family, and celebrate this great moment for God’s people!

Meanwhile I’ll see you on Sunday. God’s global work happens here too.

Rev. Bill

A note from Fred Lyon . . .



June 18th was an exciting time for the Lyon family. Char and Fred’s daughter-in-law, Jan Edmiston, and her running mate, Denise Anderson, were elected to be co-moderators of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA.

The vote was an overwhelming 432 to 136 which resulted in the first co-moderators and first time both moderators are women. This GA also marked the 85th anniversary of the first woman elder and the 60th anniversary of women being eligible to be pastors. After the candidates were questioned from the floor and that vote result was announced the room exploded into a sustained standing ovation.

As Jan and Denise walked the perimeter of the 3000 gathered with their respective families and friends, it seemed everyone had a smile for us. When all were on the stage the 3000 sang an impromptu verse of “Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.” Fred and grandson Jay were able to lay hands on Jan as she was installed and our son Fred II gave the closing prayer, then off to a celebration party.

For more news from this year’s General Assembly, go online to www.pcusa.org.

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:		
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 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.

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.



CAMP

Scholarships



FPCCS Camp Weekend

August 13th and 14th



It's a weekend in the woods! Connect with your family and church friends while enjoying God's creation. Join us for a few hours or stay the whole weekend! ALL EVENTS ON SUNDAY ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL -- NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (except canoeing). Invite your friends and family. It is the perfect time for a reunion with the kids and grandkids!

Saturday events include...

youth and intergenerational games

hiking

dinner**

campfire, sing-a-long, and s'mores

tent or cabin camping**

Sunday events include...

continental breakfast

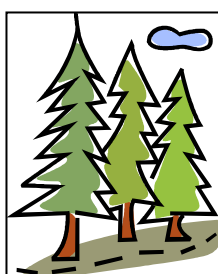
outdoor worship service

10AM at the Spann memorial chapel

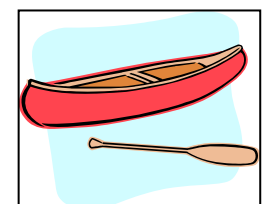
annual church picnic

beginning at 11:30AM

canoeing**



(**these events require a reservation and an additional fee - sign up in Fellowship hall after worship from 6/26-8/7.)





Save the Date!

The WAY will resume with classes for all ages on Wednesday, September 14.
Please join us after worship on Sunday, September 11 for a kickoff event.

Calling all volunteers! VBS 2016 needs your help!

Join us on a Deep Sea Discovery as we learn that God is with us wherever we go!

We can't do it without you...we need teachers, leaders, and behind-the-scenes helpers.

Vacation Bible School runs July 11-15. Please consider volunteering for a day, for the week, or to help set up and decorate for our underwater adventure.

Sign up at fpccs.org or contact Jana Schillinger or Nancy Dennen for more information.



High School

Katie Carlin

Susan Scappatura

Post High School

Warren W. Acker

Victoria Jeschke

Seth Pinches

Jennifer Rich

Becky Roditski

Tyler Selige

Calling all teachers!

The Wednesday Adults and Youth Christian Education Program (the WAY), offers classes for all ages from September to May. Christian

Education is an important

part of who we are and what we do — and you can be a part of it! Help us all to grow in Christ by volunteering to teach...at any grade level, for any amount of time, you can lead our children and adults in learning and growth. Please consider helping with this important ministry. Contact Nancy Dennen for more information.





How Stephen Ministry Works

The best way to understand how Stephen Ministry works is to learn about three groups of people involved in this ministry: Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers, and care receivers. Here is the first group.

Stephen Leaders

Stephen Leaders establish and direct Stephen Ministry in a congregation. They—

- build awareness of Stephen Ministry within the congregation and community
- recruit and train Stephen Ministers
- meet with potential care receivers to assess their needs
- match care receivers with Stephen Ministers
- provide Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision and continuing education

People learn to serve as Stephen Leaders by attending a Leader's Training Course—a one-week conference that introduces the resources used to lead Stephen Ministry, develops key skills, and gets people excited about this caring ministry. Most congregations begin with two to four Stephen Leaders, typically including a pastor, possibly another church staff person, and one or more lay leaders.



The book group is not meeting for the summer. Stay tuned to hear about upcoming titles and plans. If you are interested in learning more about the group or would like to be on our e-mail list, contact Judy Cutler at 570-446-9310 or jdragonflyc@hotmail.com.



On Sunday, September 25, our church will celebrate Worship Through Service Day. Hopefully, all church members, young and old, will volunteer to participate in a service project planned and organized by a church committee or the Deacons. You will receive a free t-shirt to wear during your participation. So far there are 7 projects being planned, with a few more to be decided soon. The established projects include yardwork at the Children's Advocacy Center in Scranton, Painting 2 rooms and a bathroom at UCP of Northeastern PA Day Care, Child Care in Clarks Summit, odd jobs (yardwork, housework, minor repairs) offered to neighbors in a four block radius around the church, cleaning and painting at the Bethel AME Homeless Shelter in Scranton in preparation of their October opening, a music concert at a local senior care facility, odd jobs for older or infirmed church members (yardwork, housework, minor repairs), and sewing sleeping bags for the homeless with the My Brother's Keeper Quilt group in Fellowship Hall. All church members will have an opportunity to choose which project is of most interest to him or her. Sign up will take place on August 28, September 4 or 11. Team leaders will call the volunteers between Sept. 14 and Sept. 20 to let them know what they will be doing and what they need to bring. There will be a shortened church service on September 25 before we go out to serve others as a faith-forming experience. We serve others to follow Christ's example.

We look forward to a rewarding and fun day.





Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

What you do:

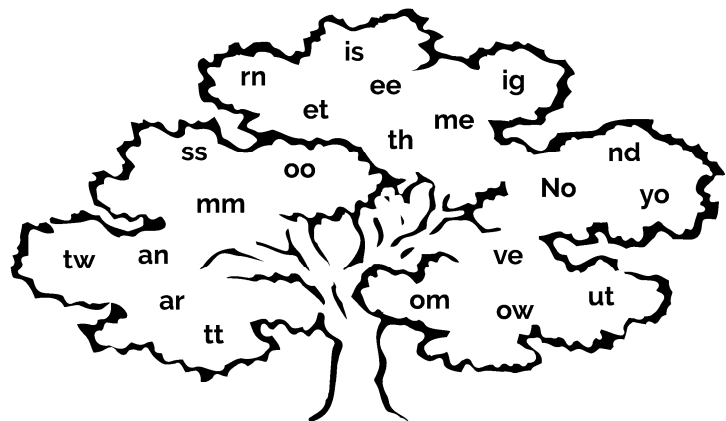
1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!



Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



"___ w lea___ th___ le___ on
 fr___ the f___ tr___: As s___ n
 as its ___igs g___ te___er ___d
 its lea___s co___ o___, ___u
 kn___ ___at su___er is ne___."

Ma___hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."
 Matthew 24:32, NIV

Joys and Sorrows



Sympathy of the congregation is extended to family and friends of Paul Ford, who entered the church triumphant June 9. Please keep in your prayers his wife, Nancy, their daughters, Barbara, Carol, and Gail, and their families. A service of Witness to the Resurrection was held in our church sanctuary on June 22, 2016 with Rev. Bill Carter and Rev. Dr. Harry Freebairn presiding.



Blessings to Ryan and Lauren Waters on the baptism of their baby girl, Claire Vienna Waters on June 26. Claire's proud grandparents are Dori and Joe Waters, and Julie and Jack Zielinski. Congratulations and best wishes.

Welcomers

July 3	Sandra & Steuart Bailey
July 1	Ann Chamberlin
July 17	Anne, Robert & Nick Deremer
July 24	Al & Deb Traettino
July 31	TBD
August 7	TBD
August 14	Sandra & Steuart Bailey
August 21	Alice & Dick Broxton
August 28	TBD

July Ushers

Andrew Taylor and Gayle Hamilton

Lectionary Readings

July 3

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 17

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 24

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

July 31

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 7

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 14

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 28

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

July 2016 Calendar**3—10:00 AM Summer Worship**

4—Church Office is closed in observance of
Independence Day

6—10:00 AM Prayer and Share

7—8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast
5:00 PM Counseling Support Group
7:00 PM Building and Grounds
7:00 PM Christian Education

10-10:00 AM Summer Worship**11—9:00 AM Vacation Bible School**

6:30 PM Worship, Music, Arts

12—9:00 AM Vacation Bible School**13—9:00 AM Vacation Bible School**

1:00 PM—LP COM

14—9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

5:00 PM Counseling Support Group

15—9:00 AM Vacation Bible School**17- 10:00 AM Summer Worship**

18—12:00 Noon Weight Watchers
20—10:00 AM Prayer and Share
21— 8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast
5:00 PM Counseling Support Group
6:30 PM Fellowship

24—10:00 AM Summer Worship

25—12:00 Noon Weight Watchers
27—10:00 AM Prayer & Share
28— 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group

31—10:00 AM Summer Worship**August 2016 Calendar**

1—12:00 Noon Weight Watchers
3—10:00 AM Prayer and Share
4— 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
5:00 PM Counseling Support Group
7:00 PM Building and Grounds
7:00 PM Christian Education

7—10:00 AM Summer Worship

8—12:00 Noon Weight Watchers
6:30 PM Worship, Music, Arts
9— 6:00 PM Combined Session and
Deacon Meeting

10—10:00 AM Prayer & Share

1:00 PM LP COM

11 — 5:00 PM CSG

12 — Presbyter Deadline**13 & 14—Weekend in the Woods****14—10:00 AM Summer Worship at
Camp Lackawanna Chapel****14—10:00 Worship in Church Sanctuary**

15— 12:00 Noon Weight Watchers
17— 10:00 AM Prayer & Share
18— 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
5:00 PM CSG
6:30 PM Fellowship

21—10:00 AM Summer Worship

22—12:00 Noon Weight Watchers
24— 9:00 AM Presbyter Mailing
10:00 AM Prayer & Share
25— 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group

28—10:00 AM—Summer Worship

29—12:00 Noon Weight Watchers
30— 7:00 PM Committee moderator meeting
31—10:00 AM Prayer and Share

SAVE THE DATE!

September 4, 2016

10:00 AM

Jazz Communion Service



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