



The Presbyter

October 2016

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

Join us for World Communion

Ecumenical tradition since 1933

This Sunday, October 2, we join Christians around the globe at the communion table. It is a practice of Christian unity in a world marked by disagreement and division. Jesus prayed for his followers "that they may be one" (John 17:24), and we live out that prayer at the Lord's Supper.

The idea for World Communion came from Hugh Thomson Kerr, when he served as pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. He envisioned a day each year when Christians would celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ around a common table.

Sunday is World Communion Sunday. As a citizen of the world and a follower of Jesus, your presence is requested at the Table of our Lord. Come as you are, for the Host of the banquet loves us all with an infinite love.



In October, let's restock the FOOD PANTRY

Each October, the Deacons ask the congregation to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Abington Ecumenical Ministerium Food Pantry.



**Restock the
SHELVES**

All non-perishable food items will be greatly appreciated, but please consider bringing the following items that the Food Pantry requested: canned soup, crackers, rice, Hamburger Helper, dry milk. Donations can be dropped off any time during the month of October in the designated area of the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Questions or want to volunteer to deliver the food at the end of the month? E-mail Meg Hatch at mihatch13@yahoo.com

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Notes from the Session Meeting, September 13, 2016:

1. Session gave permission for a Table Talk presentation on Sunday, October 2 immediately after service for Voluntary Action Center presentation of "Annual Open Enrollment Period on Medicare."
2. Session is planning for the Annual Stewardship Campaign with pledges to be collected on Sunday, October 30.
3. Session and our congregation will honor Shirley and Jim McLaughlin on Sunday, October 9th at the Waverly Country Club immediately after service.

**The Presbyter deadline for
The November issue is
October 14, 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.

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Our Prayer and Share

group meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in room 209.

You are invited to participate.

Please consider stopping by.



Calling All Keys:

We're looking for church keys that aren't being used anymore.

Are you the chairperson of a session committee, deacons, or other ongoing program?

If you answered **no** to this question, would you please return the church key in your possession.

Somewhere along the way, keys did not get passed from one chairperson to another, and now many of our chairpersons don't have a key to gain admittance to the building to conduct meetings.

Thank you for your help!

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING August 31, 2016**

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 235,600
Actual Received	<u>217,651</u>
Difference	\$ (17,949)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 234,937
Actual Expenses	<u>217,970</u>
Difference	\$ (16,967)
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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ (982)

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 213,333
Received	<u>198,634</u>
Difference	\$ (16,700)

Per Capita 2016 total Received to date - \$3,814
The 2016 Church Per Capita due to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, General Assembly, and The Synod = \$16,500.

MISSION AND JUSTICE



Peace and Global Witness Offering

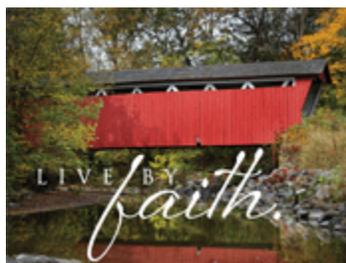
The Peace and Global Witness Offering, formerly the Peacemaking Offering, exists to ignite Presbyterians in their Christian response to violence in our world toward making a more peaceful world. On October 2, "World Communion Sunday," we will bless our Peace and Global Witness offering [formerly titled The Peacemaking Offering].

Your Mission and Justice Committee has determined that 25% of this offering will go to The Catharine McAuley Center, a local organization that directly ministers "to women and to the economically poor; to provide temporary shelter for women and children in crisis; to assist women in attaining safe, affordable, permanent housing; to provide women support services leading to self-reliance; and to help individuals and families access medical and community resources."

[http://www.catherinemcauleycenter.org/about_us.aspx]

From now until October 2, please reflect on this very important offering and plan ahead to contribute to the Presbyterian Church's work toward peace locally, nationally, and in deepening our commitment to the transforming work of the Spirit toward a more peaceful world. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/>

Envelopes are available in the pew racks, your Offering Envelope Box, or you can donate online at <http://fpccs.org/pledge.html>





Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

“ _____₁ _____₂ has _____₃
 _____₄ than _____₅: to _____₆ _____₇
 one’s _____₈ for one’s _____₉.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13, NIV

FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

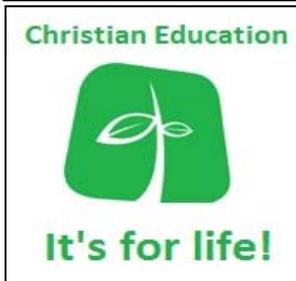
What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart “hole” with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend’s hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write “FRIENDS” at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.

**THE W.A.Y.**

The Wednesday Aadults and Youth Christian Education

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

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

**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 the W.A.Y. for dinner, classes, and choirs...we want to see you here!
- Bringing a friend...new faces are always welcome.
- Volunteering to teach...at any grade level for any amount of time, you can help our children and adults learn and grow. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry.
- Helping to set up for, cook, and serve our weekly meal...our church family loves to eat.
- Joining the CE committee...our group meets the first Thursday of each month to plan the W.A.Y., youth group, special events, and more — we're always looking to hear from new voices.

THE W.A.Y.**Welcome to Wednesdays**

Spark (Newborn - 3 year old) enjoy Bible stories, songs and games in the nursery. In October they will be learning about how Joseph helped his family, Baby Moses, the Burning Bush, and Deborah.

Power Xpress (4 year old - Grade 5) Are divided into two age groups and experience Bible stories through interactive rotation classes. October's units will be Into the Promised Land and David the Boy.

We Believe (Grades 6-8) This fall, students will explore a unit called *Knowing God*, answering questions about who God is and who we are as Christians. In October, we will answer: How does God want churches to treat one another? What is the Gospel, according to Matthew? What is the Gospel, according to Mark? and, What is the Gospel, according to John?

PresbyYouth (Grades 9-12 and college-age adults) are encouraged to either join an adult class or participate in the middle school class.

Adults: There will be two classes offered. Reverend Carter will be teaching “Simply Christian: God, Israel, Jesus, The Holy Spirit.” The second class will be “Parables: The Great Banquet; Widow and Judge; Pharisee and Tax Collector; and Zaccheus.”

**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.



We want your children to join us for a new adventure!

Adventures in the Bible, a Sunday morning gathering for children ages 2-7 and their parent(s) or grandparent(s), has begun, and we are eager to welcome more children to the group. Each week, we will meet from 9:00 - 9:45 in room 111 to

- explore a Bible story,
- bring the story to life with an activity or craft, and
- sing songs of praise.

**Adventures in
the Bible**

Feel free to email either Tabbi Miller-Scandle (tabbi.miller-scandle@scranton.edu) or Karis Naeher (klnaeher@outlook.com) with any questions.



Join us to prepare for the next part of the journey . . . worship!



Youth Fellowship

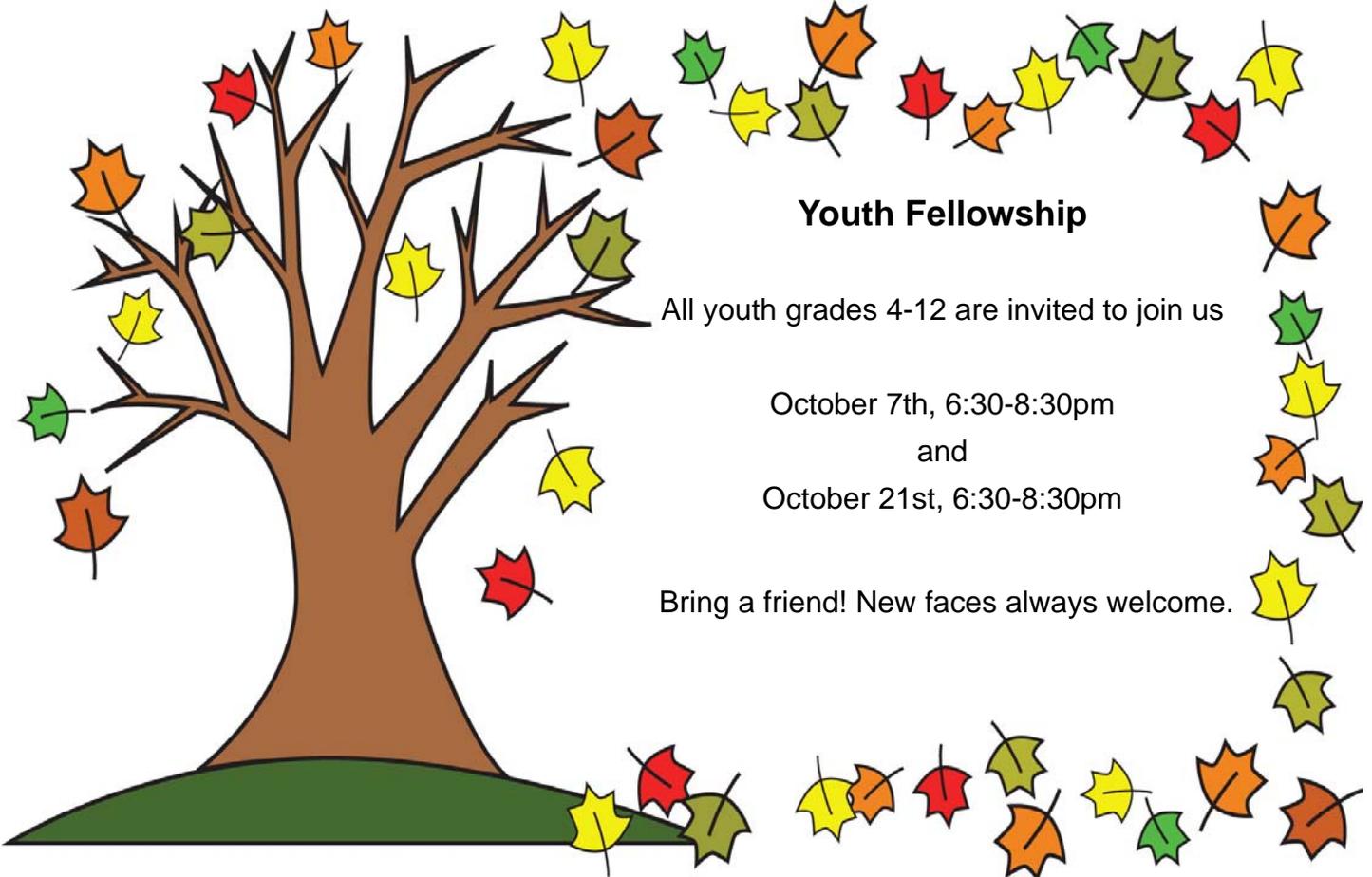
All youth grades 4-12 are invited to join us

October 7th, 6:30-8:30pm

and

October 21st, 6:30-8:30pm

Bring a friend! New faces always welcome.



Book Group



October 27th at 7:00 will find us at Linda Schuller's home. We will be joined by Sarah Cutler who will facilitate the discussion of The Dandelion Insurrection by Rivera Sun.

In a time that looms around the corner of today, under a gathering storm of tyranny, Zadie Byrd Gray whirls into the life of small town reporter Charlie Rider and asks him to become the voice of the Dandelion Insurrection. With the rallying cry of life, liberty, and love, Zadie and Charlie fly across America leaving a wake of revolution in their path. Passion erupts. Danger abounds. The lives of millions hang by a thin thread of courage. Betrayal and intrigue abound, but in the midst of the madness, the golden soul of humanity blossoms . . . and miracles start to unfold! Author Rivera Sun creates mythic characters from everyday people. She infuses the story of our times with practical solutions and visionary perspectives, drawing the reader into a world both terrifying and inspiring . . . a world that could be our own!

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-sleeved T-shirts, sun screen, and gifts to eight children in the age range of 10 to 1 years old. 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, Greg Matthews, Tom McArdle, Jack and Barbara Pittman, Ron Thomas, Mary Ann Nichols and her daughter, Beth, on this local mission outreach. We would also like to thank our personal contact person, Ron Krafjack. His dedication and commitment on behalf of the seasonal workers and our church is greatly appreciated.



What Is Stephen Ministry?

A Stephen Minister comes alongside a hurting person and meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Men are paired with men; women with women.

Over the years, well over one-and-a-half million people have benefited from the one-to-one, Christ-centered care of a Stephen Minister. This care is entirely confidential—no one knows the identity of a care receiver except for his or her Stephen Minister and the pastor or Stephen Leader who paired the two together.

St. Francis Clothing Center is in need of all types of clean, gently used warm clothing for men and women. Specific needs include jeans, sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, warm coats, new socks and underwear. Please leave your donations in the box located in fellowship hall. Clothing will be delivered weekly.



Presbyterian Women

STATE HOSPITAL LUNCHEON

October 4th at Noon

Join us for lunch and Fellowship with our guests. Please bring a new pair of men's socks with you

Thank You to everyone who donated toward our spring mission project. Your generosity allowed us to purchase linens for Rushmore Lodge at Camp Lackawanna as well as towels and potholders for the kitchens.



2016-2017 Arts at First Presbyterian concert series



Jenn Cowgill

The 2016-2017 Arts at First Presbyterian concert series starts off with a bang when a pair of outstanding Marywood music faculty members entertain us on October 16, 2016. Soprano Jennifer Cowgill will perform in the first half of the program with flutist Diane Schultz and pianist Rick Hoffenberg, while violinist Sophie Till will highlight the second half of the program. For our all-church recital in November, we have invited Monsignor Quinn and a choir from Our Lady of Snows Church to join us. Ice Festival activities in February, 2017 will have a Broadway theme, and we will have a Broadway revue of our own. The Presbybop Quartet returns to the series in April, 2017. After Bill's visit to the Brubeck musical library, I bet we'll hear a little Brubeck!



Sophie Till

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

Sunday, October 16, 2016 4:00 pm	Jennifer Cowgill, Sophie Till
Sunday, November 20, 2016 4:00 pm	All-church recital
Friday thru Sunday, February 10-12, 2017	Ice Festival activities
Sunday, March 12, 2017 4:00 pm	Collegiate choir
Sunday, April 23, 2017 4:00 pm	Presbybop Jazz Quartet

All concerts and events will be held at the church. They are open to the public, free of charge, but a free-will offering is taken to help defray the costs of the events. 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:

First Presbyterian Church
 300 School Street
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Donors will be recognized in the concert programs.



He's everywhere

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested.

"Don't be scared, " Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you." When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe."

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"

Joys and Sorrows



Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lindsey, Steve, and Kristin Hardy, and Beverly Phillips on the death of their daughter / sister / granddaughter.

Condolences to Connie Weiss and her family on the passing of her brother, Carl.

Ann Chamberlin has expressed many thanks for the card, calls, prayers, and expressions of concern during her recent semi-confinement due to her injury.



Congratulations on Your New Baby!

Announcing the birth of Hazel Tabitha Hopkins, born recently to Larry and Stephanie Hopkins.



Hazel is the first granddaughter for Kate and Ken Hopkins, and they are thrilled.

Blessings and good health to Hazel and her family.

Daily tasks

When I awoke this morning, I asked, "How shall I live this day?" The answers were all around me:

The fan said, "Keep your cool."

The ceiling said, "Aim high."

The window said, "Look outside yourself."

The clock said, "Every minute is precious."

The calendar said, "Stay up to date."

The door said, "Take advantage of opportunity."

The floor said, "Kneel down and pray."

—Unknown (adapted)

Lectionary Readings

October 2

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 16

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 30

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10



Ushers

Val Treadway and Mary Parry

Welcomers

Lee and Mick Wirth



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Calling all teachers!

The Wednesday Adulthood and Youth Christian Education Program (the WAY), offers classes for all ages every week. 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 prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry.

Contact Nancy Dennen at (570) 407-1037 for more information.



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, or helping with cleanup.

If so, contact Nancy Dennen at (570) 407-1037.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		OCTOBER				1 7 am—AA 9 am—Piano class
2 7 am—AA 9am-Adv.in Bible 10 am-Worship 3 pm-OA	3 7 am—AA 12 pm Weight Watchers 7 pm-Mission & Justice	4 7 am—AA 12 pm-PW St. Hosp. 4 pm—Art Class 7 pm—Big Book Gp 7 pm—OA	5 7 am—AA 11am-Prayer/Share 5 pm-WAY supper 5:30-Chapel Ch. 6:15-CE classes 7:15-Adult Ch.	6 7 am—AA 8:30am-Men's Brkfst 4:30 pm—Staff 7 pm—Building & Grounds 7 pm—Christian Education	7 7 am—AA 4 pm—Sanctuary reserved 6:30—Youth Gp.	8 7 am—AA
9 7 am—AA 9am-Adv.in Bible 10 am-Worship 3 pm-OA	10 7 am—AA 12 pm-WW 7 pm-Worship, Music, Art	11 7 am—AA 10 am-MBK Quilts 4 pm—Art Class 7 pm—Session 7 pm—Big Book Gp 7 pm—OA	12 7 am—AA 11am-Prayer/Share 1 pm—LP COM 5 pm-WAY supper 5:30-Chapel Ch. 6:15 CE classes 7:15-Adult Ch. 8:30-Bell Ch.	13 7 am—AA	14 7 am—AA Presbyter Deadline	15 7 am—AA 4 pm-Sanctuary reserved
16 7 am—AA 9am-Adv.in Bible 10 am-Worship 3 pm—OA 4 pm—Arts Series: Jennifer Cowgill, Sophie Till	17 7 am—AA 12 pm-WW	18 7 am—AA 10 am-Dorcas Cir. 1:30 pm—Priscilla Cir. 4 pm—Art Class 7 pm—Eunice Cir. 7 pm—Big Book Gp 7 pm—OA	19 7 am—AA 10am-LP Nom. 11am-Prayer/Share 5 pm—WAY supper 5:30—Chapel Ch. 6:15—CE classes 7:15-Adult Ch. 8:30—Bell Ch.	20 7 am—AA 8:30am-Men's Brkfst 6:30pm-Fellowship	21 7 am—AA 6:30—Youth Gp.	22 7 am—AA
23 7 am—AA 9am-Adv. in Bible 10 am-Worship 3 pm-OA	24 7 am—AA 12 pm-WW	25 7 am—AA 10 am—MBK Quilts 4 pm—Art Class 7 pm—Deacons 7 pm—Big Book	26 7 am—AA 9 am—Presbyter 11 am-Prayer/Share 5 pm-WAY supper 5:30-Chapel Ch. 6:15—CE Classes 7:15—Adult Ch. 8:30—Bell Ch.	27 7 am—AA 7 pm—FPC Book Group	28 7 am—AA	29 7 am—AA
30 7 am-AA 9 am-Adv.in Bible 10 am—Worship 3 pm—OA	31 7 am-AA 12 pm—WW					