

The Presbyter

May 2016

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

Concert of Patriotic Music and Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

On Friday, May 20th, 2016 at 7pm, The Excelsior Cornet Band, the only authentic Civil War brass band in New York State, will present a program entitled "Two Centuries of American Patriotic Music" in the sanctuary. This very special program will showcase popular American patriotic music, beginning with the Revolutionary era, continuing through the War of 1812 and



the Civil War, to songs from World War One and Two. Each song is introduced with a narrative that tells its unique story. Included in the program are such classics as *Yankee Doodle, The Star Spangled Banner, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Over There, America the Beautiful, God Bless America,* and *The Stars and Stripes Forever.* This is the final event in the 2015-16 Arts at First Presbyterian concert series.

Founded in 2001, the Excelsior Cornet Band performs on original Civil War era band instruments, dating from as early as the 1820's up to the 1870's. The musicians of the Excelsior Cornet Band are professional performers with many years of experience in a wide variety of musical genres.

Join us for an old-fashioned ice cream social following the concert. This event is open to the public, free of charge, but a free-will offering will be taken to help defray our costs. For more information about the concert, call the church office at 570-586-6306 or visit www.fpccs.org.



A Noteworthy Event



Join us on Wednesday, May 25 from 5:30 pm to 6:10 pm in the sanctuary as Tom Heinze opens our ears to the unique sound of reed instruments.

We know Tom as a gifted oboist who shares his talents with us during worship. Did you realize he also plays several other instruments? He is well known in this area as a performer and can be found in venues ranging from universities ensembles to professional groups. What you may not realize is that Tom also has an extensive background in music education. He has shaped musicians from beginning students in public schools to music majors at the college level. He'll have a lot to share about himself and the instruments he plays.

The adults and children of the congregation are invited to join the Chapel Choir for this special event. Tom is planning to bring a variety of single reed and double reed instruments to talk about and demonstrate. It is sure to be a delightful event for your ears, mind and soul. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Ten Eyck (kayt1085@gmail.com) or the church office.



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Notes from the Session

- 1. Session of the First Presbyterian Church of CS will honor our members who have reached the wonderful 90 year and plus category on Sunday, May 1st. Please plan to attend this church service in their honor.
- 2. Women will be honored on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th. Session welcomes the opportunity to appreciate all the work women do for First Presbyterian.



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

REVENUE

 Budget
 \$ 88,350

 Actual Received
 93,135

 Difference
 \$ (4,785)

EXPENSES

 Budget
 \$ 88,101

 Actual Expenses
 84,471

 Difference
 \$ (3,630)

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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ 8,415

PLEDGE INCOME

 Budget
 \$ 80,000

 Received
 78,894

 Difference
 \$ (1,106)

Per Capita 2016 is \$32.00 per member. Total Received to date - \$3,499

The Presbyter deadline for The June issue is May 13, 2016

<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 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 Fax (570) 587-3784 Web Page www.fpccs.org **Pastor** William G. Carter **Administrative Assistant** Nancy Owens Wayne Griffiths **Treasurer** 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



For the righteous... enter into peace.

ISAIAH 57:1-2, NRSV

From the

Pastor

From the Pastor May 2016

Dear Friends,

May is the month when we give thanks for the women who have given us birth, shaped our lives, and provided leadership to our families and communities. We celebrate their love and leadership, not only on Mother's Day, but with every moment that we pause to reflect on the gifts they have given us.

There's a marvelous hymn in our new Glory to God hymnal that celebrates the faith of women in scripture. Let me share the lyrics with you:

For all the faithful women who served in days of old To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave. To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly While Pharoah's vaulted army lay drowned beneath the sea; For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith, Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan While Mary sat in silence to hear the word again. We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb And found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.

Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.

O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,

That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

(For All the Faithful Women," Herman Stuempfle Jr, Glory to God # 324)

Certainly we can name our own "saints and servants" with gratitude to God. Be sure to join us on Sunday, May 8, as we celebrate the faithful lives of women in our worship service.

With every good wish,

Rev. Bill

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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: Ginny O'Brien 587-8149

Betty Keen 587-0217

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.



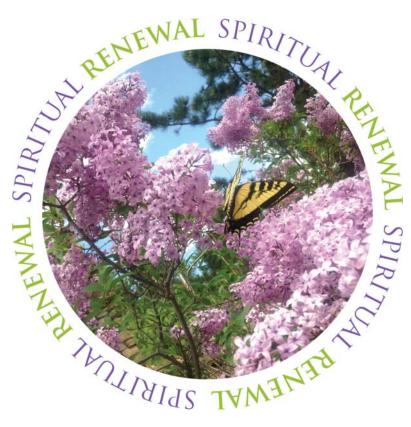
Scholarships



From Janet Dobson for PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped for our April 5th State Hospital Party.

Lunch, Fellowship and musical entertainment with Rev Bill, Shirley M, Gayle H. Nancy O. Barbara N. and Marie C. was enjoyed by all. Please join us for our next one in October.





MISSION AND JUSTICE



Thanks to all who participated in the OGHS special offering. We did not make our \$6,000 goal, but did receive a respectable \$4,787 as of April 15, 2016. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



Minute for Mission: Mother's Day

In a small village in Africa, a middle-aged woman named Linley dreamed of becoming a small-business owner. However, famine and lack of access to capital made it difficult for Linley to achieve her dream.

In January 2014, Linley attended a local program sponsored by a Presbyterian World Mission partner, the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, and learned about a project funded by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to help rural women save money and obtain loans.

The village's savings and loan group was established, and Linley was one of its founding members. After three months, the group had accumulated enough money that members were able to start borrowing for their small businesses. Linley received a loan equal to about \$76 to start a business selling produce, such as potatoes and vegetables.

Her business grew, and today Linley has installed a solar panel on her house, bought livestock, and secured a four-acre plot where she does irrigation farming. She uses her solar power to generate income by charging

people's mobile phone batteries for a small fee. The irrigation farming has allowed her to have food year-round, and the surplus is sold to help pay for her children's school fees.

Your gifts to Healthy Women Healthy Families support projects like the one that created the village's savings and loan group. Without donors' support, Linley wouldn't have been able to obtain a loan to start her own small business.

Healthy Women Healthy Families is a yearround support ministry of the Global Poverty program of Presbyterian World Mission in collaboration with Presbyterian Women. For more information, visit pcusa.org/globalpoverty.

Stephanie Caudill, Critical Global Initiatives, Presbyterian World Mission

From http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ yearbook/may-8/

Bethel AME Shelter

On April 15th, The Bethel AME Cold Weather Homeless Shelter closed its doors for the season. The Mission and Justice Committee wishes to thank everyone who provided help in any way to the shelter. The season began with a pillow drive that provided over 70 pillows - special thanks to the Men's Breakfast Group for generously providing so many. Clothing, bedding and personal items were also donated. Money from Mission and Justice funds, the Deacons, the Chili Cafe, and individuals provided coffee, tea, hot chocolate, iced tea, sugar, creamer, breakfast food and other much needed kitchen supplies. Sunday night meals provided by families from First Presbyterian Church were very much appreciated and anticipated by the clients. All of our help made a real difference and impact at the shelter. Thank you so much for coming to the aid of our brothers and sisters in need!

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THE W.A.Y.



The Wednesday Adults and Youth Christian Education

"I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE"

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

Spark (Newborn - 3 year old) enjoy Bible stories, songs and games in the nursery. Stories this month are the Philip and the Ethiopian, Saul to Paul, an Angel frees Peter, and Paul's Letters.

Power Xpress (4 year old - Grade 5) participate in one combined classroom and experience Bible stories through interactive classes. In April we will learn about the spread of the early church through Peter and Cornelius and the Fruit of the Spirit.

We Believe: With All Boldness and Freedom (Grades 6-8) Room 209. Students will finish their studies on the New Testament, having gained a picture of the life of Jesus and the early church. This month we will continue reading the Epistles as the church grows.

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

Adults will have two classes during the month of May. **Dr. Charlie Pinches** leads his popular weekly study in Room 210. It's called **"Highlights in the Bible"** for adults and teens. He says, "The class is open to all who want to brush up on the Bible and keep their stories straight."

Rev. Bill Carter will conclude his class on "Living the Psalms" in Room 206 on May 4. The group will explore the treasury of poetic prayers and hymns at the center of the Bible as a resource for our own faith and life. Beginning on May 11, he will collaborate with **Dr. Jay Clymer** for a three-week class on "The Gift of Water." Through an interplay of scripture and science, we will consider the great "circulatory system" of our planet—and what we might do to honor this extraordinary gift.

Come and learn with us. You are welcome to join our classes at any time.

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.



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.



Submitted by Kay Ten Eyck

Our music program will have several special guests for May!

Sunday, May 15th, Cantare will join us for worship. This is The Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania's select high school women's choir under the direction of Ms. Gina Lupini.

Sunday, May 22nd, Camerata will join us for worship. This is The Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania's high school men's choir and they are directed by our own Frank Jones.

Wednesday, May 25th, 5:30 pm to 6:10 pm - Tom Heinze will join us for an informal, educational experience. He's bringing several different instruments for us to see and hear. All (adults and children) are welcome to join us!

Our Adult Choir will sing May 1st, express my appreciation to the par-8th, and 29th. Rehearsals will con-

music for a Sunday in the summer.

Our Chapel Choir will sing May bulletin for details. 8th for Mother's Day. We have a lively anthem chosen to share with the congregation. Rehearsals for those attending Music in the Parks will continue until June 1st.

Our Bell Choir will ring on Pentecost, May 15th with a special anthem for the day. May 11th will be their last rehearsal until fall.

Looking ahead to June, several of our Chapel Choir members will participate in Music in the Parks on Saturday, June 4th. We will be one of many groups from schools, churches and the community that participate in this event. We meet at a church near Hershey and sing for a panel of judges. We'll head over to Hersheypark and spend the afternoon enjoying all that the park has to offer. Late in the afternoon we meet in the Arena for an awards ceremony. I would like to

tinue through May into June. We'll ents and the church for their supbe taking our summer hiatus soon, port. This event gives us the opporso please let Frank Jones know if tunity to grow as musicians and you would like to be our special bond together as friends. Our send off will be Wednesday, June 1st. Please keep an eye on the weekly

> Would you like to sing or ring? Talk to one of the directors; we'd love to have you join us!

Chapel Choir

Kay Ten Eyck, Director Rehearses Wednesday evenings 5:30 to 6:10, sings about once a month. Last rehearsal for the spring will be June 1st.

Adult Choir

Frank Jones, Director Rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:25, sings about three times a month.

Bell Choir

Richard Cochrane, Director Rehearses Wednesday evenings 8:30 to 9:15, rings about once а month. Last rehearsal for the spring will be May 11th.

Youth Fellowship

All youth grades 4-12 are invited to join us on the following dates:

> Friday, May 6 Iron Chef 6:30-8:30PM and Friday, May 20 6:30-8:30PM

Bring a friend! New faces always welcome.



God is with us wherever we go!

WHAT: Vacation Bible School

WHEN: July 11-15, 9AM-12PM

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

WHO'S INVITED: Kids age 4—Grade 5

For more information or to register, visit us at fpccs.org

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May is movie night for the book group. Come join us as we watch "The Hundred Foot Journey" We will be meeting at 7:00 on May Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail. 26th.



Our Stephen Ministers are working well with their 570-587-3970 for more details. care receivers providing confidential, Christ centered care as they deal with issues in their lives. We are starting to think that maybe we should expand our ranks and train more people interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. The training would mean a commitment of 50 hours of training spread over a number of weeks. tact one of our Stephen Leaders John Conklin, Judy Cutler, or Rev. Bill Carter. Also talk to our Stephen Ministers and find out what the Stephen Ministry is bringing to their lives. They are Myrna Diven, Gwynne Gilbert, Mick Wirth, and George Harris. They will be happy to share their experiences.



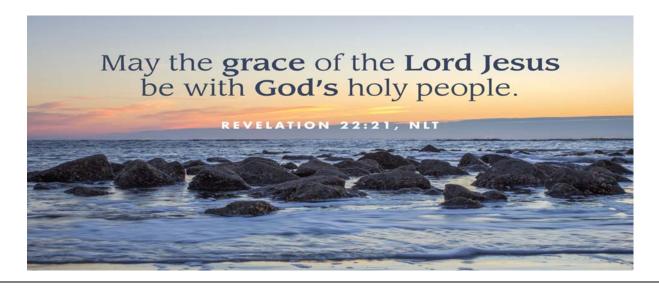
at Marie Cochrane's home and enjoy her cozy Come join us for our annual bike ride down the

This year we will ride on June 11, so mark your calendar. We will meet in White Haven, ride 26 miles downhill to Jim Thorpe, enjoy lunch, shopping, and sightseeing, and ride the shuttle back to White Haven.

Cost is about \$40.00 for the shuttle. Rentals are available. Contact Dick or Marie Cochrane at

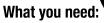


If May marks 30 years since I found FPCCS. I you would like to know more about the training want to thank everyone who has helped me and what it means to be a Stephen Minister, con- along the way raise my daughter, comfort me with the loss of parents, supported me in my own health issues. I don't think I could have found a more caring, supportive place. Christ's love is definitely alive in this house and I am grateful to be part of it. God bless you all everyday. You are all part of my gratitude prayers every day. With much love, Judy Cutler.



A heartfelt felt heart

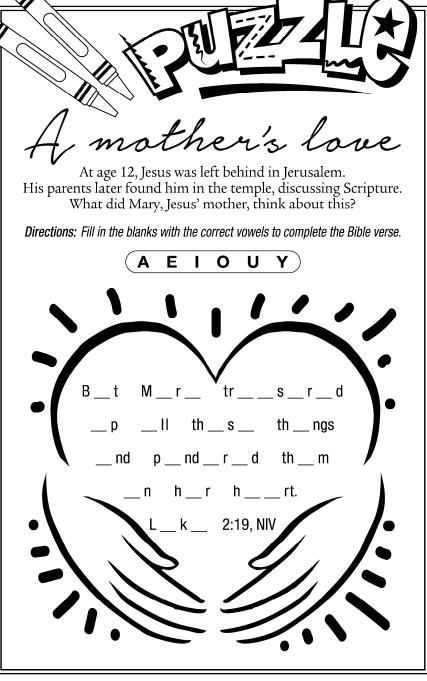
On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

- 1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
- 2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
- 3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
- 4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
- 5. Give the gift and a hug!



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV $\,$

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Joys and Sorrows



William Rhys Werner, son of Bill and Hillary Werner, was baptized on Sunday, April 10. Rhys is the grandson of Marsha Parrish.

Effective this spring, I will no longer be responsible for coordinating and scheduling of the volunteers for the church office. I will however, continue my weekly commitment.

As you know, it is the responsibility of each volunteer to find their replacement if they are unable to fulfill their commitment.

There is a calendar in both Nancy's office and the front office with the names of the volunteers and their day to work.

I wish to thank all of you for your devotion to our church and its needs.

Cordially,

Sandra E. Bailey

Calling All Graduates
High School – College – Post Grad

If you have a graduate in your family, or know of one, please contact the church, 570-586-6306 or www.fpccs.org so the graduate's name can be included in the June 5th bulletin.

Lectionary Readings

May 1

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10; 21:22-25:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 8

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

May 15

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 22

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

May 29

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time/

Proper 4

1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39; Psalm 96

Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10



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Layton Road & Church Street Chinchilla, PA Drop-off days and times are: Wednesday through Friday May 25, 26, 27 From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

For More Information Call Sue at 570,510,1356 Or Visit Us on Facebook at

> Clarks Green United Methodist Appalachian Service Project

May 2016

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00 AM Worship	12:00 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Mission & Justice	10:00 AM PW Executive Board 7:00 PM Session	10:00 AM Prayer & Share 5:00 Light Supper 5:30 Chapel 6:15 The W.A.Y. 7:15 Adult Choir	8:30 AM Mens' Breakfast 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group 7:00 PM Building & Grounds 7:00 PM Christian Education	Concert	
8 10:00 AM Worship	9 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 4:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts	10.00 AM MBK Quilts	11 10:00 AM Prayer & Share 1:00 LP COM 5:00 Light Supper 5:30 Chapel 6:15 The W.A.Y. 7:15 Adult Choir 8:30 Bell Choir	12 5:00 PM Counseling Support Group	13 Presbyter Deadline	14
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