



The Presbyter

June 2016

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

Open to all children

Age 4 - completed Grade 5

July 11-15

9:00am-12:00pm

Vacation Bible School



Register online at

fpcs.org

God is with us
wherever we go!

Dive into the fun...

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During the months of June, 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, May 3, 2016

1. Session welcomed new Elders Nancy London, David Naeher and Craig Smith to the May meeting and look forward to Tyler Kusma joining them in June. Session thanked Patti Delaney and Jim McLaughlin for their session work especially with our church finances and to Jana Schillinger for her many hours working on our Christian Education program.
2. Rev. Carter updated Session on information from the Presbytery meeting that was held earlier in the day.
3. New Session chairs and committees will be announced at the June Meeting.



**The Presbyterian deadline for
The July/August issue is
June 17, 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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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 April 30, 2016**

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 117,800
Actual Received	<u>117,112</u>
Difference	\$ (678)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 117,468
Actual Expenses	<u>113,206</u>
Difference	\$ (4,262)
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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ 3,584

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 106,667
Received	<u>101,641</u>
Difference	\$ (5,026)

Per Capita 2016 is \$32.00 per member.
Total Received to date - \$3,590

The 2016 Church Per Capita due to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, General Assembly, and The Synod = \$16,500.



**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.**

MATTHEW 22:39

From the Pastor

June 2016



It is my annual Memorial Day ritual to pull the Adirondack chair out of the shed and scrub it down. That is the signal that it is time to put together my summer reading list. I'm looking forward to diving into a fresh set of pages. Let me tell you what is on this year's list.

At the top of the list is *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. She is a brilliant new author who speaks for a generation that has little time for organized religion. Rachel writes compellingly of her spiritual longing – and the church's steadfast refusal to change, adapt, or welcome young adults. Her new book is described as "a spiritual travel guide for religious runaways," and I am certain she will teach me a lot of things that I need to know.

As I mentioned in a recent sermon, the next Amazon box on my porch will include a copy of Peter Enns' new book, *The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires Our Trust More Than Our "Correct" Beliefs*. So many of us have been told to avoid questioning God or God's ways. The truth about the Bible, however, is that it reveals a God who is always beyond our understanding, always beyond our descriptions, always beyond the illusions of human control. Dr. Enns writes as a fugitive from fundamentalism . . . and writes exceedingly well. Can't wait until the Big Brown Truck delivers that book!

Sometime back, I picked up a copy of *Service Is the Point: Members as Ministers to the World*, and now is a good time to read it. Gus Nelson, retired presbytery executive and full-time gadfly, has turned a long-established view of the church on its head. "We don't exist for ourselves," says Dr. Nelson, "we exist to empower our members to make a constructive difference in the world." You can expect me to draw on this book as we prepare for our major day of community outreach on September 25.

A few books are beckoning from the depths of the Spirit. I have never read much of Thomas Merton's writings, so his *Essential Writings* will provide a decent survey of his work, and suggest some jumping-off places for future exploration. Also, Margaret Guenther's *Holy Listening: The Art of Spiritual Direction* is the seminal book about a skill that I wish to deepen for my pastoral work.

Some of you know that my second week of study will take place in June, when I will visit the Brubeck archives in Stockton, California. I am researching Brubeck's choral music, most of which is built upon musical settings of the Bible. To prepare for this, I'm re-reading *It's About Time: The Dave Brubeck Story* by Fred Hall, and digging into Doug Ramsey's massive biography of Brubeck's saxophonist, *Take Five: The Public and Private Lives of Paul Desmond*.

And for fun? Well, I am open to your suggestions for a good rock-'em, sock-'em mystery novelist, like Dick Francis, but without horses. Have a writer that you would suggest?

With you in all seasons,

Rev. Bill

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



MISSION AND JUSTICE



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PENTECOST

Thank you to all who contributed to the Pentecost Offering this year. 40% of the offering will be given to the Children's Advocacy Center in Scranton.



The next road clean-up will be Saturday, June 11th. We will meet at 9AM in the parking lot of the Clarks Summit Methodist Church at Grove St and the Morgan Highway. For more details, contact Donna Porter at 585-4006.

Worship Through Service Day

Mark your calendars for our churchwide **Worship Through Service Day** to be held on September 25, 2016. Our Session committees, the Deacons, and a couple other groups within the church are choosing and planning 7 - 10 activities/projects to allow all ages and abilities to participate in community service. Each church member will be able to work on an activity particularly of interest to him/her. We will all work together to serve others, living our faith, following Jesus' example. Plus, you'll receive a special church t-shirt to wear that day. Watch for more information as the planning continues.



The Christian Education and Growth committee would like to say **thank you** to all of our teachers who helped lead the WAY. Your support, enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to sharing God's word is appreciated. Many thanks -- and we hope to see you again in the fall!

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.



Youth Fellowship

All youth grades 4-12 are invited to join us

Friday, June 10
 6:30-8:30PM

Bring a friend! New faces always welcome.



Submitted by Kay Ten Eyck

"Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices." Martin Rinkart

We are truly thankful for a wonderful year of singing, learning and fellowship! We are thankful for children who come every week to rehearsal. We are thankful for the parents and grandparents who not only bring our singers to rehearsal but are always willing to step in whenever we need an extra pair of hands. We are thankful for Connie Weiss and Judy Cutler who help us on Wednesday nights and for Janet Dobson who helps us on Sunday mornings. We are thankful for Lizzie Worrell and Nancy Post for accompanying us. We are thankful for Frank Jones, Pastor Bill Carter, John Conklin and Nancy Owens who help in ways more numerous than can be listed. And we are especially thankful for a congregation filled with people who love us and support us.

I hope all of our singers enjoy a warm and wonderful summer. See you in the fall!

Kay



Stephen Ministers are there:

- **after** the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- **after** the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- **after** the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- **after** the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- **after** the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- **after** the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- **after** the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- **after** the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- **after** you get a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- **after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

We are taking a break from meeting for the summer but we will still be reading. Watch for news about up coming books.



Come join us for our annual bike ride down the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail.

This year we will ride on June 11, so mark your calendar. We will meet in White Haven at 9:30 am and ride 26 miles downhill to Jim Thorpe. **If you just want to enjoy a day in Jim Thorpe**, plan to meet **us** for lunch at about 2:00. Enjoy lunch with the group, shopping, and sightseeing. We will ride the 4:30 pm shuttle back to White Haven.

Cost is about \$20.00 for the shuttle. Rentals are available (**\$40.00 for shuttle and rental**). Contact Dick or Marie Cochrane at 570-587-3970 to reserve your spot or for more details.



In my
**FATHER'S
FOOTSTEPS**




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

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

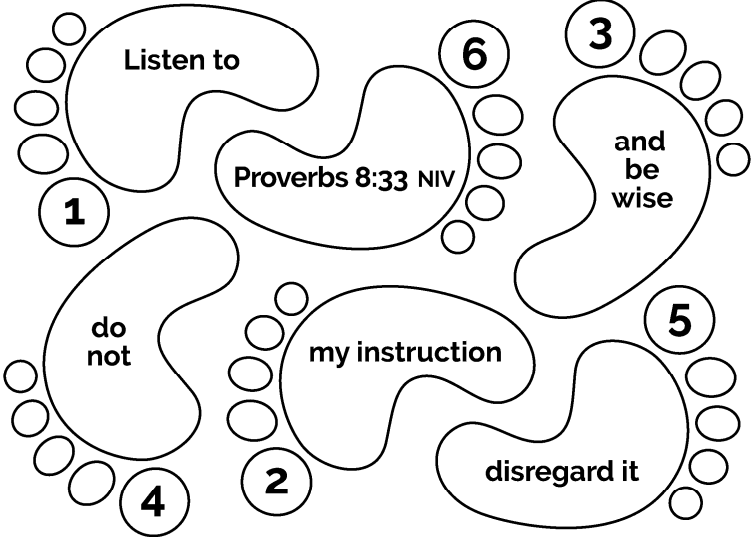
1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



**FOLLOW OUR
FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS**

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____ ;
_____ ”
_____ : _____

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV

Joys and Sorrows



We extend our sympathy to Rev. Bill and his family upon the death of his grandmother Isabella Stewart in Erie, PA. "Grandma Ebo" was 102 years old. She was the mother of his mother. One favorite memory: she was the one who introduced him to the music of Dave Brubeck through the gift of a couple of recordings when he was a teenager.

Sympathy is also extended to

- Bob Deremer and his family. Bob's brother, William Deremer, passed away in May.
- Dori Waters and her family on the passing of Dori's sister, Marie Hutto last weekend.
- Edie Suydam at the recent passing of two brothers.



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.



Thank you to everyone who helped with food, cooking, set-up/clean-up for our weekly Wednesday dinners.

Fellowship, laughter, debates, and sweets, were enjoyed by all!

Janet Dobson

Lectionary Readings

June 5
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24); Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

June 12
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a; Psalm 5:108; Galatians 2:15-21; Luk3 7:36-8:3

June 19
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 26
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1 -2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Welcomers

June 5: Barbara and Jack Pittman

June 12: Betty and Don Keen

June 19: Jay Clymer

June 26: TBD

Ushers

Meg Hatch, Donna Kepler





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