



The Presbyter

July/August 2018

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit



WHAT: VBS 2018

WHEN: Monday, July 16 to Friday, July 20, 9am-12pm

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

300 School St, Clarks Summit

WHO'S INVITED: all children age 4 to completed grade 5

TO REGISTER, VISIT: myvbs.org/fpccs

Want to volunteer? You can help bring ancient Babylon to life by teaching, leading, or preparing.

Please contact Jana Schillinger, or send an email to fpccs.vbs@gmail.com



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Church Safety and Crisis Preparation

On Friday July 13th, at 10:00 a.m. we will host 2 state troopers who will address the challenges of preparing for armed intruders and other safety concerns. Please join us for a one hour presentation and discussion on this serious topic. We encourage everyone who can make it to attend.

The Building & Grounds committee is forming a "Crisis Team", which will be responsible for leading our congregation to safety in an emergency or crisis. Training will be provided once the team is assembled. We are looking for a few volunteers who usually attend service regularly, and who can keep calm in a crisis. If interested in being on the team please contact Frank Garnecki at 570-586-0937 or via email at: fjgalpha@aol.com.

The Presbyter deadline for the September issue is August 17.

**Notes from the Session Meeting
Friday, June 12, 2018**

Session and Deacons will hold their summer Meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Members will be working together on the planning of the 2018-2019 church year calendar events.

Please keep in mind and plan to attend the Church Safety and Crisis Preparation seminar on Friday, July 13th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Two state troopers will address the challenges of preparing for armed intruders and other safety concerns.

The Christian Education committee is in need of volunteers for Vacation Bible School which is Monday, July 16th to Friday, July 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please contact Jana in our church office or Tabbi Miller-Scandle if you can help in any way.

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 Chapel Choir	Kay Ten Eyck

FROM THE SESSION

Current rosters of the committees:

Building and Grounds: Jay Clymer (chair), Andy Kepler, Chris Sekol, Brian Schillinger, Frank Garnecki, John Conklin (staff)

Christian Education and Growth: Tabbi Miller-Scandle (chair), Nancy Dennen, Myrna Diven, Nancy London, Char Lyon, Charlie Pinches, Jana Schillinger (staff)

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Mission and Justice: Robin Pinches (co-chair), Diane Scheuer (co-chair), Barbara Decker, Melba Fialko, Meg Hatch, Fred Lyon, Phil Munzel, Dave Porter, Donna Porter, Jack Scheuer, Brian Schillinger

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Worship, Music and the Arts: Alan Baker (chair), Judy Cutler, Grace Farrell, Dick Cochrane, Betsy Ellis, Jeff Leas, Gayle Hamilton, Nancy Post, Connie Weiss, John Weiss, Kay Ten Eyck (staff), Frank Jones (staff)

**FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2018**

REVENUE

Budget	\$ 153,056
Actual Received	<u>145,332</u>
Difference	\$ (7,724)
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EXPENSES

Budget	\$ 158,211
Actual Expenses	<u>154,530</u>
Difference	\$ 3,681
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BUDGET VARIANCE \$ (4,043)

PLEDGE INCOME

Budget	\$ 133,333
Received	<u>131,214</u>
Difference	\$ (2,119)

Per Capita 2018 is \$3,092 so far.
One Great Hour of Sharing for 2018 equals \$5,642.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXTRA EFFORTS THIS SPRING!

From the Pastor Summer 2018

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy...” That’s the famous song from “Porgy and Bess,” but it doesn’t really apply to our church. While we are grateful for a slower pace and longer hours of daylight, there’s plenty going on at the Church on the Hill. Let me tell you about some of it.



1) Our custom for over a dozen years has been to take some time in early summer to plan the worship services for the next year. Our Worship, Music, and Arts committee has recently met to do this. We begin with a spreadsheet of scripture texts, sermon titles, and themes. Taking note of the calendar dates for the next year (Easter will be on April 21, a bit late, and Christmas is still on December 25), we chart out the possible sermon series (there will be four of them), identify the choir anthems to prepare, and schedule the bell choir. Hymns and psalm settings will be added, and special dates will be added. This advance planning practice gives unity and clarity to our worship services, and keeps us from scrambling week to week.

2) In the same way, a planning team has charted our Adult Education offerings for the next program year. Looking primarily for the classes on our WAY program, we know there will be classes to dig into scripture (Genesis, 1 and 2 Corinthians, the Beatitudes and the Lord’s Prayer, among others), as well as sessions on the visual arts in worship, ways to address racism, the historical martyrs of the church, and (my favorite) “how to tell if the evening news is true.” It is going to be an enriching season for all of us, and I’m grateful that we are blessed with wise teachers, eager learners, and helpful planners.

3) Dave Porter, our resident art professor, has offered a proposal to bring more color into our sanctuary, which the Session has enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed. As he will share in a table talk at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 22, the “pillars” of the sanctuary (i.e. the spaces between the windows and the wall opposite them) will soon be beautified with original works of art. Please come and be part of this process, by joining us for the table talk.

4) Vacation Bible School is on the biblical theme of Babylon. Jana is assembling a team of teachers and helpers to prepare for the children from church and neighborhood who we will welcome during July 16-20. We invite you to be part of this extraordinary annual event. It is – and must be – a major outreach to the children and families of our community. You can volunteer and find more information online at <http://www.myvbs.org/fpccs>.

All year round, a lot happens in our church. There are plenty of things perking: the next year’s schedule for the Arts at FPCCS is forming, a Welcome Team of the Deacons is meeting to find ways to reach out to the guests and visitors of our church, another team is meeting with an agency to explore how we can befriend and welcome new immigrants to the region. All this, in addition to our ongoing work of proclaiming the Gospel, praying and studying, and serving those in need.

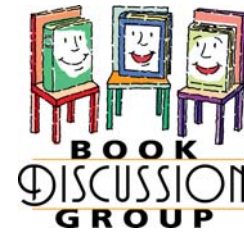
And one more plug: don’t miss **our church’s picnic at Camp Lackawanna**, scheduled for Sunday, August 26. Worship will take place at 10:00 a.m., and the picnic following at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to join some of us for a canoe trip at (or around) 12:30 p.m. send a check for \$30 per canoe by Wednesday, August 15. There are eagles on the Susquehanna which are best enjoyed in a casual float down the river.

With you in the journey,

Rev. Bill Carter

Book Group

Are you looking for something to read this summer? Here is the FPCCS Book Club reading list for the upcoming year.



Sept. 27: Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

Oct. 25: Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

Nov. 29: Stay: Lessons My Dog Taught Me About Life, Loss, and Grace by Dave Burchett

Jan. 24: Origin by Dan Brown

Feb. 28: The News of the World by Paulette Jiles

March 28: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

April 25: Any biography of Eleanor Roosevelt

May - Movie night - Date to be determined

For more information about the Book Group, contact Judy Cutler at 570-446-9310 or jdragonflyc@hotmail.com

Summertime.....and the reading is easy!

In addition to the books noted above, why not take a look through the church library and pick out something to add to your summer reading? Maybe some church history, lessons in leadership, some spiritual devotions or, yes, we even have fiction. When was the last time you read *The Pilgrim's Progress*? Has anyone ever read *Susquehanna Scandal*?

The library is still undergoing re-arranging, and I assure you, it's an interesting project. Does this book belong under history or is it theology? That book is officially fiction but it certainly is spiritual also. Have some fun and choose a book at random, read it and let us know where you think it belongs. That way I don't have to read them all! (As if.)

However you want to look at it, adding a book from our own library to your summer reading could be enlightening.

And, it's easy!

Peruse the shelves and select a book (or two!)

Sign and date the card in the plastic sleeve and put the card in the wooden box on the third shelf from the top of the first bookshelf.

Take your book(s) home (or to the beach) and enjoy your reading.

Return the book(s) to the empty space next to the wooden box on the third shelf.



Repeat as often as desired! Happy summer reading!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

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On September 11 at 6:00 p.m. the combined Circles will meet for Relate, Relax, Renew at the church. This is our annual pot luck dinner to begin the new 2018-2019 Circle year. Our Circle Bible Studies will begin on September 18.



Lectionary Readings

July 1

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel, 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July 8

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48
Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 15

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 22

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August 5

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a; Psalm 5:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 12

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 19

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 26

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Communion Servers

July 1

Connie (captain) and John Weiss
Andy and Donna Kepler
Ryan Flynn and Alan Baker

August 5

Myrna Diven (captain) and John Diven
Nancy Dennen, Ginny O'Brien and Nancy Post

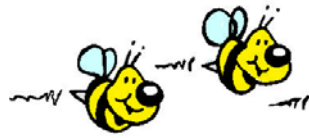
Welcomers

July 1	Carol Shamonsky
July 8	Gwynne Gilbert
July 15	Jay Clymer
July 22	Maggie and Chuck Woolever
July 29	John Conklin
August 5	Ann Chamberlin
August 12	Sandra and Steuart Bailey
August 19	John Conklin
August 26	Barbara and Jack Pittman



Ushers

July 1	Ginny O'Brien, Marsha Parrish
July 8	Gwynne Gilbert



PUZZLE

GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

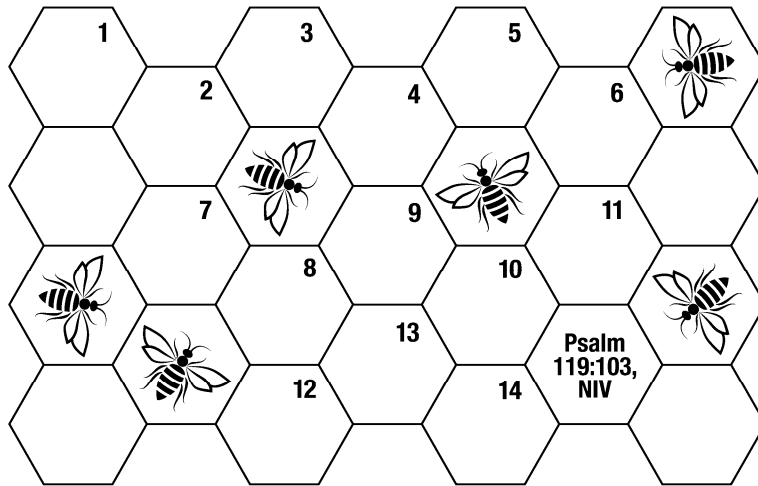
CLUES

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. rhymes with cow | 8. the tongue's job |
| 2. opposite of sour | 9. more sweet |
| 3. pronounced "R" | 10. rhymes with pan |
| 4. rhymes with four | 11. golden liquid |
| 5. Letters create ____. | 12. Pleased __ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two | 13. rhymes with fly |
| 7. rhymes with by | 14. body part |



WORD BANK

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

BUMBLE BEE BALLS

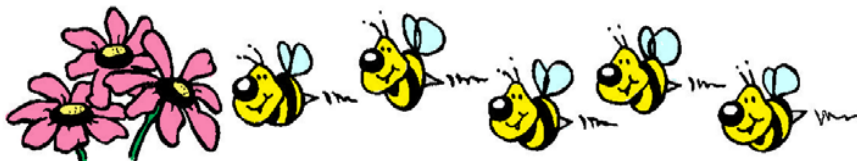
Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!



Summer camp at Camp Lackawanna is the adventure your camper is looking for.

We've got a variety of programs, and campers all enjoy swimming, crafts, canoeing, games, learning about God, and making new friends.

Go to www.camplackawannafirst.com to register.

If you are jealous that your camper gets to come to camp this summer, why not join them for **Family Camp for all ages, July 6th—8th**. You can stay in tents, cabins, or a lodge. Our staff will run a selection of your favorite camp activities and we will enjoy spending time with God, our families, and relaxing in God's creation. Registration is online.

Summer Programs at Camp Lackawanna



July 6th- 8th

Family Camp Weekend (all ages!)

July 1st – 13th

Staff In Training (ages 16 and 17)

July 15th – 20th

Night Owls (grades 4-6, 7-9, 9-12)

July 22nd – 27th

Music, Art, and Drama (grades 6-9, 9-12)

Sports Camp, (grades 3-5, 6-8)



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.

Calling all teachers!

The Wednesday Addults 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 Tabbi Miller-Scandle for more information.

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry **Coordinators** are:

Independent & Assisted Living: TBD

Deacon Meals: Donna Kepler 587-2729

Time of Loss: Anne Rich 587-2802

Emergency Home Repairs and
Maintenance: Joe Waters 586-7233

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.

Joys and Sorrows



Congratulations and best wishes to Laura Acker and Jonathan Keller, who were married on June 9, 2018. Blessings and best wishes to the happy couple.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the families and friends of

- Jack Spory, husband of Charlotte, who entered the church triumphant June 4, 2018 at the age of 90; and
- Kay Rudis, who entered the church triumphant June 9, 2018.



- July 3 Heather Cole, Vi Dygert
- July 8 Rebekah Naeher
- July 14 Jim Wells
- July 15 Chris Gilbert
- July 25 Janet Stansbury



- July 5 Sandra and Steuart Bailey
- July 19 Grace and Bill Farrell
- July 22 Betty and Don Keen,
Karis and David Naeher
- July 28 Barbara and Tom Decker



- August 1 Jamie Strong
- August 2 Alice Broxton
Joe O'Brien
Johnny Rich
- August 4 Barbara Pittman
- August 5 Jenn Rich
- August 8 Kate Hopkins
- August 11 Jack Pittman
- August 12 Gwynne Gilbert,
Gail Van Horn
- August 15 Fred Lyon
- August 17 Ariana Billiot
- August 19 Peter Moore
- August 23 Betsy Ellis
Heather Lyons
- August 24 Isaac Diaz
- August 29 Mick Wirth



- August 2 Alice and Dick Broxton
- August 5 Lee and Mick Wirth
- August 7 John and Connie Weiss
- August 26 Robin and Charlie Pinches
- August 29 Barbara and Jack Pittman

July Calendar

- 1 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
3PM-OA
- 2 6PM-Weight Watchers**
7PM-Mission & Justice
- 3 10AM-PW Executive Board**
7PM-Big Book
- 4 Independence Day-Office is closed.**
- 5 8:30AM-Men's Breakfast**
7PM-Christian Education
7PM-Finance
- 8 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
11:15AM-Worship, Music, Arts
3PM-OA
- 9 6PM-Weight Watchers**
- 10 6PM-Combined Session & Deacons mtg.**
6PM-OA
7PM-Big Book AA
- 11 11AM-Prayer and Share**
8PM-AIAnon
- 13 10AM-Church Safety Program by Pennsylvania State**
Police: *Active Shooter Community Training*
- 15 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
3PM-OA
- 16 9AM-Vacation Bible School**
- 17 9AM-Vacation Bible School**
6PM-OA
7PM-Big Book
- 18 9AM-Vacation Bible School**
8PM-AIAnon
- 19 9AM-Vacation Bible School**
- 20 9AM-Vacation Bible School**
- 22 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
3PM-OA
- 23 6PM-Weight Watchers**
- 24 6PM-OA**
7PM-Big Book
- 25 11AM-Prayer and Share**
8PM-AIAnon
- 29 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
3PM-OA
- 30 6PM-Weight Watchers**
- 31 6PM-OA / 7PM-Big Book**

August Calendar

- 1 11AM-Prayer and Share**
8PM-AIAnon
 - 2 8:30AM-Men's Breakfast**
4:30PM-Staff
7PM-Building and Grounds
7PM-Christian Education
7PM-Finance
 - 5 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
3PM-OA
 - 6 6PM-Weight Watchers**
7PM-Mission & Justice
 - 7 10AM-PW Executive Board**
6PM-OA / 7PM-Big Book AA
 - 8 11AM-Prayer and Share**
8PM-AIAnon
 - 12 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
11:15AM-Fellowship Committee
11:15AM-Worship, Music, Arts
3PM-OA
 - 13 6PM-Weight Watchers**
 - 14 6PM-OA / 7PM-Big Book AA**
 - 15 11AM-Prayer and Share**
8PM-AIAnon
 - 16 8:30AM-Men's Breakfast**
 - 17 Presbyter Deadline for September**
 - 19 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
3PM-OA
 - 20 6PM-Weight Watchers**
 - 21 6PM-OA / 7PM-Big Book**
 - 22 11AM-Prayer and Share**
8PM-AIAnon
 - 26 9:45AM-Hymn Sing; 10AM-Worship**
10AM-Worship at Camp Lackawanna
11:15AM-Church Picnic (also at Camp)
3PM-OA
 - 27 6PM-Weight Watchers**
 - 28 6PM-OA / 7PM-Big Book**
 - 29 9AM-Presbyter Mailing**
11AM-Prayer and Share
8PM-AIAnon
- SEPTEMBER 2, 9:45am-ANNUAL JAZZ COMMUNION**
- * AA meets each morning at 7AM including holidays.**



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Return Service Requested



FPCCS Weekend at Camp Lackawanna

Save the date! On **August 26th**, we will be heading up to Camp Lackawanna for our annual church picnic. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

Sunday, 10 AM worship at the Spann Memorial Chapel

Church picnic beginning at 11:15 AM (food and drinks provided)

Additionally, reservations may be made for:

Canoeing on the Susquehanna (Sunday afternoon)

Overnight camping

We will begin taking reservations for canoeing and camping in Fellowship Hall after church on July 22 through August 12, but we encourage you to get your reservations in early.

NO reservations are required to attend worship or the picnic.

It will be a day filled with fun, food, family, and faith. Hope to see everyone there!