



The Presbyter

July—August 2021

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

Vacation Bible School!

WHAT: VBS 2021

WHEN: Monday, July 19 to Friday, July 23, 9am-12pm

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

300 School Street, 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 welcome everyone to God's table by teaching, leading, or preparing. One day or the whole week, we need YOU to make it possible!

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



Summer Hours

From June 1 to August 31, the church office hours will be Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM with lunch at noon.

Every effort will be made to have the office staffed each day, but if you need to speak face-to-face with a member of the staff, please call ahead (570-586-6306).

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Notes from the Session Meeting, June 8, 2021

1. There will be a combined meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 beginning at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Session is grateful for the members and friends of the congregation whose prayers and regular financial support help to sustain our ministries. Please continue to give generously, either in person, via the mail or through our website, in order that the church may have the funding to pay our staff, reach out to those in need, and maintain our property.
3. Elder Tabbi Miller-Scandle has agreed to take on the leadership of Worship through Service weekend scheduled for Sunday, September 26th.
4. On August 29th there will be a "Parking Lot Picnic" to welcome back Rev. Carter. There will be a "Welcome Back" service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary which will consist of a Hymn sing. Please send your request of a favorite hymn to the church office at your earliest convenience.



The Presbyterian deadline for the September issue is August 13

The Presbyterian 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
Coordinator of Children & Youth	Jana Schillinger
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Editor	Amanda Roberts
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

**FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING
May 31, 2021**

REVENUE	
Budget	\$ 156,750
Actual Received	- <u>128,126</u>
Difference	(\$ 28,624)
	=====
EXPENSES	
Budget	\$ 161,025
Actual Expenses	- <u>150,249</u>
Difference	\$ 10,777
	=====
Result of operations	\$ (\$17,847)
	=====
PLEDGE	
Budget	\$135,417
Actually received	- <u>121,380</u>
	(\$ 14,037)

Per Capita received to date is \$3,394.
2021 Per Capita per member is \$35.

Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Deacon Meals	Anne Rich 570-587-2802
Time of Loss	Anne Rich 570-587-2802
Emergency Home Repairs and Maintenance	TBD
Deacon Driver	TBD

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.

We worship every Sunday in two ways!

In Person: You are invited to return to the sanctuary if you have received the appropriate vaccines. In addition, **all children who are asymptomatic and whose parents are fully vaccinated may attend.**

Please continue to wear masks for now. However:

- You may sit wherever you wish.
- You may sing while wearing your mask.
- Reservations continue to be requested. However, we do have more flexibility now. If you forget to reserve a spot, you may still attend.

Online: You can still tune in online for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on **our video page on YouTube** and archived for later viewing on the same site.

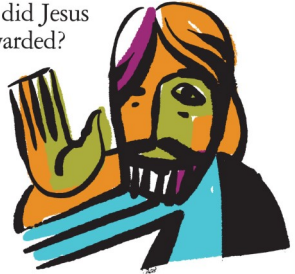
Thank you to our session members for their guidance.

The situation will be discussed again at the next session meeting.

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

A. Giving a child a toy
 B. Giving a lost traveler directions
 C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
 D. Giving a sad person a hug



Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)

Lectionary Readings

July

July 4	Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
July 11	Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
July 18	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 25	2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August

August 1	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
August 8	1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
August 15	Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
August 22	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
August 29	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Summer 2021

Preaching Schedule

July 4, 11, 18, and 25 Rev. Jim Thyren, retired pastor

August 1, 8, and 15 Rev. Bill Samford

August 22 Dr. Tabbi Miller-Scandle

August 29 Hymn Sing Service, followed by a "Parking Lot Picnic" to welcome back
Rev. Carter

September 5 Jazz Communion, featuring the music of Dizzy Gillespie

- Jeff Stockham, trumpet
- Mike Carbone, saxophone and flute
- Tony Marino, bass
- Tyler Dempsey, drums
- Rev. Bill Carter, piano

Session Moderator

During the summer, Rev. Bill Samford will moderate the Session in Rev. Carter's absence.

Pastoral Care Coverage

In case of emergency or needing pastoral care, contact the church office (586-6306).

Covering in Rev. Carter's sabbatical:

July Rev. Ken Forbes

August Rev. Rebecca Tanner

Flower Sign Up

As we are returning to more regular services and attendance at church, please consider honoring loved ones, celebrations, and family events with a special floral arrangement to mark the occasion.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Mission and Justice Committee

A New Service Opportunity

FPCCS is Joining the Hickory Street Community Meals Program

“Enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation.”—Book of Confessions, 9.46

The Mission and Justice Committee is pleased to announce two new opportunities for volunteer service. On the Saturday mornings of August 28th and September 25th, our church will be preparing and serving a large community meal and filling/distributing bags of food at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church. Since Hickory Street began this ministry to combat hunger in the local community, they have seen demand for the meals increase seven-fold and requests for food bags increase almost four-fold. Jack and Diane Scheuer, joined by Charlie and Robin Pinches, assisted at Hickory Street’s May 22nd lunch, and reported serving over 100 meals while enjoying great fellowship with our neighbors.

August may seem far-off at this point, but there is much to do in terms of organizing to prepare and serve around 130 meals and distribute around 40 bags of food on each of these days. We need to locate volunteers for a variety of tasks from start to finish.

We anticipate having a shopping list and recipe for around 10 volunteers who could prepare in their own homes, in advance, the main entrée. This could be nice family activity.

We also anticipate needing around 10 volunteers who could prepare in their own homes, in advance, a suggested (i.e., easy to serve) dessert. Another nice family activity.

On the day of the luncheon, we would then need about 12 volunteers to come to Hickory Street to do additional on-site food prep, cooking, plating meals, filling food bags, delivering to both dine-in and drive-up guests, and clean-up.

Opportunities to help “behind-the-scenes” could also include shopping, food collection, food contributions, and of course, financial support.

If you would like to offer your assistance with any of these needs, or would just like additional information, please contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net or speak to other members of the planning committee (Jack and Diane Scheuer, Melba Fialko, and Ginny O’Brien). Look, too, for sign-up and information sheets to be posted in the church foyer.

The work on September 25th will be part of our larger annual “Worship through Service” weekend.

You can also take steps to learn more about national and world hunger and the ways the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and individual congregations are working to alleviate malnutrition and eliminate its causes at www.presbyterianmission.org.

Book Group



After a long hiatus because of the pandemic, the book group is looking forward to resuming our meetings in September. The general consensus from members is that since we have been vaccinated, we will go back to meeting in each other’s homes. I am putting together a reading list and am always welcoming new titles for our list. If you would like to join our group or have suggestions of books you would like to discuss, please let me know. You can reach me at 570-446-9310 or jdragonflyc@hotmail.com.

Judy Cutler

***Congratulations to our graduates
and best wishes for the future!***

**Class of
2021**

Ariana Billiot, daughter of Heather Cole, graduated from Tunkhannock High School.

Max Earl, son of Mary and Bryon Earl, graduated from the University of Scranton with a major in Electronics Media and Journalism and another in Philosophy.

Jacob Gilbert, son of Rachel and Teal Gilbert, graduated from Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School.

Tyler Kusma, son of Heather and Mark Kusma, graduated with a B.A. degree from George Washington University.

Mary O'Brien, daughter of Ginny and Joseph O'Brien, graduated from Abington Heights High School.

New additions to our list!

Kevin Albright, son of Diana Pope and Richard Albright, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in finance.

Hayley Kane, daughter of Karen and Michael Kane, granddaughter of Diane and Bill Keller, graduated from Abington Heights High School.

Addy Florence Silfies, daughter of Alicen and Stephen Silfies, granddaughter of Steuart and Sandra Bailey, graduated from Emmaus High School.

With God, all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

Paul R. Dobson Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations to Mary O'Brien, this year's winner. She will be attending American University in D.C. with a major in International Studies.

The Dobson Family

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.

The W.A.Y. is on the WAY!

Our Wednesday evening Christian Education classes will resume in September for in person instruction.

We will begin the fall with a simplified, 1-hour program featuring:

- A combined music & CE class for children
- Youth CE class
- Adult Education

Look for more information in our next newsletter and weekly emails!

Christian Education



It's for life!



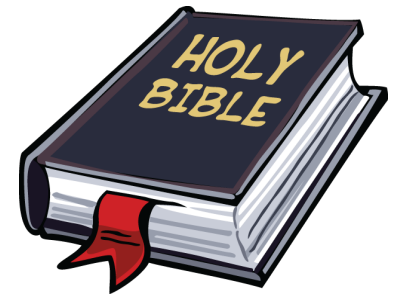
We will be offering a confirmation class this year for any student in grades 7-12 who is ready to dig deeper in their faith and learn what it means to belong to the church.

Letters will be mailed in August with more information. Want to make sure you're on the list? Please contact the church office or Jana Schillinger to let us know.

Bibles for Children

Each September, we present our new **3rd grade** and **Kindergarten** students with Bibles. It is important to us as a church that we encourage our children to hear God's story and to begin reading it for themselves.

Are you on the list? If you have a kindergartener or third grade student, contact Jana Schillinger to ensure that we present your child with a Bible.



Camp Lackawanna

is open for the summer. Head on over to camlackawanna.org to see what programs are offered and to register your children. Our church offers scholarships for all young people who want to go to camp. See Jana Schillinger for details.

Joys

Sorrows

Thank You Notes



Gemma Scarlett Webb was baptized on June 13th by Rev. Bill Samford, assisted by elder Jana Schillinger. Gemma is the daughter of Nichole and Robert Webb. Carter is her big brother.



on the passing of

Tinka Zenke
Richard Fuller
Rik, son of Richard and Alice Broxton
Dana Miller's mother



July Birthdays

- 3 Heather Cole
Vi Dygert
- 6 Leslie Ann Goleneski
- 8 Rebekah Naehar
- 15 Chris Gilbert
- 18 Jeff Leas
- 21 Bob Sproul
- 25 Janet Stansbury
- 30 Clint Sekol

July Anniversaries

- 19 Grace & Bill Farrell
- 22 Don & Betty Keen
David & Karis Naehar
- 28 Tom & Barb Decker



August Birthdays

- 1 Jamie Strong
Joan Miller
- 2 Alice Broxton
Joe O'Brien
Johnny Rich
- 4 Barbara Pittman
- 5 Jenn Rich
Barbara Brown
- 8 Kate Hopkins
- 11 Jack Pittman
- 12 Gwynne Gilbert
Gail Van Horn
- 13 Diana Pope Albright
- 17 Ariana Billiot
- 19 Peter Moore
- 22 Judith Keiser
- 23 Betsy Ellis
Heather Lyons
- 30 Olympia Cianfichi

August Anniversaries

- 2 Dick & Alice Broxton
- 5 Lee & Mick Wirth
- 7 John & Connie Weiss
- 23 Lori & Lou Kareha
- 26 Charlie & Robin Pinches
- 29 Jack & Barbara Pittman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Board and Committee Meetings

Next Stated Session Meeting – Tuesday July 27, 6:30 p.m. Combined meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons in Fellowship Hall.

Worship, Music, Arts Committee – July 1, 5:30 p.m., Room 206 of church/Zoom

Study/Social Gatherings

My Brother's Keeper Quilters will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on the following dates:
July 13 and 27 August 10 and 24

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Women's Circle Bible Study, FPC Book Group are **not meeting** at this time.

Support Groups

Many of our support groups are resuming in-person meetings. The schedule is below.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets each morning at 7 AM in Room 206.

AlAnon meets on Wednesdays at 7 PM by Zoom and Thursdays at 7 PM in Room 206.

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets in room 210 on Tuesdays at 7 PM, Thursdays at 9:30 AM, Saturdays at 9:45 AM, and Sundays at 3 PM.

Next Presbyter Deadline is August 13 for an August 25 mailing date.



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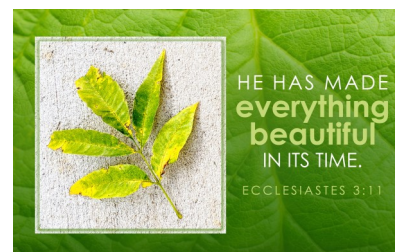


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There is also a link on **the church's Facebook page**.



July 19-23

9 a.m. to noon.

Register at myvbs.org/fpcs

See page 1 for more details.