



# The Presbyter

September 2024

The First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

## Please join us for the 2024 Worship Through Service Weekend October 5 & October 6!

Our annual Worship Through Service event is a reminder that praise begins inside the church and moves outside to love our neighbors and serve our community. Our service activities will take place on Saturday, October 5, 2024, and Sunday, October 6, 2024. Sign-up sheets will be located on the bulletin board in the church narthex as events are confirmed.

There are many ways to be involved!

**Highway Cleanup** – Saturday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m., meet at Clarks Summit United Methodist Church, Morgan Highway (Alan Baker)

**Blessing of the Animals** – Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., back parking lot (Rev. Carter)

**Bingo for Clarks Summit State Hospital residents** – Saturday, October 5, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Diane Scheuer)

**Prepare sandwiches for Community Intervention Center** – Sunday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m., Church Kitchen (Melba Fialko)

**Packing of boxes to take to our shut-ins.** Youth and adults can color greeting cards and help pack the boxes as well as assisting with making the sandwiches. - Sunday, October 6 (Patti McGonagle)

**Sew Quilts for the Homeless** - Sunday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall (Marie Cochrane)

**Hymn Sing at the Pines** - Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. (Jan Thyren, Worship, Arts, and Music)

**Create Door Wreaths for Members in Assisted Living** - TBD (Barbara Norton, Deacons)

**Yard & Garden Help** - TBD (Chris Norton)

**Serve Communion for Shut-ins** - depart from the church (Beverly Bright)

Check the bulletin board for even more opportunities to serve! If you have any questions or need a ride to an event, please contact Tabbi Miller-Scandle at (570) 470-9762.



On Sunday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m., we swing into the fall with **our annual Jazz Communion**. Tony Marino, Mike Carbone, and Tyler Dempsey will join us for a rousing morning.

This year's service will feature music from the South, namely Brazil, southern California, and the South Bronx. Don't miss it! And if you can't be with us in person, enjoy it on our YouTube channel, which can be accessed through [www.fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org).

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## Notes from the Session Meeting

July 9, 2024

1. On Sunday, August 11th Session hosted a reception for Rev. Dr. Denise Pass, recently approved as our new Presbytery Executive. Many representatives from both Lackawanna and Lehigh Presbytery came to meet and visit with her. Thanks also to Rev. Thyren who served on the search committee.
2. Session endorsed Rev. Carter to apply for a Pastoral Study Project grant from the Louisville Institute. If approved, the grant will offset costs for a research project he wishes to undertake for his study leave in 2025 and 2026.
3. Tabbi Miller-Scandle will be our project coordinator for the Worship Through Service weekend on October 5-6. Be sure to sign up for a project!

Beverly Bright  
Clerk of Session

The Presbyterian deadline for the October 2024 issue is September 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.

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<b>Sexton</b>	Michael Lambert

## FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2024

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Budget	\$240,448
Actual Received	<u>225,702</u>
Difference	\$(14,746)

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Budget	\$240,204
Actual Expenses	<u>237,178</u>
Difference	\$3,026

Result of operations	(\$11,476)
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<b>PLEDGE</b>	
Budget	\$ 216,998
Actually received	<u>205,418</u>
	(\$ 11,580)

2024 Per Capita assessment is \$42 per member.

## Board of Deacons

Care Team Ministry Coordinators are:

Moderator	Barbara Norton 570-878-8026
Deacon Meals	Erika Adams 570-878-2410
Ushers	John Conklin
Deacon Driver	Barbara Norton 570-878-8026

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.

## From the Pastor

September 2024

Here's something that jumped out at me in this issue of our newsletter: all the names of all the people in these pages. Now that I've mentioned that, take note of how many people are energizing our congregation.



It's striking.

In many congregations, a few volunteers carry much of the load. They do a lot. They are committed to showing up for every activity. Instinctively they fear that if they don't stay involved, the church could collapse. If a church is in danger of shrinking further, the dedicated core digs in. They are anxious about the congregation's survival. What will it take to keep our church going? Sadly, their anxiety doesn't make room for newcomers. The Precious Few have been doing all the work. They are reluctant for others to join in.

Other churches circle around their preacher. One of the indicators is that they refer to themselves as "Rev. So-and-So's Church." If a new idea surfaces, they wait to see if the preacher will approve it. If visitors drop by, they take their cue from how the preacher welcomes the newcomer. They love whomever their preacher loves. They reach only as far as their preacher can reach. This can become a personality cult. For the minister, it can also be a recipe for burnout, often self-inflicted. After the pastor's demise, the congregation plods along until it can find the next superstar.

What's astonishing about our congregation is how widely our ministry is shared. Take a few minutes to flip through the pages of this newsletter. Count up all the names of those who are involved. It is remarkable. Our work as a church is not dependent on any individual or a well-intentioned small group.

- Some churches define themselves by the number on their membership rolls. They brag about how big they are – even if many of the members don't all show up.
- Other churches define themselves by attendance. Not by "how many are listed" in the church directory, but who actually comes on a Sunday. This is a better indicator of a church's health, but it can still signal passivity.

I'm happy that we are not defined by our membership rolls or attendance, but by the large proportion of folks who are doing something for Jesus, his dominion, and our neighborhood. I can't imagine any better sign that we are alive.

Of course, there is always room for more of us to engage in the work of the Church on the Hill. Want to do something that you see in this newsletter? Jump in. Contact one of those many names. Want to take on something that you believe needs to get done? Your pastor will give you permission – and your fellow Presbyterian friends will cheer you on.

Engagement. That's the word for our autumn together. Step up. Get involved. This is your invitation. God needs you.

*Rev. Bill*

## September Volunteer Corner

While January 1 is often the date that we plan resolutions for the New Year, I'm more inclined to think of September as a time for new beginnings. September marks a new school year with fresh pencils and clean notebooks, new clothes and shoes for kids, often a new backpack and lunch box. September makes a new church year: education classes are back, choirs begin rehearsing new music, arts series embarks on a new season, and committees jump into action.



So, what better time to start fresh with some church volunteering? We are specifically recruiting volunteers for two opportunities this month:

We have been grateful to those of you who have been volunteering in the church office but we need MORE! A number of our office volunteers have busy travel schedules and we are looking for help to fill in some gaps this fall. Responsibilities include answering phones and completing some light clerical tasks.

Thanks to the hard work and leadership of Jack and Diane Scheuer our drive-through food pantry will begin operating on September 12 and continue on the second Thursday of each month. Volunteers are vital to this project. A morning (sometime after 8 a.m.) team will work to unload and re-pack food as it arrives. An afternoon (4-6 p.m.) team will distribute food as clients drive through our church property. If you are interested in joining with other volunteers to help feed our community, we would be happy to have your help. The afternoon shift would be perfect for young people who need to fulfill school service requirements!

Please reach out to me ([npost329@gmail.com](mailto:npost329@gmail.com) or 570-878-2769) if you can fulfill either of these volunteer needs.

Nancy Post, Volunteer Coordinator

## Coming Soon: Another Hickory Street Community Meal



Community Meal

Our next Hickory Street Community Meal will be on Saturday, October 26th so please be on the watch during September as we begin to seek volunteers to prepare the entrée (ham & cheese delight) and vegetable (candied sweet potatoes), serve the meal, and transport food and supplies to Hickory Street. We'll also be asking for your help again in creating 35 bags of food that will also be given away that day to families dealing with food insecurity; the "shopping list" will be available in the narthex and in the October Presbyterian. If you can't help in any of those ways, financial support is also much needed: just note "Hickory Street" on your donation. For more information, contact Alan Baker at [abaker2@verizon.net](mailto:abaker2@verizon.net) or (570) 362-0382.

## From Earth Care Corner

As we enjoy the last days of summer, stop at Earth Care Corner to see some beautiful nature photos from our own Dick Cochrane. As we enter the fall, look for new info on Climate Change and answers to the questions, "how much do I really contribute to the problem" and "How much can I really do about it?"



## State Hospital Luncheon

October 1st, noon/fellowship hall

Our tradition with our fall lunch has been collecting new socks for our guests, male and female. Look for the donation box in the narthex. If anyone is interested in helping that day or has questions, please touch base with me. Janet Dobson (570-563-1887).

## "PEACEMAKING ....

is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. Peace is possible, and it begins with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make."



During September, a **Season of Peace** (sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, USA) will be observed for four weeks from Sunday September 8th until World Communion Sunday on October 6th. This month long pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. Participants are invited to deepen their calling as peacemakers through daily reflections that address some of the major issues of our time (climate change, nonviolence, the intersection of poverty and racism, and immigration/migration).

To receive these daily reflections in your email during Season of Peace, subscribe at [pcusa.org/subscribeSOP](http://pcusa.org/subscribeSOP) or download the entire set of reflections as a single file at [pcusa.org/seasonofpeace](http://pcusa.org/seasonofpeace).

Also, as in last year, be on the lookout for Peace Cards that will be in the Narthex and on tables during coffee hour (they offer a question for reflection, an action to be taken and a prayer to be spoken).

During this Season of Peace, we will be collecting our **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**. A gift to this offering enables the church to address systems of conflict and injustice across the world. 50% of this offering will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. 25% will be used by mid councils for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The final 25% is designated for local congregations to continue with peacemaking efforts of their choice. This year, we will be donating our **25% congregational portion** to the **Peace and Justice Center of Northeastern PA** in Wilkes-Barre, with the monies going to scholarships for their Peace Camp. The Peace and Justice Center is an interfaith organization created to nurture dialogue among diverse groups, to educate groups and individuals in peaceful ways of resolving conflict, and to be a partner in the ongoing struggle for human rights and a just world.

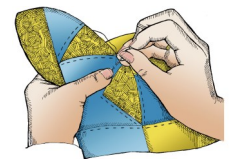
You can make your donations on line via our church's website or through our Peace and Global Witness offering envelopes.

"God of Peace, Even the simplest acts of love and care for another person are counted as peace to you. Thank you for showing us the way of peace in the person of Jesus, and walk with us as we work to sow seeds of peace in the world through our gifts."

Thank you for your support and generosity!

## My Brother's Keeper Quilting Group

My Brother's Keeper Quilting will start this fall on September 24th, 10:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall. Anyone who can tie knots is welcome to join us in making sleeping bags for the homeless. We have been sending them to the Keystone Mission in Scranton for distribution.



QUILTING GROUP

Other dates of note:

September 21st will be the Annual MBK Appreciation Picnic at the Wheatley's.

October 6th Worship through Service - MBK will be set up in Fellowship Hall for those wishing to help in that manner.

Hope you can join us.



## Wednesday Evening Opportunities

**Adult Education** meets on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m., Room 206 starting on September 4. Throughout this fall we will study *Discipleship: The Way of Jesus* by John P. Burgess. Read the article on Spiritual Formation on page 7 for more information. → → →

**Adult Choir** rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Bell Choir** rehearses at 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Starting September 25.

## Additional Adult Education Opportunities

*Presbyterian Women – 2024-25 Horizon Bible Study*

*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*  
by Patricia K. Tull



Patricia K. Tull, author of the 2024–2025 PW/*Horizons* Bible study *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, describes her call for creation justice in this way: “When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help, and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could.”

We invite all women to join in as we explore, with all our hearts, God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation.

A variety of topics are included: biblical understandings of land and food; toxic waste and its impacts; climate change and its relationship to local pollution; the invaluable gifts the ecosystem gives humans. We are called to care for creation because the earth and its members belong to God, but also, because a healthy creation sustains human well-being.

Join us on Tuesday, **September 24 and October 22 at 9 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall followed by Quilting at 10 a.m. We will resume our regular schedule of 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 in November.

**Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** meets for donuts and Bible study on the first and third Thursday of every month. They gather for conversation at 8:30 a.m. in the Session Room (206) and have their study from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. They normally discuss the scripture text for the following Sunday's sermon. All men in the church family are always welcome.

## Lectionary Readings

### September 1: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15;  
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### September 8: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 (11-13);  
Mark 7:24-37

### September 15: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12;  
Mark 8:27-38

### September 22: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a;  
Mark 9:3-37

### September 29: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14;  
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

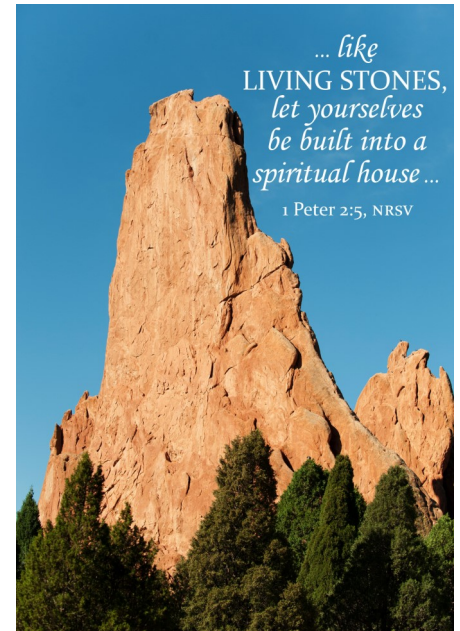
## Spiritual Formation Through Discipleship

By Michael Thompson, elder for Christian Education

Here's the thing about Spiritual Formation... It doesn't just happen. There's intentionality involved. And by its very nature, Christian formation does not happen without connection to God and other people. Fundamentally, spiritual formation happens through a relational process called Discipleship.

Pastor Carter is already well into a sermon series about discipleship, and we will start our Wednesday Bible study on September 4 in a similar place this Fall. Through much of September and October, we will utilize a study titled *Discipleship: The Way of Jesus*, by John P. Burgess, touching on a variety of themes:

- Sept 4: Discipleship as the Way of Jesus
- Sept 11: The Call to Discipleship
- Sept 18: The Problem of Discipleship
- Oct 9: Discipleship as Identity in Christ
- Oct 16: Pathways of Discipleship
- Oct 23: The Fruits of Discipleship



Somewhere in the middle, we'll take a brief break during September 25 and October 2 to talk about *Leading During Elections: Faithful Practices for Our Fractured Politics*. This, too, is part of our discipleship: Not that we intend to tell you who to vote for, or what party to support, or even how to think on every issue.

While some may focus on a discipleship that only asks, "Am I right with God?" it is important in the Biblical tradition to ask, "Are we right with one another?" It is not enough to "win," if others are being harmed by the views we support or even just the way the discussion is conducted. We are ultimately bound together as a community of faith by the way we love one another, and come to agreements that benefit the common good.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday nights. We plan to start a bit earlier at 5:45 pm to give more time for discussion. Some may choose to bag a light meal, such as soup and sandwich. Once in a while, we will let you know when we intend to host a common meal.

We will have a table set up after church, during the fellowship hour on Sunday, September 1, to answer any questions you may have about Christian Education this fall. Whether you are with us on Sundays and Wednesdays or find ways to connect with folks throughout the week, may Jesus be with us in all we say and do.

### September Prayer List for soon to be united Lackawanna and Lehigh Presbyteries

First Presbyterian Church Carbondale  
 Forty Fort Presbyterian Church  
 Langcliffe Presbyterian Church  
 Presbyteryan Church of Portland & Mt. Bethel  
 First Presbyterian Church Troy

PRAYER  
 list

For more information on our Presbyteries, or for these individual churches, go to  
[polackawanna.org](http://polackawanna.org) or [lehighpresbytery.org](http://lehighpresbytery.org)

## The Arts

at First Presbyterian Church

The 2024-25 Arts Series at First Presbyterian will open with an **organ recital by Chris Johnson on Sunday, September 27 at 4 p.m.** The

concert is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the costs of the event.

Organist Christopher Johnson, a graduate of The Cleveland Institute of Music, Manhattan School of Music and Yale University, is the organist and director of music at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Scranton. He previously served as director of music and organist at The Riverside Church and artist-in-residence at Union Theological Seminary - both on Manhattan's Upper West Side - for a number of years and is the long-time director of Chapel music at The Interchurch Center in New York City. He also performs regularly as flautist with The Knights, an exceptional New York City-based orchestra that tours and records extensively.



Other confirmed events in our 2024-25 season include:

Sunday, October 27 at 4 pm-

**Merchants of Groove** blues band

Sunday, November 24 at 4 pm-

**All Church Recital**-Adult choir, bell choir and other FPC musicians

January

Participation in the **Clarks Summit Festival of Ice**

Sunday, March 16 at 4 pm-

**Lyric Consort**- Irish music for St Patrick's Day

Saturday, April 5 at 7 pm-

**Seraph Brass**- award-winning female brass quintet

Sunday, May 18 at 4 pm-

Jazz concert with the **Presbybop Quintet**

It's another ambitious season, and we'd love to have support from church members. Donations may be made payable to:

First Presbyterian Church  
300 School Street  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Please write "Arts Series" in the memo block. Thank you for your support!

John Weiss and Richard Cochrane, Co-Chairs.

## The Fellowship Committee

The CPR and defibrillator training class on Saturday morning, September 21 at 10 a.m. is full! Contact JoAnn at [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net) or 570-806-1591 if you'd like to be on the waitlist for a cancellation.



## Highway Cleanup: October 5th

We will be picking up litter along a stretch of the Morgan Highway on Saturday, October 5th as an earth-care component of our Worship Through Service Weekend. Anyone interested in helping please meet at 9:00 a.m. that morning in the parking lot of the Methodist Church at the corner of the Morgan Highway and Grove Street.



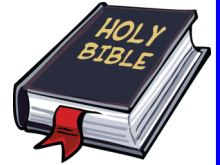
Gloves, trash bags, safety vests, and good conversation provided free-of-charge. The work takes about 1 hour. To ensure that we have enough supplies, please email Alan Baker at [abaker2@verizon.net](mailto:abaker2@verizon.net) and let him know you plan to participate.



## Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 8

Come celebrate with us as we present Bibles to our children in kindergarten and third grade. If you have a kindergartener or third grade student, be sure he or she is present to receive a Bible.



## Christian Education: Growing in Faith and Love

The Christian Education and Growth committee is pleased to offer a number of opportunities for our children, youth, and adults to explore the Bible, understand our traditions, and experience ways to live in faith. We believe that faith formation is a lifelong practice, so we invite everyone to find a class, opportunity, or practice that will grow YOUR faith this fall and beyond.

Christian Education



It's for life!



**Bible Time:** An opportunity for our **young children** (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way, weekly **Bible Time** will happen during worship, for about 20 minutes. Children will be invited to attend after the anthem and will return for prayers at the end of the service.

**LIFT (Living in Faith Together):** A regularly occurring **intergenerational program and meal** held after worship. We welcome families of all sizes and ages to break bread together as we hear God's word and engage with one another in discussion and activities. Our first program will happen on **Sunday, October 13**, after worship with a potluck lunch. We will also celebrate with an Advent program on **December 8** so mark your calendars for both events and spend time in fellowship with us!



**We Worship Together series:** A 30-minute program held after worship for children through grade 6. We Worship Together examines questions we have about church practices and traditions, such as Baptism, Lent, and the Apostles' Creed. Parents will be invited to sign up, and each family will receive a book to take home related to the topic discussed. Have you ever wondered why the worship service follows a certain order? Our first program this year will be a 2-Sunday discussion of **worship**: what it is, why we do it, and more. Join us on **Sunday, November 3** and **Sunday, November 10**. The next class in the series will be held on **January 12** to learn about **baptism**.



**We Believe:** faith foundations for our pre-confirmation age youth. A mix of Bible 101, faith questions, and church basics to help prepare children in grade 6 and up for their confirmation journey, We Believe will be a combination of discussions, activities, and self-study. Parents will receive a letter with more information and a meeting date, or may contact Jana Schillinger with questions.

**...and more! Be on the lookout for more opportunities to grow in faith throughout the fall.** Families with children will receive more information by mail; if you aren't sure you're on the list, please contact Jana to let her know you're interested in hearing about our programs.

Joys

Sorrows

Thank you notes



- 7 Mary O'Brien  
Bryan Shane  
Frank Garnecki  
Amy Berry
- 8 Dean Shane  
Tony Scandle
- 11 Judy Cutler  
Laura Moore
- 16 Hoyt Keiser
- 20 Lee Wirth
- 21 Nancy Dennen
- 23 Ann Chamberlin
- 24 Tyler Kusma  
Linda Orcutt
- 27 Ethan Flynn  
Stan Gilbert
- 29 Richard Maurer  
Wendy Wescott



Jessica Maietta Bichler and her husband Christian had a baby boy, Vincent Theodore, on May 4, 2024. Both mom and baby are doing great! Proud grandmother is Margot Newman and first time great-grandmother is Audrey Newman. God is good!



Liam Turley, son of Emily Haines was baptized on July 28, 2024 by Rev. Carter. Liam is the grandson of Carl and Sharon Haines. Blessings to Emily and her family on the baptism of her son, Liam.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to family and friends of JoAnne Carlin, Barbara Lewis, Heidi Matthews, Robert Merriman, and Beverly Phillips. Each one offered time and special talents to our congregation over the years, and each one will be missed.



- 10 Chuck & Maggie Woolever
- 23 Peter & Laura Moore

**Thank you to all who have hosted Summer Fellowship** time during June, July and August. They include Diane Cosner, Myrna Diven and Dana Miller, Dick and Cindy White, Lynne Girard and Olympia Cianfichi, “Lynne and Mary,” members of the My Brother’s Keeper quilting group, Gerdamarie Young and Gwynne Gilbert, Judy Cutler and Debbie Miller, Clinton and Diane Randall, John and Connie Weiss, the Farrell family, the Choir, and members of the Board of Deacons. In addition, thanks to all for the festivities of the Church Picnic on June 30.



**From Christian Education...** We had an amazing week at VBS because of our incredible volunteer staff. A huge thank you to all those who gave their time and talents this year!



**From Chris and Hadley Gilbert**—Hadley and I would like to thank everyone who sent dinners and prayers during Renee’s recovery! We would especially like to thank the deacons for all their care and kindness!

**Thank You to Bill, Grace, Leelah, Liam And Dylan** It was a wonderful day at 311 Skyline Drive North on Saturday, August 10th for "New Member/ Young Families". Much appreciation goes to our hosts for a successful afternoon. Members made sandwiches—thank you to Melba Fialko for providing the fixings and delivering them to the Community Intervention Center. Cards and notes were sent to some members that have been recently hospitalized. The food and snacks were delicious and our weather was just perfect. Thanks also to Briar Woodley, Linda Woodley, Patti McGonagle, and Myrna Diven who helped me plan and organize this afternoon.  
Beverly Bright, Clerk of Session



**From the Deacons...** The Deacons thank you for your May food pantry donations. In May, we delivered the collected items in the trunks of two cars. Thank you always for your generosity!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Worship every Sunday, 10 a.m., Sanctuary and on-line*

### Board and Committee Meetings

**Session Meeting**— Tuesday, September 3, 7 p.m., Room 206 - **Note date change for September**

**Board of Deacons**—Tuesday, September 24, 7 p.m., Room 206

**Building and Grounds**— Thursday, September 5, 7 p.m., Room 209

**Christian Education**—Thursday, September 5, 7 p.m., Room 206

**Mission and Justice**—TBA

**Worship, Music and Arts** - Thursday, September 12, 5 p.m., Room 206

### Service/Study/Fellowship Gatherings

**Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** – Thursday, September 5 and 19, 8:30 a.m., Room 206

**MBK Quilters**—Tuesday, September 24, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Presbyterian Women's Bible Study**—Tuesday, September 24, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall - **Note date and time change for September**

**The Arts Organ Recital**— Sunday, September 27, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**Worship through Service Weekend**—Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6, many times, many places.

See page 1 for details.

**Prayer and Share** - Each Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Room 209

**Adult Education**—Begins Wednesday, September 4, and continues each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m., Room 206

**Adult Choir**—Begins Wednesday, September 4, and continues each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**Bell Choir**—Resumes Wednesday, September 25, 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### Support Groups

We welcome members of the following support groups to our building on a regular basis, as scheduled:

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets each morning at 7 AM in Room 206.
- AlAnon meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in room 206 and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets in room 210: Sundays at 3 p.m., Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Saturdays at 9:45 a.m.

**September Presbyterian Deadline: Friday, September 13, 2024. Anticipated mailing date September 26.**



The Nursery, located in room 208 on the sanctuary level of the building, is open Sunday mornings from 9:40—11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger.



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