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From the Pastor

Last week I gave a talk to the youth groups using Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him and have been called according to His purpose." (This is a good memory verse) A month earlier Mike and Jessi Rigdon had told our youth that they were moving back to California.

This was very sad news for our youth and for our congregation.

In the weeks that followed I have seen Romans 8:28 at work. Only a month after the sad news I was able to share glad news with our youth. We have new co-Directors of Youth Ministry: Tim and Lauren Halteman. They will be starting November 8th! I am really excited about their gifts, abilities, and experience. They have a strong sense of call, are familiar with the area, and have a strong desire to live in the area.

How did we find Tim and Lauren so fast? Lauren is the daughter of Dave and Libby Robinson. The Haltemans had been praying for an opportunity in youth ministry where they could serve together.

Just as Mike and Jessi did things differently from how Jana did things, I'm sure Tim and Lauren will do some things differently. The constants are a love for Jesus, a love for our youth, and a desire to serve God through leading our youth.

I want to thank the search committee of Alison Van Patter, Joe Santorine, Samantha Reif, Bob Kribbs, Rob Guissanie, Karen Graber, Sharon Dittmar, and Lisa Bernard. This committee sought God's will and responded faithfully when God presented us with great candidates.

Change can be difficult, it can be sad, it can also be very exciting and grow our faith as we see Romans 8:28 made manifest.

See you Sunday,
Jim

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 - Bill Shutt
- 2 - Jessica Rigdon
- 3 - Peter Jones
- 4 - John Tirpak
- 5 - Brad Lawton, Fletcher Bell
- 6 - Beth Shutt
- 7 - Judy Lebda, Kristin McVicar,
- 9 - Bill Dittmar, Abigail Gilger
- 11 - Joan Bush, Alice Donaldson, Lisa Sabo
- 12 - Wayne Samuelson, Joshua Tirpak
- 14 - Sadie Mutschler, Joseph Santorine
- 17 - Jean Ruhl, Ashley Cox, Brooke Zimmerman
- 18 - Tom Rich, Sarah Reif
- 19 - Jim Apple, Scott Ringkamp, Tyler Aikey
- 21 - Pat Oberlin
- 22 - Nate Michael, Jared Young, Will Van Patter
- 24 - Kaylyn Watts
- 27 - Karen Miller
- 28 - Larry Lawson, Bob Lebda, Marianne Barlett
- 30 - Shirley Grose, Becky Lumpkin, Sue Barnhart



- 3 - Kirk & Nicole Jarrett celebrating their 4th wedding anniversary
- 7 - Larry & Marian Fletcher celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary
- 12 - Daryl & Janine Fisher celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary
- 20 - Mark & Leslie Temple celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary
- 24 - Stephen & Rebekah DeLong celebrating their 9th wedding anniversary
- 24 - Cliff & Nina Lesher celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary
- 25 - Chris & Joyce Zellmann celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary
- 26 - Bob & Sharon Kribbs celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary



We Are Family

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

-- John 15:12

For three weeks now I have been getting my feet wet as your new Lay Pastor for Visitation. I am so grateful to Jim, the Session, and congregation for the opportunity to serve the church that has been my family’s home for nearly 35 years. My predecessors in this duty have lighted the way. Rev. Ted Ulp and his wife, Peggie, have been tremendous exam-

ples in offering the love of Christ through listening to you, learning to know you, and addressing your needs through prayer and the resources of the church. I am walking in their footprints.

Some of the people I visit are old friends. Others are people with whom I have had a nodding acquaintance and only now am I discovering what I have missed over the years. My prayer is that as I visit people in our congregation, God will allow me to be a catalyst in

strengthening friendships—in turning *your* “nodding acquaintances” into friends. I invite you to share my dream. You can help by doing (or continuing to do) two things: (1) be a visitor yourself, sensitive to the needs of someone in our midst and (2) talk regularly with Jim, Sharon Dittmar, or me. If we all put out our antennae for one another, the saying, “We are family,” will ring true at First Presbyterian!

-- Bob Kribbs

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a non-denominational evangelical Christian humanitarian organization that works worldwide to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people suffering from war, poverty, disaster, disease, famine, and persecution. The organization's president is Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. Samaritan's Purse works in more than 100 countries around the world. Field offices are located in some 20 countries across five continents. Each November OCC opens thousands of

locations, typically at churches or schools, to collect shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, personal items, and other gifts. Our Great Hall is one of these locations. Mark & Amie, Samantha, Calvin and Sarah Reif oversee the collection of the boxes at our church November 14-22. The process is amazing: someone packs a shoebox at their home, they bring it to our church where it joins thousands of other shoeboxes to be placed in cartons. Those cartons are then

loaded onto awaiting 18 wheeler trucks. Once the truck is loaded they leave for North Carolina where they are processed, repacked into cartons and shipped to countries where they will put smiles onto awaiting children. Last year alone, over 8 million children received shoeboxes.



*Pack a shoebox and
put a smile on a
child's face.*

Shoebox Sunday

November 21st

Books Through Bars

Books Through Bars sends free books and educational materials to prisoners. Paperback books are preferred! No out-of-date text or reference books or genre fiction such as thrillers or romances. Please consider donating: dictionaries, GED and ESL study guides, High School and intro level College textbooks, African & African American history and fiction books, Mexican & Puerto Rican history books, Drug and alcohol addiction recovery, spirituality, yoga and meditation books as well as books in Spanish. The collection box will be in the Parlor.

Pajama Tree

The Council of Churches Sharing Program is collecting hooded sweatshirts and flannel pajama bottoms for children sized 6-8 child – XL adult and toddler fleece sleepers sizes 3-5. These items will be distributed for Christmas. Please bring your donated items to the Parlor.



We will be sending care packages to our college students the first week in December. Our Mustard Seeds students will be decorating and packing the boxes for them on Dec. 1.

☞ Please call or e-mail the church office with your student's address (even if it is the same as last year).

☞ If you would like to contribute something to the boxes please drop the items off in the box located in the Parlor. We will be sending approximately 25-30 boxes. Requested items are: Chapstick, small tissue packs, hand sanitizer, snack crackers, small snack bags, gum, granola bars, fruit roll ups, fruit snacks, ramen noodles, microwavable soup, home-baked treats etc.

Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday

November 13th at 8:00 in the Great Hall. Come meet Jim's brother Bill, who will be visiting from California. All men are welcome to join us for a delicious breakfast and great fellowship. Invite a friend.

SOLDIER'S BOXES

Tom Gathman
(with his BU Management 101 group)

is spearheading an effort to collect items to send to our Troops. Donations include: nuts, canned soups, tuna, dried fruit, granola bars, peanut butter, dried cereal, gum, popcorn, instant oatmeal, antibacterial wipes, Chapstick etc. Also new or used CD's, DVD's, magazines and books. Please drop off items in the Parlor from Oct. 31– Nov. 14.

November/December Adult Sunday School Classes

- How often do we talk deeply about God in our church community? Or have real conversations about our relationship with Jesus? Our vision is: "Living fully in Christ through His Word, community and mission." We need to grow in this! Come spend an hour a week with friends and see how easy and natural it can be to have these conversations. (You never know, you might just find a new friend or get to know an old one better.) Jesse & Liz North will be teaching the class in the Parlor.
- Rusty Graber will be leading a class on the subject of witnessing. The class will be discussion oriented using the Bible and a variety of other materials including Paul Little's "Witnessing: How to Give Away Your Faith". This class will meet in the Library.
- Jim King will be leading a New Member's Class beginning November 7th and run the 14th, 21st and Dec. 5th. This class will meet in the basement of the Library. Please call the church office (524-4419) if you are interested in becoming a New Member.

November Youth Page



Greetings First Presby friends!

We are Tim and Lauren Halteman and we can't wait to begin our new positions as the Youth Directors! We feel so honored and blessed to have the opportunity to serve the youth, the church and the community and we praise God for answering our prayers and directing our lives to you!

We have been living in Lancaster, PA for the past three years but the roadmap of our lives has taken us to many locations and experiences over the past several years. Tim is a graduate of Penn State University with an Associate of Science Degree in Forestry and a Bachelor of Science degree in Park and Recreation Management. After hearing God's call for ministry, Tim traveled to Fresno, California to complete a Master of Arts degree in Christian Ministry from Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. Lauren is a graduate of Pepperdine University in Malibu, California with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Performance and Theatre Arts. She also completed an Italian language program at the Fiorenza School for International Language Studies in Florence, Italy. She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts Degree from Drexel University in Teaching, Learning and Curriculum, specializing in Special Education.

We met while working together at Krislund Camp and Conference Center. Tim was working as the Director of Camp and Conference Programming and Lauren was working as the Summer Program Director and Marketing Associate. After leaving Krislund, we worked together as Program Directors for college age students and senior citizens at Neffsville Mennonite Church in Lancaster.

We love God, love working with youth and love working together. We are so excited to get to know all of you and share Christ's love!

See you soon!

In Him,

Tim and Lauren

*Tim and Lauren's
first day will be
November 8th!*



"Operation Christmas Child" (OCC) will meet in the Great Hall at 6 p.m on **November 6** to pack shoe boxes. "Shoebox Madness" is an annual service opportunity that the youth of the church have been involved in for at least ten years. First they shop, then they wrap and then they stuff 200 shoeboxes. Please bring \$10.00 to cover the cost of the shopping trip. If you happen to have any fast food restaurant packaged toys that you haven't used, bring them to the church too.

November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1	2 7:30 Fuel	3 7:00 Breakfast 7:30 Refuge	4 7:00 Youth Praise & Worship	5	6 6:00 Shoe- box Madness	
7 9:00 SundaySchl 10:30 Worship 7:00 Lifegroup	8	9 7:30 Fuel	10 7:00 Breakfast 7:30 Refuge	11	<p>The LHS Prayer Group is hosting a Praise & Worship Service on Nov. 4th. All High School students are welcome.</p>		
14 9:00 SundaySchl 10:30 Worship 7:00 Lifegroup	15	16 7:30 Fuel	17 7:00 Breakfast 7:30 Refuge	18			
21 9:00 SundaySchl 10:30 Worship 7:00 Lifegroup	22	23 7:30 Fuel and Refuge	24	25 Thanksgiving			
28 10:30 Worship 7:00 Lifegroup	29	30 7:30 Fuel					

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Session	2 7:30 Fuel	3 7:00 Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Sparrow 7:30 Choir 7:30 Refuge	4 6:00 Dinner By River 7:30 Bell Choir	5 6:00 NA	6 6:00 Shoebox Madness Turn clocks back before going to bed
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8 9:15 Trainers 7:30 Worship Life	9 7:30 Fuel 7:30 Missions	10 7:00 Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7:30 Choir 7:30 Refuge	11 6:00 Dinner By River 7:00 Christian Ed 7:30 Bell Choir	12 6:00 NA	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast
14 OCCS Shoebox	15 Shoebox	16 Shoebox	17 Shoebox	18 Shoebox	19 Shoebox	20 Shoebox
9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Annl. Mtg.	9:15 Trainers 7:00 Session, Trustees, Deacons	7:30 Fuel	10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7:30 Choir 7:30 Refuge	6:00 Dinner By River 7:30 Bell Choir	6:00 NA	
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	22 9:15 Trainers 7:30 Choir	23 7:30 Fuel	24 Office Closed	25 11-1:00 Thanksgiving Dinner	26 Office Closed 6:00 NA	27
28 10:30 Worship Hanging of Greens	29 9:15 Trainers	30 7:30 Fuel				



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“Living fully in Christ,

through his Word,

community and mission.”

Date: Nursery	Coffee	Greeters
7: Aikey, Barth, Shaffer	Samuelson	Taggart
14: Black, Barlett, M Temple	Black	Vaji
21: Brown, Haulman, Mast Thomas		Shrom
28: Papson, Shutt, Winner	No Coffee	Campagna

Dinner By River Teams:

4: Jordan, 11: Bruce/Ishii, 18: Ziegler,



The Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, November 28th. Needed are a few strong people to erect the trees immediately following the worship service. Join us at 6:00 to decorate the church with Christmas garland. No reservations are needed, just show up! Enjoy cookies after the church has been decorated.

Thanksgiving Dinner

We will host a free Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 25th from 11:00 –1:00.

Meal deliveries are also available. Scott Mertz will be the organizer of the dinner again this year.

If you would like to donate food or help with the dinner, please use the sign up sheets on the back railing of the church.



We will be adorning the sanctuary with poinsettias during the Christmas season. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please complete the form found in the Sunday bulletin, or stop by the church office. You may pick up your poinsettia following worship on Dec. 24th. Any poinsettias left after the 27th will be shared with a nursing home.