

First Press

September 2010

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From the Pastor

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" Proverbs 29:18 Your Session, the board of ruling elders, the spiritual leaders of our congregation has recently adopted a vision statement. I mentioned this a few months ago, there was still some fine tuning that needed to take place. Well here it is: **Living fully in Christ through His Word, community and mission.**

I hope your first thought in reading this statement is, "Yes, that is who we

desire to be." The purpose of the vision statement is to become what it states. We are partially there, but not fully there, it is who we are becoming.

This fall I will preach a sermon series based on this vision statement. You will see it printed in the bulletin, and other materials. On our web site (www.first-presby.org) there is an elaboration of the statement, you may find this very helpful.

Everything we do as individuals and as a congregation should reflect this vision statement.

Are we living fully in Christ? What do the Bible, community, and mission have to do with living fully in Christ? This fall we are going to explore the answers to these questions. I am really excited about the vision that God has given to our spiritual leadership and to us as a congregation seeking to live it in our life together.
Jim



Our new Bell Choir Director is Susan Erdley. Susan has been a member of the Ringers by the River for 14 years. We are very excited to have her take on this new leadership role. Please congratulate Susan and welcome her to her new position.

All Men are invited to join Jim King and others at the Northeast Men's Retreat at Lake Champion, October 1-3. A great time of fellowship, study and fun at this

beautiful Young Life "camp" (read resort!). The high ropes course and zip-line into the lake are only two of the fun challenges waiting for you. See Jim for further

information...ask about the Friday Golf Package if you're interested in starting your adventure earlier on Friday!

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 - Judith Ziegler, Vickie Ziegler, Meg Morgensen
- 2 - Catherine Whittemore, Lorri Bruckhart
- 3 - Caroline Sigl
- 4 - Karen Shurtliffe
- 5 - Tom Hans
- 6 - Annie Leshar, Alexa Mast
- 8 - Richard Erdley, Paula Young,
Todd Van Patter, Caroline Graves
- 10 - Jan Peterson, Bart Shaffer, Samantha Reif,
- 11 - Chris Zellmann, Mark Temple
- 13 - Pastor Ted Ulp, Tom Miller, Kirk Jarrett
- 14 - Fitz Walling, Jackie Mast
- 15 - Brian Fox
- 16 - Barbara Yocum, Joel Michael, Rebecca McNulty,
- 18 - Sarah Graber
- 19 - Harold Whittemore, Rachael McVicar
- 22 - Joyce Westbrook
- 23 - Crystal Reid
- 26 - Bill Moore Jr.
- 28 - David Goehring, Robbie McTammany
- 30 - Larry Barnhart, Bob Kribbs,



1 - Bob & Nancy Martin
celebrating their 38th
wedding anniversary

4 - Keith & Pat Ringkamp
celebrating their 34th
wedding anniversary

16 - Brad & Barb Lawton
celebrating their 21st wed-
ding anniversary

16 - Maurice & Deb Brubaker celebrating
their 15th wedding anniversary

19 - John & Leslie Mutschler celebrating
their 29th wedding anniversary

21 - Brian & Karen Fox celebrating
their 19th wedding anniversary

26 - Scott & Kristin McVicar celebrating
their 18th wedding anniversary



Bike Hike



Sept 26th 2:00, leave from Dave and April Shrom's (184 Crescent Drive Mifflinburg) and ride on back country roads. We will have at least 2 routes planned - one longer and more difficult, one shorter and less difficult. Maps will be pro-

vided. After the ride, there will be a picnic at Shrom's around 5:00. Meat, drinks and place settings will be provided. Each family taking part in the ride should bring either a dessert or side dish to share. If you're riding and you have family

members who won't be biking, but would like to join us for the picnic after the ride, that's fine. If it's still warm enough at the end of Sept., there will be swimming - bring suits and towels! Please RSVP to Dave and April if you'll be riding with us!

Trainers

Trainers will start on the 13th. Our study will be Simply Relevant a Relational Bible Series for Women, Chocolate Boutique (long title). Since I keep getting asked could

you please include something like: Trainers Ministry for Moms is based on Proverb 22:6 that says "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not

depart from it". Moms helping moms through good times and bad, seeking to hear God's call in their lives.

Women's Bible Study

Bea Heid will be leading a Bible study for women on Wednesday mornings

from September through May. The study will begin on

September 8th at 10:00 in the Parlor.

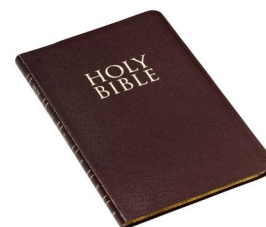
Yokefellow Ministries

Yokefellow Prison Ministry is the MOM on September 26. Evadna Cline works in Lycoming County and Stan Bullard works in Union Northumberland and Synder Counties. This ministry

provides Bibles for inmates, help for released inmates and training of volunteers. "Volunteers must be active in their churches and have a clear relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and

Lord." They conduct Bible studies and seek to aid inmates in growing and maturing in the Christian faith. Their web site is

www.yokefellowpa.org



Yokefellow provides Bibles for inmates.

SVCC

SVC Youth to Rehearse at 1st Presby

The Susquehanna Valley Chorale welcomes new singers to its growing 2010-2011 youth chorus program!!

This fall Valerie Flamini Caldwell directs Monday night rehearsals here at

First Presby. Auditions for singers, grade 3 - 9, take place Thurs., Sept. 9, 4 - 7 pm, in the chapel. Singers are placed in levels according to age and ability.

The fall session culminates in a joint holiday concert with the SVC and the Commonwealth

Brass Quintet Dec. 11 and 12 at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury. In January a select regional high school a cappella ensemble, "The Valley Singers," will be formed to complete the exciting SVC youth opportunities.

For audition info, contact Coleen, 570-837-0634, rrenshaw@ptd.net.

*Singers
Wanted*



Sunday University Classes

There will be two Adult Classes offered for the first eight week session.

- *Marriage Tune-up*
- *When the Game is Over It All Goes Back In The Box*

The 2010-2011 Sunday University year will start on September 13, 2010. Set your calendar and take time to learn and share your own insights as we study God's word and how it relates to daily life.

This year for Adult Sunday we are having 6 -8 week sessions. There will be at least two classes offered each session. The teachers and the classes will change from session to session. This keeps everybody fresh,

and hopefully will keep the interest level high throughout the year. Jim and Pauline King will be leading a class called **Marriage Tune-up**. You maintain your car, you see your physician annually (receive guidance), and your dentist twice a year (you are told to brush and floss daily). What are you doing to maintain your marriage? Jim and Pauline will be using a variety of resources and their experience from 14 years as pre-marital counselors to provide Biblical instruction

that is helpful for healthy marriages. This class will meet in the Parlor. A second class will be led by Bart Shaffer and Dave Shrom focusing on a book by John Ortberg entitled "When the Game is Over It All Goes Back In The Box". What really matters during life on earth? How can we keep focused on what our real goals and conduct should be as we prepare for the next life - the eternal life? The first session is eight weeks long. It will begin on September 12 and will last through October.

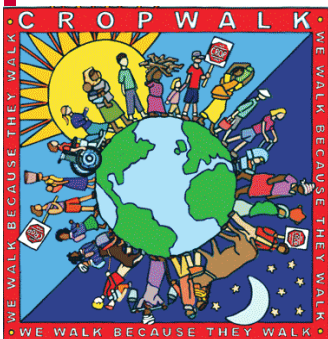


CROP Walk

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME. This is the theme for this year's CROP WALK. What is CROP WALK? It is local people walking together to raise money to feed people around the world. 25% of the money raised will go to our local food bank. Last year, the Lewisburg food bank

served 768 people! The CROP WALK will be held October 3rd at 2 PM. Walkers have the option of walking 10 K (6.2 miles) or 1 mile. A new option this year is a wheelchair or motorized scooter route at Riverwoods. Please join us for the walk or support those who are walking. If you

wish, you can donate online at www.cropwalkonline.org More information will be coming in September in your bulletins or on the back rail. For more information, you can call Ruth McCord at 523-6849 or Jim King.



October 3rd

Church Activities 10-11

Thank you for serving the church by helping to plan and host events in the coming year. We are a family, and these activities offer the opportunity for lots of "family fun". The conveners are responsible for contacting the group to organize the event. We hope that you enjoy meeting and working with the people on your committee.

Coffee Social 10-10:30 Sept. 19-May 29

Rob & Karen Guissanie	Wayne & Pat Samuelson
Mark & Liz Speake	Rob & Lisa Black
Rusty & Karen Graber	Dave & Marcia Thomas
Daryl & Janine Fisher	Paul & Karen Miller
Linda Shaffer	John & Linda Vaji
Dave Reid	James & Aly Weaver

Men's Breakfasts

Joe Santorine +	
Larry Barnhart	Eric Schmidt

Quarterly Daytime Senior Luncheons

Naomi Gartzke	Mary Kay Torretti +
Noel Curtis	Betty Veening
Guy & Jan Temple +	Marge Gill
Bob & Sharon Kribbs	

All Church Picnic Sept. 20

John & Marcia Aikey +	Eric & Natalie Grimes
Joe & Marguerite Santorine	Sam & Deb Haulman
Barb Taggart	Bill & Linda Snyder
Brad & Heidi Zimmerman	Adam & Melanie Brown

Bike Ride Sept. 26

Dave & April Shrom +	Molly Mayfield
Howard & Beverly Stoelting	

Leaf Peeper Hike Oct. 17

Bill & Sharon Dittmar +	Fred & Tanya Dyroff
Steve & Alesia Foster	Molly Mayfield
Maurice & Deb Brubaker	Jim & Marilyn Zaiser
Patrick & Heidi DeCosmo	

+Are the conveners of the activity

Annual Meeting Luncheon Nov. 14

Bruce & Alison Van Patter +	Tom & Ann Miller
Lamar & Lorri Bruckhart	Ruby Grimm
Keay Hathaway	Dave & Ruth McCord

Hanging of the Greens Nov 28

Linda Shaffer +	Peg Erdley
Susan Erdley	Marilyn Gaver
Guissannie family	Jack & Louise McCormick
Ann Roll	Jack & Rebecca Mignot
Reber Family	Alice Marquart
Marina Gresh	Brian & Karen Fox

Christmas Dinner Dec. 5

Tom & Marilyn Gresh	Bob & Nancy Martin
Dave & MaryRuth Campbell	Karen Ishii
Jim & Ginny Michael	Tom & Ann Miller
Paul & Marsha Tarves	Skip Miller
Pat & Emily Chiboroski	Terry & Barb Light
Clint & Karen Shurtliffe	Bob & Judy Lebda

Putting Away the Greens Dec. 29

Linda Shaffer +	Reif family
Robert & Jean Hormell	Alice Marquart
Keith & Dianna Kunkel	Dave & Paula Young
Matt & Wendy McTammany	Pat and Darinda Fisher
Marina Gresh	

Winter Retreat @ Camp Susque Feb. 4-6

Office Staff+	Liz Kidney
Tom & LouAnn Graves	
Mary Beth Gray & Ed Sigl	
Bob & Christena Harder	

Family Fun Night Feb. 13

Brad & Jennifer Wakeman+ Mike & Kim Gilger
Cliff & Nina Leshner Tom & LouAnn Graves
Mark & Amie Reif Mike & Amy Matukaitis
Drew & Christianne Wright Mary Ann Stanton
Andrew & Jayme Host

Adult Fun Night April 2

Alesia Foster + Seth & Vickie Ziegler
Jody Zimmerman Mark & Amie Rief
Dave & Libby Robinson Jody Zimmerman
John & Jessie Walsh

Annual Meeting Luncheon March 21

Keay Hathaway Chuck & Janet Spurr
David & Cathy Carey Roger & Nancy Curran
Tom & Mary Lou Rich Martha Miller
Dave Nicholson Seth & Judith Ziegler
Dave & Anne Goehring

Easter Breakfast April 4

Rob & Lisa Black + Bill & Lisa Bernard +
Richard Erdley Skip Miller
Bart Shaffer

Boys of All Ages Event May 1

Mark & Leslie Temple + Jon & Sandy Miller
Bill & Beth Shutt John & Amy Tirpak
Rich & Marianne Barlett Chris Varney
Jason & Sarah Friedburg Ed Sigl
Jeff Creighton

All Church Picnic May 29

Keith & Pat Ringkamp + Jesse North
Brent & Ashley Papsen Brian & Karen Fox
John & Leslie Mutschler Brett & Christy Emigh
Joe & Marguerite Santorine Chet & Lynn James

Strawberry Festival June 13

Dave & April Shrom + Lori Barth
Jeff & Heather Creighton John & Cindy Jones
Mark & Kathy Davies Ken & Jeannie Lepley
Chris Reinhart Barbara Schmidt
Tom & Jean Morgensen Tom & Ann Miller
John & Bonnie Troxell
Joe & Marguerite, Joseph and Kyle Santorine

LOVE COMMITTEE

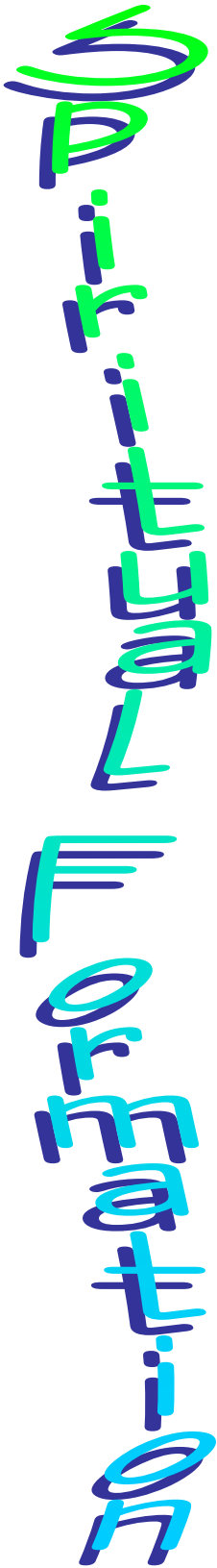
The Deacons Love Committee is available to provide care and assistance to households that are in the midst of a transition or a difficult time. The committee's purpose is to provide a gesture of love and concern to those in need.

The Love Committee arranges for meals to be provided for those in need. To activate the Love Committee, call the church office at 524-4419. This is one way that we can help one another in our congregation.

The Love Committee is not to be confused with LOVE INC (a non-profit agency based in Milton that many of our members are volunteers for). The Love Committee runs out of our church, for our church members and friends.



The Love Committee provides meals during a difficult time.



September Youth Page

I hope you are all doing well and have enjoyed your summer! Another year begins and Jessi and I are excited about the things coming up in the life of the youth ministry. We would love for all of you to get involved or support in any way you can. God is calling the youth at First Pres into action this year. Last year our vision for the youth ministry was to build community and this year our vision is going to be **Spiritual Formation**. Our youth services will look a little different, but everything we do in the youth ministry will reflect this vision. We know that the school year is a time of busyness and lack of sleep, but we believe that God wants us to seek Him before anything else. Below is some important information regarding the fall schedule, please take notice and SPREAD the word!

- Wednesday Morning Breakfast: Kick off starts September 8 in the Great Hall @ 7 am with great food, devotion of the week's message, and fellowship. See you there!
- Fuel: Every Tuesday night in the Catacombs from 7:30 - 8:30 pm (please take note of the time change from last year). This is for middle school students and it will include what we call "Break-out Groups" which is designed to build relationship and see the areas that God is working in our lives, fun games, worship, and a relevant message. Please make it a priority in your schedule to come and we hope to see you there!
- Refuge: Every Wednesday night in the Catacombs from 7:30 - 8:30 pm (please take note of the time change from last year). This is for high school students and it will include hang out time with friends, worship, a relevant message, and a time of reflection/response (this will look different weekly depending on the week's message topic). Please make it a priority in your schedule to come and we hope to see you there!
- Youth Church: (a.k.a. Sunday School) We will meet in the Catacombs on Sunday mornings beginning September 12 from 9 am - 10 am. This is a time set aside for worshipping our great God and studying different books in the bible.
- Life Groups: Sunday nights from 7 - 8 pm @ the Manse beginning September 19. This is specifically designed for high school students and is a time where we talk about what God is doing in our lives and an environment where we can discuss and share our questions about our faith.

➤ ***If you have any questions about the information above or anything else please do not hesitate to talk with either Jessi or myself. We are here for each and everyone of you and we are excited to see what God has in store this year...

Mike & Jessi Rigdon
Youth Directors

SEPTEMBER 2010

SERVICES/EVENTS

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

"Fuel" (Jr. High): We will meet in the "Catacombs" on Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm. This is a time specifically for Jr. High students to learn about God and develop a relationship with Him! Come hang out with us as we worship, Fellowship, and hear a relevant teaching from the Bible.

"Refuge" (High School): We will meet in the "Catacombs" on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm. This is a place where High School students can begin to learn what the Lord has done for them and how they can better serve Him. It is a place where teens can come together and feel confident in their choice to serve God. Come hang out with us as we worship, Fellowship, and hear a relevant teaching from the Bible.

Wednesday Morning Breakfast: We meet in the "Great Hall" at 7am. Come and start your morning off right with great food, people, and a brief devotional.

Sunday School: We meet in the "Catacombs" on Sunday morning at 9 am. This is a time designed for Jr. High and High School students to come and learn about God and grow into a deeper love for Him and His Word.

1 Refuge

4

8 Breakfast

11

Fuel

15 Breakfast

18

Fuel

22 Breakfast

25

Fuel

29 Breakfast

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Refuge

29 Breakfast

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Refuge

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Reach, Teach, Release...

September 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 6:00 Dinner By River	3 6:00 NA	4
5 9:30 Worship	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7 7:30-8:30 Fuel	8 7:00 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Sparrows and Mustard Seeds 7:30 Choir 7:30-8:30 Refuge	9 6:00 Dinner By River 7:30 Bell Choir	10 6:00 NA	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:00 Church Picnic	13 9:30 Trainers 7:30 Worship Life	14 7:30-8:30 Fuel 7:30 Missions	15 7:00 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7:30 Choir 7:30-8:30 Refuge	16 6:00 Dinner By River 7:30 Bell Choir	17 5:00 Rehearsal 6:00 NA	18 2:30 Long/Hummel Wedding
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7-8:00 Lifegroup	20 9:30 Trainers 7:00 Session, Deacons, Trustees	21 7:30-8:30 Fuel	22 7:00 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7:30 Choir 7:30-8:30 Refuge	23 6:00 Dinner By River 7:30 Bell Choir	24 6:00 NA 6:00 Rehearsal	25 3:30 Ritschard/ Kovaschetz Wedding
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Ushers: Keith Ringkamp, Steve Foster, Bill Dittmar, Bethany Dittmar, Jim Apple, Seth Ziegler, Jacob Ziegler, Chris Varney, John Miller, Jonny Miller

Greeters:
9/5 Bruckhart
9/12 Vaji
9/19 McVicar
9/26 Foster

Nursery:
Mutschler, McTammanys
Moore, Bruckhart, Grimes
Host, Carey, DeCosmo
Dyroff, Emigh, Fox

Coffee:
Lemonade
Rally Day
Guissannie
Speake

Dinner By the River
9/2 Bruce/Ishii
9/9 Jordan
9/16 Ziegler
9/23 Scott Mertz
9/30 Shaffer

All Church Picnic



**Church Picnic
September 12
at 4:00**

The church picnic will take place on Sunday, September 12 beginning at 4:00 at the Kelly Crossroads Picnic Area.

The Picnic Area has a playground and pavilion, as well as a large recreational field. Games will be provided for the kids and benches for the adults to relax and fellowship. Join us!

The Aikeys have convened the fall church picnic now for five years running. Thinking that guests have been filled with burgers and dogs all summer long, John is always looking for something new. This year, the church will provide hamburger barbecue sandwiches and chicken wings. Please bring side dishes to share.

Directions:

Take Rt. 15 N to the West Milton/Milton exit. Make a left at the intersection. Drive approximately 3.5 miles and make a right onto Fort Titzell's Road. The Kelly Crossroads Picnic Area is 1/10th of a mile on your left.