

# FIRST PRESS

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May all who come behind us find us faithful.

## From the Pastor

I've been doing a lot of praying lately. You're probably thinking, "I hope my pastor prays frequently." Well, I do, but recently I have been more conscious of my reliance on prayer and my dependence upon God. Again, it's likely that these are expectations that you have of me.

I find myself in a season when I am more acutely aware of expressing my need for God to Him, in prayer: the need for Him to uphold and sustain me. A time similar to when David

wrote the words in Psalm 3 (and other psalms) where he calls upon God to protect and deliver.

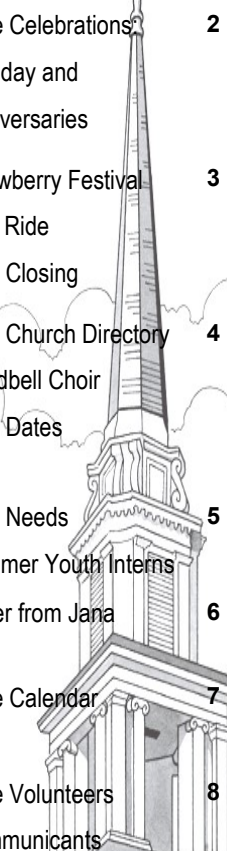
For many years I have known Paul's exhortation "pray continually" (I Thes. 5:17) and have sought to live that out. These days I have a greater awareness of not simply doing this, but needing this. It feels like a growth spurt.

How about you? Jesus says that if we remain in His love by keeping His commands we will bear fruit; continue to grow. How is God growing you? Are you

practicing spiritual disciplines in your life that God can use to draw you closer to Him? The most basic is a daily quiet time with God: reading a passage of scripture, reading a daily devotional, spending time in prayer, and journaling.

I am excited to know that God is still growing me. Intellectually I always know this; sometimes it's not as clear in practical ways. When you are aware of His growing you in a certain area of your walk with Him, it is very exciting!

Jim



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# June



- 1 - Matt McTammany,  
Nicole Jarrett
- 2 - David Robinson
- 3 - Hunter Grimes
- 4 - Brad Zimmerman
- 5 - Paul Simington,  
David Jones
- 6 - Liz Wise,  
Harry Leshar
- 7 - Malcolm Arter Jr.
- 8 - John Hampton,  
Carrie Reber
- 9 - Jack Mignot,  
Joseph Santorine
- 10 - Bob Donehower,  
Dick Donaldson,  
Donna Ward,  
Heather Creighton,  
Emily Bernard
- 11 - Jim Michael,  
Rusty Graber
- 12 - Will Sigl
- 14 - Courtney Newcomb
- 17 - Bea Heid,  
Rick Gathman,  
Maya Sjoberg
- 18 - George Koons,  
Linda Shaffer
- 20 - Joanne Shannon
- 24 - Beth Halama
- 25 - Sarah Friedberg
- 27 - Janet McLaughlin,  
Maryn Grimes
- 28 - Aliena Zimmer-  
man, Jonny Miller
- 29 - Craig Reynolds

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 - Bob & Christena Harder celebrating their 18th anniversary
- 2 - Ray & Carol Randall celebrating their 35th anniversary
- 4 - Jerry & Joyce Westbrook celebrating their 43rd anniversary
- 8 - Jim & Marilyn Zaiser celebrating their 52nd anniversary
- 8 - Peter & Linda Sjoberg celebrating their 13th anniversary
- 9 - Bob & Judy Lebda celebrating their 41st anniversary
- 11 - Baker & Becky Lumpkin celebrating their 49th anniversary
- 11 - Tom & Lois Ragland celebrating their 43rd anniversary
- 12 - Larry & Lynn Lawson celebrating their 61st anniversary
- 12 - Bob & Dede Gronlund celebrating their 44th anniversary
- 12 - Joseph & Karen Gallagher celebrating their  
27th anniversary
- 14 - Jim & Betty Lou McClure celebrating their 57th anniversary
- 14 - Fitz & Mary Jane Walling celebrating their 53rd anniversary
- 16 - Jack & Diane Hampton celebrating their 58th anniversary
- 16 - Dave & Libby Robinson celebrating their 30th anniversary
- 17 - Tom & Avis Hans celebrating their 32nd anniversary
- 17 - Dave & Ruth McCord celebrating their 31st anniversary
- 19 - Wayne & Ann Simmons celebrating their 61st anniversary
- 20 - Bruce & Alison Van Patter celebrating their 28th  
anniversary
- 20 - Tim & Chrissy Reinhart celebrating their 28th anniversary
- 20 - Mark & Amie Reif celebrating their 22nd anniversary
- 22 - Joseph & Caroline Campagna celebrating their 41st  
anniversary
- 22 - Adam & Melanie Brown celebrating their 7th anniversary
- 23 - Patrick & Heidi DeCosmo celebrating their 8th anniversary
- 24 - Brad & Jennifer Wakeman celebrating their 14th  
anniversary
- 30 - Dick & Alice Donaldson celebrating their 56th anniversary

# Annual Strawberry Festival

Sunday June 14th,  
10:30-12:00.

Our Menu is:

Ice Cream  
Fresh local berries,  
Homemade cakes,  
Beverages

Cost:  
\$5. adults  
\$3. ages 6-10  
Under age 6 is free  
All proceeds benefit  
the Youth Group  
Mission Trip to  
Keansburg NJ

Donated cakes are  
needed (angel food,  
pound cake, short-  
cake or brownies) -  
see sign up sheets in  
the Christian Educa-  
tion foyer.



# Father's Day Bike Ride and



A Father's Day Bike  
Ride and Picnic is  
planned for June  
21st. (Weather per-  
mitting.) Meet at  
2:00 at the Shroms.

There will be a short  
and longer ride  
mapped out for all  
levels of riders.

Following the ride,  
meet back at the  
Shroms for a 5:00  
picnic.  
Meat and drinks &  
place settings will be

provided. Please  
bring a side dish or  
dessert.

Also bring bathing  
suits and towels for  
swimming. Volley-  
ball too!

RSVP to Dave if  
you're planning to  
come.

[dlshrom@csrlink.net](mailto:dlshrom@csrlink.net)

570-966-1575

# VBS Closing Celebration

The VBS closing  
program will take  
place on Friday late  
afternoon/evening  
on June 26th.

Even though you  
don't have children  
or grandchildren  
involved in VBS,

you are welcome to  
attend the closing  
celebration to see  
what VBS did this  
year.

Join us in the sanc-  
tuary at 4:00 for the  
program and then  
adjourn to the Sol-

dier's Park for wa-  
termelon and hot-  
dogs.

Bring your own  
blankets or chairs  
for the park.



## NEW Church

### Directory:

Photo sittings will be Aug. 4-6, 3-9:30; Aug. 28, 3-9:30 and 29, 10-5:00. Sign-ups will occur starting May 24 at the Church Picnic, and thereafter in the courtyard after church. Please sign-up early to ensure the most convenient time for your family. There's no financial obligation and you will receive a free directory and one free 8X10 photo of your choice.

## Have some great digital photographs of the church?

Contact Lori Paulus, Jackie Mast or Lisa Bernard. We'd love to consider your shots for the cover of the **NEW Church**



Six of the Ringers by the River will be attending the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers area festival this summer. The festival will be held at the University of Scranton from June 27-30<sup>th</sup>. They will be ringing in massed choirs as well as attending many classes to improve their handbell skills. The tuition for the festival is \$295 per ringer; a great bargain for the education contained, but still a sizeable fee for these ringers. Any-

one wishing to make a contribution toward these ringers' expenses may write a check to "First Presbyterian Church" with "Handbell Choir" on the memo line. Keep listening for new music and re-freshed, inspired ringing.

# STUDIO GO!

*Game Show*<sup>TM</sup>

**June 22-26 12:30-3:30**

Vacation Bible School

Ages 4 yrs—6th grade

Register by picking up a format the church or calling the church office: 524-4419



Join us for All Faith's Night at the Crosscutters game on Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Come see the Williamsport Crosscutters taking on the Batavia Muck-dogs.

Tickets will be available in the church office after June 1<sup>st</sup> for \$2.50 a piece.



VBS is June 22-26th and you can help! We need the following items for contests, projects and sets. Please leave the items in the VBS box in the Parlor. Contact Pauline King if you have any questions. Thanks for your help!

small boxes of crayons (8 or 16)  
toothbrushes  
small cars  
3 cardboard moving wardrobes  
trail mix ingredients

wash cloths  
toothpaste  
little note pads  
10 large empty cereal boxes  
10 new empty 1 gallon paint cans



Introducing  
our  
**NEW  
STAFF!**



Jordan Fetzer, Doug Miller

Our youth director search committee is working diligently to procure new youth directors. They are busy interviewing and would like to see the position filled by a married couple.

Meanwhile, we welcome Jordan Fetzer and Doug Miller to the church staff this summer. Doug and Jordan will be our youth ministry summer interns. Jordan is a Senior at Bucknell majoring in Sociology and Spanish. He has been helping with SPY for the past three years. Doug is a Senior at Geneva majoring in Student Ministry.

Watch the church website [www.first-presby.org](http://www.first-presby.org), the church bulletin and your mailbox for a summer schedule of youth events.

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you and farewell. Over the last seven years of ministry here in the church I have gotten to know so many of you like family. You have prayed for me, you have encouraged me, when I was sick you made meals for me, did my laundry, mowed my grass...the list could go on. You were the hands and feet of Christ to me, and for that I am grateful. I learned that as much as I loved serving others, I needed to allow others to also serve me.

Thank you to the parents of our youth. It has been such a blessing to me to work with your children over the past seven years. They have been a great gift to me, thank you for trusting me to take them on trips, to hang out with them, and most importantly to share Christ's love with them. So many of you have volunteered to help with our events, make snacks, and drive at last minute notice. I could not do what I do without your support.

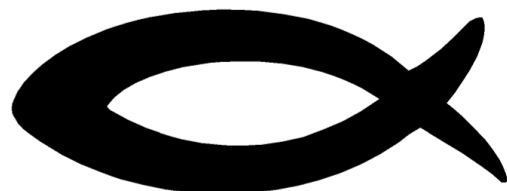
Thank you to the congregation. Your prayers and words of affirmation have been so important to me as a Youth Director. Please know that your support is vital to the job of the Youth Director, I urge you to do the same for the next people that come into the position. I also urge you to be involved in the lives of our teens, remember they are not a part of the church of the future, they are part of the church today, love them, invite them to be involved, and most importantly pray for them.

Thank you to our volunteer leaders, Wendy McTammany, Jordan Fetzer, Ashley Papson, and Brent Papson. Your hours of dedication to our students have made a lasting impact. I could not do my job without your assistance. You give of your time so generously and for that I am so grateful. Your friendships have been a bigger blessing that you will ever know. I will miss you. Also thank you to Jim and Pauline for stepping up and helping in the transition time. I greatly appreciate your assistance with the youth groups.

Finally, to the students. You will never know how much I am going to miss seeing you each week. You have been family to me and that makes it even harder to say goodbye. Having you involved in our wedding this year meant more to us than you could ever imagine. I am so proud of your accomplishments. I am so honored to have gotten to know each and every one of you. Please know that I love you all dearly and I will pray for you often. For the Branching Out students, don't forget to have the nerve to serve, like we talked about on the retreat. For the SPY students, remember that those who are given much, much is expected. You have all been given so much, therefore much is expected. God expects you to be an active part of the church, he expects you to love the unlovable, to be kind to the unkind, and to be His hands and feet wherever you may go.

I know that God's timing is perfect, and that God is in complete control of our lives, so I leave this chapter of my life, knowing and trusting you into God's care....remember He promises in Deuteronomy never to leave us nor forsake us. We trust a big God, and I am letting go and trusting you into His care (much easier said than done!) I love you and I miss you! I will stay in touch, please feel free to do the same.

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# June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00 Strong Women 7:00 Christian Ed	3 9:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Youth Dir. Mtg.	4 9:00 Strong Women 6:00 Dinner by River 7:30 Bell Choir	5 6:00 NA	6
7 9:30 Worship	8	9 9:00 Strong Women 7:30 Missions	10 9:00 Prayer Group	11 9:00 Strong Women 6:00 Dinner by River 7:30 Bell Choir	12 6:00 NA	13
14 2:00 Guatemalan mission trip leaves 9:30 Worship 10:30-12 Strawberry Festival	15 7:00 Session, Trustees	16 9:00 Strong Women 9:30 Worship	17 9:00 Prayer Group 12-6:00 Bloodmobile	18 9:00 Strong Women 6:00 Dinner by River 7:30 Bell Choir	19 6:00 NA	20
21 9:30 Worship Father's Day Picnic/ Bike Ride at Shroms 9:00 Guatemalan mission trip returns	22 12:30-3:30 VBS	23 9:00 Strong Women 12:30-3:30 VBS	24 9:00 Prayer Group 12:30-3:30 VBS	25 9:00 Strong Women 12:30-3:30 VBS 6:00 Dinner by River 7:30 Bell Choir	26 12:30-3:30 VBS 4:00 VBS Program 6:00 NA	27 9:00 Bell Choir leaves
28 9:30 Worship	29	30 9:00 Strong Women 7:00 All Faith's Night at Crosscutter's Field	1 12:00 Bell Choir re-turns			

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Nursery	Greeters:	Lemonade Stand
6/7 - Bernard, Reif	Reif	Storm family
6/14 - Paulus, Haulman	Roll	Strawberry Festival
6/21 - Bruckhart, TBA	Wakeman	Bell Choir
6/28 - Brown McTammany	McLaughlin	Summer Mission Trip

## Welcome new church members:



The Communicants Class for 2009:

Bethany Dittmar, Mitch Graves, Suzanne Harer, Calvin Reif, Nate Fox, Will Sigl, Daniel Gallagher, Stephen Foster, missing from the photo Matt Reinhard