



FIRST PRESS



May all who come behind us find us faithful.

From the Pastor

I have recently been thinking a lot about "the church." Not our church, but The Church. Perhaps this is because of our sermon series through I Peter, which has some of the strongest teachings in the New Testament on being the church. It may be because this year I began serving on the presbytery's Committee On Ministry, which deals with congregations and pastors, especially when there are problems.

A couple weeks ago while in Alaska and looking at glaciers, I found myself thinking

about The Church. Glaciers and The Church have a lot in common. Both move slowly, glaciers move inches per day, we know The Church moves even more slowly. Both are powerful; the changes glaciers have on the landscape is obvious. Though it may be popular to blame The Church for the world's problems, the reality is that The Church has made countless positive changes upon the human landscape. Both Glaciers and The Church are surprisingly dirty; things that

are old and large are rarely pristine. Both glaciers and churches are decreasing in number and size, though some are growing. Both are important. They are a barometer of what is going on in the world.

As activity picks up in this new school year, please participate and be excited about what God is doing through our congregation, and be prayerful for The Church; its vitality, growth, and impact on the world.

Jim

September 2009

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All Men are invited to join Jim King and others at the Northeast Men's Retreat: October 2-4.

This event is held at Young Life's Lake Champion. Please talk to Rob Guisanie, Bob Harder, Jesse North, Bart Shaffer, or Jim about their experience at last year's retreat.

Please see Jim for further information, be sure to ask him about the Friday Golf package if you are interested in golfing too.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 - Judith Ziegler, Vickie Ziegler, Meg Morgensen | 1 - Bob & Nancy Martin celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary |
| 2 - Catherine Whittemore | 4 - Keith & Pat Ringkamp celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary |
| 3 - Caroline Sigl | 5 - Ken & Carol Brame celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary |
| 4 - Karen Shurtliffe | 9 - John & Melodee Persing celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary |
| 5 - Tom Hans | 16 - Brad & Barb Lawton celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary |
| 6 - Annie Leshner, Alexa Mast | 16 - Maurice & Deb Brubaker celebrating their 14th wedding anniversary |
| 8 - Richard Erdley, Todd Van Patter, Caroline Graves | 19 - John & Leslie Mutschler celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary |
| 10 - Jan Peterson, Bart Shaffer, Kimmy Tarves, Samantha Reif, | 21 - Brian & Karen Fox celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary |
| 11 - Mary Ellen Kessler, Chris Zellmann, Mark Temple | 26 - Scott & Kristin McVicar celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary |
| 13 - Pastor Ted Ulp, Tom Miller, Kirk Jarrett | 28 - Scott & Bronwyn Taylor celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary |
| 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. | |
| 27 - Bronwyn Taylor | |
| 28 - David Goehring, Robbie McTammany | |
| 30 - Carol Coder, Larry Barnhart, Bob Kribbs, TJ Landis | |

Our Youth Need Your Help



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pauline King and Leann Lindsay for their ministry to our youth. Pauline & Jim have led the Mustard Seeds group for eight years, ensuring that our third, fourth and fifth graders have a youth group to call their own.

Leann Lindsay has served our youth by coordinating the Sunday School for the past six years. Leann not only taught in the preschool class but also lined up the teaching staff and ordered the curriculum (and on top of it volunteered to direct the Christmas Program the past few years).

Pauline and Leann have both decided to step down from their positions. It is for that reason that we are currently seeking a Mustard Seeds Coordinator as well as a Sunday School Coordinator.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions, or just want more information as to what the coordinators do, please call the church office (524-4419) or Kathy Davies (524-7970).

Handbell Choir Ringer and Substitutes



The Ringers by the River lost a

ringer last spring. We need to fill this full-time ringer position to be able to continue to ring our full 5 octaves of bells. We also need substitutes to cover an absentee's bells during a rehearsal or to ring for a longer period to cover for a ringer who will need to miss ringing in a scheduled worship service.

The handbell choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:45 in the Choir Room. We always ring for the Christmas Eve and Easter morning worship services and usually ring for about 4 other Sunday worship services. Our schedule of Sunday and holiday

services in which we will ring is always published at the beginning of each fall so that ringers may mark their calendars or engage substitutes if necessary.

Our handbell choir is a member of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR). At the end of June each odd-numbered year, many of our ringers attend a 4-day Handbell Festival sponsored by Area 2 of AGEHR. These festivals offer our ringers classes on many phases of handbell ringing to enhance our understanding of music and music reading and strengthen and expand our ringing skills. There is also the sheer joy of ringing new music in reading sessions and the massed ringing with 500+ other ringers simultaneously during rehearsals and the final concert. Those who attend the festivals always come away better musicians and ringers and are always willing to share their new infor-

mation with those who could not attend.

The handbell choir always welcomes anyone interested in ringing. Don't worry if you haven't rung in years (that includes any of our youth who have rung with Mustard Seeds or Branching Out) - or even if you've never rung! If you'd like, provisions can be made to "get you up to speed" before you have to ring in a regular rehearsal.

Our handbell choir works hard to prepare the music we ring as part of the worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, but our rewards are "out of this world!" If you would like to ring as a regular member of our choir or as a substitute, or if you would just like more information about the Ringers by the River please "ring up" Karen Shurtliffe at 523-7269 or leave a message at the church office.



Operation Christmas Child

Start saving your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. For those of you new to the church, this Franklin Graham mission is an outreach our church has participated in for many years.

Congregation members are encouraged to pack shoeboxes as families, as well as our youth group who packs 200+ each year.

The youth are currently collecting school supplies for their

boxes. If you would like to donate shoeboxes or school supplies, please place them in the Christmas box in the Parlor.

For more information about this mission go to www.samaritanaspurse.org.

Join The Bikers By The River



JOIN THE BIKERS BY THE RIVER on Sept. 27th (weather permitting) Bike along the Pine Creek Trail, enjoy nature and the company of other bikers. All ages are welcome. It's a level trail and you can go at your own pace and as far as you wish.

Meet at the parking lot of the trail entrance (just beyond Waterville Inn), on the right of Rt 44 at 2:00. It is marked 'Recreational Parking'. Maps to the trail will be available at the church office. Please eat lunch before the ride and bring along water, a snack, etc. The Waterville Inn is a great place for a casual dinner afterwards for anyone who is interested.

****Bikers By The River T-shirts are available for just \$2.00 each.**

If you have any questions or if you need a ride (or need your bike transported), call Dave or April Shrom 966-1575 or email to shroms@uplink.net

Sunday University; Adult Sunday School

Library class

Dave Shrom and Bart Shaffer will lead this class beginning with a book by John Ortberg entitled 'If You Want To Walk On the Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat'. This class is for those persons who, when they jump into water, sink. (If you don't sink we would like to interview you for advice.) These lessons are about overcoming the obstacles that keep us from 'stepping out'.

Join us on Rally Day; September 13th or drop by any Sunday at 9:00 to attend a class!

Parlor class

A Dynamic Christian Life facilitated by Bruce VanPatter What kind of people does God want us to be? We all know the basics, but how does one keep His expectations from becoming a joyless to-do list? Life in Christ should be an engaging transformation – God changing you, in the context of his people, to be more like Jesus. That's what we'll be exploring together in this class. Starting off with a study series on Christian Character, then following with Christian Community and Worship, the class will be digging into scriptural passages to get the perspective and power that we need to live dynamically in Christ.

Watch for another class

Small groups are a key way in which we can all grow closer to the Lord and to each other. Here at First Pres, our network of groups – now renamed Life Groups – is healthy and vibrant. Nearly 100 people are meeting regularly to share and study God's word! In order to keep this ministry growing, Jesse and Liz North will be leading training sessions once a month during Sunday University time. The Norths will be sharing insights they've gained from their extensive experience with small groups on college campuses. And they'll be engaging those who come in practical discussions about how to apply those principles to their own gatherings. If you are currently leading a small group (regularly or occasionally) or if you're curious about how small groups work, come join these sessions. They'll help to make your group effective and vital!

Church Activities 09-10

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

Mark & Liz Speake	Wayne & Pat Samuelson
Ron & Lori Paulus	Dave & Ruth McCord
Bart & Linda Shaffer	Rusty & Karen Graber
Marcia Thomas	Larry & Sue Barnhart
Bill & Connie Moore	Bob & Christena Harder
John & Linda Vaji	Bill & Sharon Dittmar

Leaf Peeper Hike Oct. 18

Bill & Sharon Dittmar +	Larry & Sue Barnhart
Steve & Alesia Foster	Tom & Avis Hans
Bob & Christena Harder	Sam & Debbie Haulman
Guy & Jan Temple	Jim & Marilyn Zaiser
Howard & Beverly Stoelting	

Men's Breakfasts

Larry Barnhart +	Dick Donaldson
Paul Miller	Dave Reid
Joe Santorine	Eric Schmidt
Bill Shutt	Ed Sigl

Annual Meeting Luncheon Nov. 8

Bruce & Alison Van Patter +	Tom & Ann Miller
Lamar & Lorri Bruckhart	Ruby Grimm
Frank & Keay Hathaway	Dave & Ruth McCord
Jim & Betty Lou McClure	Dave & Marcia Thomas

Quarterly Daytime Senior Luncheons

Libby Robinson+	Carol Friery
Ann Simmons	Celia Stamm
Betty Veening	Joan Bush
Lisa Black	Christena Harder

Hanging of the Greens Nov 29

Linda Shaffer +	Adam & Melanie Brown
Jeanette Campbell	Jeff & Heather Creighton
Peg Erdley	Susan Erdley
Brian & Karen Fox	Marilyn Gaver
Karen Ishii	Alice Marquart
Skip Miller	Jack & Louise McCormick
Bill & Ann Roll	Jack & Rebecca Mignot
Ken, Cindy, Carrie and Lindsey Reber	
Bruce & Alison Van Patter	

All Church Picnic Sept. 20

John & Marcia Aikey +	Eric & Natalie Grimes
Jon & Sandy Miller	Rob & Karen Guissanie
Mike & Amy Matukaitis	Jesse & Liz North
Brent & Ashley Papson	
Joe & Marguerite Santorine	

Christmas Dinner Dec. 6

Tom & Marilyn Gresh +	Jeanette Campbell
David & Anne Goehring	Marina Gresh
Thomas & Louann Graves	Karen Ishii
Chet & Lynn James	Bob & Sharon Kribbs
Keith & Dianna Kunkel	Jim & Ginny Michael
Paul & Marsha Tarves	Skip Miller
David & Mary Ruth Campbell	

Bike Ride Sept. 27

Dave & April Shrom +	Mark & Lesley Brouse
Howard & Beverly Stoelting	Ann & Bill Roll
Dave & Libby Robinson	

+Convener of the event

Putting Away the Greens Dec. 29

Linda Shaffer + Lesley Brouse
Eric & Mary Jane Milner Alice Marquart
Robert & Jean Hormell Seth & Judith Ziegler
Keith & Dianna Kunkel Keay Hathaway
Jack & Rebecca Mignot
Matt & Wendy McTammany

Girls of All Ages Event May 2

Lisa Bernard Pat and Darinda
Fisher
Kathy Gathman Janet McLaughlin
Kristin McVicar Robin Miller
Karen Newcomb Bronwyn Taylor
Catina Taylor Jan Temple
Jessie Walsh Jody Zimmerman

Winter Retreat @ Camp Susque

Jan. 22-24

Office Staff

All Church Picnic/Kayak & Canoe May 30

Ron & Lori Paulus + Fred & Tanya Dyroff
Brett & Christi Emigh Darryl & Janine Fisher
Martha Miller Dave Nicholson
Keith & Pat Ringkamp Chuck & Janet Spurr
John & Amy Tirpak

Family Fun Night Feb. 3

Pat & Darinda Fisher Cliff & Nina Leshner
Andrew & Gwen Lynch Michael & Jackie Mast
Brad & Jennifer Wakeman Mark & Leslie Temple
Drew & Christianne Wright Dave & Paula Young

Strawberry Festival June 13

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

Adult Fun Night March 6

Alesia Foster + Maurice & Deb Brubaker
Patrick & Emily Chiboroski Bob & Christena Harder
Sam & Debbie Haulman Seth & Vickie Ziegler
Brad & Heidi Zimmerman Tom & Avis Hans

Annual Meeting Luncheon March 21

David & Cathy Carey + Roger & Nancy Curran
Pat & Heidi Decosmo David & Anne Goehring
Janie Keiser Terry & Barb Light
Bill & Phil Moore

Easter Breakfast April 4

Rob & Lisa Black + Dick Donaldson
Richard Erdley Bob & Nancy Martin

Mark these dates
on your calendar



September 2009 Services/Events:

Jr. High: We will meet in the "Cave" on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30 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.

High School: We will meet in the "Cave" on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 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.

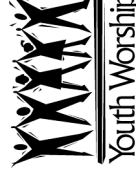
Sunday School: We meet in the "Cave" on Sunday morning at 9 am. This is a time designed for Jr. High and High School students

September Youth Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jr. High Service Begins	2 -Breakfast! -High School Service Begins	3	4	5
6	7	8 Jr. High Service	9 -Breakfast! -High School Service	10	11	12
13 Sunday School Begins	14	15 Jr. High Service	16 -Breakfast! -High School Service	17	18	19
20 Sunday School Church Picnic	21	22 Jr. High Service	23 -Breakfast! -High School Service	24	25	26
27 Sunday School	28	29 Jr. High Service	30 -Breakfast! -High School Service			

First Presbyterian Youth

18 Market St. Lewisburg
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Reach, Teach, Release...



Pizza night during Band Camp



Back to School BBQ



September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Christian Ed	2 7:00 Youth Brkfst 9:00 Prayer Group	3 6:00 Dinner By River	4 6:00 NA	5
6 9:30 Worship	7 Office Closed	8 7:30 Missions	9 7:00 Youth Breakfast 9:00 Prayer Group 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7-8:30 Sr. High Youth 7:30 Choir	10 6:00 Dinner By River	11 6:00 NA	12
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	14 7:00 Worship Life	15	16 7:00 Youth Brekfst 9:00 Prayer Group 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7-8:30 Sr. High Youth 7:30 Choir	17 6:00 Dinner By River	18 6:00 NA	19
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27 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Bike Ride	28	29	30 7:00 Youth Brekfst 9:00 Prayer Group 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7-8:30 Sr. High Youth 7:30 Choir			

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Zach Ruch is in Iraq and would appreciate our prayers and letters. His address is:
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Ushers: Keith Ringkamp, Sean Ringkamp, Steve Foster, Bill Dittmar, Bethany Dittmar, Jim Apple, Seth Ziegler Jr., Jacob Ziegler, Chris Varney

Nursery:

6th: Emigh, Newcomb, Mutschler

13th: Jones, Graber, Matukaitis

20th: McVicar, Milner, James

27th: Lepley, Barlett, Haulman

Dinner By The River Teams:

3: Shaffer

10: Jordan

17: Dittmar

24: Zaiser/Toretti

Greeters:

Koons

S. Taylor

Matukaitis

Rigdon

Coffee:

Rally Day

Speake

Vaji



Stewardship Update: Though we have not completely broken the trend of falling behind in our giving during the summer months, the drop off this summer was significantly less than it has been in the past. This would be an accomplishment at any time, but in these uncertain and difficult financial times we see this as a significant forward step of faith for our congregation. We do have some ground to make up in the next four months. May each and everyone of us faithfully give to the work of our Lord, through this His church. Thanks again for your faithfulness. Sincerely, Jim King

Church Picnic

Sunday September 20th, 4:00 at the Kelly Crossroads Picnic Pavilion

Roast beef and ham sandwiches, drinks, chips and paperware will be provided. Bring a dish 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.

