

# FIRST PRESS

2014

## From the Pastor

This month I begin my 14<sup>th</sup> year of serving as your Pastor. It continues to be a great joy and I consider it a great privilege and responsibility to be called as the pastor of our congregation.

I am very interested in seeing what God is doing now and I am curious to see God's work in our future. I think in our faith life, both individually and as a congregation, we can focus on what God has done in the past instead of seeing

what God is doing in us and through us in the present.

Don't get me wrong, it isn't that what God has done in our past isn't important, it is! God's work in our lives has made us who we are, but there is truth in the cliché, "Be patient, God isn't finished with me yet."

We need to be looking for growth opportunities in our day-to-day lives (more prayerful, commit to a daily quiet time, read a

book focused on faith) and prayerfully consider what steps we can take to stretch and grow our faith; join a small group, teach a Sunday school class, go on a mission trip.

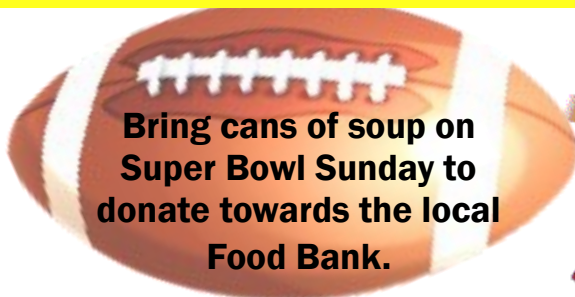
We worship a God who has done the greatest act of Love in all of history, has done amazing things in our lives, and is still working in each of our lives.

Jim

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## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY





## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Joyce Zellmann
- 2 - Kyle Santorine
- 3 - Liz Speake
- 6 - Wanda Einsig, Amber Lind
- 7 - Irene John
- 8 - Kassie McTammany
- 9 - Grace Schwab (109 yrs. old), David Campbell, Leslie Mutschler
- 10 - Pat Ringkamp
- 12 - Emily Poust
- 13 - Delaney McSween
- 14 - Mark Davies
- 15 - Emily Fisher
- 16 - Amy Matukaitis
- 17 - Rob Guissanie
- 20 - David Shrom
- 21 - Heidi Zimmerman, Erin Redding, Evie Dame
- 23 - Marcia Thomas, Mark Speake
- 24 - Isabelle Taylor
- 25 - Seth Ziegler Jr., Sara Barth
- 26 - Robert Gronlund, Louise McCormick, Brandon Reid
- 27 - Bryan Speake, Samuel North

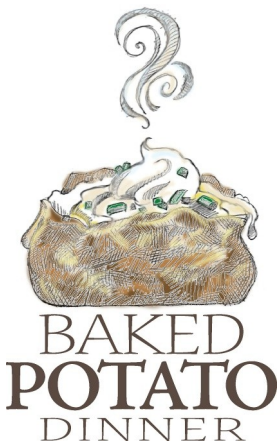


## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Roger & Nancy Curran celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary
- 4 - Gene & Bea Heid celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary
- 13 - John & Amy Tirpak celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary
- 14 - Rob & Lisa Black celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary
- 16 - John & Bonnie Troxell celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary
- 20 - Elmer & Shirley Grose celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary
- 28 - Jesse & Liz North celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary



## SAVE THE DATE



A Fund-raiser Lunch will be served after church on Sunday February 9th. ALL are welcome to at-

tend this relaxed and yummy lunch. The Youth Summer Mission Trip Team will be offering a hot potato bar with loads of toppings, salad bar, dessert and more! This is a great opportunity to save yourself from having to make lunch, enjoy some great fellowship, and support the mission team on

their trip to Puerto Rico! We will also be giving out PRIZES...so you might want to brush up on your Puerto Rican trivia! Ole! Sign ups are not required, but they are a help to us, sign up in the Sunday bulletin or call Lauren & Tim in the church office!



## “WAITING TO BE WANTED”

In a recent sermon, a pinch-hit appearance for Pastor Jim King, I reminded the older members of the congregation how we once played neighborhood games without adults drafting our teams. In a “pick-up” game, two big kids took turns choosing their lineups from the group until they were down to someone’s younger brother, the smallest and least experienced player on the block, the one destined to bat last and play right field. After the service, several people with “right-field” experience, shared stories with me. One said with some satisfaction, “I was a right-fielder, but the guys treated me with respect: I owned the bat and the ball. “

Come to think of it, aren’t we all “right-fielders “ at different times during our lives? Think of all those initiations you have experienced—from the rude shock of entering the world on down through infancy, childhood, school, friendships, com-

petitions for places on teams and in honor societies, the first palpitations of puppy love, the departure from home to college or job, and the waiting for a promotion. Then one day you find yourself waiting to see what part of the family or what institution will open its doors to you in your final years.

Here’s a happier thought. In our relationship with God, we are *never* consigned to right field. No tense waiting for His acceptance. No voodoo initiations. No upper echelons of believers to demand our respect. God cut through the red tape of the Pharisees and all their descendants once and for all by sending His “Word,” His Son, to earth to show us that all of our anxieties over being accepted are resolved in Him. He is the source of love and the One who, regardless of what stage of “right-field” life we are experiencing, holds us in His arms. If we place our trust in Him and allow Him to guide

us, through His Holy Spirit, then we are prepared to be less puffed up when the world applauds us and less deflated when it passes us over.

Because of God’s love for us, we at First Presbyterian are a team of equals, encouraging one another through study and prayer, enjoying one another’s company, and gaining strength from one another as we step out in service to many different communities. We are both a haven for wounded and sinful people, coming in out of the wind and cold, and an outpost for spreading God’s vital message of love and acceptance to hurting people all over the world. If for any reason you haven’t felt this love, please come in from “right-field” immediately. Talk to me, Pastor King, or another member of your choice.

We *want* to hear from you.

Bob Kribbs



## REJOICING SPIRITS

Rejoicing Spirits, an ecumenical worship celebration, is hosted monthly at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 42 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Lewisburg. Rejoicing Spirits, a national ministry focused on removing barriers and welcoming all to worship God, especially those with

mental or physical disabilities, has partnered with the Lewisburg community in this effort. The monthly Rejoicing Spirits Worship Celebration in Lewisburg is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening of every month. Join us **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.,

followed by refreshments and fellowship. Additional information is available by contacting St. Paul’s UM Church at [spumc@dejazzd.com](mailto:spumc@dejazzd.com) , (570) 524-5011, or [www.stpaulslewisburg.org](http://www.stpaulslewisburg.org) .

# 2014 FIRST PRESBY OPEN



## 2014 First Presby Open

August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>



Join us once again (or for the first time) for the annual First Presby Open taking place on Friday and Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College. Whether you are an avid golfer or get out once or twice a year, you will be guaranteed to have a great time of fun and fellowship with other members and friends of the church. Highlights of this year's event include:

- Two 18-hole rounds of golf with cart & range balls
- Friday night lodging, buffet-style dinner & Saturday morning breakfast
- Prizes for closest to the hole, longest drive, partner/team competitions (\$10 entry prior to tee off)
- Putting competition (a Friday night tradition)
- Hospitality suite to gather as a group
- Tee times start at 10:30AM on Friday and 8:00AM on Saturday

The total cost for the event is \$228 with a \$100 deposit due by June 1. The balance will be paid directly to Toftrees upon checkout on Saturday. If you feel that the cost of the event would keep you from attending, a "Golf Scholarship" is available by contacting Pastor Jim King in the church office at 524-4419.

If you have attended in the past or are new to the event this year, consider inviting someone to play along. This could be a new or long-time member of the church, a neighbor, work colleague, family member or friend. Reach out and help make the First Presby Open more than just a couple rounds of golf. Additionally, if you know of a past player in the Open that has missed recently, invite them to play. Any questions regarding this year's Open can be addressed to committee members Bob Harder (523-8947), Terry Light (524-9287), Rob Black (743-2767), Jim King (524-4419), Brad Wakeman (428-5449), or Mike Mast (428-2652).

**Return the bottom portion of this flyer and \$100.00 deposit made payable to Brad Wakeman at church or by mail at 1126 Market Street, Lewisburg, by June 1 to make your reservation.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap or 18 Hole Average \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate/1<sup>st</sup> Round Partner Request \_\_\_\_\_

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# JAM NEWS

In Sunday School, January was spent examining special events in Jesus' life before He began His ministry. In BIG IDEA, we looked at how these events relate to our lives today.

In February, we will look at some specific events in Jesus' ministry.

JAM will finish our study of wild Biblical weather and examine additional events in Jesus' adult life.

Please note the dates below, there are some changes in meeting dates as well as special events:

JAM will meet on February 5, 19 and 26.

Movie night on Friday Feb 15 from 5:30-8 in the Great Hall. All children ages 5-12 are welcome to join us for *The Mighty Ducks* in honor of the Olympics. We will be enjoying hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner.

I hope to see you at the Church Winter Retreat at Susque on Feb 21, 22 and 23. Feel free to see me if you have any questions about the retreat or need more information.

Rhiannon Dame

Check out the  
First Presby Kids  
page on  
Facebook for  
pictures and  
more details.



12 months for  
OCC

Our youth were able to stuff and send over 1200 shoeboxes last year! Thank you to all who contributed to our effort.

We will be collecting over the next ten months in preparation for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Madness in November. February is a great time to raid 'after Valentines sales' for hard candy and small stuffed animals. Please place any donations in the Christmas wrapped box in the Parlor.



# JAM PHOTOS



# FIRST PRESBY YOUTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Sunday School 9-10	3	4 Refuge 7-8:30pm	5 Breakfast 6:30am Fuel 7-8:30pm	6	7	8 Middle School Movie Night 6:30 - 9pm
9 Sunday School 9-10 SMT Fundraiser Lunch	10	11 Refuge 7-8:30pm	12 Breakfast 6:30am Fuel 7-8:30pm	13 Girl Talk 2:45-4:00	14	15
16 Sunday School 9-10	17 NO SCHOOL	18 Refuge 7-8:30pm	19 Breakfast 6:30am Fuel 7-8:30pm	20	21 Susque Retreat	22 Susque Retreat
23 Susque Retreat	24	25 Refuge 7-8:30pm	26 Breakfast 6:30am Fuel 7-8:30pm	27 Girl Talk 2:45-4:00	28	

**COLOR KEY:** Green Events - ALL youth event  
 Red Events - High School events  
 Blue Events - Middle School events  
 Black Events - College events

Questions or comments? Feel free to contact us!  
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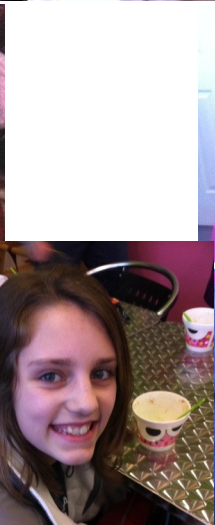


## Susque Retreat

Join us at Camp Susque for the all church winter retreat Feb. 21-23. A whole weekend of winter fun, devotions, games, good food and time with friends.

Signup in the church bulletin.

# FIRST PRESBY YOUTH PHOTOS







# FEBRUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	3 9:15 Trainers 7:30 Missions	4 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge	5 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5-7 JAM 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	6 3:00 Girl Talk. 6:00 DBR	7 7:00 NA	8 7:00 NA
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Fundraiser Soup Luncheon	10 9:15 Trainers	11 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge	12 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	13 6:00 DBR	14 7:00 NA	15 7:00 NA
16 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	17 Office Closed 7:00 Session, Deacons, Trustees	18 9:30 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Refuge	19 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5-7 JAM 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	20 3:00 Girl Talk. 6:00 DBR	21 Susque Retreat Begins 7:00 NA	22 Susque Retreat 7:00 NA
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# VOLUNTEERS

**Pulpit Assistant:** Bill Roll

**Ushers:** Bill Moore Sr. Holly Moore, Bob Martin, John Vaji, Bill Roll, Darryl Fisher, Bart and Ben Shaffer, Daniel Hendry, Matt Kalcich

**Nursery:**  
 2 North, Taylor, Reid families  
 9 Jusko, Underkoffler, Bernard  
 16 Brown, Mast, Poust families  
 23 Graver, Black and Mudge

**Coffee**  
 Rob & Lisa Black  
 Mark & Liz Speake  
 Dave & Crystal Reid  
 Dave & Ruth McCord

**Dinner By the River:** 6 - Storm, 13 - Dittmar, 20 - Jordan, 27 - Keiser

# ALL CHURCH WINTER RETREAT



Join us for a special family weekend retreat at Camp Susque February 21-23! A weekend filled with fun, relaxing, fellowship and growing in our faith. The adults and youth will spend two sessions on Saturday with our guest

speaker, Dave Jones. Dave is a co-host on the morning music program on WGRC. Dave, a native of Tennessee, has been working at WGRC since 2006 and is excited to spend time with our church family at Susque! Dave will be leading us in the topic: *ALL IN: Committing every area of your life to Christ*. A worship service led by Tim and Lauren Halteman on Sunday morning will wrap up the weekend. Come for the food, come

for the fun, come for the fellowship! Rhiannon Dame will coordinate special programs for children during the Saturday sessions. All are welcome! If you are a middle or high school student and not coming with your family, you are invited to go with Tim and Lauren. Cost for the weekend (Fri. 6:30 p.m. to Sun. noon) lodging and meals, is \$75.00 per adult, youth high school age to 5 years - \$50.00, and children 4 and under - free. Maximum cost per family is \$200.00. Register by Feb. 17 .