

June 2015



From the Pastor:

For most of us June is the time of year with the most significant change of pace. The activities in our communities are significantly driven by the academic calendar, so when the school year winds down life in our communities shift gears.

This change is an opportunity to pay attention to some things that have been neglected, or begin something that you have been meaning to do. And I have a suggestion.

The elders and I, the Session, have been reading and discussing a book by Presbyterian Pastor Stan Ott. This past month one of the sections was on discipleship. Ott mentions “the habit of devotion

(growing in one’s relationship with Jesus Christ through worship and devotional life)” as a key ingredient to discipleship. How is your devotional life?

Some people see the summer months as a time to take things off. I encourage you to see it as a time to take on the habit of devotion. Renew your commitment to worship and develop the habit of a daily devotional time. The tool that was most helpful in developing a daily time of studying God’s word, reflection, and prayer was My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers. The office has several copies, you are welcome to have one. Our library has many

excellent devotional books, check one out.

I think you will be amazed at how the discipline of beginning each day spending a few minutes in God’s word, thinking, and praying will positively impact your relationship with God and your whole life.

June is a great time to renew or to start.

See you Sunday,
Jim

Jim’s recommending reading: My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers

What Jesus Demands from the World, John Piper

Improving Your Serve and Strengthening Your Grip by Charles Swindoll

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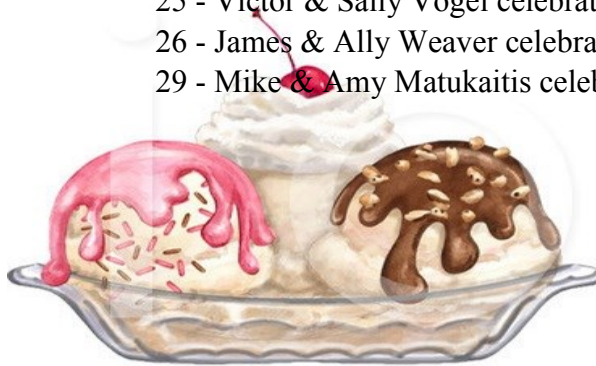
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June Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 - Matt McTammany, Nicole Jarrett
2 - David Robinson
3 - Lauren Halteman, Hunter Grimes
4 - Brad Zimmerman
5 - Paul Simington, David Jones
6 - Liz Wise
7 - Malcolm Arter Jr., Cindy Jones
8 - Bill Bruce, Carrie Reber
9 - Jack Mignot, Carol Thomas, Joseph Santorine,
10 - Donna Ward, Heather Creighton, Emily Bernard
11 - Jim Michael, Rusty Graber
12 - Will Sigl, Eric Gilger
14 - Gene Heid, Courtney Newcomb
15 - Lisa Bernard
17 - Bea Heid, Rick Gathman
18 - George Koons, Linda Shaffer
20 - Joanne Shannon, Chelsea Stanton
22 - Colin Papson
24: -Jessica Heid
25 - Sarah Friedberg
27 - Maryn Grimes
28 - Aliena Zimmerman, Jonny Miller

1 - Bob & Christena Harder celebrating their 24th
5 - Mike & Elizabeth Underkoffler celebrating their 11th
7 - Rick & Lisa Stancavage celebrating their 2nd
8 - Jim & Marilyn Zaiser celebrating their 58th
9 - Bob & Judy Lebda celebrating their 47th
12 - Bob & Dede Gronlund celebrating their 50th
12 - Joseph & Karen Gallagher celebrating their 33rd
16 - Dave & Libby Robinson celebrating their 36th
17 - Tom & Avis Hans celebrating their 38th
17 - Dave & Ruth McCord celebrating their 37th
19 - Wayne & Ann Simmons celebrating their 67th
20 - Bruce & Alison Van Patter celebrating their 34th
20 - Tim & Chrissy Reinhart celebrating their 34th
20 - Mark & Amie Reif celebrating their 28th
21 - Mark & Liz Speake celebrating their 29th
22 - Joseph & Caroline Campagna celebrating their 46th
23 - Patrick & Heidi DeCosmo celebrating their 14th
24 - Brad & Jennifer Wakeman celebrating their 20th
25 - Victor & Sally Vogel celebrating their 38th
26 - James & Ally Weaver celebrating their 5th
29 - Mike & Amy Matukaitis celebrating their 19th



Save the Date for a Boys to Men Event

Calling all First Presbyterian Church Boys and Men.
Sunday, July 26 from 12-3

Join us for an outing at Sand Run Hunting Club for an afternoon of fishing, canoeing, trap shooting and just enjoying the great Pennsylvania outdoors together. Grilling will be involved, so come hungry!

Please email or call the church to sign up or fill out the flyer that will soon be in the bulletin and place in the offering plate. Directions will follow. (It is about a 25 min. Drive from Lewisburg).



“Milkshakes”

I've been thinking about ice cream and Father's Day, June 21. From my early days of tagging along with Dad to practices, games, and scouting trips (he was a football and basketball coach), we shared our love for milkshakes. In the 1950s, small-town America served its milkshakes at the local drugstore, dairy store, or ice cream stand. As a ten-year-old, my favorite spot was the counter at the local pharmacy, where the aroma of chocolate mingled with iodine and camphor; a deep-voiced pharmacist mixed medicinal potions with mortar and pestle; and on a sweltering, pre-air-conditioning afternoon, one giant ceiling fan throbbed overhead.

Straddling our black-leathered, revolving stools, Dad and I watched as scoop after scoop of rich vanilla ice cream was dropped into silver canisters, chocolate or strawberry flavoring and full-strength milk were added, and the canisters were attached to a three-unit, pale green, Hamilton-Beach mixer. In two or three minutes our shakes were blended to a thickness that, with some effort, could be drawn through a straw. Each of us had our black plastic holder with its conical paper

cup, still bubbling, and our sweating silver canister, holding at least two refills.



turned to air. Time spent with my father was marked by many such silences, but none so mutually satisfying as those in which we shared our passion for ice cream and milk, whipped to thickness and drawn slowly and pleurably through a straw.

The time that I was privileged to spend with my father, who died at age 50, was his way of telling me that I mattered a great deal to him. We all need someone to open that door for us. The father-son or parent-child relationship is also the key to understanding our relationship with God. God is our loving Father, and we are His children. It is that simple. Jesus' disciple,

What followed was a long silence, punctuated by refilling, until, probing the depths of our cups, we realized that the sweetness in our straws had

John, says it this way: “To all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God” [John 1:12].

As children of God, we are to trust and obey our Spiritual father as we did our earthly fathers. Have you accepted God as Father? Jesus urges His disciples and us to accept God with the humility and sincerity of a child when He says, “Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” [Mt. 18:3]. The stakes are high. You and I matter a great deal to God. Accept Him now and receive daily the assurance and comfort of His unchanging love.

-Bob Kribbs



In the Community

Several churches in the Lewisburg area will be providing lunches at two low income

housing units over the summer for children participating in the lunch and learn experiences sponsored by Bucknell. In addition to that, extra bags of food

will be packed for families to be distributed through the local food bank. Our youth will be packing for the Lunch Bunch June 9&10, and bags on July 17

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For Ice Cream

For many people, summer is synonymous with cool treats.

“I must have eaten 10 tons of ice cream alone in my lifetime,” said the late TV commentator Andy Rooney. “It makes life seem long and lovely just thinking about every bite of it.”

Doing a little research I found that the Lewisburg area had many 'soda fountains' over the years. For those of you that have lived here 60+ years; do you remember? When Bechtels was downtown in the Mercantile building, Bennett and Moyer's Pharmacy was right next door, both serving ice cream?



There was a Hershey Store located where Wolf Jewelers is now. Rea & Derrick (where Sweet Frog is) and J. J. Newberrys (CVS building) both had lunch



counters that served ice cream. The Sweet Shop was on the Bucknell Campus on St. George Street. Tasty Freeze (or the Freeze now) wasn't the only ice cream shop on Route 15. Before the Freeze, there was the Custard Cup (located on the north west corner of Routes 15 and 45) and the Dixie Cup where Mancini's is now. One could also get ice cream at Dock View Dairy on Route 192 or travel to Mifflinburg to Wehrs Dairy Store or to Milton to Stamm's Dairy or McDaniels.

As you stand in line waiting for that wonderful frozen confection, think about what you "scream for"? Psalm



98:3 says "shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music". Are you that excited about the Lord and all the wonderful things He does? Shout to the Lord and sing His praises!



It looks like Pepto-Bismol and tastes like wintergreen. Teaberry is a flavor particular to Pennsylvania.



JAM News

In May, in Sunday School and Big Idea, we finished examining the impact of Jesus' ministry. We spent time discussing how God wants us to tell others about Jesus and stand up for Him. In JAM, we finished our study of the Beatitudes. We also enjoyed an end of the year shindig with a mini field trip to Sweet Frog and Hufnagle park.

VBS is almost here!!! Spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family about how fun and awesome our VBS will be!!!! We will be exploring God's awesome power with the theme EVEREST. VBS will take place June 15-19 from 9 AM to noon for kids **preschool-grade 6**. Please consider attaching a free will offering of \$10/child to help offset VBS costs. If you are a youth or adult who wants to help and still hasn't contacted Rhiannon, email rhidame@gmail.com or call her at [570.971.2218](tel:570.971.2218). This amazing week will be a ton of fun for kids from our church and community...still wondering how you can help? Rhiannon has compiled a "wish" list of supplies, **which will be posted outside the Christian Ed wing**. If you don't have time or energy to track down supplies, you may consider "sponsoring" a child for a \$10 donation...with your help, our VBS will be a great success!!!! **Contact Rhiannon if you can help and/or place your donations in the Christian Ed Hallway.**

Vacation Bible School

June 15-19

9 AM-12 Noon



First Presbyterian Church Lewisburg

Child's Name _____

Grade Completed _____ Birthdate _____

Parent's Names _____

Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Medical Conditions/Allergies _____

Person Bringing Child _____

Family Email _____

T-shirt Size: Adult S M Child XS S M L XL

Preregister by June 14 and your child will receive a t-shirt!

Please consider attaching a free will offering of \$10/child

to help offset VBS costs!

Seeking to be Good Citizens

Dear Congregation Members,

Our church is blessed to offer many youth programs. We have groups that meet regularly (Refuge, Fuel, and JAM) and seasonal offerings (VBS, Christmas Cantata, and youth mission trips). We also provide weekly Sunday School programming for all ages and “child care” during our worship services.

Many of these programs would not be possible without the assistance of adult volunteers. However, becoming an adult volunteer just became more challenging under Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Law (Act 153). Passed in the wake of the Sandusky scandal at Penn State, this new law goes into effect as of July 1, 2015 and requires mandatory training and clearances to supervise youth under the age of 18. For more information, please visit <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/index.htm>.

Act 153 poses a challenge not only for our church, but also for any and all activities involving adult contact with children—youth sports, school field trips, and even assisting in a classroom. As an adult you will not be able to do any of these things in the future unless you obtain the necessary clearances and training. It is a “new reality” for all of us.

To help ensure our volunteer base at First Presbyterian remains viable, we are asking any adult wishing to become or remain involved in youth activities participate in Department of Human Services approved training and obtain the three required clearances.

1. Free online training can be completed at <http://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu>. Print your certificate of completion.
2. Pennsylvania State Police Access to Criminal History Check (a.k.a., PATCH Screen)
 - a. <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>
 - b. Cost: \$10.00
 - c. Print out your record of a completed PATCH check.
3. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Child Abuse History Clearance
 - a. Create a Child Welfare Portal Account (if you don’t already have one) at: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home>
 - b. After logging in, select Access My Clearances.
 - c. At My PA Child Abuse Clearance, select Create Clearance Application and fill it out. (Please note you will be asked to provide all names you have used, all addresses at which you have lived, and all household members with whom you have lived since 1975.)
 - d. Cost: \$10.00
 - e. Print out your Submission Confirmation page.

** PLEASE NOTE. If you have been a continuous resident of Pennsylvania for the past 10 years, you may forgo (#4) in lieu of signing a legal affidavit affirming you have not been convicted of any of the disqualifying offenses listed on the document. The affidavit may be obtained from the office, signed and submitted to Rhiannon.*
4. FBI Federal Criminal History Check via Fingerprint*
 - a. <https://www.pa.cogentid.com>
 - b. Select Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
 - c. Select Register Online and complete the registration form.
 - d. Cost: \$25.75
 - e. Print out your registration. You have 90 days from the date of registration to take it to an approved fingerprint location. (The closest one in the Lewisburg area is the UPS Store at 185 AJK Boulevard.)

The Christian Education of Children and Youth committee has scheduled three workshops to assist people in obtaining these clearances. Sunday, June 7 immediately following worship, Thursday June 11th at 7pm or Monday June 22nd at 2pm. If you have a laptop, please bring it along. Any questions, please contact Rhiannon Dame (570)971-2218 or rhidame@gmail.com

Fuel and Refuge Calendar


June 2015 First Presby Youth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		REFUGE 7-8:30pm	Breakfast 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm			Strawberry Festival Prep
7	8	9	10		12	13
Strawberry Festival Fundraiser		REFUGE 7-8:30pm	FUEL 7-8:30pm	Rejoicing Spirits Service		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mission Trip Commissioning	VBS WEEK SPLASH 12:30 - 3:00pm	VBS WEEK	VBS WEEK Knoebels Trip	VBS WEEK	VBS WEEK	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip	Mission Trip
28	29	30				
	SPLASH 12:30 - 3:00pm	REFUGE 7-8:30pm				

Fuel and Refuge Pics



June 2015 Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 Missions	2 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	3 6:30 Y Breakfast 6:15 Bells 7:00 Fuel	4 6:00 DBR 7:00 NA	5 7:00 NA	6 7:00 NA
7 9:30 Worship 10:45 Clearance Workshop	8	9 Lunch Bunch Bags 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	10 Lunch Bunch Bags 7:00 Fuel	11 5:30 Rejoicing Spirits 6:00 DBR 7:00 NA 7:00 Clearance	12 7:00 NA	13 7:00 NA
14 9:30 Worship 11:00 Strawberry Festival	15 9-12 VBS 12:30 Splash 7:00 Sessions, Trustees, Deacons	16 9-12 VBS 7:00 NA	17 9-12 VBS Fuel & Refuge Knobels Trip	18 9-12 VBS 6:00 DBR 7:00 NA	19 9-12 VBS 7:00 NA	20 7:00 NA
21 5:00 Summer Mis- sion Trip Leave 9:30 Worship	22 2:00 Clearance Workshop.	23	24	25 6:00 DBR 7:00 NA	26 7:00 NA	27 7:00 NA Summer Mission Trip Returns
28 9:30 Worship	29 12:30 Splash	30 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA				



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Word, community and mission*

Ushers: Dave Shrom, Dave Campbell, Oren Oberlin, Bill Snyder, Rob, Kyle and Derek Guissanie, Brent Papson

Nursery
7 Papson, Heid,
14 King, A. Lind
21 Roarty, Grqves
28 Reif, Roussell

Greeters
Rob & Lisa Black
C. Stamm, G. Strong
Graves family

Lemonade Social
Congregational Life
Strawberry Festival
Children & Youth Ministry
Guatemalan Mission Trip Team

Dinner By the River: 4: Jordan/Beaver UMC 11: Storm 18: Miller 25: Keiser

Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival will take place June 14th, immediately following the worship service. Come enjoy strawberries on top brownies, on top shortcake, on top poundcake or just a bowl of fresh strawberries!

All proceeds benefit the youth summer mission trip to Parma, Ohio.