



*Living fully in Christ,
through His word,
community and mission.*

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From the Pastor

May is a month where we pay extra attention to our children and youth. On the first Sunday of the month we will be giving Bibles to our 4th graders. On the second Sunday our youth will be leading our worship service. We will be receiving our Youth Communicants class on the third Sunday. The fourth Sunday will be the conclusion of our Sunday school and a church picnic.

You may be thinking, “Jim, when don’t we pay special attention to our children and

youth?” We do spend a disproportionate amount of resources and attention on our younger generations. This is very intentional.

It is easily observable and studies verify that most (over 80%) Christians come to faith in the first eighteen years of their life. Those same studies find that core Christian values are best established before the teenage years. In my role as Chair of the Presbytery’s Committee On Ministry, I regularly receive reports from other con-

gregations, a major concern for many congregations is a lack of young people. Let us thank God for the children and youth that are a significant part of our congregation. Please pray for them; for their continued Christian growth, for their families, and those that lead our children and youth ministries. Ask yourself, “How can I best support our children’s and youth ministries?”

“May Those Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful”

Jim



- May 5 - Fourth Grade Bibles
- May 12 - Youth Sunday
- May 19 - Communicants Received Into Membership
- May 26 - All Church Picnic



May Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 - Mary Kay Torretti, Daniel Gallagher,
 3 - Seth Ziegler Sr., Mary Ruth Campbell,
 Andrew & Jayme Host, Drew Miller,
 7 - Michael Matukaitis
 8 - John Robinson,
 9 - Jan Temple, LouAnn Graves, Amie Reif,
 Ashley Kalcich, Brett Newcomb
 12 - Ann Simmons, Kevin Hall
 14 - Guy Temple, Brittany McVicar,
 15 - Anne Goehring
 17 - Jeff Creighton,
 18 - Ginny Means, Rachel Ziegler, Derek
 Guissanie, Jake Bruckhart
 19 - Elinor Davis, Barb Light
 20 - Linette Taylor
 22 - Carole Friery
 23 - Marilyn Zaiser
 24 - Ted Edmonds
 25 - Leslie Temple, Lois Leshar, Jessica Hall
 26 - Bethany Dittmar, Avery Brown
 29 - Oren Oberlin, Ryder Winans
 31 - Connie Troutman, Joseph Gallagher,
 Margaret Taggart, Andrew Newcomb
- 1 - Mark & Kathy Davies celebrating their 37th
 7 - Harold & Cathy Whittemore celebrating their 64th
 9 - Mike & Kim Gilger celebrating their 15th
 12 - Rod & Keslee Witherite celebrating their 7th
 16 - Ken & Cindy Reber celebrating their 26th
 20 - Tim & Gabrielle Taylor celebrating their 18th
 21 - Larry & Sue Barnhart celebrating their 47th
 21 - Paul & Marsha Tarves celebrating their 36th
 27 - Steve & Lori Barth celebrating their 24th
 28 - Tom & Ann Miller celebrating their 58th
 29 - Lamar & Lorri Bruckhart celebrating their 9th



Rejoicing Spirits

Rejoicing Spirits, an ecumenical worship celebration, is hosted monthly at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 42 S. 4th 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 2nd Thursday evening of every month. Join us **Thursday, May 9th**, 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, 524-5011, or www.stpaulslewisburg.org. Our church will be hosting the refreshment time this month. Next month we will be leading the worship time.



The Christian Family

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children” [Romans 8: 16]

As a young adult I learned to know friends of my parents, a closely knit family active in the church and community. Years later, I learned that both children, whose life paths so closely modeled those of their father and mother, had been adopted as infants! How can that be, I wondered. The daughter’s dark eyes reflected her mother’s, and the son’s sturdy build recalled the athlete of his father’s earlier years. Simply put, the two youngsters had to belong to the two people they called “Mom” and “Dad.”

And of course, they did. They belonged because as babies they had been embraced by parents who loved them unconditionally as their own. This picture of human adoption is our best way of understanding our own adoption into the family of God. Our life apart from God is centered on ourselves and whatever “idols” we pursue. Once we reject the loneliness and despair of self-centered living, accept Christ, and receive the Holy Spirit into our life, we are lovingly folded into a new family. In that family we are joint-heirs with God’s own son, Jesus, whose death and resurrection made our adoption possible. Our past is

forgotten. As joint-heirs with Christ, we endure suffering in this life, but our ultimate inheritance, like His, is eternal life.

Lost, helpless, sinful people adopted into the family of God. Our debts cancelled. Heaven inherited. Amazing love! And one more thing: like the children adopted into that human family, we are motivated to mirror God’s love in the way we live—“little Christs,” grateful to the one we call, “Abba! Father!”

- Bob Kribbs



Signup in the Church Bulletin For Summer Volunteering



We are looking for volunteers to staff our nursery for the summer months, both

the infant and toddler rooms. Rhiannon will provide you with all the information you need to be successful, please prayerfully consider nurturing our youngest congregation members and let Rhiannon know if you can help! Signup opportunity will be available in the church bulletin insert the month of May.

We are also looking for volunteers to be greeters this summer. As a greeter you stand in the bottom stairwell and greet people as they come through the church or up the front steps.

All it takes is a welcoming smile and a handshake! Please signup in the bulletin insert for any Sunday this summer.



Fun for Kids of All Ages!

Mark your calendars for our first church-wide, family skate on Saturday May 18th from 4:15-6:15 at Sunset Skating Rink in Selinsgrove.



Skate rental will be available at the site:

Regular skates: \$1

Speed skates: \$1.50

Inline skates: \$3

The concession stand will be open as well.

If you would like to attend, return the slip below (or complete a bulletin insert) with your payment by Sunday May 12 to Rhianon or the church office.



Name: _____

Number attending: _____ \$5/person Max \$20/family

Total Payment: _____

Strawberry Festival



The annual Strawberry Festival will take place

Sunday, June 9th

immediately following the worship service.

Mark your calendars for this tasty Sunday

lunch! All proceeds benefit the

Youth Summer Mission Trip to Hastings, Michigan.



First Presby KIDS



Growing In God Together

In April, Sunday School and Big Idea explored events that happened after Jesus' resurrection and where that sends our own faith. Sparrows looked at families and the role of faith in being a part of a family and Mustard Seeds will examine the power of prayer. Sparrows and Mustard Seeds will complete these studies as our groups wind up in May.

Be on the lookout for the VBS wishlist in the June newsletter! For now, spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family about how fun and awesome our VBS will be!!!!It's time to register for VBS! This year, every child who preregisters by May 31 will receive a free t-shirt. Remember, VBS will take place June 17-21 from

9 AM to noon for kids **entering** pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. Please consider attaching a free will offering of \$10/child to help offset VBS costs. If you are entering 6th grade or up and want to help, please fill out a volunteer insert to let Rhiannon know about your interest

Shoobox Madness was an amazing success this year! Wondering how you can get involved this month? In anticipation of this year's event, we will be collecting items all through 2013. If each member of the church, gave 1 or 2 items a month, what an amazing turnout! There will be a box in the parlor to collect your items. May would be a good time to look for small toys or art supplies, outdoor fun

items, kids flip flops and sunglasses! Candy is welcome too-only hard candy though please. Please help us make a difference in the lives of children around the world.

Park Playdates in May!!!
May 5 St. Mary's Park 3-5 pm
May 19 Hufnagle Park 3-5pm

Other Important Dates in May:
May 1 Sparrows and Mustard Seeds
May 8 Mustard Seeds
May 15 Last Sparrows and Mustard Seeds of the school year!
May 18 All Church Family Fun Skating Night (for kids of all ages) from 4:15-6:15 at Sunset Skating Rink in Selinsgrove
May 19 Youth Sunday (see Rhiannon or Lauren if you would like to participate)

Rhiannon





Big Idea kids Learning About the Ways Sin Hold Us Back

Top from Left to Right: Evan Gilger and Samuel North, Rachael McVicar, Ally Mast, Hunter Grimes and Cole Temple

Bottom Left to Right: Jacob Mudge, Sam Wakeman

Kingdom Rock VBS

June 17-21 9-12 noon



Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Grade Completed _____

Parent's Names _____

Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Medical Conditions/Allergies _____

Person Bringing Child _____

Family Email _____

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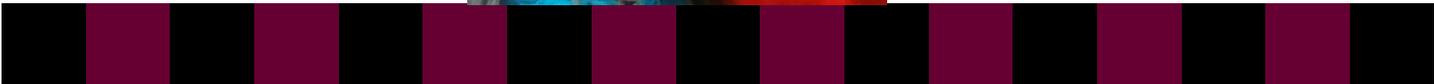
First Presby Youth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL	2 Girl Talk 3-4pm	3	4
5 Sunday School 9-10am Guys Lunch 11:30-1pm Life Group 7-8pm	6	7 REFUGE 7-8:30pm	8 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	9 Coffee Hour 3-4pm	10	11 Youth Sunday Rehearsal 5-6pm
12 Mother's Day Sunday School 9-10am YOUTH SUNDAY Cookie Reception 11:30 NO Life Group 7-8pm	13	14 REFUGE 7-8:30pm	15 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	16 Girl Talk 3-4pm	17	18
19 Sunday School 9-10am Guys Lunch 11:45am Life Group 7-8pm	20	21 REFUGE 7-8:30pm	22 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	23 Coffee Hour 3-4pm	24	25
26 LAST Sunday School 9-10 All church picnic 11:30am	27	28 REFUGE 7-8:30pm	29 Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUEL 7-8:30pm	30	31	

COLOR KEY: Green Events - ALL youth event
Red Events - High School events

Blue Events - Middle School events
Black Events - College age events

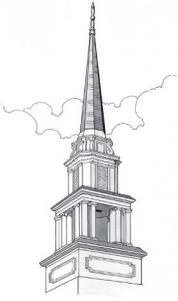
Questions or comments? Feel free to contact us: Lauren and Tim Halteman, Youth Directors
Office: 570-524-4419, lhalteman@first-presby.org, thalteman@first-presby.org





May Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Woman's Bible 5:00 Sparrows/Mustard 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Choir	2 3:00 Girl Talk 5:00 DBR	3 7:00 NA	4
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7:00 HS Lifegroup	6 9:15 Trainers	7 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Refuge	8 6:30 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Woman's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel	9 3:00 Coffee Talk 5:00 DBR	10 7:00 NA	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast 5:00 Youth Sunday Rehearsal
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	13 9:15 Trainers	14 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Refuge	15 6:30 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Woman's Bible 5:00 Sparrows/Mustard 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel	16 3:00 Girl Talk 5:00 DBR	17 7:00 NA	18 4:15-6:15 All Church Family Skate Night at Sunset Rink
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7:00 HS Lifegroup	20 7:00 Session, Trustees and Deacons	21 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Refuge	22 6:30 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Woman's Bible 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel	23 3:00 Coffee Talk 5:00 DBR	24 7:00 NA	25
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Church Picnic	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed	28 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Refuge	29 6:30 Youth Breakfast 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Fuel	30 3:00 Girl Talk 5:00 DBR	31 7:00 NA	



First Presbyterian Church

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	Nursery:	Greeters:	Coffee:
May 5:	McTammany, Bernard, Reif	Bob & Judy Lebda	Bart & Linda Shaffer
May 12:	Mudge, Cavanagh, McVicar	Bob & Nancy Martin	Mark & Leslie Temple
May 19:	Taylor, Mast, Roarty	Mike & Erin Redding	Steve & Alesia Foster
May 26:	Pauline King, North family	Wayne & Pat Samuelson	John & Sandy Miller

Dinner By the River Teams: **May 2:** Shady Grove Mennonite **May 9:** Ziegler **May 16:** Beaver UMC
May 23: Ringkamp/Bruce/Lebda **May 30:** Temple

All Church Picnic Committee: Keith & Pat Ringkamp, Scott & Kristin McVicar, Dave & Martha Nicholson, John & Amy Tirpak, Dale & Mindy Lind, Nick & Amanda Kovaschetz, Jesse North

