

The First Press

May 2016

From the Pastor:

I know many are wondering about our congregation and our current denominational status. Some are frustrated that we haven't taken action to leave the PC(USA), others don't think there are significant reasons to leave. This is a difficult issue, and that is why we are taking our time in the discernment process.

The Discernment Task Force, which is still open to everyone who wants to be involved, has been meeting regularly. They have been developing ways for us to proceed in the discernment process.

Why is this taking so long? It is an important decision, something that should not be done in haste, and we need to be sure that everyone gets the opportunity to be heard.

On Sunday May 1 you will be hearing more about where we are in this process. There will be a combined Sunday school class and my sermon will address the denominational issue.

There will be increasing congregational wide involvement in the coming weeks. The leadership wants to have a good understanding of the congregation's knowledge and interest in the denominational issue.

In the next couple of weeks there will be a survey for members to take. It will be available both online and hardcopy. Please be on the lookout for this and take it when you get the opportunity. Everyone's voice is important.

My hope is that through this process, that has the potential to be very divisive, we

I encourage you to be here on May 1 for both Sunday school and worship. You are an important part in this process, the church leadership and we want your voice to be heard in this matter. I ask you to fully participate in the process.

can grow in our understanding of God and the Bible, and actually grow closer together as a congregation.

Pastor's Book of the Month: Prayer by Timothy Keller

Jim

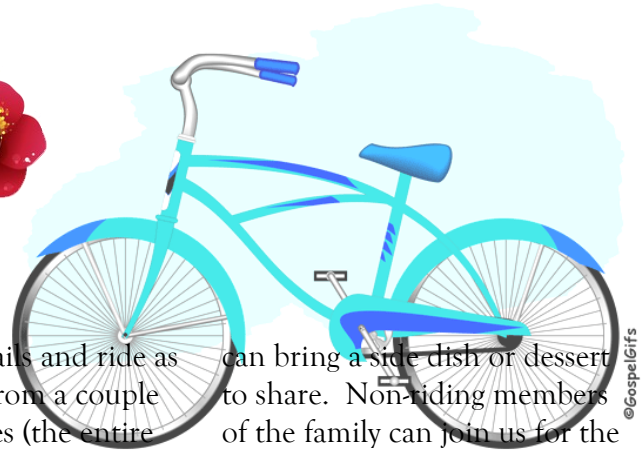
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May Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 - Mary Kay Torretti, Daniel Gallagher
3 - Seth Ziegler Sr., Mary Ruth Campbell
Andrew & Jayme Host, Aaron Roussell
7 - Michael Matukaitis
8 - John Robinson
9 - Jan Temple, LouAnn Graves, Amie Reif
Ashley Kalcich, Brett Newcomb
12 - Ann Simmons
14 - Brittany McVicar, Maya Jusko
15 - Anne Goehring
17 - Jeff Creighton
18 - Virginia Means, Rachel Ziegler, Derek
Guissanie, Jake Bruckhart
19 - Barb Light
20 - Linette Taylor
22 - Carole Friery, Laura Mae Chiboroski
23 - Marilyn Zaiser, Doug Winner
24 - Ted Edmonds
25 - Leslie Temple, Lois Leshar
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 40th
4 - Josh & Vanessa Beck celebrating their 3rd
9 - Mike & Kim Gilger celebrating their 18th
16 - Ken & Cindy Reber celebrating their 29th
20 - Tim & Gabrielle Taylor celebrating their 21st
21 - Larry & Sue Barnhart celebrating their 50th
21 - Paul & Marsha Tarves celebrating their 39th
24 - Aaron & Molly Roussell celebrating their 8th
28 - Tom & Ann Miller celebrating their 61st
29 - Lamar & Lorri Bruckhart celebrating their 12th
29 - James & Ally Weaver celebrating their 6th
31—Ken & Corey Jusko celebrating their 13th



All Church Bike Ride

Join us for a **Spring Bike Ride** on Sunday, May 15th. (weather permitting)

Meet at the Shrom's at 2:00 (184 Crescent Drive Mifflinburg) with your bikes.

From Dave and April's house you can choose between a 12 +/- ride on the backroads of Mifflinburg, ending up on the Rails to Trails OR cross Rt 45 and get

on the Rails to Trails and ride as far as you wish - from a couple of miles to 18 miles (the entire trail and back). Families, friends, grandparents, grandchildren of all riding abilities are welcome!

After the ride (about 4:00) join everyone for a picnic at Shroms. Meat, drinks and place settings will be provided. Every family

can bring a side dish or dessert to share. Non-riding members of the family can join us for the picnic too.

Please RSVP Dave and April if you are coming and if you have any questions.

shroms@uplink.net

610-812-0497 Dave's cell

610-405-4066 April's cell

ALL Things Come From God

On the Vanity of Earthly Greatness

The tusks that clashed in mighty brawls
Of mastodons, are billiard balls.
The sword of Charlemagne the Just
Is ferric oxide, known as rust.
The grizzly bear whose potent hug
Was feared by all, is now a rug.
Great Caesar's bust is on my shelf,
And I don't feel so well myself.

Arthur Guiterman (1871-1943)

The Sunday School lesson was, "All things come from God." One fourteen-year-old, a talented pianist, insisted, "I deserve credit for all the hours I've spent learning to play." I understood his young point of view, but I hope that the intervening years have helped him to be grateful for the gift of an extraordinary talent. Don't we adults struggle to give all the credit to God? Doing so takes a commitment to recognizing God's grace at every turn of our lives. And we must do this as we live in a culture of self-congratulation.

How can we turn our attention from ourselves to God? The Apostle Paul says that we should boast, but boast in the Lord [2 Cor. 10:17], and he describes his road from pride to humility as a crucifixion of self and a new life lived "by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" [Gal. 2:20b]. And what a "giving" that was, Christ's trading His divine status for humble servitude and, ultimately, condescension to death on a cross [Phil. 2:5-8].

Ironically, the desire to live for Christ can itself leave us feeling "puffed up" over our progress. With credit to Tim Keller, here's a helpful prayer reminder: "*Lord, I cannot give you anything without remembering that both the thing I am giving you and even the desire to give it to you are both from you anyway! I can never put you in my debt! Because of what Jesus did, I am not my own—I'm bought with a price [1 Cor. 6:19-20]. Let that insight rid me of all grumbling and self-pity*" (and I would add, pride). Amen. [Tim Keller, with Kathy Keller. *The Songs of Jesus*. 2015]

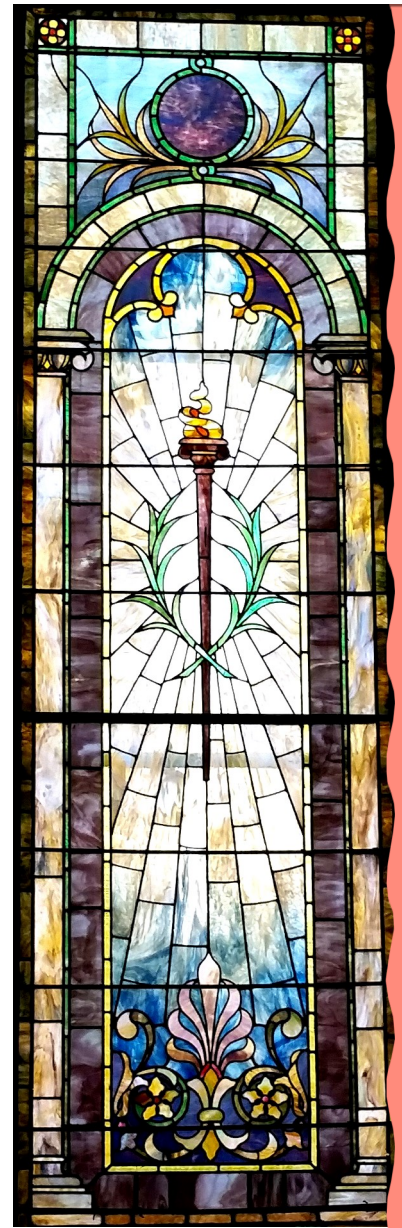
-Bob Kribbs

Tired of Wrinkles?

Come be rejuvenated on Youth Sunday!

May 17th at the 10:30 worship service the youth will lead us in worship.

This service is always a blessing to those who attend.



The last stained glass window is in the rear of the sanctuary. The burning torch is a Christian symbol for Matthew 5:16; "Let your light so shine."

In the early nineteen hundreds, Sarah Housel Cook willed \$188.25 to have a window made in memorial to her parents and two sisters. "In memory of parents William & Rebecca and sisters Mary and Nancy."

In the 1850 census, the Housel family farmed in Chillisquaue Township. Today there is a Housel's Run Road in West Chillisquaue

Read the Bible In a Year

May 1 Judges 13:1-14:20
John 1:29-51
Psalm 102:1-28
Proverbs 14:15-16

May 2 Judges 15:1-16:31
John 2:1-25
Psalm 103:1-22
Proverbs 14:17-19

May 3 Judges 17:1-18:31
John 3:1-21
Psalm 104:1-23
Proverbs 14:20-21

May 4 Judges 19:1-20:48
John 3:22-4:3
Psalm 104:24-35
Proverbs 14:22-24

May 5 Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22
John 4:4-42
Psalm 105:1-15
Proverbs 14:25

May 6 Ruth 2:1-4:22
John 4:43-54
Psalm 105:16-36
Proverbs 14:26-27

May 7 1 Samuel 1:1-2:21
John 5:1-23
Psalm 105:37-45

Proverbs 14:28-29
May 8 1 Samuel 2:22-4:22
John 5:24-47
Psalm 106:1-12

Proverbs 14:30-31
May 9 1 Samuel 5:1-7:17
John 6:1-21
Psalm 106:13-31

Proverbs 14:32-33
May 10 1 Samuel 8:1-9:27
John 6:22-42
Psalm 106:32-48

Proverbs 14:34-35
May 11 1 Samuel 10:1-11:15
John 6:43-71
Psalm 107:1-43

Proverbs 15:1-3
May 12 1 Samuel 12:1-13:23
John 7:1-30
Psalm 108:1-13

Proverbs 15:4
May 13 1 Samuel 14:1-52
John 7:31-53
Psalm 109:1-31

Proverbs 15:5-7
May 14 1 Samuel 15:1-16:23
John 8:1-20

Psalm 110:1-7
Proverbs 15:8-10
May 15 1 Samuel 17:1-18:4
John 8:21-30

Psalm 111:1-10
Proverbs 15:11
May 16 1 Samuel 18:5-19:24
John 8:31-59

Psalm 112:1-10
Proverbs 15:12-14
May 17 1 Samuel 20:1-21:15
John 9:1-41

Psalm 113:1-114:8
Proverbs 15:15-17
May 18 1 Samuel 22:1-23:29
John 10:1-21

Psalm 115:1-18
Proverbs 15:18-19
May 19 1 Samuel 24:1-25:44
John 10:22-42

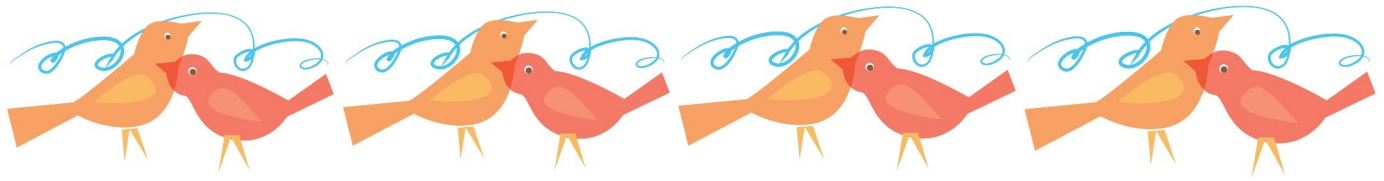
Psalm 116:1-19
Proverbs 15:20-21
May 20 1 Samuel 26:1-28:25
John 11:1-54
Psalm 117:1-2
Proverbs 15:22-23
May 21 1 Samuel 29:1-31:13
John 11:55-12:19
Psalm 118:1-18
Proverbs 15:24-26
May 22 2 Samuel 1:1-2:11
John 12:20-50
Psalm 118:19-29
Proverbs 15:27-28
May 23 2 Samuel 2:12-3:39
John 13:1-30
Psalm 119:1-16
Proverbs 15:29-30
May 24 2 Samuel 4:1-6:23
John 13:31-14:14
Psalm 119:17-32
Proverbs 15:31-32
May 25 2 Samuel 7:1-8:18
John 14:15-31
Psalm 119:33-48
Proverbs 15:33
May 26 2 Samuel 9:1-11:27
John 15:1-27

Psalm 119:49-64
Proverbs 16:1-3
May 27 2 Samuel 12:1-31
John 16:1-33
Psalm 119:65-80
Proverbs 16:4-5
May 28 2 Samuel 13:1-39
John 17:1-26
Psalm 119:81-96
Proverbs 16:6-7
May 29 2 Samuel 14:1-15:22
John 18:1-24
Psalm 119:97-112
Proverbs 16:8-9
May 30 2 Samuel 15:23-16:23
John 18:25-19:22
Psalm 119:113-128
Proverbs 16:10-11
May 31 2 Samuel 17:1-29
John 19:23-42
Psalm 119:129-152
Proverbs 16:12-13



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 _____

T-shirt Size: Adult S M Child XS S M L XL
 Preregister by May 1 for guaranteed t-shirt size and special prize! Please consider attaching a free will offering of \$10/child to help offset VBS costs!



JAM News

In April, Sunday School and Big Idea explored the miracle of Easter and events that happened after Jesus' resurrection and where that sends our own faith. In May, we will look at how the Easter miracle sends us to live in the world as Christians.

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! Kids aged preschool-grade 6 are welcome to join us June 13-17 from 9 AM - Noon as we follow Jesus-the light of the world-in Cave Quest.

We are pumped to announce the addition of a sports camp in July-join us for Mega Sports Camp

July 18-22 from 9 AM- Noon, students will get the opportunity to work with coaches in one of the four areas: dance, cheerleading, soccer and basketball.

Children entering grades 2-8 are welcome to join us August 15-19 for *Press On*-an Olympic themed Kids' Cantata. This week will give you the opportunity to act, sing, work on sets and props, learn movements and all about the fruits of the spirit. The culmination of this great week of fun will be when we share our project in worship on Sunday August 21st at 10 AM.

As always, check out the First Presby Kids page on Facebook for pictures and more details. Contact Rhiannon with questions, comments and concerns!
-Rhiannon Dame

Important Dates in MAY:

May 4-Family Potluck Dinner-super casual and super fun from 5-7pm

May 8-4th Graders receive Bibles in worship-if you haven't heard from Rhiannon, and believe your child should receive a Bible, please contact her and be sure he/she is on the list

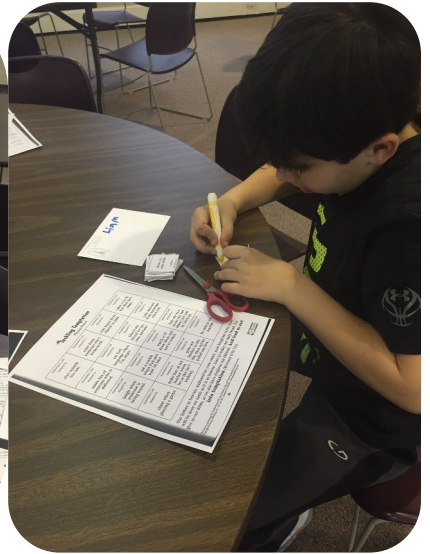
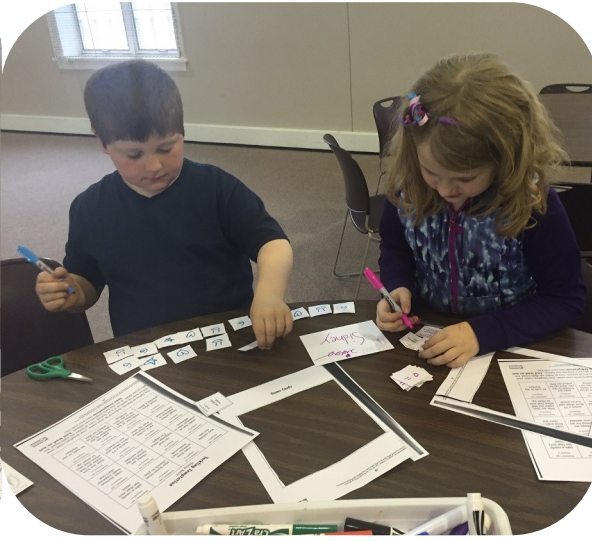
May 11-LAST JAM meeting until September-Parents are welcome to stay! We will be meeting from 5-7 on this night, enjoying a pizza dinner together before we head to Sweet Frog and the park to celebrate our year.

May 22-Youth Sunday- Come and see the amazing talents of our youth as they lead us in worship.

May 29-Last Day of Sunday School, All Church Picnic



JAM Pics



Youth Communicants Become Members



L to R: Devin DeCosmo, Charlie Heid, Gabriel Friedberg, back Hunter Grimes, front Tim Cavanagh, David Han, Isaac Kraus, Mary Shaffer, Emma Heid, Joshua Tirpak, Cole Temple, Alexander Friedberg, Allie Mast


MAY 2016

First Presby Youth


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Girl Talk 2:30-4pm REFUGED 7-8:30pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUELED 7-8:30pm		Fundraiser Prep 4-7pm	Mason's Dinner- Mission Trip Fundraiser
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School 9-10am	Mission Trip Meeting 7pm	Girl Talk 2:30-4pm REFUGED 7-8:30pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUELED 7-8:30pm	Rejoicing Spirits 6:30pm		Promenade Event 7pm
5	16	17	18	19	20	21
Mother's Day		LAST Girl Talk 2:30-4pm REFUGED 7-8:30pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am FUELED 7-8:30pm			Youth Sunday Prep 4pm
Sunday School 9-10am		24	25	26	27	28
			Breakfast & Devos 6:30am Appreciation Breakfast FUELED 7-8:30pm	June 1		Youth Service Project Day
22	23	31				
Sunday School 9-10am	8 th Grade Dinner 6:30pm					
YOUTH SUNDAY & Reception		REFUGED 7-8:30pm				
29	30					
Sunday School 9-10am All church picnic	No School Seniors Dinner 6:30pm	REFUGED 7-8:30pm	LAST Breakfast & Devos 6:30am			

COLOR KEY: Green Events - ALL youth event Blue Events - Middle School events Questions or comments? Feel free to contact us: Lauren and Tim Halteman, Youth Directors
 Red Events - High School events Black Events - College age events Office: 570-524-4419, lhaltzman@first-presby.org, thaltman@first-presby.org





May Church Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 NA	2 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Summer Mission Trip Meeting 7:30 Missions	3 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	4 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5:00 Potluck Wdnesday 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel	5 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	6 7:00 NA	7 Mission Team serving Masons dinner 7:00 NA
8 Mother's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	9 9:15 Trainers	10 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	11 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5:30 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel	12 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	13 7:00 NA	14 7:00 NA
15 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	16 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Session, Deacons, Trustees	17 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	18 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel	19 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	20 7:00 NA	21 7:00 NA
22 Youth Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	23 9:15 Trainers	24 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA	25 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bells 7:00 Fuel	26 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	27 7:00 NA	28 7:00 NA
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Church Picnic	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Refuge 7:00 NA				



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Living fully in Christ, through His Word, community and mission

Pulpit Assistant:

Ushers: Jim Zaiser, Rusty Graber, Patrick and Devin DeCosmo, Terry Light, Cliff Welsh, Bill and Kyle Shutt, Dan Wagner

Nursery:

1 Heid and Jusko families
8 Taylor and Graver families
15 Foster and Chiboroski families
22 Rhiannon Dame, Jen Shabahang
29 Halteman and Cavanagh families

Coffee Social

Natalie Grimes
Dave Reid
Matt & Wendy McTammany
Steve & Alesia Foster
John & Bonnie Troxell

Greeters:

Steve & Alesia Foster
Randy & Kathy Storm
Mark & Kathy Davies
Youth
Mark Temple family

Dinner By the River Teams (Devotion Leader)- 5 - Shaffer (Jim King) 12 - Dittmar (Guissanie) 19- Jordan (Linda Shaffer) 26—Storm (Rick Gathman)

Bike Ride May 15 - Dave & April Shrom, Rusty & Karen Graber, Dave & Libby Robinson

All Church Picnic May 29 - Keith & Pat Ringkamp, Aaron & Molly Roussell, Mike & Jackie Mast, Dan & Katie Cavanagh, Tom & Ann Miller, Tom & Avis Hans, Mark & Jessica Heid, Kirk & Nicole Jarrett

All Church Picnic

May 29th

All Church Picnic on May 29th, immediately following the worship service in Soldier's Park.

Bring blankets, chairs to sit on.

Hamburgers, vege burgers, hot dogs, chips, paperware and beverage provided.

Please bring a dish to share.

