

The First Press

From the Session:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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Warm Greetings to our Church Family,

Much has been happening as we address issues and plan toward a permanent pastor. We have been very careful not to announce prematurely or share things out of context. There are many moving parts to the process of filling positions and keeping our church moving forward. But there is news to report!

Our search committee has been selected. The documentation needed for the process including committee updates and a review of many documents is started and progressing. We have hired an Interim Pastor and an Administrative Assistant. Our Interim Pastor is Reverend Barbara Yorks. Rev. Yorks comes to us from the Thompsettown/Locust Run Methodist church where she has been serving since 2013. She has a unique connection to our church. As a student at Bucknell University in the 1970's, she attended our church and became an associate member and sang in the choir. Later when she decided to go into the ministry, Rev. Merritt stood for her as a sponsor during her ordination. She has family in the Lewisburg area and continues to be active in Bucknell organizations, including teaching Life-long Learning classes and serving on Alumni and Scholarship committees.

She will begin her service to our church during the week of May 14 and will join us on May 20 for our Youth Sunday. In addition, we are happy to announce that Alison Collins has been hired as the church Administrative Assistant. She will be in the office the week of May 21. Alison was born and raised in our church (daughter of John & Marcia Aikey). Alison is married to Tony and has three daughters.

Please pray for each of our staff members. Pray for our children's Vacation Bible School and our Youth Mission Trip. Pray that souls will be saved and the youth and children will learn and grow in God's Word.

God Bless You!

The Session

Ephesians 2: 19-20

You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone.



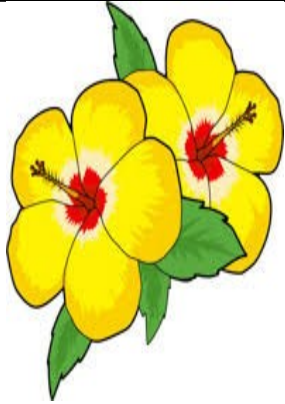
May Birthdays

- 2 Mary Kay Torretti, Daniel Gallagher
- 3 Seth Ziegler, Sr. Mary Ruth Campbell, Aaron Roussell
- 9 Jan Temple, Amie Reif, Ashley Kalcich
- 14 Brittany McVicar, Maya Jusko
- 15 Anne Goehring
- 17 Jeff Creighton, Angela Smith, Katie Mebius
- 18 Virginia Means, Rachel Ziegler, Derek Guissanie, Jake Bruckhart
- 19 Barb Light
- 22 Carole Friery, Laura Mae Chiboroski
- 23 Marilyn Zaiser, Doug Winner
- 24 Ted Edmonds
- 25 Leslie Temple, Lois Leshar
- 29 Oren Oberlin
- 31 Joseph Gallagher, Margaret Taggart, Connie Troutman

May Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 - Mark & Kathy Davies celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary
- 21 - Paul & Marsha Tarves celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary
- 24 - Aaron & Molly Roussell celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary
- 28 Tom & Ann Miler celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary
- 29 Lamar & Lorri Bruckhart celebrating their 14th wedding anniversary
- 31 Ken & Corey Jusko celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary





A big thank you goes out to all those who have signed up to serve as volunteers for the Nursery and Kids Church during the winter and spring. You make this ministry to children and families during the worship service possible!.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities with First Presby Kids, contact Carolyn McSween by phone, text or email: (570) 939-2119 and carolynmcsween@gmail.com.



Youth Ministry

Youth Newsletter

Update Both Fuel and Refuge are going strong every Sunday. Fuel meets from 5:00 to 6:30 and Refuge runs from 7:00 to 8:30. With our middle schoolers, we have just begun a new series called "The Whole Story". It is a look at the book of Genesis – first showing how even today they are a real and vibrant masterpiece in God's awesome creation and later showing how Jesus has been there with us since the very beginning. In Refuge, we have just started a series on the book of Malachi called "Empty Religion or Vibrant Faith". We are studying how Israel was simply going through the religious motions and giving God their leftovers as opposed to giving God all he deserves and fostering a real relationship with their creator – and how often we are guilty of the same in our lives. We have stopped Sunday school until May 20th to offer our communicants class. We have a great group of 8 elementary to middle school aged students who have begun the process of becoming members of our church! Both Paul Miller and I are excited for the class and are looking forward to some upcoming service projects with our communicants. Our high school mission trip sign ups are officially closed! Last year we had 10 students with us in Georgia and we're all very excited about the group of 19 high schoolers that have signed up this year for our mission to Elizabeth City, NC from July 22nd-28th! But we need your help! Please come support us at our next fundraiser – the June 10th Strawberry Festival! We are also looking for chaperones that are willing to help make this trip possible! Please be praying for our games - that they are full of fun and laughs; our time together - that it can continue to build strong relationships based on Christ; our lessons - that they reach each student in their own walk with Christ and leads a vibrant relationship with Christ. Finally, please pray for your kids and the students themselves - for their school day, sports, activities, family life, and personal, mental, and spiritual health. Thank you! God Bless!

May 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:45 Staff Mtg 10:30 Story Hour	2 10:00 LAMBS 6:00pm Bells 6:30 Worship Life	3 DBR	4	5
6 8:30 Prayer Time 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Sun Conversa-	7 7:00 pm Christian Ed 7:30pm Mission	8 9:45 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Story Time 6:30 Cong Life	9 10:00 LAMBS 6:00pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	10 DBR	11	12
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20 8:30 Prayer Time 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Sun Conversa-	21 7:00 pm Session, Deacons, Trus- tees	22 9:45 Staff Mtg 10:30 Story Time 7:00 Children's Ministry Team	23 10:00 LAMBS 6:00pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	24 DBR	25	26
27 8:30 Prayer Time 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Picnic in Soldier's Park	28	29 9:45 Staff Mtg 10:30 Story Time	30 10:00 LAMBS 6:00pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	31 DBR		





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

Volunteers for May:

Pulpit Assistant:

Ushers: Jim Zaiser,, Patrick DeCosmo, Devin DeCosmo, Terry Light, Bill Shutt, and Dan Wagner

	Greeters	Nursery	Kid's Church	Coffee Hour
6	Bill & Karen Black	McSween	Kalcich	Temple Family
13	Cavanagh Family	Mebius	Heid	Samuelsons
20	Youth	Wagner	Cavanagh	Connie Moore
27	Barb Taggart & Lily	Wagner	Jarrett	Dave Reid & Nina Lesher

DINNER BY THE RIVER 3: Jordans; 10: Millers; 17: Beaver UMC; 24 Team in Training

Join us for a combined Sunday School for our adult classes on Sunday May 27th at 9 a.m. The Currey's will be sharing their ministry with us and then presenting a Minute for Missions in Worship

PICNIC IN THE PARK

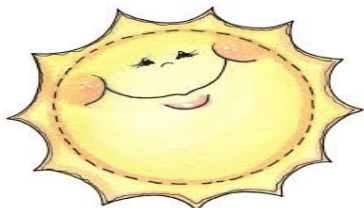
Following Worship on May 27th, we will hold our Annual Picnic in Soldier's Park.

A-L bring a casserole or salad

M-Z bring a dessert

Beverage, paperware and sandwiches provided.

Summer Worship begins on June 3 at 9:30 a.m.



SHIPWRECKED VBS 2018

June 11-15 9 .M.-Noon

For this exciting week, kids will dive into the Bible through hands-on explorations and eye-opening activities to discover that there is Someone bigger than their struggles who loves them unconditionally...Jesus! Kids entering

PreK through 6th grade can register at www.vbspro.events/p/events/firstpresby—or for more information email firstpresbykids@gmail.com.



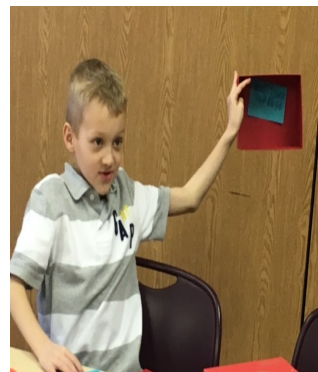
Strawberry Festival to benefit the Youth Summer Mission Trip is June 10th from 10:30 a.m.—Noon. Let April Shrom know if you can bake for this event!

Shroms@uplink.net or 610-405-4066

R.B. Winter Family Cookout

Thursday, July 19 @ 5:30 p.m.

Join us at scenic R.B. Winter State Park for a picnic style dinner. Bring along a side dish or dessert to share, and enjoy some beach time and swim in the lake. Come even earlier!



Talent Show and Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Calling all Kids, youth AND grownups with a talent to share – we want you to shine for this all-church event with ice cream as the grand finale! Watch for more details to come about sign-ups. Can't wait to see you on stage!



Help Us Decorate For VBS!

For VBS 2018 we're transforming the church into a tropical island, where we've been shipwrecked! You can be a part of this year's VBS simply by loaning us any items of a nautical or tropical theme to decorate the halls and classrooms of the church, such as:

- Indoor potted plants
- Silk tropical flowers
- Chests, trunks or crates
- Extra-large cardboard boxes
- Canoe oars
- Driftwood
- Large seashells
- Rope or twine
- Canvas dropclothes
- Cloth or canvas hammocks
- Wood frame folding chairs
- Tiki torches
- Nautical objects/decor
- Lanterns
- Cargo nets/fishing nets
- Grass skirting
- Life preservers



Drop off any of these items at the classroom at the end of the Christian Education Wing, and please make sure all items are clearly marked with your name so that they can be returned to you at the end of VBS. We also welcome monetary donations to help with the cost of purchasing decorations, craft and snack supplies. Thank you for helping make this year's VBS outreach a success!