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# Meeting House News

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# Pastor's Corner



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Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

Nearly ten years ago, when I was a new seminary graduate and searching for my first call as an ordained pastor, a nominating committee in southern Florida contacted me to set up an interview. I was flattered and thrilled! After so many years of school and preparation, a church actually wanted me to be their pastor (maybe).

As I prepared for the interview I was excited at the prospect of moving to Florida. Growing up in Ohio and going to school in New Jersey meant that I had had my share of cold winter weather. Year-round sunshine sounded pretty good.

Needless to say that church in Florida didn't call me as their pastor, it just wasn't a good fit. I was disappointed at first but then I remembered how much I love the four distinct seasons we have here in the north. Florida would have been nice for a while, but I'm pretty sure I would have started to miss autumn leaves and fresh winter snow and flowers in spring.

That's the thing about seasons, there's always something new. I don't think I can properly appreciate a warm spring day unless I've gone through a cold winter first. With each new season comes new experiences. It's the same in the church. In the summer we tend to slow down a bit: worship is at an earlier time, Sunday School is in recess, families take vacations, and new visitors and residents often arrive in town.

But the work of the church continues! Our building and grounds are in use almost every day all year long. Deacons and elders and staff continue their ministries. The people of God still gather for worship. I hope you will observe these rhythms and ask yourself how and where God is calling you to be a part of our life together in every season.

As you enjoy the summer months, take a moment to remember that God's work continues. If you're on vacation take the opportunity to worship in a different setting. You might learn something new or spark an idea to bring home. As always, please remember to continue to pray for and financially support the work of this congregation.

Whatever this summer holds for you and wherever you may go, I invite you to remember that the Risen Christ goes ahead of you to every destination and in every season of life. Look for Him and discover God's power at work in your life and in the world.

Yours very truly in Christ,  
Pastor Tony Lorenz

## **AS YOU GRADUATE**

- Treasure your memories,  
but look forward;
- Cherish your friendships,  
but reach outward;
- Learn from the past,  
but move onward;
- Live each day with hope,  
and climb upward.

**Can't make it to church?  
Listen to weekly sermons  
and keep abreast of all  
church events at:**

**[www.firstprescarlisle.org](http://www.firstprescarlisle.org)**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 12-16**



Once again, in collaboration with Second Presbyterian Church, we will sponsor Vacation Bible School — a place where your child can make new friends, sing songs, make crafts, and learn how Jesus works thru them in their everyday life. This year's theme is "HEROES CENTRAL: Discover Your Strength in God." VBS is held at Second PC, Garland Drive, 9 AM—12:15 PM Monday through Friday. The week ends with an evening program at 7 PM, Friday, June 16th. Invited to attend are children from age 4 (on June 1) to those who just completed 5th grade. Older youth and all members of both congregations are invited to volunteer throughout the week, and to attend the Friday night concluding event. You may register online at: [www.myvbs.org/firstandsecondpres/](http://www.myvbs.org/firstandsecondpres/). Volunteers are also needed to provide snacks. You can use the online version at: [www.timetosignup.com/firstprescarlisle](http://www.timetosignup.com/firstprescarlisle)., or talk to Debby Madden. Hope to see you there!

**R U CAMPING THIS SUMMER?**

If so, check out the Camp Krislund website: [www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org) to learn about the camps and adventures being offered this summer. Debby Madden will serve as a chaplain there the week of July 23. **Reserve your spot now for a fun-filled week!**

**JUNE MEETINGS/GATHERINGS**

June 5, 7 PM	Deacons
June 7, 6 PM	Worship Committee
June 8, 7 PM	Book Club
June 11, after worship	Usher Training
June 11, after worship	Prayer Community
June 12, 7 PM	Space for God
June 12-16	VBS, at Second Pres
June 14, 1:30 PM	Property Committee
June 15, 7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast, Walnut Bottom Diner
June 20, 7 PM	Session
June 26, 2 PM	Faith Circle

**BLANKET SUNDAY**

On May 14th, donations were made for "Blanket Sunday" to honor or remember special people in our lives. Monies went to Church World Service for their purchase of blankets to provide to those in dire need during times of disaster, at home and abroad. Collected amount was **\$1,115**. Thank you for your support!

**EASTERTIDE CONCLUDES . . .**

with Pentecost Day (June 4). On the day when we are reminded of the Spirit's fiery descent on the disciples, wear "fire" colors to worship.



**BOOKS FOR BABIES**



As the school year ends and your summer reading program begins, it's a good time to clean off your bookshelves and to share books you no longer need/want. To

that end, books are needed for our "Books for Babies" mission. Please bring your gently used books to Fellowship Hall and place them under or near the book table.

"Books for Babies" is our mission to give a gift packet to parents of babies born at Carlisle Regional Medical Center. It includes a book to read to the baby, a handmade hat, and literature about the importance of reading to children. It's a passion of First Church!



**JUNE 4th . . .**

is a busy Sunday of worship & mission:

- Recognition of our recent HS & college grads in worship
- The Lord's Supper (also served to our homebound members in the afternoon)
- Deacons/Friends serving "My Brother's Table" at The Salvation Army (evening meal)

**SUMMER GIVING . . .**

remains important to the life of the church. The church's mission doesn't ease up during the summer months. Mission needs continue in Carlisle and around the globe. VBS, Toddler Time, and other programs are held, even as we plan for and envision our future. Your consistent giving is needed during every month of the year. Remember, this year you have the added option of giving online. Just follow the icon on the opening page of the church website. Have a wonderful summer! Thank you!

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thanks to all of your generous pledges and cash donations, we have reached \$100,000, which is two-thirds of our \$150,000 goal. Many of the projects have been completed and the organ is in the process of being repaired. The sanctuary will be painted shortly, and thanks to the talents of Peg Owen and Mike Stamey doing the work, we save a lot of money. Some members have asked about extending the campaign to accommodate their ability to schedule contributions over the summer. **Our new target date is August 31st.** Thank you again for your support in this effort to put First Presbyterian on solid footing moving into the future. *(Stewardship & Finance Committee)*



### OUR 2017 GRADUATES

We are so proud of these recent graduates and will officially recognize them during worship on Sunday, June 4th.

- ~ **Katie Sheperd**: St. Francis College
- ~ **Trevor Shull**: Shippensburg U.
- ~ **Delaney Sandberg**: Shippensburg U.
- ~ **Bret Thomas**: Shippensburg U.
- ~ **Duncan Crim**: Carlisle HS; will attend American U. (pre-Law)
- ~ **Kara Fetter**: Carlisle HS; will attend Mansfield U. (Environmental Sciences & Music)
- ~ **Alex Henry**: Carlisle HS; will attend Lycoming College (Math); will play soccer
- ~ **Sarah Thompson**: Carlisle HS; will attend American U. (Int'l Relations)

### A Note from Kara Fetter

After applying to six colleges & universities, I have committed to attend Mansfield U. this Fall. I received many scholarships from the university and from the community, but I received a music scholarship which asks me to major in music. I will dual major in environmental sciences & music. I want to make a change to benefit the Earth and its people. I want to thank the congregation for their endless support in the past years and especially now for my future endeavors.

### FINANCE NOTES

*(Stewardship & Finance Committee)*

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Gen'l Fund Support	\$24,204	\$91,928
Investment Income	\$ 159	\$ 1,805
Other	\$ 85	\$ 474
Expenses	\$(22,716)	\$(100,776)

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### PER CAPITA

Every church is apportioned a share of expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. Based on church members, this is a "regular expense" payable by each church. Please help by paying your individual apportionment of \$25.58. Thank you to those who have already paid.

### Space for God



"Space for God" will meet June 12 at 7 PM to study the final chapters of the book Midnight Jesus by Jaime Blaine. The book is a memoir of a counselor in an institution for drug and alcohol rehab and other mental illnesses. The author also works at a roller rink and for a church. A fascinating life!



### FIRST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on June 8th at 7 PM. We'll discuss Eye of the Beholder by James Stanfield. The Club will take July and August off, but will be reading two books by David McCullough. Read both or choose between The Wright Brothers or Mornings on Horseback (a biography of Teddy Roosevelt). The first meeting of the Fall will be September 14th.

### HOLD THE DATE

Mark your summer calendars now so you don't miss "Family Game Night" at the church on **Sunday, July 9, 6 PM**. The Christian Education Committee will host this fun event. They ask that you bring boards, cards, and other games you enjoy playing. All ages are welcome & snacks/ desserts will be provided.



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Briar Thompson
- 4 Clark Hefflefinger
- 5 Ashley Gogoj
- 11 Ann Gottlieb
- 21 Jenna Fetter
- 23 Abbey Pitzer
- 26 Brianna Fetter
- 27 Katie Sternbergh



**JUNE WORSHIP HELPERS**

**Readers:**

- June 4: Ray Thomas
- June 11: Ron Richcreek
- June 18: Sue Shuey
- June 25: Dennis Rydberg

**Ushers:**

- June 4: Harold Kretzing; Bob Read; Ron & Deb Richcreek
- June 11: Deb Ryerson; Nancy Jacoby; Lynne Hofferica; Charlie Thompson
- June 18: Bruce & Trudy Bailey; Joe & Molly Shane
- June 25: Peg Owen; Bret Thomas; Ray & Katie Thomas

**Counters:**

- June 4: Lynda Mann; Joe & Molly Shane
- June 11: Tom Sheperd; Jim & Barb Crum
- June 18: Charlie Thompson; Earl & Alice Zimmerman
- June 25: Anita Ashbaugh; Dick & Tracy Sommers

**Fellowship Hosts:**

- June 4: Connie & Dennis Husler
- June 11: Peg Owen & Lynne Hofferica
- June 18: The Sheperd Family
- June 25: Nancy & Richard Tritt

**Flowers:** Jean Thompson (chair) & Lois Lloyd

**Service Recorder:** Ray Thomas

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**If you cannot serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and give the name(s) to the church secretary as soon as known.**

**WHAT IS PENTECOST?**

The Church celebrates Pentecost and remembers the event that has been regarded as the birthday of the church – the giving of the Spirit to followers that enabled them to go into all the world. The roots of Pentecost are in the Jewish festival of Shavout, which is the 50th day after the beginning of Passover (the Christian Passover is the 50th day after Easter). Pentecost celebrates the empowerment to mission and a reversal of the tower of Babel to a new unity, the healing of divisions, and the removal of barriers separating people. Red is the traditional color for the day, symbolizing the tongues of fire, the enthusiasm and excitement of the disciples, and the sacrifices of Christian martyrs. (St. Andrews PC, Tulsa, OK)

**DEACONS' FUNDRAISERS**

Please visit the Deacons' table in Fellowship Hall after worship on the first Sunday of each month to purchase beautiful church note cards (\$8) and "sticky cleaners" (\$1) for your cell phones. Proceeds benefit the many local missions supported by our Board of Deacons.



**"My Brother's Table"**

**HUNGER** is a real and immediate problem in our community and our country! According to The Salvation Army's website, 1 in 8 Americans (1 in 5 children) rely on a food pantry or soup kitchen to survive. *My Brother's Table*, The Salvation Army's food kitchen in Carlisle, served over 60,000 meals last year, and you and the Deacons supported their efforts with your prayers, time and money. Please consider continuing your support of our remaining 2017 dates (June 4th & September 10th, both at 4:30 PM) for meal services in one or more of the following ways:

- 1) **DONATE** money for needed food items by purchasing a "Dinner for Dad" Meal Ticket in honor or memory of a special man/person in your life. \$2.50 will pay for one person's meal; it only takes a \$10 donation to feed a family of four. Tickets will be offered after worship on **June 11 & June 18** (Father's Day) in Fellowship Hall. Make checks payable to "**Deacons of First Presbyterian Church.**"
- 2) **HELP SERVE** the evening meal with the Deacons. Contact any Deacon to volunteer.
- 3) **PRAY** for those receiving the help and support and for those providing it.

*Thank you!  
Your Board of Deacons*



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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4 10 AM: Worship, with Communion (Graduate Sunday) ~ Fellowship Time ~ Home Commun. ~ My Bros' Table	5 5-6 PM: Training for youth VBS volunteers (First) 7 PM: Deacons	6	7 3-7 PM: Sanctuary open during Farmers Mkt  6 PM: Worship Committee	8 7 PM: Book Club	9	10
11 10 AM: Worship ~ "Dinner for Dads" fundraiser ~ Fellowship Time ~ Usher training ~ Prayer Commun.	12 7 PM: Space for God  <b>VBS Begins</b>	13	14 1:30 PM: Prop. Committee	15 7:30 AM: Men's Breakfast (Walnut Bottom Diner)	16  <b>VBS Finale</b>	17
18 10 AM: Worship ~ "Dinner for Dads" fundraiser ~ Fellowship Time **FATHER'S DAY**	19	20 7 PM: Session	21	22	23	24
25 10 AM: Worship ~ Fellowship Time	26	27	28	29	30	<p align="center"><b><u>COMING IN JULY</u></b></p> <p><b>Sunday, July 9:</b> Game Night at church</p> <p><b>July 18-24:</b> Pastor Tony on vacation</p> <p><b>July 23-29:</b> Debby, Chaplain at Camp Krislund</p>

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

**DEACONS**

**Class of 2017**

Anita Ashbaugh  
Bob Read  
Judie Read  
Lue Anne Stamey

**Class of 2018**

Mary Jane Blosser  
Deb Richcreek  
Melissa Sheperd  
Tracy Sommers

**Class of 2019**

Ellen Darr  
Terry Shull  
Sue Shuey  
Alice Zimmerman

**ELDERS**

**Class of 2017**

Richard Darr  
Ann Gottlieb  
Ron Richcreek  
Deb Ryerson  
Michael Stamey

**Class of 2018**

Trudy Bailey  
Elizabeth Martin  
Peg Owen

Ray Thomas

Nancy Tritt

**Class of 2019**

Barbara Allen  
Lynda Mann  
Tom Sheperd  
Richard Sommers  
Charlie Thompson

**THE ORIGIN OF FATHERS DAY**

Credit for the idea of Father's Day is generally given to Sonora Louise Brooks, who, in 1909, listened to her pastor's sermon promoting the soon-to-be adopted idea of Mother's Day. She decided that fathers deserved equal attention. Her own father was a widower with six children. He idea was supported by everyone from William Jennings Bryan to Margaret Chaste Smith, and for years was unofficially celebrated by millions of families. But it was not until 1978 that it became a legal holiday.

