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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,

For most of us, summer is when we slow down a bit and find time to relax: kids are out of school, vacations are planned, long summer evenings are spent on the deck watching for lightning bugs. Rhythms change in the summer, even in the life of the church. We don't have Sunday school classes in the summer and worship begins a bit earlier, keeping us from the heat of the day.

I've always thought that there are a variety of reasons to look forward to summer. When I was growing up, summer meant I got to spend time with my Mom who was a teacher. I always looked forward to having her home all day. Summer also meant vacations, trips to historic sites or the beach, and always visits with family. When I was older, summer meant having a job and earning some extra money. In seminary summer was a time for intensive study of Greek and Hebrew. Summer always has something new to offer us!

Last year we tried something new, a Summer Sunday Sabbath Series, a time to learn about what it means to observe the Sabbath and to put what we learned into practice. The Summer Series was well-received and so this year we're going to try it again by studying the Lord's Prayer.

When Jesus gave His disciples the Lord's Prayer it was an answer to their request, their prayer - *Teach us how to pray*. When we use these words, when we pray *Our Father...* we're praying the way Jesus prayed. Yet for many people the Lord's Prayer is just something we do in church. Maybe you've known the words your whole life and could say them in your sleep. Taking time to study the Lord's Prayer and get to know it better is a great opportunity for deepening our relationship with God in Christ. I hope you will join us!

In these days it is important to pray, and to pray as Jesus taught us. There is still much violence, hatred, and greed in our world. We especially remember the Christians of Sri Lanka after the church attacks there on Easter Sunday. In our own country we still face divisions and hostility. And in our own congregation there are many grieving, as we have lost several longtime and faithful members of First Church. Taking time to pray through these things can help us in many ways.

As always, if you are travelling during the summer I ask you to remain current on your pledge (things may slow down but we still have bills to pay!), and if you're in a new destination or visiting an old favorite, go to church and if you experience something interesting, bring me the bulletin or tell me all about it.

Yours very truly in Christ,

Pastor Tony Lorenz



Away on vacation? Listen to sermons and full services, plus keep abreast of church events via the monthly newsletter at: [www.firstprescarlisle.org](http://www.firstprescarlisle.org)



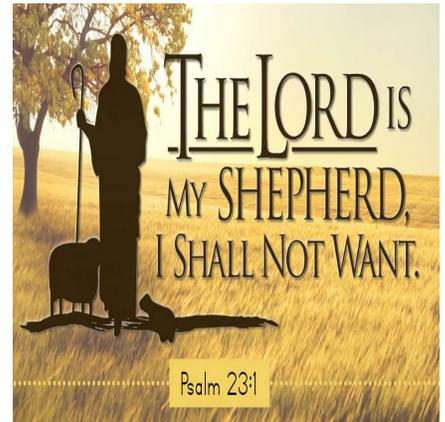
## Summer Study – The Lord’s Prayer

**Join us on Summer Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM as we study the Lord’s Prayer.** This is the prayer Jesus gave to His disciples when they asked Him how to pray. Christians have been praying this prayer for generations, but sometimes we say the words without really understanding what they mean.

In six sessions we’ll explore the Lord’s Prayer using N.T. Wright’s excellent and accessible little book, *The Lord and His Prayer* (available on amazon.com). N.T. Wright is a world-renowned New Testament scholar, the former Bishop of Durham in the Church of England, and currently professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at St. Mary’s College, the School of Divinity, University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

### ***Study schedule:***

- June 9**      *Our Father who art in heaven*
- June 23**    *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done*
- July 7**      *Give us this day our daily bread*
- July 21**     *Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*
- August 11**   *Lead us not into temptation*
- August 25**   *Thine is the power and the glory*



If you would like to participate or if you have questions, speak with Pastor Tony. There is a sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall, or you may call the church office.

### For a June Day



Give me a hill where the world is still  
and green with growing things;  
Give me a brook with a laughing look  
a bird that early sings.

Give me a day that starts away  
with dew upon its feet;  
Buttercups and a bee that sups  
upon a clover’s treat.

Oh, give me a morn when June is born,  
my feet, a hill to climb,  
And I’ll look abroad and see where God  
has walked, this summertime.

— Frances Stockwell Lovell

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Once again, we will co-sponsor Vacation Bible School with Second Presbyterian Church.**

**THEME:** *Power Up — Raise Your Game*

**WHEN:** Sunday thru Thursday  
June 9-13, 6-8 PM

**WHERE:** Second Presbyterian Church  
Garland Drive

**WHO:** Children potty-trained thru those  
who have completed 5th grade

**COST:** None — It’s Free!

***Interested? Talk to Debby Madden!***



## **Preaching through Eastertide – Pentecost – Trinity**

**June 2, 2019** - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:1-3, 32-12:3

*Surrounded by the Great Cloud of Witnesses we run the race set before us,  
always looking to the Risen Jesus Christ.*

**June 9, 2019** - The Day of Pentecost - Confirmation - Lord's Supper

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.*

**June 16, 2019** - Trinity Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-11

*God's love in Jesus Christ has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

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## **Summer Sermon Series: "On the Road"**

**June 23, 2019** - The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Joshua 3:1-4:7

***On the Road to the Promised Land*** -

*Then the people of Israel crossed over opposite Jericho on dry ground.*

**June 30, 2019** - The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: II Samuel 6:1-23

***On the Road to Jerusalem*** - *So David went and brought up the ark of God  
to the city of David with rejoicing, he danced before the LORD with all his might.*

**July 7, 2019** - The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 10:29-37

***On the Road to Jericho*** - *A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,  
and he fell into the hands of robbers.*

**July 14, 2019** - The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Lord's Supper

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

***On the Road to Emmaus*** - *Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus  
when Jesus came and walked with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.*

**July 21, 2019** - The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 14:15-24

***On the Road to a Great Dinner*** - *The master said to the slave,  
'Go out into the road and lanes, and compel people to come in,  
so that my house may be filled.'*

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## **Special Music in June**

**June 2, Lori Shover....June 9, Molly Shane....June 16, Matt Robinson....**

**June 23, Gina Moscato....June 30, Janet & Rachel Hitz**



**EASTERTIDE CONCLUDES WITH PENTECOST (June 9th).** On Pentecost Sunday, we remember 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. 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. Wear your “fire” colors to worship that day.

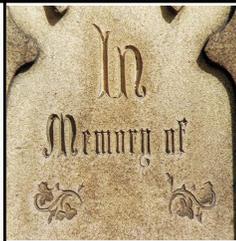
<u>Financial Update</u>		
	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Giving	\$19,035	\$84,625
Investments	\$15,976	\$16,837
Other	\$ 100	\$ 2,257
	<u>\$35,111</u>	<u>\$103,719</u>
Expenses	(\$24,244)	\$(108,155)

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**SUMMER GIVING**

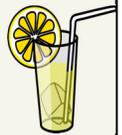
remains important to the life of the church. The church’s mission doesn’t ease up during the summer months. Mission needs continue in our community and around the globe, even as we plan for and envision our future. Your consistent giving is needed during every month of the year. And remember — you now have the added option of giving online when you can’t be in church. It’s easy. Check out the green icon on the front page of the church website.

Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!  
Thank you, Stewardship & Finance



**Richard Sommers joined the Church Triumphant on May 14. “Dick” was a long-time member who served as a Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session. His memorial service is on Saturday, June 1, 11 AM, in the sanctuary.**

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS are needed for most Sundays this summer. If you wish to support this mission of hospitality, speak with Deb Richcreek or Peggy McKeehen to learn how easy it is!



Dear Grads: 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. *(Anonymous)*  
Our love & best wishes for continued success go to:



- (graduating from High School) —  
MacKenzie Ellis (Carlisle)  
Connor Madison (Cumberland Valley)  
Grace Patterson (Big Spring)  
Anna Walker (Commonwealth Charter)
- (graduating from College) —  
Cody Madison (Pitt)  
Michael Dennison (USC; Dec. 2018)

**My Brother’s Table**

Hunger is a real and immediate problem in our community. *My Brother’s Table* is The Salvation Army’s food kitchen in Carlisle. They served over 60,000 meals there last year. YOU and our Deacons supported their efforts with prayers, time, meals and money. Please consider continuing your support of the remaining two dates in 2019: June 9 & September 22.

Here are ways you can help:

- DONATE money for needed food items by purchasing a “Dinner for Dad” meal ticket to honor or remember someone special in your life. \$2.50 pays for one meal, so it only takes \$10 to feed a family of four. Tickets will be offered for sale in Fellowship Hall on June 9 and 16 (Father’s Day).
- HELP SERVE the evening meal with the Deacons.
- PRAY for those receiving the help and support, and for those providing it.

Thank you,  
Board of Deacons

**FiLL-THE-BUS / CARLISLE4KIDS**

“Fill the Bus / Carlisle4Kids is a community event for collection and distribution of backpacks and school supplies for kids in need in the Carlisle community. It is sponsored by the United Way, Project SHARE , the Carlisle Area Religious Council and many local churches. To volunteer, contact [RWeed@projectsharepa.org](mailto:RWeed@projectsharepa.org) or [Jessica@uwcarlisle.org](mailto:Jessica@uwcarlisle.org).



**DATES:**

- **COLLECTION:**  
July 19 & 20, Walmart parking lot
- **DISTRIBUTION:**  
August 8, Carlisle Expo Center (K Street)  
– 11-Noon (special needs children)  
– 2-6 PM (all others)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Work 3-hour slots at collection site
- Work at distribution site (any amount of time)
- Man prayer table at distribution point
- Make financial donation

**NEEDED ITEMS:** 600 backpacks; 2,400 pocket folders; 1200 3-ring binders; 400 packs of loose-leaf paper; 400 mechanical pencils; 400 pens; sneakers; hot dogs/chips/fruit/water/juice

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Briar Thompson**
- 5 Ashley Gogoj**
- 10 Peter Tanyi**
- 11 Ann Gottlieb**
- 13 Evelyn Graver**
- 21 Jenna Fetter**
- 23 Abbey Pitzer**
- 26 Brianna Fetter**

**WORSHIP HELPERS — June**

**READERS**

- June 2:** Earl Zimmerman
- June 9:** Ron Richcreek
- June 16:** Fred Seltzer
- June 23:** Sue Shuey
- June 30:** Bruce Bailey

**USHERS**

- June 2:** Jerry & Jenneane Light; Frank & Susan Meehan
- June 9:** Fred Seltzer; Lynda Mann; Ron & Deb Richcreek
- June 16:** Lois Lloyd; Nancy Jacoby; Charlie Thompson; Steve Walker
- June 23:** Bruce & Trudy Bailey; Joe & Molly Shane
- June 30:** Bruce & Anita Ashbaugh; Lois Lloyd; Samantha Gilbert

**COUNTERS**

- June 2:** Fred Seltzer; Terry Shull; Carlton Walker
- June 9:** Ron & Deb Richcreek; Mary Jane Blosser
- June 16:** Bruce & Trudy Bailey; Barb Allen
- June 23:** Bob & Judie Read; Earlene Heckendorn
- June 30:** Joe & Molly Shane; Lynda Mann

**COMMUNION—June 9**

- Preparers:** Dennis & Connie Husler; Peggy McKeehen
- Servers:** Lynda Mann; Fred Seltzer; **XX**

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

- June 2:** **XX**
- June 9:** **XX**
- June 16:** Frank & Susan Meehan
- June 23:** **XX**
- June 30:** **XX**

**SERVICE RECORDERS**

JJ & Jack Patterson

**FLOWERS**

Joan Line (chair) & Tracy Sommers

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**If you cannot serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and provide the substitute's name to the office as soon as known. Thanks!**

**CLARK HEFFLEFINGER** joined the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, May 21st. Clark and his wife Shirley were longtime members and faithful attenders at First Church. Condolences can be sent to their daughter Cathy Karper at 110 Stone House Road, Carlisle, PA 17015.



**SUMMER MISSION TRIP!**

As the Presbytery of Carlisle continues its partnership with the church in Honduras, planning for a summer mission trip is in the works. The trip will take place **July 29-August 5, 2019**, when participants will

help to build a home for a member of a Presbyterian Church in Honduras. All skill levels are welcome. Please consider God's call to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in Honduras. It can be a life-changing experience. If interested, there's room in the group for you. For more info, contact Rev. Vernon Gauthier at 717-776-7525. Vern is pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Newville, and will serve as the trip coordinator.

*Thanks, Carlisle Presbytery*

**BLANKET SUNDAY RESULTS**

Your generous donations to the Blanket Sunday event on May 12th resulted in a total of **\$1,360** (or 136 blankets) for use by Church World Service in purchasing blankets for those suffering from disasters, at home and worldwide.

***You made a real difference!  
THANK YOU!***



**Bible Study and Space for God**

The recurring meetings of these two groups will suspend for the summer, and resume in the fall. The last meeting of Space for God is **Thursday, May 30, 6:30 PM (note day/time change)**; and Bible Study is **Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 PM**. We hope you will attend the Sunday evening (5:30 PM) Summer Study series on the Lord's Prayer.

**“Why? Why? Why?” — A Sermon by Darian Crim  
Presented Youth Sunday, May 12, 2019**

When we lose a lot of things and we are mad or confused with God we have to turn and ask him why. We have to trust in God for his answer though. We can't answer for him. He has an answer planned for every one of us.

Job is the book in the Bible that talks about this. In Job we are told the story of a man who is blameless and upright. Yet Job suffers. He loses all of his possessions and his family dies in one day. He becomes ill. This happens even though he does not sin against God. Why did this happen to him? I think everyone asks themselves this question in their life, eventually. Maybe because something happens to them or maybe when they see the suffering of others.

Near the end of Job, Chapters 38-41, God gives Job an answer. It was not the answer Job was expecting. Instead of answering and giving a clear explanation, God asked a lot of questions. Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Have you ever given orders to the morning? Do you watch when the mountain goats give birth? Do you understand the ways of the creatures of the deep?

Job then says his eye sees God. So what was the meaning of this? I believe that it is that you have to be able to pray and turn to God to understand him. This happens many times throughout the Bible where people ask God why something happened and after God's response, they understand him. Now when I say *understand* I mean to the best of our ability. We can never truly get God and why he does everything.

When Job had said his eye sees God, he did not mean he physically sees him. There was something else. This is because you must go through the bad to understand God. Many of us in this church have gone through a bad time or day. We don't always end up praying or asking God why. We either just accept the day for what it was or put the blame on God. One time though we may turn and pray or ask God. Not every time will we get the answer that will help us see God. Many times, we will formulate our own answer and not let God answer. This is what keeps us away from seeing God. We don't trust him or want to listen to him. Maybe this is because we're scared of the answer he'll give us or were simply just not ready. But there will be one time when you will receive an answer from God that makes you see him just like Job did. This will not always be the same answer as Job received but it will be the one where we will have the realization that Job had.

To have this moment we must let God answer with what he needs to say. If we do this we will see him. I have asked God why bad things happen to me and let him answer but I still never had this special event happen to me. Why is this? Is it because a big enough significant event has happened to me yet? I believe that it is because everybody will have this happen to them when God plans it to happen. This doesn't mean that anyone of us is greater than another because this has happened to us, or if we have received this answer from God earlier. We are all different and we will all receive this, but just at different times.

Again, this does not mean we have to be like Job and lose everything we had, but I also don't think it can be as simple as losing a penny you dropped. Something is going to light the spark that makes us ask God. It could be on any day, any time. It could be over something that happened over 5 years ago or something that happened 10 seconds ago. That's what we don't know — when we will receive the answer from God that makes us see him clearly.

And I don't think it's necessarily praying to God either, because we're not asking him for something or wishing well on someone. We are asking a question. God is talking to us in a conversation. But it's somewhere in that area of a prayer and hearing God.

The biggest thing is that we can't answer for God. Many of us will give ourselves our own answer and cheat God and ourselves. Maybe we won't always get an answer. This might anger us because I know I get angry by this. But we can't always expect to be answered. Sometimes no answer is what we need. But we still have to pray and ask God questions. He will be there for us and guide us in different ways so we have to stay with him to be there when he does answer our prayer or question.

God has a different plan for us all. But we will all end up asking him this question in life. God will give us the answer we need to see him clearly. In the end it all depends on God's decision for you and what he has planned.

This is the word of the Lord.

# June 2019



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<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #FFDAB9; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p><i>Come to the Sunday evening Summer Study of the Lord's Prayer. Begins June 9 at 5:30.</i></p> </div>				29 7: Session	30 6:30: Space for God (final one of the	31	1 11: Memorial Service, Richard Sommers
		2 10: Worship; Grad Recognition After: Session Mtg  5 PM: Serve "My Brother's Table"	3  7: Deacons	4  6:30 PM: Bible Study (final one of the summer)	5	6	7
9 (PENTECOST) 10: Worship w/ Communion; Confirmation Sunday — "Dinner for Dads" meal tickets sold — Home Communion 7: Summer Study	10	11	12	13  3:30: Property Committee  7: Book Club	14	15	
16 (TRINITY) 10: Worship ~ Father's Day ~  "Dinner for Dads" meal tickets sold	17	18  7: Session	19	20 7:30 AM: Men's Breakfast (Momma Spriggs)  ~ July news letter items due to office ~	21	22	
23 10: Worship  7: Summer Study	24  2: Faith Circle	25	26	27	28	29	
30 10 AM: Worship							