

July 3 - 10, 2016

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 3 – COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. **Worship**

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Dining Room

MONDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JULY 5

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Fletcher Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

7:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study – Eat'n Park

12:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Fletcher Room

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting – Assembly Room

SATURDAY, JULY 9

8:30 a.m. Food Pantry – Our Lady of Grace Parish

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone – Double Wide Grill, Irwin

SUNDAY, JULY 10

10:00 a.m. **Worship**

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Dining Room

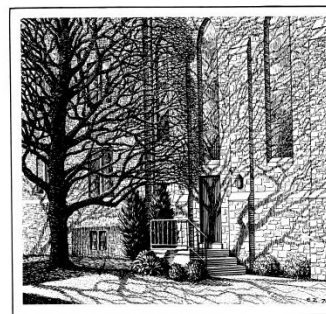
THIS MONTH'S CORNERSTONE will be at The Double Wide Grill, 8695 US 30, Irwin. This is the site of the old Teddy's. We will be meeting on July 9th at 6:30 p.m. Since this restaurant does not take reservations, we will have to be on time because they will not seat us until everyone is present! Go online and check out their unique menu. They have lots of gourmet foods as well as traditional American dishes. Prices are moderate. I will still need to know how many of you are coming, even though they don't take reservations. I will get there early to tell them how many places to set so it will be ready when everyone arrives. I think you'll like this different style restaurant.

-Thank you, Sandy Beauregard.

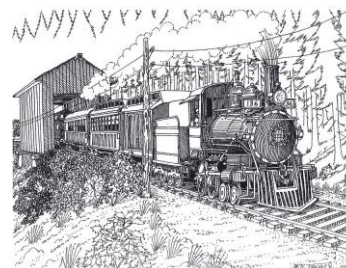


PREACHING ON SUNDAY, JULY 10 will be the Rev. Dr. Robert Emrich, honorably retired, of Saginaw, Michigan. Bob served FPC as an Associate Pastor from 1970 – 1985 and we are glad to have him and Carol (Buff) back with us! Bob retired after nearly thirty years as the Senior Pastor / Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw, Michigan. Please come to hear from this dear friend of our congregation!

CAN YOU SPARE 2 - 3 HOURS OF YOUR TIME to help the Food Pantry? We are looking for volunteers to help distribute food for the Food Pantry on July 9, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. Contact Bill Markle or Jeff Jacobsky for more information.



FIRST VIEW: The News @ FPC



JOIN US FOR A FALL DAY TRIP ON - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 – MOUNTAIN RAIL & THEATRE, ELKINS, WV ... After taking a tour bus from our church parking lot to Elkins, we will journey 46 miles by train witnessing the beautiful fall foliage into the West Virginia Mountains while enjoying lunch on the New Tygart Flyer. We will be delighted by the

History of America Music Show at the American Mountain Theater – but the day doesn't end there! We will finish with a buffet dinner at the 1863 Grill and a return trip on the bus to Greensburg. **Price for the day's events is: \$142 per person.** This price includes: Bus transportation, train ride, lunch, theater and dinner. (ALL gratuities included in this price)

Important Dates:

Sunday, August 28: Last day to Sign up & deposit of \$50 per person due

Sunday, September 25: Balance due

Reserve Your Spot Today!

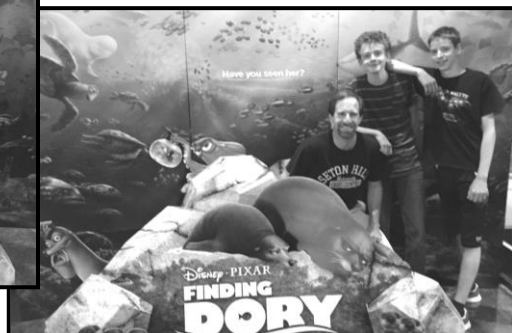
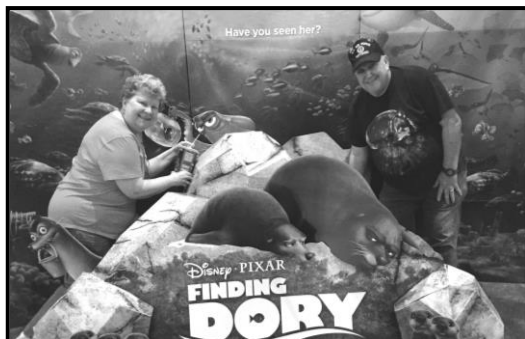
Sign up during Coffee Hour, see Linda Turin or call the church office.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME? SURE! First Presbyterian Church will be traveling to Altoona on **Saturday, July 23** to watch the Pittsburgh Pirates Double-A affiliate, Altoona Curve, take on the Akron Rubber Ducks. Game time is 6:00 p.m. and it is Fireworks Night! **Tickets are only \$8/EA and are payable in full no later Sunday, July 10.** So round up family, friends and maybe even some Cracker Jacks and join us for what will be an enjoyable evening at the ballpark in Altoona! Space is limited so sign up in Coffee Hour ASAP!

Y-Fi* Connections

*Youth of First Presbyterian



YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SC: Please keep our youth mission team in prayer as we travel to South Carolina for our summer mission trip. We left Greensburg on Saturday, July 2nd with an overnight stop in Charlotte, North Carolina and will return on Saturday, July 9th after an overnight stop in Conway, South Carolina. Our team is Henry Ash (a youth from Niki's previous church), Taylor Barner, Niki Brodeur, Ben Clark, Michael Dalansky, Paul Dalansky, John Grim, Rose Markle, Thea McCurry, Austin Pascarella, and Julia Schaming.



Sunday, July 17th – Surprise Day! Meet in the youth room @ 11:30am for a fun day!

Saturday, July 30th – white water rafting trip to Ohiopyle! (\$60 per person; covers all rental gear, lunch, & guides) (sign up with Niki no later than July 25th!)



August 28th @ 11:30am - Children's & Youth Ministry Volunteer Training

September 11th @ 11:30am – Youth Parent Meeting

September 18th @ 11:30am – Confirmation Info Mtg.

ARE YOU READY for the 2016-2017 program year? Niki is starting to work on the calendar for next school year! Got any great ideas for events? What about topics for youth group talks? Send Niki a text or email with your ideas!

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY meets at Eat'n Park on Rt. 30E every Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m. for a time of fellowship, study, and, of course, breakfast. We are now studying First Corinthians under the leadership of Rev. Ankrum.

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 FPC PRESCHOOL - OPENED JANUARY 4, 2016

Because of our outstanding reputation in the community, our program is filling up quickly. You may call the church office at 724-832-0150 if you have any questions regarding our program or if you would like to register your child. A teacher will return your call as soon as possible. We encourage you to share this information with friends and family who may also be looking for a quality educational program for Fall 2016.

POT-LUCK DINNER WITH SOUTH SUDANESE VISITORS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 21!

Join us at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 21 in the Dining Room for a pot-luck dinner and hear from three visitors from the Sudan. We have been praying for the Sudanese people and the churches of Sudan for many years, now come and hear directly from three members of the Presbyterian churches in the Sudan. Please bring a covered dish to share.

SUMMER SOUNDS AT ST. CLAIR PARK – FRIDAY, JULY 8 Our Membership & Evangelism Committee has selected Dancing Dream as our church Evening in the Park on July 8. Dancing Dream is a tribute band for the music of ABBA. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Arrive early for a parking space. See you in the Park!!

ST. VINCENT SUMMER THEATER – SATURDAY, JULY 30 Join your friends to see the St. Vincent Summer Theater production of The Odd Couple on July 30th! Stick around and enjoy the after-play hot dogs and beverage of your choice. The price of the ticket is \$23.00. Money is payable upon reservation. Sign up at Coffee Hour. Come and join us for an evening of the antics of Oscar and Felix.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TO FLOODING IN WEST VIRGINIA PDA reached out to the Presbytery of West Virginia Friday morning, June 24th. By that afternoon, PDA issued an immediate deployment of two National Response Teams. These teams, consisting of 3 NRT members each for a total of 6, will be deployed in West Virginia around June 25th-July 3rd. The NRT teams will provide a ministry of presence to the presbytery and congregations, and assist with assessments. Donations of money through PDA designated for the WV flooding response can be done through the following: PDA is responding in West Virginia--gifts to DR000191 will be used for this response. Write "West Virginia" in the comments when giving online, or if you'd like to give by check, write "DR000191-West Virginia" on the memo line.

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/> You can also text "PDA" to 20222 to donate \$10.

COMMUNION AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Communion) is celebrated monthly at First Presbyterian Church, ordinarily on the first Sunday of the month. The following are excerpts from our church's *Book of Order* that help us to understand the meaning of this sacrament and our relationship to it as followers of Jesus Christ:

Jesus and the Supper

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry.

Communion of the Faithful

Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ. Reconciliation with Christ compels reconciliation with one another. All the baptized faithful are to be welcomed to the Table, and none shall be excluded because of race, sex, age, economic status, social class, handicapping condition, difference of culture or language, or any barrier created by human injustice. Coming to the Lord's Table the faithful are actively to seek reconciliation in every instance of conflict or division between them and their neighbors. Each time they gather at the Table the believing community a. are united with the Church in every place, and the whole Church is present; b. join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God; c. renew the vows taken at Baptism; and they commit themselves afresh to love and serve God, one another, and their neighbors in the world.

Who May Receive

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

Baptized Children

Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity.

COMMUNION WITH CHILDREN

-From Rev. Nicole C. Brodeur

One of the most common questions I hear from parents is this: "When do I allow my child to have communion?" This, of course, leads into more questions about how to explain communion, what it means, age of understanding, and others. Here are some helpful suggestions and questions to guide you through the sacrament of communion with your child. At the bottom is a list of great resources as well, including a phenomenal devotional for parents and kids to help prepare for taking communion.

-Contemplate & Connect Symbols: Kids are very good at using their imagination and discovering meaning in the ordinary. Ask your child what bread and wine/grape juice makes them think of. Ask him/her to talk about a favorite meal or a special meal (ex. Thanksgiving, birthday, etc.) and what makes it memorable. Continue by asking about special meals or mentions of food in the Bible. Tie this into the Lord's Supper; what makes it so special at our church? What do we do differently on those days? How is our celebration of the Lord's Supper similar to the special meals you talked about?

-Different levels of participation: One of the things I love about working with kids is that they want to be in the midst of whatever you're doing. Sure, this can get frustrating when you're trying to make dinner or teach at Children's Church. But this is great when teaching your kids about communion. Start by doing something called "peripheral participation." Kids start to learn about communion by watching you partake in it. They witness you bowing your head, praying quietly, how you eat the bread and drink the cup. Quietly tell them what you are doing and why you are doing it. Why do you talk to God before eating the bread? Why do you wait to drink the cup with everyone else?

Once you feel your child is ready, you can move to "guided participation." Children learn in this way by "helping" you to take communion. When you receive the plate, allow your child to choose a piece of bread for you. Have your child help you to pass the plate to the next person in the pew. As you pray or contemplate while waiting to drink from the cup, allow your child to cup his/her hands around your own as you hold the cup. Ask them to pray quietly with you.

-Note that no ages are mentioned here. This is because you, as your child's parent, are the best one to know when he/she is ready to fully participate in this sacrament. Some kids have taken it as early as 3 years old, others as old as 13 years (some wait until confirmation.) The above practices, as well as some of the ones you'll find in the resources below, will help your family to keep the dialogue going about the significance of celebrating the Lord's Supper.