

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour – Dining Room

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 p.m. Board of Deacons – Dining Room

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

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, AUGUST 12

6:00 p.m. Cornerstone – Pasqualino's, Murrysville

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

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

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour – Dining Room

3:00 p.m. Second Sunday Supper – Dining Room

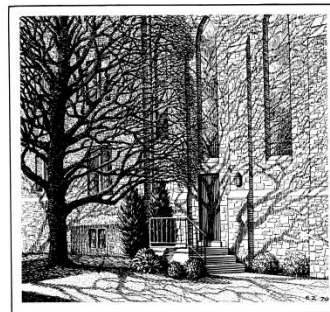
### *Celebrating the Journey ...*

When making a contribution to the capital campaign, please place your donation in an envelope and write on it "Capital Campaign" or write "Capital Campaign" on the memo line of the check. This is to insure it goes toward the proper account. Thank You! LuAnn Peters, Financial Secretary.

Also, please visit our microsite for Celebrating the Journey ... you can reach this site either through our website and selecting the link or you can reach it directly by going to: <http://fpcthejourney.com/> You can become informed about the projects and process and even make a commitment online. Please take the time to visit this informative and important site!

### **OUR ANNUAL FALL BUS TRIP!!! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 CHRISTMAS IN DOVER, OHIO**

This fall, the Membership and Evangelism Committee is planning a special day excursion to the quaint village of Dover, Ohio to get properly into the Christmas spirit! We will be touring the Warther Museum which is known for sixty-four of Ernest Warther's ebony, ivory, and walnut hand-carved masterpieces, including a large amount of trains. In addition to his carvings, the collection contains his wife Frieda's 73,000 piece button collection. As well, we will visit an authentic Amish home and enjoy a luncheon feast. Then we will have time to visit the Christmas shoppes of the Dover area. Cost for the trip is \$110 per person which includes travel by bus, the visit to the museum and the feast at the Amish home. Sign-up opportunities will begin soon!!!



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## **FIRST VIEW: The News @ FPC**

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### **Growing in Faith: Adult Classes Starting in September – A Preview**

**THE FAITH & FAMILY GROUP** meets on the third floor of the CE Wing at 9 a.m. every Sunday during the academic year (Sept. – May) to discuss topics related to our faith and family relationships. The group is composed of young couples, singles and any in the church who are concerned about issues related to faith and family. We'll reconvene on September 17<sup>th</sup>!

### **MARTIN LUTHER ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M.**

**ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE** is a well-attended Sunday morning Adult Education class that seeks to provide a greater understanding of the Christian faith through examination of the life and thought of a great theologian. Our group has studied Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John Calvin and Jonathan Edwards in the past. Our class is led by Dr. Ankrum and we begin our walk through Luther's life and thought on Sunday, September 17.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE?** Many folks have a rudimentary knowledge about the scriptures, but would like to have more familiarity with God's Word ... If this is something you are interested in, please join us each month for **THE BIBLICAL BOOK OF THE MONTH CLASS**. **Gather with us on Monday, September 25 at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Room for our survey of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.**

**THE LAST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB** is open to anyone who loves literature and loves to talk about it a bit. We gather on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. and discuss a pre-selected novel. We meet in the PW Lounge (near the chapel) of our church and usually meet for only an hour. **You are welcome to join us for our first meeting back from summer on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the PW Lounge to discuss *The Stranger* by Albert Camus.**

**CORNERSTONE** – We will meet at Pasqualino’s, 4430 William Penn Hwy (Route 22) in Murrysville on August 12 at 6:00 p.m.. Sign-up during coffee hour or call the church office or Sandy Beauregard (724-834-2247).

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 12:00 NOON - CHURCH PICNIC**....Join this fun event on Sunday, August 27 at Mt. Odin Park, Heather Lund Pavilion, at 12:00 p.m. Enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs on us! You bring your favorite picnic food or dessert to share. Have a favorite game? Bring it along too! Sign up during coffee hour.



**WELCOME BACK, STEPHEN LEADERS!**...The Stephen Leaders from First Presbyterian Church just returned from the Stephen Series Leader’s Training Course in Pittsburgh. We will soon begin benefitting from the skills and knowledge these people have gained during the past seven days. Before long, our church will begin training members to be Stephen Ministers for our congregation. If you are interested in being a Stephen Minister, talk to Sandra Beauregard or Rev. Niki Atkinson.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING @ 7:45: THE MEN’S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** meets at Eat’n Park on Rt. 30 E. for a time of fellowship, study and, of course, breakfast. We are studying Christ’s Beatitudes under the leadership of Dr. Ankrum.



# Y-Fi\* Connections

**\*Youth of First Presbyterian**

**PNC PARK FAITH NIGHT W/ THE PIRATES! THURSDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

\$30 ticket gets you a seat in section 105 and \$10 to be used at any concession or pro shop in the park. After the game, hear from McCutchen, as well as other players and coaches about how their faith has impacted their lives. Sign up with Niki during coffee hour, as we have limited seats! Meet at church at 4:30 p.m. (if you’d like to carpool).

**\*ONLY 7 TICKETS REMAINING!\***



**August 20<sup>th</sup>** @ 11:30 a.m. - Children’s & Youth Ministry Volunteer Training  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>** @ 11:30 a.m. – Youth Parent Meeting  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>** @ 11:30 a.m. – Confirmation Info Mtg. (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS!** Mark it on your calendars! We’ll have training for our children’s and youth ministry volunteers and teachers on Sunday, **August 20<sup>th</sup>** @ 11:30 a.m. in the youth room. Lunch will be provided as well. And don’t forget to get your clearances done! Talk to Niki if you need some help understanding the requirements and what you need to do. Thanks!

**WANT TO IMPACT THE LIVES OF OUR KIDS?** How about helping them grow in faith! In this format, a Bible story is taught for 4 weeks using a variety of methods (art, drama, cooking, music, games, etc.) Our kids love it, teachers enjoy the flexibility, and most importantly, our children are growing in their faith! Want to help out this year? Talk to Niki by calling the office, emailing her, or seeing her during coffee hour! Here’s a preview of what we’re doing this year...

Abraham & Sarah	Gather 9/17, Class 9/24, 10/1, 10/8
The Plagues	Gather 10/15, Class 10/22, 10/29, 11/5
Ruth	Gather 11/12, Class 11/19, 11/26, 12/3

**COMING SOON! SUNDAY, SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 5PM**



# HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP 2017

## WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

All of the youth are back from Rhode Island safe and sound and a bit tired from their labors. We thank God for both their safe travels and for the impact that this week had upon them and those they served. Here's a brief synopsis and some photos covering their time away partnering with other youth groups from around the country ...

**Hours of Service: 11,484**

**Items collected for community pantry: 2,484**

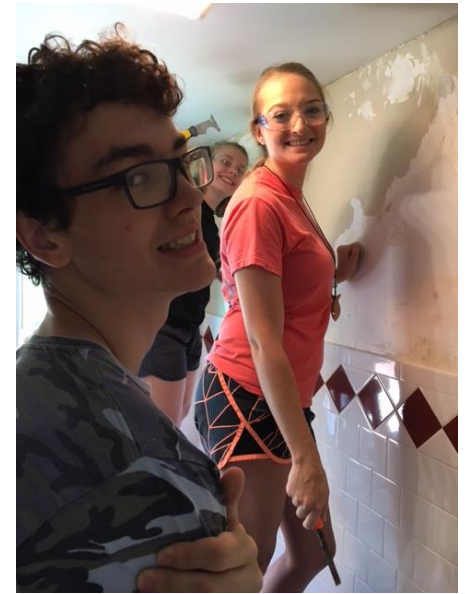
**Missionaries: 362**

**Crews: 62**

**Site completed: 50**

**Days of service in Woonsocket, RI: 5**

**Changing the life of a family in need: priceless**



**THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED:**

Ben Clark, Michael Dalansky, Paul Dalansky, Lizzy Dickson, Austin Pascarella, and Julia Schaming. Rev. Niki & Geoff Atkinson, and Katie Morella

**AND THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!!!**