

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, July 7

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Monday, July 8

Tuesday, July 9

Wednesday, July 10

Picnic Sign-ups are Due

Thursday, July 11

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

Sunday, July 14

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Worship

11:00 a.m. - Worship and Music

Committee Meeting

11:30 a.m. -



Attendance Last Week (June 23):

10:00 a.m.: 108

Online Views: 35

Total Giving - NA

2024 Per Capita to date - \$5,882.00

2024 Per Capita Budgeted - \$6,000.00

Total Due to Presbytery - \$20,774.00

(2024 Per Capita per member - \$34.00)

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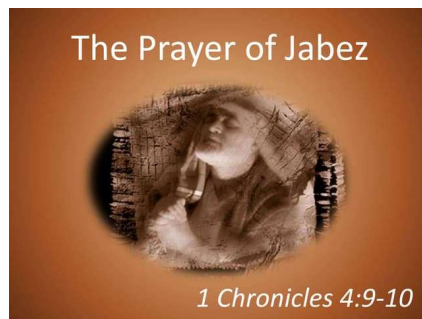
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The WINs Project is still collecting good clean plastic grocery bags (no wine and spirits bags). Please collect your bags in June, July and August and drop them off in their designated spot across from the church office at the end of August. Thank you!

Thanks to all for your support of the recent Teen Trip to D.C. Your monetary donations, kind thoughts, and prayers were much appreciated. In spite of the trauma that Marianne Woods experienced, she was adamant that we continue on the trip to D.C., and we did. Although we weren't able to experience quite all that Marianne had planned, we were able to take in the African American Museum, the Capital building, the National Portrait Gallery, the National Art Gallery, the Library of Congress, the National Museum of Natural History, and a riveting performance at the Arena Theatre of *The Migration: Reflections on Jacob Lawrence*. Capping the trip was riding the Amtrak train from Union Station in D.C. to Pittsburgh, an event in and of itself!! It was a rich multi-generational, multi-cultural experience that the teens will long remember. Thank you!!!

Marianne Woods is in UPMC Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh. If you would like to send her an ecard you can do so by going to www.ecards.upmc.com. You will have to choose the hospital which is listed above.



WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 7, 2024

Welcome to this service of prayer and praise at First Presbyterian Church. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

SERVING THIS MORNING:

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is Ross Feltz.
- **The Greeters** today are Logan Luce, Keith Edwards, Sandy Janes, and Doris Morrow.
- **The Liturgist** today is Scott Ladner.
- **The Acolyte** today is Owen Dill.
- **The Cantor** today is Nancy Smith.

Today's alter flowers are provided by Marie and Ross Feltz in memory of their son, Jess Ross (November 15, 1973 - July 5, 2008), a brother to JoLayne Green and uncle of Justin, Braden and Lydia Green.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Howie McCall, Marianne Woods, Bonnie Murphy, Marlene Braham, Christianne Marawba, Randy Puno, Blessie Santos, Ruth Cooper, Cathy McKinney, Erin Hart, Marilyn and John Robb, Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.
- † **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Rev. Katherine Randall, New Moderator of the Coordinating Commission; Rev. David Lee and Rev. Steve Morse, Honorably Retired.
- † **Members' and Friends' Loved Ones Being Deployed:** Tyler Schmidt, and Shawn Woolstrum.
- † **Service Personnel:** Karalyn Adams, Ben Bartoe, Donald Albaugh, Andrew Hall, Travis Jensen, Kirk Mumau and Kloe Peterson.
- † **"The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center."** Staff - Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director, Emily Seibel, Assistant, and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.
- † **The mission work of Ross and Mary Hunter (Ecuador), Rev. Celestin Musekura (E. Africa - ALARM), Donnie Brake (South Sudan - SEA Partners), Andrew and Amy Funka (Czech Republic - Along Side Ministry Int.), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Presbytery of Redstone, (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children (Compassion International), Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Thailand - Payap University), The Carter Foundation, Josh Heikkila (West Africa - PCUSA), Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar (U.S./Mexican Border - PCUSA), Cindy Corell (Joining Hands Against Hunger, Haiti - PCUSA), Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez (Migration and Human trafficking, Philippines - PCUSA), Dr. Larry and Inge Sthresley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA).**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



The Prayer Lifeline is available to pray for your joys and concerns. Call the church office at 814-333-2161 to make your request. You can also e-mail Laurel Porter at hlporter20@yahoo.com. All requests will be kept confidential.



Stephen Ministry: If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below. (Please note this is meant to supplement, not replace, the prayer line, which offers long-term, ongoing prayer.) Our goal is simply to offer the important ministry of one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer as the immediate need arises. We can visit with you by way of phone calls, virtual connection, or social distancing. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Barb Grzegorzewski. She can be reached at 814-336-1447.**



PNC Update: The PNC is in the interview stage of the process. We have interviewed two candidates so far and have invited an additional candidate to an interview. The committee continues to look at new matches and candidates who have directly applied for the position. Prayers are welcomed from the congregation, as God leads us through this next step in the process. *Ryan Claspy – Chair*



IS YOUR SUMMER “BOOKED”? Our church library will be open all summer. Feel free to browse and pick some great books or DVDs for your summer reading or viewing. **Come in and Check Them Out!!**

2025 is First Presbyterian’s 225th Anniversary!

Be part of the celebration! In July 1799 two ministers toured northwestern Pennsylvania preaching everywhere they had the opportunity. They preached in Meadville, and soon after Rev. Joseph Stockton became the pastor. The congregation met in people’s homes. Rev. Stockton was also the first teacher of the Meadville Academy, forerunner of Allegheny College. ***In 225 years, we have grown! Consider being part of the Anniversary Committee. Contact Dr. Corll or an elder to indicate your interest.***

Entry Security System is now operational during the week.

During the week those attending meetings and events at the church are requested to enter by the East Cherry Street Alley entrance. A video/audio system will provide admission to the building. It is much like ringing a doorbell. Exit from the building is not restricted in any manner. Please be patient as we become accustomed to this new system. It was deemed a priority to install the system to provide better security for church and school staff, school children, and families.

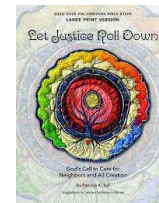


Beginners Handbell Choir: Kevin Dill plans to launch a new ensemble for those who have never rung bells before, or who rang once upon a time but want to brush up on their skills. The goal is to prepare music to ring in church occasionally, in a fun, low-pressure environment. Please let Kevin know if you’d like more information on participating!



FILL THE POOL WITH NONPERISHABLE FOOD! The Presbyterian Women’s Mission Focus for July is our food pantry.

Many families in our community are going through hard times. A children’s swimming pool will be upstairs in the foyer. Bring your items in and put it in the pool (which has been filled once) or you may bring items in during the week and put them in the food pantry box in the office. Some suggested food items to put in the pool are canned meat, fruit, vegetables, soup, ravioli, legumes, pasta and pasta sauce, applesauce, rice and instant potatoes, boxed macaroni and cheese, cereal and oatmeal, peanut butter and saltine crackers, and small packages of instant milk. Any nonperishable food will be appreciated.



Presbyterian Women’s 2024-2025 PW/Horizons Bible Study this year is titled “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation” by Patricia K. Tull.

Patricia K. Tull will describe her call for creation justice in this way: “When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment. Readers will explore theological questions that point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.” Circle leaders please contact Mary Truran at 814-573-7943 or email her at mtruran1687@zoominternet.net with the number of books your circle will need before the end of July. Study Books will cost \$11.00.



Are you looking to be a volunteer? The church has many ways you can serve: Food Pantry, helping the office with Sunday bulletins, congregational mailings, Evangel mailings, ushering, liturgist, and Church Historical Committee. The Wesbury Community is also looking for help with Mealtime Assistance, One-on-one visits, Bingo Calling, Crafting, Transporting to Activities, and other activity assistance. There are many opportunities to help. Call the church office for details 814-333-2161.



Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania, in cooperation with the WiNS Project, has announced the transition of five elementary schools in Crawford Central School District into its Backpack Program. The program discreetly places nutritious foods in participating children’s backpacks on Fridays to ensure that children have what they need over the weekends and during school breaks. The Second Harvest Backpack Program will run from October to May each year. Volunteers from the WiNS Project will continue to pack the bags and deliver them to the schools each week. Suzie Malone, co-president of the WiNS project, shared, “We are delighted to be partnering with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania. With Second Harvest taking on our child feeding program, the search for a reliable and affordable source of food for weekly bags is over. I hope that those who have financially supported WiNS in the past will continue to do so through Second Harvest, so this important program can continue.” Donations can be made online at www.nwpafoodbank.org.