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Celebrating Christian Unity



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Not long after my arrival, I was approached by an elder whom suggested that we build relationships with Presbyterians in Warren County, as rich as our relationships with our Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Methodist sisters and brothers in town. Over the last year, I have discovered how truly noteworthy our ecumenical relationships are. For this I am grateful. Hence, it was common sense for our session to ask Betty Bauer, Gloria Lasher and Vickie Eggleston to be a catalyst to encourage our sister Presbyterian churches in the county to start something. The seed was planted.

This summer TWIGS was formed. You ask... what is TWIGS? In John 15:5, Jesus said "I am the vine, you are the branches."(NRSV) Considering we are members of Christ's church universal, which branches off for us to be a part of the Presbyterian Church USA, then a part of the Synod of the Trinity, next part of the Presbytery of Lake Erie and eventually to our local congregations, TWIGS seemed appropriate. Take the first initial for the name of each town in Warren county where our

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churches reside and you have the name of our collaborative group of Presbyterians: Tidioute, Warren (North Warren and First), Irvine, Garland and Sugar Grove.

Mark your calendar! Our first event will be on Sunday, October 9th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on the Warren County Fairgrounds. We will gather together for a great meal, time to get to know one another and lots of fun for people of all ages. It will be an incredible time.

To identify us with our congregations and mix us up a bit, each congregation has been assigned a color of the rainbow. FPC Warren is purple. We ask

that you wear something purple, if you can. Please sign up in communications hall or call the church office at 723.9200.

In the meantime, we continue to nurture our ecumenical relationships recognizing that when we know and work together with our sisters and brothers in the Christ, we accomplish a great deal more. We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2. Our friends from First Lutheran Church will be joining us for worship that day, as we join with Christians around the world recognizing our unity in Christ.

Blessings,
Ellie

Joys and Concerns

We extend our sympathy to ~

- MaryAnn Buerkle, Jean & Kim Reynolds, Lynn & Bob Sears, and their families upon the death of MaryAnn's



brother and Jean & Lynn's uncle, Mr. Charles J. Christian, 83, who died Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at the Rouse Home, Youngsville, PA.

Mark Your Calendars:

Celebrating God's Gifts!

Lunch at First Presbyterian Church

November 7, 2011

After church

***Watch for sign up sheet or for a call
from your Deacon.***



Deacons' Visitation List

Cambridge Warren

Anna Mae Howe

Golden Living Center—

Kinzua

Carol Budd

Richard Jones

The Rouse Home or Suites

Jo Brown

MaryAnn Buerkle

Loverine Chittester

Marjorie Cornwall

Elizabeth Hartwick

Pat Hibner

Eleanor Jones

Lewis "Bud" Jones

Martha Jones

Patty Lundahl

Violette McAmbley

Vera McClymonds

Warren Manor -

Kathryn Brown

Lois Conrad

Eleanor Morris

Geneva Nagy

Winnie Wills

At Home -

Sally Kasper

Leroy Korb

Bob Swanson

Kim Warner

2011 Educational Opportunities

We are proud of the educational opportunities that are offered at First Presbyterian Church of Warren. Our home...our family, working



We're thankful for you!

together to provide something for everyone in Christian Education. The very young in our church are nurtured in the "pink room" which is the pres-school area. The teachers in that room are Terri Wertz and Jen Neall. It is very comforting to our little ones to see the same faces each week as they learn and play together.

The children in Pre-K – 1 also meet on the second floor. The teachers for that class are Jennifer Cameron and Marcie Huey. Children in grades 2 – 5 meet in the middle room on the second floor. Their teachers are Paul Cree and Jen Neall.

Both groups will be using the curriculum from *Seasons of the Spirit*. They will begin with the *Season of Creation*. It will be a time to reflect on the Earth and our relationship with it and its

relationship with God. They will be hearing stories that will be from the perspective of the Earth and what Forest, Land, Wilderness/Outback and River have to tell about God's creation and love for our world.

The Sr. High class will be meeting Sunday evenings with Rev. Ellie and an adult volunteer. They are visiting different businesses in Warren and finding out that one's job goes hand in hand in doing God's work not only in our community but in the world.

The Daily Living Class, led by Kay Dolan, will be reading and discussing the book, *Heaven is for Real*, a little boy's astounding story of his trip to heaven and back. This group meets in the Library.

Wally Blyth will once again lead the Adult Bible Class as they continue with their study of the Letter to the Romans. Wally's class is in the room right off the elevator. Please take the elevator

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to the second floor and the doors will open into the classroom.

The Mariner's group just celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sunday, September 18th. Congratulations to all of you for this amazing milestone. This group explores a wide variety of topics taught by different volunteers from the class or by an outside guest. Please note you do not have to teach a class to be a member of this group. They meet in the Craft room.

The women's book study led by Gloria Lasher will continue with the discussion of the book, *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado. They meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Parlor.

Not sure what group is right for you? You are welcome to visit all the classes and then make your decision. If you have further questions please call the church office at 723-9200.

Mission Musings

Now that fall is here, the Mission Committee is picking up speed once again. Many volunteers have helped make this season's Farmer's Market another great success. We will be staffing the stand at the mid-town parking lot through the end of October and at the rate we're going, we'll surpass last year's total by a wide margin.

A fall clean-up day has been scheduled by the folks at Camp Lambec and we're hoping that a team of folks from our congregation can make the trip to the Erie area on Saturday, October 15th to assist with this project. Because of our adoption of the cabins at



Westminster Highlands and the work we've been doing there, we haven't taken a group to Lambec in a few years. If you're able to participate that day, please let Martha Leathers or Howard Ferguson know.

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Also on October 15th, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a fundraiser at Bob Evans in North Warren. Much like the Pizza Hut fundraisers in the past, a percentage of every meal, whether eat-in or take-out, will go to benefit the upcoming mission trip. Please consider taking the coupon from the bulletin insert to Bob Evans on October 15th and have a great meal while supporting the mission trip participants.

Are you starting to plan ahead for your holiday baking? No need to buy all of the ingredients for a yummy pie when they'll be offered once again right here at FPC. We're planning on the same schedule as in the past so that the pies and pumpkin rolls will be delivered the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. Watch the upcoming bulletins and the website

for the order form that will offer a great selection of pies.

In the past, we've had a great response to our soup sale so we're going to be offering this again, probably around the beginning of November. More information will be forthcoming on this project.

Members of the Mission Committee have begun selling coupon books for use at the Bon-Ton on Friday and Saturday, November 11 & 12. For a cost of \$5, you will receive a book of coupons which includes a coupon for \$10 off an item of your choice. Please consider purchasing one of the booklets and start your holiday shopping early.

We've been talking about other fundraisers to help support next year's mission trip so watch future bulletin announcements and newsletters.

Children's Sabbath

Justice, Justice shall you pursue: answering God's call to protect children

We will be joining churches, synagogues, mosques and temples across the country in this celebration on Sunday October 16th in our worship

service to focus on the need for advocacy, to be attentive to our call to justice and recognize the issues that surround the children of all cultures, focus on this

need for advocacy. Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Celebration is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect and advocate for all children.

This celebration is a part of a broader Children's Sabbaths movement that aims to unite

religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and a common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. In that respect, each action is bigger, more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one celebration.

Come and light your own candle for children here and around the world on October 16th, as we celebrate Children's Sabbath Sunday.



It's Rummage Sale Time

Set-up Thursday, October 6
Sale dates ~ Friday, October 7
9:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M.
Saturday, October 8
9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.



The Presbyterian Youth use the proceeds from the rummage sales to raise money for both our College Scholarship and Camping Scholarships Funds. Please help by bringing your clean, quality clothing and usable household items. Your support is appreciated. Questions can be directed to the church office at 723-9200. Volunteers are always a crucial part of this event. If you are able to help with set-up, selling, or clean-up, please let us know.

Peacemaking Offering



We've all seen horrific news images of children who have been victimized by war. Among these victims may be young children forced by conscription or indoctrination to participate in waging war as soldiers. Others may become sex slaves or unwilling servants to older combatants.

UNICEF estimates that as many as 300,000 children under age eighteen are engaged in armed conflicts around the world, despite international laws prohibiting such practices. The 2002 Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict is an international treaty forbidding the use of children under age eighteen as soldiers. Two-thirds of the world's countries have ratified it, but some sixty countries have not.

The Red Hand Campaign, promoted by the PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, office of Child Advocacy, and Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, is an international initiative designed to create awareness about the use of children as soldiers and to convince the remaining countries to sign on. Presbyterians of all ages can create red paper handprints customized with messages of support for the protocol. The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations will deliver the red hands to the UN offices of those countries yet to ratify the optional protocol as graphic reminders that children have no place on the battlefield. To date over a quarter of a million red hands have been delivered. The goal is for every country in the world to ratify the optional protocol by 2012, its tenth anniversary. For more information, visit www.pcusa.org/children.

Your contribution to the Peacemaking Offering will enable the PC(USA) to keep the momentum growing for these children.
Please give generously.



General Assembly Mission Council
www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering
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Sharing Place Schedule

GROUP ONE

Susie Spangler, Captain 723-9363
Beverly Callahan 757-8475
Ann Ferguson 723-4494
Sylvia Follett 723-9734
Richard King 723-8256
Ida Ruland 723-6466

December 29, 2011 May 31, 2012
November 1, 2012

DESSERTS

Louise Crozier 723-8690
Carrie Duckett 723-2453
Joyce Hill 723-2134
Tina Huey 726-2917
Ida Ruland 723-6466
Dorothy Wingert 723-6656

GROUP THREE

Lynda Slocum, Captain 726-4990
Beverly Callahan 757-8475
Ron Carlson 723-5209
Sylvia Follett 723-9734
Kass Judson 563-2249
Richard King 723-8256
Deane Passmore 723-1443
Don Scott 723-3632

November 3, 2011 April 5, 2012
September 6, 2012 February 14, 2013

DESSERTS

Mindy Colvin 726-2844
Martha Holtz 723-8734
Tina Huey 726-2917
Carole Mayer 726-0441
Lynn Sears 723-9479

GROUP TWO

Patti Anderson, Captain 757-9268
Deane Anderson 757-9268
Beverly Callahan 757-8475
Ron Carlson 723-5209
Sylvia Follett 723-9734
Richard King 723-8256
Barbara Mader 726-1903
Bill Mader 726-1903
Audrey Patton 723-8796

September 8, 2011 February 16, 2012
July 19, 2012 December 27, 2012

DESSERTS

Mindy Colvin 726-2844
Jennie Dobson 723-1190
Connie Johnson 723-7208
Tina Huey 726-2917
Audrey Patton 723-8796

SUBSTITUTE DESSERTS

Martha Goodman 723-1262
Lynn Sears 723-9479

SUBSTITUTE SERVERS

Kathy Lang 726-1780
Lynn Sears 723-9479
Susie Spangler 723-9363
Dottie Wingert 723-6656

Patty Lundahl 726-3767
Call Patty if you need help setting tables.

NOTE: Team Captains and "Early" people should be at the kitchen at **3:00 p.m.** All others should be there at **4:00 p.m.** If you can not be there at your assigned time, please arrange for your own substitute. It is not your Team Captain's responsibility! All members of each team are responsible to help the *two* kitchen aides with clean up after everyone has eaten.

Sunday

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Tuesday

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<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour 6:30pm Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p>6:00pm Lioness Board Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 8 6:30pm Troop 8 7:30pm NA</p>		

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2011

Sharing Place Helpers

October 6, 2011

RUMMAGE SALE NO MEAL

October 13, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Elsie Giegerich Donna & Virgil Carlson Debbie Vicini
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October 20, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Bev Callahan Nancy Oliphant Debbie Vicini
October 27, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Susie Spangler Marty Goodman Debbie Vicini
November 3, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Melinda King Debbie Vicini Sarah Wilson
November 10, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Dottie Wingert Marguerite Lyle Debbie Vicini
November 17, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Sandy Ransom Mary Merenick Debbie Vicini

November 24, 2011

THANKSGIVING NO MEAL

Beverly Callahan..... 757-8475	Nancy Oliphant..... 757-8455
Donna & Virgil Carlson..... 723-4098	Sandy Ransom 723-5107
Marty Goodman 723-1262	Melinda King 723-8256
Susie Spangler 723-9363	Debbie Vicini..... 723-1658
Marguerite Lyle..... 723-1682	Sarah Wilson..... 723-5984
Mary Merenick 726-0147	Dottie Wingert 723-6656
Bette McAmbley 726-1698	

DUTIES FOR KITCHEN AIDES

1. Help the cook with food preparation when needed.
2. Make coffee.
3. Allow the host committee to take over other responsibilities when they arrive at 3:15.
4. Help the cook prepare plates for serving.
5. Make certain all food is marked and properly wrapped for storage in the freezer.
6. See that all dishes and equipment are put away in their proper places.

Help Feed the Hungry

Get Your Hands Dirty in Mission

First Presbyterian Church's booth at The Farmer's Market is going strong thanks to support of members and friends of the church. Each week three to five people set up, staff, and break down the booth. The spread ranges from delectable pies, breads, fudge, cookies, and sweet rolls to potatoes, onions, corn, and all sorts of garden produce.



The Farmer's Market is open every Saturday morning from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and runs through the end of October. All proceeds raised by First Presbyterian Church benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Since its inception in 2000, \$56,351.18 has been sent to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. A sign-up sheet for workers is posted in Communications Hall.

Please join us in this fun and worthwhile mission endeavor which yields such life-changing results. Your support is appreciated.

I will get my hands dirty in mission by ~

_____ donating produce from my garden

_____ donating flowers from my garden

_____ donating baked goods

_____ staffing the stand one Saturday morning

_____ helping set up at 6:30 a.m. Saturday mornings

_____ helping tear down at 12:00 noon on Saturdays

College Boxes

Remember me? Our college students will be assured that we are thinking about them when they receive their college boxes. The Senior High Youth will be packing the college boxes very early in November. If there is anyone interested in helping with this project by donating items, it would be very helpful if the items could be in the Christian Ed. Office by October 31st or before. Direct any questions to Ellie.

Suggestions for the boxes are:

- Gum
- Breath Mints
- Cocoa
- Popcorn
- Pens
- Sticky Notes
- Small packets of Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Small packets of Goldfish
- 100 calorie packets of cookies / chocolate covered pretzels or crackers
- Toothpaste
- Note cards
- Mini-candy bars
- Or anything that you think they would appreciate finding in their boxes

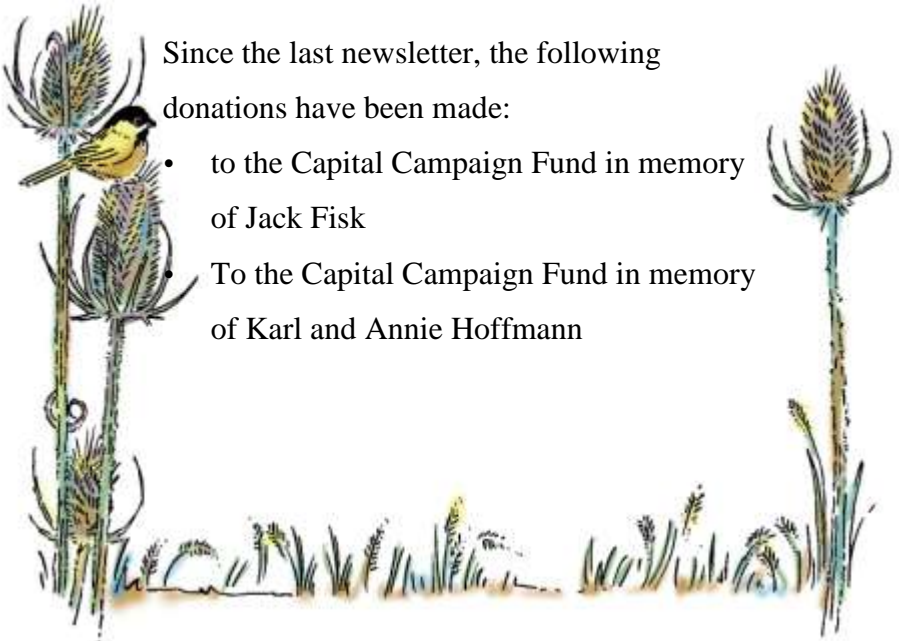


Pastor Appreciation Month



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Have you thought about a way you might honor your pastor? Be creative! Think about how you might affirm the work that she is doing. There are numerous resources online to affirm the person that God has called to serve our congregation in ministry. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

Donations and Gifts



Since the last newsletter, the following donations have been made:

- to the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Jack Fisk
- To the Capital Campaign Fund in memory of Karl and Annie Hoffmann

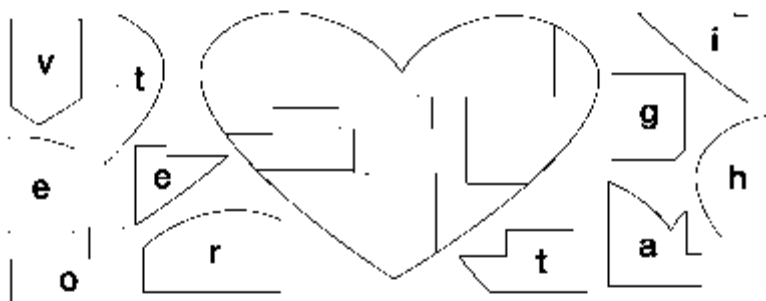


HOW TO GIVE

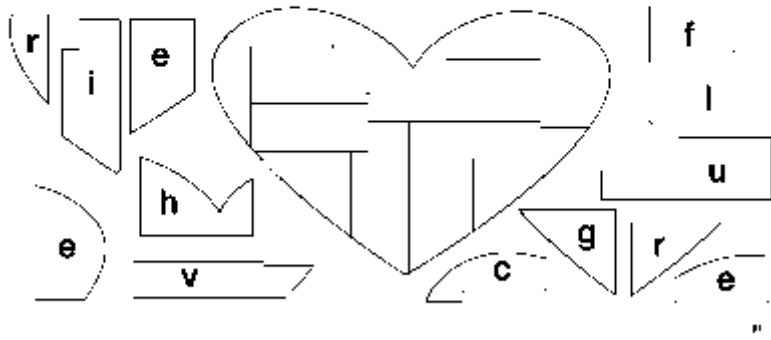
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give cheerful giver

Adult Birthdays

Martha Speidel	October 1
Dawn Dietsch	October 4
Amy Neiport	October 9
Rebecca Gray	October 11
Norman Chamberlain	October 12
Bob Sears	October 12
Barb Mader	October 13
Betty Randolph	October 13
Melissa Moore	October 17
Kelly Diley	October 19
Ellie Johns	October 19
Janice Logan	October 19
Chris McAmbley	October 24
Carole Mayer	October 26
Kim Avery	October 27
Jerod Eggleston	October 27
Blanche Gaillard	October 29
Jane Greenlund	October 30
George Johnson	October 31

Youth Birthdays

Carter Neiport	October 16
Noah Diley	October 17



P.A.C.E Begins

September 20 was the kick off date for our P.A.C.E program. We made a few changes this year by changing the program from Wednesday to Tuesday afternoons. It is also new leadership with Joanna Lasher preparing the program and activities and Dawn Sears using her gift of music to lead, teach, and direct the singing portion of the program.

What hasn't changed is all the fun the children continue to have as they participate in art projects, cooking activities, Bible stories, games, and sharing a meal together in a loving Christian setting. They began the season with the theme "Planting Seeds of Love."

If your child or if you know of any children who would like to participate in this special program, please call our church office at 723-9200.



After-School Program

A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

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