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time for

Vacation Bible School

June 11-15

Activities begin each night at 5:00
Dinner included
Volunteers needed

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Sunday Worship

Church School
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Remember to wear red on June 4th

Pentecost

Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life with an offering to unite us in a church-wide effort to support children in Christ and provide opportunities for young people to grow and share their faith.

40% of raised funds will stay with our congregation to support programs for young people in our church and in Clarksburg.

25% supports young adult volunteers to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through Christian service.

25% goes to ministries with youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders.

10% advocates for at-risk children, helping to improve education and provide safe havens for children.

Quick Facts:

Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The Day of Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church.

Worship Schedule for June

This the start of a summer series on discipleship. The series is based on a study by James W. Moore entitled, "On the Road Again."

JUNE 4th: Day of Pentecost (Holy Communion)

SCRIPTURES: Acts 2:1-21 *John 20:19-23

SERMON TITLE: "The Holy Spirit Is Not Optional Equipment"

THEME: A Christian is nothing without the Holy Spirit. Too often we limit our dreams, our efforts and ourselves to what is humanly possible. As Christians we have the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have real power! True, the Holy Spirit is disruptive, aggressive, and sometimes unreasonable. But the Holy Spirit is also life changing and glorious!

JUNE 11th: Trinity Sunday

Pastor John is on vacation.

Dick Ogden will be preaching.

SCRIPTURES: Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON TITLE: "Table Scraps"

JUNE 18th: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Vacation Bible School Sunday & Father's Day
VBS Program**

JUNE 25th: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURES: Genesis 21:8-21* Matthew 9:35-10:8

SERMON TITLE: "Compassion"

THEME: Christ had compassion on the crowd because they were lost and hurting. When Christ sends us out to bring others to him, it is not so that we can build up our church rolls, it is because we are to show compassion. People are hurting and they need a savior.

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NURSERY ATTENDANT

Isabella Keller



	Cost	Donations	Balance
Sidewalk/Steps	\$16,726	\$9,190	\$7,536
Westminster A/C	\$10,261	\$2,425	\$7,836

Donations are still welcomed. Any balance will reduce our Undesigned Funds (savings).

Activities & Meetings for June

DEACONS ó Tuesday, June 13th at 5:30.

WORSHIP & MUSIC ó Sunday, June 18th at noon.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ó Sunday, June 18th at noon.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE ó Tuesday, June 20th at 5:00

SESSION ó Tuesday, June 20th at 5:30

PRAYER GROUP ó Mondays Mornings at 10:00

BIBLE STUDY ó Wednesdays at 6:30

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ó No meeting until September

CIRCLE JOANNA ó No meeting until September



Treasurer's Report

NET CASH FLOW - APRIL	2016	2017
INCOME	\$66,171	\$59,949
EXPENSES	\$68,596	\$62,476
NET INCOME	-\$2,425	-\$2,527

Pastor John's Jottings . .

"We're spending our whole lives together, so we need to be really gentle."

Every day I listen to people with very real and pressing problems. So I read science fiction for relaxation because none of it really matters. However, even science fiction has the occasional insight.

In his book, *"Babylon's Ashes,"* James S. A. Corey has a group of colonists heading out on a spaceship to find a new planet to live on. Since space is so vast, such a spaceship might take hundreds of years to reach its destination.

One of the mothers, Anna, is asking her teenage daughter about a boy she had seen her with.

Nami rolled her eyes, *"It isn't like that."*

"What isn't like what?"

"Mother. Saladin isn't my boyfriend. His parents died in Cairo, and he's here with his aunt and uncle. He really needs friends, and anyway Liliana likes him, so even if I did, I wouldn't. We have to be careful. We're spending our whole lives together, so we need to be really gentle. If we mess it up, it's not like we can just change schools."

It strikes me that Nami has a good reminder for us. We live in a *"throwaway"* society where, if something doesn't work, we don't fix it. It is cheaper to throw it away and get a new one. We need the reminder that people are not things that can be thrown away. Whether we are talking about our families, our church, our town, or even living in the midst of the billions of people on this world - *"We have to be careful. We're spending our whole lives together, so we need to be really gentle."*

Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

Hope and Confidence,

Pastor John

Wednesday Night Bible Class

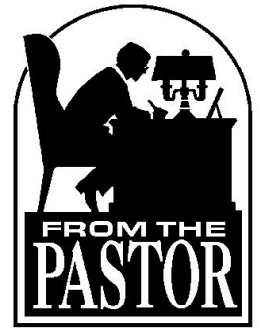
Join us for Wednesday Night Bible Study as we have begun a study on Esther.

**There will be no Bible study on
June 7th and 14.**

McClelland-Parlor Class
The McClelland/Parlor Class invites you to join them as they gather at 9:30 on Sunday morning. We spend a little time visiting and *"catching up,"* then the lesson starts at 9:45 and continues until 10:30. If you don't already have a Sunday School home, we welcome you to join us.

Monday Morning Prayer Group
We invite you to join us at 10:00 to a relaxed and friendly meeting to lift up the prayers and praises of our church and our members, their families and friends, our community, and ourselves.

Presbyterian Women
**will not meet again until
September.**



First Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 ~ 5:30 p.m.

-We have two work camp weeks set up so far.

July 9 - 15 (Hopewell PC)

July 23 - 29 (Two small groups)

-Dick Ogden will be preaching on June 11th while the pastor is on vacation.

-Pastor will be on vacation July 3rd - 16th. July 9th and 16th are the Sundays that will have guest preachers.

-We are working on finding a new choir director.

-We have a few tile shingles missing from our steeple. We are working on getting that repaired as soon as possible.

-Dick Ogden will be our commissioner to Presbytery on May 18.

Pastor's Report:

Hospital Visits: 5 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 17

Baptisms: none **Weddings:** none

Funerals: 5-16-17 Betty Susan Kennedy burial at Bridgeport Cemetery.

Sacrament of Communion was celebrated on April 2. Deacons report 57 served. 32 people were served on Maundy Thursday.

Home Communion has not been served at this time.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2017

Month	Request	Completed	Pledged	Disbursed
January	12	10	\$548.77	\$478.77
February	15	13	\$831.77	\$711.77
March	16	14	\$971.99	\$851.99
April	9	6	\$506.59	\$336.59
May	25	22	\$1,384.32	\$1,224.32
Total	75	64	\$4,242.72	\$3,612.72

SEEKING CHOIR DIRECTOR



Interested applicants should call the church office for position details or check the church website for more information.

Congratulations
to Chad and Ashley Montgomery
on becoming foster parents.
We welcome Addie to our church family.
Please keep them in your prayers.



Joined the Church Triumphant
Betty Susan Kennedy
April 15, 1923 - May 12, 2017

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- June - 4
- June - 11 Terra Burnett
- June - 18 VBS Sunday
- June - 25 Dawn Woodburn

WORSHIP LEADERS

- June - 4 Terra Burnett
- June - 11 Harriett Northey
- June - 18 VBS Sunday
- June - 25 Dorris Holt

DEACON GREETERS

- June - 4 Chad & Ashley Montgomery
- June - 11 Jane Simmerman
- June - 18 Harriett Northey
- June - 25 Judy McQuaid

ACOLYTES

- June - 4 Hannah Burnett and Molly Hugus
- June - 11 Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell
- June - 18 Ashleigh Burnett
- June - 25 Edna Merriott and Danielle Rinehart



Reredos Flowers

Dates available for this month and next:
June 4th and 11th
July 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd and 30th



- 1 - Deanna Alvaro Murlin
- 7- Donna Shiffra
- 9 - Tyler Tustin
- 10 - David Corsini
- 10 - Rita Forsythe
- 10 - Micah Scott Gainer
- 11 - Jo Eckert
- 11 - Rebecca George
- 14 - Jody Forinash
- 16 - Pam Mitchell
- 17 - Micah Morrison
- 17 - Karina Atkinson
- 19 - Susie Hart
- 21 - Nancy Boyles
- 21 - Ashley Montgomery
- 24 - Jean Craig
- 25 - Janice Hardman
- 25 - Kathryn Colucci
- 27 - Ashleigh Burnett
- 29 - Philip Clark



In Special Care Facilities:

- Roberta Davis Joyce King
- Marj Faris Barbara Morris
- Amy Garrett Carrie Waters

*IN OUR THOUGHTS
& PRAYERS...*

- ALLEN, Mike*
- DAVIS, Judy**
- DIAZ-JENKINS, Jill***
- DRAKE, Billie
- EDGELL, Steve
- GAINER, Hugh
- GAINER, Michael Ann
- KILLARY, Rita**
- KUHENS, Eric
- LAWRENCE, Chuck
- OLDAKER, Kenneth
- PRESTON-TONKIN, Betty
- RECKTENWALD, Wayne
- SHIFFRA, Donna
- SHIFFRA, Everett
- WARREN, Lola*