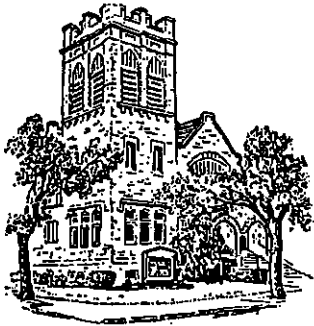


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JANUARY 2014

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE,
TUESDAY,
JANUARY 21, 2014

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Dr. Allyn L. Ricketts, Ph. D
CHURCH SECRETARY: Audrey Green
ORGANIST: Evan Snyder
SEXTON: Valerie Kachur
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Barb Gaughan
NURSERY ATTENDANT: Linda Powell
MESSENGER VOLUNTEERS:
Carolyn Gallaher, Sally Krozely
June Pollard, Donna Hiding
Linda Scaife, Carol Wolfe

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM



STRENGTH FOR THE NEW YEAR

The world seems to be a pain sometimes. Evil seems to overcome us and there just seems to be no way to make sense of it all. Let's face it, life is hard. This is true for us even though we have things much softer than most people have in the entire history of the world. Yet we face real pain, real grief, real problems in our lives: we are not immune. And often times we use this pain to give us a reason not to believe in God. After all, if he is so good how come his world has turned out so bad? In Mere Christianity C.S. Lewis talks of how he used this kind of excuse.

"My argument against God was that the universe seemed cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust? If the whole show was bad and senseless from A to Z, so to speak, why did I, who was supposed to be part of the show, find myself in such violent reaction against it? A man feels wet when he falls into water, because man is not a water animal: a fish would not feel wet. Of course I could have given up my idea of justice by saying it was nothing but a private idea of my own. But if I did that, then my argument against God collapsed too—for the argument depended on saying that the whole world was really unjust, not simply that it did not happen to please my private fancies...Consequently atheism turns out to be too simple. If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning; just as if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know that it was dark. Dark would be without meaning."

I took all this space in such a short letter for this quotation from Lewis because I think we need to grow up a little bit and face the real world. Evil confronts us each day in this world. We hate to see the innocence of our children and grandchildren drain away as they encounter the cruelty of other children and then even begin to learn that they cannot trust all adults. We find others often inconsiderate to us or our loved ones. We worry about the cruelty of sickness and disease for ourselves and our families. But the only basis for knowing that these things are wrong is if there is a good to which they are compared. Not a relative, changing good, but an absolute Good by which all things can be measured. Our own concern affirms God's reality.

So, do we have the courage of Jesus who, taking his strength from God the Father, faced Satan and won; faced sickness and disease and won; faced pain and death and won? Or do we turn in fear, or ignorance, or weakness, from the very One who has acted to do away with evil by the sacrifice of his own Son? I am convinced that deep within us we know God is real. The only question is whether or not we will face the evil in ourselves and take our strength from God.

FREEDOM
Maranatha
Allyn



Our Mission and Vision...**ICTHUS**-the fish—an early Christian symbol. It reminds us of our mission at First Church. How are you helping each area to improve in our church? This is our mission - how are you participating in it? Are you helping us to...

- I--Invite and challenge people to come to faith. [EVANGELISM]
- C--Celebrate God's presence through powerful worship. [WORSHIP]
- TH--be Thoroughly equipped for your walk of faith. [CHRISTIAN EDUCATION]
- U--Use the gifts God has given you to serve. [DISCIPLESHIP]
- S--Set aside a portion of your personal resources to be returned to God. [STEWARDSHIP]



REMEMBER YOUR LENTEN DEVOTION IS DUE BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS IN THE OFFICE BY THAT DATE. Thank you!

JANUARY WORSHIP

January 5, 2014
 11:00 AM Communion
Sermon: Kingdom Power
 Mark 4:21-41



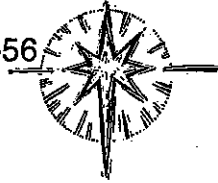
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Sermon: Brad Hellein



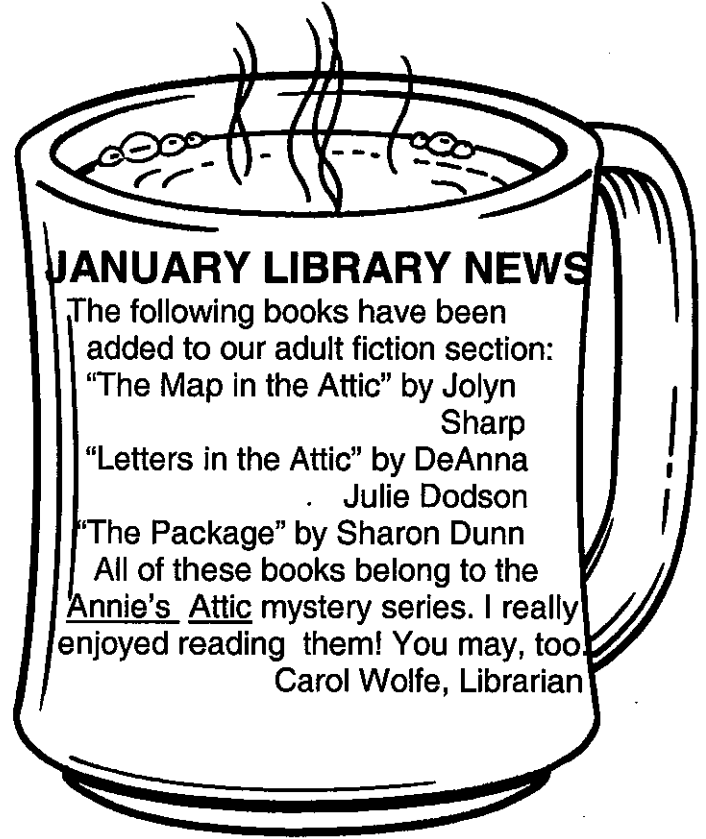
January 19, 2014
 11:00 AM
 Leviticus 11:1-12, Acts 16:16-18
Sermon: Spiritual Battle
 Mark 5:1-10



January 26, 2014
 11:00 AM
 Numbers 15:37-41, Luke 8:49-56
Sermon: Miracles
 Mark 5:21-43



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JANUARY LIBRARY NEWS

The following books have been added to our adult fiction section:
 "The Map in the Attic" by Jolyn Sharp
 "Letters in the Attic" by DeAnna Julie Dodson
 "The Package" by Sharon Dunn
 All of these books belong to the Annie's Attic mystery series. I really enjoyed reading them! You may, too
 Carol Wolfe, Librarian

ALTAR FLOWERS 2014

We have a few dates still available on the 2014 altar flower chart. Anyone interested, please let Audrey Green know. The cost of the flowers is \$20.00 per week. I will call you the week you are scheduled and remind you. The following dates are available.

January 19th & 26th

March 30th

July 6th

September 14th & 28th

October 26th



Altar Flowers

ACOLYTE

- 5 Hannah Hoffman
- 12 Gabi Zielinski
- 19 Frailey Scaife
- 26 Peyton Zielinski



JANUARY

READERS

- 5 Communion
- 12 Mary Jo Lipski
- 19 Dan Wolfe
- 26 Pat Wolfe



COUNTERS

- 5 Muir
- 12 Ternent
- 19 Stubbs
- 26 Flanders



SOUND SYSTEM

- 5 Yankasky
- 12 Lemons
- 19 Hoffman
- 26 Krozely



USHERS

- 5 Albright/Dan Wolfe & Communion
- 12 Albright/Dan Wolfe
- 19 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
- 26 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski



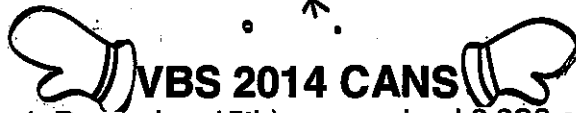
WELCOME CENTER

- 5 Melissa Flanders
- 12 Janet McKelvey
- 19 Ken Pierson
- 26 Mary Jo Lipski





All youth and adults going to SPARK—Remember, we are leaving the Covenant Center at 6:00 January 11th. Please be there so we can load the van and head off by 6:00. Hope you are ready for a fun weekend.



VBS 2014 CANS

In the past month (through December 15th) we received 2,293 cans for our 2014 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2013 is 18,320 cans. Thanks to all of you who save, collect and bring in cans. Our collection for VBS 2014 continues—so, KEEP THEM COMING PLEASE.

Please continue or start saving aluminum cans—pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks and beer cans. Drop them off at the church ramp anytime. Thank you, The Can Man



JANUARY SIFT

Thursday, January 16th
12:00 PM

Menu: Sauerkraut, Kielbasa,
Hot Dogs, Dessert

Program: To Be Announced

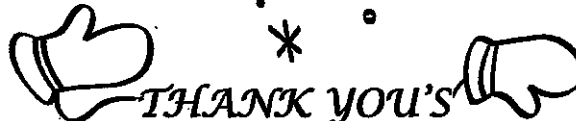
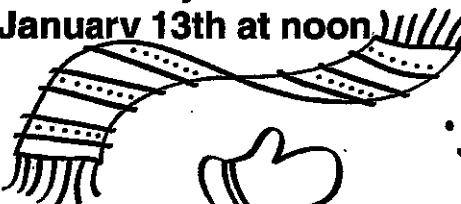
Reservations due by

Monday, January 13th at noon



A special thanks to Santa's elves for decorating the church and Covenant Center for the Christmas season. We thank the following, Dan Wolfe, Herb Coggon, Tony Krozely, Jim Ternent, Valerie Kachur, Tim & Linda Scaife and Audrey Green. Thank you again.

Trustees



THANK YOU'S

I would like to say so MANY thank you's to the kind and thoughtful people of the First United Methodist Church—first for all the prayers said on my behalf, for the lovely cards I have received, for the concerns Jim has brought from church, to Pastor Allyn for his visit to our home with communion, also he and Rachel's act of kindness for Jim and me, to the ladies who made those wonderful delicious cookies we enjoyed so much, and to those who gave of their time to deliver them. These things are so very much appreciated and will never be forgotten. God Bless you all.

Pauline White



I would like to thank my church family for the delicious cookies I received at Thanksgiving. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

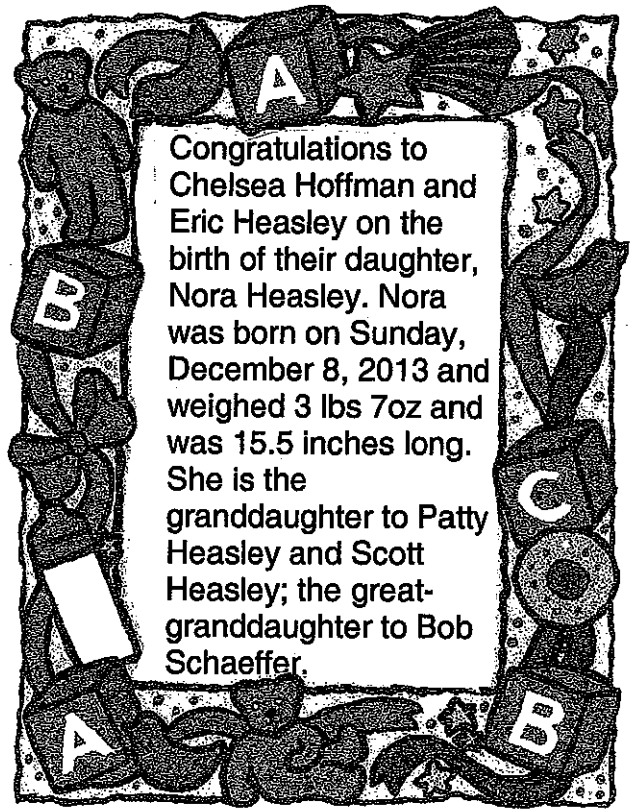
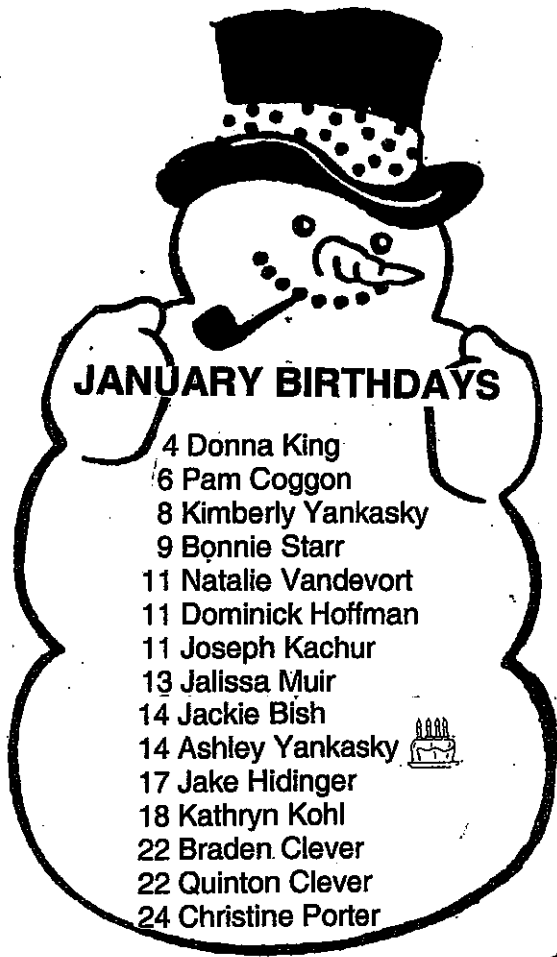
Bill Hake



Thanks to all the good people at First Church for your thoughts, prayers, cards and good wishes for my hip surgery. A special thanks to my family for their help in my recuperation needs.

Bob Schaeffer





CLOTH DIAPERS NEEDED FOR MISSIONS

Many mothers in the world do not have swaddling clothes with which to welcome their newborn into the world. Nor do many mothers have lavish baby showers. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) provides Layette Kits for mothers to provide basic supplies for their new baby's needs.

Rev. Nelson Thayer, director of the Mission Barn in New Castle, has told me that there are many Layette Kits ready to send; however the kits still need **cloth diapers**. So, my dear friends, that is what we will contribute for the month of January.

Each layette kit needs **6 cloth diapers** in it. Now remember, these are the old fashioned, cloth, washable kind. Not the disposable ones. When you buy cloth diapers, do not wash them prior to bringing them in, as they would be considered used. **They must be new cloth diapers**. They often come in packs of 10 or more, so just bring in the entire pack. We will take them to New Castle where the packs will be opened in order to place 6 cloth diapers in each layette kit.

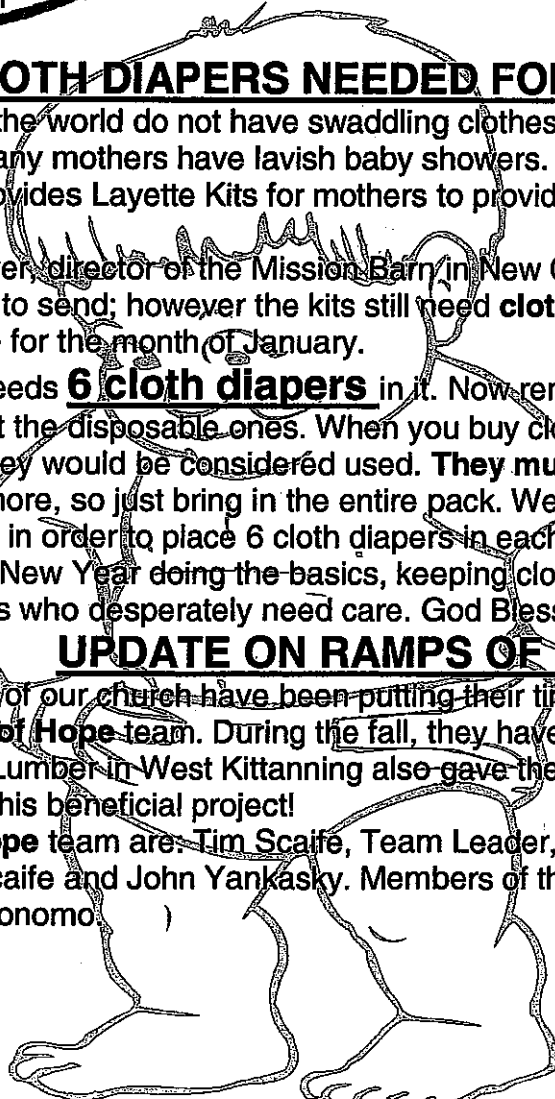
Let's start out the New Year doing the basics, keeping close to God, praying, and giving cloth diapers for new little ones who desperately need care. God Bless!

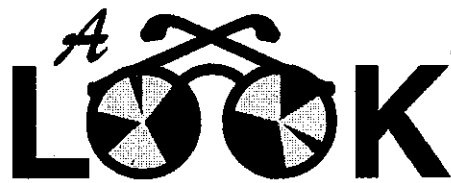
UPDATE ON RAMPS OF HOPE

"A few good men" of our church have been putting their time and talents to very good use! They are on the **Ramps of Hope** team. During the fall, they have built two ramps and a railing where a ramp would not fit. 84 Lumber in West Kittanning also gave them a discount on lumber. Our thanks to all that contributed to this beneficial project!

Our **Ramps of Hope** team are: **Tim Scaife**, Team Leader, Tom Thomas, Herb Coggon, Tom Stitt, Joe Heckert, Jim Scaife and John Yankasky. Members of the Manorville UMC are JB Boarts, Jack Bennett and Tom Bonomo

Missions Committee





At Our Budget

	Proposed Bud 2014
Nurture Ministries Support	2520
Nurture/Membership Care	2030
Workshops/Dinners	500
Evangelism Comm.	500
Discipleship Comm.	500
Education Comm.	150
Worship Comm.	150
Website	230
Designated Ministries	900
VBS	600
Student Camping	300
Christian Education	2100
Church School Support	1500
Youth Ministry Support	600
Worship	500
Music	300
Communion/Altar Décor.	200
Outreach Ministries Support	26072
SIFT	1200
Mission Share	24041
HAVIN	300
Other -Ind. Dist UMC donation	534
Congregational Support	600
Funeral Fund	300
Upper Room	300
Personnel Support	127650
Misister Salary	53362
Professional Services	5000
Minsiter Health Care	15600
Pension	5356
Office Sec. Sal.	13170
Fin. Sec. Sal.	2988
Sexton Sal.	12867
Organist Sal.	7210
Choir Director Sal.	3512
Nursery Attendant	2167
Assistant Sec/Sexton	800
Assistant Organist	500
Worker's Comp	1500
FICA	3300

	Proposed Bud 2014
Office Support	9100
Offering Envelopes	400
Church & office Supply	3500
Copier	4500
Subscriptions & Other	1000
Property Support	20745
Building Maint. & Care	20745
Loan Payment	11245
Janitor Supplies	900
Building Maint.	7000
Snow/Ground Maint.	1000
Organ, Piano Tuning	300
Industrial Appraisal/Equip.	300
Utilities & Insurance	41100
Electric	5000
Gas	8500
Water	900
Telephone/internet	3500
Sewage	600
Fire Alarm	300
Garbage	1800
Cable	900
Property Taxes	3900
Property Insurance	11500
Parsonage Utilities	4200
Additional Needs for 2014	4000
Pastor Moving Expense	4000
Total Budegeted Exp.	234782

	Bud 2014
Income summary	
Envelopes	188882
Seasonal Offerings	4000
Folk Fest/Fish Dinners	15000
Sunday School	1400
Facility Reimbursement	6000
Focus On Our Vision	1500
Designated Funds	12000
Fundraisers (gross)	1000
Reimbursement Health Care	3000
Endowment funds	2000
Total Budgeted Funds	234782

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2014

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
CHURCH COUNCIL (7:00 PM)	20	17	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	20	17	15
STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS (7:00 PM)		4		8				6			3	
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH (7:00 PM)		10		7		9				13		
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM (7:00 PM)		24		28		23		25		27		
DISCIPLESHIP (7:00 PM)	13		10		12				22		10	
WORSHIP (6:00 PM)		5		16		18		13		8		
FINANCE COMMITTEE (6:30 PM)	20	17	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	20	17	15
LAY LEADERSHIP (7:00 PM)							23	27	17			
ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE (7:00 PM)		18								28		
TRUSTEES (6:30 PM)	6	3		7		2		4		6		1

Other meetings will be called as needed

**NOMINATIONS AND PERSONNEL REPORT TO THE CHURCH CONFERENCE
FOR 2014**

REQUIRED COMMITTEES

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson – Brad Hellein (2011)	Lay Leader – Brad Hellein
Vice-Chair – Pat Wolfe (2011)	Staff-Parish Chair-*Bill Lemons (2014)
Trustees Chair – Joe Bowser (2011)	Secretary – Audrey Green
Treasurer – Tim Scaife	Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sarah Heckert
UMMEN -	UMWomen –
Youth –	Rainbow Road – Mert Hellein (2006)
Activities Chair – Tim Scaife (2014)	Evangelism Chair – Karen Scaife (2012)
Worship Chair –	Christian Education Chair – Sue Hankey (2006)
Discipleship Chair--- *Sarah Heckert (2014)	Finance Committee Chair – John Yankasky
Finance Secretary – Melissa Flanders (2007)	Friday Night Circle—Mary Jo Lipski (2010)
At Large- Jim Ternent (2014)	

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS (5-9 members—shall not succeed themselves)

Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sarah Heckert	Lay Leader – Brad Hellein	
<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Janine Muir	Bob Grant	*Cindy Volek
*Bobbi Williamson	Barb Potts	*Donna Fox
	*Hayley Hoffman	*Bill Lemons-Chair

TRUSTEES (3-9 members—may succeed themselves)

Chairperson –		
<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Dan Wolfe	Mary Jo Lipski	*Joe Heckert
Linda Scaife	Herb Coggon	*Joe Bowser
Jim Scaife	George Stubbs	*Dan Christie

TRUSTEE SUB-COMMITTEES

Flood Committee Chair –Tim Scaife (2012) Beautification Committee Chair – Audrey Green (2014)

FINANCE COMMITTEE (at large may be any number or no number)

Chairperson – John Yankasky	Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sarah Heckert
Church Council Chair – Brad Hellein	Lay Member to Annual Conference Alternate –Brad Hellein
Trustee Rep. –	Lay Leader – Brad Hellein
Financial Secretary – Melissa Flanders	Treasurer – Tim Scaife
Endowment Chair – Carol Thomas	Pastor – Dr. Allyn Ricketts

<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Keith Williamson	Bill Lemons	*Dennis Hoffman
Tom Stitt		*Brenda Beers

AUDITORS: Melissa Flanders, Susie Reefer, Karen Scaife

LAY LEADERSHIP (membership is no more than nine—shall not succeed themselves)

Chairperson – Pastor, Dr. Allyn Ricketts Secretary –
Lay Leader – Brad Hellein

<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Janessa Muir	Tom Thomas	*Bonnie Bowser
Melissa Flanders	Cindy Volek	*Laurie Lemons
Bobbi Williamson		

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES -Sarah Heckert, Pat Wolfe (2014)

LOCAL CHURCH COMMITTEES

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

(All evangelism and mission outreach, publicity, welcoming ministries)

Chairperson – Karen Scaife (2012)

Missions – Janet McKelvey (2012)

S.I.F.T. - Sally Felton

At Large: Merissa Smith (2012)

Rainbow Road--Mert Hellein

Hospitality Team – Sandy Scherf (2009)

Web Site – Bob Schaeffer (2009)

WORSHIP

(Work with Pastor on all planning to make worship special – holidays, special events, summer etc. including music plans.)

Chairperson --

Lay Leader – Brad Hellein

Communion Stewards – Pam Coggon (2010)

Audio/Visual – John Yankasky

Acolytes – Kelly Hoffman (2011)

Organist – Evan Snyder (2012)

Head Usher – Carol Wolfe

Choir Director – Barb Gaughan (2006)

Nursery – Linda Powell

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Coordinate all aspects of Christian education in the church)

Chairperson/Sunday School Superintendent – Sue Hankey (2006)

Children Coordinator – Sue Hankey

Youth Coordinator –

Vacation Bible School –

Patton Scholarship—Carolyn Gallaher (2011)

Sunday School Teachers – Sue Hankey, Jim Ternent, Kelly Hoffman, Melissa Flanders,
Brad Hellein, Audrey Green

At Large Members – Cindy Volek, Mary Jo Lipski, Pat Wolfe

DISCIPLESHIP

(Care for the spiritual growth and nurture of the congregation)

Chairperson – Sarah Heckert (2014)

Shut-ins – Kathy Coleman (2014) & Kathy Riffer

Camping—Sally Felton (2011)

Membership Secretary – Audrey Green (2011)

Fellowship Team – Kim Yankasky & Brenda Beers

Funeral Coordinator – Lynn Toth

RAINBOW ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Brenda Beers, Mert Hellein, Suzanne Hogamier, Jill Kohl, Janine Muir, Joyce Shaner, Kim Yankasky,
Becky Zielinski, Pastor

Registrar – Linda Scaife

Treasurer – Sally Krozely

Ex-Officio Members – Barb Gaughan, Rachel Ricketts, Brenda Buzzinotti, Loretta Slease

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson – Tim Scaife (2014)

Sally & Tony Krozely, June Pollard, Tim & Linda Scaife, Joe Bowser, Dan Wolfe, Glenn Krozely,
Terri Crouse, Jim Ternent, Lynn Toth

ART SHOW COMMITTEE

Chairperson – Melissa Flanders

Penny Ashley, Robert "Slim" Bowser, Brenda Buzzinotti, Susan Carson, Sally Felton, Audrey
Green, Bill Hake, Sue Hankey, Amanda Leech, Laurie Lemons, Janet McKelvey, June Pollard, Susie
Reefer, Linda Scaife, Anita Smith, Katie Smith, Alice Ternent, Jud Toth, Lynn Toth, Mac Toth, Karen
Toy & Kim Yankasky

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson – *Laurie Lemons (2014)

Chair of Finance – John Yankasky

2014

Mert Hellein

Kathy Piechowicz

2015

Tony Krozely

Pat Wolfe

Chair of Trustees –Joe Bowser

Pastor – Dr. Allyn Ricketts

2016

*Ken Pierson

*Laurie Lemons

CHURCH HISTORIAN (On Church Council?)

Alice Ternent

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CAMPING TEAM (Coordinates all camping activities in the Church, Summer Camps, Retreats etc)

Chair: Sally Felton

Joe Heckert, Laurie Lemons, Greg Lemons, Janet McKelvey, Mark & Christine Porter, Brandon Schrecengost

HOSPITALITY TEAM (Intentionally plan ways to make people feel welcome when they come to First Church,)

Sandy Scherf

AUDIO VISUAL

John Yankasky

COMMUNION STEWARDS—Pam Coggon (2010)

Kim Rush, Pam Coggon, Brenda Buzzinotti, Sally Felton, Melissa Flanders

FLOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chairperson – Tim Scaife

Rob Hankey, Valerie Kachur, Tony Krozely, Jack Scaife, Rachel Ricketts, Bob Schaeffer, George Stubbs, Joe Heckert, Tom Stitt

PATTON SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Kim Yankasky, Janet McKelvey, Carolyn Gallaher, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Kim Yankasky, Carol Thomas, Ruth Stubbs, Barb Gaughan, Audrey Green, Mert Hellein, Brenda Beers, Bonnie Bowser

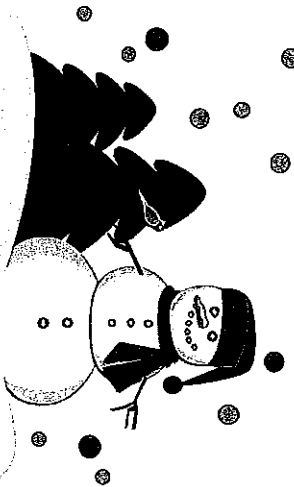
CARING FRIENDS MEMBERS

Bonnie Ferguson, Barb Gaughan, Mary Jane Luke, Janet McKelvey, Chris Porter, Kathy Riffer, Ruth Stubbs

CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHER--

LIBRARIAN—Carol Wolfe (2011)

* indicates new member for the current year.



January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day	2 8:30 AM OVR-CC 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	3 	4 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
5 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion	6 8:30 AM OVR-CC 6:30 PM Trustees	7 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	8 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	9 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	10 6:00 PM SPARK	11 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC SPARK
12 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUVCM-CC SPARK	13 7:00 PM Discipleship	14 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	15 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	16 12:00 PM SIFT-CC 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	17 	18 10:00 AM Shower-Mur-CC 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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