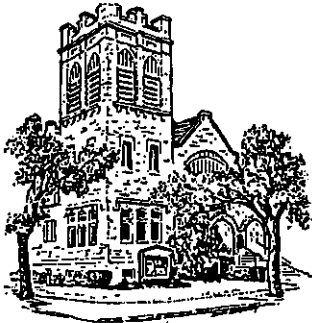


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**JUNE 2014**



**JULY & AUGUST  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE,  
TUESDAY,  
JUNE 17, 2014**

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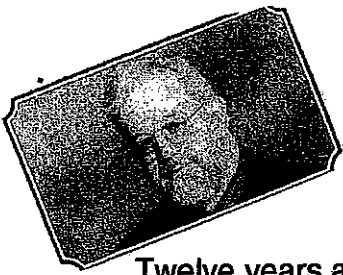
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**SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM**



Well done good and faithful  
Servant!  
Matthew 25:23  
1973-2014

## Confidence

Twelve years ago when I wrote the first note for this newsletter I said that I had confidence that was not based on me but on God's word. That confidence is stronger now than it was then, and, I think, more important now than it was then. I intend to spend much of my time in the coming days in a focus on the authority and inspiration of Scripture. This has always been important but, given our culture, inside the church and out, it has taken on a new urgency. There is also a growing denial of the deity of Jesus and especially his own claims to deity. I hope to do some writing in that area. All of this depends on what God opens up for me in the future.

A second thing I mentioned in that first article was that I have a personality that seems to make people feel like they cannot talk to me. I have not improved on that much over the years I am afraid. I am not sure what it is, I know that I have such confidence in God's truth that I tend to respond to questions with a passion that puts a bit of a damper on discussion—I do not mean to do that, I am just still amazed with the truth of the gospel.

When I wrote that first article I could not have guessed we would be here 12 years. I could not have guessed the people that would no longer be with us at the end of those years or the new people who were not here at the beginning of our time together. I have watched confirmation students graduate from college. I have made some pretty big mistakes, said some things I wish I had said differently, tried to be funny when it clearly did not work and tried a magic trick or two before I had practiced them enough. Together we saw Ivan flood the basement, and a whole lot of fish be fried, heard a lot of good music from a Salvation Army Band to Re-Creation.

In twelve years we have looked at a good portion of the Bible together. (I do not think I preached from Ezra.) It is a confidence in God's word that I want to leave with you. No matter what direction God leads this church and no matter where our culture goes, keep trusting in God's word and do not let your faith in Jesus waver.

It is appropriate that I would use the words of a Michael Card song in my last note to you.

We are flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone  
His Spirit has brought us together as one.  
Though we may be separate, we're one perfect whole  
For we are His body and He is our soul

We are the blessed receivers of His inexhaustible love  
And so it is out of believers the body of Christ is made of

Forever we'll have one another, because we belong to the Lord  
And so we belong to each other and that is our greatest reward

We are flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone  
His Spirit has brought us together as one.  
Though we may be separate, we're one perfect whole.  
For we are His body and He is our soul (CCLI 1722598)

As always  
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]**



# JUNE WORSHIP



**June 1, 2014**  
 11:00 AM, Communion  
**Sermon: Why Has All This Happened to Us?**  
 Judges 6:1-24



**June 8, 2014**  
 11:00 AM, Brad Hellein  
**Sermon:**  
 Pat Wolfe



**June 15, 2014**  
 11:00 AM, Father's Day, Brad Hellein  
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Romans 8:35-39  
**Sermon: "Be A Carpenter"**  
 Janet McKelvey



**June 22, 2014**  
 11:00 AM, Brad Hellein  
 Isaiah 43:1-3a, John 12:20-26  
**Sermon: "Learn the Lesson from the Grain of Wheat"**  
 Janet McKelvey

**June 29, 2014**  
 11:00 AM, Celebration Sunday, Brad Hellein



## **JUST A REMINDER**

Have you remembered First Church in your will? What a powerful way to recognize God's goodness in a lasting way.

## JUNE

### **ACOLYTES**

1 Hayley Hoffman  
 8 Hannah Hoffman  
 15 Gabi Zielinski  
 22 Hannah Hoffman  
 29 VBS Presentation



### **READERS**

1 Communion  
 8 Mert Hellein  
 15  
 22  
 29 Celebration Sunday



### **USHERS**

1 Albright/Dan Wolfe & Communion  
 8 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski  
 15 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski  
 22 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson  
 29 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson



### **SOUND SYSTEM**

1 John Yankasky  
 8 Greg Lemons  
 15 Hayley Hoffman  
 22 Glenn Krozely  
 29 Michael Toy



### **COUNTERS**

1 Muir  
 8 Ternent  
 15 Stubbs  
 22 Flanders  
 29 Scaife



### **WELCOME CENTER**

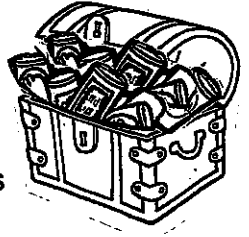
1 Melissa Flanders  
 8 Beverly Patton  
 15 Sarah Heckert  
 22 Mary Jo Lipski  
 29 Ken Pierson



## VBS 2014 CANS

In the past month (through May 15th) we received 4,559 cans for our 2014 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2013 is 32,994 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



## HELP WANTED

The First United Methodist Church in musician to serve as the Church qualifications, and a brief statement [fumchurch@windstream.net](mailto:fumchurch@windstream.net) or



Kittanning is seeking an accomplished Organist. To apply, submit resume, of interest to the Staff-Parish Committee, visit our website for more details:

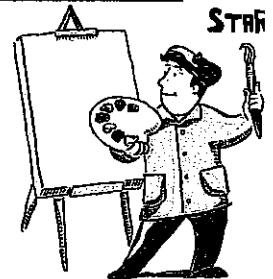
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## ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

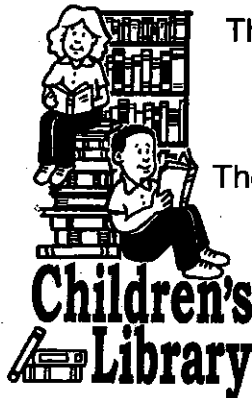
The First Church-sponsored Covenant Center Art Show (our 21<sup>st</sup>) will be July 31<sup>st</sup> thru August 3<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival.

Application blanks may be picked up at the church office or by calling the church 724-548-4312 to have one put in the mail to you. **NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BUSY WITH BRUSHES AND CAMERAS.**



## SHOW SITTERS

Once again, our Art Show will need volunteers to "Show Sit" during the Folk Festival. "What Do I Do If...?" instructions will be right at the art show table. This is a good way to help, to meet and to greet people, and to ***"SIT DOWN ON THE JOB!"*** Two people are needed at a time. Sign up yourself and a friend! Contact Melissa Flanders 724-859-2607. Thank you.



The following books have been donated to the Children's library:

"Colonial America" by Margaret Fisher & Mary Jane Fowler

"The New Americans, Colonial Times – 1620 – 1689" by Betsy Maestro

"Liberty! How the Revolutionary War Began" by Lucille Recht Penner

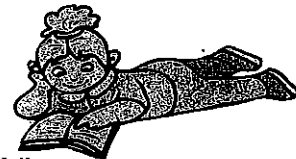
These adult books have been given to our library:

"A Nest of Sparrows" by Deborah Raney

"Poor Mrs. Rigsby" by Kathy Herman

"One Nation Under Dog" by Michael Schaffer

Carol Wolfe, Librarian



# REPORTS

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The last of the sanctuary windows will be re-installed in the next two weeks, (weather permitting).  
Window Committee

Did anyone else notice how bright and beautiful the Holy Sepulcher looked at the beginning of the Re-Creation Concert? Thank you Allyn for pointing it out to me. The sunlight shining through the gold garments was a sight to behold, this truly is the Resurrection Window.

Joe Bowser

## TRUSTEES

Questions arose as to why the trustees decided to redo the trees and shrubbery around the church. For the last ten years or more a certain group of men and women worked to weed and trim around the church, parsonage and Covenant Center. The weeds and shrubs were growing faster than we could take care of them. It even crossed my mind that in the next year we may want to consider designating one member of our group to stand by to assist the ones weeding up off the ground (a little humor here). We feel our decision will make it easier now and in the future to take care of our church grounds. I would like to thank the following for helping us on our work day: Pat Wolfe age 91, (thanks Pat, you are an inspiration to all of us), Dan Wolfe, Tom Stitt, Dan Christie, Herb Coggon, Joe Heckert, Tim Scaife, Karen Scaife, Bonnie Bowser, Kim Yankasky, Audrey Green, Bernie Green, Bob Schaeffer and Joe Bowser. Special thanks to Audrey Green (Beautification Committee of one and a half -- her husband Bernie) for selecting and hauling in all the shrubs and flowers. The small tree in front of the church is in memory of Jean Elgin for her service and generosity over the years. Special thanks also to Tom Stitt for his many hours of help and the use of his many pieces of equipment which made this project so much easier. Funding was provided from the memorial fund and the Trustee Emergency fund. Once more our church has responded! Thank you, also, to Karen Scaife and Audrey for providing the lunch. It was very much appreciated.

## PARSONAGE WINDOW CAMPAIGN

Thanks to all who contributed to this campaign, by reaching our goal of \$25,000. SPECIAL THANKS to the donor who offered to match all the money that came in through the month of April (\$11,641.00). We would not have made it without your contribution! Now thank we all our God.

Joe Bowser Trustee Chairman



## PARSONAGE WINDOW CAMPAIGN – FINAL REPORT

The Finance Committee and Trustees are extremely happy to report that the campaign to raise money to replace the parsonage windows has come to a successful end. As of April 27, the total amount raised was \$26,742. This includes an anonymous donor's matching funds of \$11,641, for which we are especially grateful. We would like to thank every individual and family that participated in reaching this goal and congratulate the congregation on a **job well done**.

A bid has been accepted to do the window work, which will be completed before the new pastor takes up residence toward the end of June. The Trustees will use any remaining funds to make other needed improvements at the parsonage.

Finance Committee and Trustees



## JUNE / JULY MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Our Missions emphasis for the next two months will be **STOP HUNGER NOW**. You may choose to support it financially and/or participate in a “hands-on” activity on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**STOP HUNGER NOW**, a meal packaging program, is a volunteer-based effort through which volunteers package high protein, dehydrated meals for use in crisis situations. The meals are packaged by volunteers, using an engaging assembly line process. A team of 80 volunteers can package 20,000 meals in just two hours!

These meals are highly nutritious, dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, flavoring and 21 essential vitamins and minerals. Each package provides a reasonable serving for six people and each serving costs approximately 25 cents to make. The meals are easy to transport, store and distribute to those in greatest need. These packets will be shipped to a school or orphanage in a crisis area.

We are one of 8 local churches working together to take on this project. Our committee is hoping to provide the money to package 30,000 packets!! That's 8 churches working together to finance this project and put them together. **The goal for our church is to provide \$900.00 for this project!**

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

- **Financially** – Our mission offerings these two months will go directly to buy the needed materials for these packets. To give you an idea:
  - \$.25 provides for 1 packet
  - \$5.00 provides for 20 packets
  - \$100 provides for 400 packets
  - \$500 provides for 2000 packets
  - \$2,500 provides for 10,000 packets
  - \$7,500 provides for 30,000 packets



Please make your checks out to “FUMC” with a memo of “Stop Hunger Now.”

- **Hands-On-** On Saturday, September 20, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Meeting at our Covenant Center, each of the-8 local churches will bring at least 10 volunteers to be in the assembly line. These 80 people will package 30,000 packets! **Ask yourself: would you like to be one of these 10 people from our church to help with this process?**

- **Pray for the success of this project and for all the people who will receive these packets.**

**“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.” Ghandi**

Janet McKelvey  
Missions





# Label Collection



## CAMPBELL'S SOUP CAN LABELS

We continue to collect soup, etc. labels to assist the many programs undertaken by this mission institution. The Center serves infants and children in their Day Care and Pre-School, youth in the after-school and summer programs, elderly adults needing personal care assistance, physically and mentally challenged adults needing assisted living, and local community recreation in their gym facilities.

Please note that at the present time, only Labels for Education are requested. The following is a revised list of products on which they are found:

- Bic products
- Pop Secret
- Post Cereals
- Prego Italian Sauces
- Spaghetti O's
- Campbell Soups
- Swanson Broth, Stock and Chicken
- Dannon yogurts
- Emerald Nuts
- Glad Food Storage
- Pace Salsa, Picante Sauce
- Pepperidge Farm products
- V8 Juices (only labels)



Thanks to everyone who clips and saves the coupons! The envelope will remain at the ramp door. Any questions? Call Ruth Stubbs at 724-545-9271

## RAMPS OF HOPE

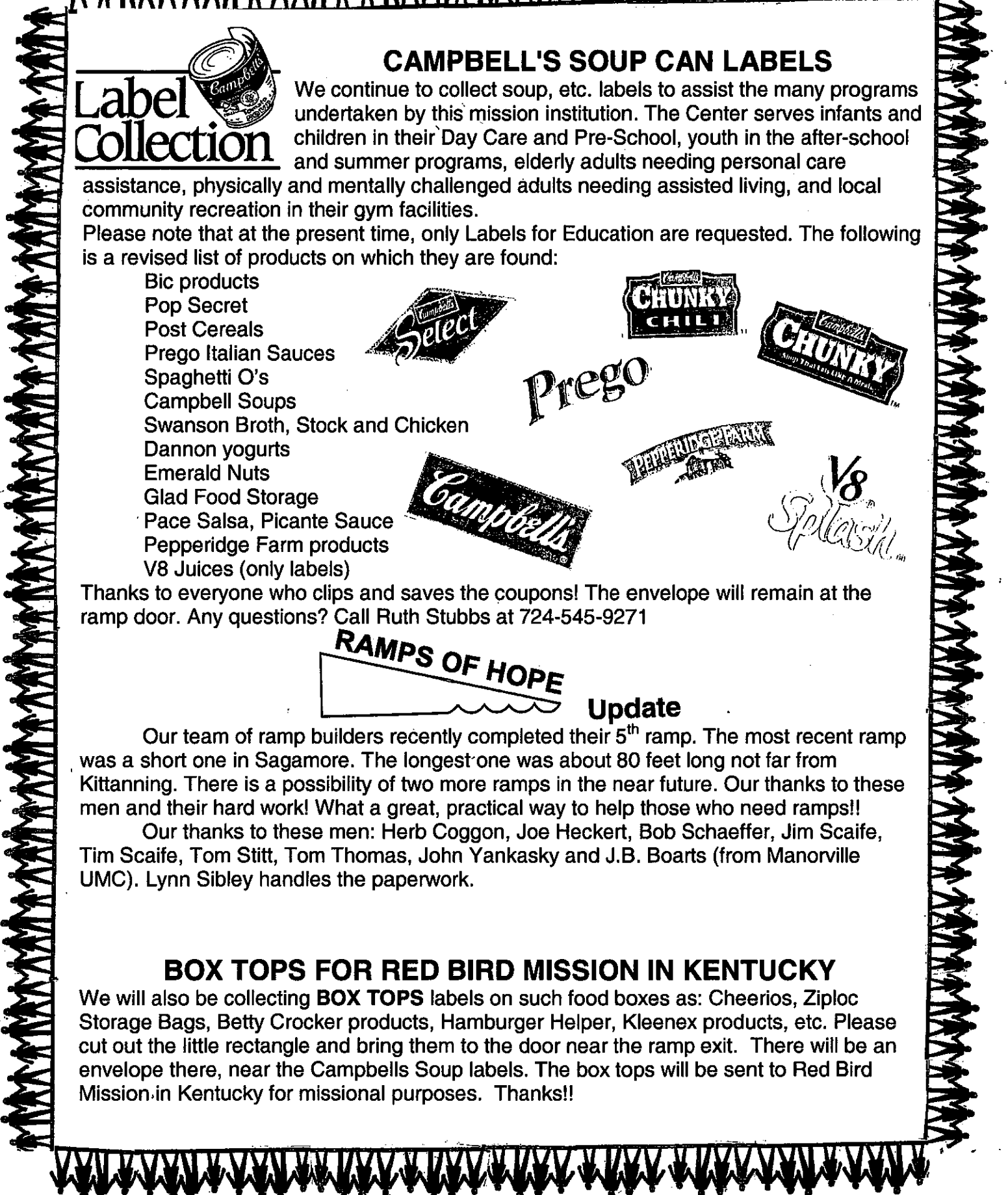
### Update

Our team of ramp builders recently completed their 5<sup>th</sup> ramp. The most recent ramp was a short one in Sagamore. The longest one was about 80 feet long not far from Kittanning. There is a possibility of two more ramps in the near future. Our thanks to these men and their hard work! What a great, practical way to help those who need ramps!!

Our thanks to these men: Herb Coggon, Joe Heckert, Bob Schaeffer, Jim Scaife, Tim Scaife, Tom Stitt, Tom Thomas, John Yankasky and J.B. Boarts (from Manorville UMC). Lynn Sibley handles the paperwork.

## BOX TOPS FOR RED BIRD MISSION IN KENTUCKY

We will also be collecting **BOX TOPS** labels on such food boxes as: Cheerios, Ziploc Storage Bags, Betty Crocker products, Hamburger Helper, Kleenex products, etc. Please cut out the little rectangle and bring them to the door near the ramp exit. There will be an envelope there, near the Campbells Soup labels. The box tops will be sent to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky for missional purposes. Thanks!!



# Thank You!

Dear members,

Thank you very much for choosing to support Armstrong Habitat for Humanity through your March Mission. Your generous donation of \$340 will be used to assist low income families get safe, decent homes through our Home Ownership and Brush with Kindness programs.



Sincerely, Michael McElhaney  
Executive Director, Armstrong Habitat for Humanity

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, their thoughts and their notes and cards.

Alice Ternent



A special thank you to everyone who attended the Re-Creation concert on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Also thanks to all our church members who served on the committees to help make the concert so successful. We had 130 people who attended our worship service and a good will offering of \$878.00 was presented to Re-Creation to help continue their services to our Veterans across America.



Thank you so much,  
Sandy Scherf

## Lenten Dinners

Thank you to all who helped with the Lenten dinners in any way. People spent time setting up, preparing and serving food, greeting and seating people, cleaning up and many other things that just got done as needed. People baked and donated 209 pies that had to be cut and displayed. Thank you to all of you who ate at the fish dinners. You were a much needed part of the 1190 dinners served. Through your time and support, we have raised \$7189.53 to support our church. -- \$4000 of this has been put into the church finances and the remainder will be transferred after the folk festival as it is needed to buy supplies to get set up for the festival. Again, thank you for your contributions.



Tim Scaife, Activities Committee


A big thank you and a greater God Bless to everyone who helped in so many, many ways for another happy and wonderful SIFT program for 2013-2014. You all get a well-deserved break for June, July and August. We pray you will all join us again in September. I speak for all the workers and attendees – you are appreciated and we hope everyone had a good time.



Sally Felton and the SIFT Committee



# June BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katie Fox
- 1 Caitlyn Kachur 
- 4 Peggy McCafferty
- 4 Cory Weibel
- 7 Nathan Williamson
- 13 Mary Jo Lipski
- 13 Lila Green 
- 15 Susie Reefer
- 16 Jim Hebb
- 18 June Pollard
- 20 Zach Heigley



- 20 Brad Hellein
- 21 Bonnie Ferguson
- 21 Joy Long
- 21 Jud Toth
- 22 Bob Schaeffer
- 22 Carolyn Waters
- 23 Dan Wolfe
- 24 Audrey Green
- 26 Cierra Hoffman
- 27 Kayla Schrecengost
- 28 Valerie Kachur

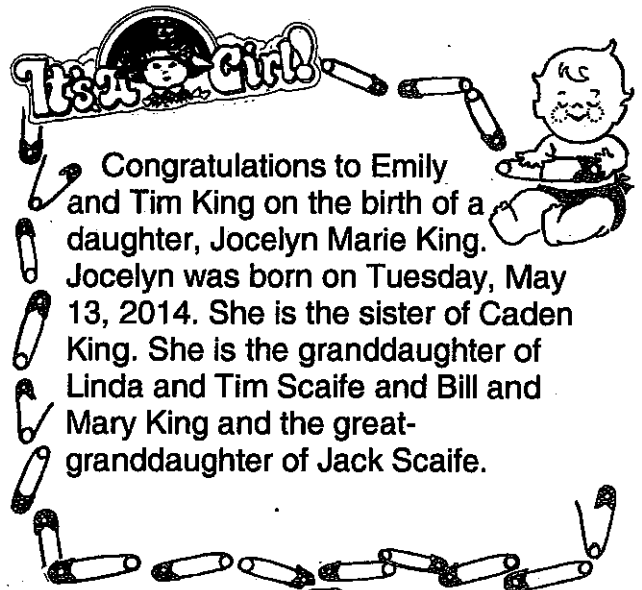


## United in Marriage

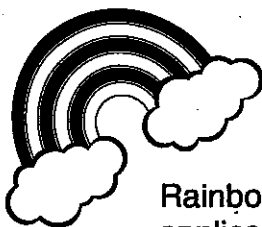
Congratulations to Krista Coleman and William Robb who were married May 1, 2014. They are living in Cologne, Germany where Will is employed in the IT department of the Bayer Corporation. Cologne is the international headquarters of Bayer.

## June ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Scott & Suzanne Hogamier—12 years
- 2 Brad & Mert Hellein—35 years
- 6 Herb & Pam Coggon—50 yea
- 6 Bill & Carolyn Waters—44 years
- 10 Joe & Sarah Heckert
- 10 Allyn & Rachel Ricketts
- 14 Matthew & Valerie Kachur—11 years
- 14 Don & Joanne Sarachine—61 years
- 20 Tom & Carol Thomas—54 years
- 23 Bradley & Becky McKinney—7 years
- 24 George & Ruth Stubbs
- 26 Brad & Emily Volek—4 years
- 28 Dan & Carol Wolfe



Congratulations to Emily and Tim King on the birth of a daughter, Jocelyn Marie King. Jocelyn was born on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. She is the sister of Caden King. She is the granddaughter of Linda and Tim Scaife and Bill and Mary King and the great-granddaughter of Jack Scaife.



## RAINBOW ROAD

Rainbow Road is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year.

If your child will be three or four years old before September 1<sup>st</sup>, he or she will be eligible. Applications are available in the church office or on line at

[www.firstchurchkittanning.com](http://www.firstchurchkittanning.com).



### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:00AM - 12:00PM

# Make an Instrument of Praise

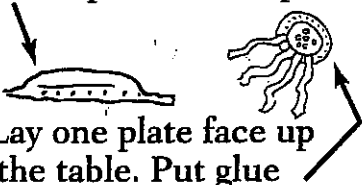


## You will need:

- ♪ 2 paper plates
- ♪ dried beans
- ♪ pieces of crepe paper streamers or ribbon
- ♪ glue—thick craft type
- ♪ stapler
- ♪ crayons or markers

## How to make:

1. Decorate the outside rounded part of each plate.



2. Lay one plate face up on the table. Put glue around the edges.

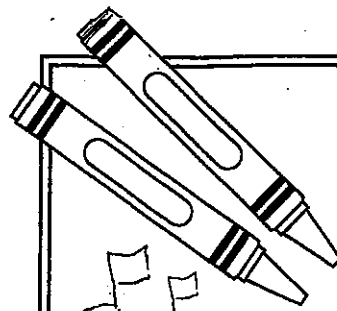
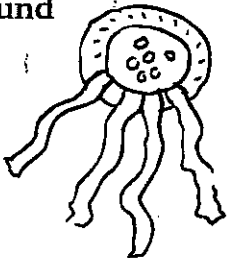
3. Place a small handful of beans in center of plate.

4. Lay crepe streamers or ribbon at one side so the ends are in glue. Put more glue on top of crepe or ribbon ends.

5. Lay the other plate on top, face down. Hold edges together until glue sets.

If needed, staples can be used around edges also.

6. Shake or tap your instrument and sing.



# Just for KIDS

## Psalm 98

It's summertime: The earth is blooming, school's out, vacations are here, time to enjoy the world around you!

Find these happy verses from Psalm 98. Use the code to fill the blanks.

CODE	
♩	burst
♪	joy
♫	sing
♬	all
♭	jubilant
♮	earth
♯	music
♪	new
♫	harp
♬	ivers
♭	Lord
♯	make
♮	King
♭	song
♯	shout
♮	let
♭	clap
♯	hands
:	mountains
	together

“ to the a !  
 for to the the !  
 into with !  
 to the with the !  
 for before the the !  
 the f their the for !”

“Sing to the Lord a new song! Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Burst into jubilant song with music! Make music to the Lord with the harp! Shout for joy before the Lord the King! Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy!”

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**Free  
Event**

**Summer Fun  
Movie Night  
At  
The Covenant Center**

**328 N. Water St. Kittanning**

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm  
watching...

**Frozen - June 17**

**Sleeping Beauty/Veggie Tales - June 24**

**Mary Poppins - July 1**

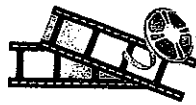
**Monsters University - July 8**

Sponsored by the First United Methodist Church

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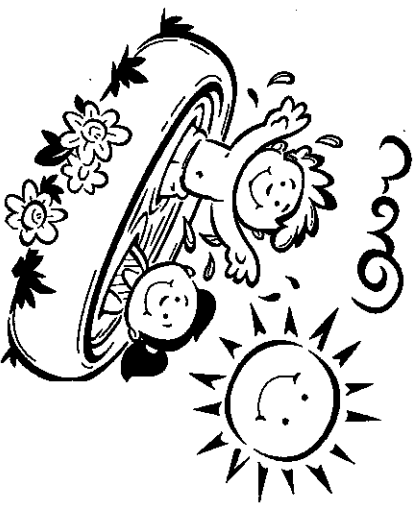
**Air  
Conditioned**

**Free  
Refreshments**





# June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion 12:00 PM Shower-Hecker-CC	2 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:30 PM Trustees	3 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	4 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	5 8:30 AM OVR-CC 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter Annual Conference	6 Annual Conference	7 Annual Conference 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
8 <b>GRADUATION SUNDAY</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School-Jim 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUVCM Annual Conference	9 7:00 PM Evangelism/ Outreach	10 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	11 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	12 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	13 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Buzzinotti	14 3:30 PM Wedding/Buzzinotti 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
15 <b>FATHERS DAY</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School-Jim 11:00 AM Worship	16 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM Church Council	17 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 7:00 PM Movie-CC July/August Newsletter Deadline	18 6:30 PM Worship Team 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	19 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	20 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC	21 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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