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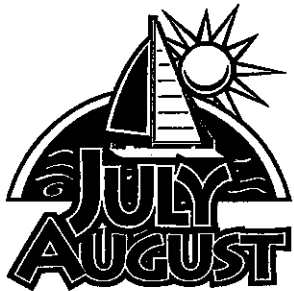


Monthly Messengers

Honor your Father:

Happy Father's Day

JUNE 2015



**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE,
TUESDAY,
JUNE 23, 2015**

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM
SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM



Emily Dickinson wrote;

When I hoped I feared,
Since I hoped I dared;
Everywhere alone
As a church remain;
Spectre cannot harm,
Serpent cannot charm;
He deposes doom,
Who hath suffered him.

I have never been much of a poem expert, but this one caught my eye!

One historical reference noted that in 1845, a religious revival took place in Amherst, Massachusetts resulting in 46 confessions of faith among Dickinson's peers. Dickinson wrote to a friend the following year: "I never enjoyed such perfect peace and happiness as the short time in which I felt I had found my savior." She went on to say that it was her "greatest pleasure to commune alone with the great God & to feel that he would listen to my prayers."

For whatever reason, Emily Dickinson strayed from her faith and trust in God. Maybe it was illness, maybe it was something else, but the woman that once wrote these words stopped trusting in what God could do or would do in her life. I read these words and they say to me that God "disposes"—Emily's word—fear and brings hope. But in these words I also hear a daring to step out and be moved by God. "When I hoped I feared—when I hoped about the future there was always a fear in my life. Since I hoped I dared—since I trust in God I know I can!

What are the fears in your life? One contemporary Christian songwriter wrote, "You must think I am strong to give me what I am going through." Often as we face the difficulties and the trials of life we often try to work it out on our own. But when we know that our hope lies in God—since I hoped I dared!

The Apostle Paul writes, "So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud." ⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

For when I am weak, then I am strong—since I hoped I dared!

Trust God; seek His presence through our journey together. Look up to Him and reach out to hold on to Him. Until the whole world hears...



Pastor Wade

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 WORSHIP

June 7, 2015

11:00 AM, Communion

Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

June 21, 2015

11:00 AM,

Mark 4:35-41, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

June 14, 2015

11:00 AM, Annual Conference

Mark 4:26-34, 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

June 28, 2015

11:00 AM, Celebration Sunday

Mark 5:21-43



WELCOME CENTER

7 Melissa Flanders
14 Sandy Scherf
21 Ken Pierson
28 Mary Jo Lipski



READERS

7 Janet McKelvey
14 Larry McKelvey
21 Karen Scaife
28 Sue Hankey



USHERS

7 Albright/Dan Wolfe & Communion
14 Albright/Dan Wolfe
21 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
28 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski



SOUND SYSTEM

7 John Yankasky
14 Glenn Krozely
21 Dan Christie
28 Greg Lemons



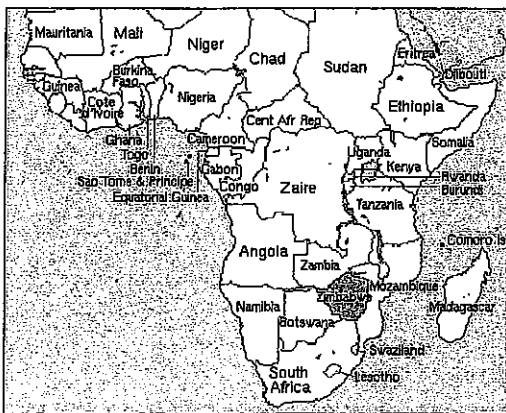
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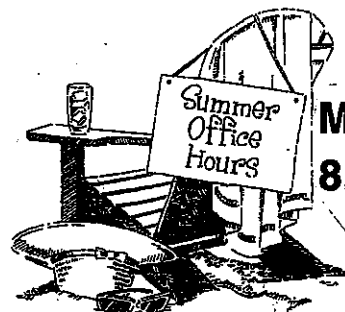
JUNE MISSION FOCUS

Our Mission's focus this month will be to provide needed money for supplies at the United Methodist Church and orphanage in Zimbabwe. Natalia Berkey experienced a wonderful time on a youth mission trip to Zimbabwe this past summer. While there, the youth helped by cementing a brick project, putting up one wall at the UMC, and assisting at the orphanage. All these things made a difference in her life, however, it was the relationships that were built within the youth group and with the African people that made such a huge impact. She has been assisting with this month's focus.

The money we contribute will go directly towards helping at this particular church and orphanage. Please give generously. May God bless you in your living and giving.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, June 26th
7:00 PM
Covenant Center
Free Event
Free Refreshments



Monday – Thursday
8:00 AM -12:00 Noon

RAINBOW ROAD APPLICATIONS

Rainbow Road is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. If your child will be three or four years old before September 1st he or she will be eligible. Applications are available in the church office or online at www.firstchurchkittanning.com



2015 VBS CANS

In the past month (through May 15th) we received 4,423 cans for our 2015 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity.

Our total since VBS 201 is 28,097 cans.

Thanks to all of you who saved, collected and brought in cans. Our collection for VBS 2015 has started-so-KEEP THEM COMING!

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

THANK YOU'S

First United Methodist Church Family,

We wanted to thank you so much for the beautiful cards and all the visits at the funeral home. Mom was so excited to see all the church members and friends. Thanks for letting us use the Covenant Center.



Shari, Justin & Kayla Schrecengost & Donna Hiding

Dear church family,

I want to thank everyone for your concerns and cards over the last few months.



Anna Pickett

Many thanks for the prayers, special thoughts and cards during my hospital stay and home recovery. What a blessing to be part of such a caring congregation!

Ruth Stubbs



Thanks for keeping our mailman busy, delivering all of those birthday cards! Each and every one was very much appreciated.

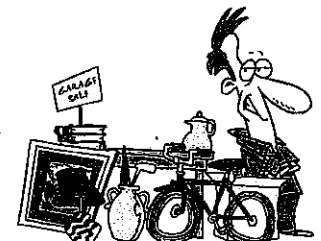


George Stubbs

12TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual rummage sale will be held on **Saturday, June 13 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** You may bring in donations from Sunday, May 24 until Sunday, June 7 and leave them in the Gleaner's Sunday School room only in the Covenant Center (the room closest to the women's restroom). Please clean up donations as needed before bringing them in and please donate clothing items elsewhere as we do not accept

clothing. We can always use help pricing items and you can join us on the following Thursdays to price: May 28 and June 4 at 6:00 PM (additional dates and times TBA). No experience necessary. As usual we will sell baked goods during the rummage sale, therefore, we will accept baked good donations the evening before or early on the morning of the sale. Thank you for your continued support year after year. Questions can be directed to Kim Yankasky (724-664-6867 or kayankasky@gmail.com).

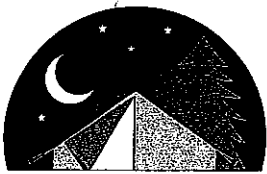


ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

The First Church-sponsored Covenant Center Art Show (our 22nd) will be July 30th thru August 2nd 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.



Church Camp

SUMMER CAMPS

Information is available at all the doors on the summer camps from Jumonville, Wesley Woods and Camp Allegheny. If you are a first time camper the church will pay for your entire camp fee. If you are a returning camper the church will pay half of your camp fee.



JUNE'S LIBRARY NEWS

The following adult books have been placed in our church library:

"A Mountain of Mystery" and "Time Will Tell" both by Carole Jefferson. These 2 books belong to the series, Mysteries of Silver Peak created by Guideposts.

"Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John Mc Arthur. In this book, you'll find spiritual lessons drawn directly from the trials and successes of Jesus' ancestors and earliest followers.

"Appomattox Saga" by Gilbert Morris. This Christian novel is about the Rocklin Family at the dawn of the Civil War.

These 4 books will provide you with some enjoyable reading this summer!

Carol Wolfe, Librarian

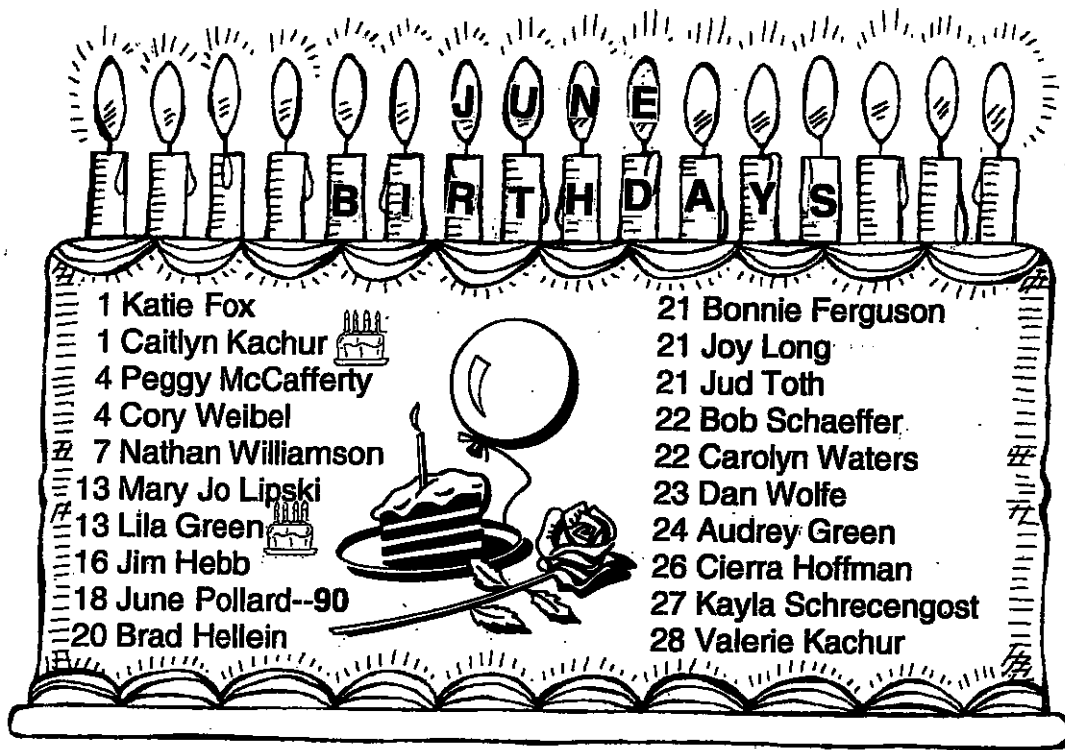
TRUSTEES, THANK YOU NOTES

The trustees would like to thank the following for helping to seal the Covenant Center roof, Dan Christie, Jim Scaife, Joe Heckert, Dan Wolfe, Mark Ferguson, Tim Scaife and Tom Stitt who also provided the equipment to put the material on the roof. We saved the church around twenty six hundred dollars by us doing the labor.

We would also like to thank the following for helping to do over the parsonage patio at a cost of one hundred eighty nine dollars, Herb Coggon, Natalia Berkey, Tim Scaife, Joe Heckert, Dan Christie, Mark Ferguson, Jim Scaife and Tom Thomas who helped and provided his back hoe to make our job a lot easier

We also say thank you to Mary Jo Lipski for painting the children's chairs in the nursery. As always **NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD** for the blessings of this church.
Trustees



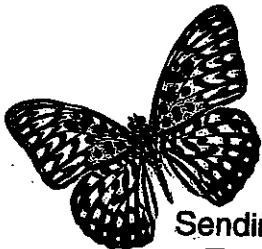


JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Scott & Suzanne Hogamier-13 years
- 2 Brad & Mert Hellein-36 years
- 6 Herb & Pam Coggon-51 years
- 6 Bill & Carolyn Waters-45 years
- 10 Joe & Sarah Heckert-48 years
- 14 Matthew & Valerie Kachur-12 years
- 14 Don & Joanne Sarachine-62 years
- 14 Justin & Leslie Fair-1 year
- 20 Tom & Carol Thomas- 55 years
- 23 Bradley & Becky McKinney-8 years
- 24 George & Ruth Stubbs-65 years
- 26 Brad & Emily Volek-5 years
- 28 Dan & Carol Wolfe-35 years



Congratulations to Sarah & Benjie Heasley on the birth of a son, Jacob Robert Heasley. Jacob was born Monday, May 18, 2015. He was 20 1/2 inches long he weighed 7lbs 7ozs. Jacob is the brother to Ethan & Ella; grandson to Patty Heasley & Scott Heasley; great-grandson to Bob Schaeffer



Sending my thanks
To each of you
Who wished me well
At 92

Pat Wolfe



A SPECIAL THANKS to Bob Schaeffer for delivering the layette items and cloth diapers to the Mission Barn in New Castle. Bob has a wonderful, giving heart....and he volunteered doing this on his own! We appreciate you, Bob!

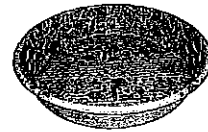
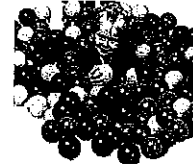
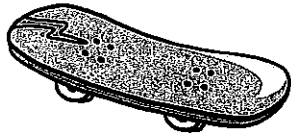


VBS ITEMS NEEDED

We would like to borrow some items for VBS this year. Does anyone have any of the following items that you would like to loan us. The items need to be at the church before Saturday, June 20th and can be picked up on Sunday, June 28th after worship. Please put your name on your items.

We still need:

300 ball pit balls
Skateboards
Scooter
Helmets
Rollerblades
Pogo stick
Hula hoops
Snowboards



Regular size construction safety cones
Childs wading pool (big enough to hold 500 ball pit balls)

Please let me know ahead of time if you can loan us any of these items. Thanks

(No one will be using these items they are for decoration purposes only)

Name: _____

Item/s I can loan: _____



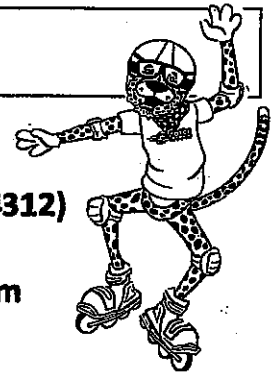
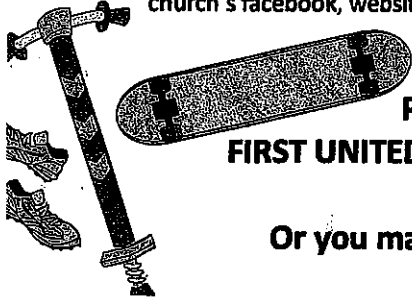
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015
G=Force, God's Love in Action!
 June 22-26, 2015 9:00 AM - Noon



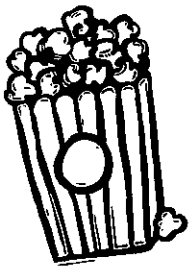
Child Information *(one per form please)*

NAME _____	Age * _____
ADDRESS _____	*3 years by Sep 1, 2015
PHONE _____ Home Church _____	Birthdate _____
Email _____	Grade Completed _____
PARENT(S) _____	Phone _____
In case of Emergency, contact _____	
Any allergies? _____	

We may take pictures of the fun this week, if you do **NOT** want your child's picture posted on the church's facebook, website, or daily VBS slide show, please initial in the following box
(no names will be posted with pictures)



PLEASE COME, LEARN AND HAVE FUN AT G=FORCE!
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, KITTANNING, PA 16201 (724-548-4312)
Email: fumchurch@windstream.net
Or you may register on our website: www.firstchurchkittanning.com



Family Movie Night at The Covenant Center

Big Hero 6 – June 26
Planes – July 24
Cinderella – August 21



- ___ I can help at the movies (make popcorn, drinks & chaperon)
- ___ I can donate a case of water for the red wagons
- ___ I can donate a bag of ice for the red wagons
- ___ I can make a large sign for publicity purposes
- ___ I will pray for this outreach

I am available to help on these dates: _____

Signed _____

(Place in offering plate or return to office ASAP)



Vacation Bible School – 2015
G=Force: God's Love in Action!
June 22-26, 2015 (9 am- noon)

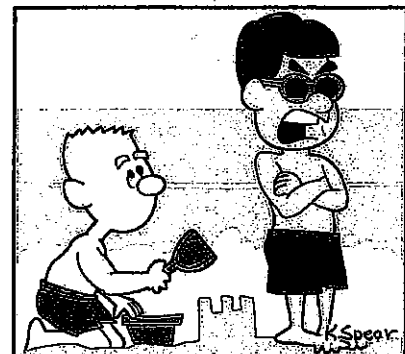


Summer is really coming and along with that is the BEST week of the whole year! Vacation Bible School! If you have never been around the church with the 70-some children that fill the pews, you don't know what you are missing – it's probably not like the Bible School you remember from your own childhood. Those of us that help with VBS have as much fun as the children and hopefully we teach them something about God's Love thru the Actions they see from all the volunteers. VBS does take a lot of volunteers and a lot of preparation though. Some of these areas involve some preparation work before VBS and others are just "show up and help". We could still use some helpers in the following areas.

- **Registration:** Updating nametags and forms before VBS week; Responsible for all forms and check in/out each day during VBS
- **Crew leaders:** Guide a small group of children to each activity each day. No preparation needed, just let us know you are interested now, and then just "show up and help" the week of VBS. We need about 10 people that can go up/down stairs once or twice each day!
- **Games helpers:** Assist the Games leaders by helping with crowd control ensuring all children are safe in the yard. No preparation needed to be a helper!
- **Anything else?** If you'd like to help but don't know exactly what you want to do, talk to us, we can find something that fits your ability!

Another area we can always use help is gathering some supplies for **CRAFTS!** If you have any of the following just lying around your house or any of these catch your eye at your favorite store, we'd be happy to take them off your hands, saving us from searching and spending money!

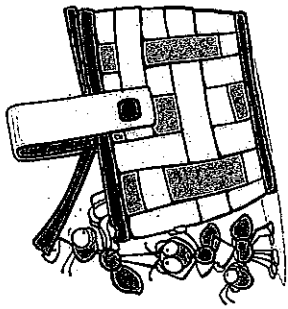
- Canning Jar rings (not the flat discs but the actual rings)
- Black felt
- Glue (white school glue, tacky glue, wood glue, glue sticks) – we use an AWFUL lot of GLUE!!!
- Sharpies
- Masking Tape
- Ziploc gallon size bags
- Wide colored craft sticks
- 2" clay flower pots
- Bright colored card stock (red, blue, yellow, green)
- Black/white checked duct tape
- Wooden dowels (1/4 inch-1/2 inch diameter)



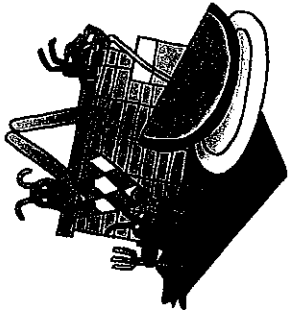
"This stinks! When they said 'vacation,' I thought they meant Vacation Bible School."



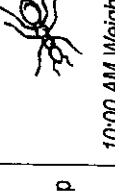

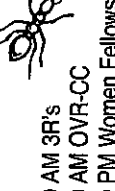
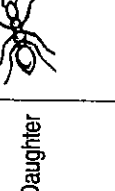









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We'll also be asking for SNACK supplies later – the kids get pretty hungry having all this fun! Watch your bulletin for details in May. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact Sue Hankey 724-545-1656 (email robandsue104@comcast.net)



JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion	1 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:00 PM Trustee Work Party	2 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	3 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	4 6:00 PM Price Items-CC 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	5 	6 2:00 PM Ashley Kessler-CC 7:30 PM We Surrender-CC
7 9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion	8 6:00 PM Trustee Work Party 7:00 PM Evangelism Outreach	9 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	10  10:00 AM Weight Watchers	11 ANNUAL CONFERENCE 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	12 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Set up Rummage Sale-CC	13 ANNUAL CONFERENCE 8:00 AM Rummage Sale-CC 7:30 PM We Surrender-CC
14  ANNUAL CONFERENCE 9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUVCW	15 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM Church Council	16  8:30 AM 3R's 8:30 AM OVR-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	17 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Worship Team 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	18 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	19 	20 9:00 AM Set up for VBS 7:30 PM We Surrender-CC
21  9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	22 9:00 AM-12:00 PM VBS 	23  9:00 AM-12:00 PM VBS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 9:00 AM-12:00 PM VBS 	25  9:00 AM-12:00 PM VBS 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	26  9:00 AM-12:00 PM VBS 7:00 PM Movie night-CC	27 7:30 PM We Surrender-CC
28 CELEBRATION SUNDAY 9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 pm Tear down VBS	29 NEWSLETTER	30 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship FOOD BANK PICK-UP				7:30 PM We Surrender-CC

