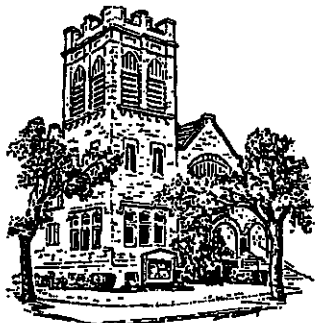
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SEPTEMBER 2014



**OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE,
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Pastor Wade Berkey
CHURCH SECRETARY: Audrey Green
INTERIM PIANIST:
SEXTON: Valerie Kachur
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Barb Gaughan
NURSERY ATTENDANT: Linda Powell
MESSENGER VOLUNTEERS:
Carolyn Gallaher, Sally Krozely
June Pollard, Linda Scaife, Carol Wolfe

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



From the Pastors Desk

September 2014

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

A former District Superintendent wrote the words of this note for a weekly newsletter...
The Good Old Days!



A lot of things about the “Good Old Days” weren’t as good as we remember them. Oh, there’s a certain charm in the memories, but, frankly, we’ve progressed. Is the emotional energy of your church oriented around the past, or is it spent searching for the new thing that God is doing in the community and world? Where would you like it to be focused? How can you lead others to change its focus from the past to the present and future?

(Rev. Dean Ziegler, Former District Superintendent, Butler District)

We are all aware of the changes that have taken place in our lives. While we do not like to admit it, even we have physically changed! There is one thing that never changes—the love, the presence, and the grace of our Lord God. The way we share the message may change. The people we offer the message to may change. But the one thing that is consistent is God and the message of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. We have such a wonderful message to share!

I ask you this question, “What distinguishes this church from being a social club?” The answer to that question is simple, “Jesus”. Jesus! Everything we do is with Christ as the foundation—otherwise we look just like the world—and that is not who we are. With Jesus as the constant in our lives, who and what is God calling us to be as a unique church within the body of Jesus Christ? How can we look to the future? How can we lead each other to make certain that we are looking to the future?

When we talk ministry and the future, what are your dreams and desires? Where do you see the church in 10 or 15 years and how are we going to get there? Can we begin to focus our emotional and spiritual energy on what God might be saying to us about our community and our world? Who is God calling us to be and how will he move us to get there? Jesus said, “And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Jesus is saying that we are to be assured, be certain, know this, pay attention—I AM with you always. In the midst of our struggles and journey is the Creator and Redeemer! Hallelujah!

Until the Whole World Hears:

Pastor Wade



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

September 7, 2014

11:00 AM

Matthew 18:15-20, Romans 13:8-14

September 14, 2014

11:00 AM

Matthew 18:21-35, Romans 14:1-12

September 21, 2014

11:00 AM, Back to Church Sunday

Matthew 20:1-16, Philippians 1:21-30

September 28, 2014

11:00 AM,

Matthew 21:23-32, Philippians 2:1-13



Sunday, September 21 is

National Back to Church Sunday!

If you haven't attended in a while, why not join us on that day? If you are a regular attender, please invite someone to join us in worship!

CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year our Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 19th at 11:00 AM during worship. SPCR will meet at 10:00 AM.

200TH ANNIVERSARY

We are looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Methodist Church in Kittanning. (1816-2016) We will be meeting on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in the library room. Let Audrey know if you are interested or just show up at the meeting. Trustees



Get **IN**volved

As we prepare for our Charge Conference on October 19, 2014, the Lay Leadership Committee is and will be actively seeking a variety of individuals with the gifts and talents to serve in the Church for 2015. If you would like to serve on any committees, please speak with Pastor Wade or any

member of the Lay Leadership Committee.

The Lay Leadership Committee is looking for someone to serve as **Lay Leader for 2015**. If this is a ministry in which you would like to share, please speak to Pastor Wade. The UM Book of Discipline says that there shall be elected by the Charge Conference a lay leader who shall function as the primary representative of the laity in that local church and shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Fostering awareness of the role of laity both within the congregation and through their ministries in their home, workplace, community, and the world and finding ways within the community of faith to recognize all these ministries.
2. Meet regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and the needs for ministry.
3. Be a member in the Charge Conference and the Church Council, the Finance Committee, Lay Leadership Committee, and the Staff/Parish Relations Committee. Along with the pastor, the lay leader shall serve as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the annual conference and the general Church.
4. Continuing involvement in study and training opportunities to develop a growing understanding of the Church's reason for existence and the types of ministries that will most effectively fulfill the Church's mission.
5. Assist in advising the Church Council of opportunities available and the needs expressed for a more effective ministry of the church through the laity in the community.
6. Inform the laity of training opportunities provided by the Annual Conference.

THIS IS NOT A SPEAKER POSITION NOR IS IT REQUIRED FOR THIS PERSON TO BECOME A CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT. You will not be asked to preach or lead worship unless you are or become, a Certified Lay Servant.

SEPTEMBER

ACOLYTE

7 Gabi Zielinski
 14 Hannah Hoffman
 21 Hayley Hoffman
 28 Ryan Bish



READERS

7
 14
 21 Mary Jo Lipski
 28 Bill Waters



USHERS

7 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson & Communion
 14 Oxford/Joe Heckert
 21 Oxford/Joe Heckert
 28 Wesley/Roy Williamson



SOUND SYSTEM

7 Greg Lemons
 14 Hayley Hoffman
 21 Glenn Krozely
 28 Michael Toy



COUNTERS

7 Muir
 14 Ternent
 21 Stubbs
 28 Flanders



WELCOME CENTER

7 Mert Hellein
 14 Jan Smith
 21 Ken Pierson
 28 Jean Wolfe



We will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, September 13th. Donations for the rummage sale can be brought in between August 17th and September 7th? **All clean donations will be accepted except clothing.** Items may be left in the Gleaner's Sunday School room (room will be marked).

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Well, we finally made it, as of September 21st all the windows have been returned and put in place in the sanctuary. A project that started in the year 2008 is now complete at a cost of over two hundred and two thousand dollars. We are very thankful for your support over the years and now let us enjoy the ministry of these windows as they shine so brightly throughout the sanctuary. As always, NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.

Window Committee
 Joe Bowser, Tim & Linda Scaife,
 George Stubbs



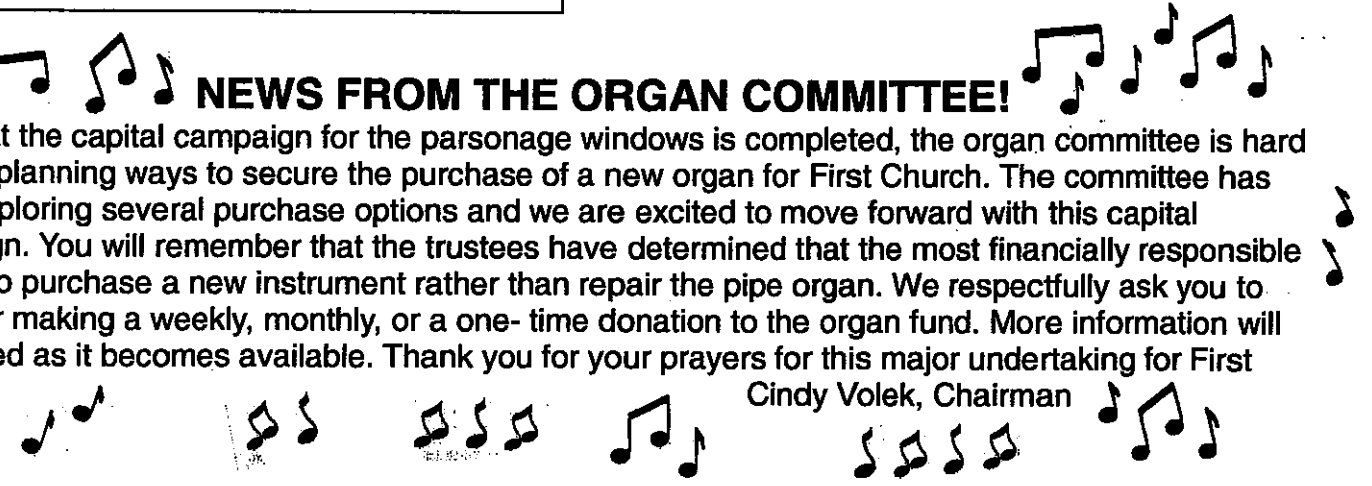
Children's Choir

Do you like to sing? Children's choir will be open to kids from 3 years old through 6th grade. Practice will be Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM, starting September 10th in the Library room. For questions, call Valerie Kachur 724-954-7087 or Tara Green 724-859-8716. Parents are welcome to stay for adult choir starting at 7:00 PM.

NEWS FROM THE ORGAN COMMITTEE!

Now that the capital campaign for the parsonage windows is completed, the organ committee is hard at work planning ways to secure the purchase of a new organ for First Church. The committee has been exploring several purchase options and we are excited to move forward with this capital campaign. You will remember that the trustees have determined that the most financially responsible path is to purchase a new instrument rather than repair the pipe organ. We respectfully ask you to consider making a weekly, monthly, or a one-time donation to the organ fund. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Thank you for your prayers for this major undertaking for First Church.

Cindy Volek, Chairman



Sunday School

We'd like to welcome your entire family to an opportunity to grow in faith together. We honor and love God seven days a week, and we especially show this by attending worship and Sunday School as a family each week. Age-level discussions in Sunday School are invaluable for a child's faith development, just as a family Bible Study and prayer nourishes your child at home.

We have Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:30 each Sunday morning.

Please join us September 7th in the Covenant Center for a light
RALLY DAY breakfast at 9:30,
and then join our leaders in the classrooms.



Age	Location	Led by
Adult -- Traditional	Covenant Center	Jim Ternent
Adult --Contemporary	Covenant Center	Brad Hellein
Youth (Grades 7-12)	Church Basement	Melissa Flanders
Children (Ages 3 yrs -- Kindergarten)	Church Upstairs	Sue Hankey
Children (Grades 1-2)	Church Upstairs	Audrey Green
Children (Grades 3-6)	Church Upstairs	Kelly Hoffman

Nursery is available for younger children from 9:30 to noon.

The family that prays together, stays together!



FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

LuAnne Baker presents "Martha"

Thursday, September 18th at 7:00 PM, LuAnne Baker will portray Martha in her original program "Martha's Kitchen: preparation for Jesus' visit" in the covenant center. During the portrayal many of Jesus' miracles and ministries are described. This is an opportunity for us to prioritize our life's busyness.

LuAnne has been doing a variety of biblical portrayals for 15 years and been active in her church. Friday Night Circle invites everyone to enjoy this entertaining and inspiring performance. A love offering will be collected.

SEPTEMBER'S LIBRARY NEWS

The Debbie Macomber book, "Navy Woman" has been placed in the adult fiction section of our library.

The following children's books have been added

"The Very Best Book Of All" by Fran Flourney, "How Do Dinosaurs Learn To Read" by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague, "If You Met Pocahontas" by Margo Lundell, "The Man Who Met Jesus at Bethesda" by Neal A. Boehike, "Rebecca At The Well" adapted by Maxine Nodel, "Tell Me About God" by Linda Talbet Humble, "Kindergarten ABC" by Jacqueline Rogers, and "Children's Picture Bible" retold by Carol Watson (This book was donated by Greg and Noelle Lemons Thank you, Greg & Noelle.)

These 2 DVD's have also been donated to the children's library section:

"Veggies in Space, the Fennel Frontier" and "The League of Incredible Vegetables" by VeggieTales.

"Fall Into The Reading Habit" visit First Church Library in the Chapel area!

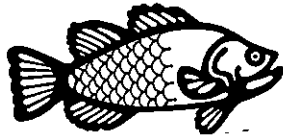
Carol Wolfe,

Librarian

FOLK FESTIVAL 2014

Despite the rain on Saturday night, we had another very successful year at the Folk Festival. Through the efforts of all involved, we will be able to contribute to Church finances \$8000 from the festival and the \$3000 we had reserved from the Fish dinners as startup money for the festival. Thank you to all who helped in any way, including eating. Our festival sales are successful because we have people to bake, cut and organize pies, work in the booth, work in the kitchen, cut buns, put up and take down the booth and tent, wash dishes and clean up, carry items to and from the booth and do whatever else needs done. The festival provides a time to work together while getting to know each other a little better. Following are a few facts from the festival.

At least 60 different people worked to make the festival operate
32 people baked pies
219 pies
1150 pieces of fish
900 pounds of curly fries



Tim Scaife (Activities committee chairman)

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

Our Parking lot brought in \$809 during the Folk Festival. Thank you to Rob Hankey, Tom Stitt and John Yankasky.

MISSIONS FOCUS for SEPTEMBER

Most of us take for granted the water which flows out of our faucets. But for many villagers in Southeast Asia, this basic life necessity is often unavailable. Village wells may dry up, especially during drought seasons. It is not unusual for families to walk several miles just to find water for their needs.

Dalits, Asia's "Untouchables", likely are barred from drawing water from the village wells because of their inferior social persecution commonly from the local water. God communities. The wells John 4:13-14, each well a These wells offer a dual physical nourishment, and source of the Living Water.

The wells are located and missionaries share the



status. Christians suffer, too, as comes in the form of banning them is providing Jesus Wells for such bear a plaque of Jesus' words in tangible expression of Jesus' love. purpose: one to provide necessary two, to point people to the true

near Bible colleges where students love of Jesus with them.

A Jesus Well for an entire community costs \$1,400. Can we, as a church family, provide one well?.....two wells? Pray about this and then act in faith! If writing a check, make it payable to First United Methodist Church (or FUMC) with a memo for Jesus Well. If giving cash, write Jesus Well on the envelope or note inside. May God bless us to be a blessing!

John 4:13-14 "Jesus answered, Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Janet McKelvey, Missions



MISSIONS THANK YOU'S

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for once again supporting LIFE through our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your generous support of \$505.05 will go a long way toward the services we offer "FOR LIFE".

In 2013, we saw at least 50 lives saved in our clinics, and because of you, many more will be saved! Thank you for supporting LIFE! Blessings. *Life Choices*

(A note of thanks from the missionaries we supported in April who will be going to West Bengal, India)

"We want to thank you for the funds you as a church raised for us! Your giving will help us greatly towards the journey we are on and ultimately advance His kingdom!"

Nate and Tabatha Adams

Barry Pearce Update

The Missions Committee wants to give a heartwarming thank you to our church family for your very generous and loving financial gifts to Barry Pearce and his family. As of August 9th, we have contributed \$1,587. All of this has been given to Barry as he rebuilds his home and life. Our prayers are with him and his family. Thank you, Church Family. God is so good...all the time!

Habitat for Humanity

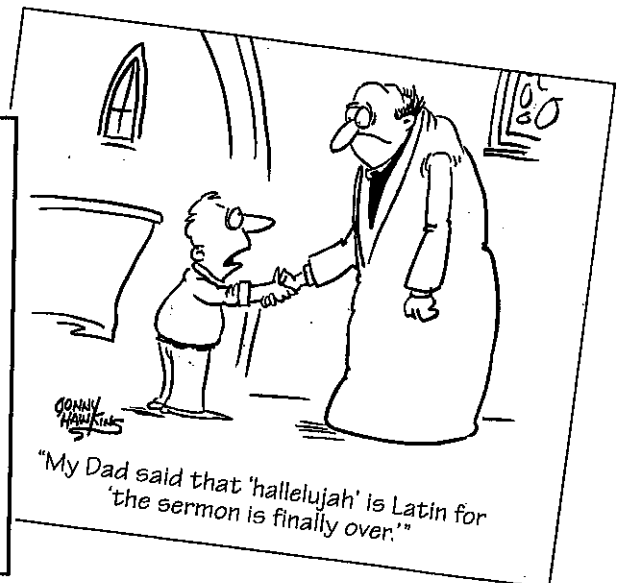
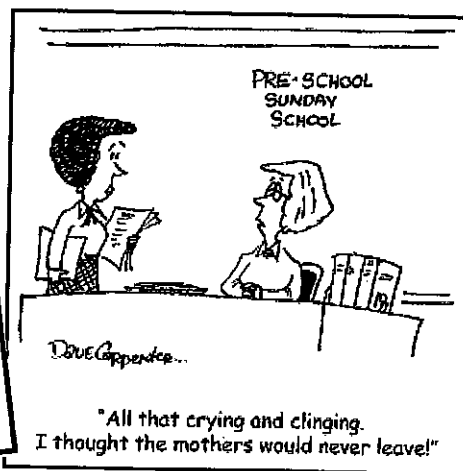
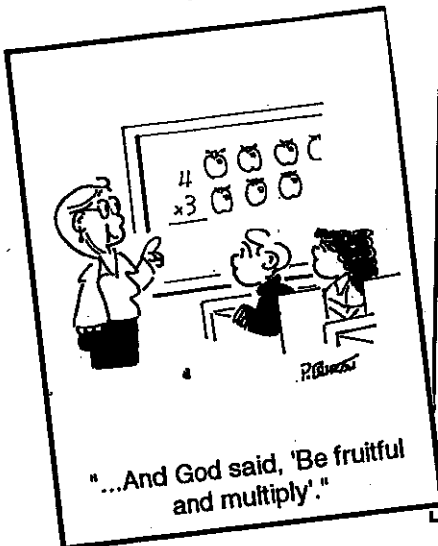
Dear Church Members,

Thank you for supporting Armstrong Habitat for Humanity by providing housing and meals to our Angola United Methodist Church volunteers from the state of Indiana. We are very grateful for your hospitality.

The group of volunteers from Indiana had a great attitude and work ethic. They were anxious to learn new skills and excited to help. During their stay, we made substantial progress on our Habitat home renovation in Kittanning, on a Brush With Kindness roof repair project in East Brady, and were able to help Family Promise, a partner organization, paint and clean a house in Indiana. Also, with the knowledge and assistance of the group, our office is better lit and organized. Both our organization and our community were fortunate to have this group dedicate a week to helping those in need so far away from home.

With your help we were able to support this group of humanitarians while continuing in our mission to eliminate substandard housing within our community. Thank you again for your contribution.

Sincerely, Michael McElhane, Executive Director





THANK YOU'S



First Church,

The entire Hidinger family would like to express our sincere gratitude for every card, every visit, and the post funeral dinner for my husband, Jake Hidinger. He was a wonderful man that will be missed by many. Though our hearts are heavy, we take comfort in the scriptures in John 14:1-4:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

All of the thoughts and prayers mean so much to us. Thank you for being such a supportive church family in this time of loss. We are truly blessed and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Donna Hidinger and Family



First United Methodist Church, Funeral Luncheon Team, and Pastor Wade,

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, prepared the lunch, came to visit at Kittanning Care, the hospital and the funeral home to see our beloved Jake (Dad, Father, and Pap). Also, thank you to all the people that have prayed for our family over the years. We are blessed to have such good friends and church family.



Love, Jake Hidinger family –

Donna, Twila, Sue, Shari, Chris, and families

Thank you to the Trustees and all that helped on Saturday to clean up the Children's Sunday School rooms. The rooms look great and ready for the start of the new year.



Sunday School Teachers, Sue Hankey,

Audrey Green & Kelly Hoffman



SIFT

The SIFT gathering for September will be on Thursday, September 18th at 12:00 PM in the Covenant Center. The program will be State Police Trooper Keston, speaking on Safety For Seniors – being wise and safe at home, driving, shopping, etc. The lunch menu will be spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with Italian dressing, Italian bread, and ice cream and cookies for dessert. Please come join us for a good meal, good fellowship and a good program! **Reservations are due by Monday, September 15th at noon.**

2015 VBS CANS

In the six weeks since VBS 2014 (through August 15th) we received 3,313 cans for our 2015 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2014 is 3,313 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

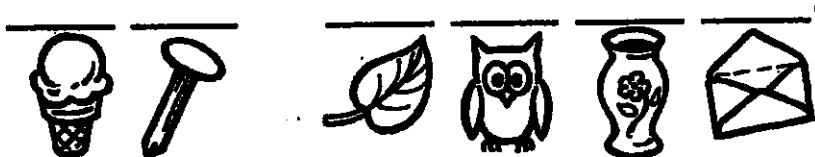
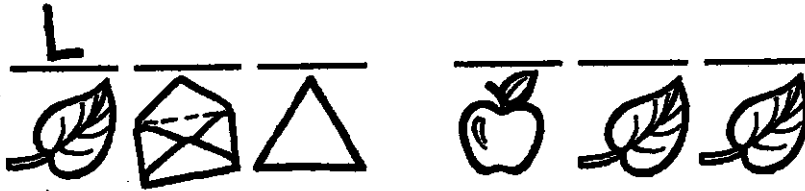
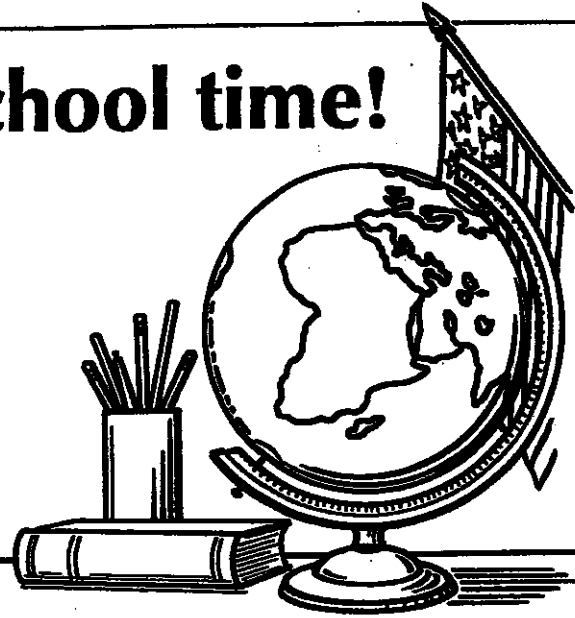


Just for Kids

It's back to school time!

This is a time to make new friends and do new things! Below is a special Bible verse to help you every day!

To find this helpful verse, write the letter that begins the word for each picture on the line above it.



1 Corinthians 16:14

Answers:

Let all that you do be done in love.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Jean Wolfe	11 Tim Volek
4 Patricia Snow	15 Kelly Gaughan
6 Bradley McKinney	19 Scott Hogamier
7 Ali Berkey	20 Leah Hogamier
7 Justin Snow	23 Lloyd Bish
8 David Kohl	24 Pamela Scaife
8 Keith Williamson	24 Crystal Zier
9 Hallie Hoffman	26 Bobbi Williamson
10 Christian Zier	27 Jennifer Hellein
11 Jill Kohl	27 Becky McKinney
11 Carol Wolfe	29 Vince Bruno

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jack & Diane Heim
 9 Joe & Bonnie Bowser 48 years
 15 Douglas & Linda Powell 41 years
 17 Robert & Mandy Podvorec 26 years
 19 Jeff & Steph Hankey 5 years
 19 Keith & Lora Williamson 27 years
 22 Tim & Cindy Volek
 26 Bernie & Audrey Green 33 years

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian compassion and concern to:

The family of Nancy Feicht who passed away on Saturday, July 5, 2014

Donna Hiding and her family on the death of her husband, Jake. Jake passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2014. He was the father of Sue (Gary) Hudak, Shari (Jed) Schrecengost and Chris (Jean) Hiding. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cindy Studebaker. Jake was the grandfather of 8 grandchildren.

The family of Betty Speicher. Betty passed away on Monday, July 14, 2014. She was the mother of Doretta (Donald) Coon and Dancene (Daniel) Trudgen. And grandmother to Matthew (Emily) Trudgen and Logan Trudgen. Betty was our church secretary from 1951-1954.

Rose (Harold) Walters and her family on the death of her brother William C. Smock. William passed away on Monday, August 4, 2014.

~The families of former members, Jane K. (Slater) Shannon Heinritz passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 and Colleen A. Talmadge passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

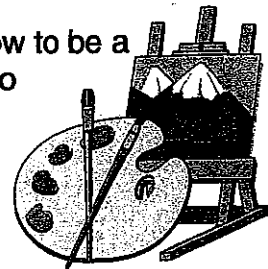
COVENANT CENTER ART SHOW

The 21st Covenant Center Art Show was, once again, a big success. We had 68 exhibitors and 222 pieces were on display with 4 pieces selling. "The People's Choice" ribbon went to Maggie McCanna of Kittanning, for her entry titled "Giraffes". Her painting also was awarded 1st place in the Art-Student category.

I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to all the people who helped this year's show to be a true success. I received positive feed-back and the committee will be meeting soon to review and improve on this year's show. If anyone would like to join the committee or have any ideas on how we can change the show. Please get in contact with me.

Again, thanks to all who helped and I am looking forward to the next year.

Melissa Flanders





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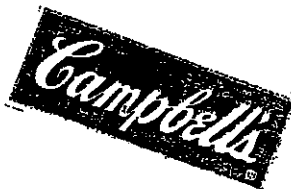
For the Ruth M. Smith Center CAMPBELL'S SOUP CAN LABELS

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

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	3 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	4 7:00 PM Rainbow Road Orientation 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	5	6 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
7  9:30 AM Breakfast & Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion	8 7:00 PM Discipleship Team	9 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	10 9:00 AM Rainbow Road First Day 6:00 PM Children's Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	11 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	12	13 8:00 AM Rummage Sale
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUVCC	15 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM Church Council	16 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	17 6:00 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Lay Leadership 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	18 12:00 PM SIFT-CC 7:00 PM Friday Night Circle	19	20 7:00 AM Stop Hunger Now-CC 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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