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**JULY/AUGUST 2015**



**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE,  
September  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 18, 2015**

**CHURCH STAFF**

**PASTOR:** Pastor Wade Berkey  
**CHURCH SECRETARY:** Audrey Green  
**INTERIM PIANIST/ORGANIST:** Earl Amour  
**SEXTON:** Valerie Kachur  
**ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Barb Gaughan  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTORS:**  
Valerie Kachur & Tara Green  
**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Linda Powell  
**MESSENGER VOLUNTEERS:**  
Carolyn Gallaher, Sally Krozely  
June Pollard, Linda Scaife, Carol Wolfe

**WORSHIP:** 11:00 AM

**CHURCH OFFICE:** 724-548-4312

**PARSONAGE:** 724-543-4808

**E-MAIL:** [fumchurch@windstream.net](mailto:fumchurch@windstream.net)

**WEB SITE:** [www.firstchurchkittanning.com](http://www.firstchurchkittanning.com)

**FAX:** 724-548-5157

**RAINBOW ROAD:** 724-548-7569



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



*July 2015*

WOW!! Can you believe it? A whole year has passed since I first wrote for you! We have finished our first year together, and, I have been appointed to First Church for another year! It is good to be here with you and I continue to see God working in your midst. I am looking forward to this year (and hopefully many more to come) with you!

Last year, in our first Church Council meeting together, I asked the Council to consider five questions. Those questions were –

1. What is going well at First Church?
2. What is not going well at First Church?
3. What is a barrier that could be removed to improve your sense of participation and success in the life of First Church?
4. What role in the life of the church would you like to take on?
5. What are the needs in our congregation and communities that would point toward new opportunities for the ministry of First Church?

They shared a number of great answers and I thank them once again for their help!

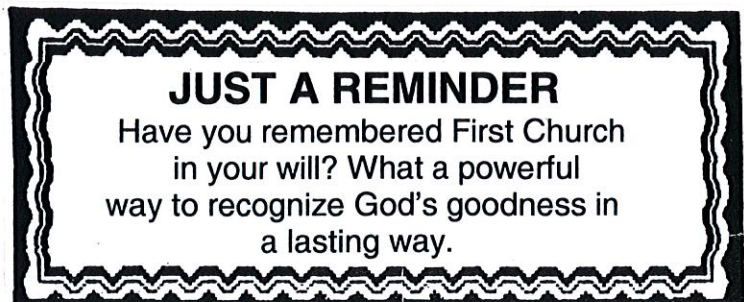
One of the things that stood out to me in the answers shared was a sense of needing growth—personal growth in our intimate and ongoing relationship with God, and, growth in our church family and our ministries outside of the church with the diverse community around us.

Later on in the first year, we developed a strategic plan for the coming years that centered on three main points. Those points are worship, growing, and serving. I want us to begin to think about the first of these.

Over the next few months we will focus more on prayer—personal prayer, corporate prayer, and praying together as a church, and praying for our worship. I hope that we can challenge each other, through our worship, to grow in our faith walk with Jesus Christ. As a church, our mission is to know Jesus and to make Jesus known. More than just knowing about Jesus, I want to help strengthen our faith journeys with Jesus. Faith is an ongoing and growing aspect of our lives in Jesus. I hope to offer a number of short-term, small group studies in the coming year, to encourage us along this path of faith. I hope you can be a part of what is offered. Don't forget, from September to May, First Church offers Sunday School for all ages. You are always invited and welcome!! Hey, we might even have to start some new classes if enough people came!!

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist way of thinking, calls us to press on, with God's help, in the path of sanctification toward Christian perfection. I am glad we can, and will, press on together!

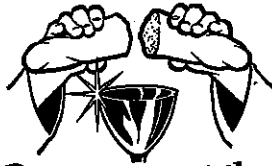
Until the whole world hears...



## JULY WORSHIP

**July 5, 2015**

11:00 AM, Communion  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13



**Commune at the Lord's Table**

**July 12, 2015**

11:00 AM,  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19,  
Ephesians 1:3-14

**July 19, 2015**

11:00 AM,  
2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 26, 2015**

11:00 AM,  
Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

### WELCOME CENTER

5 Beverly Patton  
12 Sandy Scherf  
19 Sarah Heckert  
26 Ken Pierson



### READERS

5 Dan Wolfe  
12 Pat Wolfe  
19 Barb Gaughan  
26 Bill Waters



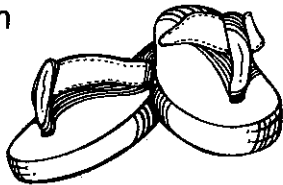
### USHERS

5 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson & Communion  
12 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson  
19 Oxford/Joe Heckert  
26 Oxford/Joe Heckert



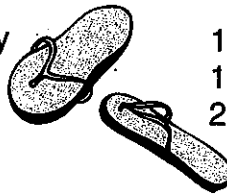
### SOUND SYSTEM

5 Hayley Hoffman  
12 John Yankasky  
19 Glenn Krozely  
26 Dan Christie



### COUNTERS

5 Flanders  
12 McKelvey  
19 Scaife  
26 Krozely



### ACOLYTE

5 Hannah Hoffman  
12 Ryan Bish  
19 Gabi Zielinski  
26 Hayley Hoffman



## AUGUST WORSHIP

**August 2, 2015**

9:30 AM Outdoor Worship  
Psalm 51, 2 Samuel 11:26-12:12-13a

**August 9, 2015**

11:00 AM  
John 6:35, 41-51, Ephesians 4:25-5:2

**August 16, 2015**

11:00 AM  
Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20

**August 23, 2015**

11:00 AM  
Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20



**August 30, 2015**

11:00 AM  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9, James 1:17-27

### WELCOME CENTER

2 Outside Service  
9 Kathy Coleman  
16 Ken Pierson  
23 Pam



### READERS

2 Noelle Lemons  
9  
16  
23 Sarah Heckert



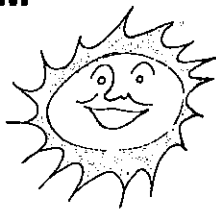
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2 Albright/Dan Wolfe & Communion  
9 Albright/Dan Wolfe  
16 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski  
23 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski



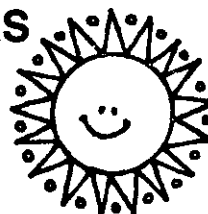
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2 Greg Lemons  
9 Hayley Hoffman  
16 John Yankasky  
23 Glenn Krozely  
30 Dan Christie



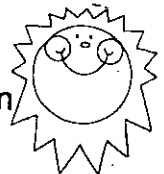
### COUNTERS

2 Thomas  
9 Ternent  
16 Stubbs  
23 Flanders  
30 McKelvey



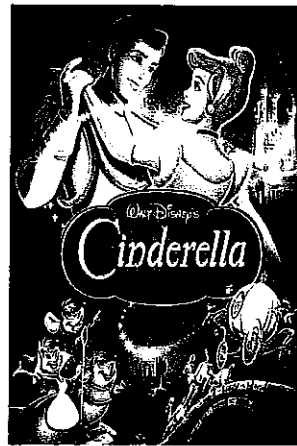
### ACOLYTE

2 Folk Festival  
9 Ryan Bish  
16 Hayley Hoffman  
23 Hannah Hoffman  
30 Gabi Zielinski





**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**  
**Friday, July 24th**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Covenant Center**  
**Free Event**  
**Free Refreshments**



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**  
**Friday, August 21st**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Covenant Center**  
**Free Event**  
**Free Refreshments**



## WELCOME ALL YOUTH

We want to welcome all youth (grades 7 thru 12) to the first meeting of the season, Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, Kittanning. There will be food, games and fun. We will be planning activities for the rest of the year. It will be whatever you want to make it. You may contact me at 724-859-2607, Melissa Flanders:

## JULY/AUGUST LIBRARY NEWS

The book "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate has been given to our library by Audrey Green, in memory of Betty Feeny. It is a wonderful story of two women looking for peace, wholeness and purpose.

The following books have been purchased for the library in memory of Betty Speicher, Nancy Feicht, and Susie Reefer through a donation from June Pollard. "The Joy of Mom" by Vicki Reece; "Before Amen: The Power of a simple Prayer" by Max Lucado; "The God Box" by Mary Lou Quinlan; "Miracle At The Higher Grounds Café" by Max Lucado; "Love from Grandma" by Becky L. Amble; "Moms Go Where Angels Fear to Tread" by Joan Wester Anderson; and "The Family of Jesus" by Karen Kingsbury.

Remember: these new books are on the small book cart in the adult section in our church's library.  
Carol Wolfe, Librarian



## MISSION FOCUS

Our mission focus for the next three months will be **STOP HUNGER NOW**. Our church's financial goal is to provide \$900 as part of the 7 other local churches who will also provide funds and volunteer to package 30,000 kits. This worldwide program is volunteer-based in packaging 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!!!



**STOP HUNGER NOW**

Think how you can provide money to help this needed program and seriously consider being a part of the assembly line process. It is a wonderful experience. The **date of assembly is Saturday, September 26 at the Vandergrift First United Methodist Church**. If you are interested in being a part of the assembly line let me know.

Pray for your part in this great program and pray for the people who will receive these meals. We are all God's children....God bless.

# FOLK FESTIVAL

The Folk Festival will be held on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. Plans are being made and supplies are being ordered and purchased. We will be ready **AND we need your help during the Festival.**

Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of the sign-up sheet for workers and pie bakers. Please start to make your plans to help out and return the sign-up sheet to the church to let us know what you will be able to do.

If you have never helped before, think about it and give it a try. It's a good way to meet and get to know people better. Thank you for your help.

## ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

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



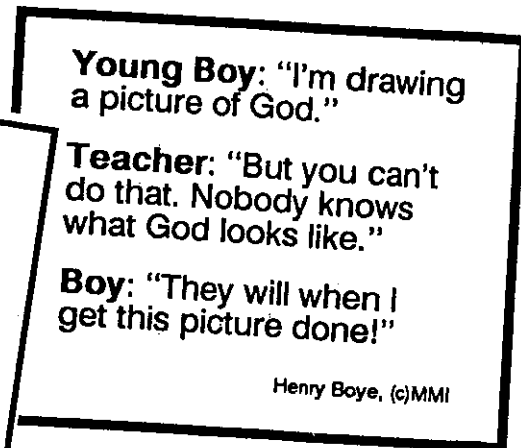
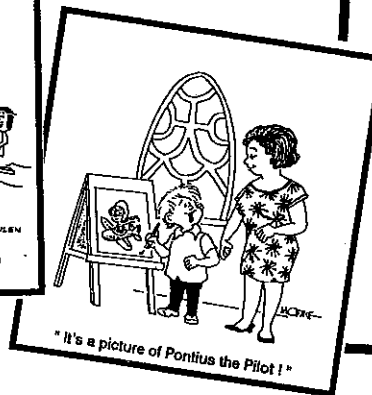
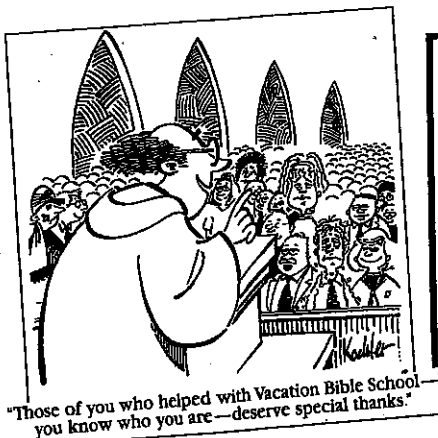
## PLEASE NOTE

Campbell soup and other labels are still being collected for the Ruth M. Smith Home in Sheffield, PA whose mission statement says, "The purpose of the Ruth M. Smith Center, a National Mission Institution is to minister to the social, educational, emotional, spiritual and physical needs of dependent children, youth, adults and families regardless of race, religion or

national origin.

Other labels include: **Bic products, Pop Secret, Post cereals, Prego Italian sauces, Spaghetti O's, Swanson broths, Dannon yogurts, Emerald nuts, Glad Food Storage, Pace Salsa, Picante sauce, Pepperidge Farm products, and V-8 juices.** The large envelope remains at the ramp entrance door.

"Box Tops for Education" is a separate collection for local schools and are in another envelope. Thanks to all who assist the Ruth M. Smith Home.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> he or she will be eligible. Applications are available in the church office or online at [www.firstchurchkittanning.com](http://www.firstchurchkittanning.com)



### 2015 VBS CANS

In the past month (through June 15<sup>th</sup>) we received 1,950 cans for our 2015 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2014 is 30,047 cans.

The 2015 VBS (June 22-26<sup>th</sup>) we received 7,019 cans making a total for the entire VBS year 37,066. In the 20 years we have done this, we have collected 593,479 cans.

Thanks to all of you who saved, collected and brought in cans.

### VBS 2016 CANS

Our collection for VBS 2016 starts July 1<sup>st</sup>---so---**KEEP THEM COMING PLEASE.**

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...

*Dear Friends at First United Methodist,*

*Thank you for your continued support of LIFE through our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your generous support of \$682.24 will go a long way toward the services we offer "FOR LIFE!". Our clinics have seen over 125 lives saved & because of you that number will grow! Thank you for supporting life!*



*Blessings-Christy*

*A big Thank You to Tom Scherf for funding and constructing new pew card holders, it is nice to have one that holds a pen. Thank you Tom.*



*Trustees*

*The Sunday school bathrooms are now completed, thanks to the following. Tim Scaife (installation of floors and plumbing) Joe Heckert (new lighting); and Dan & Carol Wolfe (painting) Great job, Thank You all.*



*Trustees*

*Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers and cards. Alice and I are scheduled to return home on July 6<sup>th</sup>. God Bless,*



*Jim Ternent*

## RUMMAGE SALE

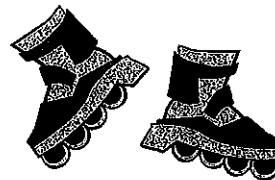
I would like to thank everyone who donated items for the rummage sale (including baked goods) and everyone who helped with the sale in any way. I hope you enjoyed working together as much as I did! Together we were able to raise \$1,317 which was given to the finance committee to use as they see fit. In case you are wondering, **YES**, we will have another sale next year!

Kim Yankasky

# Big Thank You!



# VBS 2015 STAFF LIST G-FORCE



We would like to thank the following for their help before and during Vacation Bible School. VBS could not happen if we didn't have the dedicated volunteers listed below. Some helped just a day or two but many helped every day.

**Pre-School:** Kim Yankasky, Melissa Flanders, Brynn Goldinger, Braden Clever, Page Benton, Kelly Hoffman, Pastor Ali Berkey, Amber Katora, Courtney Frain

**Pre-K:** Cindy Volek, Carol Wolfe, Patty Bruno

**Kindergarten :** Pam Coggon, Carol Thomas, Shannon Yanoschick

**First & Second Grade:** Brenda Beers, Jenny Hellein, Tara Green

**Third, Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grade:** Karen Scaife, Dixie Rupert, Stephanie Heigley



**Bible Story:** Mary Jo Lipski

**Lesson Application:** Janet McKelvey

**Crafts:** Sue Hankey, Sally Krozely, Barb Gaughan, Ryan Bish, Brenda Buzzinotti, Linda Scaife

**Games:** Hayley Hoffman, Hanna Hoffman, Kole Krozely, Natalia Berkey

**Music:** Valerie Kachur, Quintin Clever, Ari Aries

**Snack:** Sarah Heckert, Sally Felton, Marsha Feeney

**Can Man:** Jim Ternent, Dan Wolfe (**Drop cans off at the ramp anytime all year**)

**Offering Counter:** Bob Schaeffer, Carolyn Gallaher

**Opening and Closing:** Pastor Wade Berkey

**Photographer:** Lynn Toth

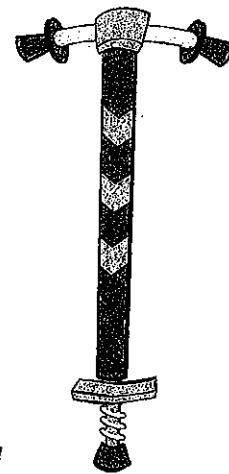
**Registration:** Bonnie Bowser, Bob Schaeffer

**Scenery/Decorations:** Audrey Green

**Sound System:** Hayley Hoffman, Hannah Hoffman

**VBS Coordinator:** Sue Hankey

**Nursery:** Bunny Huddleston, Crystal Zier





## **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR HELPING WITH DIFFERENT PROJECTS:**

The people who helped decorate the sanctuary and other spaces Saturday afternoon. Audrey Green, Sue Hankey, Bob Schaeffer, Barb Gaughan, Valerie Kachur, Caitlyn Kachur, Joey Kachur, Carolyn Gallaher, Karen Scaife, Natalie Berkey, Janet McKelvey, Bonnie & Joe Bowser

Also, Thank You to the **Congregation** for the generous offerings and the donations of snack items, and CANS, CANS, CANS.

And finally, THANK YOU to the **parents and families** of the children for bringing their children each day, they are the reason we all had such a good week.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Jane Luke
- 2 Sally Krozely
- 3 Bruce Harkleroad
- 6 Sue Hankey
- 6 Emma Christie 
- 7 James Weibel
- 9 Roy Williamson
- 12 Diane Heim
- 13 Timothy King 
- 17 Grace Trudgen
- 19 Jeff Hankey
- 21 Brenda Buzzinotti
- 22 Jim Tement—85 years
- 22 Taylor Toth
- 26 Hannah Hoffman
- 27 Joe Heckert




## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Tim & Emily King—9 yrs
- 4 Vince & Patty Bruno
- 10 Brian & Janine Muir—33 yrs
- 13 Dennis & Kelly Hoffman
- 14 Alan & Anita Smith
- 20 Lloyd & Jackie Bish
- 28 Tim & Linda Scaife—36 yrs
- 28 Vince & Kaitlin Edwards—3 Yrs



Congratulations to Crystal & Ryan Zier on the birth of a daughter, Brooke Marie Zier. Brooke was born Saturday, June 13, 2015. She was 21 inches long she weighed 8lbs 6oz.. Brooke is the sister to Christ' in & Jordan; granddaughter to Melissa Flanders.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Bonnie Bowser
- 6 Suzanne Hogamier
- 8 Bob Hankey
- 11 Hannah Morda
- 13 Evva Yanoschick—5 years
- 16 Anna Pickett
- 16 Robert Podvorec
- 24 Donovan Hoffman
- 25 Sydney Hicks
- 26 Brian Muir
- 27 Ken Pierson
- 28 Macy Green 
- 29 Rob Hankey
- 30 Jayna Harkleroad
- 31 Chelsea Beers—5 years
- 31 Derek Green




## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Frank & Esther Kiss
- 8 Lance & Becky Zielinski—17 years
- 10 Sam & Mary Jane Luke
- 22 Jim & Darlene Hebb—45 years
- 25 John & Kimberly Yankasky
- 26 Tony & Sally Krozely—53 years

## Baptism

We celebrate the baptism of Thomas Wesley Hicks today. Thomas was born to Tara & Thomas Hicks on March 4, 2015. He is the brother to Jazmine and Sydney Hicks.

 We extend our Christian Compassion and concern to Sharon Scaife (Jim) on the death of her mother, Glenna J. Frailey. Glenna passed away on Friday, June 5, 2015. Glenna was grandmother to: Matthew Scaife, Shannon (Scott) Cieply and Josh (Anna) Scaife. Great-grandmother to Frailey, Grace & Selah Scaife and Landon & Lucy Scaife.



**YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!**  
**TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHURCH:**

It's FOLK FESTIVAL time again.  
 The Fort Armstrong Folk Festival  
 July 30th - August 2, 2015

First United Methodist Church will be serving our famous fish sandwiches, curly fries, pie, ice cream and more. And as happens every year, we're asking for each of you to help. If you're available to work with set up, cooking, serving, clean-up or running—we need you! If you can make some of those fabulous pies—we need you! Whatever your talents, be large or small—come join in and enjoy the fun and fellowship that each year brings—What can you do?

**YOUTH:** We need your help to do many things, however to work in the front booth or in the kitchen, you must be 16 years old.

**HELP**

I can help set up on Saturday, July 25, 8:30 AM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or rain date, Monday, July 27, 8:30 AM \_\_\_\_\_

I can help by working at the times indicated below with an "X":

TIME	THUR. 7/30	FRI 7/31		TIME	SAT 8/1	SUN 8/2
11AM-1:30				11AM- 2PM		
X X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X X		2PM-5PM		
4PM-7PM				5PM-8PM		5PM-9PM
7PM-10PM				8PM-10PM		X X X X X
CLEAN UP 9PM				CLEAN UP	9:00 PM	7:00 PM

Please contact Melissa Flanders 724-859-2607 if you want to schedule to work a specific job.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for making our job a little easier by providing the information above. We're looking forward to the good times ahead and another successful year of working together on this Church project.

**PIE BAKERS**

I can help by donating the number of pies shown on the Day(s) indicated below:

THURS. 7/30	FRI. 7/31	SAT. 8/1	SUN. 8/2

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT, PIE BAKERS MUST READ AND COMPLY**

State health and food safety regulations require that all pies made with milk, milk products or eggs must be baked in a licensed and inspected kitchen (such as a bakery, restaurant or our Covenant Center kitchen which is state licensed and inspected).

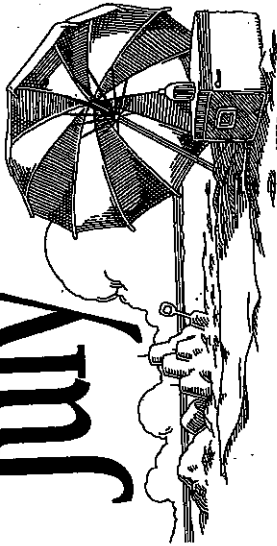
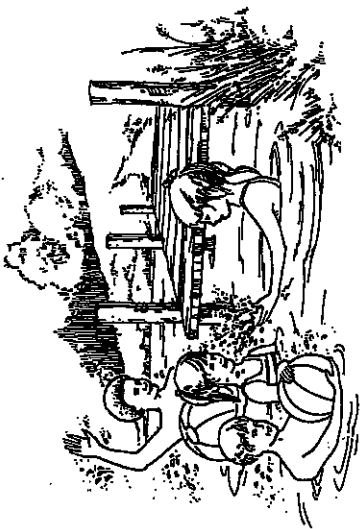
This includes crème, custard, pumpkin pies and cheese cakes.




Fruit pies and other pies not made with milk, milk products or eggs can be baked in home kitchens.

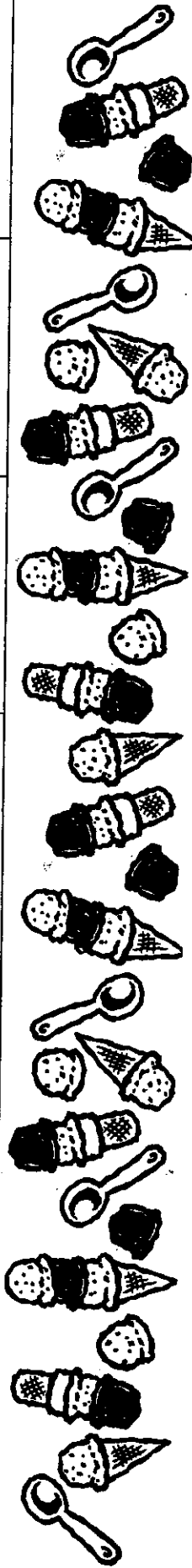
Crème, custard, pumpkin pies and cheese cakes purchased from a bakery, licensed home kitchens or restaurant (which are not labeled "must be refrigerated") are acceptable.

The Covenant Center kitchen will be available for pie baking on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday afternoons and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings. If you plan to bake pies in the Covenant Center kitchen, please let us know when so that we can schedule.

# July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 
5 9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion	6 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:00 PM Trustee Work Party	7 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	8 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	9 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	10	11 7:30 PM We Surrender-CC
12 9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUV CW	13 6:00 PM Trustee Work Party	14 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	15 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	16 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	17	18 7:30 PM We Surrender-CC
19 9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Natalia-CC	20 6:30 PM Finance 7:00 PM Church Council	21 8:30 AM 3R's 8:30 AM OVR-CC	22 7:00 PM Lay Leadership 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	23 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	24	25 7:30 PM We Surrender-CC
26 9:30 AM Jim-Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1:00 PM Art Show Pictures	27 8:30 AM Set Up Raindate	28 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship FOOD BANK PICK-UP	29	30 FOLK FESTIVAL 	31 FOLK FESTIVAL 	



# August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 FOLK FESTIVAL 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship 5:00 PM Pictures Down	3 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:00 PM Trustee Work Party	4 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM Staff Parish	5 6:00 PM Friday Night Circle- Mary Jo Lipski's House 10:00 AM Weight Watchers	6 6:00 PM Staff Parish with DS-Sykesville Grace UMC	7	8 7:30 PM We Surrender-CC
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