



Light from the Tower

THE NEWSLETTER OF

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

“A COMMUNITY WITH CHRIST AT THE CENTER.”

ESTABLISHED 1812

June 2011

The mission of historic First Church is to bring diverse people of metropolitan Buffalo together to follow Jesus Christ through worshipping God, fostering spiritual growth and serving the community.

AN EPISTLE FROM PHIL TO ALL THE SAINTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We have almost finished the Easter Season as I write this letter. Thursday, June 2, is traditionally known as the day of the “Ascension of the Lord” and just ten days later, on June 12, we celebrate Pentecost. For the last few weeks we have been talking about and observing the resurrection of Christ in worship and in our adult Bible study classes. This is a joyous time with lots of talk about new life and new hope.

During our worship service on June 5, we will be observing and celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, which is an event that many Presbyterians don’t think much about. However, for our Gospel writers and the rest of the authors of the New Testament the concept of Christ’s Ascension is very important as it pointed them to the eternal truth that the risen Lord is enthroned and will, as the creed says, “judge the living and the dead.” In many ways the Gospel writers of Luke and John think that the Ascension is of almost equal importance with the resurrection and the Holy Spirit coming down on Pentecost.

As we look to summer days ahead it is a special prayer of mine that we will get ready for these important days by reflecting on the meaning of the Ascension and of Pentecost in our own lives and congregation. We are facing many issues and possible changes in our life together. And I believe that the Lord God who raised Christ from the dead and then raised him up further at the Ascension before coming to us in another form of Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the same God who still works in and through us here at First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo.

During the month of June we will celebrate these events from the Scriptures as well as many other things in the life of our church. We’ll ordain and install officers, recognize our music and Christian education ministry, and prepare to move forward together in God’s love and service. May you be strengthened by the power of God’s Spirit as we serve and celebrate together. And may God bless us all.

Grace, and Peace,

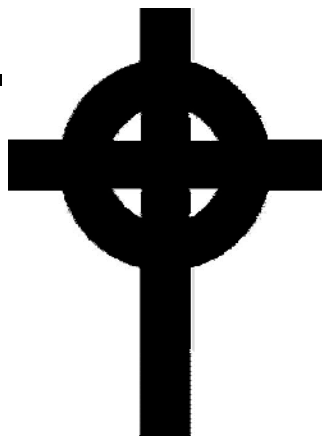
Phil





Incoming Elders and Deacons will be installed during worship next **Sunday, June 12th**.

If you were elected as an officer, but have not been previously ordained for that position, please let Phil Gittings or Christina Trachtenberg know as soon as possible. Thank you.



ALLENTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL JUNE 11-12

The 54th Annual Allentown Arts Festival will take place next weekend, June 11th-12th.

Please note that the festival closes Allen & Wadsworth Streets, as well as Delaware Avenue south of North Street. Please allow extra time to get to church.

**On Sunday, June 26th,
summer worship begins at
10:00 AM in the Chapel.**

WORSHIP GOD WITH US IN JUNE!

The month of June is going to be exciting for us as we share joyous worship together and get ready for the summer ahead. We will enjoy several special services and call on God's Spirit to touch us during a month that for many of us is the most beautiful of the year. Here are a few of the planned activities.

June 5th — A Celebration of Ascension: Just what is this strange thing called "The Ascension of the Lord"? We may have heard the story of Jesus ascending on a cloud after his resurrection, but do we know what made the Ascension so important to the early church? Luke actually records it twice and the Gospel of John mentions or alludes to it many times but Christians today barely pay any attention to it. On June 5 we'll celebrate Ascension, and ponder the meaning of this strange event for modern Christians today.

June 12th — Day of Pentecost Celebration: Almost everyone who has ever been to a Christian church knows the story of Pentecost, at least the part with the tongues of fire and whooshing wind and disciples speaking other languages. Yet this old celebration still has great impact and meaning for Christians today. During this service we'll share some wonderful worship in prayer and song and silence as we await God's Spirit in our lives. The Pentecost Parade will be a joy for us all. On June 12 we will celebrate Pentecost by ordaining and installing our officers during this service.

June 19th — Trinity Sunday: "Three in One; One in Three!" What is this strange thing called the Trinity anyway? The idea of God as Father, as Son, and as Holy Spirit has been traditional for Christians for centuries. The doctrine of the Trinity has been preached, taught, and fought over within Christendom. Just what does it mean to call the One true God a Triune God anyway? And how does it help us live more fully and devoutly? Worship on June 19 will focus on the Trinity and be lots of fun for us all as we glorify God together.

Note: June 19 will be the last day we worship in the Sanctuary for the summer. It is also the last day we will worship at 11:00 A.M until September!

June 26th — We move our Worship time to 10:00 a.m.! We move our Worship service into the Chapel for the summer! This summer we are planning some wonderful worship services including some special days like "Christmas In August," "Inside The Fish With Jonah," and "Helping Pharaoh Let Go." Each week we will share the same lesson in worship that our young people study in their Sunday School. We will share worship in many new ways as well as our wonderful traditional worship experiences. Please try to be together in Christ every week you can possible make it. We need you, and we all need God's love to be with us.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN JUNE

Sunday Mornings

Josiah became King of Judah at age eight after the assassination of his father. He lived from 649 to 609 B.C. and spoke out about the sins and injustices being committed by the people and their leaders. He urged them to repent and promised that God would forgive them if they were truly sorry. During the month of June, Rev. Phil Gittings will explore the book of Josiah to give us greater understanding of the message he brought to the people of Israel and how this message resonates today. Join us in the Library at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings, June 5, 12 & 19.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

All during the winter and spring we have enjoyed a wonderful series of Bible Studies on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study. The group has decided to go on into the summer together, and has selected to study "The Resurrection of Jesus" during the month of June. While Phil has shared many of the gospel texts on resurrection with the Sunday morning class and the Wednesday afternoon study group, the Thursday Bible Study group wants to look at these texts from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and they invite anyone who can come to join us in the study.

What exactly does the resurrection mean for us today? What do the resurrection narratives in the gospels want us to take away from reading them and sharing the stories together? Why is Mark so different in the way he tells the story from the way John or Luke tell that same story? These and so many other issues will be discussed during the evenings of June 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 7:00 PM as Phil Gittings again leads the discussion of "The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ."

*Start your Summer off Right!
Study God's Word With Us!*



ADULT CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION



June Sunday School Calendar

June 5 – Communion Sunday, no Sunday School

June 12 – PENTECOST – Parade into worship to celebrate the day! Meet in the Narthex at 10:45 AM. Recognition of Sunday School teachers and Christian Education Committee members, and Sunday School.

June 19 – Sunday School

June 26 – Sunday School. Summer worship time begins – 10:00 AM!

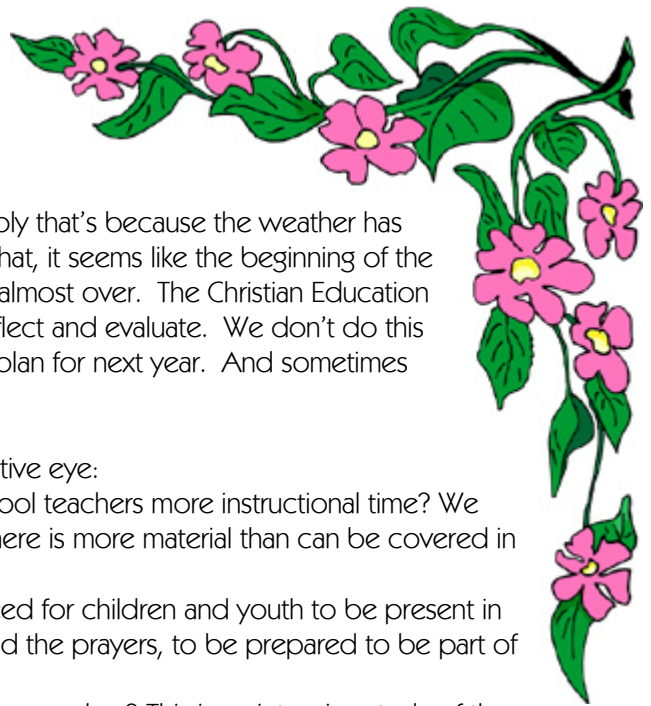


There will be Sunday school this summer! Teachers are needed to teach multi-age groups.

Please see Virginia McIntyre
if interested.

Christian Education News

By Ellen Henry, Associate for Outreach and Christian Education



It's hard to believe that it's June already. Possibly that's because the weather has been anything but "June-like", but, more than that, it seems like the beginning of the program year was just yesterday and now it is almost over. The Christian Education Committee always looks back at the year to reflect and evaluate. We don't do this in a critical fashion – it's just that it is helpful to plan for next year. And sometimes planning involves change.

Some of the things that have caught our collective eye:

In what ways can we give Sunday School teachers more instructional time? We have a wonderful curriculum, but, too often, there is more material than can be covered in 25 or 30 minutes.

How can this be balanced with the need for children and youth to be present in worship, to learn the hymns and the creeds and the prayers, to be prepared to be part of the body of Christ in worship?

Would there be interest in an adult Kerygma class? This is an intensive study of the Bible that takes place over thirty-five consecutive weeks.

Should we begin a program to formally initiate children to the sacrament of Communion.

How might we make Christian Education something that touches all people of the church and not just the Sunday School or the adult bible classes? Would an orientation program for parents of new Sunday School students be helpful? Would a congregational recognition of life milestones – baptism, first Bible, graduations, 13th birthday, confirmation, finding a job, getting married, getting divorced, becoming a parent, experiencing the death of a loved one – bring us closer together, in faith, as a church family?

After looking at these questions, we have taken some steps. Beginning on June 26, there will be a whole group Sunday School program offered for children ages 3 and up. The nursery will be staffed and available for children younger than that. The adult Sunday School program will continue through June. We will again present Bibles to children entering grade 4 on New Life Sunday. We will also have Busy Bags available for young people to use in worship on the Sundays when there is no Sunday School and they are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary. We will continue to have the magazine *Pockets* available for families, in the Busy Bags and on the table outside the Blue Room (there is a great article on the nation of Bhutan in the June issue – many of the immigrants coming to Buffalo for resettlement come from Bhutan).

Another change, of which many of you are aware, is that I will retire from my position of Associate for Christian Education and Outreach at the end of June. I will continue to work on the Christian Education Committee and on outreach with the tutoring programs as a member of the congregation. A search committee has been formed and we are hopeful that the search will be short. This was not an easy decision but I feel it is imperative for there to be a CE Director who can spend all his/her time on growing our program. We have seen an increase of students this past year in the Sunday School, especially in the younger classes. We need someone with energy and ideas to carry this growth throughout the entire Christian Education program.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School for their support and dedication. They do wonders everyday and I enjoyed every minute of working with them.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

Tuesday, June 21st
6:30 PM in the Blue Room
Potluck dinner & viewing of the movie
"The Book of Eli"



First Church members and friends ages **25ish to 40ish**, gather for fun, fellowship and discussion of the film, "The Book of Eli" starring Denzel Washington. Bring your favorite dish for a potluck dinner. Need childcare? We will try to provide it if you let us know.

Please RSVP for this event by June 17th. Contact Christina Trachtenberg in the church office at 884-7250, extension 11 or ctrachtenberg@firstchurchbuffalo.org.

New Members' Classes



Do you hear God calling you to be a part of our faith community? If so, there is an opportunity to explore that call in New Members' Classes. The Reverend Dr. Phil Gittings will lead sessions on **Sundays, June 5, 12 and 19 after worship** in his study. A light lunch will be served. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and to gather for fellowship. If you decide, after attending, that God has called you to commit to membership at First Church, you will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, June 26.

If you are interested in attending the session, and want more information, please see a Membership Rep following worship, or call Rev. Dr. Phil Gittings at 884-7250, ext. 13.



FOOD PANTRY OPEN ALL SUMMER

Remember, the Geri Lyon Food Pantry will be open all summer long, so please consider making donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries or monies to purchase groceries.

Thank you!

Women's Association

Hat Tea



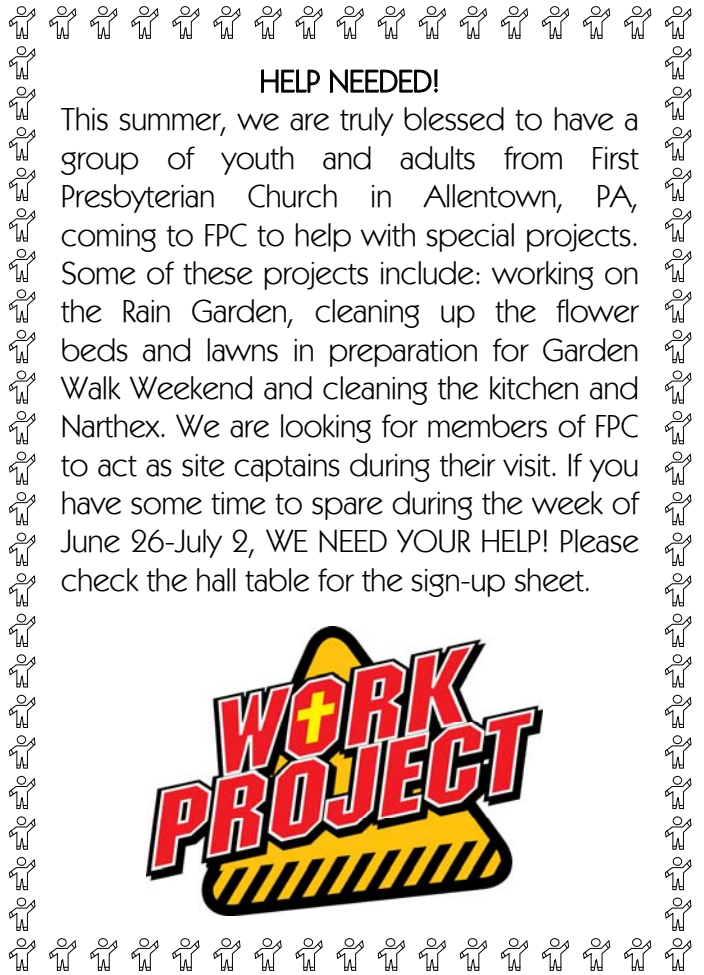
Did you choose your hat yet? For the Hat Tea of course! **Thursday, June 16th** from 3:30-5:30 PM. \$5.00 requested donation will be given to the clinic in Peru where Gretchen Kamke will be living and helping. So plan now to grab your hat on June 16th and come enjoy fabulous Tea Party goodies—including chocolate creations from one of our members, Erica!

The Women's Association wishes to thank all of you who helped with or bought at our Rummage Sale, and especially to all of you who contributed to our fund drive! You are, as always, amazingly generous!

A WARM THANK YOU TO ALL THE BASKET MAKERS AND TICKET BUYERS FOR THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BASKET AUCTION ON MOTHER'S DAY! IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO:

Nancy Barry
Liz Kamke
Marcia Hauber
Virginia McIntyre
Daisy Genrich
Mildred Cook
Debbie Byrne
Beryl Bradford



HELP NEEDED!

This summer, we are truly blessed to have a group of youth and adults from First Presbyterian Church in Allentown, PA, coming to FPC to help with special projects. Some of these projects include: working on the Rain Garden, cleaning up the flower beds and lawns in preparation for Garden Walk Weekend and cleaning the kitchen and Narthex. We are looking for members of FPC to act as site captains during their visit. If you have some time to spare during the week of June 26-July 2, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please check the hall table for the sign-up sheet.



A congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of the Town of Buffalo has been called for **Sunday, June 26, 2011** immediately following worship in the Chapel for the purpose of discussing a one-year lease agreement approved by the Session with the Elmwood Village Charter School.

Christian Ed. & Outreach News

Graduates: We would like to honor all 2011 graduates in our summer newsletter. If you have a graduate in your household, please notify Ellen Henry. Thank you!

CE Recognition: Recognition of the people who help make our Christian Education programs possible will take place during worship next Sunday, June 12th.

Summer Nursery Care: This year the nursery will be open all summer long, and will be staffed by two adults. Children ages 0-3 years are welcome. Older children will have the opportunity to attend Sunday School in the CE Wing.

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will take a hiatus over the summer months. We will gather again in September. Watch for the date in an upcoming Tower. In the meantime, yarn is available to those who wish to continue knitting at home.

Literacy Programs

The PICS Youth Tutoring Program will take a break beginning June 15, so our youth can study for exams and enjoy summer with their family and friends. The adult program will continue through July.



Honoring Ellen Henry As She Retires

Help us thank Ellen Henry for the great job she's done as Associate for Christian Education & Outreach on **Sunday, June 26th** after worship in the Narthex. In her time on staff at First Church, Ellen has been the glue holding our outreach and Christian Education programs together, and has made it seem almost effortless. Luckily, Ellen will still be around in her capacity as a church member, and plans to volunteer in the outreach programs. Thank you, Ellen!

ALLENTOWN YOUTH CAR PARKING

The Junior and Senior High Youth Group will hold their annual Allentown Art Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser on **Saturday, June 11th beginning at 9:30 AM.**

Join us for games, lunch and fun in the sun. Donations (\$5.00 per car) will be given to the Geri Lyon Food Pantry.



Church Life Honors All Men!

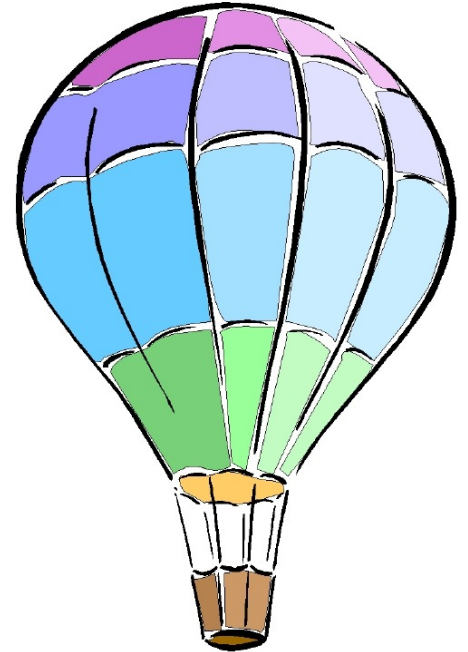
The Church Life Committee
will be honoring
the men of the church at our

Fathers' Day Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 19th

after worship

in the Blue Room!



PC(USA) Pentecost Offering

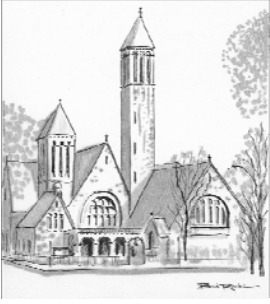
Again this year we will participate in the special offering for children and youth at risk with the special Pentecost offering. Presbyterians nationwide will do the same. Forty percent of funds raised will remain with our congregation's literacy program.



Friday, June 17th
at 7:00 PM in the Blue Room

"The English Patient"

Discussion led by Warren Glover



FIRST CHURCH HISTORY: INTERIM PASTOR PROFILE

By Bruce McCausland, Bicentennial Committee Chair

Richard Paul Poethig: (13 July 1925 -) Interim Pastor (1 January 1987 – 28 February 1989) Pastor Poethig was born and grew up on the East Side of New York City. He is the son of Henrietta Schoelzel Poethig and Ernest Poethig, both of German decent. Pastor Poethig attended the College of Wooster, OH between 1945 and 1949, and then attended Union Theological Seminary, in New York City that same year graduating in 1952 with a Bachelors of Divinity, later converted to a Masters of Divinity. It was while at Union Theological Seminary that in September 1951, he met Eunice Aileen Blanchard. Their courtship went quickly and on June 7, 1952 in Dayton, OH the two were married. He was ordained on 27 June 1952 at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. Then, in July, 1952 he was called to work in new church development in the Town of Tonawanda.

Eunice Poethig has an interesting family connection to our First Presbyterian Church that dates back to our earliest days. Officiating at the very first installation of Elders and our first pastor, Rev. Miles Powell Squier on May 3rd, 1815 was Rev. Henry Axtell; who was Eunice Blanchard Poethig's great-great-great grandfather who travelled from Geneva, NY and who, as Moderator of the Geneva Presbytery presided over and preached at the installation ceremony. Thus, both Dick and Eunice were both honored to have been associated with this congregation and church family.

Richard served in four Interim Ministries in the Presbytery of Western New York. He served at the South Park United Presbyterian Church in 1986, at the First Presbyterian Church from January 1987 to February 1989, then at West Avenue Presbyterian Church from 1989 to 1991 and finally at Lewiston Presbyterian Church in 1992. During his Interim at First Presbyterian Church, Richard was engaged in the 175th Anniversary Celebration of First Church. In 1990, Richard decided to retire, but he remains active in his ministry in the research and writing the history of urban-industrial mission of the Presbyterian Church. He has authored articles in the Journal of Presbyterian History, the International Review of Mission, and several Philippine journals.

The Poethigs, both retired now, currently reside in the Chicago area.

Clerk's Corner

By Janet Hill, Clerk of Session

The following actions were taken buy Session at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 18th:

- Approved the term sheet subject to a formal lease agreement between First Presbyterian Church and Elmwood Village Charter School.
- Called a special meeting of the congregation on June 26th following worship to discuss the agreement between First Church and Elmwood Village Charter School.
- Approved the collection of a special offering for Pentecost.
- Scheduled a joint meeting of Session and the Board of Deacons on June 15, 2011.

Janet Hill, Clerk of Session



Remember the 4 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair

WHALE DEATHS CAUSED BY PLASTIC BAGS

A rare Gervais beaked whale was recently found on a beach in Puerto Rico with ten pounds of twisted plastic in its stomach. The ball of plastic caused the whale to starve to death. It was a juvenile female, and was emaciated due to not eating for days.

There have been several reports of whales dying due to a stomach blockage composed entirely, or in part, of plastic bags. Last year Discovery News reported a gray whale near Seattle washed ashore after dying from having too much plastic in its stomach. In this case, the contents included 20 plastic bags, small towels, surgical gloves, sweat pants, plastic pieces, duct tape, and a golf ball.

A recent Scientific American article stated the world creates 260 million tons of plastic each year, and much of it winds up in the oceans.

You might ask yourself 'What does this have to do with me?'

Well, we can do our part by making an attempt to reduce our use of plastic. It is one thing not to know the harm that this causes but once we do know shouldn't we become concerned?

What can one person do?

Try this for one week – count the actual number of plastic bags that come into your home. Multiply that number by 52 weeks to find the estimated number of plastic bags that you and your family use in one year. Now multiply that number by the number of residents in the town that you live and you will start to get an idea of just how many plastic bags are around you. Next, imagine if you refused the bag each time it was offered to you by carrying the items you have purchased in a canvas or cloth bag. You get the idea.

Remember to take reusable cloth bags when you go shopping – just keep them in your car and grab them before you go into the store. Decline the plastic bag that is offered to you and take a few minutes to let the manager of the store know why you do not wish to continue using plastic. Shop at a local farmer's market where produce is not in a fancy package.

Buy fewer packaged goods. Buy loose fruits and vegetables rather than those placed on Styrofoam platters and wrapped in plastic.

Buy from the bulk bins – most grains, beans, cereals, nuts, rice, raisins, etc, are available in bulk. It is usually cheaper and the item can be placed in a paper bag, thus avoiding cardboard boxes and plastic wrapping.

Most fast food restaurants use paper and cardboard. Some people even take a container with them in anticipation of carrying leftovers home.

Bring the plastic bags back to recycle in the big bins which supermarkets provide for recycling plastic bags.

Some countries have had the manufacture of plastic bags banned by law. Do we need to ban plastic bags? What is your opinion on this? Let me know.

If you think of all that can be gained from changing just a few of your shopping and consuming behaviors, you might find the motivation you need.

What more evidence do we need to understand that the use of plastic bags and bottles, etc., is harmful to humans, wildlife, and the environment?

I urge you to reduce your use of these items. It is just a small action on your part that takes no effort at all.

Don't forget, together we can make a difference.

Lesley Haynes – peacesojourner@yahoo.com

News in the Family

It's with great sadness that we share the news that Dr. David Bond's partner, Charles (Chuck) Reineck, passed away May 30th after suffering a stroke. Chuck was also a long-time member of the First Church Choir. A celebration of his life, in the form of a jazz concert, is being planned for sometime in July. Sympathy cards may be sent to David's home at 534 Norwood Ave., Buffalo 14222.



Congratulations to church member (and staff member) Christina Trachtenberg and her fiancé, Chuck Banas, who became engaged on May 21st! The couple have been dating for four years. A wedding at First Church will be planned for some time in 2012.



A Poem About Sudan

By Rose Alemmalay, a student in our literacy program.

*From today on, Southern Sudan is free.
From today on,
Today I shall pray for my country.
And every day, no matter how difficult, we are
separate.
I shall say: We did it!!!
From today on, Southern Sudan is free.*

Address to write Ryan Dupere:

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FPO AE 09502-307**

Save Your Egg Crates!

Reduce, reuse
and recycle by
bringing your
empty egg crates
to church for
Quinton Meyer!

You may notice a slightly different look to the hard copy of the newsletter this month. To help utilize a large stock of paper in storage, this issue was printed in house. Also, the number of pages was decreased to help save postage.

If you have questions or comments, please speak to Christina Trachtenberg in the church office.



Dr. David Bond
Kara Byrne
Millie Cook
Pat Frey
Norm Gibbon
Jean Hess
Lauren Hill

Eleanor Kamke
Betty Kinnen
Jessica Laudisio
Doug McCausland
Quinton Meyer
Sue Snyder
Elaine Tinch

Pennies for Heaven

Last month, a new Stewardship program was launched called "Pennies for Heaven." If you haven't already gotten your First Church coin box, which were passed out during worship in May, please pick one up.

The idea is to save your loose change and return your coin box to church anytime. This is an ongoing program, and every penny will be counted and reflected in plate income in the operating budget.

Thank you in advance for contributing to this new program!



The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our Camp Tea event – to date over \$900.00 has been given to the fund to support activities that allow individuals the opportunity to nourish their spiritual journeys.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Literacy Celebration on May 4. The presentation given by The Daughters of Creative Sound was fantastic and a great time was had by all. We raised \$250.00, which will be used to support our youth and adult programs. A special thank you goes to all who provided food for the potluck, especially Orchard Park Presbyterian Church who supplied the delicious chicken.



Bookkeeper's Corner

| APRIL 2011 FINANCIAL ITEMS | Actual YTD* Apr. 30, 2011 | Actual YTD* Apr. 30, 2010 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total Income | \$190,003 | \$225,257 |
| Total Expenses | \$227,484 | \$183,641 |
| Deficit support from the Endowment | \$13,145 | \$44,605 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | Actual YTD* Apr. 31, 2011 | Actual YTD* Apr. 31, 2010 |
| Pledge Income | \$122,500 | \$116,489 |
| Plate Income | \$3,099 | \$5,158 |

First Church Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| | | |
| 5 9:30 AM — Adult Christian Ed. 10:30 AM — Prayer Circle 11:00 AM — Worship & Communion, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching 12:00 PM — Fellowship Hour 12:15 PM — New Members' Class | 6 BUILDING CLOSED | 7 10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 7:00 PM — Lands & Bldgs. Mtg. |
| 12 ALLENTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL PENTECOST / CE RECOGNITION OFFICER ORDINATION & INSTALLATION 9:30 AM — Adult Christian Ed. 10:30 AM — Prayer Circle 11:00 AM — Worship, Rev. Dr. Gittings preaching 11:15 AM — Sunday school 12:00 PM — Fellowship Hour 12:15 PM — New Members' Class | 13 BUILDING CLOSED | 14 10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 5:15 PM — Membership Mtg, 6:30 PM — CE Committee Mtg. |
| 19 9:30 AM — Adult Christian Ed. 10:30 AM — Prayer Circle 11:00 AM — Worship, Rev. Dr. Gittings preaching 11:15 AM — Sunday school 12:00 PM — Special Coffee Hour Honoring All Men 12:15 PM — New Members' Class | 20 BUILDING CLOSED | 21 10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring 6:30 PM — Young Adult Gathering |
| 26 NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING WORSHIP 9:00 AM — New Member Breakfast with Session 10:00 AM — Worship in the Chapel, Rev. Dr. Gittings preaching 10:15 AM — Sunday school 11:00 AM — Congregational Meeting 11:30 AM — Fellowship Hour & Celebration of Ellen Henry | 27 BUILDING CLOSED | 28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring |

June 2011

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|
| June 1 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30-6:00 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 7:00 PM — Deacons' Mtg. | 2 | 3 | 4 BUILDING CLOSED |
| 8 11:00 AM — Church Life Mtg. 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30-5:45 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 5:45 PM — Trustees' Mtg. | 9 7:00 PM — Bible Study | 10 8:00 PM — Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus Concert | 11 ALLENTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL 9:30 AM — Youth Car Parking 11:00 AM — Memorial Service for Della Sztuk |
| 15 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30-6:00 PM — PICS & LV Tutoring 7:00 PM — Joint Session/Deacons Mtg. | 16 3:30 PM — Women's Association Hat Tea 7:00 PM — Bible Study | 17 7:00 PM — Film Discussion 7:00 PM — Wedding rehearsal | 18 2:00 PM—Wedding (nonmember) |
| 22 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring | 23 7:00 PM — Bible Study | 24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 25 BUILDING CLOSED |
| 29 1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:00 PM — Gather for Friends of Night People 4:30-6:00 PM — LV Tutoring | 30 7:00 PM — Bible Study | July 1 | July 2 BUILDING CLOSED |

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION AND TRUSTEES BY CLASS AND TERM

Clerk of Session

Janet Hill

Associate Clerk of Session

Joan Close

Class of 2013

Ian Bradford (T) (1)
Summer Flaherty (T) (2)
Norm Gibbon (T)(2)
Henry Porter (T) (2)
William Schulz (2)

Class of 2012

JoAnn Doerr (2)
Jean Hess (1)
Janet Hill (1)
Don Houck (1)
Roger Woodard (2)

Class of 2011

Molly Anthony (T) (1)
Hilary Bradford (1)
Carlton Brownell (T) (1)
John Darby (T) (1)
Lauren Hill (1)
Marv Riegle (1)

(T) indicates that the Elder has also been elected to serve as a Trustee while on Session.

BOARD OF DEACONS BY CLASS AND TERM

Class of 2013

Mark Juan Armesto (1)
Debra Byrne (2)
José Gomez (1)
Alexander Lipnicki (1)
Stephanie Lipnicki (1)
Suzanne Snyder (2)

Class of 2012

Gregg Borland (2)
Jessica Laudisio (1)
Madeline Mason (2)
Judith Paradzai (1)
Lovelace Quarshie (2)
Phil Sims (1)
Denis Wettlaufer (1)

Class of 2011

Mark Armesto (1)
Russell Carlson (1)
Jennifer Doerr (2)
Mary Field (1)
Karen Frieder (1)
Jessica Henry (1)
Maria Murphy (1)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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