

FPC Fourth Annual Art Appreciation Sunday at First Presbyterian Church May 16th from 8 AM – 1 PM

Calling artists of all ages....

You may **submit 1 – 3 items**. This year, art will be displayed in the foyer, the gallery, and Shirk Hall. Any medium is welcome. Work does **not** need to be religiously-themed, but should be appropriate for display in church. No artwork will be for sale during this show.

This submission form should be placed in one of the designated “Art Boxes” no **later than Sunday, May 9th**. Art boxes are located in the main level foyer, and Shirk Hall. Please use one form per person..... OR you may email Lee the information below to: lee.lovett@hotmail.com

Items for display should be dropped off at the church on **Saturday, May 15th from 2pm – 4 pm**. Please make sure your work is signed on the back with a title and your phone number. If this time does not work for you please contact Lee Lovett-Levato at (717) 615 -0557.

This year we are offering to leave artwork up for one month to any who wish to participate. We will need to have you indicate that you would either like to do this or not. And those who do, will need to sign an acknowledgement that the church is not responsible for any work that might be stolen or damaged although we will do our best to ensure that this does not happen. Artwork in the foyer will be put away safely during the week and brought out each weekend. Most 3-D work will be locked in the various glass cases and thereby protected. Shirk Hall artwork will be locked up weekly. Artwork that is not staying for the month may **not** be removed until after 1:00 pm on Sunday May 16th. This is to ensure that all Sunday Morning services have had a chance to come and view the display. Monthly exhibitors may pick up their work on Sunday, June 13th at noon. All items may be picked up after 1:00 pm on Sunday. If there is any problem with picking up on either Sunday, please let Lee know so that we can make other arrangements.

Thank you so much and we look forward to your inspiration!!

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Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ How Many works? _____

Title(s): _____ Medium: _____

Additional Titles _____

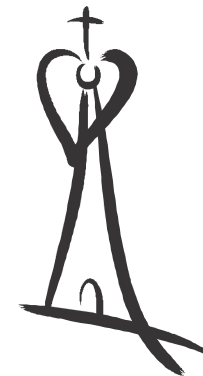
I am a: Child [up to 6th grade] Youth [7th-12th grade] Adult

_____ Yes, I would like to leave my artwork up for the month long exhibit. I realize in doing so that the Church is not responsible for any theft or damage to such artwork. Artwork will be picked up on June 13th.

_____ No, I would not like to leave my artwork up for the entire month and I will plan to participate for May 16th only. Artwork will be picked up on May 16th at noon.

Special instructions, if any _____

STEEPLE TO PEOPLE Summer 2010



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Summer Youth Mission Trips

Senior Highs are traveling to Charleston, South Carolina this summer! The group will be building handicap ramps and experiencing the rich cultural history of the area. They will be staying at the James Island Presbyterian Church Mission House, which is a 10 minute drive from the beach and 15 minutes from Historic Charleston. Our work sites will be in the surrounding area - most likely on John's Island and Wadmalaw Island. Our task: helping people who have limited means and minimal support to have easier access in and out of their homes. The group will experience Historic Charleston and Celebrate a southern style 4th of July! The trip includes 2 overnights on the way, providing the time to experience the Virginia Highlands on an amazing day hike at Grayson Highlands, and one overnight on the way home. **The trip is for youth finishing grades 9-12, July 1-11.**

Junior Highs are traveling to a Presbyterian Camp located in north western Pennsylvania called Westminster Highlands. It is located near the small town of Emlenton. The camp includes lots of huge Hemlock trees, beautiful trails, and an amazing outdoor worship space called Chapel Rocks. The group will be bunking at Luther Lodge, a log cabin that is nestled in a deep forested valley next to a stream. Our work projects will help maintain and refurbish the camp buildings. Besides doing important work projects for the camp, the group will have a lot of fun playing in the stream, exploring their faith and eating great food! **The trip is for youth finishing grades 7 & 8, June 13-18.**

Summer Youth Cafe

Every Summer Sunday Morning, June 20 – September 5, from 9-10:15 a.m. the Youth Café will be open and ready for Junior & Senior Highs (youth who have just finished grades 6-12)! Casual and informal, with food and weekly topics, it is a great way for our FPC youth to enjoy each other's company. The topics this summer will emerge from Ephesians and follow along with our Summer '10 theme. Afterward, at 10:30, the Youth will have the opportunity to Worship with their families at either Cherry Street Worship in Shirk Hall or the Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. *(For younger youth we ask that a parent stops by the Café on their way to worship and for older youth that seating arrangements have been made in advance.)*

Junior Choir CDs are Still Available

Even a year later, I continue to be blessed by the comments people make about the Junior Choir CD. One insurance executive told me he listens to it every day in the morning to help focus and defuse the anxieties of the day. A newly bereaved young widow told me that every day for weeks after her husband's death, she played it on her way to work because the children's voices sang the prayers she couldn't pray. Our own Pastor Randy told me how much it helped him through difficult times in Cherie's illness. A friend of mine received the CD as a gift from someone else and raved about it, ending with a twinkle in her eye as she said, "I just love the conversation on the bonus track when that little girl talks about her great-grandmother and says, 'I think she did good with Jesus,' and I thought to myself, Yes, that's what I want, too. I want to 'do good' with Jesus." I've been told it has been played and replayed at the bedsides of dying people. Some have even admitted to being "addicted" to listening to it.

Its appeal lies in the disarming beauty of young voices in worship, strengthened by the depth of the Chancel Choir, the talent and wisdom of our beloved Jack Houdeshel, and professional musicians Rila Hackett, Betsy Swartz, and Elizabeth Lavender. Because of everyone who so generously donated to the M&M (Music and Missions) Project, we were able to make a high-quality ministry recording that people have returned to again and again.

CDs are still available! We have plenty of copies in stock, and all we ask is that you give what you can (\$15 suggested donation) to support future projects. You can get your copy in the receptionist's office, or by ordering on our church's website – www.fpcLIVE.org.

– Alisa Bair
Junior Choir Director

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 14

Mon.—Thurs. 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m.—NOON

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF STP [FALL]

August 17, 2010

Please submit articles directly to
Laura in the church office
OR laura@fpclanc.org

URBAN MARKETPLACE 2010

Vacation Bible School

July 18—28 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Shirk Hall

[for ages 3 yrs. to Sixth Grade]

Volunteers of all ages welcome

Once again we will experience the Marketplace in modern times as we reunite in partnership with *Heads Up Lancaster*, for a week of exciting music, dancing, crafts, food and fun!

**Registration Form Below
Additional Forms/Brochure Available in the Foyer**

MAIL [OR DROP OFF] TO:

First Presbyterian Church 140 E. Orange Street Lancaster, PA 17602

[You may also register on line at www.fpclive.org]

PARENT[S] NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH MARKETPLACE?

multi-generational opportunities available - check this box and one of our staff will contact you about volunteering

ATTENTION! Youth [Grades 7 - 12] are needed to help in many different ways! Please use the form on the back to sign up.

CHILD #1 _____ BIRTH DATE _____ LAST GRADE COMPLETED _____

ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS? NO YES _____

CHILD #2 _____ BIRTH DATE _____ LAST GRADE COMPLETED _____

ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS? NO YES _____

CHILD #3 _____ BIRTH DATE _____ LAST GRADE COMPLETED _____

ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS? NO YES _____

CHILD #4 _____ BIRTH DATE _____ LAST GRADE COMPLETED _____

ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS? NO YES _____



Succession Planning

About 45% of our congregation is over the age of 70, so for nearly half of you what I want to share this month will come as no surprise; though it may come as a shock. What you may find odd is that it comes as both a surprise and a shock to me.

On June 12th I will celebrate my 65th birthday. On that date I will have lived longer than the last two generations of Riggs men, so just making it to 65 is a surprise. What is the shock is that I actually need to begin thinking about my retirement. Since age 13, I have worked all my life. I have never been without a job. To think about retiring is something I have seen others do, but this winter I suddenly realized that I needed to start thinking about it for myself.

In January I enlisted the help of our Personnel Committee to assist me in thinking about what would be the healthiest thing for First Presbyterian Church, and they have been very supportive. First, they told me I did not worry about it, but as we thought it through, we agreed that a plan would be helpful for all of us. So in consultation with the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Donegal, we have developed a succession plan that we hope will be the best thing for this church.

June, 2012 is our target date for me to formally retire. So the first thing I want to say is that for those who might have hoped it would be sooner, you don't have much longer to wait. For those who might have been wishing I would never retire, we have to start getting used to the idea. Just two more years and I will leave my position with fond memories of 16 wonderful years as the pastor of this great church.

In the Presbyterian Church, USA nothing usually happens about planning for the future until after the current Pastor has left. It is only then that a process begins which requires up to 2 1/2 years of an interim period. The Personnel Committee and I

Pastor to People

Pastor Randy Riggs

agreed that such a long interim would not be good for the life and ministry of our church. So with the support of the Session they have approached the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Donegal with a plan which would shorten the interim period to about 6 months. If approved, the Session will be communicating that plan to you shortly after the June meeting of Presbytery.

I share all this with you because I don't want you to be surprised. No one is asking me to do what we have done. As in all things since my arrival in June, 1996, we have done it together. It is my desire to leave this church strong and vibrant and ready for its next leader. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve you as your pastor. When I think about who will replace me, I have a visual image of a woman/man in their mid to late forties who is interested in serving a city church and wondering if there is a healthy church in any city where they can become involved.

First Presbyterian Church is that kind of a church; healthy, vibrant and strong. I will give the next two years of my life to be sure it stays that way, and then, with some sadness, I will let go so that someone else may have the privilege of serving here. With gratitude to God for all that has been, I say thank you, and in anticipation of where God will lead us in these final two years, I say YES!

Update on Cherie's Health

Since the last time I wrote a *Pastor to People* column, Cherie and I have deeply appreciated the prayerful support of this congregation. Everywhere I go people ask me about her health, and it is easier for me to say it once in this public forum than 1,100 times in one-on-one conversation. So with apologies for the less personal communication, allow me to bring you up to date on Cherie's current status as of May 1st.

I preface my remarks by telling you of our firm belief that Cherie has done as well as she has because of the three legged stool on which we rely

NEW SCHEDULE FOR FALL APPROVED

After a year of study, information gathering, and considerable discussion, the Session approved a new Sunday morning schedule which will begin on September 19, 2010. The new schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m.

Early Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday School for Children (including Cherub Choir)
Sunday School for Youth (including Youth Choir)
Sunday School for Adults (Multiple Course Offerings)

10:00

Hospitality for all in the Foyer

10:30

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Cherry Street Worship in Shirk Hall
Sunday School for Adults
Families in worship Service of their choice
Enrichment Activities for Younger Children
during the worship services (including Children's Choir)

The findings of Worship and Education Schedule Task Force which met last spring and summer regarding the readiness of our congregation for change brought three findings: 1) Change would be accepted if it meant that youth had the opportunity to be in worship; 2) Change would be accepted if it provided adults the opportunity to deepen their faith through adult spiritual growth classes; and 3) Change would be accepted if hospitality included opportunities to deepen relationships through meaningful interaction with one another. The new schedule addresses all three of these issues.

In the new schedule, families will be encouraged to come at 9:00 for Sunday School and be in worship together at one of the two concurrent services at 10:30. For families with early commitments on Sunday, children and youth can still attend Sunday school while parents worship at the Early Worship and then be on their way to their commitments. Opportunities for adults to deepen their faith and deepen their relationships are enhanced by offering a wider variety of classes each Sunday.

The change means that all areas of our life together on Sunday morning are shifting their gathering times. Early Worship begins ½ hour later. Sunday School begins ½ hour earlier. Traditional Worship begins ½ hour earlier, and Cherry Street Worship is 1 ¼ hours later.

The Session appointed a Schedule Implementation Team chaired by Elder Todd Wisotzkey, and that team will be sending more information about the change during the summer months. We invite you to help us make this change successful by talking it through with everyone in your family who will be affected, and then to anticipate the excitement we will feel as we begin a new thing this Fall.

daily. No one leg is more important. All three are required if she is to continue to live the quality of life God has been gracious enough to grant her to this point in our journey with cancer. The three legs of the stool are: good medical care, Cherie's attitude and determination not to be victimized by this disease, and the power of a praying community.

Lent was about to begin when our last *Steeple to People* newsletter was published. The last public word I gave you was of the spread of the cancer to her brain in January and sent her to the hospital for a week. She underwent three weeks of radiation therapy for that, and just as we thought we could see light at the end of the tunnel, she contracted a serious case of pneumonia which sent her to the hospital for another five days. It was a long winter of recovery from these two setbacks.

However, Spring has arrived, and along with the flowers blooming and the trees budding, hope has sprung for us yet again. While she is still recovering from the events of the winter, she is back at work just long enough to wrap up her position with the Lancaster Alliance and take early retirement at the end of May. She looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren, and more time doting on me (*don't I wish!*). Compared to where we were in February, it is nothing short of a miracle that we have experienced, and we are giving thanks to God for healing mercies and thanks to you for your support.

So as we approach summer months, Cherie is receiving physical therapy to regain her strength. She would still like to go on the trip to Oberammergau in June, but we shall let the therapists tell us what is prudent. She is looking forward to Barnstormer games, grandchildren, and our annual vacation in Avalon, NJ. She is extremely grateful, as am I, for everything this congregation has done to assure us that we are not alone in this journey.

Out of what was the worst few months of our lives we have come a new appreciation for the gift of life that each day brings. With the Psalmist we sing: "*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever...It is he who remembered us in our low estate and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever.*" (Psalm 136:1, 23-24)

Practice Your Faith this Summer of 2010

1. Inspiring Worship

- Attend public worship every week and invite someone new to come with you
- Volunteer to greet, usher, or clean up at church events
- Create a daily time to be quiet before God
- Drive in silence and invite God to speak to you
- Practice thanks every hour and at the end of the day

2. Caring Community

- Wear a name tag and introduce yourself to someone new each week
- Bring a treat to worship
- Invite a new person to lunch or dinner
- Pray for needs as you hear about them
- Be trained to be a prayer partner or Stephen Minister
- Complete a living will (*Five Wishes*)
- Call or visit someone in need

3. Intentional Spiritual Formation

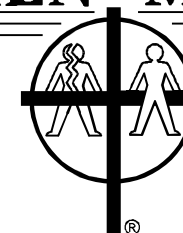
- Read a paragraph from the book of Ephesians every day and mark up your Bible
- Memorize a passage from Psalms or Proverbs
- Read one book to deepen your faith (see our library bulletin board for suggestions)
- Participate in a class or small group
- Journal daily your life reflections to God
- Talk weekly with a spiritual friend about goals

4. Need-based Serving

- Serve a neighbor or co-worker each week
- Serve at Water Street, Habitat for Humanity, or another local outreach
- Give to a person or country in need
- Increase your giving to the church
- Give regularly and quietly to special needs
- Provide for the continuing work of God in your will/planned gift

Check out our events and resources
at www.fpcLIVE.org or call us at 717.394.6854

STEPHEN MINISTRY



A Glimpse into a Stephen Ministers Experience

I had the pleasure of spending time recently with Hester Long who is retiring after 10 years of service as a Stephen Minister. Hester was one of the first members of our congregation to be commissioned after taking the 50 hour training course. Because of the Stephen ministry program many members of our congregation, as well as others in the community, have benefited from having trained care givers to walk along side them during a difficult time. Stephen Ministers rely on God to direct their actions and help them as they care for their care receivers.

Hester pointed out that each situation and need is different, and often it is in reflection that one can see more clearly how God has been present and has provided healing to a care receiver. Matthew 11:28-30 was one of the Bible passages that she found meaningful as she met with her care receivers. Serving as a Stephen Minister has been a blessing to Hester and has also been an important part of her own faith journey.

If you are a good listener and a compassionate person, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. In addition, if you find yourself or someone you know who would like to learn more about receiving care from a Stephen Minister, you should contact our Pastoral Care Associate, Candee Buckbee or one of the pastors.

Ellen Stephenson

What It Means To Be A Deacon

A letter to our Grandson

“What does it mean to be a Deacon?” you wondered, and your mom very aptly replied, “lots of free work!” Well, she was absolutely correct! Some of the things that our Deacons do include visiting shut-ins, assisting with Communion both within and outside of church, answering the church phones on Sunday mornings, taking prayer shawls and comfort to those who are experiencing crises, taking a basket of joy to families who have welcomed a new baby into their home, sending cards, taking people to doctors’ appointments, delivering flowers to shut-ins, maintaining a freezer full of food for people who need it, helping in the church kitchen, and—well, just as your mom said, we are a busy bunch! The Bible admonishes us to be “Doers of the word and not hearers only.” We take that verse very seriously! Oh, but wait! You didn’t ask “What do Deacons do?” You wanted to know “What does it mean to BE a Deacon?”

It is an HONOR and a big RESPONSIBILITY to be a Deacon. Now, don’t think that we just go around trying to act all goody-good and stuff. Nope. We are regular folks just like the rest of the congregation. We really do try to be “doers of the word,” that is, we try to find tangible ways to show God’s love to others, and, as you can see from the list above, we seem to find many different ways to do just that.

Deacons are HELPERS, and, just as your mom said, we do lots of it. But why would we want to spend so much time doing all that stuff? Well, think of all the times that you took your baby brother’s hands while he was learning to walk and you said, “Come on! You can do it!” Think of the look on his face as he beamed up at you. Cool, uh? That’s what it means to be a Deacon. We get so much joy from doing for others and knowing that they really appreciate what we do. We are so blessed!

Deacons are GIVERS. Do you remember the time when you were only three years old and you gave me your last French fry—the very best one—and you said, *Here, Grandma, I know how much you like these.*”? I’ll never forget the smile on your face as you did so, nor will I ever forget how touched I was that someone so young was already so selfless.

Deacons are OTHER-CENTERED. Their mission is to minister to the needs of others. Do you remember the tot who visited us and who was just too shy to even enter the room? You and your brothers (all on your own without so much as a hint from the grownups) went over to her and said, “Don’t be afraid. Come on in. We’re your friends.”? Yep, Deacons do a lot of that kind of thing and, usually, without being told.

When we baptize a baby, we pray that the child will have a “QUICK CONCERN FOR OTHERS.” It reminds me of the times that you played very quietly because you knew that your mom was tired and needed a rest, the times that you tenderly visited your MomMom when she was so very ill, or the times that you brought others a drink on a hot day. No one had to tell you to do it. You just willingly and lovingly did. So do Deacons.

Deacons APPRECIATE OTHERS. Our church is so big. We have three services, and sometimes it feels as if we have three separate churches. Sometimes we don’t even use the same doorway! Well, our Board of Deacons serves the WHOLE church. We meet as one, and thus we get to know people from all the sectors of the church. We also have a pretty good time while we’re preparing a meal, serving at a reception, or working on a project. We become friends with people who would otherwise be strangers to us. And just think: we’re in church and no one is telling us to hush or to be still!

Do you remember what you said the day that your baby brother was born and we asked you what you thought of him? “Oh, I just love him,” you replied. That’s it! We just LOVE!

Our precious grandson, you already know what it means to BE a Deacon! Just wait a few decades. You’ll make a great one.

Love, Grandma

For more information about becoming a Deacon, please contact the Church Office [394-6854] and a member of the Nominating Committee will get in touch with you.

MAY BRINGS SPECIAL SUNDAYS

May 9—Mother’s Day and 50 Year Members Honored: Recognition of those who have been members for 50 years will be observed at the 11:00 a.m. service. (See related article below)

May 16—Arts Appreciation Sunday: As you enter the Foyer or Shirk Hall, you will note displays of a variety of artistic expressions created by our own members. We will also have the privilege of a variety of artistic presentations guiding our worship at 8:30 and 11:00. All of our choirs will be participating as we honor the contribution that music and the arts makes in our worship services. For those that want to bring in pieces to display, please fill out the form on the back of this issue.

May 25—Pentecost Sunday: Don’t forget to wear red! It is the birthday of the church, and we will celebrate the gift of the Spirit to empower the church with Sacred Dance, Special Music, and preaching.

May 30—Memorial Day Weekend: We will have a special time in the service to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and offer prayers for service personnel around the world. May is a month when many travel to graduations, weddings, and other special family events. However, we encourage you to be present every Sunday you are in town as we offer these special services of Worship in praise and honor to God.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS HONORED

On Sunday, May 9th, we will celebrate the birthday of church in several special ways. During the 11:00 a.m. worship service, those who have been members of First Presbyterian Church for 50 years will be honored by the Session on recommendation of the History Committee.

First Presbyterian was chartered as a congregation in May, 1742. This special recognition of those who have helped to create and have lived our recent history is also a way of celebrating our 268th year as a congregation. During the service, those being honored will stand for recognition and a special prayer will be offered by Pastor Riggs. In addition, the History Committee has arranged for a special glass paper weight with the Steeple of First Presbyterian engraved on it to be given to those recognized.

The 10 people who have entered the ranks of the Fifty Year Members in 2010 include: Martha Bennett, Eleanor & Jim Green, Marge Jarrett, Barb & Ron Munro, John Palmer, Fay & Jim Propst and Michael Zimmerman.

Congratulations and heart felt thanks to our long term members who provide this church with great stability.

Tim Sidebothom Will Leave Staff in 2011

In one of the more difficult decisions it has had to make, the Personnel Committee reported to the Session at its April meeting that the Coordinator of Worship Ministry position currently held by Dr. Tim Sidebothom will be eliminated at the end of 2010. At the same meeting a Task Force was appointed to make a recommendation as to the staff needs in the area of Worship and Music beginning in 2011.

Dr. Sidebothom had filled the position of Director of Worship Ministry until his near fatal stroke in November, 2008. In that position he conducted the Chancel Choir, the Handbell Choir, and served as Organist. In addition, he coordinated all aspects of the 8:30 and 11:00 worship service, served as a consultant for the 9:16 worship, supervised the work of Alisa Bair, our Associate in Worship Ministry (Children’s and Youth Choirs), organized the Abendmusiken Concert series, and developed opportunities for a community orchestra and a community chorus.

After a six month medical leave of absence, a new position was created for Dr. Sidebothom in May, 2009 in order to give him time to fully recover from his stroke in hopes that he would be able to resume his duties beginning in June, 2010. Unfortunately, though there has been considerable improvement, the improvement will not allow him to return to his duties in conducting and organ/piano performance which are requirements of the position.

It is with a heavy heart that the Session received the decision of the Personnel Committee without objection. We lose this valued staff member as we attempt to define the needs for the future of our worship and music ministry staff.

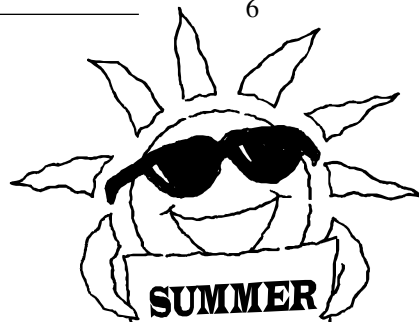
Worship Ministry Staff Update

With the decision regarding the future of Dr. Tim Sidebothom, there also came the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to issue a letter of employment for another program year contract to Mark Williams as Conductor of the Chancel Choir, and Pam Williams as Conductor of the Handbell Choir (both part time positions). The positions will run from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011.

Once the Task Force on Worship and Music Ministry Staff has made its recommendation, the Personnel Committee will fill the positions approved by the Session.

With regard to existing positions, Matt Weaver will continue as our Organist. Alisa Bair will continue as our Associate in Worship Ministry (Children and Youth Choirs). Dan Snyder will continue as Director of Cherry Street Worship.

Summer Preaching Series on Ephesians: Rethinking Church



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In anticipation of the change in our schedule which will take place in September, the Session has set our summer schedule as follows:

9:00 a.m. Early Worship

10:00 a.m. Hospitality in the Foyer

10:30 a.m. Concurrent Services: Traditional and Cherry Street

- Professional childcare will be provided throughout the morning.
- Enrichment activities for children through grade 6 will take place at both worship hours when the children are dismissed from the worship services
- Sunday School for Youth (grades 7-12) will be held at 9:00 a.m.
- George Mann Bible Study for Adults will be held at 9:00 a.m. (No Forum Classes during the summer months)
- Adult Spiritual Formation Classes will also be held at 9:00 a.m. in Shirk Hall

This summer, our sermon series will be centered on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. At the direction of the Worship Oversight Team, this year the pastors will not preach at all three of the services. Last summer, when we tried concurrent services, there was a negative reaction to a pastor leaving one service before it ended and arriving at the other service while it was in progress.

So when you are not traveling, plan to be in worship throughout the summer. There are always delightful "surprises" in the music we hear and the chance to be a little more relaxed as we offer our praise to God for the gift of life which God has given us.

SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

- June 6—One Worship Service
- June 13—Ephesians overview (Pastor Riggs)
- June 20—Eph. 1:1-14—(Dan Snyder)
- June 27—Eph. 1:15-23—(Pastor Hackett)
- July 4—Eph. 2:1-10—(Pastor Riggs)
- July 11—Eph. 2:11-22—(Simeon Harrar)
- July 18—Eph. 3:1-13—(Pastor Riggs)
- July 25—Eph. 3:14-20—(Pastor Riggs)
- August 1—Eph. 4:1-16—(Wade Pond)
- August 8—Eph. 4:17-32—(Pastor Riggs)
- August 15—Eph. 5:1-21—(Pastor Riggs)
- August 22—Eph. 5:22—6:10—(Jack Miller)
- August 29—Eph. 6:11-20—(Pastor Hackett)

SUMMER BLUE CHALLENGE OFFERINGS

| | MAY |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| International Mission | 23 |
| Youth Mission | 30 |
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| | JUNE |
| Youth Mission | 6 |
| Youth Mission | 13 |
| Medical Supplies | 20 |
| Sending Fund | 27 |
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| | JULY |
| Transitional Living Ctr. | 4 |
| Transitional Living Ctr. | 11 |
| Sending Fund | 18 |
| Sending Fund | 25 |
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| | AUGUST |
| Habitat for Humanity | 1 |
| Habitat for Humanity | 8 |
| InterVarsity—Harrisburg | 15 |
| InterVarsity—F&M | 22 |
| Campus Ministry at Millersville | 29 |

**Mission to Honduras
July 17-24, 2010
Eye and Dental Mission
Visit schools in Honduras and teach
dental Hygiene and screen children
for eye problems.
No experience necessary.
Contact Steve Mentzer 717-203-4942**

Winter Overflow Shelter

The Winter Overflow Shelter for Homeless Women was held at First Presbyterian the week of March 15-22. It was a huge success. A total of 27 women and one child spent at least one night in the shelter that week. The average number of women served each night was 18. We had a mother with an eighteen month old child with us for four of the nights. The women served ranged in age from 20-60. A total of 75 volunteers from the church gave of their time to help with the shelter. Many volunteered more than one night. The women were so appreciative of the warmth and hospitality that all the volunteers shared. They were especially grateful for the personal care kits that Sharon McFadden personally put together for each of them. They were also very grateful that there were volunteers who stayed awake while they slept making them feel very secure. They loved the fresh fruit that members of the congregation provided for them to have at night and every morning. A special thanks to Sexton Barry Hoppes who helped in too many ways to count and to Lucy from Open Arms who was very helpful also!! Our own Gretchen Lichty was the coordinator from the Council of Churches who oversaw the entire winter shelter program. A very special thanks to her for all of her support during our week here at First Presbyterian.

Thank You

From Future Generations

As the school year is rapidly coming to a close, the students and staff from Future Generations After-School Program would like to send our warmest gratitude to your congregation for your support. The use of your Youth Center has enabled our students to build skills in communication, healthy decision-making, interpersonal competence, self-efficacy and service to others during the 2009-2010 school year.

Compass Mark's Future Generations program greatly appreciates our ongoing relationship with FPC and looks forward to future collaborations. Your commitment to us is a commitment to our families and together we are building future leaders in our community.

If you are interested in supporting our youth this summer, please contact Meg Martin at (717) 299-2831 or mmartin@compassmark.org to find out how you can donate time or a needed item to Kids Kamp.