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# THE GOOD NEWS

A Monthly Newsletter

June 2011

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## It's almost summer, so it is time for the annual First Presbyterian Church picnic!

The picnic will be at the Marilla Park pavilion on June 5, 2011 at 5:30 pm. The deacons will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, drinks and good fellowship. Please bring your favorite picnic covered dish. There will be games for the children and singing for everyone after dinner. This is a favorite event so mark your calendar; all your friends will be there.



Please Join Us for Vacation Bible School!

June 13-17

5:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Children Age 3\*- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are Invited to Join Us for a Week of Singing, Crafts, Science, Cooking, and Much, Much More!  
Dinner Will Be Provided and a Nursery is Available for Children under the Age of 3

Call 304-296-8236 to Register

\*Parents are asked to stay and assist with children who are 3 years old.

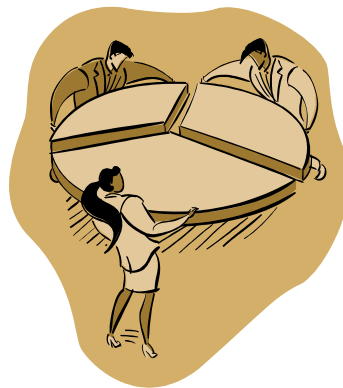


Summer break is upon us, with vacations and summer fun just around the corner.

In the past, we have tended to meet “soft” obligations such as mission giving near the end of the year. Sometimes it can be difficult to meet those obligations as the year nears an end, and what should be a joy becomes a chore or a crisis. This year, we are trying to keep up our payment to recipients such as the Shack Neighborhood House and Presbytery throughout the year so that they don't worry whether the money will be forthcoming or experience a problem in cash flow.

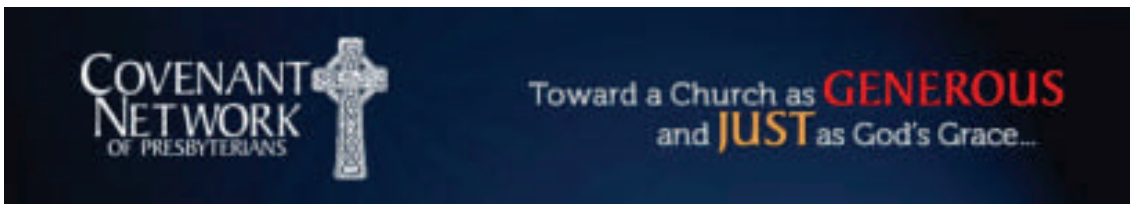
This does mean that efforts by the members of our congregation to keep up on their giving are much appreciated. I encourage you to try to maintain your giving, and perhaps anticipate periods when you will be gone by getting a little ahead. It helps a lot.

Michael Hohn,  
Finance and Legal Committee



*On May 10<sup>th</sup> the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area became the 87th presbytery to approve a proposed change to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) known as Amendment 10-A. This Amendment removes the categorical exclusion of LGBT Presbyterians from serving in the ordained offices of elder, deacon, and minister of word and sacrament. The change will officially take effect on July 11, 2011.*

*As a congregation that affirms diversity in sexual orientation, and a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we welcome this change in our denomination's polity. Below is a statement from the Covenant Network.*



The Covenant Network of Presbyterians is deeply grateful for the passage of Amendment 10-A, which replaces a contested sexual ethic in the Presbyterian Church's ordination standards and reaffirms the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. This is a change for which we and many others have worked for years. We rejoice that gay and lesbian Presbyterians, gifted and called by God, are now able to serve more openly in ordained office. We believe that the church will be strengthened by this change.

At the same time, we recognize that Presbyterians are not of one mind about the wisdom of this reform and the interpretation of scripture in matters of sexual ethics. Amendment 10-A permits Presbyterians to hold and respect diverse views. The Covenant Network has always had the unity of the church as one of its primary goals. We therefore will continue to promote dialogue and shared mission across the church. We pray that all Presbyterians may strengthen and support one another, witnessing to the Gospel, promoting reconciliation through Jesus Christ, and working together to realize the reign of God in all creation.

Please continue to pray for our whole church. May we together live in and reflect the amazing good news of Easter.

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School is out and it's time to go to camp! For the children attending Royal Family Kids Camps, it's an opportunity to forget the abuse and neglect at home or the moving from house to house through the foster care system and instead offering the campers hope and happy, loving experiences which could impact their future. Those of us at First Presbyterian Church are being asked to provide 30 birthday boxes for the West Virginia children attending camp in Summersville, WV.

On June 5, there will be 30 shoeboxes in the parlor for First Presbyterian members to pick up and fill with items which children ages 7-11 would enjoy receiving on their birthday. These items could include: cars, dolls, shirts, underwear, etc. The maximum amount to be spent should be between \$25 and \$30. All the children will celebrate their birthday at a special party—some have never had a birthday party before! The boxes will have either a red lid (for girls) or a blue lid (for boys). If you take a box and/or boxes, please sign the list with your name, telephone number and indicate how many boxes you have taken and whether these boxes are for girls or boys. The boxes must be returned on Sunday, June 19 so that they can be delivered to Summersville prior to the start of the camp.

The Mission Committee  
Judy Lightner (304) 292-3461





## 2011 PENTECOST OFFERING

The word “pentecost” means “fiftieth day” in Greek, the original language of the New Testament. The Jewish festival described in the beginning of Acts 2 commemorates Moses receiving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, traditionally 50 days after the first Passover and escape from Egypt. Similarly, the Christian Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter.

In 2011 we mark Pentecost on June 12 with our Pentecost Offering, one of four annual “Special Offerings” of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This offering provides a direct way to meet needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults.

We send 60 percent of the total offering to the General Assembly for leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults. These funds also support children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God’s family.

Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the Pentecost Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. The Mission Committee will determine at their June 2 evening meeting how we will use our local share of the Pentecost Offering. If you have suggestions, please contact Chris McClelland at 292-5555 (chrismcclelland1@yahoo.com) or Gertraud Irwin at 292-4490 (girwin@comcast.net).

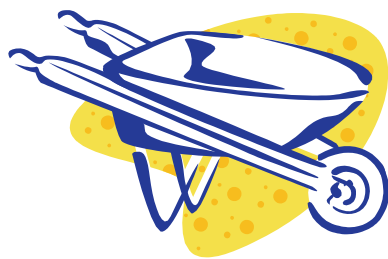
We will share our decision concerning distribution of the local share during the Minute for Mission on June 5.

Thank you for considering the Pentecost Offering with generosity.

Chris McClelland  
Mission Committee

# Youth Mission Trip

The Youth Mission Trip for First Presbyterian Church will be to New York City June 4-9, 2011. Jan Palmer, Debbie Palmer and David Mebane will be chaperoning and leading the 9 youth participants. The youth participants are: Sabrina Burtner, Sophia Burtner, Austin Fisher, Jake Mullett, Lemley Mullett, Xander Saracusa, Lucas Trovato, Willie Weems and Hannah Zeiders. We will depart from church at 2 p.m. on Saturday June 4, and travel to New York City in a 15-passenger van. We will stay at West End Presbyterian Church, sleeping on the floor in a large parlor, sharing devotions and much more. This year we will attend the Abyssinian Baptist Church worship service in Harlem on Sunday, followed by a trip to the Museum of Modern Art and the Statue of Liberty. While there, we also plan to take in an off-Broadway production of "Jump". Monday through Thursday will be spent working with Youth Service Opportunity Project, where we will be working with and for the homeless and disadvantaged in soup kitchens and food pantries. YSOP provides group reflections, devotions, interactions and testimonials, and we look forward to an amazing growth opportunity once again. We will return late on June 9.



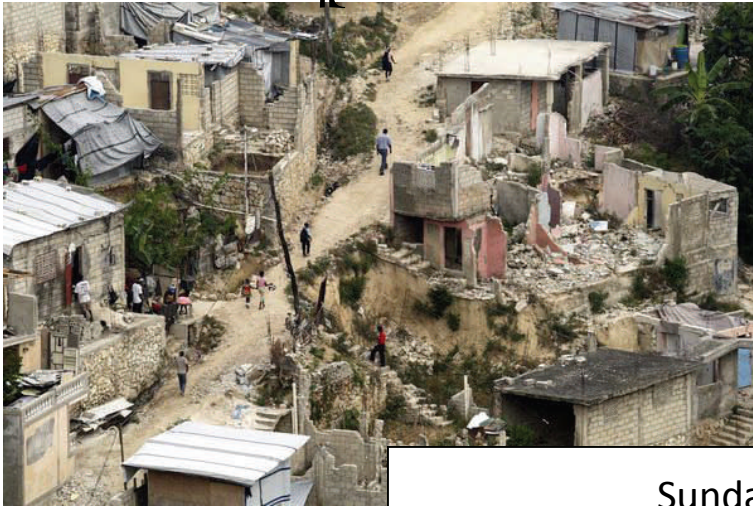
# Spring Work Day

Fourteen people came out for church work day on a beautiful day Saturday, May 21. Some of the tasks tackled were trimming the forsythia and other hedges, weeding, cleaning parking lots of trash, washing windows and planting flowers.

Participants were Paul Atkins, David Burtner, Alan Donaldson, Laura Gross, Mavis Grant Lilley, Linda and Bill Hagerty, Steve Lightner, Chris McClelland, Ann Paterson, Marilyn and Lloyd Slaughter, J.R. Stemple and Judd Talbott.

Although many flowers were planted, some remained after the work day. Presbyterian Women members volunteered to plant those the following week.

# Experience Haiti



Sunday, June 26

Following worship – 11 to 12 p.m.

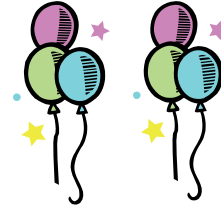
In the Sanctuary

Eve Faulkes and John Garlow will share experiences from their recent trip to Haiti



In the spirit of Nicodemus, who showed up at night asking questions, we will start a weekly Sunday night meeting for the youth. The format will be scripture-inspired group discussion – it's a place to relax before the week gets underway, to unload your concerns, to learn things about our faith and each other. Asking tough questions is expressly encouraged. David Mebane and Debbie Palmer will be your moderators. The first session is June 19, 7-8:30 p.m. at 324 Forest.

# June Birthdays



- 1 Richard Parsons  
Donna Weems
- 2 Lisa Burtner
- 3 Mary Adamski Forbes
- 6 Robert Shumaker
- 10 Patricia Benson  
Mary Jane Hamilton
- 11 Charles Robison
- 18 Jennifer Costa  
Emme Fragale  
Deborah McConnell
- 19 Wyatt Zuercher Kirby
- 20 Cathy Russell
- 21 Brenda Ely  
Karin Patterson  
Deanie Van Camp
- 24 William Harper  
Steve Powell  
Walter Raese

- Michael Rankin  
Richard Rice
- 25 Linda Hagerty  
Elizabeth Wright
- 26 Chris McClelland  
Caitlyn Williams
- 27 Misty Cummings  
Tizzie Curry
- 28 John Warren
- 30 Steven Lightner  
Cindy Parsons



# June Baptisms

- June 3, 1990
- June 3, 2001
- June 6, 1999
- June 22, 1980

- Emily and Meredith Larkin; Michael Rankin*
- Audrey Schellhaus*
- Scott Frame and Dana Grandon*
- Sarah Guerry*





# June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 PM Property Management 7:00 PM Finance & Legal 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	2 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 7:00 PM Mission Committee 8:30 PM AA	3	4 8:00 AM Youth Leave for Mission Trip 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
5 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 10:00 AM Worship - Ordination of Officers 5:30 PM Church Picnic	6 12:00 PM Presbyterian Women 5:00 PM Membership Committee	7 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 5:30 PM Habitat 7:00 PM NA	8 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA	9 12:30 PM Task Force on Homelessness 5:00 PM PCDC Council 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 8:30 PM AA	10	11 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
12 <b>PENTECOST</b> 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 10:00 AM Worship: Pentecost Offering, Communion 12:00 PM Worship Committee 6:00 PM Session 6:30 PM Living the Questions	13 5:30 PM VBS	14 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 3:00 PM Stephen Minister's Meeting 5:30 PM VBS 7:00 PM NA	15 Good News Deadline 5:30 PM VBS 8:30 PM AA	16 10:00 AM Sew & Sew Stitching Group 12:00 PM Mon Valley Homeless Initiative 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 5:30 PM VBS 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Group 8:30 PM AA	17 5:30 PM VBS	18 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
19 Cents-Ability Offering 8:00 AM Community Breakfast 10:00 AM Worship 7:30 PM Nic @ Night 11:00 PM Deacons	20	21 10:00 AM Dulcimer Group 7:00 PM NA	22 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:30 PM AA	23 5:00 PM Presby Dancers 8:30 PM AA	24	25 4:30 PM NA 6:00 PM NA
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