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Tricky Tray

Saturday, October 1st

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Calling begins at 7:00 PM



Refreshments will be available for purchase.



If you would like to donate a tray or basket for the Tricky Tray sign up on the bulletin board or call Pat at 570-226-4319.

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CROP WALK ~ Sunday, October 23rd

Walkers and Sponsors Needed!

See Pastor Bill

You can help to end hunger right here in your own community as well as worldwide.

Registration 1:30 PM
at the Hawley Methodist Church
315 Church St. Hawley
Walk begins at 2:00 PM



Pastor's Page

By: Pastor Bill Samford



As I write this, the leaves are starting to change and it is getting cooler outside and, yes, it's raining. Fall is here. This is one of my favorite times of the year – the colors, the brisk morning air, apples, the start of new church activities. We are truly blessed to live where we do.

There are many people around the world and in Northeast Pennsylvania who are not as blessed as we are. The recent flooding in the communities along the Susquehanna River has caused tremendous damage to homes, businesses, and churches. As people of faith, followers of Jesus, we are called to help those in need - to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Yesterday, seven of us from our congregation went to West Pittston to help with the cleaning of the First Presbyterian Church there. You will be hearing more about this in the weeks ahead. Let me just say now, that the immediate future will be difficult for our brothers and sisters in West Pittston and other areas effected by the flooding.

This Sunday, World Communion Sunday, October 2nd, we will celebrate with Christians around the world our “oneness” in Christ. The apostle Paul reminds us that we are connected to one another in and through Christ and “if one member suffers, all suffer together and if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” We will also receive the Peacemaking Offering. Please use the enclosed envelope. Remember, 25% of that offering will stay here and has been designated for the Victims Intervention Program here in Wayne County.

If you haven't been to church in a while, the Fall season is a great time to come back. I hope all of us will renew our commitment to participate in worship, fellowship and service with our sisters and brothers in Christ here at First Presbyterian and around the world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill

TENTH ANNUAL FPC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our Tenth Annual Golf Tournament was held on August 22, 2011 at Woodloch Springs Golf Course and it was a success. There were 579 golfers and a total of 82 people for lunch.

This year the proceeds are \$6,293.90. As we have for the past several years, we are able to support the Hawley Head Start Program. \$5293.90 will be given from the proceeds. This results in a total of \$12293.90 for the past 4 years. Head Start provides a wonderful program for 36 pre-school children 5 days a week. The remaining proceeds will go to our youth ministry and children's camp scholarships.

Many thanks to all who helped make the tournament a success. This includes the Golf Committee, those who helped at the tournament, contributed prizes, were sponsors and played golf.



Christian Education
By: Denise Speckhardt



The Lord is My Shepherd!

During the month of October we will learn about how the Lord is my Shepherd and how he will protect us in times of need. The Lord is always with us and comforts us. This is an important theme for this month, as Halloween is approaches. Every week through different ways we will feel the comfort of the Lord and his presence with us.

There will be NO Sunday school class on Sunday October 30th, children are encouraged to remain in worship.

Nursery is always available for children under age 4.

Psalm 23

HAWLEY GOOD NEWS CAFÉ



Saturday, October 8th & 22nd
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Volunteers Needed!

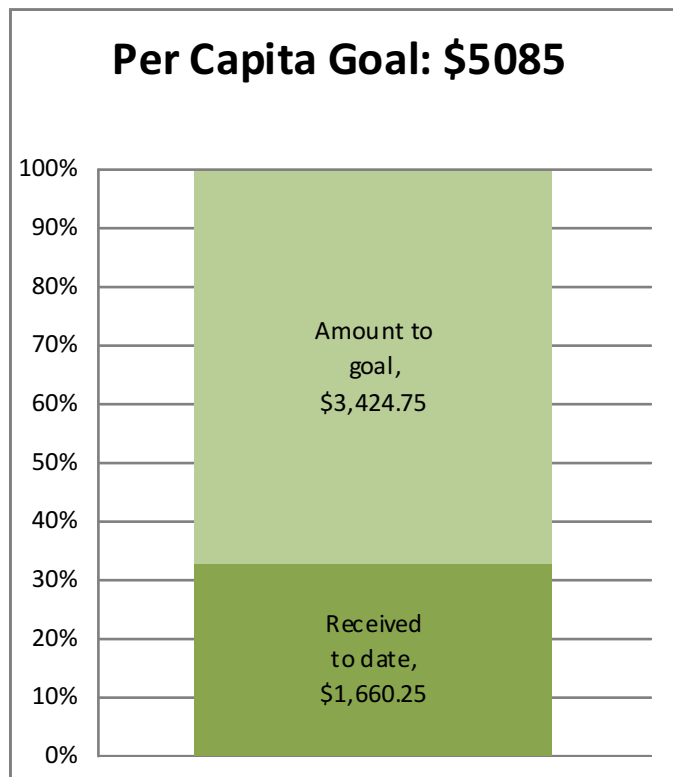
Sign up on the bulletin board.

Call Paul Bortner or Barbara Gindhart for more information.

Join in the most Rewarding Opportunity to Serve!

Per Capita

<u>Per Capita Goal</u>	<u>\$5,085</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Received</u>
1/2/2011	113.50
1/9/2011	199.75
1/16/2011	179.50
1/23/2011	201.25
1/30/2011	201.25
2/6/2011	216.50
2/13/2011	84.75
2/20/2011	169.50
3/6/2011	112.50
3/20/2011	28.25
3/27/2011	30.00
4/3/2011	27.00
4/24/2011	86.50
5/29/2011	10.00
Received to date	\$1,660.25
Amount to goal	\$3,424.75
Receipt %	32.65%



Commissioning of the Sunday School Teachers



Men's Breakfast



Volunteer for Sunday Service



Provide



The Session

The Rev. William Samford, Moderator

Class of 2011

- Pat Bartleson
- Barbara Gindhart
- Jim Mould
- Margie Richmond

* Clerk of Session

Class of 2012

- Lee Benjamin
- Carol Cowan*
- Laurie Frank
- Brad Kiesendahl

Class of 2013

- Jim Brill
- Joy Logiudice
- Gerald Scofield
- Cheryl Swaney

Board of Deacons

Class of 2011

- Paul Bortner
- Paula Simmons
- Denise Speckhardt

** Moderator

Class of 2012

- Ellin Compton
- Florence Tees
- Robert Hughes

Class of 2013

- Mickey Krom
- John Gindhart
- Nick Robano**



Presbyterian Women's Night Out

Monday, October 10th
6:30 PM



"Crafting for the Holidays"



Bring your favorite Holiday Craft project to share, or come and learn a NEW HOLIDAY CRAFT.

We are looking for Craft Items for our Winterfest Craft Sale.

Come enjoy a FUN, FUN evening!

You do not need to be a crafter to have fun, there will be something for everyone!!

Bible Study

Every Thursday
11:00 AM

"The Acts of the Apostles"

Parish Life

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner



Saturday, October 22nd
6:00PM – 8:00PM

\$8.00 Adult

\$6.00 Children 12 & under

Dinner includes: Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple-sauce, Rolls, Assorted Pies & Beverages.



Thursdays, at 6:00 PM



"Exercise Programs" in Blough Hall.

For more information, contact Barbara Gindhart

Combine the power of your faith with your desire to lose weight and get fit.



PW Book Club

Friday, October 21st
2:00 PM

The book of the month is "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay

Report from the Long Range Planning Task Force

The Long Range Task Force is continuing its work. We are hoping to conclude our work by the end of the year. At our last meeting we began to focus on five recommendations to bring before the session and the congregation.

We are encouraged and excited about what we have heard from so many of you.

Continue to hold us in your prayer.

Together We Find Our Vision



Birthday Wishes

- 2 James Brill
- 2 Molly Rodgers
- 2 Tyler Simmons
- 3 Cheryl Swaney
- 3 Gary Yergey
- 5 June Dolle
- 7 Autumn Speckhardt
- 8 Sue Hare
- 9 John Gindhardt, Jr.
- 11 Carrie Whitfield
- 12 Betsy Falk
- 12 Maureen Krom
- 15 Norma Latini
- 18 Ralph Chase
- 18 Mary Jane Molzhan
- 19 Megan Hoehne
- 19 Quinn Speckhardt
- 19 Norma Zimmerman
- 23 Lauren Hammond
- 27 Barbara Davis (Mrs. Charles)



Happy Anniversary

- 3 Bill & Joan VandeVaarst
- 7 Ralph & Jean Berry
- 7 Bobbe & Evelyn Gawron
- 12 Rick & Mary Ann Franco
- 22 Michael & Nancy Eby
- 22 Gary & Betsy Yergey
- 30 Marty & Denise Speckhardt



MUSIC - MUSIC - MUSIC

By: Adele Harrison

As I write this, it has occurred to me that today (Sept. 22nd) is a special anniversary for me...today marks fifteen years since I began the job of music director at First Pres in Hawley. What a great fifteen years it has been! I've said hello and goodbye to so many wonderful folks, laughed and cried with you, formed lasting friendships, experienced tremendous spiritual growth, and felt more love here than I've ever felt in forty years of church music. God has certainly blessed this amazing little church (growing more every year) and I feel truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family.

"Voices of Joy" has begun rehearsing for the December Winterfest concert. More singers are needed (especially men)! You do not need to be a professional singer...you do not need to be a member of the choir...you do need to enjoy singing Christmas music, both sacred and secular...and who doesn't! Joy Stebbins is very warm and personable, not to mention talented and full of fun...and this will be her last year with the choir. Let's support her and help make this the best one ever! Rehearsals are held every Monday evening at 7:00 in our church sanctuary. Kids, if you like to sing and would enjoy learning some delightful children's songs for Christmas, sign up and join the "Voices of Joy" children's choir. Rehearsals begin Monday, October 3rd, at 6 PM in the sanctuary.

The Chancel Choir needs help! If you are female and can carry a tune, we could certainly use you in the soprano section. You don't have to read music or be able to hit those really high notes...we can create a soprano II (or soprano III!) part when necessary.

Of course, if you are more of the alto, tenor or bass variety, we can use you, too...everyone is welcome. Join the choir and discover what a great joy it is to sing God's praise and serve Him through music.

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday: 6:30 - tenors and basses; 7:00 - everyone.





October



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Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday
9:30 AM – 1:30 PM



Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM
Grace Café

10:00 AM
Worship Service

11:00 AM
Coffee Hour



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Mission Statement: We believe that God is alive and active. As faithful disciples we spread the good news of Christ's love, forgiveness, and grace. Our mission is to be God's presence within our community. Our ministry is people to people, nurturing spiritual growth, promoting peace, caring for others, and providing fellowship.



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