

PresbyNews

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Special Services and Events for June

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| Sunday, June 6 | Communion, Choir Recognition
Recognition of Graduating Seniors |
| Sunday, June 13 | Music by the Summer Choir
<i>(Join us for rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.)</i> |
| Sunday, June 20 | VBS Singers |
| Sunday, June 27 | Music by the Summer Choir
<i>(Join us for rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.)</i> |
| Sunday, July 4 | Communion
Music by Razor's Edge Barbershop Chorus |

(Watch your bulletin and PresbyNews for all of the upcoming special music this summer.)



SHIP AHOY

JUNE 14 - 18

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

BIBLE STORIES - GAMES
CRAFTS - SNACKS
AND LOTS OF FUN!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



Mission to the USA
We just receive the good news from the Mission to the USA committee of the Synod of the Covenant! Our mission partner this fall will be Chams Salim Saad, a Presbyterian laywoman

from Lebanon. Chams currently serves as Art & Music Coordinator in the Beirut Evangelical School for Girls and Boys in Rabieh. She is a trained musician who was in the United States last year for a concert tour. She speaks Arabic, French and English.

Chams is 29 years old. She has a younger brother, Khouzai, who is an architect; two sisters, Ghina, 20, a college music student, and Farah, 19, who is in high school. Her father is a professor of music and her mother is a dentist.

Besides working with youth in music, Chams is studying theology at the Christian Alliance Institute of Theology in Beirut. She is eager to share her talents and creativity with us. She says, “As we grow in our local church, we will be equipped and qualified to be the servants that the Lord wants us to be. And also the church is the source that provides what we need, and supports in prayer, and unites the servants with one spirit and goal.”

Chams will be with us in Middletown from September 29 to October 27, 2010. You can learn more about her by visiting her website, www.shamssaad.com.

Tim Doty

Session Notes

Your session met for their regular meeting on May 20. The first order of business was dinner with our confirmation class and their families. Nathaniel Biddle, Carrie Kienlen, Rachel McDonald and Cassidy Venema read their statements of faith, and were received as active members of the church. They affirmed their baptismal vows before the congregation on May 23. After dinner, Rich Jester (with help from Nancy Peterson) opened the meeting with devotions. Then the members of session negotiated committee assignments for the current term. Mike Jenkins was elected Clerk of Session. This was the first “official” meeting for our new members, Linda Bursk and Bill Triick.

Minutes for April 15, 2010, were approved, along with the Clerk’s report. Session approved two guest ministers to participate in upcoming weddings. When this happens, Rev. Doty is also a participant and oversees the wedding rehearsal.

Paula Cohen reported on plans for adult education in the coming months, and we were reminded that Vacation Bible School is coming June 14-18. Pat Hathaway reported for the Member Development Committee on the success of recent events, including the Euchre nights and the Family Movie Night.

The Music and Worship Committee reported that the Blessing of the Animals service will take place on September 15 at 6:00 p.m. October 3rd has been designated “Heritage Sunday.” This will be the service in which we will recognize our 50 year members. We will continue our Light from Darkness service during the Advent season, but will try moving it to the small chapel for a more intimate atmosphere.

Kathy Harris reported for the Trustees. For the month of April, our operating budget had income of \$21,023 and expenditures of \$28,695. However, for the year so far our overall income is \$131,456 and expenses are \$114,080, for an overall surplus of \$17,376. This surplus is due largely to pre-paid pledges.

Nancy Peterson reported on the May 11 meeting of Miami Valley Presbytery at Sugar Creek Church in Dayton. Elder Marge Morgan was installed as Moderator of Presbytery, and outgoing Moderator Rev. Bill Reisenweaver preached. An overture concerning the ongoing debate over ordination standards was approved and sent to the General Assembly, which meets in July.

The remainder of the evening was spent discussing more topics from Rev. Doty’s ministry evaluation: the work of boards and committees, care of members and outreach to the community, and mission. We will wrap up these discussions in June. Several excellent suggestions have been made during the course of these discussions over the past few months and some have already been implemented.

The meeting adjourned with unison prayer. During the course of the meeting the elders paused to say together an affirmation of faith, voice prayer concerns, and pray.

THANK YOU...to all the men and women who helped to Make this year’s **Rummage Sale** a huge success. Over \$2600 was presented to our Mission Committee for distribution to local and international charities.

Pre-Kindergarten Readiness is a very special mission of our church. As you may already know Carole Schul and Dee Markle, our wonderful teachers, are both retiring. Therefore, a Search Committee to hire a new Lead Teacher/Director has been established, and resumes are being accepted now. If you know of someone uniquely qualified, please have them send their resume to the church office. Questions about the search can be directed to Tina Newlin, Paula Cohen, Jennifer Walker, or Diane Norton.

🎵 Music Notes 🎵

May you always be blessed by God's music!

The Music Ministry staff and volunteers cannot help but sing the praises of our awesome God. I would personally like to thank each Music Ministry staff person and volunteer listed below for all of the gifts of music, support, time, and energy that you give regularly. Our wish for every member of this congregation is best said in the lyrics from "A Blessing of Music" by Joseph M. Martin.

*May your days be filed with music. May your path be paved with song.
May the sounds of forever lift you up and keep you strong.
May your heart resound with laughter. May your life be tuned for praise.
May the hymns of faith bring you hope. May the rhythms of your life bring you joy.
May the harmony of friendship bring you love.
May the Maker bless and keep you. May God's music guide your ways.
May God's gentle whisper always comfort you with grace.
May the voices of angels sing you peace. A-men.*

MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Margaret Chambers, Worship Pianist
Lara Moon, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs

Sandy Greeb, Director of Handbells
Phyllis DeWeese Morgan, Liturgical Dance
Choreographer

MUSIC/WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Ed Seamon, Chair
Dianne Gerber
Jim Harris
David Jenkins

Mike Jenkins
Diana McVay
Norma McVay
Nancy Stitzel

VOCAL CHOIRS

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Harriet Brandt
Lola Bruner
*Linda Bursk
Margaret Chambers
*Bob Cover
Debbie Cover
+Tara Downie
Sharon Dowden
Alan Dyke

Suzanne Edwards
Fearn Gerber
LaVerne Hopper
David Jenkins
Mary Kindell
*Diana McVay
Norma McVay
+Pete Mengel
*Joe Newlin

*Tina Newlin
Diane Norton
*John Peterson
Fay Smillie
Nancy Stitzel
Sandy Wertz
*Sharon Williamson
*Tom Zigler

*Sanctuary Octet

+Guest Chorister

AMBASSADORS

Josh Biddle
Nathaniel Biddle

Carrie Kienlen
Alison Shuemaker

Cassidy Venema

CAAMP CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Anna Rose Brehm
Abed-Nego Cabrera
Emmanuel Cabrera
Erin Dyke
Alexis Gibbs

Katylyn Horton
Amirah Jones
Asia Jones
Hazel Moon

Sam Moon
Amanda Moore
Jessica Walker
Jon Walker

HANDBELL CHOIRS

BEL CANTO RINGERS

Christy Biddle
Josh Biddle
Sandy Greeb

Carrie Kienlen
Vicki Lawson
Bonnie Saunders

Cassidy Venema
Jennifer Walker
Lynne Wiley

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Alan Greeb
David Jenkins

Jim Harris
John Minor

Jennifer Walker

In the musical, *Table for Five. . .Thousand! The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes*, the children reminded us of God's love and mercy for each of us, no matter who or what we are.

Many thanks go to all who worked so hard and steadfastly to create a wonderful and inspiring worship service. The response from you, the congregation, let us know that God was truly present and touching lives that morning. My own personal thanks and appreciation go to all of the children, teens, and adults who made *Table for Five. . .Thousand! The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes*, an awesome worship experience!

As you can see from the cast list below, it takes many wonderful and talented people of all ages to bless the congregation with this special worship service.

***Table for Five. . .Thousand!* The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes**

Cast List

Narrators

Josh Biddle, Nathaniel Biddle, Cassidy Venema

Older Sisters

Annie Brehm, Amirah Jones, Amanda Moore

Benji: Carrie Kienlen

Mary: Asia Jones

Zachy: Jessica Walker

Andrew: Jon Walker

Voices of Jesus

Emmanuel Cabrera, Sam Moon

Young Disciples

Abed-Nego Cabrera, Erin Dyke, Katelyn Horton, Hazel Moon

Teen Assistants

Josh Biddle, Jake Dailey, Carrie Kienlen,
Brandon Moore, Molly Salser, Cassidy Venema

Lara Moon, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs, Choreography

Margaret Chambers, Piano

Joyce Zigler, Keyboard/Flute

David Jenkins, Jenny Walker, Sound Technicians

Nannette Hess, Art

CAAMP Snack Brigade

Bob Cover & Lynn Price, Co-captains
Joy Boast, Letitia Curless, Amanda Fields, Sharon Perkins,
Nancy Stitzel, Virginia Swisher

A very special thank you goes to all the volunteers and staff who worked so hard to make certain that CAAMP was a great success this year! Since September, the CAAMP children have participated in the Family Christmas Service, Choralfest 2010, worship services, the Mother's Day musical, drama and art classes. *Our children have had wonderful experiences because you show them God's love through your service.* Our prayer is that you who volunteer will continue to help the staff give our children a loving, Christian, nurturing place where they can develop and use the gifts of music, art, and drama that God has so graciously given to them.

Joyce Zigler
Director of Music Ministries/Organist



Nathaniel Biddle, son of Christy and Tim Biddle, volunteers often with the Sunday School and CAAMP and regularly attends camps and retreats at Kirkmont. He sings with the Ambassadors Choir and is very involved in his Boy Scout troop. Nathaniel is in the seventh grade at Verity Middle School.

Carrie Kienlen, daughter of Patti and Dave Kienlen, has been involved in the life of the church for several years. She attended CAAMP, sings with the Ambassadors Choir, is a member of the Bel Canto Ringers, and helps with Vacation Bible School. Carrie is in the eighth grade at Vail Middle School.

Rachel McDonald, daughter of Michelle and Jerry, can often be found teaching God's Word to the youngest members of our congregation both on Sunday mornings and during Vacation Bible School. She also attended the 2009 Youth Group Mission Trip. Rachel is in the ninth grade at the Hamilton Freshman School.

Cassidy Venema, daughter of Tim and Chrissy LeMaster-Doty, is active in the music programs at church. She is a member of the Ambassadors Choir, the Bel Canto Ringers, helps out with the CAAMP program, and Vacation Bible School. Cassidy has attended camp at Kirkmont Center. Cassidy is in the ninth grade at Madison High School.

Confirmation 

For Your Information

June Birthdays

02..... Allison Handorf	17..... Lauren Sutter
02..... Elizabeth Handorf	18..... Christy Handorf
04..... Jamey Storer	18..... Middy Mahon
06..... Jeffrey See	18..... LaTeria Saunders
07..... Doris Hill	19..... Jennifer Morrison
07..... Melissa Edwards	19..... Emily Lane
08..... Rachel Curry	19..... Graham Rudd
09..... Al Karchner	19..... Tom Wiley
10..... Jack Freeze	22..... Dale Moore
10..... Janet Shannon	24..... Meredith Buckley
10..... Maggie Spring	24..... Jo Doelker
11..... Marmy Dell	24..... Kristin Barnes
11..... Elizabeth Ronto	27..... Michele Westfall
13..... Lori Crawford	28..... Clare Clark
15..... Steve Wertz	28..... Lynn Watkins
17..... Millie Thacker	30..... Fred Sauer

July Birthdays

01..... Sarah Perkins	16..... Tom Schuler
02..... Carolyn Gaker	16..... Alene Key
03..... Helen Silven	16..... Dick Dempster
03..... Judy Karchner	16..... Dianne Gerber
03..... Suzanne Adkins	17..... Jennifer Barnes
04..... Eleanor Fruauff	18..... Charles Barton
04..... Betty Sexton	18..... Fran Huntzinger
04..... Anita Macadam	18..... David Dirksen
04..... Christine Barber	18..... Gayle Spradlin
04..... Judith Richards	18..... Saige Ryan
05..... Betty Lou Nein	21..... Edythe Curlis
05..... Chad Selby	21..... Sally Bach
06..... Marilyn Steele	21..... Nols Evans
06..... Joyce Triick	22..... Ashleigh Diver
06..... Jeff Alder	24..... Barbara Norton
08..... Seth Johnston	25..... Susan Newlin
09..... Suzanne Edwards	26..... John Newlin
09..... Danielle Simpson	29..... Ginny Felton
12..... Karen Shaffer	29..... Melissa King
12..... Jean Hayes	29..... Rachael Hunt
12..... Stefanie Sliger	30..... Larry Anderson
13..... James Clark	30..... Alan Greeb
15..... Walter Evans	31..... Kristy Duritsch
15..... Keith Combie	31..... Brian Kienlen

We extend Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of. . .

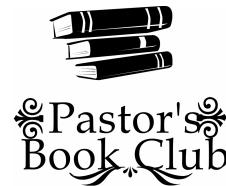
- . . . **Jim Yost**, who died on May 20, 2010.
- . . . **Byron Hackney**, the brother of Joyce Christy, died on May 17, 2010.
- . . . **Betty Knight**, the sister-in-law of Norma McVay, died on May 20, 2010.

“Men’s Monday at the Meadows” will be from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Monday, **June 7 and July 5**. This is an opportunity for men of the congregation to gather for informal fellowship at the Meadows restaurant, 2102 Yankee Road. You can get something to drink, a sandwich or salad, or a full meal, as you wish. But the main thing is just to get together with other men from the church and have a good time.

GALS GATHERING AT THE GARDEN The next get-togethers will be on **Tuesday, June 15 and July 20**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Olive Garden in Middletown. It is a fun and enjoyable evening and we hope you will join us. All “gals” are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Pat Hathaway at 513-422-3915.

Euchre Night

Mark your calendars now for
Friday, June 18
 The games begin at **7:00 p.m. in**
the Gathering Area
\$2.00 per person
Please bring a card table.
 Refreshments will be provided.
 We will take a break July and August
 And will resume on **September 17**.



The Pastor’s Book Club will meet next on August 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room. The Book on tap is Harry Emerson Fosdick, The Meaning of Prayer. Samuel Johnson once was asked what the strongest argument for prayer was, and he replied "Sir, there is no argument for prayer." He did not mean by this to declare prayer irrational; he meant to stress the fact that praying is first of all a native tendency. It is a practice like breathing or eating that people engage in it because they are human. The great American preacher and theologian, Harry Emerson Fosdick, takes us on a journey through the ins and outs of prayer as a vital aspect of the Christian life.

Here is the line up for Book Club for the remainder of the year. If you would like to recommend a book for future reading, come to Book Club on August 26.

- August 26: Harry Fosdick, The Meaning of Prayer
led by Don Pelfrey
- October 28: Greg Mortenson, Three Cups of Tea
led by Dave Enochs
- December 2: Charles Sheldon, In His Steps
led by Virginia Swisher

For Your Information (Continued)



Tuesday and Sunday Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Sunday Bible Study are taking a break for the summer. The Tuesday class will resume on **September 7**, and the Sunday class will resume on **September 12**. The topic in both classes when we resume will be the book of Acts. Sunday Bible Study meets each Sunday (except the first Sunday) at 9:00 a.m. in the Galloway Room. Tuesday Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Gift Cards!!!

- **Gift Cards are available all summer**
- **Gift Cards are great to use while traveling**
- **Remember that we have both Meijer and iTunes Gift Cards**
- Visit the Great Lakes Scrip website at www.glscrip.com to find many more retailers from which to order.
- Be sure to say "Hi!" to the Gift Card person on Sunday mornings. You will find this person standing in the Gathering Area by the cabinets with a grey box in his or her hand. Stop by. Say "hello". Purchase a card or two.
- Gift Cards will be ordered on **Mon. June 14 & 28 and July 12 & 26**. *Thank you for your continuing support!*

Mission summary

The Mission Committee did not meet in May, but wants to remind the congregation that First Church will again participate in the Mission to the USA program of the Synod of the Covenant. Last year, this program brought us Rev. Michal Jablonski for a six-week stay. This year the participants will be Christians from the Middle East—Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Iran and Israel/Palestine. The program will run for 4 weeks, from the end of September to the end of October. Once again we will need families to host and provide transportation for our guest. We should find out who our guest will be sometime in June.

Per Capita

Remember that you can help your church's operating budget and "pay your way" as a Presbyterian by paying your per capita. We pay per capita (\$24.75 per year) for each of our 600 active members. This money goes to Miami Valley Presbytery, the Synod of the Covenant, and the national church to pay operating expenses and for a variety of programming. We will pay your per capita this year whether you do or not. So get in on the action by paying your way.

Congratulations on the birth of . . .

. . . Autumn Elizabeth Saylor, born on May 26, to Brad and Katie Saylor.

Christian Education

Summer Sunday School for AWESOME BIBLE ADVENTURES Helpers Needed...

Nannette and Christy need a break for the summer. Would you consider helping me out during the summer Sunday school months? We do fun Bible-related activities like cooking, art, and movies. Please consider volunteering during the summer.

Pre-School Teachers needed...

If you love being around little ones, this is the place for you. We have some wonderful youngsters to love and nurture in our church. The curriculum is light and the projects are fun and easy. The children are a joy to be around.

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! Consider inviting your friends and neighbors. We will have lots of fun on this High Seas Expedition. I am so excited about the journey that we will explore together. I need two more crew members and could always use some more teen helpers! Don't forget to look at the snack list that Denise has in the church bulletin. We have bins out in the gathering area to place the items that are being donated. Thank you for your support!

Our **Adult Education Sunday School** will be taking a break for the summer months and will return in September. Enjoy this wonderful season and come back fresh in the fall. I will give you a preview in August.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Members of First Presbyterian Church who are pursuing a first course of studies at college or trade school have several opportunities to receive financial assistance from the church.

Our **Student Loan Program**, established by the Bender family and increased in amount by the Geckeler family, provides interest-free loans of \$1,000 per year (for up to four years). Repayment begins following graduation.

There are also **Scholarship** funds available, grants established in memory of former members, which are not repaid. Information and applications for the scholarships are available in the church office. Deadline for scholarship and student loan applications is **July 1, 2009**.

PresbyNews Deadline

The deadline for the July edition of *PresbyNews* will be Friday, July 16.

Please turn in your news items and calendar dates to the church office by this date. Thank you!



Congratulations Graduates!

High School Graduates

Molly Simonson, granddaughter of Dick and Ginny Simonson, graduated from Rye High School, Rye, New York. She will be attending Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington in the fall.

Molly Salser, daughter of Craig and Debbie Salser and granddaughter of Tom and Charlotte Moon graduated from Middletown High School where she was active in band and theatre. At FPC, Molly attended youth group and helped with VBS and CAAMP. Molly plans to attend Otterbein College in the fall.

College Graduates

Matthew Hensler, son of Marty Hensler and Irene Hermann has graduated from the Boonshoft School of

Medicine at Wright State University. He is scheduled to start his residency at the University of Cincinnati soon.

Jessica Lane, daughter of Steve and Susie Lane, and granddaughter of Nancy Strait, has graduated cum laude with an Honors diploma from the University of Kentucky with a B.A. in Arts Administration.

Stephanie Rogers, wife of Brad, has graduated from Wright State University with a Master's Degree in Public Health.

Dorothy Shuemake, wife of Fred, mother of Alison and daughter of Marge McIntosh, has graduated Summa Cum Laude from Miami University with a Bachelor's Degree in Advocacy and Resiliency.

Sarah Wiley, daughter of Cathy Wiley and Rob Wiley, and granddaughter of Lynne and Tom Wiley, has graduated from Ball State University with a B.S. in Communication Studies and Leadership Studies. Sarah will soon be starting work on her Master's Degree at the University of Central Arkansas.

Tartans! Tartans! We need more tartans!

Many of you gave beautiful tartan material last year that was made into our tartan flags. Some of you have asked if you can still contribute material for a flag and the answer is yes! We have room for seven more flags. The flag stands and poles are already created so it would be great to have the final seven flags.

If you would like to have your very own tartan in the beautiful processional at the beginning of our *Kirkin' of the Tartans Service*, please provide your material as soon as possible but on later than September 1. This date will give Norma McVay, our wonderful seamstress, time to create a flag from your material.

The material must be a minimum of 36" by 5' 8".

Wouldn't it be great to have every flag pole bearing one our special tartans this year? Please give your material to either Joyce Zigler or Norma McVay along with the form below designating the giver of the tartan and the clan.

Kirkin' of the Tartans Flag

Donated by

Clan Designation

Van Drivers for June/July

6 Bob Fuge	988-0062
13 Ted Miller	424-5815
20 Bill Wooley	422-1708
27 Jim Bruner	539-9539

July

4 Bob Fuge	988-0062
11 Ted Miller	424-5815
18 Bill Wooley	422-1708
25 Jim Bruner	539-9539

Betty Sexton is taking names of people at Mt. Pleasant who would like to ride in the church van. For those of you driving the van, please call Betty the night before at 539-2103, and he will let you know how many to expect. Thank you.

Our Mission

... to **SHARE** the good news

... to **NURTURE** the spirit

... to **SERVE** members and neighbors

Sunday Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

L. Timothy Doty, Pastor
Katie Saylor, Youth Director
Joyce Zigler, Director of Music
Michelle McDonald, Director of Christian Ed
Margaret Chambers, Pianist
Sandy Greeb, Director of Children's Handbells
Lara Moon, Director of Children's & Youth Choirs
Sandy Fisher, Secretary
Kathy Harris, Administrative Assistant
Bob Lawwill, Custodian
Cheryl Jarbo, Custodian

First Presbyterian Church
2910 Central Avenue
Middletown, Ohio 45044
(513) 422-6365

Return Service requested

Christmas In July

The Christmas Basket Program is one of our biggest and most visible community outreach ministries. Throughout July, the Board of Deacons is hosting their Christmas Basket Fund Drive. Our goal is to increase member awareness, and secure family "sponsors"!

Deacon Representatives will be in the Gathering Area before and after worship services this month to answer your questions, complete sponsorship forms, and accept your donations.

If you'd like to make a contribution to the program, just fill out a pew envelope, checking the box marked "Special Offering" and write "Christmas Baskets" and place it in the collection plate. With your help, we'll make this another successful year!