

MISSION @ FIRST

Each month we are highlighting one mission project of First Presbyterian Church on the front page of PresbyNews.

This month: **HIGHVIEW BACKPACKS & SUPPLIES**



School is almost out for the summer, and that means we have started preparing for the next school year. Middletown City Schools begin again on August 13. One of the ways we try to support students and their families in our school district by providing backpacks and supplies to about 60 students at Highview Sixth Grade Center. To ensure consistency amongst school supplies, Kathi Howard, along with the support of the Mission Committee, has been purchasing the supplies. The school supplies typically cost around \$25 a student. Backpacks are an additional expense. We also contribute to help pay for supplies for the STEM programming, which is a cost of about \$1200 for the year. If you would like to contribute to this mission, please do so by July 28. We will dedicate the backpacks and supplies in worship on August 4.

Pictures:

(Above) Highview Sixth Grade Center is located at the corner of S. Highview and Central Ave.

(Right) Children dedicate our backpacks in worship during Circle Time.



Christian Education and Faith Formation

Children Ministries

Children are always welcome in worship! Wiggle bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance to help children feel included and engaged during the worship service. Additional resources for parents and guardians are also available - look for the pinwheel and enjoy!

Sunday School will not meet during June, July and August - we will resume in September.

A loving, Christian environment is provided year-round from 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. for infants and children up to 5 years old.

Youth Ministry & Log College Project

We will take a break from the Middletown Youth Connection over the summer. In the meantime, the Design Team will travel to Princeton Theological Seminary to represent our congregation at the Design Lab as part of our ongoing work with the Log College Project. During the event, we'll work with the Institute for Youth Ministry Staff, Innovation Coaches, as well as Princeton Theological Seminary students and faculty. Our work on-site will help us determine which idea to implement as a new form of youth ministry in our community. We are grateful for your prayers and ongoing support as this important work continues!

Music Notes

*I was glad when they said unto me;
Let us go into the house of the Lord!*

Psalm 122:1

What an exciting morning Sunday, June 9, will be! We will celebrate Pentecost, the day that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church, and we will celebrate the 200th birthday of First Presbyterian Church. In honor of our church's Bicentennial, the Music and Worship Ministry Team has commissioned an anthem by Joseph Martin titled "Anthem of Gladness". The text for this anthem is based on Psalm 122:1 which is quoted above. This verse was found as the epigraph to the 150th worship service bulletin and so ties the two celebrations together. The text also incorporates general themes from the Psalms of ascent. This beautiful and exciting anthem will be accompanied by piano and trumpet. The Renaissance Ringers will also present a lovely gift of music

We give a special thank you to the generosity of the congregation through their gifts of the Easter Lily Memorials and other gifts that helped to defray the cost of this anthem.

Be sure to join us for this spirit filled morning and bring a friend!

Joyce Zigler
Director of Music Ministries

Join us on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9**, as we celebrate our **BICENTENNIAL**. This festive service will include the premiere presentation of an anthem commissioned for our Bicentennial. It is titled "Anthem of Gladness." This would be a great service to bring a friend to learn more about our church.

June Birthdays!

09.....Al Karchner	27.....Lisa Kaufer
10.....Janet Shannon	27.....Charlie Mack
10.....John Minor	27.....Michele Westfall
11.....Marmy Dell	28.....Sierra Jenkins
12.....Julie Ramsey	16.....Keith Lawson
15.....Steve Wertz	29.....Wilberta Schaefer
17.....Lauren Sutter	30.....Geri Gorman
19.....Emily Lane	30.....Fred Sauer
19.....Tom Wiley	
22.....Dale Moore	
24.....Carol Croake	
27.....Nicole Johnson	

Men's Monthly Meeting

The Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity to get together and socialize over a meal outside the church. You're welcome to join them on **Tuesday, June 11**, at the Clubhouse Sports Grille, 250 N. Main Street in Monroe at 5:30 p.m.



The Spinning Fork

ATTENTION: ALL CHURCH GALS AND FRIENDS!

You are invited to a fun and casual evening at The Spinning Fork on **Tuesday, June 18**, at 6:00 p.m.



Summer Suppers and Sacred Stories:

DINNERS ON US!

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on July 10, 17, 24, and 31

All are invited to **Dinner Church** followed by activities for all ages. In a similar style to the early church, worship will take place at the table as we enjoy dinner together from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Following Dinner Church, Michael will lead a bible study for adults while the Christian Education Team shares a sacred story and activities for children and youth. The theme for this series will explore some of the meals found in the gospel of Luke. "A Meal with Jesus: Discovering Grace, Community, & Mission around the Table", a book by Tim Chester, will serve as supplemental reading for the series. Call the church office to sign up.

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

- . . Jean Lyons, who died on May 8.
- . . . Agnes Ledford, who died recently, she is the sister of Joy Boast.
- . . . Norma McVay, who died on May 17.
- . . . Carolyn Gaker, who died on May 23.



Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Program (PKR): After 5 years of faithful service, **Kim Flesher**, PKR Assistant Teacher, is moving on to other endeavors. Our program will certainly miss Kim and her dedication. This means that we are currently searching for an appropriate replacement to serve during the school year, three

mornings a week, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. If you enjoy working with lively 4-year olds, please let Tina Newlin, our church's liaison know of your interest. Perhaps you know of someone who would be a good fit for this program. Call Tina at 424-1120; and leave a message. We will be interviewing this summer until the position has been filled.

We do have a few openings left in our Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Program. If you have a child, grandchild, or friends that have a child that is four or five and would like to have more information, please call the church office.



Each month in PresbyNews, we'll be including a photo with corresponding information for a Prayer Walk through the church. See if you can find the space in the church represented in the photo and you'll discover more info and a beautiful prayer by Dianne Gerber.

Hospital Visit?

This is a friendly reminder from the deacons and Pastor Michael that if you are hospitalized, please let the church office know. Because of HIPPA, hospitals do not notify churches when people are hospitalized. This can be confusing because sometimes your church is included on the admission questionnaire. We have no way to know that you are in the hospital unless someone tells us, and we would like to make sure you are visited as needed.

SAUNDERS WINDOWS - Many of you have already commented on the eight new, beautiful sanctuary windows. Installed in April, they are highly efficient and should last for many years to come. The bulk of this sizeable investment was covered by a generous bequest from Bill Saunders, former long-time member of our congregation.

June Worship

10:00 a.m.

Our Mission

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

...to **NURTURE** the Spirit

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

Sunday, June 2

Communion

Music by the Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, June 9

Pentecost/Bicentennial Celebration

Music by the Sanctuary Choir

Renaissance Ringers

Brian Shepard, soloist

Audrey Schmidt, trumpet

Sunday, June 16

Music by the Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, June 23

Music by Joyce Zigler, flute

Janet Scott, piano

Sunday, June 30

Rev. David Jackson, guest preacher

Music by Jennifer Kauffman, soprano



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