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The Choir is back in September!

Come meet the new
Choir Director Jeanne Harris,
and lift your voices to God!

**The first practice will be
September 6, at 6:30pm.
Please meet in the choir
room.**

Choir will meet after church
September 9th to discuss practice sched-
ule and talk to the Jeanne.

Keep our Kitchen Clean

Please remember to clean up after your-
selves when using the kitchen facilities.

Wash dishes, take out trash, wipe off
counters, etc. Date food if left in the fridge.

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**Sunday
Worship**

*Church
School*
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.



Webster's Dictionary defines rally as:

- 1) a verb to draw or call together for a common purpose
- 2) a noun meaning a renewal of energy in joint action

During the summer our many activities and events continually draw congregation members away from each other, especially on weekends. You start the summer with the good intentions of sticking to your Bible reading schedules, of worshipping regularly and attending Bible class but in reality our hectic schedules can easily derail us from those good intentions. Come the end of summer, we need a renewal of energy when it comes to spiritual matters which is hard to do on our own but can be much easier in a group. That's why we set aside one special day at the end of the summer to rally and draw together for a common purpose and renew our energy for worship, for digging into God's Word, for praying, and for serving.



September 9th
at 9:30

Join us on Sunday, September 9th as we will be drawing together for a special breakfast and renewing our energy for the common purpose of growing in trust and obedience to Jesus Christ.



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

Worship Schedule for September

SEPTEMBER 2nd: 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Holy Communion)
SCRIPTURES: Song of Solomon 2:8:13 *Mark 5:1-20
SERMON TITLE: "My Name Is Legion"
THEME: This is the second of the four "power" stories in which the disciples find out that Jesus is no mere "teacher." Sometimes our troubles come not one at a time but in whole armies. How does Jesus transform our lives when we are beset by troubles on every side?

SEPTEMBER 9th: 16th Sunday after Pentecost
SCRIPTURES: Psalm 125:1-5 *Mark 5:24-34
SERMON TITLE: "A Sick Woman Touches Jesus"
THEME: No one wants to be a second class citizen, yet many feel as if they are. Here Jesus shows his power to restore not only the body but the psyche and the spirit.

SEPTEMBER 16th: 17th Sunday after Pentecost
SCRIPTURES: Proverbs 1:20-33 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
 *Matthew 14:22-36
SERMON TITLE: "Walking on Water"
THEME: Not only does Jesus walk on the water, he invites Peter to do the same. What guidance does this story give you for times when it seems that Jesus is asking you to do impossible things.

SEPTEMBER 23th: 18th Sunday after Pentecost
SCRIPTURES: Proverbs 31:10-31 *Mark 8:22-26, 10:46-52
SERMON TITLE: "Giving Sight to the Blind"
THEME: In giving physical sight to the blind, Jesus teaches about the spiritual sight that he wants to give to his disciples. He wants us to see as God sees.

SEPTEMBER 30th: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
SCRIPTURES: Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22
 *John 11:1-3, 17-27, 38-47
SERMON TITLE: "Lazarus Is Raised From the Dead"
THEME: Jesus has the power over all things, even over death. Jesus wants to give us new life as well.

*Indicates main text for the sermon.

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Treasurer's Report

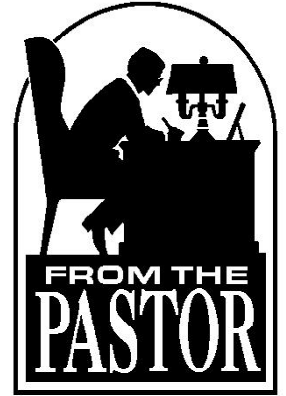
NET CASH FLOW - JULY	2017	2018
INCOME	\$81,353	\$
EXPENSES	\$77,740	\$
NET INCOME	\$3,613	\$

Activities & Meetings for

DEACON MEETING ó September 11th @ 5:00
 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ó Tuesday, September 18th at 5:00
 SESSION MEETING ó Tuesday, September 18th at 5:30
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / WORSHIP COMMITTEE ó Sunday, September 19th
 PRAYER GROUP ó Monday Mornings at 10:00
 BIBLE STUDY ó Wednesdays at 6:30
 CHOIR PRACTICE ó Thursday at 6:30

Pastor John's Jottings . . .

At this month's session meeting we invited The Rev. Ken Ramsey, Pastor of the Bridgeport United Methodist Church to come share some of his spiritual insights with us. Among the things that he shared were these 12 Affirmations of Faith for churches desiring to share faith, experience new life, and reach the unchurched.



1. It is God's intention to use the church to reach the world for Christ.
2. Every church is to be involved in this task.
3. God will provide the way for us to be faithful.
4. The church does not exist for itself, but for the unchurched.
5. There are fundamental shifts, which must occur in our self-understanding and practice if we are to reach out effectively
6. There is the tremendous need to listen to what unchurched persons are saying about & to the church.
7. The agenda of a congregation needs to begin to reflect the needs of the unchurched, not the church.
8. In order to effectively offer Christ, we must be willing to sacrifice entrenched ways of being and doing.
9. Unchurched persons can offer many gifts now for the church. (God's grace is stronger than our requirements and often operates even before we realize.)
10. We must be open with regard to our motives, letting the love of Christ constrain us, not the fear of extinction.
11. Feelings of insecurity often lead to growth both personally and corporately.
12. Stepping outside our walls will be required. The Christ crucified 'outside the gates' calls us to journey to the outside to be fruitful in ministry. The message from the margins will be essential to our discovery of new life.

In one sense, this is not new. It has always been the call of the church since ancient times. But in another sense, it is new in that we need to hear it anew for our times. Perhaps the biggest challenge for our times is number four. "The church does not exist for itself, but for the unchurched." Some might argue that the church exists for God and God's purposes, but surely God's purposes include reaching the unchurched. In the parable of lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7), Jesus tells about a shepherd that leaves his 99 sheep to go in search of the one that is lost.

Wednesday Night Bible Class

Join us on Wednesday nights with Pastor John. We gather at 6 for social time, with a lesson beginning at 6:30. Currently we are studying the different Christian denominations.

McClelland-Parlor Class invites you to attend Sunday School Class taught by Wayne Northey on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We spend a little time in fellowship with the lesson starting at 9:45 and continuing until 10:30. Currently we are studying the synoptic gospels.

Monday Morning Prayer Group
We invite you to join us at 10:00 to a relaxed and friendly meeting to lift up the prayers and praises of our church and our members, their families and friends, our community, and ourselves.
Presbyterian Women

First Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 5:30 p.m.

-The RLWilson investment account had a CD mature recently. We've placed an order for \$41,000 2-year Wells Fargo CD, 2.8%. It will settle on Aug 30. -Wayne

-The last work camp did work on 16 different homes! Thanks to Jeff Mitchell and all of our work camp task force for their great work!

-We agreed to schedule a Gideon speaker on September 23 or 30.

-Voted to once again pay milage for choir students to sing with our sanctuary choir. Students this year will be from West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon.

-We have hired Lance Kuhens as a part-time janitor for three hours per week. We will evaluate that set up in a couple off months to see how it is working.

-Screens have been put up on the inside of the bell tower to keep the pigeons out. It looks now like we may have to put some more addition screen on the outside above the entrance to keep the pigeons from roosting there.

-Leak on flat roof in Westminster Hall has been repaired and missing shingles on main roof have been replaced.

-Suzi Heger gave a report of the August 18th Presbytery Meeting.

-Rally Day will be September 9th and will start with breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

-Teacher appreciation and commissioning, as well as, acolyte recognition will take place in worship on September 9th.

-The first choir practice will be on Sept. 5th at 6 p.m. with their first Sunday singing being Sept. 9th.

-Pastor will be on Continuing Education leave Nov. 5-11th to attend the Festival of Theology at Louisville Seminary.

-Approved a use of building request from Jenna Bennett for use of Westminster Hall on Saturday Dec 1.

-Set date for Congregational meeting to elect officers. It will be October 28 after worship.

Pastor's Report:

hospital visits: 2 Other significant Pastoral visits: 27

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on July 1 and August 5

Home communion was served this month with the help of elder Connie Leuliette to 6 people.

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
June	17	17	\$ 1001.85	\$ 1001.85
July	7	7	\$ 477.42	\$ 477.42
TOTALS	22	22	\$ 1,479.27	\$ 1,479.27



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- September - 2
- September - 9 Cassie Delawder
- September -16 Courtney Nuzum
- September -23 Beckie Alvaro
- September -30 Janet Wilson

WORSHIP LEADERS

- September - 2 Harriett Northey
- September - 9 Kandy Atkinson
- September -16 Suzi Heiger
- September -23 Dick Ogden
- September -30 Denver Atkinson

DEACON GREETERS

- September - 2
- September - 9 Harriett Northey
- September -16 Ginger Delawder
- September -23 Harriett Northey
- September -30 Ginger Delawder

ACOLYTES

- September - 2
- September - 9 Ashleigh Burnett and Hannah Burnett
- September -16 Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell
- September -23 Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini
- September -30 Bradley Burnett and Anthony Corsini



Reredos Flowers

Dates available:

***September 9th, 16th, 30th
October 7th, 14th***



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jeep Wilson
- 1 - Lisa Leiberling
- 2 - David Allman
- 4 - Jackie Corsini
- 4 - Graylee Sophia Linville
- 7 - Jason Burnett
- 10 - Ginger Delawder
- 11 - John Boggess
- 16 - Chip Corsini
- 18 - Courtney Nuzum
- 22 - Jeff Mitchell
- 22 - Brian Nickerson
- 25 - Treytin Tustin
- 27 - Beckie Alvaro
- 28 - Brooks Thomas King
- 28 - Roberta Davis



In Special Care Facilities:

- Roberta Davis
- Marj Faris
- Joyce King
- Carrie Waters *Please Pray for...*
- Sara Graham



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS...

- ADKINS, Charles
- FOWLER, Angie
- GAINER, Hugh
- HEGER, Suzi
- HOLT, Jack
- HOOD, Robbie
- KING, Buddy
- KESLING, Lee
- KUHENS, Eric
- LYNCH, Jeanne
- MCCAMMON, Kyle
- MORGAN, Misty & Todd
- MUMMERT, George
- OLDAKER, Kenneth
- OLDAKER, Wilma
- SHIFFRA, Donna
- SHIFFRA, Everett
- SMITH, Donna
- STROMBERG, Rosemary