

The Church Mouse

First Presbyterian Church
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Friends,

What does the month of June indicate to you? Many area high school graduations happen in June. Does June mean the COMMENCEMENT of a new period in the life of young people? Does June mean taking the large step that many young people take of entering the job market and striking out on their own?

Or does June mean that time in life when many young people decide to make a lifelong commitment to another person? I myself decided to start my married life in this very church in the month of June.

And now, we as a church find ourselves in the position of starting out again as we search for a new minister. WE ARE IN THE MONTH

OF JUNE! As our search continues, we must remain positive; we must believe that our task of filling the pulpit is a part of God's plan. God is with us; he will continue to guide and direct us.

Consider this passage, Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

God bless you, everyone.

Carl Bower





Our prayers are with: Countries

with high Covid cases, Ruth Eshenaur, Erika Bryson, Shirley Yost, Lynn Peterson, Harriet & Richard Smith, Kate Shade, Frances Tovar, Gary Umstead, Jennifer Hughes, Rick's friend Mark, Lu Reed, George Sherry, Terri Hauck, Mark Trutt, Rhonda Snyder, Linda Zarzecki, Donna Walker, Roxie Trutt, Don Gresh, Alex Bartlett, Cliff Elmore, Pat Groover, Sandy Pick, Betty & Vergie Heim, Norma Bower, Ellen Malloney, John Marshall, Bonnie Catherman, Margaret Walker, Paul Berger, Ace Elmore

Our Special Care List: Bob Bartlett, Jeanne Becker, Jane Bergman, Reba Dotson, Gladys Klapp

Ministries: Missionaries-Doug Orbaker, Juan & Shirley Ocasio; Neighbors Helping Neighbors; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Haven Ministries, Snack-Pack Program

★ **Please give updates on the status of those on the list to Sherry.**



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, June 6 - 1 Samuel 8:4-11 16-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 13 - 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 20 - 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, June 27 - 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



Pastor Bryan Holmes will offer communion Sunday, June 6th.



Crazy Bingo resumes on Sunday, June 13th at 6:00 pm. Bring a wrapped "white elephant" prize.



- Sunday, June 20th



Session Meeting Thursday, June 24th 7:00pm in the Social Hall



Join the Men's Breakfast for food and Bible Study each Wednesday at 7:00 am.

SPEAKERS FOR JUNE 

**June 6 – Pastor Bryan Holmes
Worship Leader – Sandie Fairman**

**June 13 – Rev. Sally Dries
Worship Leader – Vicki Egli**

**June 20 – Rev. Bob Andrews
Worship Leader –**

**June 27 – Rev. Jim Ritter
Worship Leader – Ruth Brouse**



We are always looking for a fresh voice for the opening letter of the newsletter. If you would like to help out, please contact Sherry.



The Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC) has been meeting & moving forward with the search for a new pastor for our church. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the committee members: Karen Houser, Vicki Egli, Gary Umstead, Sandie Fairman, & Pam Bower.



We have had a good response for Per Capita collection so far this year. Thank you to everyone that has paid their Per Capita. The cost to the church for Per Capita this year is \$36 per member.

SPRING CLEANING?

Our Church is in partnership with Community Aid in Shamokin Dam. We get credit for any clothing donations made to them, by weight. If you are donating clothing to Community Aid, please include our partnership number so that we are credited with the donation. The number is 30141. Thank you!



Thanks to Carl for keeping the lawn mowed and trimmed

Thanks to the Men's Breakfast for moving the cross

Thanks to Carl & Karen for contributing letters to the newsletter

Thanks to Wally for picking music each week



BIRTHDAYS

- June 1 - Ruth Eshenaur
- June 8 - Sherry Armstrong
- June 14 - Christopher Brouse
Reba Dotson
Wally Fairman
- June 16 - Paul Smith
- June 17 - Rhys Lombardino



ANNIVERSARIES

- June 19 - Wally & Sandie Fairman
- June 20 - Jeff & Kathi Bower
Earl & Judy Harris
Joe & Shirley Mallach
- June 21 - Richard & Jeane Weigel
- June 23 - Andrew & Kayla Walters
- June 28 - Carl & Pam Bower









SESSION



Moderator - Rev. Steve Cureton

- Clerk - Ruth Brouse 570-490-0302
- Stephan Armstrong 570-768-6906
- Carl Bower 570-713-7374
- Vicki Egli 570-428-3644
- Wally Fairman 570-814-8193
- Emilie Hogg 570-437-2392
- Gwen Holmes 570-651-0855
- Karen Houser 570-538-2557
- Janet Kling 570-506-3217

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA-7p	2  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7p	3	4	5
6 Pastor B. Holmes  AA-7p	7	8 AA-7p	9  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7p	10	11	12
13 Rev. Sally Dries CRAZY BINGO - 6P AA-7p	14	15 AA-7p	16  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7p	17	18	19
20 Rev. Bob Andrews  AA-7p	21	22 AA-7p	23  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7p	24  Session Meeting 7pm	25	26
27 Rev. Jim Ritter AA-7p	28	29 AA-7p	30  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7p			

Make a Fruity Treat



Make this delicious dip to share with your family and friends.

You will need:

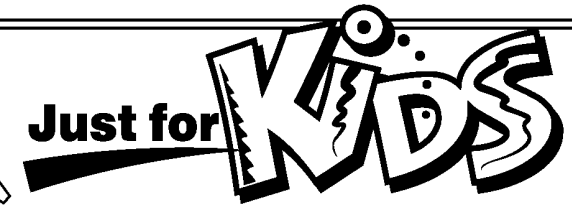
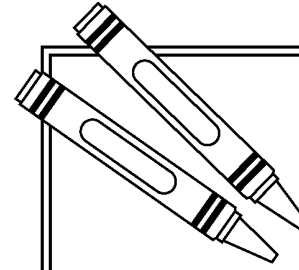
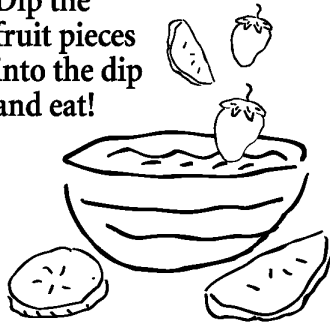
- small bowl
- spoon
- wire whisk
- cutting board
- knife
- 8-ounce carton of orange yogurt
- 1/2 of an 8-ounce package of pineapple-flavored soft cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- variety of fruits



How to make the treats:

- Put yogurt, cream cheese and sugar in bowl.
- Mix with whisk until smooth.
- Cut fruit into pieces. (Ask an adult to help with the knife.)

Dip the fruit pieces into the dip and eat!

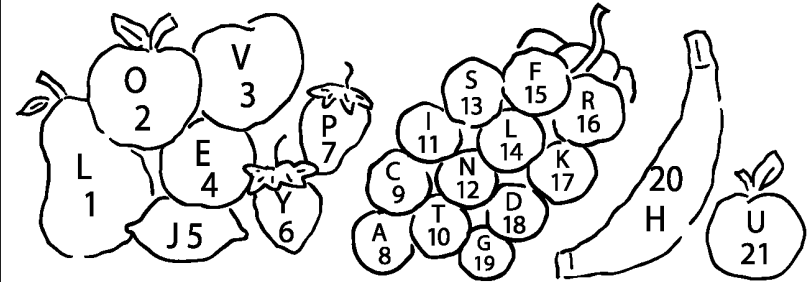


Fruit of the Spirit

In the summer we watch flowers, vegetables and fruit grow from tiny seeds and buds. That is also how we grow as children of God – from tiny beings. And as we grow, we need to grow “fruit of the Spirit.” In Galatians 5:22-23 we read about those “fruit of the Spirit.”

Find the “fruit of the Spirit.”

Write the letter from each fruit onto the numbered lines below.



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	15	8	11	10	20	15	21	14	12	4	13	13									

Answers: love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.