



# Among Friends

JULY, 2019

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## From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings!

My son, Jeff, took his sons Sam and Henry to get their flu shots a few years ago. Jeff decided to let Sam (the oldest) get his shot first, because he knew that if Henry went first and began to cry, Sam would never get his shot. When it was time for Sam to get his shot, he started to scream and yell and cry and throw himself all over the place. Finally, he received the shot and he cried and cried. Then it was time for little Henry to receive his flu shot. He crawled up on the table. The nurse pulled down his pants and gave him the shot. After receiving his shot, Henry jumped up and shouted, "I'm okay!"

Henry is okay. The question is this; is America okay? I believe America needs a great awakening. I believe that America needs a great revival. However, America will not be revived until its churches are revived. And America's churches will not be revived until individual members are revived.

Do you need revived? Does Friendship Presbyterian Church need revived?

***'Because they have forsaken the Lord, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of Egypt and have embraced other gods, worshiping and serving them—that is why he brought all this disaster on them (II Chronicles 7:22).'***

Folks, America has forsaken God. However, God has given us the solution.

***If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land (II Chronicles 7:14).***

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**AUGUST**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**July 24**

## From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

### SPECIAL DATES IN JULY

- Canada Day, July 1,  
2019
- U.S. Independence Day,  
July 4, 2019



Deadline for  
submission of **AUGUST**  
newsletter  
information is  
**JULY 24.**

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***If my people...***wow, that's US! We are God's people. Revival begins with God's people eagerly and passionately seeking Him. He has given us the instructions. Let's look at them.

***If my people, who are called by my name,  
will humble themselves.***

First, if God's people are to be revived, we must humble ourselves. The first step is HUMILITY. It's not easy to be humble. However, when we are, God can bend us and mold us to be more Christlike. We must humble ourselves before God.

***If my people, who are called by my name,  
will humble themselves and pray.***

Have you been praying for this country? This nation will be revived when God's people get on their knees, with tears in their eyes, with sincere hearts and ask God to save this nation. We need to pray long, intense and unyielding prayers from the depths of our hearts. That is the kind of prayer that will revive this country.

***If my people who are called by my name,  
will humble themselves and pray and seek my face.***

We need to seek God's face. And when we do, we will begin to see God's plan for His people. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to seek God.

***If my people who are called by my name,  
will humble themselves and pray and seek my face  
and turn from their wicked ways.***

Next, we must turn from our wicked ways. We need to confess our sins...we need to repent. We must turn away from our sins and turn to God.

We need to realize that Democrats can't save America. Republicans can't save America. Joe Biden can't save America. Donald Trump can't save America. Only God can save America.

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, please remember that we must be dependent upon God. Brothers and sisters, we have the power of God to be revived and to revive America.

**God Bless America!**

***Diane***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 7**      **Worship and Communion Service**,  
Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor  
Diane Whitman will lead the service.  
Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- July 13**      **Second Saturday Concert**, Community  
Center, featuring the music of Tom  
and Gina Toth. Refreshments at 6:30  
p.m., concert will follow at 7:00 p.m.  
(More info on page 4.)
- July 14**      **Worship Service**, Worship Center,  
11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will  
lead the service. Sunday school  
begins at 10:00 a.m.
- July 21**      **Worship Service**, Worship Center,  
11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will  
lead the service. Sunday school  
begins at 10:00 a.m.
- July 28**      **Worship Service**, Worship Center,  
11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will  
lead the service. Sunday school  
begins at 10:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

July lessons (and also June 30th) come from the Sermon on the Mount based on scripture from Matthew 5. These lessons show how Jesus gave new meaning and new purpose to the law. Jesus' message warns us about the danger of hypocrisy...the sin of using religion to cover sin and to promote his own gains. Join us at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning to study God's word, to gain understanding, and to apply it to our lives.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday School class has finished it's tours with Jesus! We will be starting a new curriculum that centers around learning to look up verses in the Bible. We would like to encourage our kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids to come and see what in being planned for the summer lessons!!! There's plenty of room for YOU!

## A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH

*Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father's world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.*



—Sandy Hyland

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

This month's **Second Saturday Concert** (July 13) Tom and Gina Toth of Humble Ministries. Tom and Gina are dedicated to serving God's people and reaching out to the unbeliever. Their goal is to reach as many people as possible, to uplift spirits and heal the broken-hearted through a mix of Southern gospel, folk, hymns, original tunes, and fun participation songs.

Dessert and snacks begin at 6:30 p.m. Music starts at 7:00 p.m. Watch for the sign up sheet for providing dessert/snacks.



# THE SATURDAY CONCERT



Join us for refreshments and settle in for the concert!  
**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!**

## SERVING THIS MONTH



### PREACHING

7/7	Pastor Diane Whitman
7/14	Pastor Diane Whitman
7/21	Pastor Diane Whitman
7/28	Pastor Diane Whitman



### LITURGISTS

7/7	Michele Lagnese
7/14	Bill Kreuzer
7/21	Ruth Keith
7/28	Michele Lagnese



### GREETERS

7/7	Joanie West
7/14	Heather Datt
7/21	Evelyn Vargo
7/28	Dave and Donna Walker



### PROJECTIONISTS

7/7	Jeremy Whitehouse
7/14	Benjamin Vukson
7/21	Jeremy Whitehouse
7/28	Benjamin Vukson

# Prayer List

Anne D. (Missionary to India)  
Sally Alben  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
Donna Boehm  
Candy Boulanger  
Kayla Brundige  
The Ian Campbell Family  
Lilburn Cooper  
Ruth Cooper  
Kathy Reimers Cratty  
Kay Curtis  
Bessie Datt  
Heather Datt  
Jim Dickey  
Dennis Dickey  
Mark Doerr  
Bertha Durnell  
Randy Durnell  
Blanche, English  
Jennifer Gilliland

Harry and Janny Graham  
Donna Grossman  
Rick Grossman  
David Hall  
John Hines  
Timothy James  
Jennie Jamieson  
Rev. William Jamieson  
Graham Larimore  
Lisa Leach and Family  
Ed Lind  
Joe Lowers  
Kevin Michael  
Ruth Molt  
Randy Morgan  
Jessie Myers  
David Parker  
Karen Piper  
Bill and Chris Schroeder  
Micheal Scott  
Helen Taggart  
Joe Vivelo

Seth Vogan  
Donna Walker  
Jeremy (God will know which one).  
Our military at home and abroad  
Persecuted Christians around the world,  
Alpha Omega (SR)  
Pregnancy Center  
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard  
Beaver Butler Presbytery  
The PCUSA  
The Church of Jesus Christ.

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”  
James 5:16*

## WEIGHED DOWN

Many people dream of having the “right stuff” to fly to space. Recently, 18,300 people applied for just 12 astronaut spots at NASA! Fanfare over the moon landing’s 50th anniversary is sure to spark even more interest.

*Leaving behind earthly troubles and floating in zero gravity must be amazing, right? Not, it turns out, for one’s body. Weightlessness takes a heavy physical toll in space. Without resistance, muscles waste away and bones weaken. Bodily systems we take for granted are disrupted, causing disorientation. To counteract these effects, astronauts wear resistance suits while exercising. Ironically, after escaping Earth’s gravity, they must replace it.*

*Similarly, we long for trouble-free days and pray for an end to earthly burdens, not recognizing that exertion, whether physical or spiritual, builds strength. “He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood,” said Harry Emerson Fosdick. “He who faces no calamity will need no courage. ... The characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of troubles.”*

*Every weighty challenge is a reason to “rejoice ... knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope” (Romans 5:3-4, ESV).*

—Stephanie Martin



## REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

### BIRTHDAYS

Helen Taggart, 7/6  
Luke Sybert, 7/13  
Bill Kreuzer, 7/20  
Ray Vukson, 7/24  
Craig Allison, 7/27

### ANNIVERSARY

Matt & Emily Sybert, 7/10  
Dan & Tiffany Sybert, 7/12

Bessie Datt  
Orchard Manor  
20 Orchard Dr.  
Grove City, PA 16127

Jessie Myers  
Grove Manor  
435 North Broad Street  
Grove City, PA 16127

Helen Taggart  
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JUST FOR FUN

PATRIOTIC  
PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4<sup>th</sup> craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:






1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A=  E=  I=  O=  U= 

\_ k \_ \_ p my \_ y \_ s  
 \_ lw \_ ys \_ n th \_ L \_ RD.  
 W \_ th h \_ m \_ t my  
 r \_ ght h \_ nd,  
 \_ w \_ ll n \_ t b \_ sh \_ k \_ n.  
 Ps \_ lm 16:8, N \_ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV



# SATURDAY CONCERT



June 8, 2019

Featuring Ken and Cindy Hall

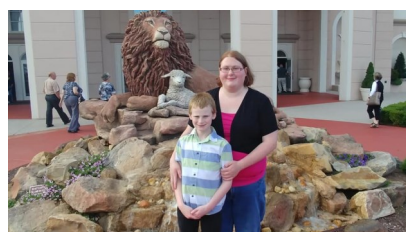


Another exceptional evening with friends and family and inspirational music. Ken and Cindy are musicians from Cooperstown Presbyterian Church (Diane's "northern" church). We thank them for sharing their exceptional talent with the FPC family/

These concerts have been a breath of fresh air at FPC and in our community...if YOU haven't attended one come out on July 13 and join in the entertainment, food and fellowship!

## June 20-21, 2019 Friends Travel to Lancaster

Eight of our FPC family and 35 brothers and sisters in Christ from eighteen churches were blessed to have a wonderful trip to Lancaster to see the Sight and Sound Theater presentation of "Jesus." They also enjoyed shopping, touring, and **eating** in Amish Country! Plans are being formulated for a 2020 trip to Kentucky to visit the "Ark" and the "Creation Museum." Watch for details!





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