



# Among Friends

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## From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings!

Can you believe it? In less than a month school begins and for all intents and purposes, summer will be over. As I get older, I realize that time really does fly. Time is one of our most precious commodities and it always seems to be in short supply!

***Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."***

***For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. For you sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered. We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. (Psalm 90:1-10)***

***Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)***



**SEPTEMBER**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**August 21**

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## THE HEART OF JESUS



The idea of a spiritual heart transplant is a vivid image to me; once you have the heart of somebody else inside you, then that heart is there. Jesus' heart is inside me, and my heart is gone. So if God were to place a stethoscope against my chest, he would hear the heart of Jesus Christ beating.

—Max Lucado

## From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

In this scripture, we see the timelessness of God—"everlasting to everlasting." And we also see temporal nature of people—we are "dust", we are "withered", and we have a limited time to be on this earth—"seventy years—or eighty." Moses looks back and realizes how quickly life has passed by.

I saw the following chart in a Bible study I am doing. How much time do you have left?

Age 22 = 8:20 am on the clock of life  
 Age 32 = 11:20 am on the clock of life  
 Age 42 = 3:20 pm on the clock of life  
 Age 52 = 6:20 pm on the clock of life  
 (you have 1,092 weeks left)

Jesus' life was short (33 years), yet he made a real difference in the lives of others. He was a good steward of his time. Are you? Do you take time in your relationship with God? Do you take time to spend with your family? Do you take time to minister to others?

***Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.  
 (Ephesians 5:15-16)***

Folks, summer is almost over and fall is rapidly approaching--in other words, time goes quickly, make the most of the time you have left! Spend the time you have left wisely. Tell others the Good News of the Gospel. Tell them today!

**In His Service,**

**Diane**



Deadline for submission of

**SEPTEMBER**  
newsletter  
information is

**AUGUST 21**

Submit to:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 4** **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.
- August 10** **Second Saturday Concert**, Community Center, featuring the music of Barry and Debbie Wiles. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., concert will follow at 7:00 p.m. (More info on page 4.)
- August 11** **Worship Service**, Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- August 18** **BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS** **Worship Service**, Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- August 25** **PRAISE 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:

August lessons will focus on personal covenants between people by studying David and Jonathan, Ruth and Naomi and the marriage covenant as outlined by the apostle Paul. Scriptures included will be I Samuel 18-19, Ruth 1 and 3 and Ephesians 5. Join us for a time of Bible study and conversation as we learn about God's will for our lives. All are welcome at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday School class is learning how to look up scripture in the Bible and historical facts about the Bible. They are also learning the categories of the different books of the Bible. For each unit they have the chance to memorize a verse and a challenge verse. If a student learns all of the challenge verses they will earn a bigger prize.

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Gracious God,

*As summer fades, new possibilities lie on the horizon. Bless all those who are beginning or returning to their roles as teachers and staff as well as those who lead and support them in their efforts. May this school year be a time of grace and potential as they teach, share, and challenge others to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Bless our children and youth, along with their parents and caretakers as they begin a new school year. May their minds be open to learning and to the wonder of discovery and insight. Be with all who embark on this new school year. Amen.*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

This month's **Second Saturday Concert (August 10)** will feature a return performance by Barry and Debbie Wiles. Barry and Debbie are dedicated to serving their Gospel Ministry. They will be traveling "all the way" from Slippery Rock Campground to share their southern gospel music program. We look forward to their performance before they return to their home in North Carolina for the winter.

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

8/4	Pastor Diane Whitman
8/11	Pastor Diane Whitman
8/18	Pastor Diane Whitman
8/25	Pastor Diane Whitman



### LITURGISTS

8/4	Ruth Keith
8/11	Bill Kreuzer
8/18	Michele Lagnese
8/25	Ruth Keith



### GREETERS

8/4	Dave and Donna Walker
8/11	Heather Datt
8/18	Evelyn Vargo
8/25	Joanne Campbell and Lydia Frmpton



### PROJECTIONISTS

8/4	Jeremy Whitehouse
8/11	Benjamin Vukson
8/18	Jeremy Whitehouse
8/25	Benjamin Vukson



# THE SATURDAY CONCERT



July 13, 2019  
Featuring Ken and Cindy Hall



Another wonderful evening with friends and family and inspirational music. Tom and Gina Toth (and Frank) of Humble Ministries. We thank them for sharing their story and 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 August 10 and join in the entertainment, food and fellowship!



Friendship Presbyterian Women will be packing school kits and hygiene kits for World Church Service at their September meeting. We will be asking for 70 page notebooks, pencils, 24-pack crayons, large erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, and BLUNT school scissors.

Coming soon: the sign-up sheet for donations for school kits.

Friendship Presbyterian Women are also asking for help from anyone willing to prepare hygiene kits. Information will be available the 1st Sunday of August. All items must be turned in by September 8 or brought to FPW meeting on September 11.



# Prayer List

*“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*

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  
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  
The Ruth Molt Family  
Randy Morgan  
Jessie Myers  
David Parker  
Karen Piper  
Bill and Chris Schroeder  
Micheal Scott  
Helen Taggart  
Joe Vivelò  
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.



## SUMMER FRUIT BASKET

Taste some fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) — perfect for summer, and all year round!

- **Love:** “There is always an ‘again’ with love.”  
—Unknown
- **Joy:** “I don’t think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains.”  
—Anne Frank
- **Peace:** “Peace begins with a smile.”  
—Mother Teresa
- **Patience:** “The purposes of God may sometimes seem delayed, but they are never abandoned.”  
—H.C. Mears
- **Kindness:** “Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”  
—Mark Twain
- **Goodness:** “Goodness means to do things for the glory of God.”  
—Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- **Faithfulness:** “Do small things as if they were great because of the majesty of Christ, who does them in us.”  
—Blaise Pascal
- **Gentleness:** “There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness.”  
—Han Suyin
- **Self-control:** “God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”  
—2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)



### BIRTHDAYS

Dave Walker, 8/1  
Pat Bickel, 8/14  
Matt Sybert, 8/17  
Virginia Merkle, 8/20  
Chris Hogg, 8/22  
Ruth Keith, 8/29  
Dennis Grosky, 8/30  
John Black, 8/31

### ANNIVERSARY

Craig & Doris Allison, 8/16  
Robert & Michele Lagnese, 8/16  
Roy and Karen Pepper, 8/17  
Don and Pat Bickel, 8/21

### REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

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Orchard Manor  
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Grove City, PA 16127

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

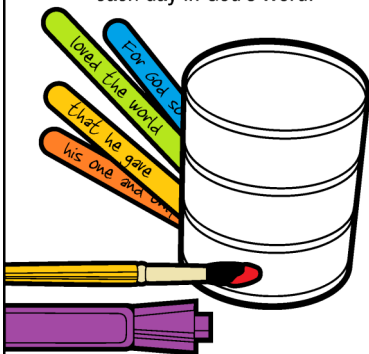
Helen Taggart  
Orchard Manor  
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**JUST FOR FUN**

**WAKE-UP WORDS**

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



**What you need:**

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

**What you do:**

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



**GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE**

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

*Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.*

- Brush these daily
- Do this to your shoes
- This rises in the east
- Cold breakfast food
- Hot breakfast food
- Talk to God
- Morning meal
- Extend your limbs
- Fruit drink
- Waffle machine
- Eat these scrambled or fried



Because of the LORD's great love ...     
            never fail. They are  
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions





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# GOODBYE JULY HELLO AUGUST

Please be a  
good month  
and bring  
smiles and  
happiness  
to my  
family & friends.



Submitted by  
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