



Among Friends

SEPTEMBER, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings!

Summer is quickly coming to an end and now it's harvest time. We are now seeing all the wonderful produce at road side stands and in the stores. However, this was a difficult season for the farmers. Too much rain is as bad as too little.

This past summer the farmers watched the weather, hoping that the rain would subside. Too much rain meant the crops would rot before they would ripen. All the produce we see now represents a year's worth of work and income for the farmer so that he can begin all over again next spring.

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-8

Waiting is just plain hard, but we are called to be patient. We need patience as we go through the rainy season of life...temptations, disappointments and troubles. We look around and we see the world seems out of control. Maybe you have been waiting for God to answer your prayers and it seems as though he hasn't heard or even worse, He just doesn't care.

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September 25

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SPECIAL DATES

- Labor Day, September 2
- National Grandparents Day, September 8
- Patriot Day, September 11
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 – Oct. 15
- First day of autumn, September 23

The farmer doesn't know for sure when the rains will come to an end. But thanks to the Word of God, we can know certain things. Our trials, our struggles, and our sufferings will not be in vain and they won't last forever. God will harvest righteousness in our hearts and in our lives when we keep the faith. And someday, very soon, Jesus will return and all wrongs will be made right. That's the hope we have. That's the promise we have been given.

In His Service,

Diane



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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The lesson theme for this fall is "Responding to God's Grace." September lessons come from the Old Testament studying God's faithfulness to Abraham, His answer to Hannah's prayer, and His provision to the Israelites in the Exodus despite their rebellion. All are welcome at 10 a.m. for a time of Bible study, discussion and sharing.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

This month's **Second Saturday Concert** (September 14) will feature the music of LifeGate Band. LifeGate is a ministry out of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Prospect, PA. They share the love of Jesus Christ through music and personal testimonies. LifeGate brings a warm style that is mainly between country and bluegrass; playing the classic hymns, some Christian music down through the decades, and their own original material. Their concerts move between lively songs where the bass and mandolin are going strong, to soft songs with mellow rhythm guitar, blending vocals, and the presence of a harmonica.

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

9/1	Pastor Diane Whitman
9/8	Pastor Diane Whitman
9/15	Pastor Diane Whitman
9/22	Pastor Diane Whitman
9/29	Rev. James Campbell



LITURGISTS

9/1	Bill Kreuzer
9/8	Michele Lagnese
9/15	Ruth Keith
9/22	Bill Kreuzer
9/29	Michele Lagnese



GREETERS

9/1	Joanie West
9/8	Donna and Dave Walker
9/15	Heather Datt
9/22	Evelyn Vargo
9/29	Joanne Campbell



PROJECTIONISTS

9/1	Jeremy Whitehouse
9/8	Benjamin Vukson
9/15	Jeremy Whitehouse
9/22	Benjamin Vukson
9/29	Jeremy Whitehouse

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 1** **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.
- September 8** **Worship Service**, Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- September 11** **Friendship Presbyterian Women meeting**, Worship Center, 7:00 p.m. Join us for Bible study, refreshments and packing of school kits
- September 14** **Second Saturday Concert**, Community Center, featuring the music of LifeGate Band. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., concert will follow at 7:00 p.m. (More info on page 3)
- September 15** **Worship Service**, Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- September 22** **Worship Service**, Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- September 29** **Worship Service**, Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Rev. James Campbell will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.



SCHOOL KITS: Thank you to all you have signed up to donate school supplies for the women's group August project of packing school kits for World Church Service. All items are due the second Sunday of September or at the women's meeting on Wednesday, September 11. (Worship Center)

HYGIENE KITS: The September project for the women's group is hygiene kits also for World Church Service. If you wish to help with that, you are asked to make a kit (or kits) to donate. Instructions are on the vestibule table. These kits are due the second Sunday of September or at the women's meeting on September 11. (Worship Center)

In a previous update, it was announced that we would be sending some of the excess Bibles stored at the Community Center to a Connecticut ministry to migrant workers. This ministry was brought to our attention by Rev. Donna Yanosy. Donna graciously paid for the shipping of two dozen Bibles that were shipped. The Bibles were received and have indeed been distributed to migrant workers in that area. We still have about a dozen Bibles left and Ruth Keith will be dropping off those to Donna as she travels through Connecticut on an upcoming trip.



Chris Hogg plans to make a delivery to the Butler branch of "Dress for Success" in October (if there are at least 18 items).

Please be thinking of possible winter clothing we can offer to the clients for a delivery in October.

Share the news with friends and neighbors that might not know of this organization.

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
The Family of Donna Boehm
(Bill Kreuzer’s sister)
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
The Family of Lilburn Cooper
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Kathy Reimers Cratty
Kay Curtis
Bessie Datt
Heather Datt
Dennis Dickey
Jim 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
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen Piper
Bill and Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
The Family of Bill Smith
Helen Taggart

Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
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.



LABORS OF LOVE

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, “It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God.” As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer’s end but in celebrating the ways nearly all “duties and labors of life” can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they’ll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in “spiritual union with God”: cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.


In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful


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Isabella Vukson, September 1
Marianna Crawford, September 7
Anastacia Crawford, September 10
Melanie Frampton, September 11
Nicholas Frampton, September 16
Lillian Whitehouse, September 16
Donna Yanosy, September 28

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

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JUST FOR FUN

BACK-TO-SCHOOL
HUMOR



What kind of school do you go to if you're ...

... an ice cream man?
Sundae school

... a giant? High school

... a surfer? Boarding school

... King Arthur?
Knight school



Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.



Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

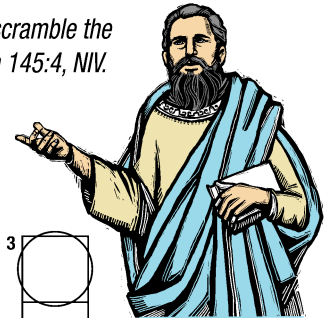
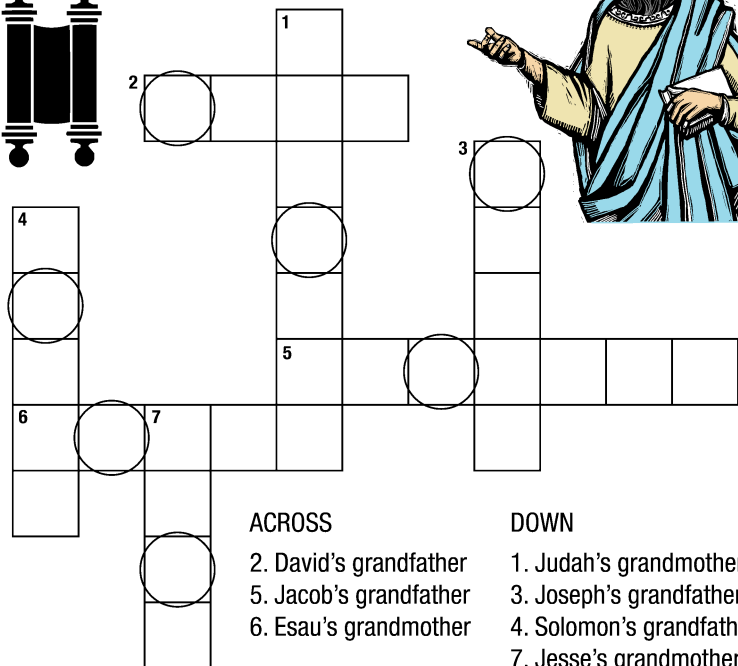
Student: In jail!



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

ACROSS

- 2. David's grandfather
- 5. Jacob's grandfather
- 6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

- 1. Judah's grandmother
- 3. Joseph's grandfather
- 4. Solomon's grandfather
- 7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obad, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation





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