

Among Friends

JUNE, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings;

It is hard to believe that the Easter season is over and now we celebrate the ascension of Jesus and on June 5th we will celebrate Pentecost. Time goes so quickly and it seems like everyone has some place to go. Many of us are planning on going on a vacation this summer. Others are planning to go visit family or friends. As we look at Acts 1, we see that even back then, everyone had someplace to go.

He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight (Acts 1:9).

Jesus had someplace to go. He was going to heaven to be with his Father. He was going to heaven to sit on his throne. He was going to heaven to prepare a place for US!

The Holy Spirit had someplace to go...within us. Aren't you glad that when Jesus ascended that he didn't leave us all alone? Jesus knew that we would be powerless without the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit entered into the disciples and those weak and frightened men were filled with power...the power of God himself! And the Spirit does the same for us.

Jesus had someplace to go...heaven. The Holy Spirit had someplace to go...within us. And we have someplace to go.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)."

And finally, we are going out. Aren't you glad that we aren't alone? We are called to go out and not just in Jerusalem...not just

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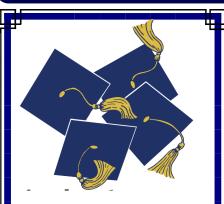
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Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to Friendship Presbyterian Church Class of 2022

Anastacia Crawford Slippery Rock High School

Rebekah Hogg Grove City College

Benjamin Vukson Slippery Rock High School





From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

Judea...not just Samaria...not just Slippery Rock, but to the ends of the earth. And we won't go alone, the Holy Spirit will be with us to empower us and to guide us to do the ministry God has called us to do, wherever he has called us to do it.

The message is simple: on Christmas, Christ came down--on Easter' Christ was raised up--on the Ascension, Christ went up to heaven to be with his Father. Someday we will also be raised up and into heaven to be with God. But until then, the Holy Spirit will empower us to go out and do the work we have been given to do.

The prayer of St. Teresa of Avila
"Christ has no body now on earth but ours,
No hands but ours,
No feet but ours.

Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world.

Ours are the hands with which to bless everyone now.

Ours are the feet with which (Jesus) is to go about doing good."

Amen!

This summer as you are going out, remember this; you have been empowered to make a difference for the kingdom of God wherever you are!

In His service, **Diane**

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to look for the sign!











WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

All are welcome to join the adult Sunday School Class as we begin the summer season. June lessons come from Isaiah 47, 49, and 52 looking at the future destruction of Babylon and deliverance for Israel. We will be talking a lot about trust... who do you trust most deeply? Do you trust that God sent Jesus as a light to the world? Do you trust that God is working behind the scenes? Do you listen to the Lord? Deep questions. You are invited... 9:45 a.m. every Sunday morning.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's. Sunday School class is studying how to live a Godly life. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

JUNE 5, 2022 WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE

PENTECOST Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all

ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.

GRADUATE During this service we will be honoring Slippery Rock RECOGNITION

High School graduates Anastacia Crawford and Benjamin Vukson and Grove City College graduate

Rebekah Hogg.

FPC WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING at the Community JUNE 8, 2022

> Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying Lesson 1 (A Bundle of Emotions) in the Bible studying "Managing Your Emotions." Hostesses for the

evening are Doris Allison and Donna Walker.

JUNE 11, 2022 **SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT** featuring ventriloquist

> Cindy Speck at the Community Center. Refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at

7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., JUNE 12, 2022 TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.

JUNE 14, 2022 FLAG DAY

JUNE 17, 2022 DINNER AND A MOVIE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER:

> Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the movie, "The Cokeville Miracle." Come and bring a friend!

JUNE 19, 2022 FATHER'S DAY

WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.,

Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.

JUNE 21. 2022 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

JUNE 26, 2022 WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.,

Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m.



Anne D. April and Todd Bonnie of Georgia The Alben Family Gary Allison Jane Allison Carly Atkisson Zachary Barto Candy Boulanger Kayla Brundige Tyler Burson Martie Cooper Phyllis Cooper **leff & Cindy Cross** Heather Datt **Jim Dickey** Mark Doerr Blanche English Jennifer Gilliland Donna Grossman Timothy James

William Jamieson

Graham Larimore

Landry Lawson

Mary Messer Kevin Michael Willard Morse Randy Morgan David Parker Bernie and Linda Bill & Chris Schroeder Micheal Scott Cindy Solman's Mother and Sister George Sonnet & Family

Ed Lind

Jerry Lorenz

loe Lowers

Will McCoy

Joe Vivelo Seth Vogan Joan West Woman from Michigan Our military at home and Rev. & Mrs. abroad

> Persecuted Christians around the world

The Family of Tom

Sweeney

"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

> Alpha Omega (SR) Pregnancy Center Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard Beaver Butler Presbytery Cooperstown Church **Family** Friendship Presbyterian Church Family All those who have been impacted by



COVID19

The people of Ukraine and Russia, their leaders and the world leaders and the world's people.

The Origin of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor] fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, WA. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men.

Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first U. S. president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.





ANNIVERSARIES

Nathaniel Vukson, 6/3 Michele Lagnese, 6/28 Rebekah Hogg, 6/29 Lily Sybert, 6/30

BIRTHDAYS



Dennis & Sandie Grosky June 8 Dave & Donna Walker June 26





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On May 14 our SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT featured the music of Jeff and Barb ("Noble Cause.") They presented an outstanding concert which included gospel, traditional and contemporary music. It was an evening of inspiration for all who attended.



COMING JUNE 11



Ventriloquist Cindy Speck and friends will present a fun program with a Christian message! Cindy performed for us a few years back and many have been asking to have her

here again. Invite your friends and family (and bring the kids). Snacks and beverages starting at 6:30. Performance at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up to provide snacks and help clean up afterwards.

On July 9 Barry and Debby Wiles with a program of Christian music along with heart-felt witness to the love of God and what He has done in their lives.



WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN Submitted by Ruth Keith

When We All Get To Heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!

That's a verse from a poem written by Eliza Edmunds Hewitt(1851-1920). Eliza was concerned that children understand the gospel and the basic truths of the Bible. She was a public school teacher until a back injury caused her to be bedridden for several years and used that time to study the Bible and write poetry for children. She became friends with the blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby, and the two met to discuss and share ideas for new hymns.

The poem "When We All Get to Heaven" was dedicated to the children in Eliza's Sunday school class in Philadelphia and was first published in 1898. Emily Devine(1865-1942) composed the music. She was a fellow Philadelphian and the wife of a Methodist minister. She often attended camp meetings at the Ocean Grove campground in New Jersey. Camp meetings were common in the late 1800s. The hymn has a marching rhythm that reflects the triumph of the saved as they arrive in heaven. The spirit of the meetings often focused on Christ's imminent return and taking the saved to heaven.

The last verse of this poem reads:

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold
Soon the pearly gates will open:
We shall tread the streets of gold.





Submitted by Heather Datt