



LIGHT FROM THE TOWER

June 2012

The mission of historic First Church is to bring diverse people of metropolitan Buffalo together to follow Jesus Christ through worshiping God, fostering spiritual growth and serving the community.

**AN EPISTLE FROM PHIL
TO ALL THE SAINTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

As we move ever closer to the summer months and continue seeking God's will for our future I am amazed at all the joyous moments we seen around here at First Presbyterian Church. The Bicentennial Dinner and the Jubilee Worship Celebration during May were both wonderful moments in our life together. But I want to share a few more equally joyous moments that not everyone sees.

I want to share a moment during a recent Sunday morning adult class when one of the members asked a question about how we think God works in our lives. As the discussion continued we could all feel that we were coming to new understandings together. It was as if I could see little light bulbs going on over the head of each member in the room— including my own. While we didn't jump up and down or dance or anything like that it was clear that the feeling in the room was one of deep satisfaction and understanding.

Another moment came recently when I was with a young family in our church. The children were a bit rambunctious but still well behaved. As I spoke with the parents I could see that the mother was a little concerned with her children's behavior. So I took a moment and asked the youngster a question that only she could answer. The parents looked a bit concerned as the child thought about what to say. What the child did was give a simple answer, but afterward one of the parents said that just taking time to ask the child a question and listen for the answer really impressed the youngster. I wonder how many of our adults know what an impression of love and concern you might make if you just took the time to ask some young child a simple question— and then waited to hear the answer.

These are but a couple of moments when I have felt God's Spirit working in and around me lately. What about you? Are you attuned to the moments? There are lots of great and wonderful "big" moments, but what about the many more little moments when God's silent Spirit speaks in sighs too deep for words? Those are the times I hope you'll be looking for as we continue ministry in the summer of 2012.

May God bless us all,

Phil Gittings





On Sunday, June 24th,
summer worship begins at
10:00 AM in the Chapel.



ALLENTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL JUNE 9-10

The 55th Annual Allentown Arts Festival will take place June 9-10. Please note that the festival closes Allen & Wadsworth Streets, as well as Delaware Avenue south of North Street. Please allow extra time to get to church.



Make Summer Time A Worship Time

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Let's make this summer a time when we pay special attention to God! We will begin our summer worship schedule on June 24 as we move the worship time from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and move the worship location from the sanctuary to the chapel. This summer we have some great worship experiences in store for us and we hope you'll make special efforts to worship God together during this summer.

The summer of 2012 worship will feature a worship services focusing on the same themes as the children are going to be learning in their Sunday school classes. The children will learn about events and places in the Bible and each week the sermon and worship service will be designed to focus on the same passages of Scripture and the same stories. It should be great fun for us all. We will also use several different approaches to worship as we pray together, sing God's praises, and seek God's will for our individual lives, and for our life together.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for volunteers to help supervise our nursery age children for the duration of the worship service (Sundays from 9:30-12:30 and 8:30-11:30 in the summer). Any times or dates you can help out would be greatly appreciated! Please call Rebecca at 884-7250, ext. 16.



Summer Adult Education

Our Adult Education opportunities just keep on coming. During the month of June our Adult Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m. to continue our discussion of Donald K. McKim's delightful little book A Down and Dirty Guide to Theology. This book is written to help anyone who has ever thought about God and how our Lord works in our lives. You don't have to read the book to come to the class. This study will be held on June 10 and June 17.

THEN...

A BIT OF BICENTENNIAL HISTORY

Beginning on June 24: Our Adult class will shift meeting times to 8:30 a.m. (yes-we decided to be early birds and meet before worship during the summer). The Summer study will be a discussion of the religious history of our area during the early days of our own congregation using the classic historical study of Western New York in the early 1800's The Burned-Over District by Whitney R. Cross. This book chronicles the story of religious and other movements in our area from 1800-1850 and is a classic of cultural history.

You don't have to read the book to share in the study, but we do hope you'll come and join us early each Sunday after June 24 for our discussion of The Burned Over District!

Community & Mission Opportunities in June



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Sunday, June 24 from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM

Held the fourth Sunday of each month, gather in the Narthex after worship to walk our Symphony Circle neighborhood and pick up litter. This fun activity is great for exercise, fellowship, and the community!

TAKE A TURN AT FAMILY PROMISE OF WNY

Saturday, June 24 at Grace Lutheran

The CMO Committee invites you to assist a homeless family as First Church takes a turn with the Family Promise program. Speak to Erica Wichtowski or Molly Anthony for more information.

FEED THE HUNGRY

All Summer long

Remember, the Lyon Food Pantry will be open all summer long, so please consider making donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, or monies to purchase groceries.

Thank you!



To the Members of First Presbyterian Church:

As many of you know, I have recently taken the position of Christian Education Director, and I feel honored to be here! I have always known that God has a well-developed, intricate plan for each of His children, and when I was queried about this position, I knew that it was surely the divine Lord working in my life.

With a background in education, I was struggling to find work as a teacher. When I heard that First Presbyterian was looking for a CE Director, I was delighted at the opportunity to serve God, and this community of believers toward whom I had become so affectionate.

Growing up, church was a second home; there was always something going on to be a part of—from Sunday school to mission trips, potlucks and lock-ins. Church was a safe haven, where you could be in the company of people who believed in the same restorative love of Christ Jesus. What an extraordinary feeling to be surrounded by so many people who genuinely care—a church family is truly a Heavenly gift. I found that same warm feeling and productive synergy in this place; and was immediately drawn to the compassionate nature of the First Church family and the energy exuded here! I knew, almost immediately, I had found a “new” second home. My philosophy is that education is the key to opening new doors and travelling down paths not yet navigated. Ongoing reflection and metacognition are how we grow. It is in continual learning about our risen Lord that a transformation occurs from a follower of Jesus into a deeply committed believer— someone who can take the Good News and go out and tell the world! Christian education offers an avenue for learning more deeply about the love of God, the salvation of the resurrected Jesus, and the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit, present always.

I am excited to continue learning and growing with you as we work together to achieve God’s will in this beautiful place and welcoming community of believers. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please, also, keep an eye out for Christian Education updates and news. A new addition to the *Tower* can be found entitled “Parent’s Corner”, where practical ways of teaching the Bible and Jesus’ love outside of church can be found!

Peace and Blessings,
Rebecca Laubenstein

Parent's Corner

By Rebecca Laubenstein, Christian Education Dir.

Parent's Corner is designed to offer ideas of how you can incorporate God's love and his promises into your day-to-day living. How important and reassuring for your children to know that God loves them always and is an integral part of their every-day life, not just on Sundays at church!

Pre-school Age Focus: JESUS LOVES EVERYONE!

Bible Verse: "Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

Bible Story: Luke 10:25-37— Jesus shares the story of the Good Samaritan to teach us that we should help others and show love to everyone.

At Home: BATH TIME: As you bathe your child, look her in the eyes and tell her that Jesus loves her SOOOOOOOO much. And guess what! Jesus loves all of our family and friends too! Help your child think of as many friends and family by name as possible while you bathe her. Say, "Jesus loves (name of person)" each time you name a person. End with reminding your child that Jesus loves a lot of people, because Jesus loves everyone!

Elementary Age Focus: CONVICTION— Standing for what is right, even when it's not popular.

Bible Verse: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right." 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Bible Story: Daniel 5— Daniel interprets the writing on the wall for King Belshazzar, saying God will bring an end to his reign.

At Home: Ask your child: When have you felt pressure from others to cheat or do the wrong thing? Share with your child: A time when you had to stand up for what was right even when it wasn't the popular thing to do.

Clerk's Corner

The following actions were approved by Session at a special meeting on April 29, 2012 and its regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2012.

- Approved the request to serve wine and beer at the Bicentennial Anniversary Gala on May 4, 2012 at First Church.
- Rejected the purchase offer of Home City Church at time, but to send a letter stating that First Church cannot meet the designated date, and it is our intent to make a decision by the first of the year.
- Approved the wedding of nonmembers Gina Volpe and Colin M. Sargent, Jr. on Saturday, December 1, 2012 with a minister of First Church co-officiating with Pastor Doug Ingersoll of Big Tree Wesleyan Church.
- Permitted the Young Adult Group to charge for parking in the church lot during the Allentown Art Festival on June 9th and 10th. The funds will be used for its programs.

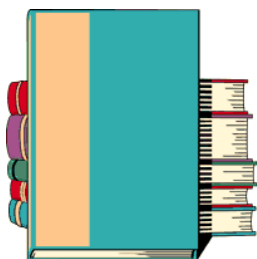
Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hill, Clerk of Session

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on
Thursday, June 28 at 6:00 PM
at the home of Virginia McIntyre.

Join us for an evening of good eats and
friendship. We will discuss the book
Please Look After Mom by Kyung-Sook Shin.

Potluck meal— please bring a dish to share.
Please call Virginia to RSVP at 688-7546.



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Women's Association

Hat Tea



Grab your hat (you won't need your coat)—
leave your worries on the doorstep, just
direct your feet to the "Hat Tea" side of the
street. Join us anytime between 3:30 and
5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14th.

Enjoy delicious goodies from Liz Kolken's
Quaker Bonnet, show off your chapeau, and
know that your \$5.00 donation will be
going to our own First Presbyterian Church!

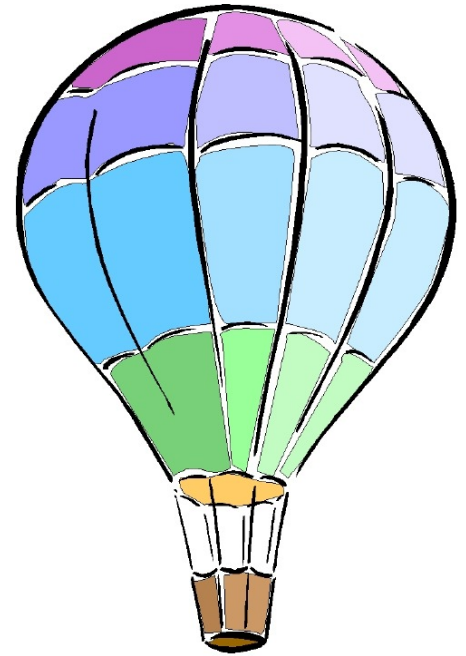
ALLENTOWN CAR PARKING

The Young Adult Group will hold an annual Allentown Art Festival Parking
Lot Fundraiser on **Saturday, June 9th beginning at 9:30 AM.**

Donations (\$5.00 per car) will be used for the group's mission activities.



Church Life Honors All Men!



The Church Life Committee
will be honoring the men of the
church at our
Fathers' Day Coffee Hour
Sunday, June 17th after worship
in the Chapel!

BUS TRIP TO WORSHIP AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PITTSBURGH, PA SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012



Join with others from Western New York on 1 of 2 buses heading to Pittsburgh and back on June 30, 2012. We'll join with Presbyterians from all over the country in the opening worship of the 220th General Assembly. After worship, take some time to wander in the Exhibit Hall and get a bite to eat.

Reservations deadline is Noon on Friday, June 15

Cost is \$15 per person

Get your reservations in early! We have to release the 2nd bus June 15 if we don't need it.
(Actual cost is \$27/person; Presbytery is supplementing the trip)

The buses leave at 7:30am with a stop to pick up those of you further along the route to Pittsburgh. The buses will leave Pittsburgh at 5:15pm for the return trip. Locations for pick up and drop off will be determined based on rider location.

The well-appointed motor coaches are equipped with: a lavatory, temperature control, reclining seats, inside and underneath luggage compartments, cellular telephones and VHS or DVD players for your travel pleasure.

GA Worship & Exhibit Hall Schedule for June 30:

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm *General Assembly Convenes with Opening Worship*

Cindy Bolbach, Moderator of the 219th General Assembly (2010), preaching

3:00 pm–5:00 pm *Exhibit Hall Open to the Public*

Send payment (\$15/person) with reservation to the Presbytery of Western New York, Attn Jan Tyson, 2060 Union Road, West Seneca, NY 14224. For questions, call Jan at 668-1995 or email her at JanT@pbywny.org. Reservation deadline is June 15, 2012 at noon. (Remember, the office closes early on Fridays.)



Bicentennial Wishes

May 20th's Jubilee Bicentennial celebration was a glorious event! Below are some notes from former members and ministers who were unable to attend, but held First Church in thought and prayer that day.

Proclamations were received from the following local politicians, three of whom were in attendance:

- NY State Senator Timothy Kennedy from the 58th Senate District
- NY State Assemblymember Sean Ryan from Assembly District 144
- Congressman Brian Higgins
- Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz (who was unable to attend but sent his congratulations).

Congratulations to First Church on celebrating its 200th year. We wish we could join you in this celebration, but must regrettably decline due to obligations at our present church in Clifton Park (near Albany NY). I guess you could say First Church taught us too well.

No other institution has meant so much to us, from church school, the children's choir, Senior High Fellowship, retreats at The Camp, and many more. It meant so much to be married in the beautiful sanctuary and have both our daughters baptized there as well, and especially to share those times with an ever loving congregation.

Congratulations on 200 years, and, as former Building Superintendent Alex Johnson used to say, "And many more!"

— Dan and Kathy (Booke) Fitzmorris

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I thought of you often when you had another celebration of First Church's 200th birthday. Congratulations! Keep your focus upon our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and then see what ministry the Lord has in store for you all (I'm in the South now!). I wish I could have been there!

— Rev. Dan Hale

Dear First Church Family,

Congratulations and Greetings at your Bicentennial Jubilee Worship Service! Accepting the Session's invitation to come and work with the families of First Church and the surrounding community in 1970 changed my life forever.

...The best memories we have of First Church are the many wonderful people.

...Blessings for each and all of you in your continuing ministries of service in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

— The Rev. Dr. John W. Wallace

Congratulations to all members of the congregation, past and present, on the occasion of celebrating 200 years of ministry in the city of Buffalo.

...I have too many memories to be included in this congratulatory message. What stands out most in my mind is the opportunity I had to work with Ralph Hindman as my mentor.

...May God's past blessing and guidance for First Church continue for many decades to come.

*Stuart A. Ryder II
Professor of Communications, Emeritus
Judson University Elgin, Illinois*

The First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, New York will always hold a special place in my heart. It was my first "call" out of seminary. I learned so much about "real ministry" because of my time with you. I will be forever grateful.

*Even though I cannot be with you on May 20th, I want to wish you all wonderful congratulations and many blessings for the future. And remember: *The task ahead of you is never as great as the Power behind you.**

Grace, Peace, and Love,

The Rev. William L. Samford



Bookkeeper's Corner

APRIL 2012 FINANCIAL ITEMS	Actual YTD Apr. 30, 2012	Actual YTD Apr. 30, 2011
Total Income	\$157,738	\$178,185
Total Expenses	\$179,530	\$219,436
Deficit support from the Endowment	\$7,661	\$13,145
HIGHLIGHTS	Actual YTD Apr. 30, 2012	Actual YTD Apr. 30, 2011
Pledge Income	\$69,622	\$122,500
Plate Income	\$8,519	\$3,099
Building Use Income	\$14,505	\$7,265
Gas Expenses (Heat)	\$11,639	\$18,378
Electric Expenses	\$5,228	\$3,686
Telephone Expenses	\$1,539	\$2,530

Notes:

- 2012 year-to-date plate income is more than double compared to YTD 2011.
- Building income is double for year-to-date 2012 versus YTD 2011.
- Gas bills have been lower due to a mild winter.
- Electric expenses have increased due to additional tenants, however those costs are accounted for in rents.
- Switching from Verizon to Time Warner has shown savings in telephone expenses.

ONE SYMPHONY CIRCLE, INC. NEWS — JUNE 2012

The separate 501 (c) (3) organization, One Symphony Circle, Inc. reports the following:

- A grant has been awarded from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors through the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the amount of \$6,750. It is a matching grant. Funds are intended to be used for stained glass window assessment, promotion, and preservation.
- A grant in the amount of \$3,000 has been awarded from The New York Landmarks Conservancy for the purpose of developing a restoration plan.
- The top four building preservation projects were reiterated: 1. Tower repointing, 2. Wadsworth roof replacement, 3. Stained glass window cleaning & repair, 4. Building repointing.
- Reviewed & adopted documents drafted by Phil Gittings: “One Symphony Circle Board of Directors Goals and Potential Times for Accomplishment” and “One Symphony Circle Description of Board Responsibilities.”
- The May 5 trombone concert generated over \$1,300 in donations.
- Need for a website and formal budget identified.
- Planned invitational meeting called “Breakfast with Tiffanies” for Saturday, June 9 at 8:30 AM to invite identified community members to serve on board or assist in other ways.



Remember the 4 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair

A recent Scientific American article stated the world creates 260 million tons of plastic each year, and much of it winds up in the oceans. Plastic continues to accumulate in the Pacific Ocean and one of the bigger areas of trash is said to be more than double the size of Texas. Most of the trash in this island of debris has broken into bite-sized plastic bits which are sickening or killing whales and the smaller fish, plankton, and birds that ingest it.

Polyethylene was invented in the 1930s, but it wasn't used to take our groceries home until 1977. The bags were introduced as a way to increase their market share in grocery stores. The real turning point came in 1982, when the industry persuaded two of the nation's largest supermarket chains, Safeway and Kroger, to replace traditional paper bags with the much more cost-effective plastic model. For customers, the appeal could be summed up in one word: handles. Paper bags didn't get handles until the late 1990s, and by then it was too late. Plastic had taken over.

Bottle caps, bags, and wrappers that end up in the ocean from the wind or through overflowing sewage systems can then drift thousands of miles. It is estimated that more than 100,000 marine mammals die trash-related deaths each year.

Is there anything that we can do about this problem? Well, we can do our part by making an attempt to **reduce** our use of plastic. It is one thing not to know the harm that this causes but once we do know shouldn't we become concerned? What can one person do? I have made some of these suggestions before but I think that they bear repeating.

Try this for one week – count the actual number of plastic bags that come into your home. Multiply that number by 52 weeks to find the estimated number of plastic bags that you and your family use in one year. Now multiply that number by the number of residents in the town that you live and you will start to get an idea of just how many plastic bags are around you. Next, imagine if you refused the bag each time it was offered to you by carrying the items you have purchased in a canvas or cloth bag. You get the idea.

- Remember to take **reusable** cloth bags when you go shopping– just keep them in your car and grab them before you go into the store. Decline the plastic bag that is offered to you and take a few minutes to let the manager of the store know why you do not wish to continue using plastic.
- Shop at a local farmer's market where produce is not in a fancy package.
- Buy fewer packaged goods. Buy loose fruits and vegetables rather than those placed on Styrofoam platters and wrapped in plastic.
- Buy from the bulk bins– most grains, beans, cereals, nuts, rice, raisins, etc, are available in bulk. It is usually cheaper, and the item can be placed in a paper bag, thus avoiding cardboard boxes and plastic wrapping.
- Most fast food restaurants use paper and cardboard. Some people even take a container with them in anticipation of carrying leftovers home.

I urge you to **reduce** your use of these items. It is just a small action on your part that takes no effort at all.

Plastic does not go away - it just accumulates.

Don't forget "Together we can make a difference."
Lesley Haynes – June 2012 – peacesojourner@yahoo.com

News in the Family

Special thanks are extended to Mark Armesto who shared his time and talent by photographing and videotaping the May 20th Jubilee Bicentennial service. What memories it will make! Thank you!



Women's Association wishes to thank all of you who donated a theme basket on Mother's Day, and all of you who bought chances on them. We earned \$133.00! That's fabulous!

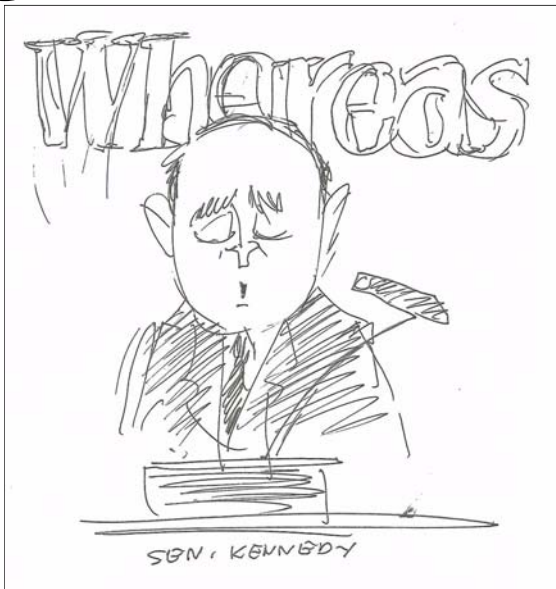


On behalf of Women's Association, CONGRATULATIONS to each of you who helped make our May 20th service so memorable!



Jean Hess sends special thanks for all the prayers, cards, and support during her sister Nancy's illness and death. The memorial service will be on Saturday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m. at First Church.

Sig Art Illustrated by Sig Potembski



Sig depicts NY State Sen. Tim Kennedy reading a proclamation for First Church at the Bicentennial celebration.

"Riding On A Piece of the Sky"
An original song by Stephanie Berghash,
inspired by a sermon of Rev. Phil's

God came to Moses and his scribes,
God brought a gift to Jacob's tribes,
God gave his holy piece of pie,
Standing on his blue stone,
Floating on his cloud throne,
Riding on a piece of the sky.

Chorus:
Riding, gliding,
On his jewel guiding,
Riding on a piece of the sky.
Riding, gliding,
Out there never hiding,
Riding on a piece of the sky.

Save the Date!
Christina Trachtenberg &
Chuck Banas will be married at First
Church on **Saturday, Sept. 15th** at
1:00 PM, and everyone is invited!
After the ceremony, there will be a
2 hour reception
in the chapel.
Your presence
is requested.

Our dear Bill Rieth has moved to the Rochester area. Keep in touch with the info below:

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First Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>June 3</p> <p>9:30 AM — Adult Christian Education 11:00 AM — Worship & Communion, Rev. Dr. Gittings 12:00 PM — Fellowship Time 6:30 PM — Kerygma Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30 PM — Literacy tutoring 7:00 PM — Lands & Bldgs. Mtg. 7:30 PM — Young Adult Mtg. (off site)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>OFFICER ORDINATION & INSTALLATION</p> <p>9:30 AM — Adult Christian Education 11:00 AM — Worship, Rev. Dr. Gittings 11:15 AM — Sunday School 12:00 PM — CE Open House 12:00 PM — Fellowship Time in the CE Wing 6:30 PM — Kerygma Class</p>	<p>11</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:00 PM — 501c3 Mtg. 4:30 PM — Literacy tutoring 5:15 PM — Membership Mtg. 6:30 PM — CE Mtg.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>CE RECOGNITION SUNDAY FATHERS' DAY</p> <p>9:30 AM — Adult Christian Education 11:00 AM — Worship, Rev. Dr. Gittings 11:15 AM — Sunday School 12:00 PM — Church Life Special Coffee Hour Honoring All Men</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM — Staff Mtg. 11:30 AM — City Honors Potters Field Dedication 4:30 PM — Literacy tutoring</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:30 AM — Adult Christian Education 10:00 AM — Summer Worship, Rev. Dr. Gittings 10:15 AM — Summer Sunday School 11:00 AM — Fellowship Time 11:00 AM — Young Adult Meeting 11:15 AM — Neighborhood Cleanup 6:30 PM — Kerygma Class</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 4:30 PM — Literacy tutoring</p>
<p>July 1</p> <p>8:30 AM — Adult Christian Education 10:00 AM — Summer Worship & Communion, Rev. Dr. Gittings 11:00 AM — Fellowship Time 6:30 PM — Kerygma Class</p>	<p>July 2</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p>	<p>July 3</p> <p>10:30 AM-12:00 PM — Staff Mtg. 1:00 PM — Sanctuary Tour (St. John's Lutheran, Orchard Park)</p>

June 2012

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>6</p> <p>1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30 PM — Literacy tutoring 6:00 PM — Deacons Potluck 6:00 PM — P&A Mtg.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:00 – 6:00 PM — Meyer's Farm CSA Pickup 5:30 PM— CMO Mtg. 7:00 PM — New Officer Training</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM — Breakfast with Tiffanies</p> <p>Allentown Parking</p>
<p>13</p> <p>1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30 PM — Literacy tutoring 5:45 PM — Trustees Mtg.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3:30 PM — Women's Association Hat Tea 4:00 – 6:00 PM — Meyer's Farm CSA Pickup 7:00 PM — New Officer Training</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>2:00 PM — Memorial Service for Nancy (Bernecky) Setzer (Jean Hess's sister)</p>
<p>20</p> <p>1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30 PM — Literacy tutoring 7:00 PM — Session Mtg.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:00 – 6:00 PM — Meyer's Farm CSA Pickup</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27</p> <p>1:00-3:00 PM — Bible Study 4:30 PM — Literacy tutoring 4:45 PM — Buffalo Alliance for Sacred Places Tour</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:00 – 6:00 PM — Meyer's Farm CSA Pickup 6:00 PM — Women's Book Club Gathering (off site)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Mission trip group from Haddonfield, NJ Presbyterian church staying overnight</p>
<p>July 4</p> <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY (Staff Holiday) BUILDING CLOSED</p>	<p>July 5</p> <p>4:00 – 6:00 PM — Meyer's Farm CSA Pickup</p>	<p>July 6</p>	<p>July 7</p> <p>BUILDING CLOSED</p>

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(Effective June 10, 2012)

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Norm Gibbon (T) (2)
Mike Henry (1)
Quinton Meyer (2)
Henry Porter (T) (2)
Summer Przybylak (T) (2)

Class of 2014
Mark Armesto (T) (1)
Carlton Brownell (T) (2)
John Darby (T) (2)
Lauren Hill (2)
Marv Riegle (2)
Erica Wichtowski (1)

Class of 2015
Jean Hess (2)
Tim Hess (1)
Janet Hill (2)
Don Houck (T) (2)
Susan Koepfel (1)
Virginia McIntyre (1)

(T) indicates that the Elder has also
been elected to serve as a Trustee.

BOARD OF DEACONS BY CLASS AND TERM

Class of 2013
Cleo Alexander (1)
Mark Juan Armesto (1)
José Gomez (1)
Alexander Lipnicki (1)
Stephanie Lipnicki (1)
Ken Madell (1)
Suzanne Snyder (2)

Class of 2014
Pat Brown (1)
Russell Carlson (2)
Mary Field (2)
Karen Frieder (2)
Maria Murphy (2)
Olga Rico-Armesto (1)
Lou Ann Luther Riegle (1)

Class of 2015
Eleanor Kamke (1)
Liz Kamke (1)
Ryan Nadbrzuch (1)
Tina Osei (1)
Judith Paradzai (2)
Phil Sims (2)
Denis Wettlaufer (2)



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