

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Colson

PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. J. Earl Naegele

ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Eleanor Focht, SPC

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WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Katie Krissinger

CLOSER: Ann Lowell

DEACON GREETER: Diane Millick

FELLOWSHIP DEACON: Marie Heffner

FLOWER DEACON: Melanie Shimer

SOUND TECH: Sally Heimbach

USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN: Ron Gingrich

CHILDCARE: Abbie Olson

USHERS: Dick Garber, Terry Eck, Tom Lawall, Andy Ingram

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Katie & Brian Barnes, in celebration of Brian's birthday and Robbie's 1st birthday.
The Shimers, in celebration of Joel's 10th birthday.

ELDERS:

Class of 2008—John Gill, Alicia Orbin, Sue Vitale, Mike Yen

Class of 2009—John Baittinger, Lyda Byers, Ann Lowell, Sam Wilber

Class of 2010—Dorothy Nicholas, Alicia Shussett

DEACONS:

Class of 2008—Jack Decker, Terry Eck, Andy Ingram, Diane Millick

Class of 2009—Carolyn Baittinger, Sally Heimbach, John Stewart, Chuck Waters

Class of 2010—Peter Ferguson, Marie Heffner, Debbie Lillegard, Melanie Shimer

FAITH ON THE ROAD TEAM: Jack Decker (*Vision Team*), Sam Han (*Vision Team*),
Diane Millick, Susan Moring, (*Vision Team*), Diane Perry (*Vision Team*), Joanne Rath,
Deanna Robinson, Louise Schaefer, Janie Slamon (*Vision Team*), Hallie Stewart, Darcy
Trop, Dave Weber, and Chip Colson.

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious God, help us not to take your gifts for granted. Thank you for this day and the opportunities in it. Thank you for our seminaries and for those who advocate for them. Strengthen us as we find courage to respond to your leading us to places filled with promise that we cannot fully imagine. In the new life of Christ, we pray. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 260 in the 2008 Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WELCOME

THE PRELUDE

Hymn Sing

10:15 AM

Hymns chosen by Congregation

New hymn to learn

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

TAIZÉ

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.

Hymns chosen by Pastor Colson

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI #488

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE #339

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
CRIMOND #170

THE SONG FOR ASSEMBLY
"For Surely I Know the Plans"
G. S. OATEN

For surely I know the plans I have for your, says the Lord,
Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

*THE DOXOLOGY
HYMN #592

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP
We have been blessed seven times seven.
WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR US TO BLESS?
We have been loved seven times seven.
WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR US TO LOVE?
We have been forgiven seven times seven.
WHY IS TO SO HARD FOR US TO FORGIVE?

(Those who are late may be seated.)

*THE HYMN
"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"
O QUANTA QUALIA #261

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please use "debts & debtors".)
PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
**COMPASSIONATE GOD, YOU HAVE FORGIVEN US EVERY DEBT, EVERY SIN,
EVERY TRESPASS. TURN US FROM OUR INCESSANT FAULT-FINDING. TURN US
TOWARD YOUR INFINITE COMPASSION. GRANT US COURAGE TO FORGIVE
OTHERS EVERY DEBT, EVERY SIN, EVERY TRESPASS, SO THAT YOUR WAYS
MAY BE OURS, AND YOUR WILL MAY BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN YOUR
OWN HEART. AMEN.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON
HYMN #572

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI
HYMN #579

(Those who are late may be seated.)

GOD DRAWS NEAR

*THE PASSING OF PEACE
FAITH CHURCH LIFE
MINUTE FOR MISSION: LYDA BYERS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYER SONG
"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"
TAIZÉ

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

JOYS AND CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

PRAYER SONG
"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"
TAIZÉ

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my priase:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my priase:
God, the well-spring of life.

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
GENESIS 33:1-4
OT – Pg. 31 in the gray Bible, Pg. 29 in the blue Bible

³³Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. ²He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. ³He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. ⁴But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

THE PSALM: PSALM 16
OT – Pg. 501 in the gray Bible, Pg. 469 in the blue Bible
(The leader will read the odd verses and the congregation will read the even verses. We will read Verse 11 in unison.)

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I SAY TO THE LORD, "YOU ARE MY LORD; I HAVE NO GOOD APART FROM YOU."**

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴**THOSE WHO CHOOSE ANOTHER GOD MULTIPLY THEIR SORROWS; THEIR DRINK OFFERINGS OF BLOOD I WILL NOT POUR OUT OR TAKE THEIR NAMES UPON MY LIPS.**

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶**THE BOUNDARY LINES HAVE FALLEN FOR ME IN PLEASANT PLACES; I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE.**

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸**I KEEP THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE ME; BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, I SHALL NOT BE MOVED.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰**FOR YOU DO NOT GIVE ME UP TO SHEOL, OR LET YOUR FAITHFUL ONE SEE THE PIT.**

¹¹**UNISON: YOU SHOW ME THE PATH OF LIFE. IN YOUR PRESENCE THERE IS FULLNESS OF JOY; IN YOUR RIGHT HAND ARE PLEASURES FOREVERMORE.**

*THE HYMN

"Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"

DICKINSON COLLEGE #402

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

LUKE 15:11-32

NT – Pg. 74 in the gray Bible, Pg. 73 in the blue Bible

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to

go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

THE SERMON

"A Life-Long Itinerary"

REV. DR. CHARLES E. COLSON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE OFFERTORY

"The Church Within Us"

K. SCHNEIDER, ARR. D. HUSTAD

Senior Choir

*THE DEDICATION HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

CAROL OWENS

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL - PG. 14

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus, Lead the Way"

SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

*THE CHARGE

*THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You & Keep You"

PETER C. LUTKIN

*THE POSTLUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI/HEBREW YIGDAL

Mission Statement of Faith Church

Our common ministry as the people of Faith Presbyterian Church is rooted in the saving love of God shown in Jesus Christ and matures as we trust God to provide love and grace for our lives.

We invite others to celebrate the Good News of Salvation with us and to share in the renewing experience we have in showing God's love.

Thus we will live and worship in a way that welcomes others to journey with us as we serve and are served, teach and are taught, love and are loved, hear and are heard and as we enjoy our life together in the body of Christ.

Announcements

Next Sunday

Next Sunday our worship will include the ordination and installation of Lynn Ingram and Joe Smits as elders.

In addition, we will commission the Vision Team for its ministry among us.

Next Sunday is the deadline for the Faith Flyer!

Does your group need publicity? Early submissions are greatly appreciated.

Hymn Sing

Pastor Colson chose three of his favorite hymns for this morning's hymn sing.

Wednesday Bible Study

Let's Get Organized! Anyone interested in Bible study, is asked to meet in the Adult Sunday School Class (Room 7) at noon on Wed., Sept. 17th. Up for discussion is what we'll study and who a rotation of leaders will be. You need not fear being pushed into leading if you don't want to lead. This is a study that relies more on discussion than leadership. Come one, come all, and let's get started. *(All those in the mood for lunch usually go together afterwards.)*

Mission Fair

Do you know what Daybreak is? Have you always wanted to know more about our Kenya partnership? Do you know how much we give to mission projects locally and globally? Do you like hot dogs and popcorn and balloon animals?

Then bring a canned good and gain admission and **join us on October 5 following worship in the Fellowship Hall for a Mission Fair.** Representatives from various committees and missions will be available to answer your questions and you can play

some games and have a light lunch. Even more, you can learn how to become a part of our mission effort by giving time, money or prayer support.

Devotional Fellowship Group

Fall session begins October 9, 2008

Join your friends and make new ones on **Thursday mornings** for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. We meet from **9:30 – 11 a.m.** in each others' homes. We study a book of the Bible using the "Lectio Divina" method. Fall session will run for 7 weeks, from Oct. 9 – Nov. 20. Come and bring a friend !

CROP WALK

October 12, 2008

"We walk because they walk"

If you want to walk in the CROP WALK you can pick up a pledge form from **Sue Vitale (610-967-4689)**. If you choose not to walk, but want to pledge money, look for a person with a CROP WALK envelope. Either way you will be making a difference in our community and our world.

CROP WALK

Walking together, walking with the world,

Are you ready to join our church?

Conversations for New Members on October 12 & 19

If you have not yet become a member of Faith Presbyterian, we invite you to make our church your home, your place of worship; to become an integral part of our community, and to join us for the Conversations on October 12 and October 19, from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

Membership Conversations are hosted by the Membership Committee to give prospective members and long time members an opportunity to talk together about what we look for in a church, what Faith Church offers, what Presbyterians believe, and what commitment to Faith Church entails.

Please speak to Pastor Colson or Alicia Orbin to let them know you are coming, or call Alicia at 610-481-9618 or e-mail her at aruizorbin@aol.com

Season up your Thursday mornings!

Pepper is a devotional time from 6:30 –7:00 am Thursday mornings in the church parlor. We meet for meditation, discussion and prayer. Tune in to God before your day carries you away!

We're on the Web!

Our Faith Presbyterian Church website (<http://www.faithchurchemmaus.org>) is an incredible resource for access to our church news and information—available 24 hours a

day. You can view the bulletins days ahead of Sunday Worship. You can review past issues of The Faith Flyer. You can read Pastor Colson's sermons. You can learn about our many committees...and so much more! Questions and/or comments pertaining to our website should be directed to Mark Heimbach at mheimbach@yahoo.com."

Do you have a question...

...about Faith Presbyterian Church?

...or about the Christian Faith?

Please see Carolyn Baittinger, our representative from the Membership Committee, who will be standing in the narthex by the Guest Book, immediately following the service and will be glad to speak with you.

Our New Digital Frame...

Please Check it out!

Please take notice of our new digital picture frame in the narthex! This will serve as yet another way for us to communicate events/happenings within our church! If you have notices or pictures for display, please submit to our secretary, Lynda Scheirer, a few days in advance of the Sunday that you would like it posted.

Attention All High School Students at Faith Church!!

GLUE picnic

September 21 from 4-7:30pm

At the DECKER home

Come and enjoy good fellowship with your friends at FPC. We will review the scheduled times for 2008-09 and the ideas we talked about in the spring.

All welcome!!

The Roads to Mission

An invitation to our congregation through Worship, Sunday School and Fellowship. We wish to expose the needs of both strong and vulnerable communities, while encouraging a responsibility to serve.

September 21

10:30 am Worship

"Speaking of Change"

Sermon Dialogue

with Diane Millick, Faith on the Road

September 28

9:15 am – Sunday School

Christians in the Middle East

10:30 am – Worship

“In the End, it’s all Mission”

Sermon Dialogue

with Louis Yako

insight into Christians in the Middle East

October 5

9:15 am – Sunday School

Christians in the Middle East

10:30 am – Worship

Peacemaking Sunday – *The Road to Emmaus*

World Communion

Guest Minister: Rev. Mark Southard

Following Worship, in Fellowship Hall

Mission Fair

(sponsored by Stewardship Committee)

October 12

9:15 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Workcamp Sunday

1:00 pm – Crop Walk

Catch Up To GRASSCAR!

Well, lots of excitement has happened at the Emmaus Turf Raceway since our last post! Halfway through the series sticker tires were put on, as we burned out the originals with such talented and fierce drivers! John “Stalwart” Stewart took to the track twice and nearly set an all time raceway record. Mark “The Webmaster” Heimbach made three more gut wrenching circuits of the “Lady in Green” to become the new leader. As a side note, Sally “The Custodian” Heimbach wanted to make sure everyone new it is truly The Webmaster with the skill and finesse, but she is there for moral support. Bruce “The Buff” Luff tried to match The Webmaster’s feat but sadly came up a little short. Adreck “The Adonis” McDonald successfully drove the course without getting any bugs in his teeth. Every time anyone mentions lawn mowing at E.T.R. to The Adonis he has a smile from ear to ear. We had a newcomer to the series, Bob “Rumblin’” Rinehart. Rumblin’ had a rough rookie start but in the end completed the course without incident. And that’s what’s happening in GRASSCAR! Stay tuned for the exciting finish of our GRASSCAR series!

Congregational Help Wanted!

Plans are well underway for some guest ministers to fill our pulpit in October, November and December. But, we still need your help regarding some details of these services.

It has been a tradition at Faith Presbyterian Church to match up our guests with a host or hostess who has the responsibility of showing them the building, reviewing the order of worship for the day, and briefly introducing them to the congregation.

In addition, we may be in a situation where the guest minister is not comfortable leading the Children's Time.

So, if you have any interest in serving as a **host/hostess** and/or leading a **Children's Time**, please contact Ann Lowell at 610-398-8267 or lowellga@ptd.net.

Thank you!

Childcare on Sundays.

Childcare is provided in the Nursery for infants and children up to age 3 during Sunday School and worship.

Volunteers are needed to assist our paid childcare provider. Adult and teen volunteers are needed during worship **time**. Sign up on the sign-up sheet on the nursery complex door.

Contributions to help defray the cost of this care are welcome. Please place them in the offering plate and clearly mark them "Nursery Care Provider"

Next Sunday is the deadline for the Faith Flyer!

Does your group need publicity?

Early submissions are greatly appreciated.

Cash & Carry SCRIP!

Available NOW!

2-\$25.00 WEIS cards

2-\$25.00 GIANT cards

To purchase please see Sally Heimbach.

Retirement Festivities

September 27, 2008

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Keep this date open on your calendar!

Interfaith Effort to help area's hungry...

Leaders from Jewish, Christian and Muslim congregations have joined together with the Lehigh County Conference of Churches to reach out to hungry citizens.

Faith Church is joining this effort addressing the reality of hunger in the Lehigh Valley. People living on fixed incomes are choosing between food and medicine. Children are having their one meal of the day at school. What happens in summer when school is out? What happens in winter when families may have to choose between food and heating their homes?

Every Spring and Fall, Faith Church sponsors a Food & Clothing Drive. This year we are sponsoring a continuous FOOD DRIVE (benefiting the Emmaus Food Bank), beginning now and continuing through Thanksgiving. If every member of the congregations brings just one item of food a week, think of the impact we can have.

It's difficult at times to remember to bring that item every week when the rush is on to get ready for church. How about putting a little note on your offering envelope as a reminder?

More information on this interfaith effort is available online at www.lcconfchurch.org

Annual Fall Food & Clothing Drive

October 5 to November 2, 2008

We will begin our annual Fall Food & Clothing Drive on Sunday, October 5 .

The FOOD DRIVE, which will benefit the Emmaus Food Bank, is different this year. We will collect food up to Thanksgiving. Please see the information above on the Interfaith Effort to help the area hungry. You can donate a bag of food or bring one or two non-perishable food items to church each Sunday. There are boxes set up at each of the church's entrances for these items.

The CLOTHING DRIVE, which will run from Oct. 5 to Nov. 2, is sponsored by the Lehigh County Conference of Churches and is taken to St. Luke's Neighborhood Center in Allentown. Please start looking for any fall or winter castoffs that you are willing to donate. The special box for clothing donations will be in its usual spot in Fellowship Hall.

Please see Barbara Newman or Lyda Byers for further information.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Dorothy Nicholas, health issues.

Curtis Ring, father of **Debbie Lillegard**, recent health issues.

Joanne Rath's mother, diagnosed with cancer.

Dave Weber, undergoing treatment for cancer.

Bob Gedney, undergoing treatment for cancer.

Emma Takacs, **Ann Greenwood's** granddaughter, recuperating at home.

Lehigh Presbytery Churches

Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

Church of the Mountain, Delaware Water Gap

College Hill Presbyterian Church, Easton

In MILITARY SERVICE

Keep these people in your prayers!

Mike Goodhart, grandson of **Harry & Betty Dennis**.

Doug Durn, son of **Bob & Brynn Durn**.

Daniel Merritt, son of **Hobart Merritt, Jr.** and grandson of the late **Irene Merritt**.

Doland J. Miller, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**

Amanda and **Jeremy Miller**, grandchildren of **George J. Smits**.

Charles VanHeest, grandson of **Dave & Kay Weber**, serving in Iraq.

Lucas Whittington, grandnephew of **Cliff & Donna Lucas**.

“For Surely I Know the Plans”

Our current Song for Assembly was written by a member of the Pen Argyl Presbyterian Church and inspired by the Jeremiah Initiative, which we are participating in as Faith on the Road.

Birthdays this Week

September 15—Carolyn Baittinger, Robbie Barnes, Laura Warner

September 16—Bruce Wagner

September 19—James Barbour

Diane Millick

Deacon of the Month—Care Group # 3

John Amendt

Hyun Choi

Stephen Choi

Christina Conrad

Myrtle DiMenna

Sally Eck

Terry Eck

Peter Ferguson

Jack Ferlino

Miriam Ferlino

Jayden Green

Karen Green

Alexis Helsley

Daniel Helsley

Dorothy Helsley

H. David Helsley

Karen Helsley

Daniel Lawall

Sue Lawall

Thomas Lawall

Marcia Molnar

Diane Perry

William Perry
Hank Rath
Joanne Rath
Joyce Richards
Alicia Shussett
Daniel Shussett
Rachel Shussett
Steven Shussett
Amy Waters
Archer Waters
Cawley Waters
Chuck Waters

Two Weeks of Faith

Room Numbers, indicating where meetings will be held (when known), are shown in parenthesis following the listing.

This Week

Sunday, September 14

Scrip Orders Due

9:15 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service
11:45 am—Alpha Choir Rehearsal (S)
5:00 pm—Youth Group (FH)
7:00 pm—Youth Choir (S)

Monday, September 15

11:30 am—Synod event (FH)
7:30 pm—Mission

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 am—Emmaus Clergy
7:15 pm—Deacons (FH)

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 am—Emmaus Garden Club (FH)
6:00 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)
7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 18

6:30 am—Pepper (P)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
7:30 pm—Nominating (P)

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

Next Week

Sunday, September 21

Flyer Deadline

9:15 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service
11:45 am—Alpha Choir Rehearsal (S)
5:00 pm—GLUE (Decker's home)

Monday, September 22

2:30 pm—Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 23

7:30 pm—Stewardship

Wednesday, September 24

6:00 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)
7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)
7:30 pm—Convergers

Thursday, September 25

6:30 am—Pepper (P)
10:00 am—Flyer Crew (FH)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

9:00 am to 12:30 pm—Lehigh Valley AGO
6:00 pm—Pastor Colson's Retirement Event (S & FH)

Three Inserts

Insert #1-Scrip

SCRIP Program

HELP US PAY OFF OUR NEW PHOTOCOPIER!

We received **11** orders in **August** totaling **\$3745.00** for the **GREAT LAKES SCRIP** and **WEIS** programs which generated **\$209.08** to help pay for our **new photocopier/collator**.

The **total** for **2008 (8 months)** is **\$1500.09**.

The **next date** for orders is **September 14, 2008**.

For a complete list of retailers or for more information check the **table in the Fellowship Hall** or www.glscrip.com.

Please contact Sally Heimbach (**610-965-2102** or **sheimbch@ptd.net**) with any questions or concerns.

Insert #2-Presbytery Newsletter

Lehigh Presbytery Messenger
Volume 2, Issue 9
September 2008

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’” Isaiah 52:7

Chaplain Support

To all the Saints,
Grace to you and peace.

Since the United States military efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq began, the number of Reserve and National Guard chaplains has risen to unprecedented levels. According to Ed Brogan, Director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel (PCCMP), “Not since World War II have so many been called to active service, and never before have so many been called out of traditional congregational service.”

Many of you may be familiar with the efforts of “Dear Abby” to send letters of support to military personnel in the states and around the world. I am writing to encourage you to write the same kind of letter to the chaplains that provide spiritual care and nurture to those who are or who may soon be in harm’s way, recovering from injuries, and the families who love them.

Your letter or note of prayer or support in their ministry could mean so much to these men and women who are ambassadors for Christ in what are most difficult circumstances.

Please send your cards and letters to Lehigh Presbytery 710 N. Cedar Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18104, and mark “Chaplain” on the envelope. Because of privacy concerns, we cannot give you a particular person’s name or address, but we can forward them to Chaplain Brogan for distribution around the world. By including your own name and contact information, you may well hear from the recipient, wherever he or she may be.

I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. *1 Peter 5:12*

God is all in all,
Steve Shussett

Teaching Presbyter

We Gather Together In Prayer

Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

September 7, 2008

Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua
Christian Evangelical Center, Allentown

September 14, 2008

Church of the Mountain, Delaware Water Gap
College Hill Presbyterian Church, Easton

September 21, 2008

East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Easton

September 28, 2008

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus
Freeland Presbyterian Church

Youth Retreat

To the Leaders:

Want a retreat without a lot of hassle?

Come to Camp Brainerd for our Annual Youth Retreat from November 7th – 9th! We provide lodging, food, games, supplies, and Bible study topics. You provide the youth and some supervision. Registration is free for leaders, however we do ask that you help chaperone your group and help lead some small group sessions or activities. For more information, contact Jen Henshue at brainerd@ptd.net or 570-992-4127.

Youth:

Here is your chance to get a dose of Brainerd in the fall!

Come with your youth group to the Youth Retreat from November 7th – 9th. Enjoy games, food, fellowship, and Bible study together for the weekend. Registration is \$60 per person. Scholarships are available to cover a portion of the fee. For more information, contact Jen Henshue at brainerd@ptd.net or 570-992-4127.

Upcoming Church Articles for October

First Presbyterian Church, Stroudsburg

Hope of Christ PC, Summit Hill

Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley, Whitehall

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2008

Break the Bread of New Creation

Promotional materials are available on line at www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/offerings/orderform or by calling Presbyterian Distribution Service (800) 524-2612

Brainerd

YARD SALE

Sat., October 11, 2008

8 am – 2 pm

Come browse the tables of unique items!

First United Presbyterian Church, St. Clair

The Saint Clair Presbyterian Church was born in 1903 and had supply pastors until 1920 when the Rev. George Bardarik was called to serve. He served us until 1949 when he moved to Lakewood, Ohio after which we were served by temporary pastors. During his tenure the church and manse were erected with the help of our fathers and was dedicated September 18, 1933.

The Rev. Elmer Davis served us for many years during and after his retirement. At present we have a Saint Clair native filling our needs and hope we can make some agreement to retain him as our pastor. There are so few Presbyterian pastors available. Since there are still descendents of our founding fathers attending this church, we would like to keep our doors open as long as possible. Please pray for us. We truly love our church.

We welcome all.

White Haven Presbyterian Church

In 1948, a fifteen year old young man went to the Synod Camp near Carlisle, PA. One of the ministers on the staff taught a course on the gospel of Luke. He was affectionately called "St. Luke" and his name was Ed Shelling. Sixty years later the young man is now the "Old Preacher" and the Stated Supply Pastor of the church. Ed Shelling served from 1946 to 1962.

Our congregation was a result of missionary work by the Presbytery of Luzerne, beginning in 1843. The first building was erected in 1849. We are now worshipping in our third edifice.

One vital part of our history only came to light in the last year. We received a letter from the Christian Girl's High School in Taikyu, South Korea, telling us of the 100th

anniversary of the school. The White Haven congregation's member, by the name of Martha Scott, was the missionary that founded this school.

In the last few years the following mission projects have received greatly increased financial support: Food Pantry, Blanket Sunday (C.W.S.), Support of a Child (C.C.F.), One Great Hour of Sharing, Flood and Hurricane Relief Funds, World Mission Support and the Per Capita payments. Our congregation of 50 has contributed more than \$3,500 in the past year.

We can't tell what the potential for growth will be, but the potential of what God's Spirit can do is unlimited. On the front of our bulletin is the following:

"Living, Caring, Serving by the Power of the Cross."

United Presbyterian Church, Slatington

Through Angel Food Ministries, a discount food-buying program headquartered in Atlanta, GA, twenty or so volunteers interact with members of our community each month. For \$30, buyers purchase approximately \$60 worth of food for their families. United Presbyterian Church currently serves between 50 to 100 families each month. What could be a lot of work is made easy as the Spirit helps us enjoy the fellowship between church members and our "customers."

Our relationship with Canalside Manor personal care home for adults who are developmentally or mentally disabled has also grown. It started as Christmas caroling once a year and expanded to holding bingo games for the residents. Last summer the whole church got involved in a picnic/cook out held for the residents and staff. What makes this relationship satisfying is our opportunity to follow Jesus' command to eat and drink with those who will never be able to return the favor.

Our Deacons have been leading us in participating in the Church World Service "Blanket and Tools" offering. Each \$5 provides a wool blanket or tools to help a family in need.

We collected over 200 cans of cranberries for Christmas baskets for our local food bank. We repeated this miracle again for Easter food baskets. Members continually bring food and money donations for the food bank and several people volunteer there on a regular basis.

Four of our members have participated in the presbytery's "Helping Hands" trips to Mississippi to help families of the gulf coast hurricanes.

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2008 Peacemaking Offering

God at Work among the People of God

In Malawi and South Africa, as across Africa, people feel the impact of HIV and AIDS. The challenges of dealing with the pandemic are enormous. As African Christians respond, they know that they are not alone. In the words of the Rev. Lenton Kaluah of

the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, "God is at work among the people of God." In February and March 2008, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, in cooperation with the International AIDS Ministry and the Presbyterian AIDS Network, facilitated a travel - study seminar in South Africa and Malawi. Ranging from young - sf j adult to retiree, the ten participants from seven presbyteries wanted to learn firsthand about the effects of HIV/AIDS and how PC(USA) partner churches are responding to the pandemic. They also wanted to discern ways to become more involved personally and to inspire other U.S. Presbyterians to action. The participants witnessed God's people in Africa caring for those who are infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS, and encouraging practices and behaviors that lessen their spread.

They saw

- Partner denominations who establish HIV/AIDS policies
- PC(USA) mission personnel who provide assistance
- Congregations who break the silence and address fear and stigma by speaking about HIV/AIDS each Sunday during worship
- Drama troupes and musical groups organized to provide community education
- Counseling programs and HIV/AIDS support groups
- Community-based child care centers for vulnerable children
- Church members who plant gardens to grow nutritious food in their churchyards
- Income-generating projects, especially those creating a sustainable income for women
- Volunteers trained to provide home-based care to community members who are chronically ill and dying

At the Kapaza Presbyterian Church, the travel-study team accompanied home-based care volunteers on home visits. Their small groups carried simple crosses, made from ribbon and paper by work colleagues of one participant, to give to those they visited. These gifts were reminders of God's grace in Christ who brings us hope and frees us to love one another. Through your gifts to the Peacemaking Offering, you join the people of God at work in your own communities and around the world. Please give generously.