



*Our mission:
Share God's love
Make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
Positively impact our community and world*

May 2016

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in becoming a member of the First Church Family? Pastor Dorn is holding New Member Classes on the following Sundays *after the 10:30 AM Traditional Service*: 4/24, 5/1, 5/8. New members join on Sunday, May 15th. Interested persons can contact Pastor Dorn or the church office.

MOTHER'S DAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST



All are invited on Mothers' Day, *Sunday, May 8th!* Bring Mom, Grandmom, Aunt, Daughter, Niece, etc., for a Potluck Breakfast here at First Church! The potluck breakfast will take place *at 9:30 AM between Contemporary and*

Traditional Service that day, and we will gather downstairs to give thanks and honor Mom. Bring baked goods or a covered dish to share. We also need people to help set up and clean up before and after the breakfast. Contact Courtland Gardner or the First Church office with questions.

JAZZ AND JOE EVENT—DON'T MISS IT!

Please note, the Jazz n' Joe event at First UMC Perkasie *has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 10th from 7 to 9 PM* here at First Church. Bring a friend and come enjoy an evening of music, brilliant company, and refreshments. This is a church fundraiser to help raise money for First Church ministry. Anyone wishing to donate desserts and appetizers are welcome to do so. For more information, contact Robert and Marie Howells.

LEHIGH VALLEY IRONPIGS GAME MONDAY JUNE 27TH



You and your friends are invited to come out for a night of baseball, fun, and fellowship with the NE District as the Lehigh Valley IronPigs play the Columbus Clippers on Monday, June 27th. Ticket price is \$11. One dollar from each ticket sale benefits the District Mission Project—Camperships for Pocono Plateau. Your ticket will also have a \$2 coupon towards food at the stadium. To sign up, please contact Jac Filer *by Sunday May 8th*. Contact Jac or the church office with questions.

PRAYER VIGIL

Pastor Dorn is planning a prayer vigil *beginning Saturday June 4th at 9 AM*. The vigil will continue straight through until 9 AM Sunday morning of June 5th. It will be held in the Sanctuary. You are invited to sign up for a specific time to come pray. We hope to fill this entire vigil time with prayer warriors. Mark your calendars. More info to come.

PRAYER WALK

Pastor Dorn is also planning a prayer walk, wherein walkers will have the opportunity to pray for people in the neighborhood, which is comprised of many residential homes and businesses. In this way, we hope to cover the Pennridge community in prayer. This outreach will take place for one hour every month. More details to come, times and dates TBD.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

First UMC often holds many family friendly events. During these events, there may be photos and videos taken. Please be aware that to ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using full names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent, or legal guardian.

WONDERING WHAT OUR FIRST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP IS UP TO?

By Lois Groff

On July 1st -3rd, fifteen youth and 7 adults will be heading to "CREATION 2016, A Tribute to our Creator" held on Agape Campfarm in Mt. Union, PA. The youth will be camping, singing, and praising our God for an unforgettable summer experience. Please keep the youth in your prayers. If you'd like to donate to the youths' Creation experience, please make checks out to the FUMC Youth Group. We thank you in advance and special "Thanks!" to the J.O.Y. Circle who have already made a nice donation for our large event.

KIDS' CHURCH

A note from the Children's Ministry Team

Kids' Church is in need of volunteers! Summer is around the corner and we still would like to maintain our goal to hold Kids' Church during both worship services. We ask all to prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting and energetic ministry!



Kids' Church takes place during the sermon portion of the Contemporary Worship and is geared towards children 12 and under. Kids' Church consists of a lesson, activity, and prayer.

Please reach out to Pastor Scott, Kathy Bennett, Jenn Pollard or Donna McCarthy with any questions you may have and we ask for your continued prayers during this time of transition.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

“What Wine are You Drinking?”

Spring is a time of new beginnings, to throw out all the clutter that has consumed our basement and closets over the winter and perhaps over the years. Warmer temperatures mean unearthing the mower from the cobwebs and hedge trimmers, in hopes of beautifying the exterior of our home. A common expression is “It’s time to do some spring cleaning.” I’m not sure why we wait until warmer weather to clean out our refrigerator or scrub the kitchen floor, but perhaps it is because we can finally throw open the windows and get some fresh air for a change; fresh air as opposed to the old air that we have been breathing for far too long. Yes, May is a time to clean up the outside of our lives, but those beautiful spring flowers also point to new things on the horizon.

In Luke 5:36-39, Jesus cites a parable about tearing a piece of cloth from a new garment and putting it on an old one. He explains that the new and the old will never match up. It certainly doesn’t make sense to ruin a perfectly new piece of clothing, just to mend an old ragged garment. Not only that, but the old garment will look strange with a foreign object. Then he explains the parable further and says “no one puts new wine into old wineskins” (Luke 5:37) because the new wine would ruin the old wineskins and spill all over the place. It makes sense that new wine must be poured into a new wineskin, because the wine will last longer and be contained in its new home. At first glance, this parable makes sense, but what does this parable have to do with us? The key to this parable is that no one ‘seems to want the new wine’ because they rationalize that the old wine is ok for them. I think sometimes we can get too comfortable in our Christian walk and we don’t desire the new wine, a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit to burst into our lives. Like the winter that lasted for far too long, perhaps we have drunk the old wine and worn the same old garment for far too long.

My uncle once believed that microwaves were of the devil and that toaster ovens were fine to heat up food, but once he purchased a microwave, he thought it was the greatest thing since sliced bread. He marveled at how quickly food was heated, but he would never go back to that antiquated toaster oven. The old way of doing things did not compare to the new. Notice that the old garment was not thrown out, but was mended with a new piece of clothing. Like the clutter in our basement, we just can’t seem to get rid of those things that hinder us from moving forward in our faith. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus would have the audacity to eat with tax collectors and sinners, the scum of society. They were drinking the old wine and did not have any room to welcome people, who genuinely desired to repent and be forgiven of their sins. I wonder, have we gotten so righteous, that we are too comfortable in that old garment. Have we silently looked down at those who seem to be different than us? Or have we sipped the new wine of God’s spirit and made room for all of God’s people in His kingdom?

My dear friends, we have an opportunity to sip the new wine of God’s spirit, to throw open the windows and allow the Lord to breathe new life into our church and community. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00am and 10:30am for a worship experience that will be sure to fill you with the joy of the Spirit. It is time to let the community know that Jesus is alive in our hearts and homes, that we are ready to show our neighbors that church is still relevant and needs to be a staple in our lives. For those who have not attended church in quite some time, we invite you to taste and see what the Lord Jesus is doing in our midst.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

F.I.S.H. DONATION CHALLENGE UPDATE

Since the beginning of 2016, *a total of 440.8 lbs.* of donated items have been delivered to F.I.S.H. ***A huge THANK YOU to Outreach Chair Jac Filer for making the charts that will track the pantry giving progress.***



In keeping with our FISH Donation Challenge, as proposed by Jac, ***it is our current goal to raise ONE TON (2 thousand pounds) in donations for the pantry.*** In last month’s Newsletter, Jac stated the following: “We are asking our leadership committee members to bring donations to each meeting. If you’re running a special event or group activity, consider asking those who attend to bring an item for FISH. But in the months between now and November [Harvest Home], we have an opportunity to develop or reinforce habits of giving. As you complete your weekly grocery shopping, remember to pick up an item or two to share with FISH.”

Current pantry needs are: Canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, hot chocolate mix, tea and coffee, baked beans, tooth paste, bar soap, detergent (dish & washing), canned fruit cocktail, canned corn, canned potatoes, instant potatoes, all paper products. Bring your donations to the marked baskets in the rear of the Sanctuary or downstairs in Spirit Light. You can also bring your donations directly to the pantry.

F.I.S.H. is located on 800 W. Chestnut Street in Perkasio, their phone number is 215-257-7616. Hours of operation are: Mondays 3-5pm, Wednesdays 3-5pm, Thursdays 6-8pm, Fridays 9-11am, and Saturdays 9-11am.

THANK YOU FROM DIANE HOLLER

Diane wishes to “thank everyone for all they have given to the FISH baskets, and hopes they keep up the good work, especially during the summer months.”

Don’t forget! Our goal is to reach *ONE TON, literally 2 thousand lbs., in donations.*

PERKASIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING 2016 SCHEDULE

- Tuesday March 1
- Tuesday April 5
- Tuesday May 3
- Tuesday June 7

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM here at First Church. For reservations, contact Connie Etters. For late cancelations, contact the church office. Perkasio Historical Society's website is www.perkasiehistory.org.

ONLINE DONATIONS

You can make a donation to FUMC online using your Debit or Credit Card. To donate or for more info, visit the church website: www.fumcperkasio.com.

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The church office is open Tuesdays through Fridays 9 AM to 1 PM, and closed on Mondays.

ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY

Following the Tradition Keepers service, members of the Altar Flower ministry deliver a vase of altar flowers to persons who may be in the hospital or for other occasions.

We would like some stand-by alternates when our regular volunteers are unavailable.

Present Volunteers are as follows:

- 1st and 2nd Sundays—Bernie DuBois
- 3rd Sundays in January, March, May, July, September and November - Jim and Orchys Rupp
- 3rd Sundays in February, April, June, August, October, and December—Stan and Blondie Beck
- 4th and 5th Sundays—Ruthanne Porter

If you are interested in helping this ministry, please leave your name and phone number with the church office or call Ruthanne Porter so we may contact you. Thank you.

NEEDED HELP FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

We need Liturgists for Traditional Worship, Flower Ministry helpers, communion steward helpers and preparers, sound system helpers, greeters, ushers, candle lighters. We also need people who enjoy taking photos at special First Church events and services throughout the year. This is by no means an exhaustive list of the many ways to get involved here at First UMC. Contact the church office for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Pastor Dorn has initiated a congregational care ministry. It is comprised of members of the First Church family making regular visits to our shut-ins, homebound, and retired members. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, and for more information, contact the church office.

FUMC WEBSITE CHANGES

We are making some pretty significant changes to our website. We are confident that these changes will lead to a more user-friendly and attractive site experience for all who visit. In the meantime, however, we ask that you please "pardon our dust" while we work to improve the website.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

The Worship Team from the Contemporary Service is in need of singers! If you enjoy singing and / or attend Contemporary Service, the Worship Team would love to have you! Please contact Eileen Hilt or the church office, if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT SLIDES PREPARER

We are looking for one or more persons to format the weekly bulletin announcements as PowerPoint slides. The bulletin announcements are attached as a WORD document and emailed to you from the church office by mid-day on Fridays. Slides would then need to be created, attached to an email, and forwarded by Saturday, in preparation for the Sunday morning service. Starting from the previous week's slides and just making the adjustments makes the task quicker. Contact Jac Filer or the church office if interested.

EASTER SUNDAY THANK YOU



A special thank you goes out to Diane Holler and anyone else who adorned the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday with tulips and daffodils.

J.O.Y. CIRCLE NEWS

Next meeting is May 12th at 7:30PM at First Church. The J.O.Y. picnic is scheduled for June 9 at 6 PM and will be held in Highland Park. After the picnic J.O.Y. meetings will resume on September 8th at 7:30PM. Location to be determined.

THANK YOU TO J.O.Y. CIRCLE FROM ANNA KELLER

"Dear friends, I want to thank the girls of the J.O.Y. Circle for being so kind to me. Thanks so much for the goodies you gave for Easter. Thanks again I love all of you. Happy Easter to all."

FUMC GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Is someone in your family getting ready to graduate? You can email your graduate's info and their future plans, or call the church office,

OR

Fill in the below slip, tear off, and mail to:

First UMC Perkasie; 501 Market Street; Perkasie PA 18944.

Due Wednesday, June 1st.



NAME OF GRADUATE: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

DEGREE: _____

FUTURE PLANS (use space below if needed): _____

NORTHEAST DISTRICT NEWS

Tools for Ministry

The Northeast District Tools for Ministry met March 12 at Grace UMC in Pen Argyl. With a focus on Ministry with the Poor, one of the denomination's four mission foci, the morning plenary session featured a Poverty Simulation exercise, where many participants played unfamiliar roles as low-income family members struggling to navigate and overcome the rigors and restraints of poverty in America.

A stressful, kinetic hour of simulation represented one month in the life of a poor family that struggles to survive while its members seek needed social services, education, gainful employment, medical care and solutions to inevitable crises. The Pocono Alliance facilitated the eye-opening simulation exercise and an extensive debriefing session with help from graduates of its Getting Ahead program that provides resources, training and networking for people trying to escape poverty.

Remarkably, the poverty focus continued in afternoon workshops that helped leaders view worship, staff-pastor relations, trustees, finance, and ministries with children and youth—all in the context of doing Ministry with the Poor.

Regional: Camperships

Send more kids to United Methodist camps of the Eastern PA Conference! For the 2014-2015 year, our District exceeded the goal of \$4500 so camperships could be provided for needy children this past summer! At one point during the summer, Pocono Plateau, our own district camp, ran out of scholarship funds but then the NE District check arrived so more camperships were provided. Let's raise at least \$5000 to help sustain our camp and sponsor kids for the summer 2016.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, June 5th District Conference, 3 to 5:30 PM

Bethany UMC in Wescosville

June 16th—18th Annual Conference

Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

(Please note, as of Friday 4/22, the Lancaster Marriot Hotel is now sold out for the duration of Annual Conference, as per the epaumc website).

Tuesday June 21st Clergy Breakfast

Asbury UMC, Allentown PA

9 AM registration

Saturday August 20th Clergy Family Picnic

Covenant UMC, Moore Twp., PA

11 AM—2PM



JOINT VBS AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

Vacation Bible School

Monday August 8th – Friday August 12th

9:15 a.m. – 12 noon

We invite all children age 3 through those entering grade 6 to “**Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love**”. Participants will experience God’s amazing love, explore God’s mission for their lives, encounter powerful water stories from the Bible, and discover ways to live out God’s amazing love.

The adventure includes energizing music, interactive Bible fun, super science projects, cool crafts, a mission project serving children, delicious snacks, great games and more. The overall theme verse is from Nehemiah 4:14b: “*Remember that the Lord is great and awesome!*” This verse reminds students that God is amazing, awesome, and powerful. Each day, the students hear Wave Words that make the key teaching easy to remember and reinforce the theme verse.

God Creates! God Helps! God Loves!
God Calms! God Sends!

(Registration form included in this Newsletter)



*Because her love never fails
Her children rise up and call her blessed
Proverbs 31:28*

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION (Intinction) Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00am Contemp. Worship and Kids' Church (LL-SH) 10:30am Trad. Worship (ML-S) 11:30am New Members Class (UL-SS3)	2 Office Closed 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (LL-SH) 7:30pm Scout Court of Honor (LL - Scout Room)	3 7:00pm Scout Den Meeting (UL-SS3)	4 9:30am Bible Study (ML-L) 6:45pm YF (LL-Y) 7:00pm Choir (LL-C) 7:00pm Scout Troop Parent Committee Meeting (ML-L)	5 Ascension Thursday	6 Pastor's Day Off 6:30pm Girl Scouts Meeting (LL - Scout Room)	7
8 Ascension Sunday Mother's Day Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:00am Contemp. Worship and Kids' Church (LL-SH) 9:30am Mothers' Day Potluck Breakfast (LL-A, LL-K) 10:30am Trad. Worship (ML-S) 11:30am New Members Class	9 Office Closed 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (LL-SH)	10 7:00pm Jazz and Joe Event (LL-A, LL-K, LL-SH)	11 9:30am Bible Study (ML-L) 6:45pm YF (LL-Y) 7:00pm Choir (LL-C)	12 Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Scout Den Meeting (LL-A, LL-SH) 7:30pm JOY Circle Meeting (ML-A)	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
15 New Members Service (New Members Join) Pentecost 9:00am Contemp. Worship and Kids' Church (LL-SH) 10:30am Trad. Worship (ML-S)	16 Office Closed 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (LL-SH) 7:15pm Finance Meeting	17 7:00pm Scout Den Meeting (LL-A, LL-SH)	18 9:30am Bible Study (ML-L) 6:45pm YF (LL-Y) 7:00pm Choir (LL-C)	19	20 Pastor's Day Off	21
22 1st Sunday after Pentecost Baptisms Peace with Justice Sunday (offering) Trinity Sunday 9:00am Contemp. Worship and Kids' Church (LL-SH) 10:30am Trad. Worship (ML-S) 7:00pm Scout Pack Committee Meeting (LL-A, LL-SH)	23 Office Closed 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (LL-SH)	24	25 11:30am Bible Study Picnic (Highland Park) (Highland Park) 6:45pm YF (LL-Y) 7:00pm Choir (LL-C)	26 7:00pm Scout Den Meeting (LL-A, LL-SH)	27 Pastor's Day Off	28
29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Contemp. Worship and Kids' Church (LL-SH) 10:30am Trad. Worship (ML-S)	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (LL-SH)	31				

CALENDAR KEY

Lower Level LL-SH = Social Hall LL-A = Social Hall Annex LL-Y = Youth Room LL-C = Choir Room LL-K = Kitchen Upper Level UL-SS = Sunday School Rooms UL-T = Tower Room	Main Level ML-S = Sanctuary ML-A = Sanctuary Annex ML-L = Library ML-N = Nursery ML-O = Office
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Vacation Bible School 2016

August 8-12, 9:15 am - 12:00 noon

Trinity Lutheran Church, Fifth and Chestnut Streets, Perkasië



For children age 3 through entering Grade 6

Child's Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Child's Age: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ Gender: M F

School Grade Completed in June 2015: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Cell: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home Congregation: _____

Person who will pick up child: _____

Relationship to Child: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency contact if parent/guardian cannot be reached: _____

Relationship to Child: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies (food, bee, etc.): _____

Any medical/behavioral/special needs:

Children should wear sneakers every day! No flip flops, sandals or crocs, please.

Please include \$10.00 toward cost of materials with this form. Registration due by July 22, 2016.

Checks may be made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church." Thank You!

Adults and Youth (completed Grade 6 and up) - Will you help at VBS?

I can help with (circle): Group Leader Assistant Crafts Science Games Snacks Nursery

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Days available (please circle): ALL Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri



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**Sunday Worship Schedule
Church Office Hours**

9:00 AM Contemporary
Worship and Kids'
Church

10:30 AM Traditional
Worship

Tuesdays through Fridays:
9 AM to 1 PM
Closed Mondays

Pastor Scott Dorn

Dave Devlin, Lay Leader

**Robert Creager
Organist/Choir Director**

**Jennifer Fabey
Leanne Lightcap
Nursery Attendants**

**Alanna Jones
Administrative Assistant**

**Edmund Schonheiter
Custodian**

Address Service Requested

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

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