

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

under The steeple



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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Some of us may remember the old, obscure, and totally off the wall “Weird Al” Yankovic movie UHF. One of my favorite scenes involves a child on a crazy game show, rewarded for finding a marble in a kiddie pool full of oatmeal. The game show’s host shouts, “Joey Miller, you are one lucky, lucky, lucky little boy. You found the marble in the oatmeal! You get to drink from the FIREHOSE!!!” The child is wheeled over to a fire hose and blasted in the face with water.

Every September, I feel like Joey Miller drinking from that fire hose. The kickoff to the church program year always blasts me in the face. It’s so much fun. It’s so exciting. And it is refreshingly overwhelming.

September 13 = Kickoff Sunday. Sunday School starts for all ages, showcasing our brand new curriculum. The Sunday schedule changes. Worship is at 10:30am. Sunday School is at 9:15am. You can always come early for donuts and fellowship, or hang around after worship for the same.

I am so excited for this year. We are all lucky, lucky, lucky boys and girls.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff

ATTIC TREASURE SALE!

October 17, 2009

Time to get rid of all that stuff you thought you needed but can't remember why? We would love to help you out! Bring your donations to the Stage in Fellowship Hall beginning September 20th. The sale will benefit the 2009 Mission Trip to the Crow Reservation in Montana.

Thanks for your support!

SIGN UP TO HELP

Fall
Boredom
Busters
&
Sunday
School
Kick-off



Help Set Up

Oct 14 1:30 – 5:00

Oct 15 1:30 – 5:00

Oct 16 12:00 – 4:00

Help with Sales

from 8 – 2 on the 17th

Help with Clean Up 2:00 on
the 17th

MEN'S BREAKFAST MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP

Join us **Sat., September 12th at 8:00 a.m.** at The Dairy Cottage. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Milana at [gdmilana \(at\) comcast.net](mailto:gdmilana@comcast.net).

Please join us which ever month you can and we especially look forward to our new members joining us.





EVERYONE is invited to the First
Presbyterian Church of Springfield
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM



**Open, loving classes
where all ages learn
the stories of
the Bible, God's
message and its
application.**

Join us beginning
September 13,
2009
at 9:00 a.m.
for our Kick-Off Sunday



***“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.” -Psalm 78:4***

September 2009



OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The deadline for the October issue of the newsletter is Friday, September 11th. LAST CALL September 18th. Please e-mail your information to Violette at **firstpresby.newsletter** at **comcast.net**. NEW EMAIL!

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY—PHOTO DATES

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for our Church pictorial directory: There are sign up sheets in the narthex of the church or you can call the church office with the selected date and time that is most convenient for you. Dates are: Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10 – from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Sam & Roxanne Shane
205 Azalea Lane
West Grove, PA 19390
Phone (610) 345-0437

WANTED:

For the Tower Youth room - Gently used couch or love-seat and a collapsible ping pong table. Call Nancy Harding @ 610-543-5110 to make arrangements for pick up.

2009—2010 CIRCLES

CIRCLE MEETINGS

FIRST TUESDAYS OF MONTH

Circle 1 (Granite Farms) 9:30 a.m.

Circles 3 and 4 meet at various member homes 9:30 a.m.

Circle 5 meets at various member homes at 7p.m.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS OF MONTH

Circle 6 meets at various member homes at 7p.m.

SPIRITUAL LESSONS

The lesson this year (which starts in September) is called **40 Days of Love** and is written by the same author as the **Purpose Driven Life**, Rick Warren. A few of the women have already studied the first part of the lesson and were very excited about it.

ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLES

Circles meet each month with a new lesson to study from September to May. The December's meeting is usually a Christmas meal and in May we have a picnic combining all of the circles in Fellowship Hall. New circles are arranged every two years just to mix up the members so we can get to know everyone. Each circle picks their own mission to support and their donations go towards that mission.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Anyone interested in joining a circle at First Presbyterian please call Nanci Petroski at (610) 328-4381.

Welcome

*Join a
Circle*

*Meet new
Friends*

REPORT FROM BILL WINANS OF HOUSE & GROUNDS

September, September. Ah, there are many songs that have the word September either in the title or the lyrics. It must have been a favorite month for poets and songwriters. I know it's one of my favorite months. When I was a kid growing up on a farm September meant harvest time for many crops, corn, tomatoes, wheat, hay, potatoes and more. It was a time for God's abundance to be bestowed upon us. There were bushels in truckloads going to the market or the cannery. Some days we worked from sun-up to sun-down. It was at a time when we got out of school to meet the markets demands, to work in the fields. It was like a snow day to the kids today. The only thing different was we didn't have to make it up at the end of the school year. But, we did have to make up the school work that we missed during that period. Yeah sometimes it was not fun being kept in to do your school work while your friends were out playing. But it was worth it, not to have to stay in school until late June.



September is a great time for our church. Rabbit Hill students and staff are usually going full speed by the middle of the month. It's so great to see the kids in line, ready for the next assignment, or going outside to play and learn. I'm sure every parent that sends their kids to Rabbit Hill are proud of the school and what they learn while there. What the parents don't see is the preparation that goes on before the first day of school begins. The staff is busy with the planning of lessons, Bruce our custodian was working hard at not only the stripping, cleaning and waxing of the floors and furniture, but he disinfected and scoured every single toy that is used by the kids, to free them of any germs and dirt. So when the child uses them they are squeaky clean.

Our grass is looking much better and I hope that continues to do so. The flowers and shrubs look very nice thanks again to Bruce and the many volunteers that keep it that

way. If you get a chance look at our new fence at the back of the Prayer Garden, the contractor did a very nice job. And hopefully by the time you read this our parking lots and driveways will have a fresh coat of sealant as well as fresh new white lines for parking. Just as a side note any parent picking up and dropping of their kids for Rabbit Hill may park in the Handicap areas. We are covering those signs so as they can be used for that purpose.

You know being on house and grounds for a long time now is very rewarding, just to see what can be done by volunteers and outside people. I am truly blessed to have such a great committee. But to add a little commercial to this we could use a few more good men, women, and young people. If you're interested see me or contact me on my e-mail address wsillywilly35 (at) aol.com, or you can call the office and leave Janet any information whereas I can contact you.

Until next month God Bless.

DEACON'S CORNER

MERCY HOSPICE

The request for **September** is **Pork chops**. Please remember to make your donation before the last week of the month. Place in the box marked Mercy Hospice next to the freezer to the left of the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

FOOD CUPBOARD

The Food Cupboard is in need of restocking, **All Products**. Thank you for your support and contributions!

TRANSPORTATION

If you or anyone you know would find it easier to attend worship services or church functions if he/she had a ride, please use our transportation service. To arrange a ride contact Cindy Stell (610) 543-8450 or the church office.

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds. Can such faith save him?

James 2:14

*Worship
Leaders
Needed*

Greeters

Contact
Gussie Logue
(610-544-1450)

Ushers

Contact
Church Office
(610-543-5110)

Liturgists

Contact
Church Office
(610-543-5110)

*Please
Volunteer
Today*

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MONTH

GREETERS

9/06—10:30 a.m. Rosemarie Baltzer
9/13—10:00 a.m. Marge Bair
9/20—10:00 a.m. Marian & John Gibson
9/27—10:00 a.m. Diane & Bill Lee

USHERS

9/06 and 9/13 Team 5: Keith & Rosie Black, John
Reed, Mike Carson
9/20 and 9/27 Team 6: Gussie Logue, Mary Louise
Smith, Lynne Romesburg

LITURGISTS

9/06—10:30 a.m. Bob Simons
9/13—10:00 a.m. Darla McNulty
9/20—10:00 a.m. Dick Hartzell
9/27—10:00 a.m. Paul Frishkorn

COUNTERS

To volunteer contact Kathy Wike (610) 544-2955.

TRANSPORTATION

Contact Cindy Stell at (610) 543-8450 or the church
office (610) 543-5110.

Worship With Us

THIS WEEKEND

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

SEP 6TH — Our Text: James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SEP 13TH — Our Text: James 3:1-12
RALLY DAY
9:00 A.M. Sunday School Kick-off

SEP 20TH — Our Text: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

SEP 27TH — Our Text: James 5:13-20



Missed a sermon?
Out of town? Busy volunteering...counting,
supervising Children's Church etc?
Catch a podcast of the Good News on the web at
www.fpcspringfield.org

Worship Times

8:30 am
Coffee time in
Fellowship Hall

9:15 am
The Summit
Sunday School
and Adult Sunday
School

10:30 am
Worship
Sanctuary

*Fall Schedule
begins Sunday,
September 13th

Visit God's House

THIS WEEKEND

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2009</h1>		1 9:30 am Women's Circles #1,3,4	2 7 pm Cir- cle #6 7:30 pm "The Screwtape	3	4 9:30 am Women Prayer (Library)	5
6 10 am Com- munion Wor- ship Service	7 <i>Labor Day Holiday— Office Closed!</i>	8	9 3—9:30 pm Pic- tures for Church Directory 6:30 pm Leg-	10 3— 9:30 pm Pic- tures for	11 9:30 am Women Prayer (Library)	12 8 am Men's Break- fast-Dairy Cottage 4 pm City Team Ministry
13 "Kick Off Sunday" 6:30 pm Musi- cal mon Says" 8-9 pm Tower Youth Kick Off	14 Rabbit Hill Nursery School begins	15	16 12 pm Ministerium @ Life Chris- tian Fellow- ship Church	17	18 9:30 am Women Prayer (Library)	19 10 am—8 pm Spaghetti Dinner (Hand in Hand, C of C)
20 1:30 pm Harlee Manor Worship 7-8:30 pm Tower Youth	21	22 10 am Presby- tery Meet- ing @ Oxford Church 7 pm Del. County Early	23 6—7 pm "Potluck Din- ner" 7-8 pm Com- mission Meet- ings 8-9 pm Dea- cons and Ses-	24	25 9:15 a.m. Mom 2 Mom (Lounge) 9:30 am Women Prayer (Library) 6 pm Arimoto	26
27 7-8:30 pm Tower Youth	28 Nursery care is provided during the Sunday School Hour and during Worship Service					

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Room Assignment Key, Floor

CO—Church Office, 2nd—Fassitt Hall
CR—Conf. Room, 2nd—Fassitt Hall
CS—Church Sanctuary, 2nd
FH—Fellowship Hall, 1st Lower Rear
LH—Lambert Hall, 1st
LI—Library, 2nd
LO—Lounge, 2nd
MR—Music Room, 2nd Rear
PO—Pastor's Office, 2nd—Fassitt Hall
RN—Rabbit Hill/Nursery, 1st
RW—Rabbit Hill West Rm, 2nd
SM—Sunday School Moses Rm, 3rd
SN—Sunday School Noah Rm, 3rd
SS—Sunday School Office, 2nd—Fassitt Hall
ST—Sunday School Tent Rm, 3rd
YD—Youth Director's Office, 2nd—Fassitt Hall
YT—Youth Tower Room, 3rd

Congratulations to

Congratulations to Dave and Darla McNulty on the birth of their sixth grandchild, Clara Faye Mooney, born August 13 weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and 21 inches long.



Our Christian sympathies are extended to the family of Donna DiZebba on the death of her father, Irvin Fister on August 1, 2009 and to the Burke family on the death of Dick's sister, Peggy Bowman on August 5.

Losing a parent is so difficult and my dad will be missed beyond words but there are moments along the way that bring comfort from those who care. Thank you for the lovely flowers, thoughts, prayers and all of your caring words during this sad time in the loss of my dad who also was a loving husband and a wonderful pop-pop. It means so much to be part of a caring church family.

Love, Donna, Tony, Brandon & Danielle DiZebba

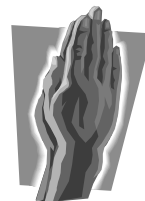
I want to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards and beautiful flowers during my surgery and recuperation. I'm not sure how much more treatment I will need, but I am trusting in the Lord for his strength.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Burke

Dear Church Family--

I want to thank everyone for the love expressed when I broke my elbow. The prayers, church letter, cards, phone calls, and facebook messages were all greatly appreciated! The people in this church are such a blessing!

Hugs,
Denise Santella (the klutz)



*Who is wise
and under-
standing
among you?
Let him show
it by his good
life, by deeds
done in the
humility that
comes from
wisdom.*

James 3:13



SIMON SAYS

The Rockin' Trial of Simon Peter

YOUTH MUSICAL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 6:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Great Opportunity!!!
Invite Friends and Neighbors



**TOWER
YOUTH**



KICK OFF

**KIDS 6th—12th GRADE
PARENTS TOO!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
8:00 PM IN THE
TOWER
(AFTER THE MUSICAL)**

**INFO ABOUT:
MISSION TRIP,
FUNDRAISERS, RETREATS,
LOCK-INS, and RANDOM
ACTS OF KINDNESS**

**The
Tower
Youth**



**Kid's
Stuff**

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Look for an update on September's mission of the month in the Sunday bulletin.

Please send noteworthy items on our youth to vbdesantis at comcast.net to recognize their achievements.
Thank You!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ryan Carson who was named to the Deans List for the 2008/2009 school year at Philadelphia Biblical University (PBU). Ryan also received the "Outstanding Music Student" Award in recognition as the outstanding freshman music major presented by the School of Music and Performing Arts at PBU on May 8, 2009.

Angelina DeCaria chosen for the Springfield School District August Student of the Month. Angelina is described as a "happy, fun loving, and dedicated student". She will be entering 3rd Grade in September. Way to go :)!

EVERYONE'S INVITED!

Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 23
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*The entrée will be provided by your Nominating, Counting and Stewardship Committee members.
You are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert.

Commission Meetings
immediately following from 7 – 8 p.m.
Deacons (Lambert Hall) and Session (Lounge)
from 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Christian Education – Lambert Hall
Finance – Conference Room
House and Grounds – Fellowship Hall
Membership – Noah or Moses Sunday School
Mission – Library
Nominating – Noah or Moses Sunday School Room
Personnel – Pastor's Office
Worship – Lounge

NEED CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS !

We are looking for volunteers for childcare for the 4th Wednesday of the month meetings beginning in September.

Below are the dates needed:

September 23

October 28

November 18 (3rd Wednesday – due to holiday)

December 16 (3rd Wednesday – due to holiday)

Children are invited to the 6 to 7 pm potluck. We would like to offer childcare if it is needed.

You're Invited

2009 NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

ISSUE	DEADLINE	LAST CALL*	MAILS
October	9/11	9/18 ***	9/24
Thanksgiving/Stewardship Issue			
November	10/12	10/16 ***	10/22
Christmas Issue			
December	11/06	11/13 ***	11/19
January 2010	12/04	12/11 ***	12/17

This is a tentative schedule for 2009. Dates subject to change to meet the needs of the office, church or editor for holidays, vacations or other needs. *Last call is subject to space and time availability.

mp3s, Sound Systems, Podcasts, Websites, Recording, Audio Visuals, CD Burning

Does working with any of this interest **you**?

Would **you** like to be involved keeping a website up-to-date?

Do **you** want to learn more about how these are done?

We are interested in having a group of people learn about the sound systems in the church and help with recording the Worship Services and the Adult Ed sessions. The recordings are then converted to CDs and also podcasts for the website. Also, if you have the desire to be involved in keeping our church website fresh and up-to-date, we can use assistance there as well.

If interested contact **Matt Kellett** at **610-544-7189** or leave a note in the Publicity mailbox outside the office.

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