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# JUNE 2008

## First Presby News

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*First Presbyterian Church will strive to be a welcoming home, a beacon of Christ's light arising from inspiring worship and loving discipleship.*

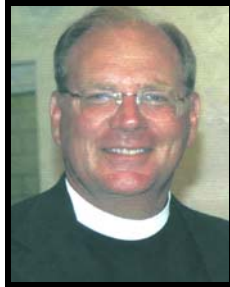
**Summer Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**

**11:00 Radio Broadcast: 580 AM WCHS**

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**Bill McCoy**  
Pastor

### From the Pastor:

As you receive this newsletter the unofficial beginning of summer has come and gone in the form of Memorial Day weekend activities, observances and celebrations. We have emphasized a "second mile" effort in stewardship to close the gap of a transition of more than four years in our church, reminding us of Christ's call to the "second mile" in all facets of life; family, friends, community, stewardship of time, talent, energy, priorities, lifestyle, etc.

Traditionally First Church has been a church which has evidenced countless second mile efforts as seen in our long standing and extensive community ministry efforts, Christ centered fellowship and recreation opportunities, Christian education for all ages, mission efforts which reach around the world, vibrant and uplifting worship and music, campus ministry, a top rated Preschool, and the fellowship of a family of faith which serves to pray for and cheer each other on in life and faith. We have been richly blessed. It has been an excellent year in our church and promises to be even better in the church year to come.

As summer schedules kick in, it is my prayer that summer for you is restful and rejuvenating, inspiring and uplifting, and encouraging for you in faith and faithfulness. May God bless you in all areas and all endeavors of your life.

'See you in church!

Bill

Summer  
Worship  
Sundays,  
10:00 a.m.



### NEW GRANDBABIES

We celebrate the birth of Ruth Margaret Schacht, May 2, grandchild of Bob and Mary Ann Schacht. New mom is Rebecca of Seattle, Washington.

And we celebrate the birth of Willa Louise Skiles, May 13,. She is the first great-grandchild of Ruth and Dana Pitchford. Willa's parents are Ashley and Matt Skiles of Charleston, WV.

### BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Ann-Dallas Payne Confer, granddaughter of Ann and Paul Moran on May 14. She is the daughter of Katharine and Matthew Confer of San Francisco, CA.

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 8, the following ninth grade students will be confirmed as members of the church. Congratulations! Please watch for these youth and congratulate them in person.

Max Graney  
Tim Kinneberg  
Erin Nolan  
Ann Pancake  
Allison Pitchford  
Matt Phillips  
Victoria Thomas  
Morgan Vincent  
Eric Walker  
Chris Welty



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING BRUNCH Thursday, June 12 10:30 a.m.

Come for a wonderful  
brunch, fellowship  
and the  
Presentation of  
Life Member Awards!

Invite a friend and  
be sure to make  
your brunch reservation  
by June 9—  
call 343-8961.

Childcare is available if reserved  
by calling 343-8961 ext. 122  
in advance.

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY



Sign up now to be a part of our new church family photo directory. The more complete the directory is, the more useful it will be to all of us. Please participate; we have chosen LifeTouch Company for the photography.

Go to [www.firstpresby.com](http://www.firstpresby.com) and click on "Schedule My Photo Session." If you cannot access the web site, telephone the church office, 343-8961.

Photo appointments begin Monday, June 16, and are available through Saturday, June 21. Choose a time between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. weekdays, or from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

Outside the church office is a LifeTouch display. Without your photo, our new directory won't be complete! Sign up now!

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a nurse, Sunday, June 8, in the Cablish Room off the main church hallway.

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

You are welcome to join this group meeting once a month, the third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in Room E-310.

**Thanks to all who donated items to the Yard Sale.** We raised over \$550 which will go toward the high school youth mission trip helping Habitat for Humanity in South Carolina.

### FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR APRIL 2008

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 85,000	\$ 64,662	\$ (20,338)
Trustee Funds:	4,479	4,479	-
Other Revenue:	8,155	12,817	4,662
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>97,634</b>	<b>81,958</b>	<b>(15,676)</b>
Expenses:	123,662	113,019	(10,643)
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ (26,028)</b>	<b>\$ (31,061)</b>	<b>\$ (5,033)</b>

**2008 Stewardship Goal:** \$ 1,188,875  
**Pledged-to-Date:** \$ 1,044,453  
**Miracle Sunday Pledges:** \$ 26,950 (received as of May 25)  
**Short of Goal:** \$ 117,472

*Prayerfully consider in what capacity you are able to support the ministry of First Presbyterian Church in 2008.*

## MONTREAT CONFERENCE ON WORSHIP AND MUSIC –

**Just two spaces left!**

Join us this summer for a life-changing week of worship, Bible study, music, and the arts in the mountains of Montreat, North Carolina. We'll leave by church bus on Sunday, June 15 and return on Saturday, June 21. Our church has reserved Chestnut Lodge for the week, and it promises to be a time of relaxation as well as spiritual renewal.

The conference is open to adults, youth, and children who have completed grade 3; childcare for younger children of registered conferees is free.

For more information, go to [www.presbysmusic.org/ConfMontreat.htm](http://www.presbysmusic.org/ConfMontreat.htm) or call Mary Odin at 343-8961 ext. 137. You may also choose to stay with us without registering for the conference; there are just two spaces left in the lodge—a really inexpensive vacation!

### TROOP 5 PROUDLY PRESENTS FOUR EAGLE SCOUTS

On May 10, Troop 5 honored four young men as they earned the rank of Eagle Scout. They are **Ben Agsten, Peter Gaglio, Christopher Marsh, and Paul Pancake**. Each of these boys participated in Troop 5 for the past five plus years. During that time, they have worked hard to earn each of the Boy Scout ranks: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle Scout.



Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than 1.7 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912.

Troop 5 is proud to say with the addition of these four young men, the troop has awarded 201 Eagle Scout Badges in its 94 year history. The first Eagle Scout in Troop 5 was awarded in 1919. Ben, Peter, Christopher, and Paul have joined a select group of Scouts both in Troop 5 and around the nation. Each of these Scouts exemplify the goals of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness!

## BASKETBALL CAMP



**JUNE 30 - JULY 3**

Attention all boys and girls, kindergarten through rising sixth graders: First Presby's Basketball Camp is the place to work on your basketball skills—whether or not you want to play ball with the church league. From Monday, June 30, through Thursday, July 3, the camp will meet 9:00-11:30 a.m. in the gym. Check your calendar now. Register by calling Marilyn in the church office, 343-8961. The cost is \$20.00. Please register by June 10.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### FROM THE FELLOWSHIP AND RECREATION DIVISION

- **June 29: Picnic On The Green**, 11:00 a.m.
- **July 17: Night Out At the Ball Game!** We have 100 FREE tickets; sign-up at the church.
- **Aug. 17: Ice Cream Sundae Sunday**, 11:00 a.m.
- **Sept. 7: All-Church Picnic at Coonskin Park**, 12:00

## PYC YOUTH NEWS



### Senior High Mission Trip June 22-28, 2008

This year the high school youth of First Presby will have an opportunity to work with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. Sea Island Habitat is the third oldest affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. With 30 years in the sea islands of South Carolina, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity has built more than 234 homes. This year they have set a goal to build 30 more homes to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

**Yes, it is an island-sandy beaches and lots of sun!** It is not too late to sign up; flyers are available on the information table or you may see Claire Butler for more information. This promises to be a week you will never forget! Decide to make a difference-with your heart and your hands.

### leaps and bounds



*Its not to late to sign up for  
the Massanetta Middle School  
Conference  
July 15-18, 2008  
Harrisonburg, Virginia*

He had no way to walk.  
He had heard the rumors.  
He did have friends.  
He needed a healing.

The paralytic lowered through the roof was changed forever following his encounter with Jesus. Though bound to a mat for years, Jesus commanded him to rise up and walk; and he leapt to his feet!

The 2008 Middle School Conference will have us face to face with the power of Jesus Christ, as well as digging deep into what it means to help our friends, to belong to a supportive faith community, to see God calling people to "leap" today and to glorify God for the great things God has done and will continue to do!

## FIRST PRESBY YOUTH COUNCIL IS FORMING!

**What is the Youth Council? It is a team of youth and adults who meet 3-4 times a year to plan youth events.** Youth Council members are also encouraged to take a leadership role in youth group as well. Want to serve on the Youth Council? Talk to Claire, 343-8961 ext. 119

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Morning Prayer

Think for a minute about how you picture God. Read the verses from Psalm 46. Sometimes prayers can be words we speak to God; sometimes we can say a prayer with a picture. Draw a picture to illustrate this psalm. *God, You are always present. When storms come and when we are afraid, You are our rock. Thank you. Amen.*

### Blessing for Meals

*Thank you for the world so sweet.  
Thank you for the food we eat.  
Thank you for the birds that sing.  
Thank you, God, for everything!*

### Evening Prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Bible Verse

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. (Psalm 46:1-2)

### Word of the Month

**Glean:** After crops are harvested by machine or by hand, people glean, which means they gather any food that is left behind.



### SUMMER TUESDAYS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

Parents of young children are invited to meet informally each Tuesday morning on the church playground. This "Summer Tuesdays" time begins June 3. Meet friends and make new ones while small children enjoy the small-sized equipment, 9:00-11:00ish

### Did You Know?

Do you know what a Protestant is? Some people in the 1500s who wanted to reform the Catholic Church were called Protestants because they protested some practices of the church. Their reforms ended up splitting the church into Catholics and Protestants. One of the early Protestant leaders was John Calvin. Presbyterians are Protestants.

Portions from **2008 Children's Mission Yearbook**. Copies are available in the CE Office.



### STRAP ON YOUR SANDALS! JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE WEEK STARTS JUNE 8!

**Curious about what this back-in-time experience will include?**

Along with TRIBE LEADERS, MUSIC LEADERS, and the DRAMA TEAM, SHOP KEEPERS are readying their supplies and getting excited! (Chris Peterson, BRICK-MAKING; Pat Miller, BASKETS; Emilie Couch, BAKERY; Ginna Taylor, HERBS; Blair Taylor, CANDY SHOP; Les Hawkins, COIN SHOP; Steve Hopta, GRINDING STONE)

Beginning Sunday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper, we'll learn through drama, synagogue school, crafts, music, and games some of what Jesus experienced as he grew.

On Friday, June 13, we'll celebrate our Bible School with a picnic, waterslide, and Marketplace "takedown."

**Plan now to bring your entire family. You will become part of a Tribe, enjoy the music, drama, and activities, and become part of an unforgettable Bible School!**

**Wow! An adventure is being planned for Bible School, June 8—13, as First Presby travels to the**

# Jerusalem Marketplace!

Your family will become a part of a Tribe and travel from your hut to visit with the rabbi and learn Hebrew customs, shop/make/discover in the marketplace, enjoy games Jesus played as a child, bake bread, experience drama, sing and dance. It's a week filled with sights, sounds, aromas and creativity you won't want to miss.

We will begin with supper each evening at 6:00, then don simple costumes and meet with tribes. Register by calling the church office, 343-8961, or by arriving a little early.

*Shalom!*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## TEACHER RECOGNITION

Sunday School Teachers will take a well deserved Sabbath rest for the summer. Thank you to all teachers whose commitment to teach has encouraged the faith development of others.

**The Christian Education Division will recognize all church school teachers on Sunday, June 1, with a reception on the green following our 10:00 worship.**

## SOJOURNERS CONTINUE THROUGH JULY

You are invited to join the Sojourners Class as they continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00. Each week a different topic will be discussed. Come any week that you are able. You will be warmly welcomed!

## GILEAD: SENECA CLASS SUMMER READING

The Seneca Class (young adults and others) will be reading *Gilead* over the summer. They will meet some weeks for discussion. (More plans forthcoming.) In the book *Gilead*, Marilynne Robinson has written an intimate story of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century; it is a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart. John Ames, the main character, is a Congregationalist minister. This book won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2004 National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction.

## COVENANT CLASS

Four years ago Darlene and Larry Kerr didn't know what God would do, but willingly accepted the call to lead a new class. The Covenant Class has become a supportive small group and has included many who had not yet studied the scriptures. Through the process of studying verse-by-verse the Old Testament, class members found themselves excited students and willing enablers. This summer while the formal class takes a recess, they will be studying at home the Book of Ecclesiastes. Betty and Ruffner Alexander have become class co-presidents.

## DISCIPLE:

### REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

For the past nine months the following people have met weekly, under the leadership of Doug Heidt, to study the Prophets and the Letters of Paul. Let us celebrate their dedication to the study of God's word.

Doug Chambers	Nancy Thomas
Greg Herrick	Newt Thomas
Lyle Sattes	Betti Volkers
Sally Slicer	Ken Volkers
Pete Slicer	Cathy Wallace

## SENECA CLASS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Seneca Class (young adults and others) will attend a baseball game at Appalachian Power Park in June. If you are interested, give Les or Dawn Hawkins a call, 205-5174. For July they are planning a dinner out. During August, Donna and Brian Noland will host a cookout. Contact any of these folks for more information.

## DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 6/1: Acts 1:7-11
- 6/2: Acts 16:25-26, 29-30
- 6/3: Acts 17:28a
- 6/4: Acts 20:25, 32, 36-38
- 6/5: Acts 26:13-16
- 6/6: Mark 3:1-35
- 6/7: Exodus 24:12, 15-17
- 6/8: Exodus 32:1-4
- 6/9: Exodus 32:19, 21-24
- 6/10: Exodus 34:8-10
- 6/11: Exodus 34:29-30a
- 6/12: Exodus 40:34-38
- 6/13: Proverbs 3:13-17
- 6/14: Proverbs 4:25-27
- 6/15: Proverbs 6:6-9
- 6/16: Proverbs 12:16-18
- 6/17: Proverbs 15:16-17
- 6/18: Proverbs 23:22-25
- 6/19: Proverbs 25:17-20
- 6/20: Proverbs 31:10-12
- 6/21: Revelation 22:17
- 6/22: Ephesians 1:7-8
- 6/23: Ephesians 1:8b-10
- 6/24: Ephesians 4:2-6
- 6/25: Ephesians 4:31-32
- 6/26: Ephesians 6:14-27
- 6/27: Isaiah 1:13, 15b-16
- 6/28: Isaiah 6:1-8
- 6/29: Isaiah 38:1-6
- 6/30: Isaiah 40:25

Note: These readings follow those listed in Making Time for God.



## INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR JIM ROBERTS

Now that I've been at First Presby for a couple of months, it's time to officially recognize that reality. That recognition is called a Service of Installation. This is what the Book of Order says about an installation:

*Every Christian is called by God to serve the church; however, God calls some persons to serve the church in particular and specific ways in congregations. When the congregation, the presbytery, and the minister have all concurred in a call to a permanent...pastoral position, the presbytery shall complete the call process by organizing and conducting the service of installation. Installation is an act of the presbytery establishing the pastoral relationship. A commission may be appointed to act for the presbytery.*

Yes, I am already here serving officially as your associate pastor, having been given permission to do so even before my installation. The key phrase is "the presbytery shall complete the call process." What has been approved and begun will now be completed upon my installation. **Presbytery has appointed a commission and the Service of Installation will be on Sunday, June 22, at 4:00 in the afternoon.** I hope you will be able to join us and celebrate with me the call you and the West Virginia Presbytery extended to me to serve as your associate pastor for congregational care.

May God bless us all as we serve together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's grace and peace,  
*Jim*



## MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

### FROM MARY ODIN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

During an interview about a year ago, a member of another church's search committee asked me: "What is your favorite style of music?" Frankly, I play, sing, and listen to so many different kinds of music that I don't think very much about which style is my favorite. I believe the person who asked the question really wanted to know how much my personal preferences influence my choices for worship music. It's possible they were also wondering, "How closely do your personal preferences match mine?" or maybe more to the point, "If we hire you as our music director, how much am I going to get to sing MY music?"

The truth is, according to our Presbyterian Book of Order, each pastor is responsible for the music in our worship services. Realistically, most pastors place some degree of trust in their music directors, and it's our job to try very hard to be faithful to the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

Last month I told you about a time when I clearly heard the voice of God guiding my family to come to Charleston. This month I want to tell you about another time when God shaped me, through the voice of my grandmother. I didn't recognize Him in that moment several decades ago, but I now see His handwriting all over the conversation that took place that day.

I was about fourteen years old when I casually commented to my grandmother after worship, "I love the way Lois plays the organ, but I just can't stand that last hymn we sang." Unfortunately, "that hymn" was a song

that her father, my great-grandfather, used to sing to her when she was a child. It was so strongly associated with him in her heart that it was as if I'd told her I hated her papa. No amount of back-pedaling or apologizing could undo the hurt she felt from my careless words.

Like most of you, I don't love every song we sing in worship, but the life-lesson I learned all those years ago shapes my behavior in worship to this day: **We are not called by God to love a particular song, but we are most definitely called to love one another.** Chances are good that the unfamiliar hymn or praise chorus I struggle to appreciate is the very song that helped one my brothers or sisters here at First Presby to find Christ. If I truly I love you, I must guard my speech and sing with vigor.

Theologian Marva Dawn has said that the early Christians were held together in community by their willingness to sacrifice themselves for one another. At a conference Wayne and I attended six years ago, she challenged us: "Is your community that strong? Would the people in your church be willing to *die* for each other? I bet they won't even sing a song they don't like for each other!"

I am convinced that we can.

*Mary*

### FPC LYRES CLUB

On May 2, the Lyres Club provided special music for the Church Women United May Friendship Day worship service here at our church. As of this writing, we plan to play special music for the revival services at Hissom Tabernacle on Thursday evening, May 29. During June, we will hold our rehearsals at various times and locations as follows: Friday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Hubbard Hospice House; Saturday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Heartland Nursing Care Center; Saturday, June 28 at noon at Hubbard Hospice House. If you are interested in playing the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at [modin@firstpresby.com](mailto:modin@firstpresby.com).

### WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team provides musical leadership at worship each week, using voices, guitar, bass, piano, mandolin, and other instruments to accompany congregational song. We rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings; our summer schedule will be somewhat flexible. To join us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at [modin@firstpresby.com](mailto:modin@firstpresby.com) or speak to any member of the group.

### FAMILY CHOIR

If you love to sing but hate the thought of an audition, here's your chance to offer your gift to God in worship. During June, the Family Choir will take over for the Geneva Choir, offering special music in worship during each Sunday service. There is no weekly rehearsal, no audition, and no long-term commitment for this group—just show up in the Choir Room above the Susie Early Room at 9:00 a.m. you can be a member for a day. We'll learn a simple anthem or hymn together and give it to God that very morning in worship.

The Family Choir is for all ages, and there will be something interesting for all; you might even get to play an instrument!

Come join us!

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND GENEVA CHOIR

Cherub Choir, Cathedral Choir, and Geneva Choir are taking a summer break, although Geneva Choir plans to sing at Jim Roberts' installation service on Sunday afternoon, June 22 at 4:00 p.m.

During June, singers are invited to bring their parents and grandparents (and great-grandparents?!), children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other acquaintances with them to Family Choir on Sunday mornings. We'll meet in the Choir Room above the Susie Early Room at 9:00 a.m. and learn a simple musical offering to give to God in worship at 10:00 a.m. There may be instruments to play, so if you are one of those adults who's been dying to play the children's Orff instruments with them, this might be your chance!

### BELL CHOIR

As of this writing, our Bell Choir plans to give their final musical offering of the worship season on Sunday, June 1. After that, bells will take their summer break. If you are interested in ringing handbells in the fall, contact director Kathy Lynch or speak to any member of the group.

# COMMUNITY MINISTRY



## ABOUT COVENANT HOUSE

Covenant House works for justice by offering direct services for people in need while creating social change through advocacy and education. Opened as a day shelter in 1981 with shower and laundry facilities, food and clothing assistance and emergency financial assistance, it is this original work of Covenant House for which it is best known.

In addition, Covenant House operates a Community Housing program for people with disabilities, a homeless outreach program, and advocacy and community organizing programs working on social issues related to education, poverty, race and building democracy.

## CURRENT COVENANT HOUSE NEEDS

The **Drop-In-Center** needs new or used wallets, razors, and spray deodorant—especially as summer arrives.

**The Food Pantry** needs boxed meals (macaroni, etc.), peanut butter, tuna fish, and all other kinds of protein items. We have lots of storage room which means we really have a need for donations!



## PALS BOOK CLUB

The Shepherd's Center together with the Kanawha County Public Library and Highmark PALS (People Able to Lend Support) will begin a discussion book club meeting on the third Friday of each month in the Ruffner Room starting in October. **Sign-ups begin now as we need to know how many are interested.** For more information consult the Shepherd's Center newsletter. Call Diane Clements at 343-0590 to request a free subscription.



## OPERATION BEANS AND RICE!

First Presby is beginning a new fundraising program that we have titled "Operations Beans and Rice." It is just a small attempt to address the continuing plight of world hunger and malnutrition.

Think about how much you or your family spends to eat out following church on any given Sunday. Most families spend about \$11 a person for their meal. What if, instead of spending that money at First Watch or Bob Evans, you instead spent it on a bag of beans and rice which you could then take home and cook (instead of going out). Or you could donate to the Covenant House Food Pantry located right in our own church.

**Beginning on June 1 during the Fellowship on the Green following 10:00 a.m. worship, you will have an opportunity to purchase a bag of Beans and Rice.** All proceeds from Operation Beans and Rice will go to help support the High School Mission Trip to work with Sea Island Habitat For Humanity. Thank you.

## PENTECOST OFFERING REPORT

Thank you for your great generosity: \$1770.11 was given, \$1062.07 will be sent to the General Assembly to be divided between ministries with youth and young adults and children-at-risk ministries, \$708.04 will be retained to assist FPC youth with their mission trip to John's Island, SC where they will work with Sea Island Habitat for Humanity to build safe, affordable housing for families in need.

## SUPPORTING WEST VIRGINIA TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

West Virginia Council of Churches through "Care-Net" invites you to the Governor's Conference, June 4-5, at the Charleston Civic Center—Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The conference is FREE and lunch will be provided. You may register at [www.carenetwv.org](http://www.carenetwv.org). Call WVCC, 344-3141, for more information.

## DAVIS-STUART, INC.

Davis-Stuart is a Presbyterian Therapeutic Residential Care Center for Adolescents accepting children ages 12-17. They accept referrals from the court system and the Dept. of Health and Human Resources. The Lewisburg Campus is located in a rural, farm like setting. The primary goal of the services provided at Davis-Stuart is to equip residents with the skills necessary to successfully reunify with their family when possible or to give them the life skills necessary to enter into independence.

**We will be accepting the traditional Thanksgiving/Chaplaincy Offering in orange envelopes on June 15.** This provides for the church's ministry to the students: They provide their teenagers with a full-time chaplain who leads them in corporate worship, weekly Christian education classes, and a lot of individual pastoral counseling. For many of the residents this is the first time they have been exposed to such teachings.

JoAnn Daley currently serves on their Board of Directors. We thank her for her service.

## WVRx

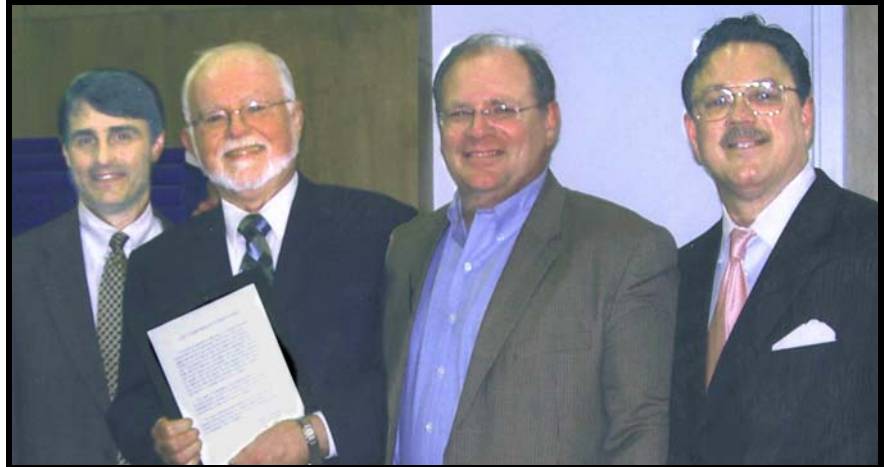
WVRx is a collaboration with the Governor's Pharmaceutical Advocate Office and WV Health Right to make medication available to those without health insurance and with incomes below 200% of the poverty level (\$42,000 for a family of 4). For more information or to enroll call Brenda Dane, at 304-414-5935 or go to [www.WVRx.org](http://www.WVRx.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### BOB NEWMAN HONORED

Bob Newman was honored and thanked by the Deacons for his generous gifts of time and spiritual support. Aaron Alexander and Tim Spears, past-moderators of the Deacons who served with Bob, were there to make the presentation. They gave Bob a letter of appreciation for his service to the Deacons during his tenure as interim pastor at First Presby and a signature Blenko vase from the collection series.

Photographed (left to right): Aaron Alexander, Bob Newman, Bill McCoy, Tim Spears.



### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

**Jonathan Seiter**, nephew of Carolyn Sturgeon, has returned home from Iraq

**Edwin Anderson**, cousin of Mary Odin, Afghanistan

**David McMillan**, grandson of Betty Kerns, National Guard Engineers, Iraq

**Major Todd Harrell**, Iraq, father of Emily and Jonathan

**Caitlin Workman**, granddaughter of Pat Workman, Airman First Class, Omaha, NE

**Franz S. Workman IV**, grandson of Pat Workman, Airman 1st Class, Moody AFB, GA

**David McDarmont**, son of Liz O'Finan, Ohio

**Donald Boylen**, grandson of Dick and Becky Smith, Virginia

**Owen Brown**, son of Earle Brown, Pensacola, FL with the Navy

**David Rucker**, nephew of Barbara Brown, Germany

*Please call the church office to keep this information current. Thank you.*

### PARTNERS IN PRAYER

We pray for churches in our presbytery, in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa, and our ecumenical partners through the West Virginia Council of Churches.

June 1: Brush Creek Presby, Ridgeview; Clothier Presby ; Enslow Park Presby, Huntington; Muruguru Church; Kaguma Parish Kenya.

June 8: Grace Presby, Lashmeet; Keller Presby, Pence Springs; Falls View Presby, Charlton Heights; Riamukurwe Parish, Kenya.

June 15: Mingo Presby; Old Stone Presby, Lewisburg; St. Andrew Presby, Elkview; Gatitu Church, Kenya.

June 22: Ronceverte Presby; Coffman Hill Chapel; Trinity Presby, Shady Spring; Kiandu Church, Kenya.

June 29: First Presby, Weston; Baxter Presby, Dunmore; Big Spring Presby, Slatyfork; Kigwandi Church, Kenya.

### MAINTAINING AN UP-TO-DATE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

We believe that intercessory prayer is an important ministry of this church, and we are grateful for our Prayer Chain, Deacons, staff, and others who routinely offer prayers on behalf of our members and friends in their times of need. In order to ensure that all prayer requests are honored, it is important that we maintain an up-to-date list. To do this, we have divided the list into categories.

The categories are:

- EXPECTANT MOTHERS
- BIRTHS
- BEREAVEMENTS
- HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS
- CURRENT PRAYER LIST (will be listed for one month)
- EXTENDED PRAYER LIST (will be listed for up to three months)
- LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST (requests to remain on the Prayer List indefinitely; will be reviewed on a quarterly basis)
- ACTIVE DUTY ARMED FORCES

We ask that you help us maintain an accurate Prayer List by informing us of newly expectant mothers, births, deaths, hospital admissions and discharges, changes in health status that would warrant change of listing categories or removal from the Prayer List. You may do so by filling out a Prayer Request Form and placing it in the box in the hallway just past the Cablish Room or by calling the church office.

### WEB CHALLENGE

Send in your favorite web site or a newly-discovered one. Tell us why you like it and we will publish a list in the next newsletter.

**www.presbykids4kids.org** This Web site recently launched by PC (USA) is about helping kids identify what's right — and what's not — and what they can do about it. Older elementary children are ready to make a difference in this world that God loves. Kids4kids gives kids simple tools to help them to make a difference. Easy to use and fun!

Read the daily lectionary at <http://www.pcusa.org/cgi-bin/lectiond.cgi>

[www.cookingwiththebible.com](http://www.cookingwiththebible.com)

Try <http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/> for a variety of interviews on a many varied faith-related topics.

# JUNE 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>Church School Teacher Recognition</b> 9:00 Summer Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship on the Green and Reception	2 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 7:00 Stephen Minister Training	<b>3</b> 6:30 Karate	4 8:30 am Aerobics 9:00 Wednesday Work Crew 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Property Division 5:00 Volunteer Ministry Division 5:15 C. E. Division 6:00 VBS Leaders 6:45 Mission Division 6:45 Worship Division 6:45 Personnel Division 7:15 Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 9:30 PW Coordinating Team 5:15 Coordinating Council 6:30 Karate	<b>6</b> 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 9:00 Sojourners Class 9:00 Family Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship on the Green 12:00 Confirmation Luncheon- home of Pam and John Kuyk 6:00 p.m. Bible School starting with supper	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 p.m. Bible School starting with supper 7:30 Stephen Minister Training	<b>10</b> 6:00 p.m. Bible School starting with supper	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Aerobics 9:00 Wednesday Work Crew 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Finance Division 6:00 p.m. Bible School starting with supper 6:45 Session	<b>12</b> 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 10:30 PW Brunch 6:00 p.m. Bible School starting with supper	<b>13</b> 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 p.m. Bible School PICNIC	<b>14</b>
<b>JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK</b>						
<b>15</b> <b>Davis-Stuart Offering</b> 9:00 Sojourners Class 9:00 Family Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship on the Green  Group leaves for week-long Worship and Music Conference, Montreat	<b>16</b> 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 3:00-9:00 Photos for new Directory	<b>17</b> 3:00-9:00 Photos for new Directory 6:30 Karate 7:00 Alzheimer Support Group	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Aerobics 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 3:00-9:00 Photos for new Directory 5:00 Fellowship and Recreation Division	<b>19</b> 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 3:00-9:00 Photos for new Directory 6:30 Karate 6:30 Seneca Basketball	<b>20</b> 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 3:00-9:00 Photos for new Directory	<b>21</b> 10:00 -4:00 Photos for new Directory
<b>TIME TO GET YOUR PICTURE MADE FOR THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!</b>						
<b>MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE</b>						
<b>22</b> 9:00 Sojourners Class 9:00 Family Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship on the Green 11:00 Youth leave on Mission Trip 4:00 Installation of Pastor Jim Roberts	<b>23</b> 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	<b>24</b> 6:30 Karate	<b>25</b> 8:30 am Aerobics 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise	<b>26</b> 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 6:30 Seneca Basketball 6:30 Karate 6:30 Seneca Basketball	<b>27</b> 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	<b>28</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA</b>						
<b>29</b> 9:00 Sojourners Class 9:00 Family Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Hotdog Picnic on the Green	<b>30</b> 8:30 am Aerobics 9:00 Basketball Camp 2:00 Senior Exercise	<b>BASKETBALL CAMP MONDAY—THURSDAY</b>				

Wow! Seeing what's happening in June!



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**Our church life is filled with stories!** Maybe it's a wedding day!. Your Boy Scout troop experience and how it shaped you. Your pre-school memories. A heart-breaking funeral. A favorite message from the pulpit. A mission trip or a meaningful youth group event. Favorite choir stories. Your Sunday school class. The day your child was baptized. Your life in this church! Why you decided to join. Why you feel drawn here. Why you stay. Your stories are the very fabric of this church!

As the Archive Committee seeks to preserve our church documents, the Discovery Class seeks to preserve our church memories. To that end, the Discovery Class is offering our members an opportunity to share stories about The First Presbyterian Church of Charleston.

**The Discovery Class invites you to record your story about your church home in the "Discovering Our Past Oral History Project."**

The "Discovering Our Past" recording studio will be available to you as we come to the church for our portraits for the church's directory June 16 -21. There is no need to sign up for advance. Just come and chat about your church life.

Beth Vorhees and members of the Discovery Class will be on hand to help you share your special story.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Please minister through prayer, cards, calls and visits.*

**OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .**

the family of Bonnie Vick Stone, daughter of Rev. Dr. George H. Vick, who died on April 29; Janice Lessley on the death of her sister-in-law; Carole Lapinsky on the death of her aunt; Jim Buckalew and family on the death of his aunt.

**CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS . . .**

Charles Glotfelty; Lonita Bowers (mother of Carol Melton); Bud White (Heidi Marcinkowsky's stepfather); Gary Raney (Beth Vorhees' brother-in-law); Allison Barker; Trey Dan Burks; Josie Keaton (Jim & Toni Clendenin's granddaughter); Stephanie Hersch; Mary McNeally (Steve Hopta's aunt); Colleen Kimball (Jackie Lilly's sister); Ellen Mohler; Liz O'Finan; Vincent Morris (Steve's father); W. Hale Watkins and his family in Columbus, OH (Susan Watkins' brother-in-law); Jane Johnson, mother of Georgie Francke; Beverly, (daughter of Betty

McClung, sister of Beth Suter); Betty Blizzard; Lisa & Craig Barnette (friends of Becky and Trip Adams); Sean Hammack (friend of the Campbells); Tom McCoy (Bill McCoy's uncle); Chris Cruise (Bill McCoy's nephew); Lane Porter; Betty and Joe Holland, Sr.; Muskera family (friends of Barbara Hopta); Laura Swingell; Ralph & Alice (Mary Odin's friends); Gracie Meeks (Carol Buckalew's grandniece).

**EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS . . .**

Howard, Alida, Karla, Monalynn (children of Barbara Shaffer); Ruffner Alexander Jr.; Aaron Owen, (son of Ky & Tammy Owen); Chuan-Rong Tsao on the extended prayer list. Brother-in-law of Pat and Tom Doumaux's son Howard; Anne Taylor Bradley (Jackie Taylor's sister-in-law, Blair Taylor's aunt); Jerrie Duckwyler (friend of Claude Churchwell); Joseph Sprouse; Janet Murray (friend of Chick Maddox); Becky Ceperley; Chris Daugherty (wife of Chuck Daugherty); Connie Payne); Sonia

Call (sister of Fred Gaul's friend Todd); Filomino Alicie; Ed Vazquez (Ruth Shepherd's son-in-law); David Taylor.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS . . .**

Charlie Young

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS. . .**

Donna Noland; Elizabeth Gaucher; Morgan Griffith; Kim Smith

**Please call Jim Roberts, 343-8961 ext. 118, to keep him informed, to be removed from the list, or to add yourself/family member to the list.**

***In Memoriam***

**Virginia F. Phares**  
*May 14, 2008*

**Patricia E. Percy**  
*May 19, 2008*