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**Monthly Messenger**



**JUNE 2009**



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WORSHIP: 11:00 AM,**

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### Clearly Underestimated

It is often said in our day that the major monotheistic religions all believe in the same God. In fact one is looked at as being a little off center and out of step with the times to suggest otherwise. In this context when the doctrine of the Trinity is brought up it is often relegated to a secondary status. "God is one but you Christians see God as having three persons." "The Trinity is just a doctrine you hold to explain unique Christian ideas." But once again our claim is bigger than they think. We claim that God actually exists as Trinity. We are saying something here about the nature of God, not about our perception of God. To be sure it is an abstract idea, and hard to grasp, that God can be by nature one in essence and three in person, but we must not, in our day, give up on this doctrine -- it offers too many answers. We have discussed the evidence in other settings for the individual claims that Jesus is God, the Father is God and the Holy Spirit is God. Yet God has said in his word that God is one. To describe this amazing idea we use the word Trinity, not to describe our perception, but to describe the very nature of the God of all creation. So, when Islam denies that the God who exists is a Trinity and Christianity affirms exactly that God is Trinity, one of us is mistaken. We are not talking about our view of God but of God's actual nature (not epistemology but ontology).

Now it is a problem that most people are not all that used to thinking abstractly. And as soon as you get into a discussion on the Trinity things get abstract fairly quickly. So people are apt to say to themselves, "Gees, I could be watching Wheel of Fortune right now." But do not underestimate how important the Trinity is to communicating the Christian faith to our generation. Young people are asking questions today, our culture is asking questions today, that find life changing answers in the Trinity. Francis Schaeffer pointed out a generation ago that when we look at

the questions people are asking about the nature of human beings, the nature of the universe, of morality, there is no other answer than the actual existence of a Trinitarian God. After discussing the personal nature of God found in the Trinity, and the unity and diversity of all things that can be explained by a Trinitarian God actually existing Schaeffer says...

"You can search through university philosophy, underground philosophy, filling station philosophy--it does not matter which--there is no other sufficient philosophical answer to existence, to being, than the one I have outlined. There is only one philosophy, one religion, that fills this need in all the world's thought, whether the East, the West, the ancient, the modern, the new, the old. Only one fills the philosophical need of existence, of being, and it is the Judeo-Christian God--not just an abstract concept, but rather that this God is really there. He really exists. There is no other answer, and orthodox Christians ought to be ashamed of having been defensive for so long. It is not time to be defensive. There is no other answer... Every once in a while in my discussions someone asks how I can believe in the Trinity. My answer is always the same. I would still be an agnostic if there were no Trinity, because there would be no answers. Without the high order of personal unity and diversity as given in the Trinity, there are no answers."

The Trinity is important to every idea and belief you have about God. It is no minor doctrine-it changes the basis of all your life decisions. This is because it is not just a concept -it is the actual nature of God.

Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)  
Maranatha (Come Quickly Lord)  
Allyn



### JUST A REMINDER

Have you remembered First Church in your will?  
What a powerful way to recognize God's goodness in a lasting way.

## WORSHIP FOR JUNE 2009

June 7, 2009

10:00 AM, Outdoor, Graduates  
Isaiah 6:1-8, Philippians 4:10-13

Sermon: Holding On to Faith  
I Timothy 1:12-20



June 14, 2009

10:00 AM Communion  
Rev. Jackie Bish

June 21, 2009

10:00 AM

Brad Hellein



June 28, 2009

10:00 AM

Ezekiel 18:20-23, I Corinthians 11:1-16

Sermon: Controversial Issues  
I Timothy 2



## SUMMER WORSHIP REMINDER

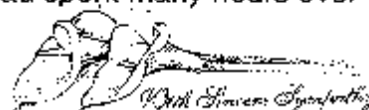
Please remember that from June 7th through September 6th, our Sunday worship time will be at 10:00 AM.

Also, as part of our celebration of "100 Years on the Corner" worship on the first Sunday of the month from June through September will be outside. In the spirit of the old camp meetings of 100 years ago these will be informal, come as you are, services. The worship team hopes you will invite your neighbors and friends to these outdoor services, especially since we are planning some special musical guests.

Because of these changes Communion will be on the SECOND SUNDAY of the month in June, July, August, and September.

## MEMORIAL TREE FOR BILL POLLARD

The Wesleyan Sunday School class, of which Bill Pollard was a long time member, has planted a "weeping Cherry Tree" in his memory. The tree is located in the flower bed beside the church ramp, an area where Bill had spent many hours over the years mowing grass.



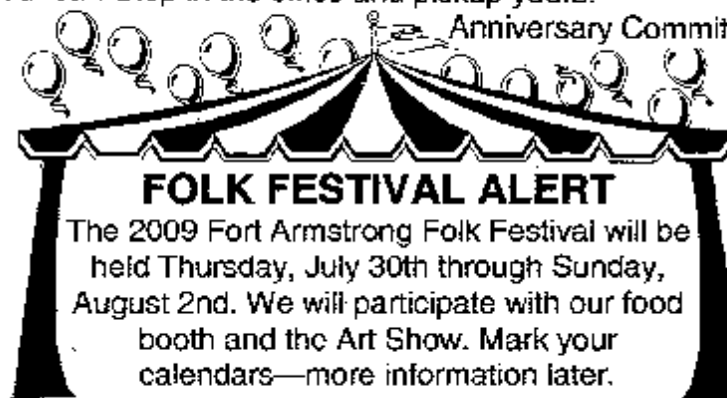
We extend our Christian compassion and concern to:

- ✦ Bob Hankey (Mary Anne) and his family on the death of his sister, Betty Baker. Betty was the aunt of Brenda Buzzinotti & Rob Hankey. Betty died April 29, 2009.
- ✦ Linda Cornman and her family on the death of her mother, Doris Hooks. Doris was the grandmother to Ryan & Jessica Cornman. Doris died Monday, May 11, 2009.
- ✦ Carolyn (Bill) Waters and Dave (Carolyn) Galtaher and their families on the death of their sister Mary Alice Masters. Mary Alice died Friday, May 15, 2009.

## BRAG TAGS—FREE

Get your FREE brag tags now! Our Homecoming Anniversary week is coming in October, and we would like to SEE your support of this special time with a Brag Tag on your car. Stop in the office and pickup yours.

Anniversary Committee



The 2009 Fort Armstrong Folk Festival will be held Thursday, July 30th through Sunday, August 2nd. We will participate with our food booth and the Art Show. Mark your calendars—more information later.



## ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS



The First Church-sponsored Covenant Center Art Show (our 16<sup>th</sup>) will be July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival.

Application blanks may be picked up at the church office or by calling the Church (724-548-4312) to have one put in the mail to you.

Later, we will be asking for volunteer "show sitters".

**NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BUSY WITH BRUSHES OR**

**CAMERAS**



## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A special thanks to Glenn Krozely for cooking a great meal for the men's anniversary breakfast. We highly recommend Glenn to any restaurant looking for a chief cook. Also, thanks to his two waitresses (Alyssa & Theresa) and helpers (Tony Krozely, Linda Scaife, Sally Krozely and Terri Crouse). And as usual a big thank you to John Crouse for donating the food.

Anniversary Committee

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

### CENTURY CLIP

*In 1918, the ladies of the Church sewed the silk, Christian flag hanging in the Library Room. In 1991, it was framed by Jim Hindman with him constructing the frame.*



**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING.**



## JUNE



### ACOLYTES



7 Bonnie Bowser  
14 Carolyn Gallaher  
21 Kelly Hoffman  
28 Kathy Coleman

### NURSERY



7 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson  
14 Oxford/Susie Reefer  
21 Oxford/Susie Reefer  
28 Wesley/Roy Williamson

### COUNTERS

7 Krozely  
14 Thomas  
21 Bussard  
28 Tement



### USHERS

### SOUND SYSTEM

7 Glenn Krozely  
14 John Yankasky  
21 Jalissa Muir  
28 Greg Lemons



### READERS

7 Dan Wolfe  
14 Communion  
21 Pat Wolfe  
28 Bonnie Ferguson



### GRADUATES AND STUDENTS

Our senior Sunday this year will be June 7th. This will be an outdoor service (weather permitting). On this day we will recognize our graduates and award the Margaret M. Patton Scholarships. Plan to be with us for this special day.

### GRADUATE BREAKFAST

We will have our annual graduate breakfast in the Covenant Center at 8:30 AM Sunday June 7th for graduates and their immediate families. If you can join us please let the church office know.



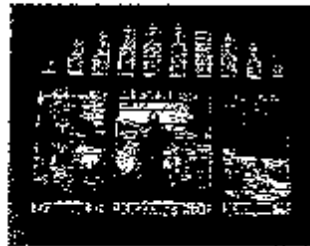
## FLEA MARKET UPDATE

The flea market date has changed to June 20th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Donations are now being accepted until June 15th in the "old Gleaner's Room" (room will be marked) in the Covenant Center. ***Please no clothing donations.*** Baked goods will be accepted June 19th from 6:00-8:00 PM and June 20th from 6:30-8:00 AM in the Covenant Center. I will need assistance pricing donations on June 4th, 11th and 15th from 6:00-8:00 PM and as otherwise announced. If you can help on the day of the flea market, please notify me. Kimberly Yankasky 724-763-8328.

## WINDOW UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Window is now in Minnesota and is going through the restoration process. Meanwhile, we are accepting donations for The Good Samaritan Window.

The Window Restoration Team



## GET A GRIP!!!

Have you ever had one of those days when someone thought they needed to bring you back to reality by saying "get a grip?" We have placed the following description of our mission in the newsletter so often we are wondering how many of us have actually gotten hold of it. This is our mission - how are you participating in it? Grab hold and come along with us as we follow Jesus in the great commission. Are you helping us to...

I--Invite and challenge people to come to faith. [EVANGELISM]

C--Celebrate God's presence through powerful worship.

[WORSHIP]

TH--be Thoroughly equipped for your walk of faith.

[CHRISTIAN EDUCATION]

U--Use the gifts God has given you to serve. [DISCIPLESHIP]

S--Set aside a portion of your personal resources to be returned to God.

[STEWARDSHIP]

## CANS FOR VBS

In the past month (through May 15<sup>th</sup>) we received 3144 cans for our 2009 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2008 is 30,192 cans. Thank you to those who brought in cans. Please continue to save or start saving aluminum cans for VBS/Habitat. All kinds of aluminum cans—pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks and beer cans. Drop your cans off at the church ramp anytime. Thank you, The Can Man



## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

☀️ Krista Coleman has been inducted into the University of Pittsburgh's chapter of Pi Delta Phi, French Honor Society for her academic excellence. Krista is majoring in French and Italian, minoring in Linguistics. She is involved in Pitts' ESL (English as a second language) program and has "talk time" with a small group of people from non-English speaking countries.

☀️ Carol & Tom Thomas who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 20, 2009.

☀️ JoAnne & Don (Pug) Sarachine will celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 14, 2009.

☀️ Katie Fox--The Armstrong County Envirothon was held April 23 at the Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center. First place went to Kittanning Senior High School Wildcats team. The team members were Katie Fox, Paige King and Jacob Goldner

☀️ Carlee JoAnne Beers-Carlee was baptized Sunday, May 17, 2009. She is the daughter of Brenda & Wayne Beers.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Katie Fox         | 21 Bonnie Ferguson    |
| 4 Peggy McCafferty  | 21 Joy Long           |
| 7 Nathan Williamson | 21 Jud Toth           |
| 13 Mary Jo Lipski   | 22 Bob Schaeffer      |
| 15 Darcie Buffone   | 23 Bill Heigley Jr    |
| 15 Susie Reefer     | 23 Dan Wolfe          |
| 16 Jim Hebb         | 24 Audrey Green       |
| 18 June Pollard     | 26 Cierra Hoffman     |
| 20 Zach Heigley     | 27 Kayla Schrecengost |
| 20 Brad Hellein     | 28 Valerie Kachur     |



### ANNIVERSARIES

1 Scott & Suzanne Hogamier  
 2 Brad & Mert Hellein  
 6 Herb & Pam Coggon  
 10 Joe & Sarah Heckert  
 10 Allyn & Rachel Ricketts  
 14 Matthew & Valerie Kachur  
 14 Don & JoAnne Sarachine (57 yrs)  
 20 Tom & Carol Thomas (50 yrs)  
 23 Bradley & Becky Hellein  
 24 George & Ruth Stubbs  
 26 Tim & Darcie Buffone  
 28 Dan & Carol Wolfe



Congratulations to Amber Mastroleo on the birth of a baby boy, Anthony William Mastroleo. Anthony was born on Thursday, May 14, 2009. Anthony is the grandson of Rebecca Mastroleo and the great grandson of June Pollard.

# Just for KIDS

## 2 Corinthians 5:20

What can all of these people — found in the Bible or in life today — have in common? Fit the words into the puzzle below. Write the letters from the special boxes to find the answer.

angels

prophets

apostles

preachers

bishops

teachers

evangelists

ministers

pastors

singers

children

missionaries

**They can all be**

**for Christ!**

2 Corinthians 5:20

Answers:

ambassadors



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

## THE LORD'S PRAYER SAFARI



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
(3 YEARS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2009)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT (S) \_\_\_\_\_

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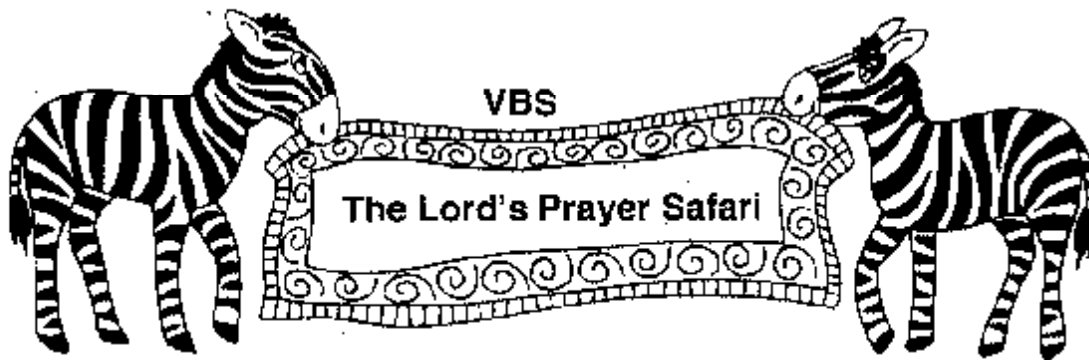
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE COME, LEARN AND HAVE FUN AT "THE LORD'S PRAYER SAFARI"  
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E-MAIL: [fumchurch@windstream.net](mailto:fumchurch@windstream.net)

You may also register on our website: [www.firstchurchkittanning.com](http://www.firstchurchkittanning.com)



It's time to mark your calendars and start thinking about the warm days of summer and the fun of Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held the week of July 13-17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon. This year we will go on a jungle safari and learn the words and meaning of the Lord's Prayer. While we learn, we'll have some jungle fun, discover some wild animals that live in the jungle, make some jungle animal crafts, play some wild games, have some tasty snacks and learn some fun songs. If you would be willing to help with VBS, please call or email the church office (724-548-4312), return this form, or contact Sue Hankey (724-545-1656). Thank you for your past and future help with this children's program.



GAMES LEADER	MUSIC LEADER
GAMES HELPER (3)	MUSIC HELPER
CRAFT HELPER (3)	SNACK HELPER (3)
PRESCHOOL HELPERS (3)	CREW LEADER (10)
Name	Phone





# June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:30 PM Trustees	2 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	3 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	4 8:00 AM OVR-CC	5 4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Logue/Domenski	6 4:00 PM Wedding Logue/Domenski 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
7 <b>SENIOR SUNDAY</b> 8:30 AM Senior Breakfast 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship 11:00 AM Cookie Fellowship	8 7:00 PM Evangelism/ Outreach	9 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM AMVets-CC	10 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	11 1:00 PM 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team	12	13 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
14 10:00 AM Communion  <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15 6:30 PM Finance	16 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	17 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	18	19 Set up for Flea Market	20 8:00-1:00 PM Flea Market 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
21 10:00 AM Worship  Honor your Father	22 7:00 PM Discipleship Team	23 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	24 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	25	26	27 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
28 10:00 AM Worship	29 <b>NEWSLETTER</b>	30 8:30 AM 3R'S 10:00 AM Wayne Cleary-CC 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship				

