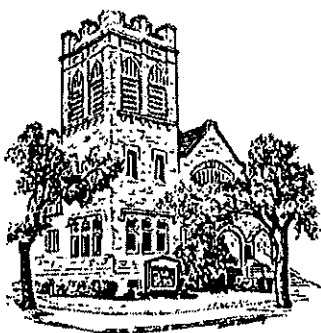


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Monthly Messenger



*Honor Your
Mother!*

MAY 2011



**JUNE NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE, TUESDAY,
MAY 17, 2011**

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WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

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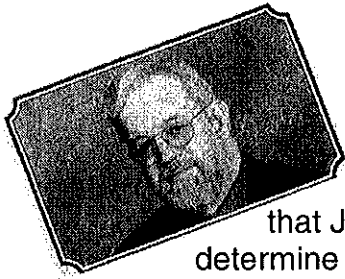
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM Closed for Lunch 12:00-1:00



Economic Justice?

Just what do you value in life and how do you decide its value? Did you realize that Jesus talked about values and the basis on which you, as a believer, should determine what you value? Jesus gives a foundation for how much value we are to place on all the things of this life and the life to come. When Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," "for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," "do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink...is life not more than food and the body more than clothing?" and "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you," he was setting a basis for our values. This foundation is not just moral but economic; not just 'super-spiritual' but practical.

You see, and this will sound strange to those of you who know my concern for truth and absolutes, the value we place on things is subjective. What your high school friends think of you has less value when you are 60 than when you are 16. A prized new putter, for which you were willing to pay dearly, goes into the flea market ten years later. We all value gas more than we used to because we still buy it and it costs more. When we watch Antiques Road Show, or American Pickers, or any of the current shows about auctions, pawn stores or "Cash or Cari" we may see an old rusted motorcycle said to be worth \$10,000 or an old rocking chair from someone's attic worth \$5000—but they are not worth that to me. In fact they are not worth that to anyone unless you can find someone who wants to buy them. The owner must find someone who values the chair more than they value \$5000 and the owner must decide if they value \$5000 more than they value the chair. If that connection can be made in a free setting then we have a fair trade and, as we will see, both sides profit. I bring all of this up to point out that, as Christians, the biblical world view will be the basis for the value we place on things, even the non material aspects of our world. And a large part of what we mean by being free in this world is the freedom to make those decisions about such value without coercion, theft or fraud (here, we will see, is the only legitimate role of the government).

I have been questioned a number of times in the past months about socialism and capitalism and is there a biblical way to discern what is best. So I thought that, for the next few months, we could think through some of these things together. We will look at questions like; Is there socialism in the Bible? How does our call to care for the poor fit in? What is the role of the government? Is it immoral to be wealthy? Is profit evil? What causes inflation? and a number of other ideas. As I have begun to struggle with these kinds of questions the only answers I can find are theological not political. In all of this the central point will be the biblical basis for our thinking. As Christians our first concern is not politics, our first concern is not about what makes us feel better, our first concern is not even that we all agree, our first concern is what has God said and how do we live that out in a way that actually makes a difference in the real world. Is the way we value what God has given us physically and spiritually in line with what God says is important?

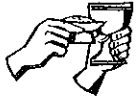
Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)
Maranatha (Come Quickly Lord)
Allyn



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Indiana District Conference will be held Sunday afternoon May 1st at Marion Center. If you would like to go along we will leave the Covenant Center parking lot at 1:30.

WORSHIP FOR APRIL



May 1, 2011
11:00 AM, Communion
Sermon: Don't Throw Away Your Confidence
Hebrews 10:19-39

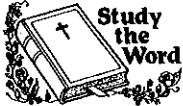


Honor Your Mother!

May 8, 2011
11:00 AM, Mother's Day
Sermon: Brad Hellein



May 15, 2011
11:00 AM
Genesis 4:1-10, Romans 8:18-25
Sermon: Faith Is....
Hebrews 11



May 22, 2011
7:00 PM
Deuteronomy 8:1-5, I Peter 5:1-10
Sermon: Discipline
Hebrews 12:1-13



May 29, 2011
7:00 PM, Memorial Day Weekend
Sermon: Brad Hellein

JUST A REMINDER

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

PATTON SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

- The forms for the 2011 Patton Scholarships are now available in the church office.
- All parts of the application must be in by May 15. Be sure to check the new guidelines.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

- 1) The forms for the 2011 Patton Scholarships are now available in the church office. All parts of the application must be in by May 15. Be sure to check the new guidelines.
- 2) It is time for all graduates to contact the church office to let us know that you will be graduating this year.
- 3) It is also important to let us know and if you plan on joining us for the Graduates breakfast and service Sunday June 5.



SUMMER YOUTH INTERN

We are happy to announce that Meaghan Volek will be with us this summer for the express purpose of building our youth ministry to older elementary as well as Jr. & Sr. high students. Be looking for some great stuff to keep our youth busy and to reach out into the community starting in just a few weeks.

MAY



ACOLYTE

- 1 Hayley Hoffman
- 8 Hannah Hoffman
- 15 Dominic Hoffman
- 22 Cierra Hoffman
- 29 Donovan Hoffman



READERS

- 1 Communion
- 8 Mert Hellein
- 15 Sarah Heckert
- 22 Larry McKelvey
- 29 Bill Waters



NURSERY

- 1 Lora Williamson
- 8 Melissa Flanders
- 15 Kimberly Yankasky
- 22 Linda Powell
- 29 Brenda Beers

COUNTERS

- 1 Krozely
- 8 Thomas
- 15 Bussard
- 22 Ternent
- 29 Stubbs



SOUND SYSTEM

- 1 Michael Toy
- 8 Katie Fox
- 15 Jalissa Muir
- 22 Greg Lemons
- 29 Tom Thomas



USHERS

- 1 Albright/Dan Wolfe & Communion
- 8 Albright/Dan Wolfe
- 15 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
- 22 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
- 29 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson



WELCOME CENTER

- 1 Mert Hellein
- 8 Frailey Scaife
- 15 Kathy Coleman
- 22 Melissa Flanders
- 29 Jean Wolfe



JOSH McDOWELL

On Sunday evening May 22nd from 6:00-7:00 in the Covenant Center those who went to hear Josh McDowell at the Clinic on Evangelism will meet to talk about responses and ideas gathered that day. Come and give us your feedback.



LEADERSHIP

Also on Sunday evening May 22nd at 7:00 in the Covenant Center all elected officers are invited to a time of training and encouragement. The recent call to action study of the United Methodist Church listed 16 areas that make up a vital and "alive" church. We will look at how we as leaders can engage these ideas here in Kittanning.



SUBSTITUTE SEXTON (custodian) NEEDED

First Church is in need of a substitute sexton (custodian) for approximately 6 weeks beginning in mid June. The job requires approximately 20 hours of work a week and is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Volek, Chairman of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, (home phone 724-543-4393) for more information. You may also leave your name and contact information with the church office.

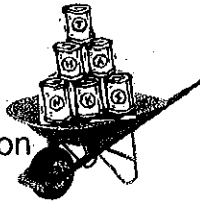
THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE COULD USE YOUR HELP



We could use tea cups and tea pots for our ladies tea on May 21st. If you are willing to loan one and/or the other, please bring them in on Sunday, May 14th and leave them in the Library room. Please label each piece with your name on the bottom. Thank you!

CANS FOR VBS 2011

In the past month (through April 15th) we received 2037 cans for our 2011 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2010 is 25,412 cans. Thank you to those who brought in cans. Please continue to save or start saving 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



ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

The Kittanning Library will hold its annual used book sale on Friday, May 20th 9:00-6:00 PM and Saturday, May 21st from 9:00-12:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church.

First ever preview sale on Thursday, May 19th at 6:00 PM \$5.00 donation at the door.

Donations of used books are being accepted now in the library until Friday, May 13th. For more information, call Kittanning Library

724-543-1383

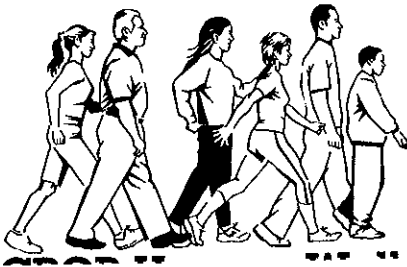
RUMMAGE SALE

The annual rummage sale is Saturday, June 25th from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. You may bring in donations starting Sunday, May 29th and leave them in the Gleaners Room in the Covenant Center (room will be marked). Please do not bring clothing donations. All other items will be accepted.



WESLEY WALKERS IS BACK!

Please join us for a walk around town (usually along Rails to Trails) for some exercise and fellowship. We'll walk on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (meet at the Covenant Center parking lot) starting June 1st. anyone, and everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. As always, consult a physician prior to starting any exercise program.



WINDOW UPDATE

Recently I had cataract surgery and on my first Sunday morning at church, I remarked to my wife, my how bright and beautiful the Good Shepherd window looks today. As the covering has been removed from my eye, let us continue to give towards the Restoration of the Good Samaritan window so that its covering may be removed and it too will shine brightly. We now have FORTY SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN dollars (\$46,327) in the window fund. We also are in contact with two companies who are in the process of submitting their bids. Now thank thee all our God for the blessings received.

Window Committee, Joe Bowser (chair)



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Attention all parents and children, since this summer the Sunday Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary at 11:00 instead of outside, there has been interest in continuing Children's Church over the summer. In order to do this though, we **NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS**. We also want some feedback whether to have Sunday School for the children at 9:30 or if you want a "take home" Sunday school again this



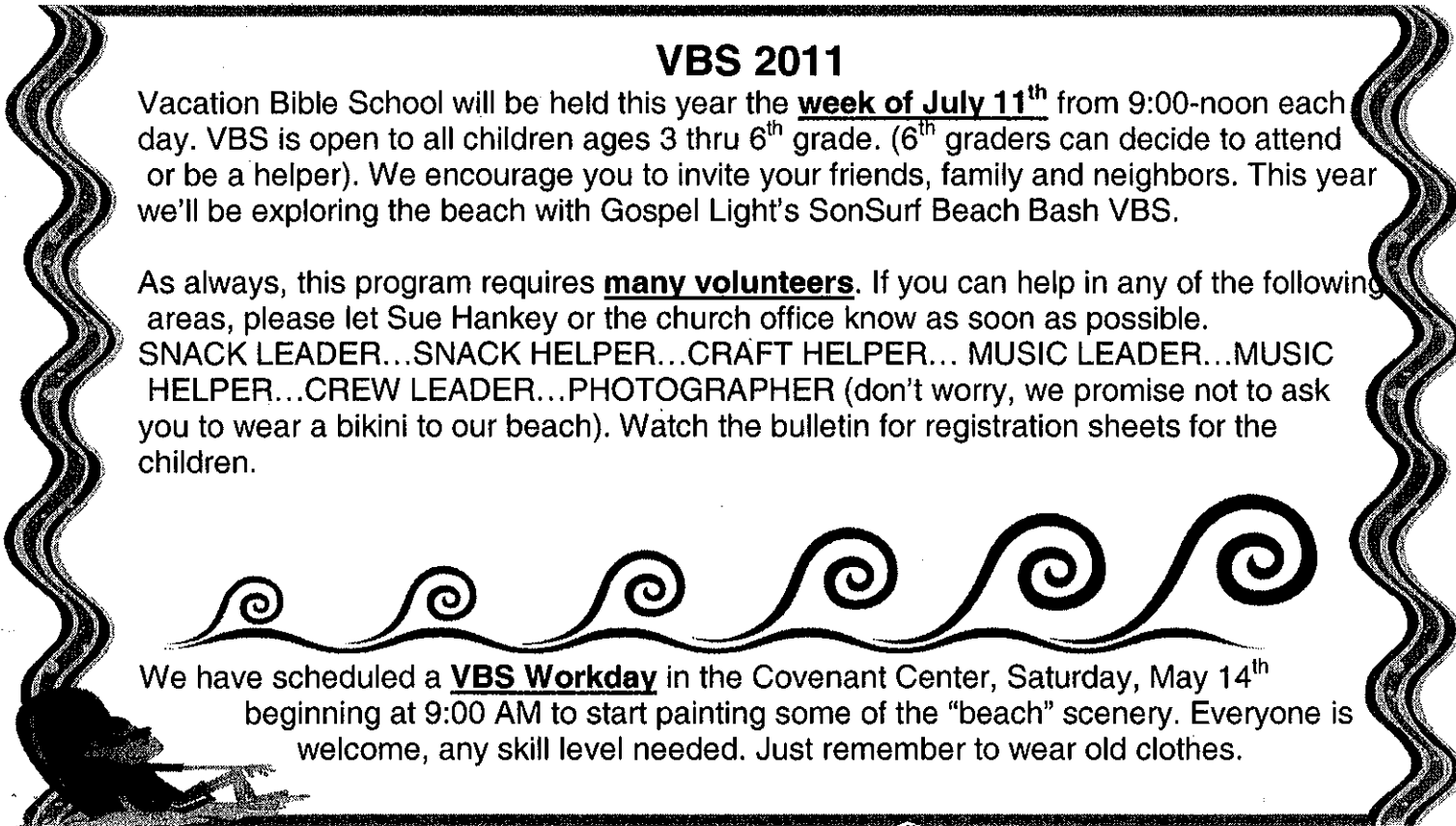
year. Please contact Sue Hankey or the church office if you are willing to volunteer or if you have comments or suggestions for the summer program.

VBS 2011

Vacation Bible School will be held this year the week of July 11th from 9:00-noon each day. VBS is open to all children ages 3 thru 6th grade. (6th graders can decide to attend or be a helper). We encourage you to invite your friends, family and neighbors. This year we'll be exploring the beach with Gospel Light's SonSurf Beach Bash VBS.

As always, this program requires **many volunteers**. If you can help in any of the following areas, please let Sue Hankey or the church office know as soon as possible.

SNACK LEADER...SNACK HELPER...CRAFT HELPER... MUSIC LEADER...MUSIC HELPER...CREW LEADER...PHOTOGRAPHER (don't worry, we promise not to ask you to wear a bikini to our beach). Watch the bulletin for registration sheets for the children.



We have scheduled a **VBS Workday** in the Covenant Center, Saturday, May 14th beginning at 9:00 AM to start painting some of the "beach" scenery. Everyone is welcome, any skill level needed. Just remember to wear old clothes.



TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees would like to thank these men who have faithfully taken care of our snow removal and are now doing the mowing. The money saved by their labor allows the church to use those funds for other projects--so thank you very, very much to Tony Krozely, Glenn Krozely, Herb Coggon, Tommy Thomas and Dan Wolfe. We will be painting the windows and trim of the church and garage this summer with the exception of the two large windows that will be done when they are restored. Again, we say **THANK YOU**.
Trustees



RAINBOW ROAD

Rainbow Road is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. Children must be 3 years by September 1st. Applications are available in the church office or on our website.

**REMEMBER
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LENTEN FISH DINNERS

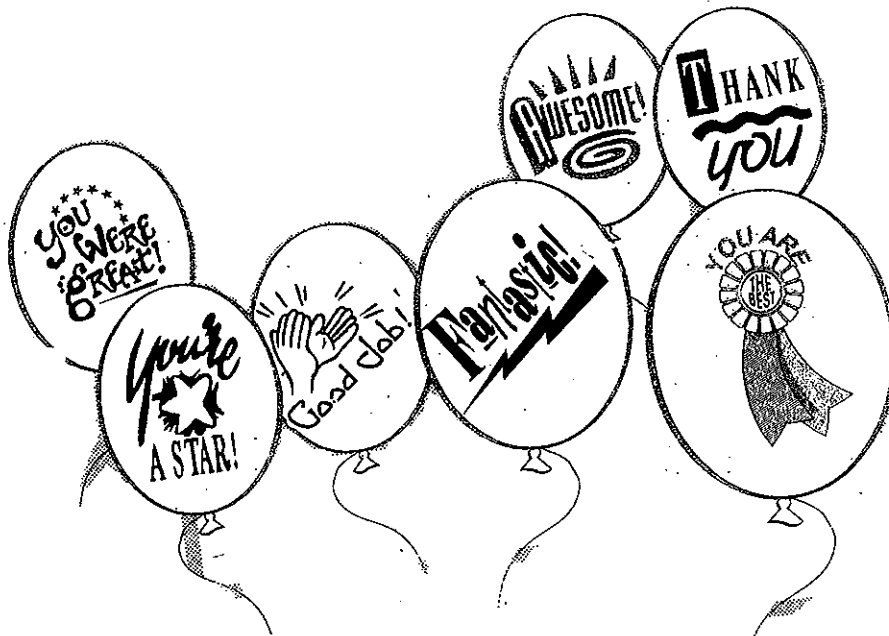
This year's Lenten Fish Dinners was a huge success—the best year ever—with a total of 1936 dinners (average 323 per week).

A special "thanks" to all who worked at the dinners and baked the delicious pies. There were 43 people who helped with an average of 30 per week—13 worked all 6 weeks, 8 worked 5 weeks, 8 worked 4 weeks with the remaining 14 working 1, 2, or 3 weeks. Also, several who came to eat after working their jobs, stayed to help clean up. "GREAT JOB" to all of you workers.

There were 29 pie bakers and 321 pies delivered. Due to new state regulations, all cream, custard and pumpkin pies had to be baked in state licensed and inspected kitchens such as bakeries and our own Covenant Center Kitchen. We thank each of you and a special thanks to Brenda Beers with help by her mother and Aunt, baked over 80 pies at the Covenant Center. Several other pie bakers baked in the Covenant Center. "GREAT JOB" to all of you bakers.

We appreciate the help of all of you who helped make this a great success and also to those who came to eat and brought your family and friends.

**We will have a financial report next month—all of the bills have not been received as of the newsletter deadline (April 19th).



WHAT MORE CAN WE SAY, WE WERE THRILLED WITH YOUR RESPONSE!!!!

The Activities Pie Committee

JUMONVILLE'S 35TH ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

"Children of the King"

May 1, 2011

2:00-5:00 PM-Reunions by Decade, 1980-1999, hosted by Scott Conn
2000-2009, hosted by Erinne Sackett

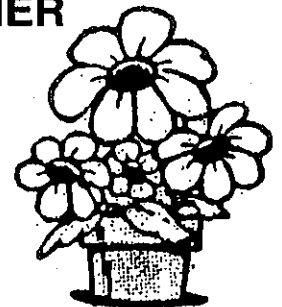
4:00-5:00 PM-Gospel Music Concert in Wesley Hall

5:00 PM-Hors d'oeuvres and Punch

5:30 PM-Dinner in Asbury Dining Hall, Menu:

Salad & fresh fruit, Roasted Chicken Quarters, Baked Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Drink, etc.. Baked Cinnamon Apples with Vanilla Ice Cream.

Join us for a fun afternoon! Feel free to dress casually! Your donation can be collected during the dinner or feel free to send it along with your reservation.



THANKYOU'S



The family of James Hodgson would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls during his recent hospitalization...

We at First Church extend our Christian concern and compassion to the family and friends of James G. Hodgson, Jr. Jim passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2011. He served our church for many years as a member of the 3R's.

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for the concern and care you have shown to Ruth Dalzell. The many, many cards that continue to arrive daily are a testament to the love that our church family has for her. The quiet questions about her health let us know that she is missed. We know that you have lifted her in your prayers and we ask that you continue to do so as she will now be a resident of the Armstrong County Health Center (room 215). We also ask that you remember our entire family in your prayers as we continue with her according to God's plan.



Thank you once again,
Mel Dalzell & Cindy Volek

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone including the Friday Night Circle and Women's Fellowship for all the cards we have received. We would also like to thank Jim Ternent for bringing the CD of the worship service to us every week.

Jake, Donna & Twila



Our Mission and Vision...

ICHTHUS-the fish -an early Christian symbol. It reminds us of our mission at First Church. How are you helping each area to improve in our church? This is our mission - how are you participating in it? Are you helping us to...

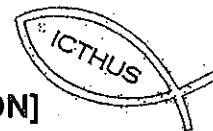
I--Invite and challenge people to come to faith. [EVANGELISM]

C--Celebrate God's presence through powerful worship. [WORSHIP]

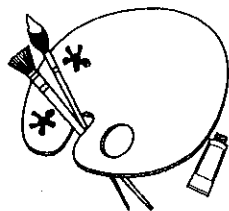
TH--be Thoroughly equipped for your walk of faith. [CHRISTIAN EDUCATION]

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]

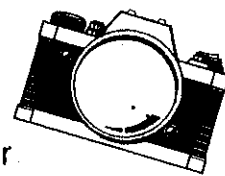


ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS



The First Church-sponsored Covenant Center Art Show (our 18th) will be August 4th thru August 7th in conjunction with the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival.

Applications 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. (AFTER MAY 15TH PLEASE).

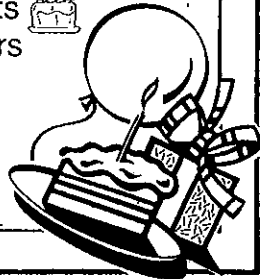


Now is the time to get busy with brushes or cameras!

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Allie Green 
- 5 Beverly Paulin
- 7 Cody Weibel
- 10 Ellen Williamson
- 11 George Stubbs
- 12 Karen Ricketts
- 15 Sam Luke
- 16 Janet McKelvey
- 16 Harry "Pat" Wolfe
- 19 Esther Kiss
- 20 Darlene Hebb
- 21 Dave Gallaher
- 21 Roni Morda
- 21 Russell Pickett
- 22 Gail Blaney
- 22 Martha Anne Bowser
- 23 Aryn Ricketts 
- 24 Wayne Beers
- 25 Milly Tarr
- 26 Jack Scaife
- 27 Justin Schrecengost



PAT CAVANAUGH BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER

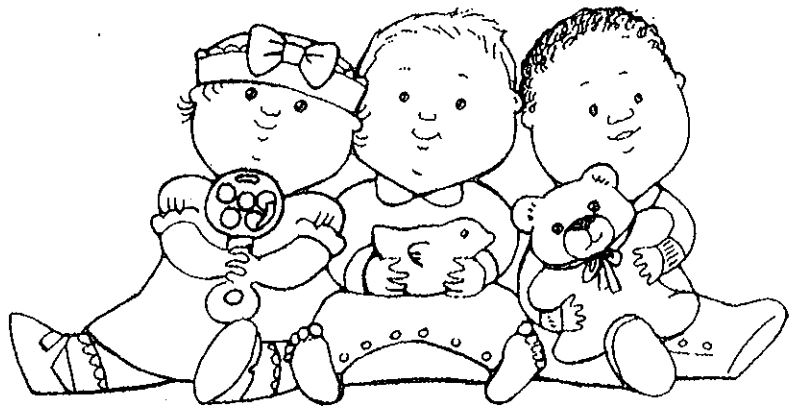
May 14th 4:00-7:00 PM \$8.00
 Worthington Fire Hall
 Take outs available
 Questions: Contact Connie Fox
 724-297-3978



Donations are also being accepted:
 Mail to:

Worthington West Franklin VFD
 P O Box P
 Worthington PA 16262

Checks to: Worthington West Franklin VFD
 Attn: Pat Cavanaugh Benefit



Births in the Church Family

A girl, Elysse Rhachel to Jamie & Christopher Rome.
 Elysse was born on Thursday, March 31, 2011.
 Great Grandma is Bonnie Ferguson



Twin girls, Adele & Lydia to Courtney & Chris Smith and big sister Ella. The girls were born on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Grandparents are Anita & Alan Smith and Sharon & Tim Burchett; the great grandparents are Alice & Jim Ternent and Eva Smith.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Norm & Donna King
- 11 Mark & Christine Porter
- 16 Bill & Laurie Lemons
- 18 Billy & Julie Heigley
- 28 Bob & Brenda Buzzinotti

MAY SIFT

Thursday, May 19, 2011
 12:00 PM Covenant Center

**PROGRAM: Shiring Brothers,
 Barbershop Quartet**

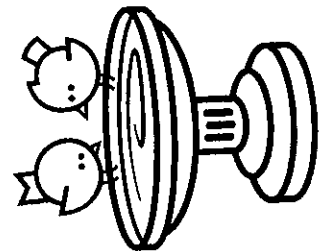
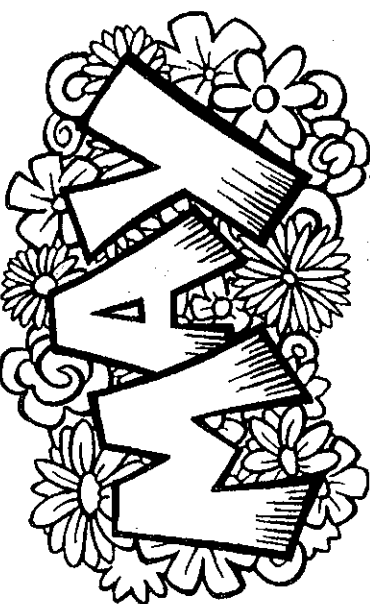
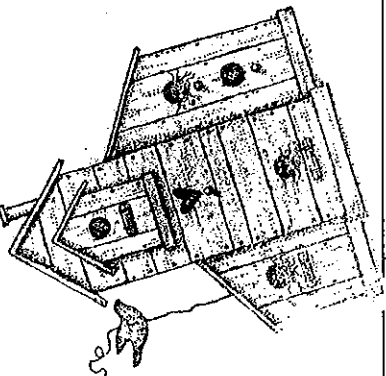
**MENU: Picnic—bring picnic food
 Sandwiches & Beverages provided.**

Reservations are due by

Monday, May 16, 2011 by Noon

FOR SALE

(Optelec Clear View) for people who love to read but no longer can because even large print is too small. This machine allows you to read novels, newspapers, recipes, or see photos again. New, it costs around \$4500, that was several years ago. I bought it used for my mom who died in 2008. It is in mint condition. I will sell it for \$1500 (OBO) call Beverly Paulin, 724-763-8435.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUV/CW	2 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:00-8:00 PM Rainbow Road Open House 6:30 PM Trustees	3 8:30 AM 3R's 9:00-2:00 PM Cont. Ed.-CC 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	4 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	5 	6	7 2:00 PM Dianna Crawford-cc 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
8 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	9 6:30 PM Finance 7:30 PM Church Council	10 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM AM Vets-CC	11 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	12	13	14 9:00 AM VBS Workday-CC 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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22 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Josh Mc Dowell Discussion 7:00 PM Leadership Event	23 7:00 PM End of the Rainbow-Sanctuary & CC NEWSLETTER	24 8:30 AM 3R's 5:30 PM Golf Outing 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	25 7:00 PM Discipleship Team 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	26	27	28 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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