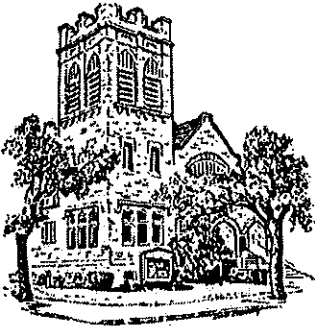


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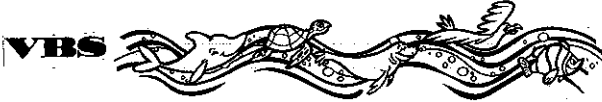
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## Monthly Messenger



**JUNE 2011**



**JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE, TUESDAY,  
JUNE 21, 2011**

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**SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM**

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Scott & Suzanne Hogamier  
2 Brad & Mert Hellein  
6 Herb & Pam Coggon  
6 Bill & Carolyn Waters  
10 Joe & Sarah Heckert  
10 Allyn & Rachel Ricketts  
14 Matthew & Valerie Kachur  
14 Don & Joanne Sarachine  
20 Tom & Carol Thomas  
23 Bradley & Becky McKinney  
24 George & Ruth Stubbs  
26 Brad & Emily Volek (1 year)  
28 Dan & Carol Wolfe



## RAINBOW ROAD

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

## RUMMAGE SALE

The annual rummage sale is Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Covenant Center. Donations are now being accepted in the Gleaner's Sunday School room in the Covenant Center (room will be marked) until June 20<sup>th</sup>. **No clothing donations please.** I will need help pricing items on Mondays (June 6, 13, and 20) at 6:30 PM for an hour or two. No experience necessary. Also, I will need help the night before the sale to set up and the day of the sale in various capacities. I will also be accepting baked goods to sell. You may drop them off the evening before the sale or early on the day of the sale. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at 724-763-8328 or [kayankasky@windstream.net](mailto:kayankasky@windstream.net). Thank you! ! Kim Yankasky



## WESLEY WALKERS

Wesley Walkers will be meeting to walk around town (usually along the Rails to Trails) in Kittanning at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays starting June 1<sup>st</sup> for the summer. We will meet at the Covenant Center parking lot. Please join us for some exercise and fellowship. As always, consult your physician prior to starting any exercise program.



## LENTEN FISH DINNER FINAL REPORT

Meals served	1936
Total Receipts	\$11,388.75
Expenses	\$5,296.23
Net Proceeds	\$6,092.52
To church finance committee	\$3,000.00
Purchase of equipment and supplies for church & Covenant Center	\$420.85
Purchase of fish for Folk Festival	\$1,179.35
Balance held for Folk Festival start up expenses	\$3,636.19



"We're going out to meditate ...  
in our fellow ship."



# Fishers of Men

JUNE 22, 2011  
ERIE, PA

**ETERNAL LIFE IS THE FREE GIFT OF GOD.  
THE BEST WE CAN DO IS HALF-PRICE.**



**BRING A NON-CHURCHED PERSON AND YOU AND YOUR GUEST CAN GO AT HALF-PRICE**

**CONTACT BRAD HELLEIN 724-545-2285**



## WINDOW UPDATE

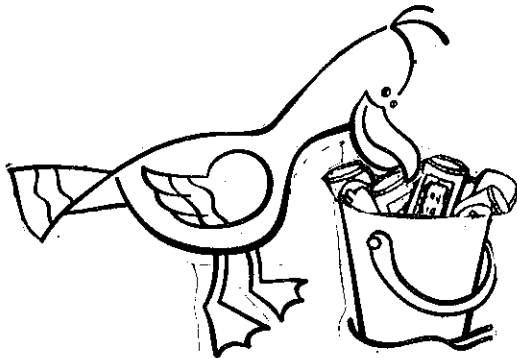
We now have FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$47,322.00) towards the restoration of the Good Samaritan Window. Now thank we all our God.  
Window Committee, Joe Bowser (chair)

## VBS 2011

Vacation Bible School will be held this year the **week of July 11<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-noon each day. VBS is open to all children ages 3 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. (6<sup>th</sup> 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). Registration forms are available at all doors and in this newsletter, please one child per form.

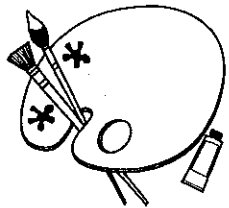


## CANS FOR VBS 2011

In the past month (through May 15<sup>th</sup>) we received 4466 cans for our 2011 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2010 is 29,878 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

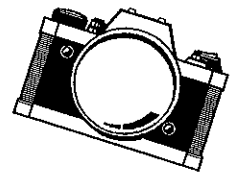
## ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS



The First Church-sponsored Covenant Center Art Show (our 18<sup>th</sup>) will be August 4<sup>th</sup> thru August 7<sup>th</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.

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



Once again, our Art Show will need volunteers to "Show Sit" during the Folk Festival. "WHAT DO I DO IF...?" instructions will be right at the art show table. This is a good way to help, to meet and to greet people, and to "SIT DOWN ON THE JOB"! Two people are needed at a time. Sign up yourself and a friend! Contact the church office 724-548-4312 or Alice Ternent 724-548-7124. Thank you!

# WORSHIP FOR JUNE



**June 5, 2011**  
 11:00 AM, Communion, Senior Sunday  
**Sermon: Do Not Refuse God**  
**Hebrews 12:14-29**



**June 12, 2011**  
 11:00 AM  
**Sermon: Brad Hellein**



**June 19, 2011**  
 11:00 AM, Father's Day, VBS Offering  
 Hosea 14, Ephesians 4:11-16  
**Sermon: Keep On Loving**  
**Hebrews 13**



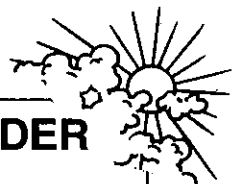
**June 26, 2011**  
 11:00 AM  
 Psalm 47, I Peter 4:10-16  
**Sermon: Depraved Mind or Sound Mind**  
**I Timothy 6:1-5; II Timothy 1:6-7**



**REMEMBER YOUR FOOD BANK DONATIONS!!**



## JUST A REMINDER



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



## 3R'S (Retire Relieve Repair)

We are in need of a few more 3R's. They meet Tuesdays at 8:30 AM and do small-odd jobs around the church. If interested, all you have to do is show up in the library room on Tuesday mornings.

### Our Mission and Vision...

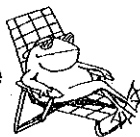
ICHTHUS-the fish—an early Christian symbol. It reminds us of our mission at First Church. How are you helping each area to improve in our church? This is our mission - how are you participating in it? Are you helping us to...

- 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]



### ACOLYTE

- 5 Frailey Scaife
- 12 Sierra Aires
- 19 Ellen Williamson
- 26 Hayley Hoffman



### READERS

- 5 Communion
- 12 Karen Scaife
- 19 Meaghan Volek
- 26 Rachel Ricketts



### NURSERY

- 5 Ashlee Christie
- 12 Mert Hellein
- 19 Janet McKelvey
- 26 Kelly Hoffman



### COUNTERS

- 5 Flanders
- 12 Scaife
- 19 Krozely
- 26 Thomas



### SOUND SYSTEM

- 5 John Yankasky
- 12 Katie Fox
- 19 Janessa Muir
- 26 Michael Toy



### USHERS

- 5 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson & Communion
- 12 Oxford/Susie Reefer
- 19 Oxford/Susie Reefer
- 26 Wesley/ Roy Williamson



### WELCOME CENTER

- 5 Jean Wolfe
- 12 Sandy Scherf
- 19 Janet McKelvey
- 26 Beverly Paulin





## GOD WARNED US

The people of Israel wanted their own king. Everybody else had one. God had ruled them with judges by the administration of his law but they wanted to have a king. So God warned them what a king would be like. He tells them the negative things that can come from a human government. Here is what he said...

"This will be the custom of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and place them for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots. He will take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers. And he will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves, and give them to his servants. And he will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and he will give to his officers and to his servants. He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your young men and your donkeys, and use them for his work. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants. Then you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day." 1 Sam. 8:11-18

We began to think last month about a biblical view of economics. As we are so tempted in our culture to look to the government for everything, maybe we ought to heed God's warnings here. Does not God seem to say that the establishment of a big bureaucracy is bad result of government? One of the negative consequences of government is that more and more people work for the government, which gives the government more and more power over their lives. God says here that when the government takes the best from people it is an evil thing, it takes their freedom and makes them servants of the government. This passage may even be saying that a government will expect what ought to be given to God. When a government drains the wealth of a nation the people will be enslaved. Overwhelming taxes are an evil aspect of government. It is oppression and it turns free people into slaves of the government.

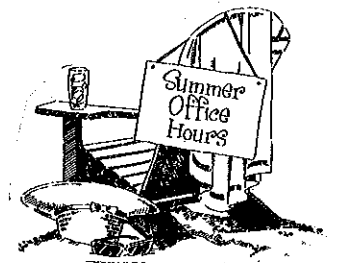
The people of Israel wanted a king who would "go out before us and fight our battles." Does this sound familiar? When we want a government that takes care of all of our problems, and fights our battles for us, then we have lost our freedom. Biblical economics is not about what the government can do for us: it certainly has its role and responsibilities but it cannot replace God. Government is not to meet all of our needs for us. Human freedom and dignity are too important in a biblical world view to think in such terms.

So, as we think through some basic economics it would seem that a government that dominates people's lives, takes the prime part of what they produce, and creates a bloated and expensive bureaucracy is seen as an evil thing. Such a system takes from the people, it does not support the people: it does not let people grow and achieve but makes them more poor and dependant. God seems to expect that under such weight of the government taking a tenth the people will cry out. We are way past that. Where is the cry? Are we so self centered and addicted to comfort that we put ourselves and future generations at risk? When we look at Israel in the time of Samuel it ought to cause us to pray for ourselves.

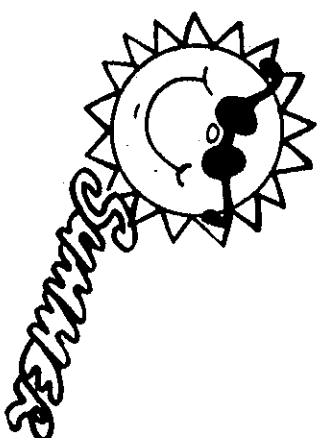
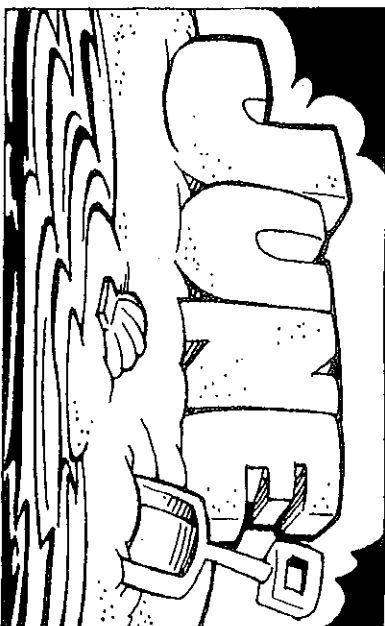
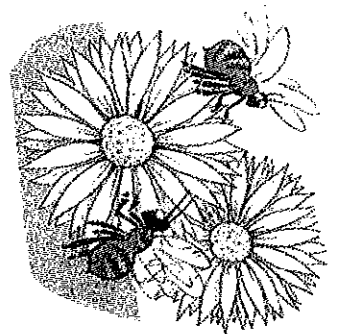
Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)  
Maranatha (Come Quickly Lord)  
Allyn



## ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will see you on June 5th for breakfast at Theresa's Royal Allegheny at 9:00 and then for the 11:00 service.



**MONDAY-THURSDAY**  
**8:00-12:00**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5 SENIOR SUNDAY</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:30 PM Trustees	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM 3R'S 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Wesley Walkers 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM OVR-CC 5:30 PM Golf Outing	<b>3</b> 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
<b>12</b>  9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUVCCW-CC	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Finance 7:30 PM Church Council	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM 3R'S 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM AM Vets-CC	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM Wesley Walkers 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Chapter 519-CC	<b>16</b> 5:30 PM Golf Outing	<b>17</b> 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
<b>19</b>  9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<b>20</b> 3:00 Pm Evangelism / Outreach	<b>21</b> <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</b> 8:30 AM 3R'S 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM Heasley-CC <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>22</b> Fishers of Men Trip-Erie 2:00 PM Friday Night Circle 7:00 PM Wesley Walkers 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	<b>23</b> 10:00-1:00 PM Kittanning Garden Club-CC 5:30 PM Golf Outing	<b>24</b> 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC 6:00 PM Set up for Rummage Sale-CC	<b>25</b> 8:00 AM Rummage Sale-CC 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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