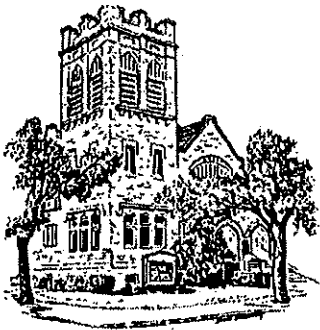


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**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE, TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 25, 2011**

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 PM



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Brandon Schrecengost
 6 Sierra Aires
 6 Norm King
 6 Patrick Wolfe
 7 Matthew Kachur
 10 Frank Kiss
 10 Mark Porter
 11 Melissa Flanders
 14 Laurie Lemons
 15 Michael Luke
 15 Brad Volek
 17 John Yankasky
 18 Carolyn Gallaher
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 21 Rick Reefer
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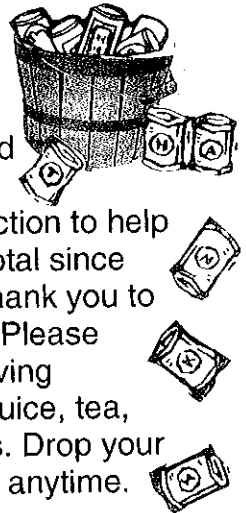


OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 James & Diane Weibel
 4 Jim & Alice Ternent
 6 Jeremy & Jessica Andrews--10 years
 8 Ken & Barb Gaughan
 10 Bob & Jean Schaeffer
 12 Larry & Janet McKelvey
 30 Sue & Rob Hankey—30 years

VBS 2011 CANS

In the past month (through September 15th) we received 2,903 cans for our 2012 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2011 is 4,841 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



--A boy, John Bramwell (Bram) Ricketts, born Sunday, August 28, 2011 to Karen & Josh Ricketts. He weighed 9lbs 2 oz and was 20½ inches long. Bram is the brother of Aryn & Kylie and the grandson of Rachel & Allyn Ricketts.



--A boy, Caden Thomas Laughley, born Thursday, September 8, 2011 to Kristie & Charlie Laughley. He weighed 5 lbs 14oz and was 18¾ inches long. Caden is the brother to Hunter, Sydney, Peyton, Ashlyn & Karly and the grandson of Kathy Mago.



We will be having a **TURKEY DINNER** on Friday, November 4, 2011 in the Covenant Center from 4:30-7:00PM. No reservations needed. Take outs will be available. Cost is Adults \$8.00 and Children 4-12 years \$4.00. Children 3 and under are free.

FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

DATE/TIME: Thursday, October 13th
7:00 PM

PLACE: Covenant Center

PROGRAM: An Ice Cream Social

History of Ice Cream with
Sue Hutchison

DEVOTIONS: Sally Felton

HOSTESSES: Mary Jo Lipski &
Donna Fox

OCTOBER SIFT LUNCHEON

WHEN: Noon, Thursday, October 20th

WHERE: Covenant Center
Menu & Program to be announced, watch
your bulletin for more details.

Reservations are due by Monday,
October 17th at Noon.

ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

We will be heading out for some corn maze fun and planning for the coming year. Meet at the Covenant Center at 1:00 Sunday Oct. 2 and we will be off to the Renshaw Farm just south of Ford City. If the weather is bad we have a back-up plan so still come and bring a friend or 8. The hay ride, corn maze etc. each cost \$3 so you will need to be ready to cover the cost of what you want to do plus food.

CORN

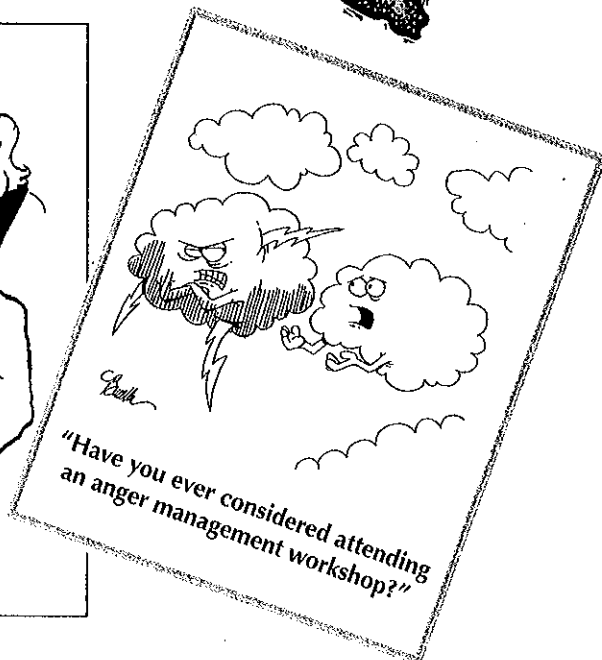
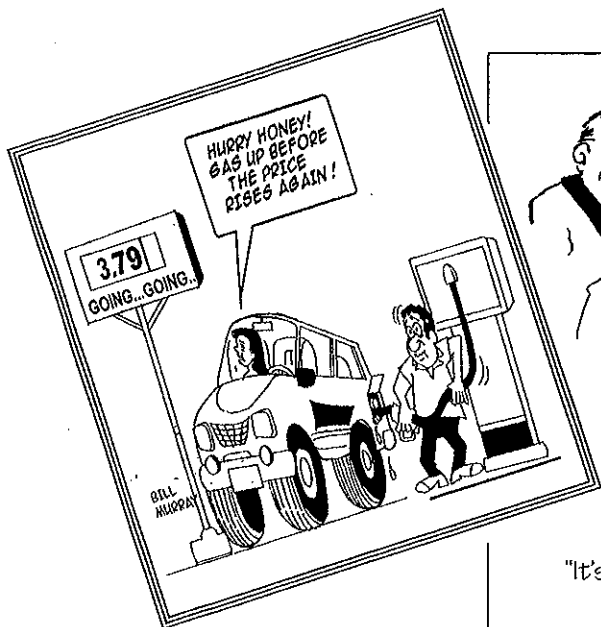


As many of you know, I am spending my fall semester in Italy studying at the Temple campus in Rome. I have set up a blog to share my experiences with my family and friends. If you would like to follow me, the site is <http://alyssaitalia.tumblr.com>.

My email address is alyssa.krozely@gmail.com

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in December.

Alyssa





BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On September 17th, Alice and Jim Ternent attended an open house in Freedom, PA to celebrate the 80th birthday of Reverend Bob Lash who was our pastor 1963-1969. Bob sends a joyful "Hello" to all his Friends at First Church.



IN HONOR OF...

Nick Snow Memorial

The new sanctuary piano is dedicated to the memory of Nick Snow. Nick's unexpected passing was a shock to the entire congregation. Nick's legacy to first Church is not only his years as our organist and choir accompanist but also as teacher of his many piano and organ students. I was one of his organ students and wrote the following:

THE LAST LESSON

It happened two weeks ago today
But how was I to know?
My Wednesday organ lesson to play
Year 34, another lesson in a row.

Unbeknownst to me, it was to be the last
With usual playing, laughter, and small talk,
I left my friend—all the years of the past—
With a "thank you", "good-bye", a final walk.
Much of my music has gone with Nick
But parts of his will always stay
With moments of memories—take your pick—
In my heart, he'll continue to play.

But how was I to know?

Alice Ternent
4-28-2010



A Loss
in the Church
Family

Mary Alice Leech

As Office Secretary, Mary Alice Leech was an integral part of First Church's ministry beginning in 1962 and continuing for 37 years. Mary Alice died on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at Sugarcreek Rest with her funeral service at First Church with Dr. Allyn Ricketts.

She was efficient, knowledgeable, and always ready to help. She is remembered with love by all who knew her.

Alice Ternent, Church Historian

NICK SNOW

MEMORIAL PIANO

We now have enough money for the new piano and it was delivered on Friday, September 16th. A big thank you to all who contributed to this memorial. A dedication service was held on Sunday morning, September 25th, again we say thank you.

Trustees





WINDOW RESTORATION UPDATE

As of the Finance meeting on September 12th, we now need \$1,720.86 towards our goal of \$61,775.00. Now thank we all our God.

Window Committee



To my Church Family;

Thank you all so much for the prayers, calls, letters, and visits following my car accident in May. With all your support, I am well on my way to a speedy recovery. I appreciate everything and look forward to seeing all your faces again as I am able to get around. Thank you again,

Kayla Rush



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards and calls during my foot surgery. My foot is coming along very well. Also, thanks to Barb Gaughan for filling in for me at work for the two weeks.

Audrey Green

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards during my recent hospitalization. I am now convalescing at home and improving every day. I am looking forward to joining you for worship very soon.

Sally Krozely

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank all of you for your many cards, telephone calls and your visits. It was so thoughtful of all of you, and Jim Ternent for the Sunday services.

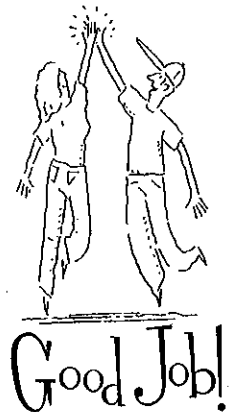
Thank you for your prayers which have brought me where I am today. Love and Blessings,

Betty Feeney

FOLK FESTIVAL FINAL REPORT

The final figures are in:

Sales at the Festival	\$13,864.30
Art Show donation	48.00
Sale excess pop and fish	194.25
Folk Festival expenses	6,000.42
Purchase equipment for Cov. Ctr Kitchen	<u>89.99</u>
Net Gain	\$8,016.14



From this and money held from the Lenten Fish Dinners to purchase start up supplies for the Folk Festival, a check for \$10,000.00 was given to the Church Finance Committee on September 11th.

Again we thank everyone who helped set up, take down, work in the booth, clean up and the wonderful pie bakers.



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and the Staff Parish Relations Committee asks you to be mindful of the care that our pastor provides for us not just daily but always. Please take an extra minute to remember both Allyn and Rachel in your prayers as they work to meet our spiritual and physical needs.

Perhaps you've needed:

- ❖ words of encouragement to keep going
- ❖ words of comfort to support you
- ❖ words of the Scripture to inspire you
- ❖ words to encourage you to share your Christian faith
- ❖ words to review contemporary Christian music
- ❖ insight into today's literature (The Lord of the Rings, perhaps?)
- ❖ help in an emergency (financial, food, clothing)
- ❖ someone to listen
- ❖ some fun fellowship (a WIN at golf, a piece of fried fish?)
- ❖ just a FRIEND

These are just a few things that Allyn provides for us.

Be sure to thank Pastor Ricketts for his hard work!

PLEASE SEND A CARD

The Caring Friends team is inviting the congregation to join them in sending cards to our members who are either unable to worship with us or may just need a word of cheer. Cards are so much appreciated and take so little effort on the part of the sender! The following is only a partial list as of 9/21/11:

Robert Beatty—c/o Joyce Shuster, 392 N McKean St, Kittg. 16201

Nancy Feicht—Sugar creek Rest, Lakeside Dr, Worthington 16262

Jane Flick—107 Sunbury Fields, Apt. 1, Butler 16001

Jean Schaeffer—Fair Winds Manor, 126 Iron Bridge Rd, Sarver, 16055

Twila Shankle—Grey's Colonial Acres, 272 Colonial Rd, Kittg. 16201

Katherine Shoemaker—100 Valley View Rd, Ford City 16226

Betty Speicher—Lt. House Pointe, Apt 303, 500 Chapel Harbor Dr, Pgh. 15238

Ken Pierson—Sugar creek Rest, Lakeside Dr. Worthington 16262

If you know of others who have had recent or ongoing health concerns, please include them in your prayers and with cards.

Our Mission and Vision...

ICTHUS-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...

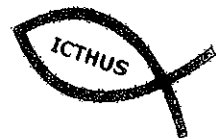
I--Invite and challenge people to come to faith. [EVANGELISM]

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]



WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER



October 2, 2011
 11:00 AM, Communion, World Communion
Sermon: Faith in Hard Times...
Remembers Jesus II Timothy 2:8-13



October 9, 2011
 11:00 AM
 Psalm 106:1-5, Philippians 4:1-9
Sermon: Rev. Ellen Bullock



October 16, 2011
 11:00 AM,
 Exodus 33:12-23, Romans 6:12-18
Sermon: Faith In Hard Times...
Goes Deep II Timothy 2:14-19



October 23, 2011
 11:00 AM
 Psalm 90:1-6, Titus 1:5-11
Sermon: Faith In Hard Times...
Calls For A Pure Heart II Timothy 2:20-26



October 30, 2011
 11:00 AM
Sermon: Brad Hellein



OCTOBER

ACOLYTE

- 2 Sierra Aires
- 9 Peyton Zielinski
- 16 Frailey Scaife
- 23 Hannah Hoffman
- 30 Grace Scaife



READERS

- 2 Communion
- 9 Rachel Ricketts
- 16 Janet McKelvey
- 23 Larry McKelvey
- 30 Mary Jo Lipski



NURSERY

- 2 Kelly Hoffman
- 9 Chris Porter
- 16 Kathy Coleman
- 23 Suzanne Hogamier
- 30 Janine Muir



COUNTERS

- 2 Thomas
- 9 Bussard
- 16 Ternent
- 23 Stubbs
- 30 Flanders



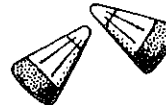
SOUND SYSTEM

- 2 Janessa Muir
- 9 Glenn Krozely
- 16 Jalissa Muir
- 23 Michael Toy
- 30 Greg Lemons



USHERS

- 2 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski & communion
- 9 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
- 16 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson
- 23 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson
- 30 Oxford/Susie Reefer



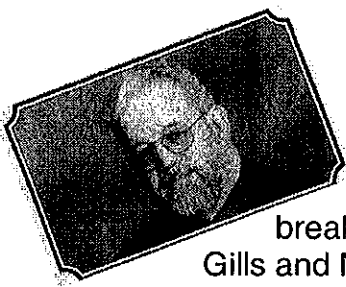
WELCOME CENTER

- 2 Mert Hellein
- 9 Karen Scaife
- 16 Janet McKelvey
- 23 Hayley Hoffman
- 30 Melissa Flanders



USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of more people on our usher teams. We have 5 teams that usher 2 weeks in a row. Each team ushers 5 rounds each year. If you are interested, please let Carol Wolfe know
 724-543-9072.



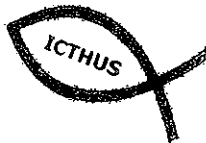
READ THIS – IT WILL SAVE YOU TIME

The last few months we have been looking at a basis for thinking through some economic ideas from a Biblical point of view. This month we want to take a break from general economic ideas and focus on personal economics—stewardship. Gills and Nash in their book, A Biblical Economics Manifesto, point out that all economic values are subjective. Now most of you know I am not a fan of subjectivism – it is the enemy of Christian thought, but that does not mean that some values are not subjective. I do not like macaroni and cheese—most of you do, that is subjective. The economic value you place on things is influenced by a lot of different subjective factors. Age makes a difference: there are things in your attic that you thought were very important years ago. Location makes a difference: a shovel does not have the same value to a person living in a city apartment as it does to someone in the country. If you are a follower of Jesus then the value you place on the things and choices of this world will be different than if you are not a follower of Jesus. As Gills and Nash put it, “Remember that people will always choose the option that ranks highest in their personal scale of values.” This phrase struck me because it sounds very much like the teaching of Jonathan Edwards that, when faced with any decision, we always will choose what we think is best, and what we think is best will be deeply influenced by our relationship to Jesus. This includes how we decide to spend our money.

Gills and Nash point us to the example of Saul. His values rated persecuting and killing Christians pretty high until he came face to face with the risen Jesus. His conversion changed everything and what he valued was turned upside down. This is what happens when we become Christians. The things on which you place importance should be different than the rest of the world.

Those of you who are part of First Church usually receive a letter or two in October asking you to pledge what you will be giving for the next year. [This note is replacing that letter this year. That is why it is a time saver.] No one but the Finance Secretary knows what you say on your response card. The Finance Committee only gets the total to help with the budget. This seldom works because people do not respond, which makes forming a budget a bit of a trick. All these requests are asking is, “What do you value?” Given the way things are at the moment, how highly do we value God’s work? Things may change for better or worse (there are no church police to come after you if you cannot meet your promise) but, given what you know, how important to you, as a follower of Jesus, is God’s work in the coming year? We know it is important to many of you because, even with a declining population and other struggles our finances have remained quite good. You have been generous, so why not make it easy on the Finance Comm. and let them know what you hope to give? Also it is always a boost to your faith to make a promise and see how God helps you live up to it. There is an envelope and response card in this newsletter please fill it out as God leads you and as it represents your commitment. Your choice displays what you really value.

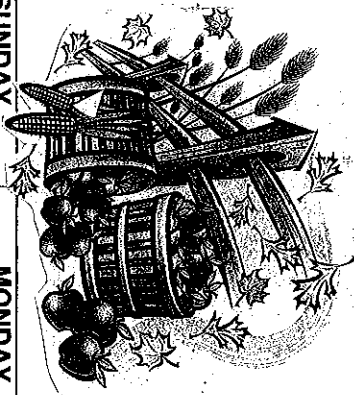
Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)
 Maranatha (Come Quickly Lord)
 Allyn



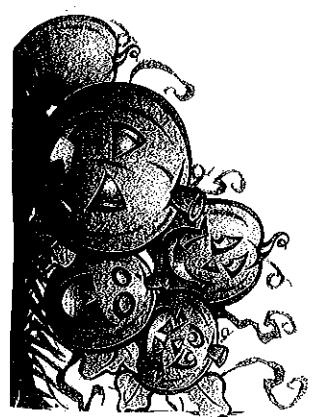
Just A Reminder
 Have you remembered First Church
 in your will? What a powerful way to
 recognize God's goodness in a
 lasting way.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

In October and November our Conference evangelists will be with us for two special services. Rev. Ellen Bullock will be with us Sunday morning Oct. 9 and Rev. Roy Gearhart will be with us Sunday morning Nov. 13. You will not want to miss these special events and you may want to bring a friend.



October



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion 1:00 PM Youth Group	3 6:30 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Rainbow Road Board	4 8:30 AM 3R's 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	5 10:30 AM Book Study 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	6 8:30 AM OVR-CC 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter 5:00 PM DKG-CC	7 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC	8 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
9 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Camp 43 SU/VCW-CC	10 6:30 PM Fellowship Team 6:30 PM Finance 7:30 PM Church Council	11 8:30 AM 3R's 8:30 AM WIC-CC 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM Am Vets-CC	12 10:30 AM Book Study 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	13 7:00 PM Friday Night Circle 7:00 PM Heavenly Daughter	14 2:00 PM We Surrender-CC	15 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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