

FOREST GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FAMILY FOCUS

215-794-8575

www.forestgrovechurch.org

July/August 2010

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 19TH – JULY 23RD
9:00AM – 12:00PM

Come join us for –

SET SAIL HIGH SEA EXPEDITION



Registration forms are now available in fellowship hall!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Please contact Kim King if you are able to help by emailing kak72@verizon.net or call the church office!

Snack items are also appreciated and needed!

Church Picnic

**Sunday, July 25th
11:00am – 2:00pm
at the home of
Steve and Maggie Rash**



Sign-up today in fellowship hall!

Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert.
Hotdogs and drinks will be provided.
Bring chairs and bathing suits for swimming.

Summer Special Music

Just a reminder that we welcome all congregation members to participate in special music for our summer worship services. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Piano accompaniment is available for singers or instrumentalists.

Individuals or ensembles are welcome to sign up. See Pat if you have any questions.





Beloved in the Lord,

Once again it's that time of year when we shift from regular worship to summer worship. We have been so blessed to have four choirs helping to lead worship: the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir, the Awesome Angels, and the Singing Angels. They have all done a superb job, often performing together with glorious results. Please join me in extending a huge thank you to all the choir members and Pat, Maggie, and Leanne who direct them with such love, faithfulness, and talent. We are truly blessed when we worship at Forest Grove! In the warm months ahead we look forward to a variety of musical offerings during worship as choir members *and others* lend their unique skills and passions to summer worship.

From the pulpit, I will be wrapping up the David and Leadership Series and moving into a series based on Psalm 115 that will take us through Labor Day. Many of you have told me how much you've learned from and enjoyed the David series and I trust you will find this next series helpful as well. My husband, Larry, has been helping me prepare Sermon CDs for my search and we will have some available in the church library if you'd like to catch up with any you've missed.

As you will read elsewhere in the Focus, the PNC and the Session have been hard at work. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers as our interim journey together enters the very exciting final stages.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

Yours & His,
Pastor Marie

PNC UPDATE

The PNC started the search process several months ago and over time received 70 Personal Information Forms submitted by pastors seeking positions. After careful reading, and prayerful discerning, we followed up with 45 candidates. Then, for those with whom we decided to move forward, we took a closer look at their PIF's, listened to sermons on CD or in person, conducted phone interviews and spoke with references. As a result, with prayer, we narrowed the list to two candidates. We entered Phase Three of our search with those two candidates where they were formally interviewed in person and also met with our Committee on Ministry representative. We are very close to a final decision and the process continues.

When our decision is made, the candidate will need to be interviewed in person and approved by Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, have a background check completed, and terms of call agreed upon before being presented to the congregation. We appreciate your prayers as we go forward.

From our Youth Director,

Pete Mills

Attention All Youth!!!!

Our Activities for the SUMMER!!!



6/30 - 9:00 AM - Saxby's

6/30-7/4 - CREATION 2010

7/7 - 9:00 AM - Saxy's

7/4 - Return from Creation.

Celebrate Independence

No Youth Group

7/11 - Tubing down the Delaware (Meet @ church after the service. Cost is \$26 which includes lunch, tube & a ride.

7/14 - 9:00 AM - Saxby's

7/18 - Trenton Thunder Game - Church wide event

We leave right after church.

7/24-7/31 - Mission Trip

7/25 - No Youth Group due to Mission Trip.

Don't miss the Church picnic today.

7/28 - 9:00 AM - Saxby's

8/1 - Pool Party - After church @ Dell'Orefice's House (4418 Lower Mountain Road)

8/4 - Noon - Café Alessio's

8/8 - Trip to Perkasio Pool (Meet @ church at 3:30, return by 8:30. Cost is \$5 and bring dinner.

8/11 - Noon - Café Alessio's

8/15 - Movie night at church @ 6:30. Bring a snack to share.

8/18 - Noon - Alessio's

8/22 - Beach Trip!!! Leaving after church and returning by 8:00 PM Bring \$15, lunch and a cold drink.

8/29 - Back to School special - Watch for details ~

Mission of the Month for July

HARVEST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Ps. 127:1



The mission of the month for July is Harvest Community Baptist Church, at 5310 Morris Street, in Germantown, Philadelphia. Pastor and Mrs. Cleveland Alstin started the church in January of 2006, and it is growing rapidly as it fills a huge need in this area of the city. The exciting news for this year is that the congregation has been in their new sanctuary on Morris Street, since Easter Sunday, April 4th. There is still much work to be done, but the Alstins feel blessed to be able to worship there as the work continues.

In addition to the sanctuary, the building has several offices, 3 small classrooms, bathrooms, and a kitchen which is not yet finished. Several men's groups from supporting churches have been helping out, and there is still plenty of work for volunteer groups. A mission team will be spending several days there in July to help and spread the word in the community about the new church development. Mrs. Alstin also hopes to have enough help to have a VBS for the neighborhood kids this summer.

So far, the congregation is about 90 members, with about half attending regularly. The Alstins are doing most of the work, as they do not have the resources to hire staff yet. Their 2 sons, Blair, 17, and Jared, 14, are helping out as well, with Jared also serving as the church pianist.

If you are handy and would like to get a team together to work on the new church building, it would be such a blessing to this wonderful congregation. We are invited to attend the church sponsored "block party," on July 14th, from 2 to 6 p.m. We are also welcome to attend worship or just visit anytime, to see the great work the Lord is accomplishing through Harvest. Please pray for the Alstins and Harvest Church and give generously to this wonderful mission in July. For more information, contact the mission committee, or Harvest directly at 215-844-9000, or by e-mail at rca321@verizon.net

Mission of the Month for August

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CLINIC OF NORTH PENN

E-Mail: prcnp@comcast.net

49 North Richardson Ave., Lansdale, Pa 19446, 215-855-2424

www.pregnancyresourceclinic.org e-mail: prcnp@verizon.net

The Pregnancy Resource Clinic of North Penn (PRCNP) began in 1984 under the leadership of two couples from Biblical Seminary in response to the Roe V Wade decision giving doctors the right to decide at any point during pregnancy to perform an abortion. Every day, the counselors are called to spread the hope of Jesus Christ to hurting and confused women. They continue to find new ways to reach out to women who are pregnant and confused and possibly on the verge of abortion; and to grow the opportunity to encourage teens and sexually active singles in a biblical blueprint for life that makes them aware of the risks and dangers of sex outside marriage.

Executive director Lee Anne Patkos says the clinic exists to compassionately empower individuals to make healthy and informed decisions regarding pregnancy and to be a leader in promoting positive sexual values. They offer counseling on the options to abortion, parenting help and adoption support. On-site, they offer free baby clothing, equipment, supplies, and maternity clothing. There are support groups and housing during pregnancy can also be arranged. They also counsel on relational issues, and offer referrals for medical, legal and financial assistance. Counseling for men is also available, along with preparation for fatherhood.

PRCNP served 600 people last year and performed 80 free ultrasounds. Through your generous giving during August, they will be able to continue these much needed services, and to help young people to make Godly choices for their lives. Please pray also for this growing ministry of helping young women choose life!

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I set you apart for my holy purpose. Jer. 1:5

Please give generously to support this ministry of helping young women to choose life!

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Operating Fund

For the Five Month Ended May 31, 2010

COLLECTIONS & MISC INC	\$ 66,213
Large Fund Income	<u>8,584</u>
Total Income	74,797

EXPENSES	
Pastor Compensation	32,924
Staff	23,942
Office	8,163
Music & Worship	163
Christian Education	4,126
Property	9,318
Stewardship/Finance	0
Parish Life	1,086
Other	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>79,722</u>

Operating Fund Surplus (Deficit)	(4,925)
Fund Balance at 12/31/09	<u>2,256</u>
Fund Balance at 5/31/10	<u>\$ (2,669)</u>

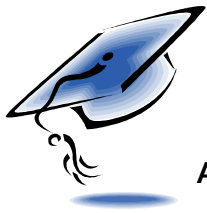
FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE ~

Each year we take time to remind the congregation about the use of the church property and facilities. If you would like to use the church property/parking lot or any of the facilities for non church-related activities you can fill out a property use request form which can be obtained by contacting the church office. The Session reviews all property use requests throughout the year. The playground is for church members only and children must be supervised at all times while on the playground.

Thank you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The closing program for Sunday School was help on June 13th. Confetti the Clown (Sandy Rekemeier) entertained the students. Attendance pins were given to those students who had three or fewer absences. Silly Banz were given to all children and bookmarks were given to all teachers and volunteers involved in Sunday School.



Congratulations to our Graduates !!!

Amy Beth Lukens
 Bloomsburg University
 BS in Elementary Education

Rebecca Hampton
 Arcadia University
 Masters in Education
 With Distinction

Dan Williams
 C.B. West High School

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Benevolence Fund
 May 31, 2010

Balance @ 4/30/10		\$ 599
Receipts		
Master Plan Ministries	\$ 40	
FISH	673	
Summer Mission Trip	15	
OGHS	<u>12</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 741
Total Disbursement		<u>(880)</u>
Balance @ 5/31/10		<u>\$ 45</u>

SESSION UPDATE

We have been working with Pastor Marie to bring current all church statistical information. Our membership rolls, the By-Laws, Personnel, Sexual Misconduct, and Property Use policies have all been reviewed. We met with the PNC to discuss Terms of Call to prepare the committee for negotiations when the time presents itself. Any questions? Call the Clerk at 215-794-5108.

ACTUAL CHURCH SIGN BLOOPERS

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The Sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water"
The Sermon this evening: "Searching for Jesus"

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Summer at the preschool is quiet without the children but the staff has been very busy preparing for their return. The School Board unanimously voted Kara Holton onto the Board in the capacity of Church Parent/ Preschool.

Welcome Kara!

This summer we are tackling two important projects:

- 1) I am working on establishing a web site for the school. I am working closely with the school board and one of our new parents who has volunteered to help establish the site. We are hoping that the site will attract young families to the school and church.
- 2) The staff and I will be working on new projects and curriculum for the coming school year.

The Preschool is hoping to hire an assistant teacher. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact the school office email at pluongo@forestgrove.org for more information or send in your resume.

Have a wonderful summer!
Patrice Luongo, Director

CAMP KIRKWOOD

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!

Go to www.kirkwoodcamp.org
to book your week
at Camp Kirkwood!
Or call the church office
for information.

ONE JOYFUL CHOIR

Those of you involved with One Joyful Choir in 2007 most likely recall what a wonderful experience this presbytery-wide music festival was. More than 450 singers from 135 churches joined together for an afternoon concert at the Kimmel Center and raised more than \$40,000 for area mission projects.

We're happy to announce that another One Joyful Choir concert will take place on Saturday, November 13th at 2:30 pm. This year's proceeds will go to Hospital St. Croix in Haiti - a hospital and nursing school long supported by PC (USA) that was severely damaged in the January earthquake. If you'd like to be involved with fund-raising, rehearsal registration, publicity, or can offer your services in another area, please call Linda Deeter at 215-348-3890. For more information, visit www.onejoyfulchoir.org

Give ~a~ Gallon Campaign

Appalachia 2010 – Hurley, VA, July 24 – July 31

Fundraising efforts are underway for this year's mission trip to the Hurley Community Development Project, in Hurley, VA. After the major success of last year's trip to Laughlin Chapel in Wheeling, we are returning this summer to visit our old friends in Virginia. Hurley provides mission teams with an experience in service learning, with building projects and forging relationships in the community through work in soup kitchens or children's programs. We will be taking two or three vehicles.

Hurley, VA is about a 12 hour drive and we anticipate a big fuel bill. We have no idea what gas prices will be by the time summer rolls around. Will you prayerfully consider giving one or more gallons of gas to help our mission team represent Forest Grove in Appalachia this summer?

*YES! I want to help the Forest Grove Mission Team do the Lord's Work in Virginia and **COME BACK HOME** this summer – I know they can't do it without my prayers and generous support!*

Name: _____

I will pay for _____ gallons at \$3.00 per gallon. \$_____ total

*To support this effort, **please** return this slip with your tax deductible check made out to Forest Grove Church, and in the memo write "Appalachia Mission Trip 2010." You can deposit your check in the offering plate, in the mission mail slot, in the church office or directly to Shane Ledyard or Pete Mills.*

And remember, anything you do to further the Kingdom is missionary work in the Lord's eyes. Giving a gallon of gas will fulfill the Great Commission if you do it in His Name and with Him in your heart!



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship 10:30 - Youth Picnic	28	29	30 Beginning of Creation 2010 9:00 AM - YG Saxby's	1	2	3
4 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - The Lord's Supper/ Worship Return from Creation - No Youth Group	5	6	7 9:00 AM - YG Saxby's	8 6:00 PM - Worship & Music	9	10
11 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship Youth Tubing Down the Delaware after church	12	13 12:30 PM - Lingohocken Garden Club Mtg. 7:30 PM - Missions Mtg.	14 9:00 AM - YG Saxby's	15	16	17
18 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship Trenton Thunder Game	VBS	VBS	VBS	VBS	VBS	LEAVE FOR MISSION TRIP
25 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship 11:00 - 2:00 Church Picnic @ Rash's House	MISSION TRIP 7:00 PM Session Mtg.	MISSION TRIP	MISSION TRIP 9:00 AM - YG Saxby's	MISSION TRIP	MISSION TRIP	RETURN FROM MISSION TRIP

AUGUST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship Youth Group Pool Party @ Dell'Orefice's	2	3	4 Noon - YG Café Alessio's	5	6	7
8 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship Youth Group trip to Perkasio Pool	9	10	11 Noon - YG Café Alessio's	12 6:00 PM Worship & Music	13	14
15 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship 6:30 PM Youth Group Movie Nite	16	17	18 Noon - YG Café Alessio's	19	20	21
22 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship Youth Group Beach Trip FOCUS DEADLINE	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:15 - Hymn Sing 9:30 - Worship	30	31	1	2	3	4

Summer Thought

"A day's most important meetings may not be the ones we've put on our calendar."