I have recently been thinking a lot about “the church.” Not our church, but The Church. Perhaps this is because of our sermon series through I Peter, which has some of the strongest teachings in the New Testament on being the church. It may be because this year I began serving on the presbytery’s Committee On Ministry, which deals with congregations and pastors, especially when there are problems.

A couple weeks ago while in Alaska and looking at glaciers, I found myself thinking about The Church. Glaciers and The Church have a lot in common. Both move slowly, glaciers move inches per day, we know The Church moves even more slowly. Both are powerful; the changes glaciers have on the landscape is obvious. Though it may be popular to blame The Church for the world’s problems, the reality is that The Church has made countless positive changes upon the human landscape. Both Glaciers and The Church are surprisingly dirty; things that are old and large are rarely pristine. Both glaciers and churches are decreasing in number and size, though some are growing. Both are important. They are a barometer of what is going on in the world.

As activity picks up in this new school year, please participate and be excited about what God is doing through our congregation, and be prayerful for The Church; its vitality, growth, and impact on the world.

Jim

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All Men are invited to join Jim King and others at the Northeast Men’s Retreat: October 2-4.

This event is held at Young Life’s Lake Champion. Please talk to Rob Guissanie, Bob Harder, Jesse North, Bart Shaffer, or Jim about their experience at last year’s retreat.

Please see Jim for further information, be sure to ask him about the Friday Golf package if you are interested in golfing too.
September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 - Judith Ziegler, Vickie Ziegler, Meg Morgensen
2 - Catherine Whittemore
3 - Caroline Sigl
4 - Karen Shurtliffe
5 - Tom Hans
6 - Annie Lesher, Alexa Mast
8 - Richard Erdley, Todd Van Patter, Caroline Graves
10 - Jan Peterson, Bart Shaffer, Kimmy Tarves, Samantha Reif,
11 - Mary Ellen Kessler, Chris Zellmann, Mark Temple
13 - Pastor Ted Ulp, Tom Miller, Kirk Jarrett
14 - Fitz Walling, Jackie Mast
15 - Brian Fox
16 - Barbara Yocum, Joel Michael, Rebecca McNulty,
18 - Sarah Graber
19 - Harold Whittemore, Rachael McVicar
22 - Joyce Westbrook
23 - Crystal Reid
26 - Bill Moore Jr.
27 - Bronwyn Taylor
28 - David Goehring, Robbie McTammany
30 - Carol Coder, Larry Barnhart, Bob Kribbs, TJ Landis

1 - Bob & Nancy Martin celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary
4 - Keith & Pat Ringkamp celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary
5 - Ken & Carol Brame celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary
9 - John & Melodee Persing celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary
16 - Brad & Barb Lawton celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary
16 - Maurice & Deb Brubaker celebrating their 14th wedding anniversary
19 - John & Leslie Mutschler celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary
21 - Brian & Karen Fox celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary
26 - Scott & Kristin McVicar celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary
28 - Scott & Bronwyn Taylor celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary

Our Youth Need Your Help

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pauline King and Leann Lindsay for their ministry to our youth. Pauline & Jim have led the Mustard Seeds group for eight years, ensuring that our third, fourth and fifth graders have a youth group to call their own.

Leann Lindsay has served our youth by coordinating the Sunday School for the past six years. Leann not only taught in the preschool class but also lined up the teaching staff and ordered the curriculum (and on top of it volunteered to direct the Christmas Program the past few years).

Pauline and Leann have both decided to step down from their positions. It is for that reason that we are currently seeking a Mustard Seeds Coordinator as well as a Sunday School Coordinator.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions, or just want more information as to what the coordinators do, please call the church office (524-4419) or Kathy Davies (524-7970).
Congregation members are encouraged to pack shoeboxes as families, as well as our youth group who packs 200+ each year.

The youth are currently collecting school supplies for their Operation Christmas Child boxes. If you would like to donate shoeboxes or school supplies, please place them in the Christmas box in the Parlor.

For more information about this mission go to www.samaritanspurse.org.

Start saving your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. For those of you new to the church, this Franklin Graham mission is an outreach our church has participated in for many years.
JOIN THE BIKERS BY THE RIVER on Sept. 27th (weather permitting)
Bike along the Pine Creek Trail, enjoy nature and the company of other bikers. All ages are welcome. It's a level trail and you can go at your own pace and as far as you wish.

Meet at the parking lot of the trail entrance (just beyond Waterville Inn), on the right of Rt 44 at 2:00. It is marked ‘Recreational Parking’. Maps to the trail will be available at the church office. Please eat lunch before the ride and bring along water, a snack, etc. The Waterville Inn is a great place for a casual dinner afterwards for anyone who is interested.

**Bikers By The River T-shirts are available for just $2.00 each.**
If you have any questions or if you need a ride (or need your bike transported), call Dave or April Shrom 966-1575 or email to shroms@uplink.net

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**Sunday University; Adult Sunday School**

**Library class**
Dave Shrom and Bart Shaffer will lead this class beginning with a book by John Ortberg entitled ‘If You Want To Walk On the Water You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat’. This class is for those persons who, when they jump into water, sink. (If you don’t sink we would like to interview you for advice.) These lessons are about overcoming the obstacles that keep us from ‘stepping out’.

**Parlor class**
A Dynamic Christian Life facilitated by Bruce VanPatter. What kind of people does God want us to be? We all know the basics, but how does one keep His expectations from becoming a joyless to-do list? Life in Christ should be an engaging transformation – God changing you, in the context of his people, to be more like Jesus. That's what we'll be exploring together in this class. Starting off with a study series on Christian Character, then following with Christian Community and Worship, the class will be digging into scriptural passages to get the perspective and power that we need to live dynamically in Christ.

**Watch for another class**
Small groups are a key way in which we can all grow closer to the Lord and to each other. Here at First Pres, our network of groups – now renamed Life Groups – is healthy and vibrant. Nearly 100 people are meeting regularly to share and study God’s word! In order to keep this ministry growing, Jesse and Liz North will be leading training sessions once a month during Sunday University time. The Norths will be sharing insights they've gained from their extensive experience with small groups on college campuses. And they'll be engaging those who come in practical discussions about how to apply those principles to their own gatherings. If you are currently leading a small group (regularly or occasionally) or if you’re curious about how small groups work, come join these sessions. They'll help to make your group effective and vital!
Thank you for serving the church by helping to plan and host events in the coming year. We are a family, and these activities offer the opportunity for lots of “family fun”. The conveners are responsible for contacting the group to organize the event. We hope that you enjoy meeting and working with the people on your committee.

**Coffee Social 10-10:30**
- Mark & Liz Speake
- Ron & Lori Paulus
- Bart & Linda Shaffer
- Marcia Thomas
- Bill & Connie Moore
- John & Linda Vaji
- Wayne & Pat Samuelson
- Dave & Ruth McCord
- Rusty & Karen Graber
- Larry & Sue Barnhart
- Bob & Christena Harder
- Bill & Sharon Dittmar

**Leaf Peeper Hike Oct. 18**
- Bill & Sharon Dittmar
- Steve & Alesia Foster
- Bob & Christena Harder
- Guy & Jan Temple
- Howard & Beverly Stoelting
- Larry & Sue Barnhart
- Tom & Avis Hans
- Sam & Debbie Haulman
- Jim & Marilyn Zaiser

**Men’s Breakfasts**
- Larry Barnhart +
- Paul Miller
- Joe Santorine
- Bill Shutt
- Dick Donaldson
- Dave Reid
- Eric Schmidt
- Ed Sigl

**Quarterly Daytime Senior Luncheons**
- Libby Robinson +
- Ann Simmons
- Betty Veening
- Lisa Black
- Carol Friery
- Celia Stamm
- Joan Bush
- Christena Harder

**Annual Meeting Luncheon Nov. 8**
- Bruce & Alison Van Patter +
- Lamar & Lorri Bruckhart
- Frank & Keay Hathaway
- Jim & Betty Lou McClure
- Tom & Ann Miller
- Ruby Grimm
- Dave & Ruth McCord
- Dave & Marcia Thomas

**All Church Picnic Sept. 20**
- John & Marcia Aikey +
- Jon & Sandy Miller
- Mike & Amy Matukaitis
- Brent & Ashley Papson
- Joe & Marguerite Santorine
- Rob & Karen Grissianie
- Jesse & Liz North

**Bike Ride Sept. 27**
- Dave & April Shrom +
- Howard & Beverly Stoelting
- Dave & Libby Robinson
- Mark & Lesley Brouse
- Ann & Bill Roll
- Bob & Sharon Kribbs
- Jim & Ginny Michael
- Skip Miller

**Hanging of the Greens Nov 29**
- Linda Shaffer +
- Jeanette Campbell
- Peg Erdley
- Brian & Karen Fox
- Karen Ishii
- Skip Miller
- Bill & Ann Roll
- Ken, Cindy, Carrie and Lindsey Reber
- Bruce & Alison Van Patter
- Adam & Melanie Brown
- Jeff & Heather Creighton
- Susan Erdley
- Marilyn Gaver
- Alice Marquart
- Jack & Louise McCormick
- Jack & Rebecca Mignot

**Christmas Dinner Dec. 6**
- Tom & Marilyn Gresh +
- David & Anne Goehring
- Thomas & Louann Graves
- Chet & Lynn James
- Keith & Dianna Kunkel
- Paul & Marsha Tarves
- Susan Erdley
- Marina Gresh
- Karen Ishii
- Bob & Sharon Kribbs
- Jim & Ginny Michael
- Skip Miller
- Dave & Mary Ruth Campbell

+Convener of the event
### Putting Away the Greens Dec. 29
- Linda Shaffer +
- Eric & Mary Jane Milner
- Robert & Jean Hormell
- Keith & Dianna Kunkel
- Jack & Rebecca Mignot
- Matt & Wendy McTammany

### Winter Retreat @ Camp Susque
**Jan. 22-24**
Office Staff

### Family Fun Night Feb. 3
- Pat & Darinda Fisher
- Andrew & Gwen Lynch
- Brad & Jennifer Wakeman
- Drew & Christianne Wright

### Adult Fun Night March 6
- Alesia Foster +
- Patrick & Emily Chiboroski
- Sam & Debbie Haulman
- Brad & Heidi Zimmerman

### Annual Meeting Luncheon March 21
- David & Cathy Carey +
- Pat & Heidi Decosmo
- Janie Keiser
- Bill & Phil Moore

### Girls of All Ages Event May 2
- Lisa Bernard
- Lesley Brouse
- Alice Marquart
- Seth & Judith Ziegler
- Keay Hathaway
- Robert & Jean Hormell
- Seth & Vickie Ziegler
- Keith & Dianna Kunkel
- Alice Marquart
- Eric & Mary Jane Milner

### All Church Picnic/Kayak & Canoe May 30
- Ron & Lori Paulus +
- Brett & Christi Emigh
- Martha Miller
- Keith & Pat Ringkamp
- John & Amy Tirpak

### Strawberry Festival June 13
- Dave & April Shrom +
- Jeff & Heather Creighton
- Mark & Kathy Davies
- Tom & Jean Morgensen
- Joe & Marguerite, Joseph and Kyle Santorine

### Mark these dates on your calendar
- Girls of All Ages Event May 2
- All Church Picnic/Kayak & Canoe May 30
- Strawberry Festival June 13
September 2009
Services/Events:

**Jr. High**: We will meet in the “Cave” on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30 pm. This is a time specifically for Jr. High students to learn about God and develop a relationship with Him! Come hang out with us as we worship, Fellowship, and hear a relevant teaching from the Bible.

**High School**: We will meet in the “Cave” on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm. This is a place where High School students can begin to learn what the Lord has done for them and how they can better serve Him. It is a place where teens can come together and feel confident in their choice to serve God. Come hang out with us as we worship, Fellowship, and hear a relevant teaching from the Bible.

**Wednesday Morning Breakfast**: We meet in the “Great Hall” at 7am. Come and start your morning off right with great food, people, and a brief devotional.

**Sunday School**: We meet in the “Cave” on Sunday morning at 9 am. This is a time designed for Jr. High and High School students

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**First Presbyterian Youth**

18 Market St. Lewisburg
PA. 17837

**Reach, Teach, Release...**
Pizza night during Band Camp

Back to School BBQ
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Sunday September 20th, 4:00 at the Kelly Crossroads Picnic Pavilion

Roast beef and ham sandwiches, drinks, chips and paperware will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

Directions:
Take Rt. 15 N to the West Milton/Milton exit. Make a left at the intersection. Drive approximately 3.5 miles and make a right onto Fort Titzell’s Road. The Kelly Crossroads Picnic Area is 1/10th of a mile on your left.