The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. (In-person or

Livestream)

On April 2nd, Good Friday evening, my wife Lisa tripped on a broken sidewalk near our house, striking her head and suffering a concussion. Since then, the resulting fatigue, headaches, and dizziness have severely limited her ability to read, write, drive long distances, or engage in pastoral counseling and meetings in her work as Temporary Supply Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury. As I shared news of her injury with our Staff and Session, you have supported and cared for my family in the form of prayers for healing, cards, and wonderful meals delivered to our home. I am humbled by and deeply grateful for the love and consideration you have shown us during this time. It has helped us immeasurably.

I am glad to share that with ongoing physical therapy and continued rest, Lisa is making progress. Psalm 139 reminds us that we are, "fearfully and wonderfully made," and that goes double for the mysterious physiology and inconceivable biological mechanisms that comprise our brain. When we are well, there is so much we take for granted. When we are well, we forget how fragile and fine the line is, between simply choosing what we do and where we go, and living under limits that transform the most mundane daily tasks into challenging obstacles. When we are well, we underestimate how much a small act of care can mean, what a difference it can make. This experience has reminded me of what a blessing it is to live as a member of the body of Christ. And it has



Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 6

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, June 13

10:30 a.m – Noon Strawberry Festival in the Great Hall

Sunday, June 20



June Meetings

Tuesday, June 15

7:00 p.m. Zoom Session Meeting

June Ushers

Dave Shrom (select dates)

April Shrom (select dates)

Anyone interested in ushering can sign up on the board in the narthex or notify the office.

shown me how God demonstrates his love for us through His people and His church.

As someone who generally learns his lessons the hard way, let me encourage you participate in the grace of God each day like this; when you are in need, or when life gets tough, call upon the church, lean upon this family of faith, for help. When you are able to give, and able to help, bring your gifts to God with joy to share among your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Life will give us plenty of opportunities to do both, to give and to receive. And as we do both, the love of Jesus Christ increases. And we will find Him present in our midst.

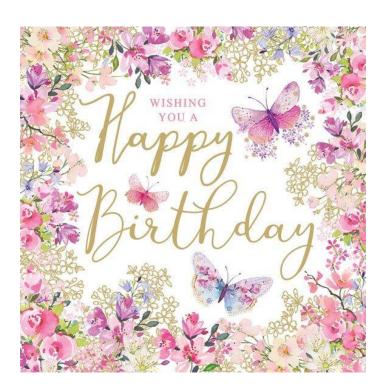
With thanks for your blessings,

Pastor Ryan

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

- 1 Nicole Jarrett, Matt McTammany
- 3 Hunter Grimes
- 5 Paul Simington
- 6 Isaac Kraus, Liz Einsig-Wise
- 7 Malcolm Arter Jr., Cindy Jones
- 10 Heather Creighton, Donna Ward
- 11 Rusty Graber
- 12 Eric Gilger
- 14 Gene Heid
- 17 Rick Gathman, Bea Heid
- 18 George Koons
- 19 Alison Collins
- 20 Chelsea Stanton
- 22 Colin Papson
- 24 Jessica Heid
- 25 Sarah Friedbera
- 27 Maryn Grimes
- 28 Jonny Miller
- 29 Clara Chiboroski



June Anniversaries

2 Ryan & Lisa Kraus

7 Eric & Bonnie McDowell, Rick & Lisa Stancavage

8 Jim & Marilyn Zaiser

10 Dan & Katie Cavanagh

12 Joseph & Karen Gallagher

17 Bill & Karen Black

20 Mark & Amie Reif, Tim & Chrissy Reinhart

22 Joe & Caroline Campagna

23 Patrick & Heidi Decosmo

24 Brad & Jennifer Wakeman

25 Victor & Sally Vogel





We are happy to announce that we will once again have our Annual Strawberry Festival this year. The festival will be on Sunday, June 13th, from 10:30 until 12:00. We will have the food and seating set up in the Great Hall and are looking forward to seeing many of you fellowshipping again and enjoying delicious cakes and local berries.

We will also have the option of Take-Out or Delivery for anyone not able to join us in person. If you are interested in ordering Take-Out or Delivery, please contact April Shrom (610-405-4066 or shroms@uplink.net) or the church office by Monday, June 7th. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Church as a whole. We look forward to seeing you there!



- **Meals on Wheels** is in desperate need of volunteers to deliver meals during the months of June and July. Please contact Alicia, the program coordinator at 570-522-1934 to volunteer.
- The Eastern Union County Supplemental Food Program is looking for teen and adult volunteers to carry groceries at our Food Pantry distributions, from 1:15-3:30, on the first and third Friday of every month. It is located at the First Baptist Church at 51

South 3rd. Street in Lewisburg. If you can carry a bag of groceries up a flight of steps please volunteer at an upcoming distribution on June 18, July 2 & 16 and August 6 & 20. Questions? Call Cindy at 570-523-6898.

THE AWAKENING IN AMERICA

The Global Evangelical Outreach Of The Himmelreich Christian Library



"THE AWAKENING" Outreach Is Dedicated To Daily Prayer For Revival & The Word of God

THE AWAKENING is born from the Word of God and a conviction among the nation's believers and churches that the Lord desires that we return to Him in prayer. We seek to help bring God's people together in prayer for revival. We're resting in the Lord's sacred promises in 2 Chronicles 7:14 that when we return to Him, He will, "...heal our land." We seek to reach believers across our valley and our nation – and around the world – for Christians to join together in prayer and proclaim The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What Can I Do To Be Part Of It?

Many are asking "How Can I Help?" There are many ways to help. We've made it easy. And fun!

<u>PRAY</u>. Pray at least one minute every day for revival. Join us at noon for our "One-Minute Scripture-&-Prayer" daily online prayer devotions.

JOIN US. Register online! We're seeking *Prayer-Partners* in churches across America. First names only. Become a *Church Ambassador*. Join with us & help tell others!

DONATE. Jesus fed the 5,000. You

can reach 5,000 with the power of prayer for just \$50 through our "Awakening" online social media channels. Any amount helps reach out in Christ's name.





One Million Prayers For America One-Minute Scripture-&-Prayer – Every Day At Noon

All this year, and continuing into the future, Christians are joining together at noon daily to pray for America. The promise of God is clear: "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from



heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Join with us for "One Minute Scripture-&-Prayer" for inspired devotions from the Word of God.

50-50-50. We're seeking 50 prayer partners in 50 churches in each of 50 states to pray at least 1-minute every day. <u>Join us!</u>

Now With Listeners On Six Continents! "Walk With God" Podcasts Growing Online

Launched this spring, our new weekly Bible-study podcast series is reaching listeners in *Germany*, *England*, *The Netherlands*, *India*, *South Africa*, *Brazil*, *Jamaica*, *Australia*, *Canada and the USA – ten countries in all on six continents!* And we're just getting started. The series is produced & packaged

between San Antonio, TX & Lewisburg, PA and airs exclusively over The Awakening Podcast Network™. The show is available FREE on popular platforms like Apple® Podcasts.



These engaging Bible studies feature rich commentary and unique insights from husband-wife team *Walt & Brenda McCord*. Together, they've served in national ministries and are in-demand ministry leaders and speakers. Since 1995, they've also led over 30 tours of *Israel* and the *Holy Land. Join us online every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.!*

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THE HIMMELREICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"That The World May Know" - from 2 Kings 19:19



Reaching Across The Susquehanna Valley

With over 11,000 books, study guides, and DVD's available *FREE* to Pastors & Churches, *The Himmelreich* is expanding our outreach through public events & programs. Check out our *Curbside Pick-Up & Delivery* services. You can find out about that and more at our website.



You Can Help Support A National Treasure!

VOLUNTEER. With as few as two hours a month of your time, you can have a tremendous impact! Discover the many ways The Lord can use you to help us reach out for the work of the Gospel.

DONATE YOUR OLD

BOOKS. Your own library of old books from your attic or den can help support the Lord's work. So far, we've registered over \$10,000 in sales through our online Worldwide Auction For The Himmelreich. Just stop your books by. Or call us, and we'll be happy to arrange to pick them up!

Caroline Campagna Retires After 12 Years

LEWISBURG, PA – In February, *Caroline Campagna, The Himmelreich's Librarian* of 12 years, announced her retirement, effective March 31. Rev. Barbara Yorks, is tapped to take her place, effective July 1.

Caroline has been a guiding hand on all the library's many activities, overseeing The Himmelreich's staff and volunteers, while managing our collections and directing our circulation of more than 11,000 books, Bible Studies, DVD's and more!

In addition, Caroline has helped manage the library's recent growth into many new areas, involving various new public programs and events: Author's Nights, Children's Story Hours, "Sunday Conversations," "The Worldwide Book Auction," Summer Concerts On The Lawn, Writer's Workshops, and more. Caroline says she's looking forward to spending more time with family.



"With Appreciation!" Caroline Campagna has retired after 12 years of leadership of the Library.

In appreciation for her service, the *Library Board* wished her a joyous retirement: "Caroline, your leadership has been a blessing on so many levels. Your support and assistance have been treasured and will be missed. On behalf of all our staff and volunteers, may God continue to bless you and your whole family. Our prayers go with you! Thank you!"

Rev. Barbara Yorks Named New Head Librarian

LEWISBURG, PA – Rev. Barbara Yorks has accepted The Himmelreich's Head Librarian position beginning

July 1st. Yorks is a long-time friend of the library who has been active with many of the library's projects and programs over the years. A

Bucknell graduate, Barb has served professionally in ministry for many years.

Most recently, she's served as pastor for churches in the Susquehanna Valley, including **Saint Andrews Methodist** in Milton and **First Presbyterian** in Lewisburg. Upon accepting her new



Rev. Barb Yorks

position, Barb smiled, saying, "I have a lifelong passion for books and reading – and libraries. *The Himmelreich* is a national treasure, and it will be a great joy to continue serving our communities with quality literature and materials that appeal to children, young people, families

and adults. In addition, I'm excited to explore new programs which can reach out to bring the richness of God's word to life in new ways. We wish to come alongside area churches to help support their pastors and lay people with *FREE* materials to help in their ministries."



First Presby Kids News

June 2021

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God by believing in Christ." Galatians 3:26 (NIRV)

Sum-sum-summertime! Wow! There is a lot planned for our kids this summer at First Presby! Check out the details below. Can't wait to see your kiddos in church again!

Worship Service! Moves to 9:30 a.m. beginning June 6. Don't miss it!

Nursery is OPEN! The nursery remains open, staffed with loving volunteers. The nursery is open to our youngest members from birth through age 3 and is open during the entire Sunday morning worship service. Children 2+ and adults must wear face masks in accordance with current church policy. **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED in order to keep it open.** Please contact Corey to help!

Kids Church! Sunday school will take a break for June, July and August, but beginning **Sunday**, **June 6** we will bring back Kids Church for kids ages 4 through 3rd grade. After the Children's Message, kids will be dismissed to Kids Church where they will participate in a short lesson and enjoy a craft and/or some play time. **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED.** Please contact Corey to help!

Sermon Notes for Big Kids! Kids 3rd grade and older can take a copy of Listen Up! Kids Sermon Notes and Prayer Journal. Keep your big kids occupied and engaged in the worship service. There's space to take notes and draw/doodle. Get your copy in the Narthex or outside the Choir Room.





VBS is coming this summer! Mark your calendars for **August 2-6**, **9:00 – 11:30 am!** Kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Kids 6th grade and older are welcome to volunteer. Adults 18+ with current child abuse clearances are welcome to lead! Many volunteers will be needed in order to host a fun and exciting week! See or email Corey for more details and for registration information.

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June Youth Newsletter

We are continuing our in-person youth programing on Sunday nights! We're also happy to announce that after more than a year without it, before school breakfasts are back on Wednesday mornings at the Manse at 7am! Any high schooler is welcome on Wednesday mornings to start your day with chocolate pancakes, waffles, juice, muffins, and more!

There are still a few spots left for this year's mission trip – but time is running out soon! If you or your student is interested, reach out to Matt right away to secure a spot!



We are also happy to announce that our Sponsor the Spot fundraiser is back!

We have 28 spots that we are looking to sponsor – one for each student and chaperone that will be joining us on this year's mission trip. We are asking for \$50 to sponsor each spot. In July, students will be randomly assigned a sponsored spot and we ask that you encourage and pray for your sponsored student(s) during our week of service and perhaps write them a note of encouragement!

We began this initiative 2 years ago and, still, some students and sponsors continue to keep in touch to pray for and support one another. This is a great way to not only support this year's trip, but to also foster a connection with a member of our youth program!

Over the coming weeks and the summer, we are excited to bring back more of our youth programing that has been on hold, so stay tuned!

Matthew Rishell – Director of Youth Ministry

Would you like to be included in our weekly Youth Newsletter to stay up to date on all of our latest events and updates? Contact Matt at first-presby.org

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