

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship**
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour – Dining Room
- 12:00 P.M. Church Picnic – Mt. Odin Park

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Parent Night – Classrooms/ Dining Room
- 6:30 p.m. Session - Assembly Room
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Fletcher Room

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

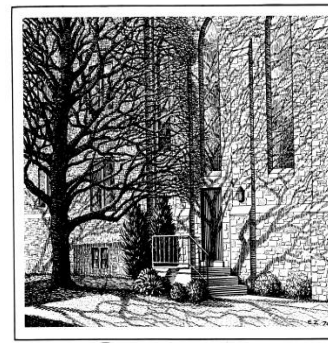
- 7:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study – Eat 'n Park, Greensburg
- 12:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Fletcher Room
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting – Assembly Room
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Parent Night – Classrooms/Dining Room

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship**
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour – Dining Room

**A FEW SEATS AVAILABLE!!!! FALL BUS TRIP** – Our bus trip to Lancaster to see *Jesus* followed by dinner at Hershey Farms has only a few seats left. If you are interested in joining us for a fantastic performance at the Sight and Sound Theater you may call the church office (724-832-0150) to make your reservation. ***The total payment of \$175 per person is due immediately.*** Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with “for bus trip” written in the memo space. If you mail the check, please include our street address (300 South Main Street) **AND** the P.O. Box #1038. Don't miss your opportunity to witness the life of Jesus as a theatrical performance!

**Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister?** We are gathering for a new class of Stephen Ministers to work alongside our pastors to provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time. If you have a gift for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: **Rev. Niki Atkinson (724-832-0150) or Sandy Beauregard (724-834-2247)**. Learn more about training and commitment by seeing one of us at coffee hour too!



August 18 - 25, 2019

## FIRST VIEW: The News @ FPC

### CHURCH PICNIC, TODAY



Please join your church family and friends this afternoon for our annual Church Picnic at the Mt. Odin Park, Greensburg, just off Route 30. The Church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and paper products. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. If you are not a cook, no worries!! We always have plenty of food and your presence will make the event a memorable one! Come meet and socialize with family and friends from the congregation. Events for the kids are being planned. If you can bring along food to share, stop by the sign-up table at coffee fellowship following the morning worship service each week until the picnic. **Come casually dressed to church if you wish!!!** See you there!!

### A STIRRED HEARTS MOMENT - MEN'S BREAKFAST

When we moved to Greensburg in 2013 and joined First Presbyterian Church, my wife suggested I go to the Men's Breakfast. I resisted. I wasn't sure whether she just wanted to get me out of the house. The fact that Bible study was involved was not a deterrent. I've been a church goer my whole life, as a Baptist, a Roman Catholic, and a Presbyterian. She finally pointed out that as we left our friends in Philadelphia, I needed to connect and make new friends. Men's Breakfast has done that for me. I've made friends and learned about their journeys in life and in faith. The conversations that we share each Wednesday morning are among the highlights of my week. Everyone needs to enjoy fellowship with others. There is room at our table, come join us.



Don White

# KIDS & TEENS

**Youth & Children's Ministry Info Meeting** – Learn what we've got planned so far for the program year ahead at our meeting on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am in the youth room! Jump for J.O.Y., Y-Fi, our very first Trunk & Treat, and more!

**Confirmation Information Meeting** – If you're thinking of participating in our confirmation class this year, this meeting is for you and your parents! Learn more about our process to explore what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church! Join us on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am in the youth room.

Starting in October we'll have Y-Fi starting back up again, Sunday School in full gear, and our first Trunk & Treat! But before that happens...



## JUMP FOR J.O.Y.

A great time for anyone in preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade to come and have fun with your church family and grow in your faith!

When: Sunday, September 29 (this is our first one!)

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: First one is free!

Wear comfortable clothes to move around in!

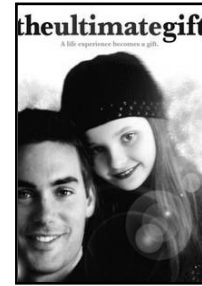
\*J.O.Y. stands for "Jesus, Others, Yourself." We'll have 3 activities that will help us focus on Jesus (worship), Others (mission), and Yourself (spiritual growth.) If you'd like to help out, or learn more, email Rev. Niki at

[revnicoleatkinson@gmail.com](mailto:revnicoleatkinson@gmail.com).



**SAVE THE DATE!** We'll have our first annual Trunk & Treat event on Saturday, October 26 from 3p.m. – 5 p.m. This will be open to our community and we'd love to have YOU be involved! Talk to Shelley Fazi or Niki Atkinson for details!

## ALL CHURCH MOVIE AFTERNOON TO STIR OUR HEARTS!



**When:** Sunday, August 25 @ 12 p.m.

**Where:** Youth Room (Bring a comfy camp chair or pillow)

**What:** "The Ultimate Gift"... Based on the best-selling book by Jim Stovall. "What is the relationship between wealth and happiness?" Jason's billionaire grandfather leaves his spoiled adult grandson a series of odd tasks to perform in order to receive "the ultimate gift," with the resentful grandson having no idea what that might be. Stars James Garner, Abigail Breslin, Drew Fuller.

**Food:** Lunch & Popcorn provided (donations welcome)

**RSVP:** [revnicoleatkinson@gmail.com](mailto:revnicoleatkinson@gmail.com) (so we can be good stewards of our resources!)

**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** meets at Eat'n Park on Rt. 30 E. each Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m. for a time of fellowship, study and, of course, breakfast. We are now studying the Book of Acts under the leadership of Dr. Ankrum.

**THRU THE BIBLE CLASS** – The monthly class will meet on Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room to discuss the Old Testament books of 1 & 2 Chronicles. See you then!!!

**C.S. LEWIS ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M. (STARTING SEPT. 15) ON THE CHRISTIAN LIFE** is a well-attended Sunday morning adult education class that seeks to provide a greater understanding of the Christian faith through examination of the life and thought of a great theologian. Our group has studied Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards and Martin Luther in the past. This year, we will be reading about and discussing the faith of a particularly well-known theologian / writer, C.S. Lewis. Dr. Ankrum leads this class and we will begin to meet in mid-September.

**LAST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCES READING LIST FOR UPCOMING YEAR ...** Join us on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the PW Lounge for good conversation over our featured novel. **We will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 24 to start the year off!**

Here's the list for our upcoming year!!!

September 2019 – *A Study in Scarlet* – Arthur Conan Doyle

October 2019 – *Death in Venice* – Thomas Mann

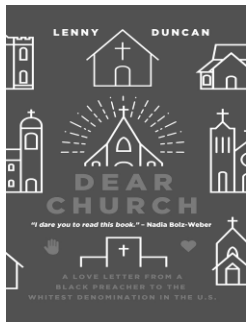
November 2019 – *Bridge of San Luis Rey* – Thornton Wilder

January 2020 – *The Sorrows of Young Werther* – Johann von Goethe

February 2020 – *The Man Who Would be King* – Rudyard Kipling

March 2020 – *In the Penal Colony* – Franz Kafka

April 2020 – *White Nights* – Fyodor Dostoyevsky



**SPECIAL BOOK STUDY GROUP...STARTING IN OCTOBER...**

Rev. Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--

drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers. Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

Sign up to join this group discussion at our Celebrate Sunday Breakfast on September 8 at 9 a.m., or at coffee hour in September! We'll meet the second Sunday of each month from October - April (except December) from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**THE PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** of the Deacons will be facilitating funeral luncheons in the church when the need arises. We are looking for members of the church who would like to help if/when they are available. You might be called upon to help set up, serve food, or clean up the dining area after the event. Please call the church office to be added to the committee or sign up at coffee hour. Please contact us with any questions you might have. Men and women are welcome to help.

Chris Terrill and Darlene Nagrosky



- 10. It's a great way to get back into your Bible.
- 9. You will become an instant hero to parents and the pastor.
- 8. Kids will start waving at you in church (which can make you feel really popular.)
- 7. It will get your creative juices flowing.

- 6. It's a great opportunity to do something awesome together with a friend, your teen, or spouse.
- 5. You'll learn how to share your faith (and your family will see yours in action!)
- 4. You'll deepen your relationship with God and knowledge of scripture.
- 3. You will become part of a team of new friends.
- 2. Because we all *really do* have time for what's important and fun.
- 1. Because raising up the next generation of the church in faith matters so much.**

**BONUS!** Along the way, you'll grow in patience, humility, and selflessness.

**Skills Required:**

- The ability to read
- A sense of humor
- A caring spirit
- And the love of God growing in your heart

If you're already a teacher, thank you for your ministry! Please share this insert with someone you think might be ready to consider this wonderful ministry! Contact Rev. Niki at [revnicoleatkinson@gmail.com](mailto:revnicoleatkinson@gmail.com) or (724) 787-0848 for more information on how to get involved!

**Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m. throughout the CE Wing ... But don't forget...**



**Join us for a pancake breakfast and to learn more about our upcoming year of Christian Education opportunities for all ages!**



**A Report on the Capital Campaign  
Pledges totaling \$729,913!  
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