

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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August – 2024

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CHURCH ELDER INFORMATION

Clerk of Session – Priscilla Hare

Class of 2026:

Keith Hare - Finance

Chris Rainey - Worship

Class of 2025:

Sarah Bowles – Church Life

Becky Mahon – Personnel

Class of 2024:

Linda Smith – Property

Karen Fish – Evangelism & Outreach

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Church office will be closed Thursday, August 22nd as Hope is moving her daughter into college at Asbury University in Kentucky. Please pray for travelling mercies and a great fall semester for Reagan! Hope will be accepting gifts of Kleenex and chocolate! (Just kidding.)

WORSHIP

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness:
Come before him with joyful songs."

Psalm 100:1-2

**We will be serving Communion on
Sunday, August 4.**



EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS



DOING THE MOST GOOD®

A message from **Major Edgar George, Jr**
(Divisional Commander, **Salvation Army**):

My heart is overwhelmed by the number of lives you are helping transform and all the futures you're brightening.

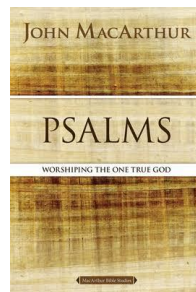
When a loving mother skips meals to ensure her children are fed, you step in with nourishing food. When anxious parents are confronted with the agonizing choice between keeping a roof overhead or paying for essential medicine for their sick child, your help becomes their lifeline.

For young children growing up in challenging circumstances, your support offers them guidance and a profound sense of love, helping them stay on the path toward a better life.

Your faith and boundless generosity are powerful reminders that, no matter how challenging things may get, their lives can indeed improve. Thank you for your compassion and care.

"All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." **John 6:37**

GOOD MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The Good Morning Bible meets on Thursday mornings from 10-12 in the Gold Circle Room as they continue their study of The Word in the Book of Psalms. Please see Linda Smith for any questions. This Bible Study is open to all and we'd

love to have you join us in fellowship and prayer!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Break for Breakfast!
We will be taking a break from Sunday School from July 7 - August 18 and instead having a

breakfast social hour from 10 - 10:45 am. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some breakfast and fellowship while we make summer memories together!

BREAK FOR BREAKFAST CANDIDS



After breakfast fellowship is sweet. (Perhaps even sweeter than the French toast casserole?)



Priscilla and her sister, Beth, who joined us for breakfast while she was in town visiting from West Virginia.

Pastor Dallas and the Bowles boys are in the midst of some Trouble – the game, that is!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

August Suggested Shopping List **Operation Christmas Child – 2024**

School items for Boys and Girls

Ages 4-14

- Scissors
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencil boxes/pouches
- Small scribble pads
- Plain paper/sketch pads
- Crayola markers
- Giant crayons (for toddler age)
- Rulers – short in length to fit in the shoebox



**Thank you for helping to share
"good news and great joy!"**

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



August Birthdays

Thelma Smythe 8/6

Kristi Butts 8/14

Gage Detrick 8/28

There are no August anniversaries.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Keep praying for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they pray and seek God's will for FPC.

Thank you for your prayers!

PROPERTY REPORT

FPC July
Property
Report:

Thank
you
Jesus!!
The
original
estimate



to replace the threshold on the side door (kitchen door) was \$1,950.00. The actual invoice is \$875.00, less than have of the original estimate. Also it was done on a Tuesday when the Church Mice and Gary were on hand to help. Again: Thank you Jesus.

The awnings have been cleaned, the concrete on the Chapel steps have been repaired. The mailbox has been repaired and reinstalled due to vandalism.

The rubber portion of the roof has been recovered with white rubber roofing with new drain cages, a good many of the shingles have been repaired. During which it has been determined that the wooden decking that the shingles are nailed into is becoming weak. The bell tower has been inspected it is in pretty good shape, just needs some foam and caulking work. This work should be finished by the time the newsletter is published. The invoice for this work has not been received yet.

The urinal in the upstairs men's restroom has been repaired.

To God be the Glory, He is helping us to keep our building in good repair.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda L Smith
FPC Property Chairman

FINANCE REPORT

Church Account Balances:

As of Tuesday, July 23, the balance in the church checking account is \$11,716.83.

The line of credit balance (what we owe) is zero.

The other account balances are:

SCRIP: \$1,415.44

Women's Ministry: \$1,267.84

Savings Account: \$1,502.03

Keith Hare

FPC Finance Chairman

SCRIP

The next Scrip order is **August 4**. Please consider ordering gift cards from our Scrip program. Remember that the funds generated are used for church needs. Thank you to all who order on a regular basis.

Some of the great cards available include:

- Walmart
- Bob Evans
- Giant Eagle
- Wendy's
- Darden

If you are interested in Scrip cards, please see Gaye Gibson.



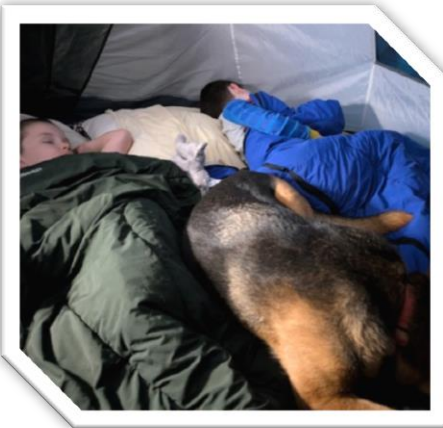
HAPPY CAMPERS



Sarah, Evan and Eli spent a week at the Amesville New England Parish camp.



Happy Campers Transitions to...



...Sleepy Campers!

CHURCH LIFE – SUMMER RECIPE SERIES



Baked Cream Cheese French Toast Casserole

{Served at the Break for
Breakfast in July; Recipe
Submitted by Becky Mahon}

Ingredients

- 1 (12-14 ounce) loaf French bread, sourdough bread, or challah
- 8 ounces (226g) full-fat brick cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 2 Tablespoons (15g) confectioners' sugar (do not leave out)
- 3 teaspoons (15ml) pure vanilla extract, divided
- 8 large eggs
- 2 and 1/4 cups (540ml) whole milk
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2/3 cup (133g) packed light brown sugar

Crumb Topping

- 1/3 cup (69g) packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup (41g) all-purpose flour (spooned & leveled)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 6 Tablespoons (85g) unsalted butter, cold and cubed
- optional: maple syrup and/or confectioners' sugar for topping

Instructions

1. Grease a 9×13-inch baking pan or any 3-4 quart oven-safe dish (pictured) with nonstick spray. Slice then cut the bread into cubes, about 1 inch in size. Spread half of the cubes into the prepared baking pan.
2. Using a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, beat the room temperature cream cheese on medium-high speed until completely smooth.

Beat in the confectioners' sugar and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract until combined. Drop random spoonfuls of cream cheese mixture on top of the bread. Layer the remaining bread cubes on top of cream cheese. (I like to make sure some cream cheese is still exposed on top just for looks.) Set aside.

3. Whisk the eggs, milk, cinnamon, brown sugar, and remaining vanilla together until no brown sugar lumps remain. Pour evenly over the bread. Cover the pan tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 3-4 hours and up to 24 hours. Overnight is best.
4. Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Remove pan from the refrigerator.
5. Prepare the crumb topping: Whisk the brown sugar, flour, and cinnamon together in a medium bowl. Cut in the cold cubed butter with a pastry blender or two forks. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the soaked bread.
6. Bake uncovered for 45-55 minutes or until golden brown on top. I usually bake it for 45 minutes because I like it softer. Drizzle with optional maple syrup or dust with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm. Cover leftovers tightly and store in the refrigerator for 2-3 days.

Find it

online: <https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/baked-cream-cheese-french-toast-casserole/>

PRAYERS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- Pray for all teachers that are preparing their classrooms and their hearts for a new year of teaching and inspiring our children.
- Pray for safety in the classrooms – both physical and emotional.
- Pray for administrators and all staff.
- Pray for our school bus drivers.
- Pray for local churches and community organizations to know best how to serve and encourage our schools.



As we pray for all the children in our lives as they head back to school this fall, here are some verses we can use to direct our prayer time:

Be still, and know I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

All things God works for the good. (Romans 8:28)

Cast all my anxiety on Him. (1 Peter 5:7)

Know whose I am! (1 John 3:1)

Trust in the Lord with all my heart. (Proverbs 3:5)

Open my eyes to see the truth. (Psalm 119:18)

Show me your ways, Lord. (Psalm 25:4)

Create in me a clean heart. (Psalm 51:10)

He who is in me is greater... (1 John 4:4)

Obey the Lord my God. (Deut. 27:10)

Oh Lord, you are my strength & shield. (Psalm 28:7)

Let love and faithfulness never leave me. (Proverbs 3:4)

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