



**First United Presbyterian Church  
102 North Main Street  
Houston, PA 15342**



# ***The Heavenly Herald***

Dear Friends,

I thank the Session and the Congregation of Houston's First U. P. Church from the bottom of my heart for the good relationship we have had these ten years as the installed minister and the congregation. I am also thankful for the recognition and celebration you surprised me with on Sunday, June 21!

And my goodness, it was a surprise! An announcement, a plaque, and cake after worship is quite a lot to keep a surprise. Though I have been reflecting on the events of these past ten years lately, the fact that the July date of the Congregational Meeting was approaching had not yet entered my consciousness.

My what a busy ten years it has been! Think of some of the highlights: projects listed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Plan were accomplished such as the restoration of the stained glass windows; new roof and new windows on the center section of the building; new roof on the education wing and repairs to the plaster; painting the Sanctuary and the Condron Memorial Chapel. The wonderful building we have inherited is only a shell to house the people of God and provide a place for worship, for the nurturing of faith in Christian education, for serving the community and the world in Christ's Name. So five years ago, when Tropical Storm Ivan hit the Chartiers Creek Valley with flooding, we joined with Christian churches in our area and organized the relief effort that took more than two years to complete!

Our commitment to tithe our offering for the mission work of the Church beyond our walls has been maintained. But more than a financial commitment we have sent at least 19 of our members in to the mission field in Louisiana, Mississippi, Iowa, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Several members have served the committees of Washington Presbytery. We are active in the Canonsburg-Houston Ministerial Association ministries including community worship and hospital chaplaincy. I cannot even begin to count the number of Christmas shoeboxes that have gone round the world from Houston's First UP Church! The Open Door Nursery School had its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of preparing children of the community for success in education. Meals on Wheels has met the need of senior citizens for good nourishment and rescued several people by the volunteer contact. Community groups like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Narcotics Anonymous and AA have found housing in our church building. Last summer the

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
AMERICA!**

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manse was renovated with repairs to plaster walls, paint, and new flooring. We can't forget the fun and outreach of Vacation Bible Schools and Pumpkin Festival booths and parades!

We have lived and loved, challenged and forgiven one another as life in Christ demands. With respect for one another in our disagreements and constant concern for the high calling of our Lord Jesus Christ we continue to strive toward that high calling to participate in the mission of Jesus as the body of Christ in the world today. Together we have welcomed believers by baptism, shared the bread and wine, celebrated marriages in the Lord, and committed our loved ones to God's eternal care. I could not be more proud of you as a church! Nor could I be happier to have shared in this ministry with you all. Thank you! And may God continue to bless us with love and peace.

Yours in Christ's Service,  
*Rev. CJF Haury*

### **A Thank You Note from Chartiers Creek Work Camp**

Dear Rev. Clarejean Haury and First United Presbyterian Church of Houston:

Thank you so much for your very generous contribution of \$500 toward Sunday dinner (BBQ chicken) and your monetary gift of \$1,000 to the Chartiers Creek Work Camp 2009. We will have over 400 teenagers in our area the week of July 5-11, 2009.

Your monetary gift is truly a blessing and will allow us to bless the 45 residents that we are helping to improve their homes. And the \$500 is also a blessing that will enable us to provide a very special and nutritious dinner.

Thank you again for your generosity.

In Christian Love,  
The Work Camp Hospitality Committee

The Deacons donated \$500 plus cookies and prayer shawls.

Mission Committee/Session donated \$1,000.

**10%**

**Did you know that 10% of  
your contribution to our  
church goes to local mis-  
sions such as the prison  
ministry in Washington,  
Avis Arbor, Crossing the  
Jordan and more? Stay  
tuned for more news.**

**Now you know!!!**

DO NOT USE YOUR  
**FREEDOM**  
AS A COVER-UP  
FOR EVIL; LIVE AS  
SERVANTS OF GOD.

1 Peter 2:16, NIV





Stacey Simpson	1
Jonnie Swarow	1
Marjorie Smagner	2
Evelyn Braun	3
Marsha Mason	3
Elaine Bigler	4
Derek McIlvaine	5
Keegan Decker	7
Marissa Yetter	8
Samantha Bell	8
Stephanie Wylie	9
Nicole Spragg	10
Bill Welsh	11
Robert Blough, Sr.	11
Ethan Shober	11
Kara Petras	12
Dean Shober	12
Patrick Zeni	12
Jonathan Stager	12
Heidi Swain	12
Kristin McCarty	13
Joseph Washabaugh	13
Alan Jester	16
Duane Conner	17
Heather Bogart	17
Marilyn Franko	19
Deborah McFarland	19
Betty Wylie	19
Shana Brown	20
Matthew Martik	20
Joanie Bish	21
Haley Wallace	21
Derek Hoover	21
Dolores Wright	23
Jill Vintorini	23
Tricia Fee	25
Becky Paxton	26
Heather Camden	28
Shannon Rungo	30
Addison Durkacs	30
Lee Mason	31
Barry Parker	31

## Please Pray for our Shut-ins

Below is a list of our shut-ins. Please pray for them. If you would like to send a card to one of them, please call the church office for their address.

Isabelle Bennett	Lynn Bish
Marjorie Breth	Marie Bradley
Lois Conley	Kathryn Craig
Doris Douglas	Susan Gervasio
Helen Giosta	Carolyn Jeffers
Catherine Lazorchak	Mae McClure
David McMillen	George Ramoth
Frank Sciabica	Lois Strimel
Evelyn Wilson	Dolores Wright
Matt Wylie	

Please also pray for our military personnel.

Derek Blough	Matthew Blough
Joshua Orbich	Jonathan Stager



## BARNABAS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS FOR 2009

Applications and instructions for applying for the 2009 Barnabas Awards are now being accepted. Two awards will be presented to either graduating seniors of high school, class of 2009, or to a member returning to school as an upperclassman. This may be college, technical or vocational school. If you are eligible, please call the church office and a packet will be mailed out to you. Please consider applying today!!!

**Deadline for applications is 1:00 p.m., July 13, 2009.**

**Cohen & Grigsby Trust Presents  
A New Musical Comedy  
"Church Basement Ladies"  
Featuring M\*A\*S\*H Star  
William Christopher**

**September 26-27  
Byham Theater**

Church Basement Ladies is a new musical comedy that follows four women as they prepare food and solve the problems a rural Minnesota church in 1964. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, we see them handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, an Easter fund raiser, and, of course, a steaming hot July wedding. They stave off potential disaster, share and debate recipes, instruct the young and keep the Pastor on course. With good, clean laughs and memorable characters, Church Basement Ladies is heavenly fun for all!

Saturday, September 26 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, September 27 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Regular group rates:  
\$35.35 orchestra & mezzanine  
\$31.75 orchestra rear and gallery

Single tickets: \$39.00

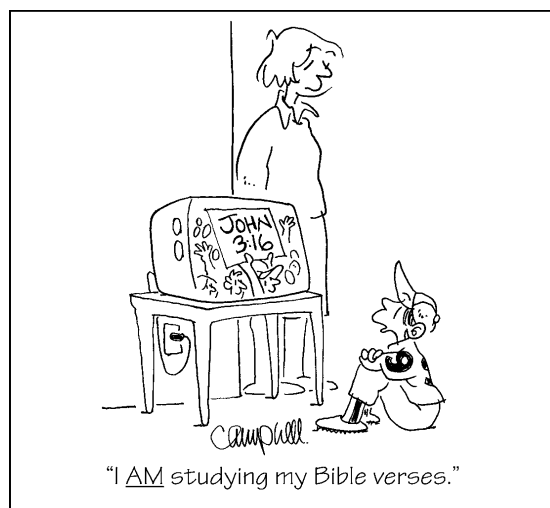
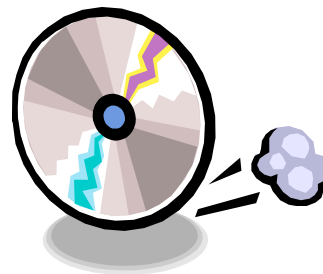
For tickets for groups of 10 or more call 412 471-6930 or fill out a ticket request at [pgharts.org/groupsales](http://pgharts.org/groupsales) and someone will contact you to finalize your order.



## CD and DVD Exchange

In conjunction with the Chicken Dinners this summer we will be having a CD and DVD Exchange Fundraiser. The first one will be held at the next Chicken Dinner which is on Saturday July 18.

Collect up any unwanted CD's and DVD's that you may have lying around the house and bring them down to the Chicken Dinner. There will be an area set up next to the entrance of the Fellowship Hall during the Chicken Dinner where you can purchase or exchange CD's and DVD's. If you bring in CD's or DVD's to exchange you may do so for a \$2.00 donation to the roof fund. If you do not have any to donate you can still browse the selection and purchase the CD's and DVD's through a \$4.00 donation to the roof fund.



## News from the Deacons

What activities and/or missions would you like to see sponsored by the Deacons? The Deacons are looking for new ideas for fellowship activities as well as new missions to sponsor. If you have an idea please share it with us. For suggestions, please contact Cherie Kisla.

Scrip (gift card) orders will be sent in monthly. Orders are due the second Sunday of each month.

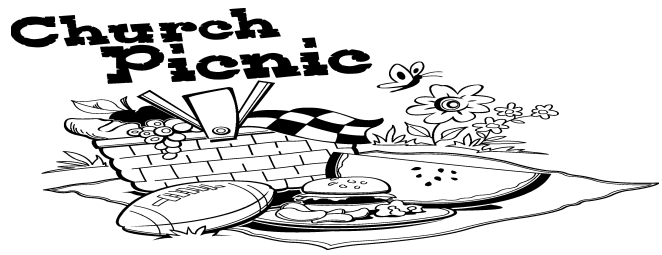
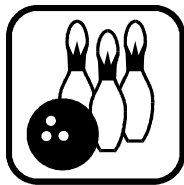
We need 90 dozen homemade cookies for Sunday, July 5 for the Chartiers Creek Work Camp (July 5-11, 2009). If you are interested in donating cookies, please contact Patti Nagy. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall when you come to church. The cookies need to be at the church by July 5.

Upcoming events:

August 4th: Church picnic at Arnold Park from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Women Bowlers Needed

We are looking for ladies to bowl in an inter-church bowling league on Tuesday afternoons at West Pike Bowl in Canonsburg. Starting in September at 12 noon for about two and one half hours. Beginners are welcome. For more info please contact Marion Marcuse at 724 745-9487



**Church Picnic**  
**Tuesday, August 4**  
**Arnold Park**  
**5:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

Please join us for a fun summer evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. The Deacons will furnish chicken, hot dogs, beverages and all the table service. So that we can provide adequately, please sign up using the form below. It can be left in the office or placed in the offering plate. See you there!

I plan to bring:

_____ Potato Salad	_____ Tossed Salad
_____ Fresh Fruit	_____ Macaroni Salad
_____ Deviled Eggs	_____ Relish Tray
_____ Baked Beans	_____ Vegetable Dish
_____ Dessert	

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form by Sunday, August 2nd.

# SERVING THE CHURCH IN JULY 2009



## GREETERS

### Deacon Greeters:

- July 5            Jeff Paxton (GV)  
                      Patti Nagy (MV)  
                      Renee Poland (GH)  
                      Skipper Maxfield (MH)
- July 12           Bethany Carder (GV)  
                      Dottie Lesnock (MV)  
                      Rob Smith (GH)  
                      Skipper Maxfield (MH)
- July 19           Virginia Rockwell (GV)  
                      Linda Young (MV)  
                      Margaret Strimel (GH)  
                      Skipper Maxfield (MH)
- July 26           Lynn Smith (GV)  
                      Nancy Martinez (MV)  
                      Cherie Kisla (GH)  
                      Skipper Maxfield (MH)

### Elder Greeters:

- July 5            Buddy Jeffers (GH)  
                      (GV)  
                      Thelma Mitchell (MH)  
                      Adam Johnston (MV)
- July 12           John Zanolio (GH)  
                      Rev. CjE (GV)  
                      Gloria Schmalz (MH)  
                      Kathie Putorti (MV)
- July 19           Rev. CjE (GH)  
                      Bill Smith (GV)  
                      Leon Young (MH)  
                      Kristie Coppola (MV)
- July 26           Thelma Mitchell (GH)  
                      Cyndi Powell (GV)  
                      Kathie Putorti (MH)  
                      Rev. CjE (MV)

## Money Counters:

Grier Adamson  
 Rob Smith



## Liturgist:

Ryan Jones

## Nursery Workers:

No nursery workers scheduled for  
 June, July and August

July 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Summer Concert

Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church is hosting a summer concert in their outdoor amphitheater with Article One. Concert date is July 18 and will begin at 7:30 PM. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair, an appetite for good music and good food. The price is \$10/person with groups of 15 or more receiving a discount at \$8/person. Children four and under are free. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [iTickets.com](http://iTickets.com) (keyword Article One), by calling iTickets at 800-965-9324 or by visiting our website at [ChartiersHillChurch.com/Concert](http://ChartiersHillChurch.com/Concert).

# JULY 2009 CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, July 3                   OFFICE CLOSED  
Saturday, July 4               Independence Day  
Sunday, July                    Guest Minister: Rev. Catherine Peternel, Chaplain  
  Canonsburg General Hospital  
Friday, July 10                5:30 p.m. Wild Things Game and Tail Gate Picnic  
Sunday, July 12               Communion  
  Deacons' gift card orders due  
Friday, July 17                August Newsletter articles due in office  
Saturday, July 18             4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Grilled Chicken Dinner and CD/DVD Exchange  
  7:30 p.m. Article One concert at Hill Church  
Saturday, July 25             9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Book Club — "The Last Lecture" by R. Pausch

**Thursday, July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30:**  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Group in Family Room

**Mondays**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Doug Schmidt 724 747-3821

**Tuesdays**, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Larry Alling 724 746-3425

**Thursdays**, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. New AA group, Marsha Lewis 724 916-4302



On Sunday, July 12 we would like to extend our communion service to our homebound members.  
If you are homebound and would like to receive communion on July 12, please call the church office at 724 746-3040, ext. 310 and let us know.

## Friday July 10 - Baseball/ Fireworks night with the Washington Wild Things

The Nurturing Committee plans to tail-gate at 5:30 PM in the parking lot before the game. We will provide soft drinks and the main course. Bring your favorite covered dish. Contact either the church office, Cathy Cushey, John Zanaglio or Grier Adamson for tickets.  
Adults \$10/ Children \$8.



## DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the August 2009 newsletter is **Friday, July 17th**. Please leave any articles you may have on the secretary's desk or you may email them to the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Rev. CJF 313  
Meals on Wheels 314

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724 746-3040

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**Grilled Chicken Dinner  
and CD/DVD Exchange**  
Saturday, July 18, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

1/4 grilled chicken  
potato salad and coleslaw  
roll and dessert

\$7.50 eat in or take out

**"THE LOVE OF THE LORD IS THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR MISSION!"**