



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



# ***The Heavenly Herald***

Dear Friends,

The new school year 07-08 is starting! With each new beginning comes a golden opportunity to take our bearings and check our course to make sure we are on the right path. One of the most important priorities in our Christian lives is worship, both private devotions and gathering together for corporate worship. Right up there beside worship are learning more about our Lord Jesus and doing service in Christ's name. Where are you in your Christian life's journey? Are you heading for the Kingdom of God?

This new beginning with the school year is a good time to set the schedule straight and include worship, learning and service in your life and in the life of your family. Sunday School starts with the ROUNDUP DAY! on September 9th. At 9:45 a.m. we'll have a chuck wagon breakfast, games and devotions. Teachers will meet their new students and classes will begin on September 16.

Our new Confirmation Class invites our youth to consider publicly declaring their faith in Jesus Christ and claiming their baptismal promises. This class aims to help these young people to pull their learning together and consider the larger picture of Christian faith and the responsibility of being disciples. The Confirmation Class began with an overnight retreat at Camp Agape August 24-25 and the first regular class will be Sunday evening, September 9, 6:00-8:30 PM. We can all look forward to witnessing their firm declarations of faith on Pentecost.

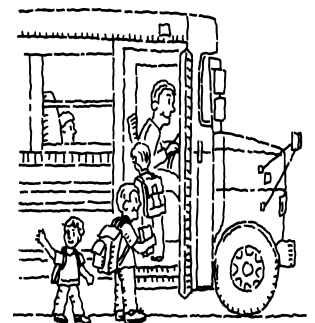
We are looking forward to an adult New Member Class this fall. Please speak to Rev. CjE if you are interested in learning or reviewing the basics of the Christian faith and our Presbyterian persuasion.

It seems to me that we are a blessed people to have several opportunities within each calendar year to celebrate a "new year" or new beginnings. There is a calendar year with New Year's Day on January 1 but within that year are fiscal years that end on June 30 and begin on July 1. There are school years which start in the fall. We have birthdays and anniversaries that mark the beginning of a new year in life's journey. Let's use these new beginnings wisely. Let's make sure our course

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is set to run the race of life in such a way as to give God the glory in everything we do and say. Then we can join the Apostle Paul in saying:

“I have run the great race. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. And now the prize awaits me, the garland of righteousness which the Lord, the all just Judge, will award me on that Great Day. And it is not for me alone, but for all who have set their hearts on his coming appearance.” II Timothy 4:7-8

Yours in Christ's Service,  
Rev. Clarejean E. Haury

### **National Invisible Chronic Illness Awareness Week September 10-16, 2007**

Did you know:

- ◆ Nearly 1 in 2 Americans live with a chronic condition?
- ◆ 96% of illness is invisible?
- ◆ 75% of marriages end in divorce when illness is present?
- ◆ 79% of suicides have uncontrollable physical pain as a factor?

Some illness is invisible but the pain is real. Please join in supporting National Invisible Chronic Illness Awareness Week. Care enough to be informed. Little things DO make a difference.

Go to the following website for a video:

<http://illnessministry.ning.com/video/video/show?id=847406%3AVideo%3A5>

### **News from the Deacons**

The Deacons would like to thank everyone for coming to the church picnic. The food was delicious and the entertainment was enjoyed by all.

The next Deacons meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.



Thank you to the following individuals for teaching this summer:

Rev. CjE  
Tricia Fee  
Cyndi Powell  
Stacey Simpson  
Jackie Shober  
Sandy Wallace  
Marc Scarcell — who taught  
several times and helped  
out other times

We need Sunday School assistant teachers and substitutes.

## SEPTEMBER 2007 CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 1	7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, September 2	Blessing of the Backpacks 12:00 p.m. Music and Worship
Monday, September 3	Labor Day — Office Closed
Tuesday, September 4	9:30-10:00 a.m. and 10:30-11:00 a.m. Open Door Nursery Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, September 5	10:30 a.m. Mommie and Me field trip to the Wallace farm
Sunday, September 9	9:45 a.m. Sunday School Round-up: breakfast, devotions and games 11:00 a.m. Communion
Monday, September 10	1:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle
Thursday, September 13	6:30 p.m. Spiritual Gifts Part II — Mike Stager teaching
Saturday, September 15	7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Monday, September 17	October newsletter articles due in office
Tuesday, September 18	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
Tuesday, September 25	1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle

Wednesdays, September 12 & 19  
6:45 p.m. Bells  
8:00 p.m. Choir

Wednesdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26  
10:30 a.m. — Mommie and Me

Thursdays, September 13, 20 and 27  
6:30 p.m. — Spiritual Gifts Part II

The Washington County Youth and Community Center is a place for youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Membership is \$2.00. The center is located on Taylor Drive in Canonsburg. See flyer on bulletin board for more information or call Jean Popp at 724 745-3801.

NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program will be sponsoring a series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support their mentally ill relative while maintaining their own well-being. Classes start Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin boards.

### **DEADLINE**



The deadline for articles for the October 2007 newsletter is Monday, September 17. 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.

# SERVING THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER 2007



## GREETERS

**Liturgist:** Lisa McFarland

### Deacon Greeters:

September 2 Nancy Ward  
Jeff Paxton

September 9 Alan Jester  
Lee Mason

September 16 Alice Peterson  
Adelyn Schussler

September 23 Mary Skirpan  
Ruth Baxter

September 30 Lala Patsch  
Inez Patsch

### Adult Ushers:

September 2 Bernadette Stager  
Mike Stager

September 9 Virginia Rockwell  
Skippy

September 16 Joe Wiszczor  
Amy Wiszczor

September 23 Joe Gordon  
Beth Gordon

September 30 Margaret Strimel  
Renee Poland

### Elder Greeters:

September 2 Sandy Wallace (GH)  
Thurman Yost (GV)  
Buddy Jeffers (MH)  
Rev. CjE (MV)

September 9 Rev. CjE (GH)  
Kathie Putorti (GV)  
John Jones (MH)  
Carole Borda (MV)

September 16 Jonnie Swarow (GH)  
Rev. CjE (GV)  
Cathy Cushey (MH)  
Gloria Schmalz (MV)

September 23 Peg Yost (GH)  
Thelma Mitchell (GV)  
Rev. CjE (MH)  
Susan Stonebraker (MV)

### Nursery Workers:



September 2 Bernadette Stager  
Virginia Johnston

September 9 Kristin McCarty  
Kristie Coppola

September 16 Jackie Orbich  
James Orbich

September 23 Jami Craig  
Conner Craig

September 30 Sandy Wallace  
Haley Wallace

### Money Counters:

David Fee  
Rob Smith



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## Open Door Nursery

Our Open Door Nursery opens with Parent Orientations on Tuesday, September 4th. There are a few openings for students in the 4 year old class and in the "T" (transition) class.

The excellent faculty returns this year:

Henrietta Ladzinski, Director and  
Teacher

LeNore Dressel, Teacher

Kris Smutney, Teacher

Eileen Knapp, Assistant

Toni Hoover, Assistant

The Open Door Nursery school phone number is 724 746-3833.

Please pray for a healthy, happy year of good learning of all students.



Ashley Washabaugh	2
Joshua Andy	3
Thelma Mitchell	4
Kay Snyder	5
Stephanie Clark	6
Margaret Casper	8
Loren Cochran	9
James Baxter	10
John Jones	11
Conner Craig	11
Virginia Johnston	12
Donald Conner	13
Sherry Jeffers	14
Scott McIlvaine	14
Lori Ann Washabaugh	16
Aidan Martik	18
Scott Palfreyman	19
Shirley Pohl	21
Betty Frye	22
Shannon Arnold	23
Tina Colletti	25
Melinda Williams	27
Carrie Swain	27
Rodney Petras	28
Libby Young	28
Bethany Carder	30

Volunteers are needed at Canonsburg General Hospital to work in the Snack Shop from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Volunteers are also needed every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to distribute patient mail and sell newspapers. For more information call Kim Manko at 724 873-5835.

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**2007-2008 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
KICK OFF  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2007  
9:45 A.M.  
ROUND UP BREAKFAST**

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST,  
DEVOTIONS,  
FUN AND GAMES**



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