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THANK YOU!

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Neighbors in Christ is truly appreciative of the church's providing us with a weekly meeting place to conduct our ministry to the community.

May God's richest blessings be with your congregation.

To the Congregation and staff of First United Presbyterian Church,

Our family would like to thank you for the many expressions of sympathy and support given to us at the death of my dad, Selden Tritt.

Pastor Vern and Elisabeth were a great help and comfort with the memorial service. Also, a special thank you to Ann & Dick Smith and all the volunteers who helped with the reception.

I feel very blessed to have grown up in Newville and to have been a member of First U.P. Church for the first twenty years of my life. The foundation of faith and the joy in Christian living was shown to me during those formative years. I have many happy memories of your church: as a toddler, the loving care of Miss Lou Dunlap. The fun of our after elementary school youth club, the study and accepted questioning of the confirmation classes, and the social activities and volunteer projects of the youth fellowship.

Only after you become an adult, do you realize the amount of work and dedication that goes into making those activities possible. I saw this kind of dedication of service every time my dad and Uncle Glenn would faithfully attend trustee meetings after a long day of work.

For the past 40 plus years, we've had a church home at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church. But

every time we have a baptism there, I think of First U.P. Church. I think about how the members of your congregation took to heart and lived up to the vow, that we all take as a congregation, to support and influence the child's spiritual growth.

Again, thank you. We appreciate and are comforted by your caring.

Sincerely,
Jane Tritt Hippensteel

On June 1, First Stop will finish up the 2009-2010 school year. We thank you for your contributions of drink and snacks and for your continued prayer support. We would also like to thank the following individuals for their service this past year.

The snack lady: Ann Smith

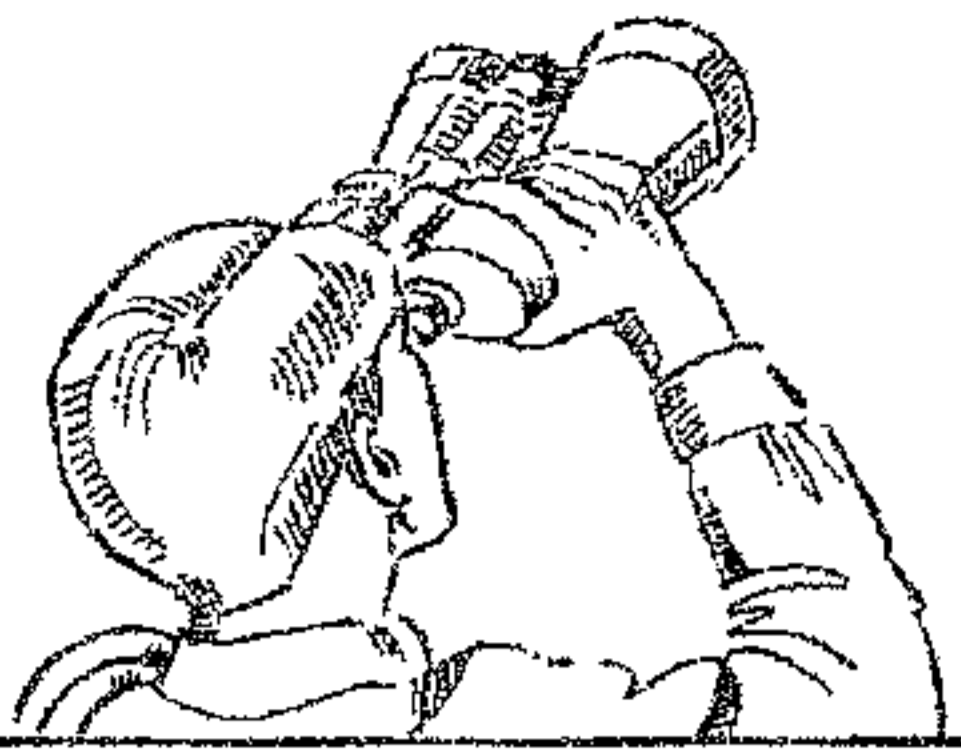
Regular year-long adult volunteers: Pastor Vern Gauthier, Vilda Graf, Peter Falk, Cheryl Kennedy, Gilbert Schoonover, Betz Elliott, John McCrea, Elisabeth Gauthier and Babs Williams.

Substitute volunteers: Ann Cavanaugh, Nancy Diem, Nancy Dunsmore, Karyn Cunningham, Becky Smith, Jim Ellingsworth, Rebecca Ellingsworth, Gladys Falk, Rita Zeigler, Gretchen McCarren, Jean Heckman and Joan Fosburg.

Student volunteers: Lindsay McCulloch (who served three days a week for seven months), Peter Gauthier (who served one day a week for seven months), Sami McCulloch, Autumn Muzzy, Ryan Flanagan, Lee Webber, Marilyn McGann, Stacey Hosfelt, Sam Baum, Kelsey Mayberry, Olivia Kriner, Amanda Musselman, Ashton Rathgeber and Jodie Heishman.

In addition, Rick Kann and Dirk Jansema began the year as regular volunteers - but both of them gained employment soon into the school year. Good news for them - but a loss for First Stop.

We are already beginning to plan for the 2010-2011 school year - with a waiting list of students whose parents would like for them to participate. For our program to be successful, however, we will need more regular volunteers (folks who serve one day a week for the entire year). Parents are counting on First Stop to help them out, and we would prayerfully ask that you consider serving in this outreach program.



Pastor Vern's
Views

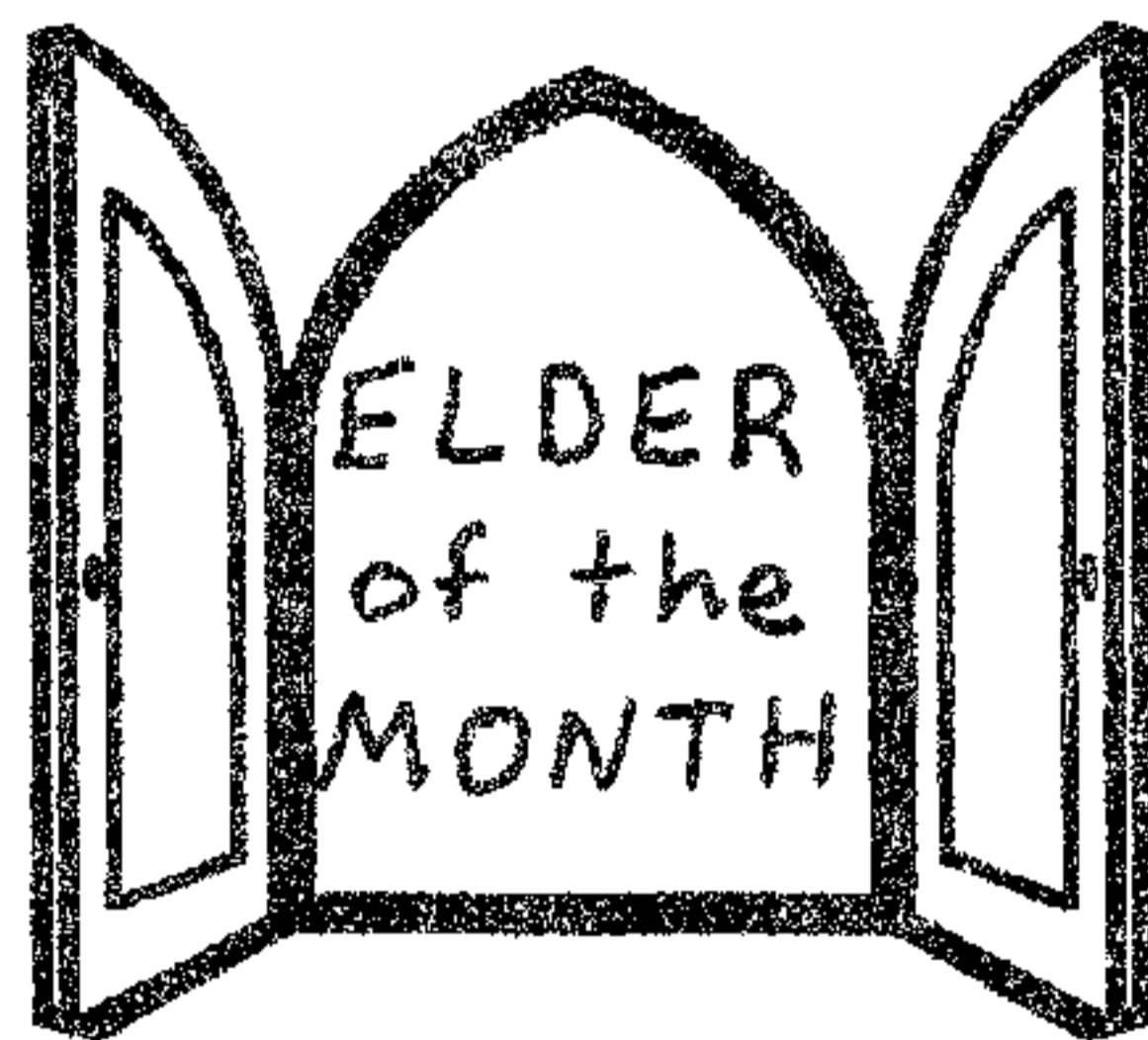
Dear All,

I am truly very appreciative to all who showed their concern for me and my family when I was not feeling well at the end of April and the start of May.

The good news I received is that the trouble does not have to do with my heart. I have a follow up appointment with Carlisle Digestive Associates to try and figure out exactly what the problem is.

Thank you again for all the kindness that was shown to me.

In Christ,
Pastor Vern



CHERYL KENNEDY

This is my sixth year on session, and I am co-chairperson of the Discipleship Committee – which oversees Sunday School, youth and children programming and VBS. My association with 1st UP began in the late 50s when I took part in the joint Youth Club and later Youth Fellowship, conducted by Big Spring and 1st UP. Although our family attended Big Spring, I felt like the youth and families at 1st UP were part of my church family. We are in the same position now – with joint ministries for children and youth – but this time we have included Zion Lutheran as well. The joining of children and youth programs with other community churches (which began with VBS in 2009) is a great

way to provide more programming for more young people.

I believe that the nurturing of our children in their spiritual development is a contribution with which all adults in our congregation should be involved. It is common knowledge that children learn best by what they see their parents doing. In a sense we are all “parents” to the children in our congregation. I would challenge each one of us to take that responsibility seriously – by becoming the very best role models we can be. Last month Nancy McCulloch wrote about the future of 1st UP being our children, and she encouraged each of us to find some way to support two upcoming activities – Community Day and VBS. I fully agree with this, and I would ask that we do even more. Do we support our Sunday School programs by attending them ourselves? Do we attend worship services regularly? In our own homes, do our children see us studying the Bible daily? Is there prayer at mealtimes and other times of the day? Do we give willingly of our time and gifts – and do we encourage our children to do likewise? Do we participate in the fellowship activities of the church that help us know each other better and draw us closer together as a church family?

I would ask that we prayerfully consider how we can best serve and nurture our young people, and how this in turn can help our church grow as a witness to the Lord’s work in our lives. If you wish to help in any way or want to discuss any of this with me, please feel free to call me at 776-9389.

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June 20, 2010

