



### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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**THANK YOU!**  
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On behalf of our family I would like to send out a 'thank you' to the members who participated in the reception after Mary's funeral. The women of the church provided us with a wonderful selection of foods. Our friends and family had a time of fellowship and remembrance. We truly appreciate all the hard work, planning, and generous donations of food and time. We are grateful for all of your thoughts, prayers, and cards. We extend our thanks to all who helped us in our time of need.

Gereth Mains and Family

The members of the Joint Camp & Conference Committee of the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Huntingdon, and Northumberland and the members of the Krislund staff, would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$250 for the Annual Fund at Krislund.

We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian stewardship to this camp ministry of the Presbyteries.

With gratitude,  
Mark J. Englund-Kreiger

Pastor Vern & Church Family,

I would like to thank the people who called and sent cards on the death of my brother Harold. Also a special thanks to Pastor Vern for all his help.

Ruth Junper & family

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards & greetings on my "70th" birthday. As one of the cards that I received said "70 Ain't What It Used to Be!!"

My daughters and families surprised me with a lovely party/picnic with family and a few friends.

Winnie Webber

I would like to thank the Church for lending me Dr. James Dobson's "Bringing Up Boys" video seminar. Over the last few months, I have shown/led this 11 part video series for the Boy Scout parents on Tuesday evenings while the boys were at Scouts. Although we had a small group, I think this was worthwhile, and appreciated by those who attended.

Sincerely,  
Amy Holl

I would like to thank my church family for all of your prayers, cards and kind words last week when I was "Prayer Person". You made me feel special.

Catherine Bitner

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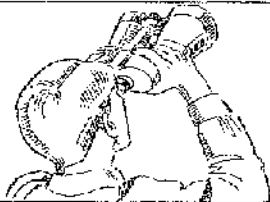
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If you have any problems pertaining to the above areas, please contact one of the trustees.

Steve Fosburg is also one of the trustees and serves as the president of the board.

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Pastor Vern's Views

Dear All,

Nine years and counting. Nine years ago Elisabeth, Allison, Peter and I arrived in Newville.

Certainly during that time as a family and as congregation we have had our ups and downs, we have and will continue to go through changes.

Sometimes I think aloud to myself what now? What's next for us as a congregation? What are you already doing in our midst that we need to recognize so we can cooperate with you? Where do we need to step out in faith to follow where you would lead?

These things can often be hard to discern both as an individual and as a congregation, but it is important to try and do so. Some of the Scriptures I try to keep in mind and often pray are these:

*"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands." (Psalm 90:17)*

*"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

*"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which he has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." (Ephesians 1:17-19a)*

And of course my current favorite, *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience."*

Let's keep on asking God for him to clearly show us what directions we are called to go. Let us keep on praying for the faith to follow.

In Christ,

Pastor Vern

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GOOD NEWS



JUNE 2010  
TREASURER'S REPORT



	<u>June 2010</u>	<u>Y T D</u>	<u>Budgeted Y T D</u>
Total Receipts	\$16,219	\$124,336	\$125,400
Total Disbursements	\$18,858	\$119,707	\$133,876

In June, our expenses were \$2,639 more than our receipts. Our year to date number shows that our receipts are \$4,629 more than our expenses. Your faithful giving is appreciated and supports the mission of First Church. Thank you.

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SESSION  
HIGHLIGHTS

- **Approved** the request of the Big Spring Senior Center to use the Rhoades Fellowship Hall to conduct a 10 week Yoga Class from 10:30 to 11:30 am on Tues days beginning September 7 and ending on November 9, 2010.
- **Church Membership** – Session continues to review the Membership Rolls of the Church to identify potential members that should be changed to the In-active Roll. Several members of Session reported on the results of conversations with such members. A list is being prepared as a result of the responses. Several members still need to make contacts and report back during the next few meetings. Once all contacts have been completed, action will be taken to revise the current Membership Roll. Two members requested that they remain as Active Members of the Church. A follow-up contact will be made to help these individuals with their desire to again be “active” in the life of the Congregation.
- **Worship** – Discussion on the idea of starting a “Contemporary Worship Service” will be revisited during the September Meeting. Pastor Vern did make a suggestion that an experimental worship experience could be tried for a month during the 10:15 am Worship Service to see how members and others would react. Many members of Session thought that is a good idea and the month of October was suggested as a possibility.
- **Prayer** – A consensus that more prayer vigil type of activities would provide meaningful experiences to our membership. Prayer vigils for the start of the school year, Election Day, start of a New Year, Memorial Day and etc. were discussed. Materials could be provided to help individuals who would attend the vigils. Steve Kennedy was asked to prepare a suggested list of dates, but not to exceed 6 per year (Bi-monthly). Also, sponsoring a seminar on how and when to pray received strong support from the members present.
- A very successful meeting of the 3 Youth Leaders, Joan Fosburg, Cheryl Kennedy, Pastor Bill Beck and Pastor Vern was held. Bi-monthly meetings will be held in the future and the next meeting will be on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Approval** was given to have a “How To” Seminar/ Workshop on Evangelism. The presenters will be Dan and Alison Stewart, evangelists of the Carlisle Presbytery, and currently working with the Derry Presbyterian Church. The Workshop will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2010 following the 10:15 worship service. All Session members and any

other Church members who are interested and encouraged to attend. Dan and Alison will participate in the 10:15 service and a lunch will be served prior to the start of the Seminar.

- **Approved** the following Worship Services and times for Christmas Eve (Friday), Christmas Day (Saturday) and the Sunday following Christmas day. Christmas Eve 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm, Christmas Day 10:15 am and Sunday (day after Christmas) one Service only at 9:00 am and NO Sunday School.
- Doris Mae Kennedy attended the Presbytery Meeting held on Tuesday June 22, 2010 at Great Conewago Presbyterian Church. As a member of the Mission Advocacy Committee, she was asked to introduce our missionaries in Lithuania, Eric and Rebecca Hinderliter who are members of the Pine Street Church.
- Douglas Kennedy was commissioned along with other representatives to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium to be held at Purdue University.
- **Approval** was given for Pastor Vern to take Study Leave November 6 thru November 12. He will be going to “Spirit in the Desert Lutheran Retreat Center in Carefree, Arizona. During the Sunday of his leave (November 7) no supply will be need since this is the PW Thank Offering Sunday.
- Also **approved** was either vacation or study leave for December 27 thru January 4<sup>th</sup>. A Pulpit Supply or Men’s Service will be needed on Sunday, January 2, 2011.

Submitted by,  
Jim Ellingsworth  
Clerk of Session

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### ADDRESSES FOR NIC AND FOOD BANK

For those who wish to send donations to the Food Bank or Neighbors in christ, we are providing addresses so you may send them directly to the two organizations.

Big Spring Area Food Bank  
P.O. Box 82  
Newville, PA 17241

Neighbors in Christ  
P.O. Box 71  
Newville, PA 17241

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Jim Ellingsworth

Jim Ellingsworth is Elder of the month for August. Jim is currently completing his 3rd year of his first term since serving as an Elder from 1982 to 1994 (12 years). As the Clerk of the Session he is busy recording the minutes of Session, keeping the Church Registry Book updated, receiving and responding to communications received by Session and filing various reports to the Presbytery of Carlisle. Jim and his wife, Becky have been members of First United Presbyterian of Newville since 1976.

This past June I had the opportunity to help with the 2nd Annual Community Day sponsored by our Church, and was impressed and pleased with the large number of members of the Congregation that contributed in one way or another to made the last two "Community Days" very successful events. I believe these events are only the tip of the iceberg in our attempt to share our faith and hope in Jesus Christ in reaching out to the unchurched in the Newville area.

The one thing that has impressed me the most since returning as an Elder since 1995, is that our Church is not the building we worship in, but the people in the congregation that serve on the various Committees, and volunteer their time and talents that make us First United. This includes our many different types of choir members, directors, ushers, bread makers for Communion, those that prepare and clean up the communion

elements, youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, Trustees, Deacons, kitchen helpers and the list could go on and on. Without all of these volunteers serving the Lord we would not be a Church.

The thing that I am most concerned with is the number of people attending Worship on a regular basis. I realize that the National trend is that Churches are losing or not gaining membership, but I strongly believe that we need to return to our roots and make this Nation a country that lives out the motto on most of our currency, that "In God WE Trust." Several years ago we had a goal to have 200+ in combined attendance for our 2 Worship Services, and I would like to see us work hard to achieve that Goal!

Finally, Session voted at its June meeting to hold only one Worship Service at 9:00 am on the Sunday following Christmas Day. This is a great opportunity for all the members of the Church to Worship together as one body of Christ and I hope that it is supported by members from both the 8:00 am and 10:15 Worship Services. If this trial Service is a success, I would love to see this occur 3 to 4 times a year where all members of the Congregation could share the love of Christ together and we could get to know all our brothers and Sister who serve the Lord at First UP.

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## SENIORS

Give your grandkids a treat before they go back to school. Bring them to our second annual Driveway Carnival on Friday, August 6. It will be held outside in front of the Senior Center building from 10 am to 2 pm. The games cost 10c each for fun with darts, a hoop toss, a ping pong ball/balloon race, a peanut toss and many more with a prize for every play. Hot dogs, soda, root beer floats and chocolate milkshakes will be for sale. We hope to see you!

We will host a Lunch and Learn - Facebook at the Senior Center on August 19 beginning with the lunch at 11:30 a.m. The cost for lunch if you are over 60 is a donation and if under age 60 the price for lunch is \$3.78. The class size is limited to 6 people of any age who want to learn about Facebook. The class costs \$3 or \$2 if you are a member of the Senior Center. Register by calling the Senior Center at 776-4478 by August 13.

Enjoy the music and humor of Christian entertainer Peggy Dawson during a picnic dinner hosted by the Big Spring Senior Center August 19. The all-age event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Rhoades Fellowship Hall of First United Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Big Spring Ave. The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, Cole slaw and homemade ice cream with toppings. Dawson, of Chambersburg, will highlight the celebration of food, fun and more with her personal brand of humor and Christian-themed songs. Other fun activities will complete the evening's entertainment. The dinner

And entertainment are offered for \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the center, 91 Doubling Gap Road, or by calling 776-4478 to make arrangements.

The center operates under a contract with the Cumberland County Office of Aging and ?Community ?Services and the Cumberland County Commissioners and is managed by Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.

the above programs and activities are not only for those who support the Big Spring Senior Center. We would love to have YOU visit. We hope to see you soon.

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong.

Finally the boy replied, "That pastor said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!"