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The following article was submitted by Freda Cromer about our "strong little church", in years gone by.
May we take heed of that message as we continue on our journey each day.

“Remembering”

In the late 1940's and early 50's our church (the United Presbyterian Church on North Second Street), was a very strong little church. Reverend Loren Jones was our pastor.

At that time many refugees were fleeing Europe. Our church leaders with the guidance of Rev. Jones decided that we would sponsor a refugee family.

Anna Zommerfeld and her two children became that family. They fled Latvia because of Soviet occupying forces. Anna, Egones, and Skydra were among 200,000 to flee. Mr Zommerfeld was a chemist and was unable to leave.

Anna and her children came to McConnellsburg. They lived in a small basement apartment on the corner of Third Street and Main Street. She supported her family by doing menial work for the McConnellsburg folks.

I lived next to the church and frequently saw the Zommerfeld children playing at the manse with Buster Stuart, Mark and Tim Jones (Rev. David Hoover's children), and my younger siblings. Both Egones and Skydra were educated in and graduated from the McConnellsburg schools. Egones lived the rest of his life in McConnellsburg and recently passed.

Freda Cromer



Prayer Concerns: Please be in prayer for those listed below and their families: **Short Term:** Family of Carolyn Kneas, C.J. Rhodes, Roxanna Mellott, Charlotte Fowler, Dr. William Milroth, & PNC. **Long Term:** Chas Howells, Ella Spriggs, Audrey Mitchell, Mahlon Shimer, John Robinson, Chuck Wissinger (friend of Bill & Janet McGinnis), & Amanda Bailey (daughter of Patsy Johnston).



- June 3:** Worship service time for the summer returns to 10:00 AM. There will be no Gathering or Sunday School for the summer. Also there are no music rehearsals in June & July.
- June 10:** Service and picnic at Cowan's Gap State Park.
- June 17:** Annual service at White Church, Union Cemetery



- 3-**Larry Ott
9-Myers Kimmel
Keith Reed
10-Daphne Carlson
11-Jacob Hollis
12-David Glenn
13-Bernice Stewart
14-Jake Williams
Lisa Culler
15-Dennis Ritchey
Laura Olivia Alexander
19-Marion Walker
Tracey Kimmel
21-Benjamin Carlson
22-Elijah Keebaugh
26-Stephanie Walker
27-James Henry Alexander
28-Morgan Reed
Caleb Ankney

BOARD OF Trustees' MEETING

May 1, 2018



- 1**-Ellen Heckman
- 3**-Dan Adams
Marin Carbaugh
- 4**-Olivia Mitchell
- 6**-Nancy Bivens
- 15**-Chas Howells
Cathy Creager
- 17**-Darryl Mitchell
Kaia Flory
- 18**-Brennan Horton
- 20**-Charlotte Fowler
Betty Warthin
- 25**-Scott Alexander
- 28**-John Johnston
- 29**-Joyce Fowler

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 7 pm, in the Fellowship House. The May meeting was opened and closed with prayer by Connie and Ron. All members were present.

We have been busy repairing and improving our facilities:

Barb MacDonald has planted flowers in front of the church and in the cemetery. New venetian blinds were installed in Nursery.

The Fellowship House hot water heater and the bathroom faucets were replaced.

The Secretary's computer was also replaced.

A squirrel had gotten trapped in the Manse second basement and we repaired the damage.

Other Trustee items:

Sandy will be the Trustees contact with our custodian.

The White church needs to be cleaned for our annual service there June 17. Connie says to meet at that church Saturday, June 16th at 9 am. Bring cleaning supplies. For questions call 717-987-3076 or 717-552-9932.

We will be getting our buildings professionally cleaned.

The Fellowship House roof will be replaced and gutter repositioned. The steps to the fire company lot are to be rebuilt.

Several areas will be repaired and painted this summer.

We welcome suggestions on ways to improve your church facilities. We want our facilities to be welcoming and inviting to all. Invite others to come worship with us.

Ron Mitchell, secretary

Session



May 9, 2018

Session met for their stated May 9, 2018 meeting in the Fellowship House with elder Carolyn Kerlin, Donna Ankney, Al Clark, Wes Howells, Ken Keebaugh, LeeAnne Kendall, Tim Drover and the moderator, Rev. Dale Williams present. The meeting was opened with devotions by Elder Keebaugh. The meeting agenda was approved, as well as the minutes of the April 18 stated Session meeting. Anne Myers from the Presbytery office attended the meeting. She represents the Strengthening Our Congregations Committee. She spoke about the work of the committee and listened to celebrations and concerns of the elders.

The average attendance for April was 71. Dale brought brochures for the trip to Greece which will be in March 2019. He reported that he will be filling our pulpit the month of June, half the month of July, and half of August. The July session meeting will be at Dale's house @ 6:30 on July 18.

Elders Kendall and Howells reported that the PNC continues to meet every Monday and continues to pursue suitable candidates to serve as our pastor. Elder Clark reported on his meeting with boy scout leaders regarding girls being permitted to join boy scouts. There will not be co-ed troops. More on that next month when Ron Grove and Brad Dickerson speak at the June session meeting. Elder Drover gave the report of finances for the month of April. Elder Clark reported that the committee is moving ahead with plans for the picnic which will be held on June 10 at Cowan's Gap. If the video is finished by June 3, the committee will provide ice cream following the viewing of the video. A scavenger hunt is planned for June 22 at 5:30. The committee will provide refreshments following the hunt. Elder Keebaugh, chair of the nominating committee announced that Linda Huston has agreed to fill the empty spot on the board of deacons. Elder Kerlin, chair of Christian Ed committee spoke about changes in the way the nursery will be handled in the fall. Connie Brown will be on vacation July 1 and August 5 2018. There will be no nursery provided on those two Sundays. A request to paint yellow lines at various places around the church properties was put on hold pending more information. The Fellowship House needs a new roof. Tim will talk to the trustees about getting a bid on a 30 year shingled roof. The purchase of new choir robes was discussed. Approval was given for the worship committee to pursue the purchase of new robes. The last time robes were purchased was in 1985. The estimated price is \$5000.00. Elder Keebaugh was commissioned to attend the Presbytery meeting on May 22 at First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle. Suggestions were given for someone to serve as assistant treasurer to fill in for Wayne for a month while he is on vacation. It was decided to postpone creating an evangelism and

outreach committee until fall or until we get a new pastor.

New Prayer partners were assigned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with prayer by the moderator.



May 9, 2018

The May 9, 2018 meeting of the Presbyterian Women was opened with prayer by moderator Carolyn Kneas. Thirteen ladies were present. Special prayers for: Barbara Walker; Kenny and Ella Spriggs, Charlotte Fowler, Barb Leese, Bernice Stewart, Howard family, Tammy Metz, Audrey Mitchell, Harvey Kneas, and all in need of his healing touch. Minutes of the April meeting were read. The treasurer's report was given by Marion Walker. The April offering was \$90.00 leaving a balance of \$294.77. Carolyn read a thank you card from the Mennonite Central committee thanking us for the infant kits. She also read a note from Wayne and Barb MacDonald that had apparently gotten lost. It was thanking us for our part in the lunch following the service for Jane. Also read was a letter from Hands and Feet of Hope, which will be held June 10-16. We will donate \$100.00 to sponsor a student enabling them to participate. The program was turned over to Noreen Mann who presented a very interesting and informative program about Queen Esther. She started in the time of Abraham and traced biblical history up to the time of Esther. She married

King Xerxes and was queen of Persia for 13 years.

Delicious refreshments were prepared and served by Joyce Hornberger and Barb MacDonald. The next meeting will be a salad luncheon at the home of Marion Walker on June 13 at noon. The program will be a book report by Betty Gail Faunce.



No Report for May

"In the Steps of Paul" – Pastor Dale will lead another unique travel experience in the Spring of 2019. This time we will travel to Greece and follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul's second missionary journey recorded in Acts 16-19. The trip departs March 26th and returns April 4th. The cost of \$3,398.00 per person includes everything – roundtrip air, hotels, guides, tips, taxes, etc. – except for lunches. Detailed brochures and applications are in the Narthex.

There will be a Scavenger Hunt at the church for all ages on Friday, June 22nd at 5:30 PM. Light refreshments to follow in the basement. For more details, contact Laura Metcalfe or Connie Brown.

SUMMER ORGAN PROJECT

Try to imagine having a small room in your house that you used for storage but you never cleaned it. You might go in and out every now and then but that was it. After 56 years it would probably be quite dusty.

Our pipe organ is actually two small rooms, and each has a window that is almost always open. The wooden screens on the organ boxes are like windows, and they are only ever closed when the organ is turned on. So the organ has been accumulating normal dust from the air for the last 56 years, but things took a turn for the worse when the lift project was done.

Our organ tuner is going to take all the pipes out this summer and clean everything. One entire set of pipes will be sent away for further refurbishing. The work will be paid for from the fund established by Dr. Gerald Lorentz.

While this job definitely requires organ professionals, they have said that they could use volunteers to help move the pipes as they are removed and cleaned. The cleaning job is being billed by the hour, so volunteers could significantly reduce the cost. The exact dates for the work are not yet know, but will most likely be in June.

If you are interested in seeing just what is inside those boxes, and would like to lend a hand, please contact Carolyn Kerlin.

The trustees will be in need of helpers to get the White Church ready for the annual service on June 17th. We will meet on Saturday, June 16th at 9 AM at the White Church. Please bring cleaning supplies. Any questions, contact Connie Brown at 717-987-3076 or 717-552-9932.

GLEANER DEADLINE for the August issue is July 23, 2018. Please submit your information by 10 AM that day. If you can't email it, feel free to call or lay a hand written document on the secretary's desk.

Enjoy your





June Lectionary Readings

Week of June 3

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20)

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

Mark 2: 23

Mark 3: 6

Week of June 10

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8: 4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11: 14-15)

Psalms 138

2 Corinthians 4: 13, 5: 1

Mark 3: 20-35

Week of June 17

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

1 Samuel 15: 34, 16: 13

Psalms 20

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4: 26-34

Week of June 24

5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalms 9: 9-20 or

1 Samuel 17: 57-18: 5, 10-16

Psalms 133

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Mark 4: 35-41



July Lectionary Readings

Week of July 1

6th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Mark 5: 21-43

Week of July 8

7th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Mark 6: 1-13

Week of July 15

8th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29

Week of July 22

9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

Psalms 89: 20-37

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Week of July 29

10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Psalms 14

Ephesians 3: 14-21

John 6: 1-21



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