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Labor Day
Sept 5th

September 2011

Greeters:

- Sept 4** Marlin and Judy Biesecker
- Sept 11** John and Stephany Davidson
- Sept 18** Gail Allen and Glenice Marsala
- Sept 25** Carol Heiser and Vivian Kilroy

Cancel Flowers

- Sept. 4** In honor of their grandchildren Michael, Ellen, Olivia, George, Macy and Jaxon by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Holman.
- Sept. 11** In loving memory of my husband George, by Gloria Elberti.
- Sept. 18** In loving memory of his Dad's birthday by Andrew Rowe.
- Sept. 25 OPEN**
Centerpiece— In loving memory of James Kilroy by Vivian Kilroy

Acolytes

- Sept 4** None
- Sept 11** Ryan Schick
- Sept 18** Noah Yeich
- Sept 25** Shelby Luther

Ushers

- Tom Rontonda
- Charley Wynn
- Gloria Elberti
- Rose Ann Yeich

Bulletins

- Sept 4** In honor of my grandchildren, Tony, Nicki, Dan, BJ. and Chris By Gloria Elberti.
- Sept 11** In loving memory of David Maxwell, Jr. by Mary Leisey.
- Sept 18** In loving memory of Bobby Rowe, by the family.
- Sept 25** In loving memory of Don and Maxine Packheiser, parents of Don Packheiser, by Judy, Don, and Abigail Packheiser.

Nursery Duty

- Sept 4
- Sept 11
- Sept 18
- Sept 25



****Nursery Attendants are needed for the nursery. Please consider helping out so that others may enjoy church services as well. Thank You for your help and continued support.**

A FEW REMINDERS:

Chancel Flowers

The Stewardship Committee will send a reminder postcard to each Chancel flower sponsor at the time of the order. The cost of the CHANCEL FLOWERS is still \$22.50 per order. Please make the check payable to The Presbyterian Congregation with the date of the Sunday sponsored in the memo section of the check to assist Diane with recording the payment. The check should be put into a separate envelope marked Chancel Flowers and either mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday.



If at anytime you would like to add a Centerpiece or have any questions or concerns, please call church office 944-4322.

Please place your articles or information either in the offering plate (mark it "newsletter"), or in mailbox marked "NEWSLETTER."

Newsletter Deadlines for 2011

- Sept 20 - deadline for October newsletter
- Sept 27 - mail out newsletter
- Oct 18 - deadline for November newsletter
- Oct 25 - mail out newsletter
- Nov 15 - deadline for December newsletter
- Nov 22 - mail out newsletter

***Your financial Contribution is important to our church. Please remember to keep up with your contribution over the coming months.
THANK YOU!***

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*The Presbyterian Congregation is ...
A body of Christian people who reach out to
others by sharing God's Word, love and fellowship.*



Remembering 9/11
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SEPT. 11TH REMEMBRANCE

WE SHALL NEVER FORGET!!!!

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON THIS VERY
SPECIAL SUNDAY**

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Stewardship is how each of us uses our God given gifts--our Talents, Time and our Treasures. Stewardship is the way we use all our resources to carry out HIS work.

Commitment Sunday 2012 is planned for Sunday, November 6, 2011. Each member will be asked to complete an "Estimate of Giving" card. A luncheon will be provided at the conclusion of worship service to celebrate this special stewardship event in the life of our church.

We look forward to your participation and support of this year's program.

Hear the NEWS, Pastor Notes



**SEPTEMBER - FALL START-
UP...BLESSING OF THE BACK
PACKS...ANNIVERSARY OF
9/11/01...**

Sunday, September 11 begins the fall church program. All members and friends of the church are encouraged to attend Church School at 9:15 AM with classes resuming for children, youth and adults. We count on parents to bring their children to meet their Church School teachers and take part in class activities. The Adult Forum launches a new 3 week series with information below. Children in K-5th grade are asked to bring their school back packs to worship at 10:30AM. During the Conversation With The Children, we will have a time to pray with and for the children as they begin another school year. Adults are also urged to 'make it back' to worship September 11, which marks the 10th anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Centers, and Pentagon with a terrible loss of life. During worship we will take time for prayer and reflection. After worship we look forward to a social time in Fellowship Hall to catch-up with each other after summer. Plan to be with us!

**ADULT FORUM - The Practice and Power of Prayer -
- 3 week series**

Christians know the importance of prayer in their daily lives. Join us in the Adult Forum Church School Class for a 3 week series September 11, 18 and 25 from 9:15-10:15AM. Each week leaders will discuss different aspects of prayer.

On September 11 Pastor Potter will be with us and will share an overview of the different kinds of prayer that we can use in our devotional lives. Sunday, September 18 Craig Kegerise, Elder at Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg and a Commissioned Lay Pastor will be with us. Craig will speak on the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in the gospels of Matthew and John.

On Sunday, September 25, the Rev. Lois Richwine, Minister-At-Large in Carlisle Presbytery and a Spiritual Director will speak on "Praying With Our Bodies." Lois will lead us in a discussion of the Labyrinth- an ancient tool for prayer and meditation. A Labyrinth consists of a circular, winding path, which leads to a center space and then out again by the same path. In addition to studying about the background and use of Labyrinths, we will experience the Christian spiritual tool using table top patterns and finger labyrinths.

Come, be part of this series as we learn more about the practice, value and importance of prayer in our daily lives.

SAGE = Senior Adult Group Exchange

Wednesday, September 21 at noon the Senior Adult Group Exchange will meet in Fellowship Hall. Retirees and others are welcome to join us. Lunch is at noon and will include lasagna, tossed salad, roll, butter, angel food cake with strawberry topping and beverage for \$7/person. Those planning to attend are kindly asked to PRE-PAY by 9/18 and fill out the registration form. ALL checks are payable to the church.

The program will feature Paul Zeph, President of the Appalachian Audubon Society that meets at Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill. Paul will be doing a slide program on "Birds of the Susquehanna Valley." Come, enjoy a tasty lunch and share in a neat program. Registration and \$ due to Pastor Potter by Sunday, September 18. And bring a friend!

SAGE September 21 Noon Lunch/Program

_____ Yes, I / we plan to attend.

Print name _____

Phone _____

\$ and registration due by 9/18

PYC Fall Kick-Off!!

CALLING ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!!! JOIN us FOR THE FIRST FALL PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION EVENT — A BOWLING PARTY !ALL 6™-12™ GRADERS ARE WELCOME. THE DATE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 230PM TO CAR-POOL TO ABC EAST LANES, 1001 Eisenhower BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG. COST IS JUST \$7/PERSON FOR BOWLING AND SHOES FROM 3-5PM. BRING A FRIEND, BRING YOUR NEIGHBOR, BRING YOUR PAL, BRING YOURSELF. THE SNACK BAR WILL ALSO BE OPEN, SO BRING SOME EXTRA \$\$\$\$\$\$.
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QUESTIONS? CALL PASTOR POTTER. SEE YOU!!!!



The comfortable summer months are behind us and we look toward the beauty of fall.

Our church is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels in Middletown for the month of October. A sign-up sheet will be available in the bell tower beginning September 4th. A great big thank you goes out to those who have delivered the meals in the past. A huge welcome greets those who have never done it before but would like to jump in and help. You can sign up for a week or a day, by yourself or with another. It doesn't take very long each morning and you get to meet a lot of nice people along the way. If you have any questions regarding delivery, please call Gloria Agate at 566-1590.

The Fashion Show and Tea that was scheduled for September 25th has been cancelled although it may be revived at some point in the future.

We may all enjoy our friends and loved ones, but it would also be nice to keep in touch with our homebound friends, members of our congregation. You may find their names in this newsletter to send them a note.
Peace

Adult Forum News

For the first two weeks of October, Jane Neff, a nurse in our congregation with 10 years of hospice experience, will discuss important end of life issues in the Adult Forum.

The purpose is to become more informed about the medical options offered at the time of a serious illness and emotional stress. The goal is to be able to ask the right questions in order to make the best decisions. We will also discuss the importance of our faith and God's presence and healing power. We will discuss current treatments for cancer, palliative care, and hospice care. Many people are more afraid of pain at the end of life than of dying. Current ways of managing pain will be reviewed. The format will be an open discussion with time for questions.

Here is the news from Presbyterian Women/Mary's Circle:

Thrift Shop Volunteers-Attention---big big news

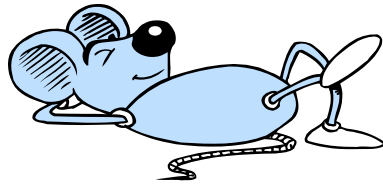
--the shop will still be open 9AM-5PM, but Brenda has suggested, and other churches are doing too: Volunteers **only have to work 11AM-3PM!!!!** She said the 9AM morning opener is not usually busy and that this one shift 11AM-3PM will suffice. It means we won't need as many volunteers, as it has been difficult over the last few months to fill all the slots in the shifts of 9AM-1PM, and 1PM-5PM. So that is a welcome relief and I wanted to share this news with all of you. Your help is very appreciated by Brenda Thomas at the Thrift Shop. She has told me many times, and so I am shouting out to all of you worker volunteers-**THANK YOU!!!**

FYI-Our church has two more times during 2011, which will be the weeks of October 17 and December 19, and the new shift will be 11AM-3PM. Looking forward to your continued support in this big change.

For 2011, there will be 3 more meetings dates on the following Tuesdays at 10AM-September 13, October 11, and November 8. *All ladies are welcome* and we meet in the Memorial Lounge. We finish before lunch time, and we are finishing up our study of the Book of Revelation. Nothing to prepare, just come and enjoy the company. There will be no meetings in the winter months of December, January or February.

Hopefully everyone is starting to do their Autumn sorting and getting ready for a new season. The **Yard & Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 29, 2011**, opening at 9AM sharp. All donations are being accepted and may be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall. If you need help, call Rose Ann Yeich at 939-6834, or Judy Packheiser at 657-2535. By the Yard Sale & Bake date, we will also be looking for bakers for donation of goods, that can be brought in Friday night 6-8PM, for our Bake Sale, or you can drop off Saturday, at 8:30AM, prior to the door opening at 9AM, using the ramp door, on the day of the sale. As always, if everyone can mark the date, we will also be looking for helpers for Friday night setup on October 28, and helpers during the sale, and after the sale, around 1PM.

Hi folks. This is Oscar, the church mouse reporting in. It looks like the summer is over and the kids are back in school. Somehow or other, it seems as if the summer went extra fast. Heck, I



Oscar the Church Mouse

even saw a sign telling you how many days until Christmas. I don't want to think about that yet. Spent some time at the beach. Had to stow away to get there and didn't actually get up on the beach but being there helped. The person who helps me write this article was there and I thought about hiding in her beach bag but I certainly would upset people if I were discovered. Oh, my, what a sight that would be. Lots of things going on this summer. There was another dinner which I heard went very well, picture taking (no I didn't get my picture taken), and vacation bible school. VBS was successful and the kids enjoyed it. I enjoyed the snacks. I am going to have to start running up and down the stairs to lose some weight. My tummy looks a bit bigger than normal.

I heard that the choir will start rehearsing in September. It's about time. I really missed that. They have sung from time to time this summer but I miss singing with them on Wednesday nights. If you have a notion to sing with them, I'm sure Shirley will let you have a go at it. Begins on September 14 at 7:15. If you like bells you could join the bell choir. I'd like to try that but those bells are bigger than this mouse, I'd probably get knocked out with a clapper and then it would be all over. What a headache I would have.

Sunday School begins again on September 11 so bring your little ones in to the church. It's also Social Hour that day and that makes it perfect - lunch and fun time on the same day. I understand they are working on the church directory. I am excited to look at the new one as we have new members and I am not sure who they all are. The directory is a big help. And speaking of church, it looked a little bare when I peeked in on Sunday mornings. You all took a lot of vacations this summer but it's time to get back in the groove so I can see you here on Sunday mornings. Think of all those people in the world who do not have a church to attend. We are so lucky. I'll be they wouldn't let a mouse (even a very quiet one) into their worship services.

Time for my nap. I will hide so Jay can't find me. He always says there are no mice in the church. Ha ha! We know better, don't we??? See you next month.



Chancel Choir ~ An Invitation to Sing.....



The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals for the 2011-2012 Choir season on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We are looking for folks who love music and invite you to join our happy church family of singers. You don't have to know how to read music ~ you'll learn everything you need to know by attending weekly choir rehearsals. Having fun is a key element of every rehearsal ~ relaxation is foremost in our minds and we begin each rehearsal with a massage! What more could you ask for? ~ Join us and become an integral part of our worship life at Middletown Presbyterian Congregation. For more information, call Shirley Newhart, Director of Music at 439-3043.

Children's Choir



Our Children's Choir rehearses on Sunday morning from 9:15 – 9:30 in the Morrow Sunday School Room and will begin rehearsals on **Sunday, September 25th**. This choir is made up of singers ages 4 through 11. They are scheduled to sing at worship on the third Sunday of every month. Please call Shirley Newhart, Director of Music @ 439-3043 if you have questions.

**HAPPENINGS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP
COMMITTEE**



GIANT FOOD GIFT CERTIFICATE FUND RAISER:

How many of you shop at the Giant Food Store??? Well with the fundraising offered by Giant Food, you can continue to shop at Giant and also help raise money for our church. No extra cost to you. The church will get 5% of the sale of gift certificates. You purchase your gift certificates from the church and then use them to purchase your grocery items or purchase them for gifts for others. What an easy way to support our church. **The Fellowship Committee will be launching this program in September. Mary Ellen Baer, our Coordinator, will be taking orders for the gift certificates on Sunday, September 4, which is our monthly Coffee Hour. If you are interested in supporting this project and purchasing Giant gift cards, please place your order with Mary Ellen on September 4th.**

***Friendly's* ANOTHER DINNER
FUNDRAISER:**

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 19th!!!! Mom, no cooking dinner that day!!! Please join us for another fundraising dinner, this time at **Friendly's Restaurant at High Point Commons (near Target)**. As you may recall, we had a fundraiser at Friendly's last year and we received positive feedback on the restaurant, the food, and especially the ice cream. What a great place to bring the young and old. Our fundraising on that day is from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come on out, and enjoy and a fun night with your church family and bring some friends along. Hope to see you all there. Any questions, please see Judy Biesecker, Coordinator.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE IS A HARDWORKING, DEDICATED GROUP OF CHRISTIANS WITH A SINCERE DESIRE TO SERVE GOD AND THIS CHURCH. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GIVE OF YOUR TIME, TALENTS, ENERGY, BAKED GOODS, AND YOUR LOVE TO SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND MOST OF ALL, GOD'S CHURCH.

ANYONE WISHING TO VOLUNTEER IN ANY CAPACITY, PLEASE SEE JOANNE HARTER, 564-0475
bjharter1@verizon.net.

In Christ,
Joanne L. Harter, Chair
Fellowship Committee

Pictorial Directory News

As you all know, we are in the process of developing a new church directory. An important part of the directory is the "activity pages."

These pages allow for us to show pictures of the various activities and events our church is involved in. The Evangelism Committee is collecting photos/pictures to consider for inclusion in the activity section of our directory.

We are asking all of you to look through activity pictures you may have.

To keep the directory current, we are seeking pictures of activities that have occurred in the last year or two.

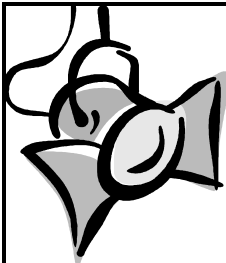
We would like to capture a variety of activities, such as the children during their gardening; Christmas Program, community dinner; yard sale, adult forum, fundraisers, concerts, sage events, etc. These are just a few that come to mind.

Please provide your pictures to Joanne Harter, Tom Rotondo, Mary Leisey, Alison Dixon, or Carol Waple.

Any electronic pictures and be sent to Tom at tomrotondo@aol.com or Alison at hike0615@hotmail.com

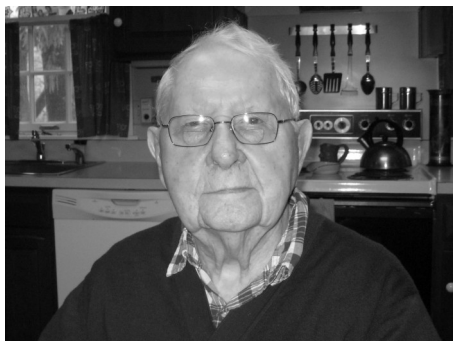
Thanks for helping make the new church directory a success.

Afternoon Book Club will meet on Wednesday Sept. 14 at 1:30 PM at the home of Joe Mateer, Book to be read is "The Master Quilter" By Jennifer Chiaverini Please Join us.



Spotlight On

Our congregation is full of people with interesting stories to tell. Ever wonder what the person in the next pew likes to do in his/her free time? What inspires the person in front of you? Our monthly newsletter feature called Spotlight On... introduces you to a member of our church family.



This month our spotlight shines on Dr. Max Lauffer. Born at home on September 2, 1914, Max is 97 this month. He lives in the same home today—a home that has been in the family since his grandparents purchased it in 1899. As a young man, he helped with that family farm. In later years, he worked to have the farm preserved under the Manada Conservancy—a local non-profit land trust that is dedicated to the preservation of the natural, historic, agricultural and scenic resources of Dauphin County.

Max's mother graduated from the Millersburg Normal School (now Millersburg University) and taught both Max and his sister to read and write before they began public school. Max then attended the Iron Mine Run School. An advantage of attending a one room school is that you could listen to the older students' lessons and become quite advanced. Max was able to finish eight years in five. Because Londonderry Township was not part of a district with a high school, students hoping to continue their education took the county exam. In a time when many students chose to finish school with an eighth grade education, a good grade on the exam meant that tuition to high school for students in outlying areas would be paid by the county. Max was able to enter the Middletown High School three years before other freshmen. In fact, even though he was a year and a half younger than his cousin, Margaret Kern, he finished a year before her with the class of 1929.

Max joined the Presbyterian Congregation in Middletown in 1925, and his cousin Margaret joined one year later. It was their family church, as his parents and all four grandparents were members. Max was active. In 1930,

he became friends with the new minister, Rev. Robert S. Marsden. Rev. Marsden had been trained at Westminster Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, a very conservative school. He told Max that anyone who believed in evolution could not be Christian. Rev. Marsden created many schisms within our congregation and many followed him when the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church formed in 1936. It was a difficult time. As Max had studied evolution in college he chose to become inactive. Years later, Max attended a Methodist Easter service, looked in the choir, saw his professor of evolution and realized that it was okay to disagree. Max has been a Presbyterian ever since.

He received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in biochemistry (1933 and 1934) from Penn State, his father's college. He studied physical chemistry and earned his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1937, and became a biophysicist. While Max was in Minnesota, a man named Wendell Stanley from the Rockefeller Institute had isolated and crystallized a plant virus. It was a protein; this was big news in the scientific community. Max's professor disagreed with the data and Stanley traveled to Minnesota to defend his research. Stanley became interested in Max's thesis and invited him to work at the Rockefeller Institute (now a University) near Princeton, N.J. While working with Stanley, they determined that the virus was rod shaped and twenty times long as thick with a molecular weight of 15 million. This was before the electron microscope was invented.

During this time, the US Army wanted a flu shot because flu killed more people during WWI than the war. Grants were awarded from the US Army Medical Corps to four universities (Duke, U. of Michigan, U. of California, Western Reserve in Ohio) and Stanley's lab. Those five labs worked to develop the vaccine. Max played a role in its development.

After seven years, Max moved with his wife Dorothy and their son to the University of Pittsburgh for the purpose of establishing a virus research lab. He had written his own grant and traveled to Michigan to invite a friend that he had met while doing the flu vaccine research to work at his new lab. The friend was Jonas Salk, and the new vaccine developed in Salk's lab could prevent polio. In fact, Max's oldest son was vaccinated by Salk himself while the vaccine was still experimental.

Max retired with 40 years. He had been a researcher, biophysics professor, department head and dean. Max was a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, a pre-revolutionary church, when living in New Jersey. In Pittsburgh his family became members of Southminster Presbyterian Church. After Dorothy died, he married Erika with whom he has three more children, one a member of this congregation. They have six grandchildren. When they moved back to the family farm in 1986, they rejoined our congregation. He was active in church and Presbytery; and was moderator of our Presbytery for one year. Happy birthday, Max!!



We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members and friends:

SEPTEMBER

Max Lauffer	9/2
Glenice Marsala	9/2
Warren Felty	9/5
Roy Fuss	9/7
Penny Lighty	9/10
Diane Smith	9/10
Jay Wilsbach	9/10
Valerie Dodson	9/10
Alexis Reinhart	9/12
Frank Waple, Jr.	9/14
Vivian Kilroy	9/15
Sandra Sweigert	9/16
Hayli Akakpo-Martin	9/17
Bob Mathias	9/18
Ryan Schick	9/18
Carol Wilsbach	9/20
Matt Wynn	9/24
Rob Huber	9/27
Myrna Matesevaca	9/29



We would also like to wish a Happy Anniversary to:

SEPTEMBER

David and Donna Heiser	9/6
Crystal and Daniel Heiser	9/10
Patience and Terry Basehore	9/18
Michele and Michael Harter	9/19
Beth and Tim Swartz	9/19
Rose Ann and Francis Yeich	9/20
Al and Cindy Reinhart	9/22
Jenn and Greg Schick	9/22
John and Kim Dodson	9/28



Dear Friends of the Presbyterian Congregation:

Jack and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the prayers, cards, flowers, visits and phone calls Jack received regarding his recent heart surgery. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Potter for his many visits and phone calls. All of these from everyone were greatly appreciated and helped to make Jack's recovery and days brighter. It is so nice to know we are blessed with a caring, loving and christian congregation. Again, thank you very much.

With Christian Love and Friendship.

Fae and Jack Mower

To Presbyterian Congregation

Sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers I received. I will be restricted in my activities for some time, but time will heal!

Sincerely
Gloria Elberti

Thank You for your prayers, flowers, calls and so many cards. It's a blessing knowing so many people care.

Ruthie Sweigart

Pastor Potter and Congregation:

Thank You so much for the graduation wishes. It feels so nice to have the support of the church while I take the next step forward in life. The bookstore gift card was very much appreciated.

Kristin Swartz

Dear Church Family,

Thank You so much for your best wishes and the gift card! This will be very useful for college! I'm very excited to start at Bloomsburg, Thanks again.

Kelsey Tobias

Thank you Presbyterians for the graduation card. It was greatly appreciated. I will continue onto HACC so that I may do great things. The future is approaching fast and it's great to know all of you in heart are right there along side me.

Thank You
Sean Tosh

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