Dear Friends and Graduates,

Dr. Tony Campolo once told this story: "When I was a boy growing up in a congested and bustling city, my mother arranged for a teenage girl, who lived nearby, to walk home with me at the end of the school day. For this, she was paid a nickel a day. But I rebelled in the second grade and told my mother, "I'll walk myself to school, and, if you give me a nickel a week, I promise to be extra careful. You can keep the other twenty cents and we'll all be better off."

After a period of pleading and begging, I finally got my way. For the next two years I walked myself back and forth to school. It was an eight-block walk with many streets to cross, but I was careful and didn't talk to strangers or get distracted along the way.

Years later at a family party, I bragged about my independence and reminded my family of how I had taken care of myself as a boy. Well, his mother heard him tell the story, laughed, and told the rest of the story. "Did you really think you were alone?" she said. "Every morning when you left for school, I left with you. I walked behind you all the way. When you got out of school at 3:30 in the afternoon, I was there. I always kept myself hidden, but I was there and I followed you all the way home. I just wanted to be there for you in case you needed me."

I believe that Dr. Campolo's mother looked after him in the same way that God looks after you and me. As you start a new chapter in your life, my firm hope is that you know and practice God's presence. It was once told to me that when I felt God to be the farthest from me that it was in those times that he was most near.

One of Christ's most profound promises in scripture is the assurance that He will be with us even to the end of the age (Matthew 28). Why am I telling you this and why did I share the above story? Because I know that as you start a new chapter in your life, you will experience some challenging times, exciting times, as well as some very lonely times. It doesn't matter whether you go away to college or stay at home, the scenario is still the same. You need to know and must know that you believe in and serve a God and a Savior who will never forsake you. He is a God who will be with you through the thick and thin, and he will love you unconditionally in all circumstances. My prayer for you is that you remember this. Every morning that you awake and every night before closing your eyes to sleep...thank God for his guidance, his protection, his love, and for the assurance of his presence.

Congratulations on all your achievements and accomplishments. Be of good courage as you start the next chapter in your life.

God Bless You All.

Pastor Jim



Mark Your Calendars

Worship/Communion 9:30	July 1
Worship 9:30 am	July 8
Worship9:30 am	July 15
Worship 9:30 am	July 22
Worship 9:30 am	July 29



First Presbyterian Church

Phone 908-689-2547 Fax 908-689-7911 Web site: www.washingtonfpc.org

Pastor, James Scovell; Directors of Music, Peter and Julie Stevenson; Administrative Assistants, Kerri Caldaro & Tami Phelps; Church School Coordinator, Jean Bowers.

Worship: **9:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time: **9:30 a.m.**

First Impressions **August** issue will be published on **Aug 1**. **The deadline is July 23**. Please submit articles to the church office or by email to: office@washingtonfpc.com or office2@washingtonfpc.com





CURRENT EXPENSES

Amount pledged \$146,340

Anticipated monthly \$12,195

contributions

June Contributions \$10,547

Contributions to date \$70,309

Shortfall -\$2861

ATTENDANCE

June 3

Worship 109

June 10

Worship 90

June 17

Worship 85

June 24

Worship 69

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS!

Effective Sunday, June 24th through September 2, 2018. Worship will begin at 9:30 am and fellowship time will follow after service in the Manse Lawn.



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PW NEWS

Deborah/Ruth,
Rachel & Martha
Circle meetings
will resume in September.

June Circle Attendance Deborah/Ruth 11 Rachel 5 Martha 5

All the women of the church are invited to join one of our circles. For more information contact Karen Graf 689-4294.



THE 2018 FLOWER CHART

is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sign the chart if you wish to donate flowers for Sunday morning worship.

The church office will order flowers for you for only \$25 through a discount agreement with a local florist. Reserve the date on the chart, and then call the church office that week with information for the bulletin. Please pay the \$25 through the office.



PRAYER CORNER

Dear Lord, we come with eyes eager to see you, ears straining to hear you and hearts longing to meet with you. We come with minds open to your teaching and with hands and feet ready to respond to your leading. We see the needs around us as great, and we recall that you are the Great Provider and Sustainer. As we pray for our loved ones and friends, help us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to bring healing and comfort to all those in need.



those ill or recuperating at home: Kellye Kries, Kerry Webb, JoAnn Johnson, Ruth Dilts, Harold Teabo, Ken Dirkes, Peggy Westlake, Grace Murphy, Barbara Rose, Terry Housel, Duane Alpaugh, Joan Anderson, Bob Leyburn, Elmer Keenan, Ann Horner, Bob Schuch, Tempe Schramm;

relatives of church members: Martha Kenny's cousins Gail and Bob, Eleanore Jensen's son, Vaneice Sweet's father and uncle, Fred Kulick's niece, Sharon Reardon's sister Kathy, Martha Kenny's 2 daughters, Jenn Lawson's father, Kathy Perry's step-mother, Phyllis & Warren Kearns' son, Doug Foley's mother, Margie Rush's sister, Karen Wilson's mother, Eleanore Jensen's daughter-in-law, Elaine Boreman's 2 cousins, Melanie Plenge's parents, Jo Ann Johnson's cousin, Joan Miller's brother, Betsy Slack's mother & sister-in-law, Cindy & Rich Reilly's son Kevin, Fred Kulick's brother-in-law, Russell Schramm's granddaughter & son, Nancy Vlossak's niece, Jean Bowers' son-in-law Bill, Ken Dirkes' wife, sister & great grandson, Betty Ann Roseberry Wright's sister, Vicki Tensfeldt's mother and niece, Kathy Perry's father;

those in care centers: Bernice Alpaugh, Dorothy Ritzer, Connie Allen, Evelyn Finkel;

friends of the church: Bart Trachin, Eleanore Jensen's friend Bonnie, George Armbrecht, Bob Sinnott, Christopher Cassinni, Jessica Yerance, Robin Halozan, Marge Foster, Mike Berry, Bruce Mannon, Gizis' friends Mark & Avery, Tori Reade, Sue Lee, Kris Miller, Betty Ramsland, Bill and Sandy Clark, Mrs. Cook, Valeria Turnbull, Taryn Hummel, Nicole Smith, Sandra Torres, Holly Santoro, Bob & Kim Best, Larry Friedman, Mae & April Brown, Kevin Hynhos, Richard Jensen, Leah Woods, Jason Lance, Shirley Case, Grace Maricovich, James Henderson, Markie DeVoe, Christian Smith, Maxine Fay, Chris Carnahan, Rita Fennell, Ken & Karen Mattison, Brendon Hydock, Mark Christie, Dave Cramer, Vlossak family's friend Hallie, Angie Haydu, Gary Palmer, Frank Vitale, Shirley Pulsinelli, Barbara Kries, George Stevens, Frank Grosso, Edythe Elliott, Ann Teeter, Michael Deresky, Johanna Cognato, Eva Oliver, Beatrice Gillis, Debbie Gabor, Evelyn Reese, Becky Long, Janet Beck:

also, pray for our servicemen and women and their families: Betsy Slack's daughter-in-law Leigh Anne, D.J. & Bob Pesaniello's grandson Ryan, Stephanie Farley's nephew John, Kathy Perry's nephew Jimmy, Cindy & Rich Reilly's son Sean, Bob & Barbara Schuch's grandson Adam, Elaine Boreman's nephew Drew, Vaneice Sweet's nephew James, Linda Darwin's friend Sean Devine, Tony & Dawn Ross' son Gregory.

THANK YOU!

This thank you is long overdue! We are very thankful for the phone calls, cards, a meal someone brought to us, your visits and sitting with Elmer when I had appointments. The Easter flower was very nice. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. We pray and thank god for all of you. We miss being able to be in church and part of the congregation.

Elmer and Dawn Keenan





Summer Hours

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Effective: June 18 -September 4

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Church members birthdays - addresses may be found in the church directory or call the church office.

July 2	Steph Garnder	July 22	Larry Hurley EJ Ruddy
July 5	Pat Duplak	July 23	Joan Anderson Bette Fitting
July 6	Tonya Conroy Marge Wilcox	July 25	Callie Kresser
July 9	Kris Vlossak	July 26	Evan Turner
July 11	Bruce Schott Arnold Woolf Jr.	July 28	Rob Plenge Jr.
July 12	Aidan Duncan	July 29	Bob Anderson
July 16	Amanda Hayes	July 30	Rebecca Lezon Paul Tensfeldt
		July 31	Rebecca Forsbrey



2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come join us for our one night VBS, *Polar Blast* August 8 from 6 PM to 8:30 PM.

Watch for sign-up information in the bulletin and weekly updates.

Also, Pastor Jim will be having an Adult VBS class evenings at $6:30 \,\mathrm{pm}$ on August $6, 7 \,\& 8$.



To the Deacons;

I wish to thank you for The naming of the Deacons scholarships for Bob.

I was so surprised, You did a good job of keeping it from me. I am sure he knows about this wonderful honor and is very proud. Bob's life was the teaching of his students. He enjoyed teaching so much. I never heard him complain about the work he did at night, his summers getting ready for Sept. He never once said I can't wait until the school year is over. He also enjoyed his time spent on the Deacons especially when it was scholarship time.

Thank you again for this honor. Another one to add to his list of many. It is quite an honor but you couldn't have chosen anyone better. His name will now live on in the church he loved.

Jo Ann Johnson



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, emotional support and the gifts to the Music Continuation Fund following the death of Bob. As you all know music was very important to Bob and each and every donations is greatly appreciated. My special thanks to Pastor Jim who gave Bob so much support during his days in the hospital. The giving of communion on one of his visits meant so much to Bob. As far as I am concerned he helped me keep it together during Bob's long stay in the hospital and following his death. The memorial service was exactly what I wanted, it was perfect. I had many phone calls from people who attended and they could not say enough about how they could tell from Pastor Jim's words how well he must have known Bob. I also had many calls telling me what a great choir we have. You all sang your best that day. Thank you to Peter and Julie. A very special thanks to Kerri and Tami for all they did before the service and taking care of the kitchen the day of the memorial service. They made it possible for Stephanie and I to feel free to talk to so many. The days and nights can sometime be sad. But my many friends don't let me be alone for long. So to all the church family thanks again for all your prayers and concerns, the cards helped so very much. Your kind words and the thoughts so many of you had about Bob just made me realize even more what a special man he was and how lucky I was to have spent 18 years with him.

You are all in my prayers

Jo Ann Johnson



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Alanna Ross

Alanna graduated on June 14, 2018 from Warren Hills Regional High School in Washington, NJ. This fall she will be attending Middlesex County College majoring in Elementary Physical/Health Education.

Alanna is the daughter of Dawn and Anthony Ross. She has three brothers, Gregory 32, Matthew, 28 and Nicholas 17.



Eric Lawson

Eric graduated on June 14, 2018 from Warren Hills Regional High School in Washington, NJ. He graduated in the top 15% of his class. Eric earned his 4 year varsity letter as Co-Captain in bowling. (2016-2017, 2017-2018). He was MVP (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018), First team Skyland Conference (2016-2017, 2017-2018). Eric bowled a 300 game on 2/11/17. Eric placed 1st in the Warren Hills Film Festival, 2017. Eric enjoys

skateboarding and music. This fall he will be attending Warren County Community College in Liberal Arts. Eric is the son of Jim and Jenn Lawson. He has a 21 year old brother Craig.



Rebecca Lezon

Rebecca graduated on June 14, 2018 from Warren Hills Regional High School in Washington, NJ. She graduated with outstanding efforts in Business. Rebecca played field Hockey and Gymnastics. She received Field Hockey Coaches Award. Region 7 and Level 9 Vault Champion, and NJ State All-Around Level 9 Gymnastics Champion. Rebecca participated in Youth Group and Mission Teams. This fall she will be attending James Madison University. Rebecca is the daughter of Dawn and Steven Lezon. She has a 20 year old brother Thomas.

Patrick J. Foley

Patrick earned his Associates from RVCC in May of 2015. he went on to graduate on May 4, 2018 with a BA degree from Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster PA. He graduated Cum Laude. Patrick was featured as a "2018 Student to Watch" by Graphic Design USA Magazine. Also American Package Design award Winner by Graphic Design USA Magazine. He participated in Praise Band; Little Lambs; IYPC and Youth Group. Patrick is the son of Doug & Jolene Foley. He has a 26 year old brother Douglas.

Luke Hanshaw

Luke graduated on June 14, 2018 from Warren Hills Regional High School in Washington, NJ. He played baseball during. High School. He will attend Community College, and plans to be a police officer. Luke took part in three mission youth group trips to York, PA, Washington DC and Toms River, NJ. He helped with Hope for the Hills of Warren. Luke is the son of Roy and Joyce Hanshaw. He has a 21 year old sister Sarah and a 14 year old sister Julia.

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Grace Sweet

Grace graduated on June 14, 2018 from Warren Hills Regional High School in Washington, NJ. She graduated with High Honors all through high school, while maintaing the same GPA all 4 vears. Grace was certified in Microsoft Office Specialist. She was in the National Academy of Future Scientist and technology Excellence for out-Award of standing grades. She was in the Marching Band, Pitband, Jazz Band and Concert Band for 4 years. Grace was section leader for the last two years for the trumpets and mellophones. First chair for trumpet Concert Band and Jazz Band. Grace was a member of the Girl Scouts for 12 years. She was also a member of Pacesetter and an all student Jazz group. Grace was in the choir until freshmen year and bell choir, (Genesis, Pilgrim and Carillonaires). Grace has attended many mission trips and Hope in the Hills of Warren, She participated in Youth Group and worship music leader. Grace was a member of the youth mission teams to Sandy Relief. This fall she will be attending Coastal Carolina University for Psychology with a forensic concentration. Grace is the daughter of Vaneice and Leon Sweet. She has a 23 year old brother Raymond.



Andrew Scovell

Andrew graduated from Warren Hills Regional High School on June 14, 2018. He was an active member in the school's bands (marching, concert, jazz, and various ensembles), and choirs (combined choir, select and advanced choirs). In his senior year, Andrew was the band class president. He was the ensemble section leader this past year for marching band. Andrew is musically inclined. Besides computers, music is very important to him. Not only did he enjoy playing as a member of the percussion section of the band, he plays the piano as well.

Andrew participated in 6 mission trips and served on the membership committee for one year. He was very active in the church's youth group. He also helped provide music for special church services such as Maundy Thursday, and the Christmas Cantata.

Andrew will be attending Rutgers University, main campus in New Brunswick, NJ., where he will major in computer science. He aspires to work and study in hopes to achieve a B.S. in computer science and to find a job in STEM.

Andrew is the son of Jim and Gail Scovell. He has two brothers, Stephen (26) and John (21).



Taras McBrair

Taras graduated from Warren Hills Regional High School. He was a member and MVP of the Cross County and Track teams.

Tatas plans to attend east Stroudsburg University to study Criminal Justice, hoping to become a Police Officer.

His other interests are running, basketball, law and boating. At church participated in youth group, handbells and mission trips to

At church participated in youth group, handbells and mission trips to Washington, DC, South Carolina, and Toms River.

Taras is the son of Daurie Ann and Craig McBrair. He has one sister, Kate (19).



CONGRATULATIONS: As per the purple card request AIR CONDITIONING FOR THE SANCTUARY was the overall winner. Gift & Memorial Committee will be holding a fundraiser. Contributions will be excepted in any amount and can be in memory or honor of someone or just a donation. You can place your donation in the weekly offering plate marked Air Conditioning or drop off in the office. You will be able to see the progress of our fundraiser by watching our speedometer which will be mounted in the Narthex. Let's see how fast we can race towards our goal. Thank you in advance for your support.

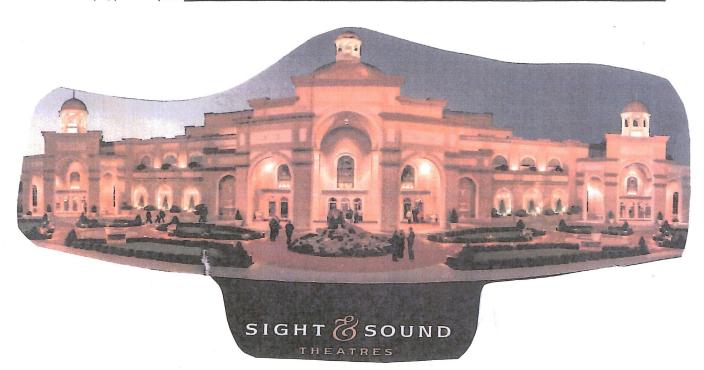
Gift & Memorial Committee.

SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP

The Membership, Outreach, and Fellowship Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington has scheduled a bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see the show "Jesus." Bus transportation, tickets for the show, and a buffet lunch at Shady Maples are included. "Jesus" is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Information concerning this trip follows:

- Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2018
 Pick-up time at the church: 7:30 a.m.
- Show time: 11 a.m.
- Lunch Time: 2:30 p.m. (approximate)
- Return time: 7 p.m. (approximate)
- Cost: \$112 per person. Please submit your non-refundable check payable to First Presbyterian Church with Sight & Sound Trip
 on the memo along with the form below to Barbara Miller, c/o of First Presbyterian Church, 40 E. Church Street, Washington, NJ
 07882 as soon as possible as this trip will be open to other churches and organizations in the area.
- · Bus line: Trans-Bridge (with restroom)
- Any questions, call (689-3561) or email (bamjam@comcast.net) Barbara Miller.
- No guarantees as to seating arrangements on the bus or in the theatre. We will do the best we can.

Sight & Sound Bus Trip	
Name:	
Address:	
Number of people in your party:	
Will you or anyone in your party require assistance getting on and off the bus?	Yes or No
If yes, please explain.	



JOIN US AT THE COOLEST VBS AROUND!

Location: First Presbyteman Church of Washington (church name)
VBS will last from: Wed. August 8 (VBS dones)
Fun begins at: 6PM with Quick Hot Dog Dinner (VBS starting time)
Ends at: 8:30 PM (VBS ending time)
For more information, call: (908) 689 - 2347 (church phone number)
All welcome. No charge,



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OLD TESTAMENT FIND THE MESSAGE

Locate the Old Testament books listed below on the grid. Cross out the letters which make up the book name. After all the book names are crossed out, take the letters that are left and put them on the blanks to spell out a message.

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15 Worship 9:30 am Mission Trip	16 Mission Trip	17 Mission Trip	18 Mission Trip	19 Mission Trip	20 Mission Trip	21 Mission Trip
22 Worship 9:30 am	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 9:30 am	30	31				