

# The Proclaimer



The Voice of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## CALENDAR

### June 1

Congregational Mtg  
following worship  
to discuss/vote on  
vision/mission  
statements

### June 1

Church Picnic  
Mingo Park, Shelter #6

### June 7

Fleatigue & Lunch

### June 8

Youth Sunday

### June 15

Father's Day Activities

### June 20-21

Regional Assembly  
Antiochian Village

### August 8-9-10

Praise & Worship  
in the Park

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 1

### PROPOSED MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

The board has called a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, June 1, to discuss and vote on the proposed mission and vision statements for our congregation.

Vision Statement: Where life comes together celebrating God's life and love: We are a unique team of Christian neighbors who love God and serve others so that lives are changed for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement: Individually and together, we fulfill the Great Commandment (Luke 10:25-37) & the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20) by living and proclaiming the gospel in word and action through the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit through worship, study, service and fellowship as part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 1

Eat at 1:15 PM  
MINGO CREEK COUNTY PARK  
SHELTER # 6 (in top area)



► Everyone Welcome

► Please bring side dish or dessert

Directions: From State Route 136 Westbound, turn right on Mansion Road, drive through the covered bridge, cross Mingo Creek Road and continue up the hill on Mansion Hill Road; follow signs to Pavilion # 6.

## PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings.

What would life be like without...

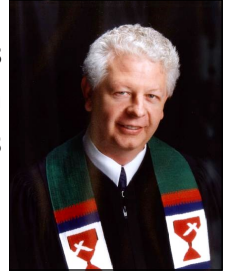
So, how would you complete the sentence?

Remember the jingle "a day without orange juice is like a day without sunshine"? Do you remember whose commercial used that memory-grabbing little ditty? Did it persuade you to take a drink of that delicious freshly squeezed Florida orange juice from a cold refrigerator on a thirsty morning or hot afternoon? Did your body thank you for providing it with the essential daily vitamins and minerals it needed to thrive? Was there ever a time when you thought about the hard-working people who grew, nurtured, picked, pasteurized, bottled, distributed, and/or sold the product to you? None of what it took in planning, effort, or reward would ever have been complete were it not for an overarching themed advertising jingle, "a day without orange juice is like a day without sunshine."

What would life be like without Christians who gather as groups? People who have never tasted the fresh squeezed love produced in us and through us by the presence of the Holy Spirit don't know

what they are missing. What is it that people are missing by not being or taking part in our congregation that gathers at a corner building near the Mon River, or at a picnic table on a hot summer day, or around a camp fire in the cool of the fall, or in the cool of an air-conditioned sanctuary, fellowship hall or classroom, or in the comfort of a living room sharing heart to heart, or under a tent in the wide open public spaces of a small town south of Pittsburgh, or in the desert streets of a dusty populated city a little bit south of us with fellow human beings whose first language is Spanish? What is it that people are missing by not recognizing the Good News of a life that can be lived in healthy relationships that every human craves, or of a life that means more than just going through the monotonous motions from paycheck to paycheck or sports team losses or wins on any given day? What would it be like if the church that gathers and receives its mail at 630 Chess Street could be known as more than a social club of the invited and known ones whose purpose for being includes little more than making sure they had a place to go for a couple of hours so they could repeat everything they already knew without ever growing in their spiritual health and religious practices?

Who we are and how we are as First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Monongahela, PA makes a critical difference in both



Dr. Gerald Demarest

our own little world and God's far-away places. The main thing that makes First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) special is you! You can make that critical difference! God invites us to take the journey of our lives in personal growing exciting relationships with God and with one another. Do you know and recognize the vision and mission God offers to us as the calendar reads 2014? What would life be like within the Sonshine we all bask in together?

With a clear vision and mission, we can commit to be and do the "things" that make the musical score of a beautiful song come alive in the ears of the Master. May you and others be blessed as we "ring" the "jingle" by which we are eventually to be known by those who live in this valley and great big earth along with us.

Growing in & through God's grace,  
Pastor Gerald

## FLEATIQUE - JUNE 7

Please bring new or gently used items for our church sale on Saturday, June 7. All proceeds benefit the general fund. Also, workers are needed at 7 AM for set-up and during the day. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you can help by working.

The youth who are going on the Peru mission trip will be hosting a lunch outside. Tawny Hyslop is coordinating the meal and will welcome desserts if you can help with that ministry. Proceeds will go to the youth for their mission trip.

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 20-21

Antiochian Village - Bolivar, PA



The 2014 Regional Assembly, "Be Light: Shining Brighter, Shining Further," features the Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan Jr., Regional Minister and President in Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Dr. William Crowder, Pastor of Park Manor Christian Church (Disciples) in Chicago, IL.

Registration fees (\$40/indiv; \$100/family) for Regional Assembly are made through the Regional Office by calling 724-834-5023 or online at [www.padisciples.org](http://www.padisciples.org).

Day rates (payable to Christian Church in PA) -for registration only:  
Individual: \$15(Fri) \$25(Sat) ; Family \$40(Fri) \$60(Sat)

Arrangements for Lodging & Meals must be made separately with Antiochian Village (724.238.3677). Rates are as follows:

Adult Lodging: Single Occupancy/1 person - \$79/room per night  
Double Occupancy/2 people - \$92/room per night=\$46 per person  
Triple Occupancy/3 people - \$105/room per night=\$35 per person  
Quad Occupancy/4 people - \$116/room per night=\$29 per person  
Adult Meals: (Full Meal Pkg avail only) 4 meals/\$67.00 per person  
Children's Meals: (Full Meal Package available only)  
Children under 3 - free; Children 3-11 \$6 per meal/\$21.24 inclusive;  
Children 12-18 - standard rates/\$79.06 inclusive for the weekend



## YOUTH SUNDAY JUNE 8

The youth and children will lead in worship on Sunday, June 8 as they share their talents and bring the message, "Called to Grace," based on Ephesians 2:8-10. Invite your family & friends to come and hear all about God's amazing grace and awesome love!

## ELDER'S PRAYER

Almighty Father,

Finally, the winter season is over & we anxiously look forward to the beauty of the spring and summer seasons. The spring also brought into our lives the Lenten season. Look upon us, Father, and inspire us and help us be renewed in the Spirit. May your Spirit make us stronger in our faith and more eager to do Thy will. Fill our hearts with your love as we have just celebrated our risen Savior, and make us to be the best we can be for You. As Jesus died for us, may we live for Him. In His name, Amen.

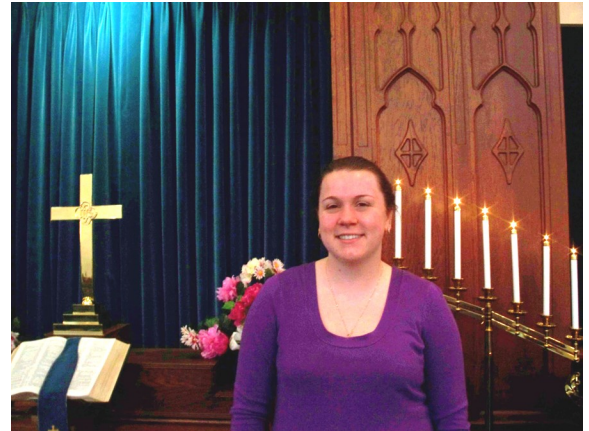
Joe Mancinelli, Elder

## GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

The congregation is participating in a gift card fundraiser to benefit the church's general fund. You may purchase your gift cards from Patty Miller, coordinator, before or after church services. A complete listing is in the narthex.

Hundreds of cards are included, & our church receives a percentage for each card purchased. Some of the more popular ones include gas stations, grocery stores, Giant Eagle, Sheetz, GFS Marketplace, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Whole Foods, restaurants, automotive, hotels, car rental, Disney, retail stores (Macy's, JCP, Bed Bath & Beyond), and cruise lines.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



**JESSICA SARNOSKIE**

It is a joy to welcome Jessica Sarnoskie as a member of our church family. On Feb 10, Jessica was baptized and placed her membership with our congregation.

Jessica has been attending worship and is active in the World Outreach Committee. We rejoice with her in her decision to become a member of our congregation and look forward to many years of Christian service together.

## REVISION OF THE 1994 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The elders have met with all committees to gain members' input regarding sections of the Constitution & Bylaws that relate to committees. As members of the revision committee, the elders will now prepare to present the proposed revisions to the board. After the board's discussion, input & approval, the congregation will receive the draft and then vote on the proposed revisions at a special, called congregational meeting.



**The Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr. leading the workshop**

## VISIONING WORKSHOP

On February 22, board members and lay leaders welcomed The Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr. as he conducted a Visioning Workshop to lead the congregation into the process of drafting new vision and mission statements, and visioning for future ministry. Dr. Sullivan also spoke to the elders and members of the diaconate about the importance of their service and their roles in the church.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

### *Streams in the Desert*



On March 7, our church hosted the community World Day of Prayer worship service, joining Christians around the globe as services began at sunrise in the Pacific and followed the sun across the globe.

Participants from the churches in our community led the congregation to explore the rich Biblical history of Egypt and joined in prayer for the people of Egypt, the world and our own community.

An exploration of the Samaritan woman's conversation about living water with Jesus at the well offered an opportunity to reflect on how Jesus and the woman were able to transcend their religious and cultural differences to empower the woman to bring change to her family, friends & community. Following the service, those present joined together for fellowship and refreshments prepared by the Disciples Women's Ministries.



**The Readers, Choir & Ministers**



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BLESSINGS!



**OWEN NICHOLSON**

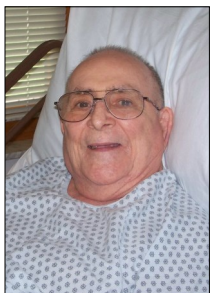
Born March 12, 2014 5lbs 4oz & 18.5 inches long  
Son of David & Lisa Nicholson  
Grandson of John & Diane Leach  
Great-Grandson of Helen Scagline



**GIANNA ANN SAVIGNANO**

Born March 25, 2014 7lbs 7oz & 19.5 inches long  
Daughter of Manny & Toni Savignano  
Granddaughter of Domenick & Sherri Fogiato

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of these loved ones*



**JOHN BULBOFF  
JR  
May 4, 1930  
- Feb 8, 2014**

John Bulboff, 83, of Monongahela, died February 8, 2014 in Laurel Ridge Center, Uniontown. He was born May 4, 1930 in Pittsburgh, the son of John "Buffalo" & Betty Palangio Bulboff. For numerous years, John had resided in Florida & North Carolina before moving back to Pennsylvania. He was a plumber by trade, retiring in 2000 from S&S Mechanical in Statesville, North Carolina. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Monongahela and was a US Coast Guard veteran serving during the Korean War. John was a former member of the American Legion, Post 377 in California. He is survived by his son, John Bulboff and wife Julie of Coal Center; granddaughter, Fallon Bulboff; & his sister, Connie Bartolotta of Monongahela. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Ann Mellor Bulboff who died Oct 7, 1995; & a sister, Audrey Weltz. Services were held on February 12 in the Frye Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Gerald Demarest officiating. Entombment followed in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

**GEORGE LEYDA  
Apr 26, 1931 - May 4, 2014**

George Leyda, 83, of Monongahela, died May 4, 2014 in the Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born April 26, 1931 in Van Voorhis, the son of

George "Shutz" & Mary Botsko Leyda Fear. George attended Charleroi schools until 1949 and graduated from Monongahela High School, class of 1950. He retired from Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel in Monessen where he worked as a crane man, and in the blast furnace and electric shop. He entered the US Marine Corps in 1951 and was discharged in 1954, earning the rank of Sgt. from the Engineer School Battalion. He was a troop handler for the diesel section and also served at Mainside and Montford Point, NC, as well as part time at Staff NCO as a waiter at Camp Lejeune, NC. George served as a cub master for the Boy Scouts in Belle Vernon and Monongahela and had earned the Scouters Key. He was the assistant district commissioner of the Allegheny Trails Council. In 1986, George met with S/Sgt. Allegood along with three others, to form the Mon Valley Leathernecks. He was a member of the Carroll Legion James C. Ford Post 949 in Dunkirk, the Marine Corps Association in Quantico, VA, a life member of the USMC Motor Transport Association Montford Point, Jacksonville, NC and charter member of both the USMC Heritage Museum in Quantico, VA and the American Indian National Museum in Washington, DC. He was a former member of the Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates. He is survived by his wife, Irene Helmken Leyda with whom he celebrated 58 years of marriage on August 25, 2013; three sons, Lance Leyda and wife Barb of Vanderbilt, Layne Leyda and friend Darlene of Havelock, North Carolina, Elliott "E.B." Leyda and wife Kit of Belle Vernon; one daughter, April Leyda of Monongahela; 6 grandchildren; and sisters &

brothers; In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 4 sisters. Services were held in the Frye Funeral Home, Inc. on May 7, 2014 with the Rev. Dr. Gerald Demarest officiating. Interment followed in Monongahela Cemetery.

**CLAUDE LEE DOVE, SR  
Jan 14, 1937 - May 7, 2014**

Claude Lee Dove, Sr., 77, of Monongahela, died May 7, 2014 in the Golden Living Center, Uniontown. He was born January 14, 1937 in Criders, Virginia, the son of William and Lily Whittig Dove. Claude was a disabled US Army veteran and a member of the Carroll Legion James C. Ford Post 949 of Dunkirk. For many years, he was a constable for the election board in Monongahela. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing ball with his boys. Claude also liked playing euchre with his family and friends. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Mellor Dove with whom he celebrated fifty two years of marriage on September 1, 2013; three sons, Claude and wife Alice Dove, Jr. of Monongahela, Ronald W. and wife Pam Dove of Burleson, Texas, William J. and wife Paula Dove of New Stanton; daughter, Malissa and husband Akira Ito of Beaver; 4 grandchildren; nephew, John Bulboff and wife Julie of Coal Center; 2 brothers and one sister. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister. Services were held in the Frye Funeral Home, Inc. on May 12, 2014 with the Rev. Dr. Gerald Demarest officiating. Interment followed in Monongahela Cemetery.



We appreciate our custodian, Stephanie Woods, who keeps the inside of the church spotless, and all of the volunteers who care for the grounds.

Winter/Spring Snow Removal: Mark Hyslop, D.J. Fogiato, Michael Petrosky, George Lyons, Frank Karnack, Dale Minjock, Ray Worrell, Leo Cialone, Wesley Hyslop, Gabe Cannoni, Gino Cialone, and Gerald Demarest;

Spring/Summer Mowing/Trimming/Planting: Ralph Filipponi, Dale & Audrey Minjock, George Lyons, Kathy Petrosky, Diane Worrell



## YOUTH PLAN MISSION TRIP TO PERU - JULY 5-16

Our youth minister, Rev. Brent Furlong, will be taking four of our youth group members to Peru on a mission trip from July 5-16.

Gino Cialone, Wesley Hyslop, Briana Ryan and Olivia Rusin are doing fundraisers and welcome any donations to help with the cost of their trip. The youth thank the World Outreach Committee for their kind and generous donation toward the trip. If you wish to sponsor a fundraiser or make a donation, please see one of the youth at church, or call Kellie Cialone at 724.379.4518.

## A FEW PICTURES FROM THE PERU TRIP IN FEBRUARY



**Pastor Gerald with Tom & Grace Kahl, Gloria DeStefano & DJ & Sherri Fogiato during the Sending Forth in Worship**



**Arriving at the Airport in Pittsburgh**



**D.J. Fogiato preaching with Pastor Arturo interpreting**



**Sherri Fogiato & Grace Kahl at church**



**Pastor Arturo & Pastor Tom and our group praying over the city of Lima**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES!



### LAURELVIEW CHURCH CAMP

[www.Laurelview.org](http://www.Laurelview.org)

Register at the above website for camp!  
Mail registration forms (or donations) to  
PO Box 488 California, PA 15419  
Monies payable to CCINPA-Laurelview

#### June 2014

22-28: Conference II (enter grades 11-12 or just graduated)  
29-July 2: Mini Camp (enter grades 1-3)

#### July 2014

6-12: Junior Camp (entering grades 4-6)  
13-19: Conference I (enter grades 9-10)  
20-26: Chi Rho (enter grades 7 and 8)

**Cost:** Mini Camp \$125 ; Other Camps \$250



### 10TH ANNUAL PRAISE & WORSHIP IN THE PARK

**AUGUST 8-9-10**

6:00 PM FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT  
NOON-9 PM SATURDAY P&W  
9:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

Invite your friends & family!!

Let DJ Fogiato know if you will help!