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June 2010

Your Session at work

The summer months are not all vacation time for your Session committees. All are preparing for summer and fall programs. Fellowship: in need of summer hosts or co-hosts for coffee hour (instructions are provided) Plans are underway for some exciting fall programs. CED: Summer programs include VBS,

children's summer Sunday School and M.O.M.S. of Faith gatherings and plans for a family ministry program; Outreach: New pictorial directory and an upgraded electronic communications for the fall; Mission: recruiting volunteers for a reading program in Bridgeport; Nominating Committee in the

process of identifying new officers for 2011; HR: planning the Staff Appreciation Sunday on June 6 and reviewing/updating Human Resources manual; Worship: Heritage Sunday and always recruiting lectors and ushers for the summer and fall; S&F: preparing for the Consecrating Stewards program.

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Are You a Good Stigwead?

In Old English, the manager or the keeper was called a "stigwead", which means the keeper of the hall. It was their definition of a steward. In modern dictionaries a steward is defined as one who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs, the supervisor.

We are *God's* stewards. We are the steward's of all the gifts and property and money God has entrusted us to manage to His glory and to the good of our neighbor in gratitude and obedience to Him. We are to spend His wealth - the talents, the time and the money we are given to please Him and

store up our treasures in heaven. Jesus says in Luke 16:12, "And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?" If we aren't faithful managers to what He has given us to supervise in this life, what will we receive in heaven?

Special points of interest:

- Support the Pollitt Fund and the American Chamber Orchestra
- New summer reading for your family
- Women's Association programming
- Heritage Sunday



Celebrating the Greers



*Sunday, June 13
we celebrate
Heritage Sunday
and
Teacher
Appreciation.*

Marion and Henry Greer have been enriching our church family for a wonderfully long time. Marion grew up in Fairfield, and first came to our community through an invitation to sing in the choir in 1950. Marion studied photography in New York City (did you know that we have her to thank for the photo record of our 100th Anniversary celebration?). She went on to study at the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, California, where she met Henry, who had

come from Arizona to study photography as well. Henry and Marion were married at First Presbyterian Church in 1960, and joined our fellowship that same year when Henry took a job at Textron Lycoming as supervisor of their two photographic departments. Little did he know he would work there for 35 years. The Greers have always been professional photographers, and we have been richly

blessed by their gifts over these many years, as they go to great lengths to capture and preserve the special moments and events in the life of our church. Now retired, their passion is traveling in Europe and, of course, taking pictures. Marion and Henry, we say "Congratulations!" and we celebrate with you your 50 years of serving God at First Presbyterian Church!

Musings from the Stacks—Summer Reading

Stop by The Reading Room and see the display of new summer reading books for all ages and interests. There are many new delightful stories both fiction and non-

fiction for children and adults. Two new adult series that will make for enjoyable summer reading are the Beach House Series and the Windows'

Club. They have captivating stories that will keep the reader fascinated and yet they impart Christian themes and morals. The books will be

changed regularly over the summer and new titles added. You are also encouraged to come in and listen and (continued on page 3)



Women's Association News

Strawberry Festival

The Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Featuring our home-

made shortcake, fresh strawberries and real whipped cream. Also available will be hamburgers, cheese-

burgers and hot-dogs with all the trimmings. Please come and visit our jewelry, books, plant, bake sale and craft booths.

All proceeds from the Strawberry Festival benefit the many missions of the Women's Association. Please support their efforts.

Picnic and Bingo Extravaganza

The Women's Association is having their annual picnic and bingo night on Tuesday, June 8 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Food will be provided. Please know that all women of the church are welcome. If you can't come to eat, please

come for bingo. Starting time will be approximately 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Pam Ales at 203-361-2466 by June 6th.

Tag Sale This Fall

The Women's Association will be sponsoring a tag sale where you will be able to rent a table, sell your

wares and keep the proceeds. This is taking the place of the tag sale usually held at the Strawberry Festival.

Please watch for more details. Any questions, please contact Pam Ales at 203-261-2466.

(Summer reading
cont'd from page 2) reflect on Dr. Duffy's sermons in the quiet of The Reading Room. The ser-

mons, as well as music CDs, are available to be used in The Reading Room or to check out for your use at

home. I hope that your summer is abundant with God's blessings and joy.



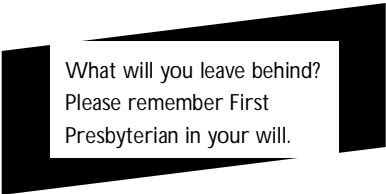
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American Chamber Orchestra Concert

The American Chamber Orchestra under Music Director Christopher James Hisey presents their Spring Concert on Saturday, June 12 at the First Presbyterian Church at 8:00 p.m. Featured on this program will be the three winners of the American Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition for high school students: Connie Zhou, piano, Jefferson Zhang, cello, Michael Kropf, violin. Also on the program will be the Academic Festival Overture by Brahms and the Sibelius Second Symphony. Suggested contribution is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. For additional information, call Ray Weber at 203-255-7661 or visit www.americanchamberorchestra.org. A portion of the proceeds from these orchestra concerts goes to supporting the Pollitt Fund for music at our church.