

**THE FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN
GERMANTOWN**

**SPECIAL DATES
OF
INTEREST:**

•Monday
September 1
Labor Day
Church Closed

•Wednesday
September 3
Session
7:00 PM

•Sunday
September 7
Worship
10:00 AM
Church Barbeque
11:30 AM

•Sunday
September 14
Worship
10:00 AM
Sunday School for
all ages Begins
11:30 AM

•Sunday
September 22
Peace Concert
Keystone State
Boychoir
&
Philadelphia
Sinfonia
4:00 PM

WINDOWS

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SEPTEMBER 2014

The Reverend Dr. Randal Bremer Joins the FPCG Family as Interim Pastor



When Dr. Randal (Randy) Bremer takes the pulpit at The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown for the first time on September 7, he will already be part of the FPCG family.

Not only will his first sermon as Interim Pastor carry the title “All in the Family,” but the service will also be followed by a family-style welcome celebration, the church’s annual barbecue.

His sermon is based on the gospel text for that Sunday (Matthew 18:15-20), Randy explained by email as he and his wife, Donna, settled into their new home in Germantown, just a few blocks from the church.

“The text addresses conflict in the church and provides guidance for dealing with it,” he said. “The emphasis will be on keeping the family together in conflicted times.”

Randy, whose ministry with us begins on September 1, brings extensive gifts and talents to First Church. He has experience in staff development, pastoral care, Biblical scholarship, church leadership, and conflict resolution. He has also taught Scripture and theology all over the world, including Haiti, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Norway, Chile, Russia, Ukraine, Greece, and Turkey.

“My thoughts as I begin as Interim at FPCG are a

conflicted jumble of excitement and trepidation,” Randy said. “The interim search committee was very clear about the need for healing and reconciliation in the congregation and the challenges that this position will entail.

“What drew me to the position is FPCG’s commitment to diversity and finding unity in the shared worship of God through Jesus Christ. Very few congregations have had the courage to attempt embracing the good news that the Kingdom of God is made up of people from every tribe, tongue, and nation, whose unity is centered in the Lamb.

“I am in the last segment of my full-time ministry; being an instrument of God’s peace in such a visionary church would be a significant and satisfying way to write the last chapter.”

Randy was ordained in 1975, after obtaining his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, and in 1990 he earned his doctorate

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Financial Report

2014 Pledge Goal
\$350,000

Pledge to July 31
\$181,276

Expenses as of July 31
Budget
\$481,876

Actual
\$397,056

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Community Outreach

August

Urban Resources
Development Corp.
\$1,000.00

Whosoever
Gospel Mission
\$2,500.00

September

Germantown Avenue
Crisis Ministry
\$2,750.00

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Challenge Offerings

June

supporting
FPCG Deacons
raised \$838.00

July

supporting
My Way
raised \$413.00

The Reverend Dr. Randal Bremer

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from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va. His ministry has called him to a variety of churches, ranging from rural Parkesburg, Pa., to urban Richmond, Va., to suburban Virginia Beach, Va., his most recent church, where he served as Interim Pastor.

Despite his busy schedule, he finds time for other interests. He is a very proficient woodworker, for instance, and built a timber-frame home along the James River in Virginia, where he also has a cabinet shop. (The house and lower floor of the shop are rented now, as woodworking will be

limited during his stay in Germantown.) And he's also a sports fan, especially college sports.

"When I lived in southeastern Pennsylvania from 1975 to 1987, I followed the Philadelphia teams, and have fond memories of the success of the 76ers with Dr. J, Moses Malone and company," he recalled. "The Phillies were playing excellent ball then with Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, and Pete Rose. My kids attended a number of games growing up, and have continued their passion. They are excited about our move here and plan to take in some

games."

Donna and Randy, who have been married for seven years, each brings three grown children to their blended family, with a total of seven grandchildren. Although most live in the United States, Randy's son Nate lives in Ethiopia with his Norwegian wife Gunnhild, and they are soon to relocate to Norway; and Donna's son Matt and his partner Lenna live in Ireland.

The family dog, Sammy, is an 11-year-old mixed terrier who will join Donna and Randy in Germantown.

PRESBYTERIAN
PEACEMAKING
PROGRAM

GIVE the gift of **PEACE.**

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering is our Challenge Offering recipient for the month of October. Without a doubt, our world is in need of peace. On our streets and in our communities, within our households and in our relationships, within groups and between factions, among nations and

within the whole global community, we need peace. Stark reminders of our need for peace confront us every day, calling us to act and inviting us to engage in the work and witness of peacemaking. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering provides a concrete way for all of us to contribute to the work of

peacemaking. A portion of the offering goes to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a portion goes to the Presbytery of Philadelphia and a portion remains here at The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. "Peace I Leave with you; my peace I give to you." (John 14:27)

Church Picnic/Barbeque

Church Picnic/Barbeque

Sunday, September 7



Immediately following Worship

Come out to our wonderful annual barbeque! Donations of salads, desserts or fruit would be appreciated.

Any donated food items may be left at the kitchen window the morning of September 7.

We know that with your help this event be a great success.

Thank you, The Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee.



SECOND ANNUAL PEACE DAY CONCERT PRESENTED BY

Keystone State Boychoir
Joseph Fitzmartin, Music Director, Steven M. Fisher, Director
&

Philadelphia Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra
Gary D. White, Music Director and Conductor

The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown

Sunday, September 21, 2014

4:00 PM—5:30 PM

No tickets required — A free will offering will be taken

People are Singing and Bells are Ringing

Consider joining one of our choirs this fall and become part of our musical family.

Chancel Choir leads the music at Sunday morning worship services. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 8:45AM and most Sundays after worship from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The Chancel Choir will resume Sunday, September 7, with the warm-up rehearsal beginning at 8:45 AM.

The Gospel Choir welcomes new Director Sara Carter Blanford

this Fall. Sara's formal music education was as a vocal performance major at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte North Carolina. Many of you will recognize Sara from worship. She was the music teacher for Freedom School this past summer and was also the soloist for worship on August 24. The Gospel Choir sings once a month for worship. Rehearsals will begin Thursday, September 18, 2014, from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM in the choir loft.

Children's Choir rehearses each Sunday morning after the worship service at 11:10 AM and sings once a month on Celebration Sunday. This year this choir will also perform a children's musical at the Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 13.

Voices-in-Bronze is an adult handbell group. No prior ringing experience is necessary, but rudimentary knowledge of music notation would be helpful. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:45 PM

until 8:45 PM Rehearsals for the Fall season will begin Thursday, September 25.

Germantown Oratorio Choir: rehearses Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM and will begin rehearsals for the Messiah Tuesday, November 4.

For more information about any of the choirs, contact David Daugherty at 215-843-8811, extension 11.



SEPTEMBER FLEA MARKET TRIP



Our semi-annual trip to Rice's Outdoor Flea Market will be in the morning Saturday, September 20, with lunch and window shopping in New Hope to follow in the afternoon. At Rice's Market vendors come from all around to sell their new and used goods which may include antiques and collecti-

bles, jewelry, clothing, handbags, household goods, plants, fresh fruits & vegetables, etc.

Since we will be using the church bus, space is limited, so sign up by contacting Debra Gary, Marney Hague, or by calling the church office at 215-843-8811, Ext. 12

Freedom School 2014



What a wonderful world it would be if all children could experience the love, joy and adventure that we call Freedom School! I am awed by the memory that just five summers ago there was a question regarding our ability to transition our traditional summer camp into a literacy-focused program that would help stem the learning loss all children experience during the summer. With God's grace and your support, the program began. This summer Freedom School served 58 children representing 33 households. Everyday began with a Read Aloud guest reading to the scholars. At the end of July, 25 books had been enjoyed during Harambee. After the enthusiastic daily opening program, scholars broke into small

groups to enjoy IRC.

IRC represents the Integrated Reading Curriculum, the cornerstone of the CDF Freedom Schools® Program. It is three hours of focused learning led by a Servant Leader Intern (SLI) who engages children in books and activities that celebrate a wide variety of cultures and focus on the theme, *"I Can Make a Difference: in Myself, My Family, Community, Country, World and with Hope, Education and Action."*

In addition to books heard during Harambee, in IRC Level 1 & 2 children, grades K – 5, have read an additional 25 books. Level 3, those in grades 6-8 read an additional 5 books. The last fifteen minutes of IRC, Drop Every Thing and Read (DEAR) time provided oppor-

tunity for scholars to read additional books of their choice

Bible study was also a valuable tool for foundation building as we helped scholars discern God's plan and purpose for their lives. This summer the biblical focus was on *The God Who Works Wonders!* Based on our overall theme of Psalm 77:14a, *"You are the God who works wonders."* During Bible study scholars met Biblical characters who used what they had to produce something amazing with God. Texts reviewed included The story of Esther, The Book of Esther; Rebuilding the Lord's House, Ezra 3:8-13; Feeding the 5000, John 6:1-13; Walking the Emmaus Road, Luke 24:13-32.

Field trips, swimming, assemblies, college tours and other activities were part of this awesome summer where children enjoyed summer learning and summer fun! —Eileen Jones





CROSSROADS ANTIRACISM ORGANIZING & TRAINING

DISMANTLING RACISM, BUILDING RACIAL JUSTICE IN INSTITUTIONS

2.5 Days of Intensive Training

LEARN, REFLECT AND BE TRANSFORMED

October 11-13, 2014

Engage in discussions, learning and reflection that have the potential to inspire and transform you.

This is a professional and personal development training session that goes beyond traditional diversity or sensitivity training which often remains politically correct and leaves difficult and essential reflection untouched. This training — conducted by Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training group — focuses on the systems of institutionalized racism that underpin the context of our daily existence, the way we live, move and have our being. This training will help equip us with the ability to recognize and address subversive forms of racism that exist both intentionally out in the open and unconsciously under the radar and out of the public spotlight of our institutions, including churches, schools, and workplaces. This workshop provides the tools to better understand the causes of institutional abuse of power and to better address the abuses in every organization in which we participate.

The time commitment required for this weekend workshop is significant. Registrants are expected to attend all three days. However, participants can gain more energy, skills and life lessons than the time and energy spent. The Crossroads' analysis of institutional racism launches us on a course of life action that, while difficult, is aligned with the Gospel and is positive, honest and hopeful.

The price of the event is \$60.00 (meals are included)

Days	Times	Meals Included
Saturday, Oct 11th	9am - 6pm	Breakfast & Lunch
Sunday, Oct 12th	1pm - 9pm	Lunch & Dinner
Monday, Oct 13th	9am - 12:30pm	Breakfast & Lunch

Fall Camping Trip at Hickory Run State Park

Because of weather, our summer camping trip had to be moved to the fall, September 26-28. Please join us as we spend Friday night to Sunday afternoon in the woods, on the trails, and at the beach (if the weather is still warm enough). If you don't have camping equipment but still would like to go, talk to Christian Heyer-Rivera as the church has some extra tents.

Records Update

The church office is updating its records.

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, please let us know.

You can update your information one of three ways:

1. Send us an email at FPCG.Germantown@gmail.com
2. Call Jo Ann Brownlee in the church office at 215-843-8811, Extension 12.
3. Fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate at a worship service or send it to us through the U.S. Postal system.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ () Unlisted in the FPCG Directory

Phone (Cell) _____ () Unlisted in the FPCG Directory

Email _____ () Unlisted in the FPCG Directory

Birthday—Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Please respond by Friday, September 26, 2014

An updated church directory will be available in a printed as well as electronic version by
Sunday, October 5, 2014

The Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry (GACM)

Relocation Project

By the time you are reading this issue, construction started and will nearly be completed! After processing the final hurdles for the renovation approvals to obtain the city building permit, it was granted July 18. Construction began on July 28 and in the past five weeks has progressed successfully. Many materials, especially those made specifically for this project, were received on time. As many of you witnessed, the areas of construction in those portions of the church were “off limits” for safety reasons. Although there may have been some added noise and dust we can all agree that “Short term inconvenience leads to long term gains!”

Another key aspect of the project is raising funds to cover part of the costs. A letter was sent to all members and friends in late June explaining the needs and goals for the project. This letter also told how you can help provide financial support.

It is encouraging that we have received so many early responders who have already pledged their financial support. *Sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who have stepped up and made their commitment.* Additional news regarding the status of this support will be provided during the upcoming months.

Time is of the essence for making your financial commitment to this project. The short duration means that payments for the work will be due soon. Your support will ensure that the necessary funds will be available. It is hoped that this campaign will meet its goal and the results known by the end of September.

For those who need them, there are pledge support forms on the literature table. Your completed forms can be returned to the church office to the attention of Lois Nafziger.

Please prayerfully consider, and then commit,
to how your pledge of support to this project will help sustain
and grow this vital ministry and mission at

The Church at the Crossroads.

Apple Picking Saturday, October 4

Barnard's Orchard in Kennett Square

Thinking how good apple pie, apple sauce, apple donuts, apple jam, and apple pizza would taste this fall! Come spend an afternoon with other members of our congregation as we pick, eat, and walk/run through an orchard together finding various choices of fruits! Call Christian Heyer-Rivera at 267-972-5662 to reserve a spot.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN'S 2013 FINANCIAL MISSION

This is the second of several articles detailing the First Church's financial commitment to Outreach and Mission. Each month *Windows* shows the amount of funds that have been provided to various community organizations. Although this information is important, it only provides a snapshot of First Church's commitment to outreach and mission. Below is a summary of the Community Grants which were awarded in 2013.

2013 Community Grants

GACM	11,000
Northwest Interfaith Hospitality Network	5,000
Center in the Park	5,000
Whosoever Gospel Mission	5,000
Presby's Inspired Life	5,000
Breakthrough of Greater Philadelphia	4,500
Reading Buddies, Inc.	2,500
Crossroads Women's Center	2,500
Urban Resources Development Corporation	2,500
Why Not Prosper	2,000
My Place	1,000
Total	46,000

Community Grants are awarded by the Mission and Outreach Committee. Through advertising, the Committee requests applications from possible grant recipients. The Committee verifies the needs of each application and determines the amount of the grant based on the amount requested. The total amount of grants is based on funds allocated in the Church's budget for the year.

Members of the Committee are: Sherry Archer (Chair), Gloria Bethea, Rosy Walkenhorst, John Roberts, Sara Greene, Larry Elliott, Irene Overton, Veda Gibbs, Eileen Jones is the staff person.

These grants are only one of the many programs First Church supports Outreach and Mission. Last month's *Windows* detailed the 2013 Challenge Offerings which were \$10,768. The sum of these two programs was \$56,768. Watch for next month's issue of *Windows* for additional First Church Outreach and Mission programs.



September

<p>1 Erika Littles Wayne Swift</p> <p>2 D'Wayne Robinson</p> <p>4 Roger Miller</p> <p>6 Marlene Simmons</p> <p>7 Ruth Cato</p> <p>8 Robert Cato</p> <p>9 Don Carlin</p> <p>10 Howard Tyrrell</p> <p>12 Frances Smith</p> <p>14 Jade Bass Ann Reisse</p>	<p>15 Joyce Singer Rosemary Williams</p> <p>16 Polly Montaigne</p> <p>18 Martin Lagunsad</p> <p>19 Filomena Santos Sol Williams</p> <p>21 Lisa Panetta</p> <p>24 Debra Gary</p> <p>25 Brian Harris Melissa Miller Bernice Roundtree</p> <p>27 Lisa Martin</p> <p>29 Jayne Dambman</p>
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Christian Education News

Loving and Faithful Adult & High School Students Needed in our Sunday School classrooms

Please consider volunteering to assist or teach in one of our Sunday School classes for young people. Minimum commitment is one Sunday a month (one hour class with one hour prep needed). Maximum commitment is two Sundays a month (two-one hour classes and one hour of prep each class). Such a small commitment of your time and energy can be so rewarding to both the students and to you. Not only will you explore the Scriptures for yourself as you prep and teach, but you will also get to know some of our young people and their families better. Our kids need and deserve our best. Please consider joining the supportive team of adults within our congregation who, with the help of God, are building strong and meaningful faith in our most precious resource, our children.

Adult Volunteers Needed; CE Committee seeks to change Youth Group format

After years of having elementary, middle, and high school youth groups meet on separate Fridays from one another once or twice a month, the CE Committee is looking to have all ages meet on the same two Fridays a month with age appropriate small group breakout sessions. This change would take place after the New Year. We'd like to have a group meal at each youth group time, a large group time with worship and discussion as well as small group breakout sessions and gym time for each age group. Will you help to make this happen? We need adults to lead in the following roles:

- Meal Preparation
- Large Group worship leaders (singers, drum, guitar, piano, bass players)
- Large Group discussion leaders
- Small Group leaders for Elementary, Middle and High School breakout groups
- Group Game leaders and Gym supervisors

Please see Christian Heyer-Rivera
to become a part of the team that will minister to our young people in this new and exciting way!

Sunday School Begins September 14

As our Sunday school year kicks off, please plan to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, their friends, and yourself to the classes we offer. Give your loved ones and their friends the weekly opportunity to be: reminded of God's love for them, challenged to listen and obey God's voice, explore their God-given gifts and learn how they can join God in putting them to work for a better world, and experience the support and encouragement of other children and teachers who are striving to live faithful, grateful, and kingdom focused lives.

Disciples Basketball



This summer our congregation's basketball program, The Disciples, placed two teams in a summer league run by Ardmore Avenue Community Center. The league was very competitive, attracting teams throughout the city. Most of the teams were either public high school teams playing together in the summer or Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) teams that used the league to prepare for traveling tournaments. We are humbled that for the last three years we have been one of the few church-sponsored teams invited to play in the league.

Our 15-and-under team had just come off a championship in our

church winter league, and this was the first time they had played in this particular summer league. They were hungry for a more competitive league and they were not disappointed in that regard. We held practice throughout the month of June and July once a week in the late afternoon on Sundays and had a league game each week. We started with 14 boys participating. The season was difficult in that we were the only team that didn't have a single player over six feet in height. Being a small team made winning difficult, but although wins were hard to come by, our team was still very competitive every game we played with more than

half of our games coming within a basket or two of victory.

Our 19-and-under team, has played in this particular league for three years now and was eager to make a run at the championship. We proved to be a tough team to beat in the league and handed defeats to a few teams who were undefeated before facing us. In the end, we were eliminated in the playoffs by a team that we had gone into double overtime with during the regular season.

While we didn't bring home a championship for either team, the relationships we established with our players were invaluable and we look forward to having the opportunity to support these young men for years to come. It is our program's goal that the boys and young men who continue to participate in our program know that we as a congregation care about each of them, not for their athletic skill or their ability to help us win, but because each of

them is a child of God. Pray for our church's basketball program: that God would put power to the love we show and the witness of faith we share so we might help these young people in our community understand their worth. It is our hope that each of them knows with certainty that they are loved by Jesus Christ, and place their hope in a God who wants to do great things in their lives.

A special thanks to our coaching staff this past summer. Thank God for Val Crawford and Tim Robinson as they were such a huge gift to our program. Pray as well for these men of faith, thanking God for their generosity in time and asking God to continue to build them up in the faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ!



Another Graduation for Delores Solomon

FPCG members Rossie Gardenhire, Gloria Patterson, Herb Henze, and Sam Whyte, along with staff Heidi Mercado-Littles and the Rev. Mr. Kevin Porter, joined with friends and family members, including grandson Valient Solomon, in celebrating with Delores Solomon at her graduation ceremony on July 10 when she received her diploma in Temple University's

"Bridge to Healthcare" program. This was Delores' second commencement in a year.

The "Bridge to Healthcare," a program in Temple's Center for Social Policy & Community Development, provides the student with a background for employment in the Health Information field. The intensive program of academic enrichment and technology literacy

is geared toward preparing the students for obtaining their Nationally-Registered-Certified Administrative Health Assistant credentials.

Delores, as a representative of her division of the program, was one of the speakers at the ceremony. During her talk, she acknowledged the value and support of her church.

The Connections among the Children of God

During the worship service on Sunday, July 20, in introducing the hymn "This Is My Father's World," Rev. Porter spoke of the "connections among the children of God." The connection in this instance was that the composer of the music for the hymn, Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), was the father of a former member of FPCG: Howard Holbrook Sheppard (1911-1999).

The elder Sheppard lived at 229 W. Harvey Street and was the manufacturer of stoves and heating equipment, a company founded by his father. He later moved to Baltimore and became a member of the Second Presbyterian Church there. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he was the valedic-

torian for the class of 1872 and later served as President of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work. He adapted the words of "This Is My Father's World" to a traditional English melody, "Terra Beata," ("Beautiful Nature") and included the hymn in the song book he edited for children, "Alleluia," published by the Presbyterian Board.

Son Howard was a sales engineer for electrical equipment and lived at 410 West Walnut Lane. He and his wife retired to a retirement community in Blue Bell; he died in 1999 and is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Still another connection to FPCG is

through the writer of the words of the hymn, the Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), who was the minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Lockport, New York, not far from Niagara Falls, where he was a keen observer and lover of his "Father's World." In 1899, he became the pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City succeeding the Rev. Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), who was born in Germantown while his father, the Rev. Henry Jackson Van Dyke (1822-1891), was serving as minister of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown.

MAPLEWOOD MALL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DESIGN & ENGINEERING PHASE



Tues. September 9, 2014 | 7-8.30pm
Draft Alternative Presentation & Listening Session

- > TRAFFIC, PARKING, & CIRCULATION
- > LANDSCAPE, MATERIALS, & PUBLIC ART

First Presbyterian Church 35 West Cheltenham Avenue

Bus Routes 23, 26, 65, H, J, K, XH
Chestnut Hill East & West Lines

On- and Off-street
Parking Available



information

The City of Philadelphia is in the process of a reconstruction of Maplewood Mall's roadway and plazas. The City seeks to go beyond just a bricks and mortar reconstruction of the street and engage in a "placemaking" project. The goal is to provide a design that will create a framework for the reinvention of the Mall into a vibrant and successful urban space.

Contact:
Matt Wysong
215.683.4650

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Words, Words, Words!

At one time, there were no written languages; all communication was oral. Even today, there are spoken languages for which there are no writing systems. Movable type and the printing press opened the door to universal literacy, spelling became standardized and books could be mass-produced (hundreds of books instead of the millions of books being printed today). Just in time for the students' return to school, this month's column focuses on the written word—books and book-making, alphabets, printing, libraries, and reading. Asterisks mark books for advanced or older readers.

Happy Reading!
Deborah Thompson

Children's Book Spot



Grades K-5

Fiction

- Bunting, Eve. *The Wednesday Surprise*.
Illustrated by Donald Carrick. Clarion, 1989.
- Cotton, Cynthia. *The Book Boat's In*.
Illustrated by Frané Lessac. Holiday House, 2013.
- Elvgren, Jennifer Riesmeyer. *Josias, Hold the Book*.
Illustrated by Nicole Tadgell. Boyds Mills, 2006.
- Mora, Pat. *Book Fiesta! Celebrating Children's Book Day*.
Illustrated by Rafael Lopez. Rayo, 2009.
- Robertson, Bruce. *Marguerite Makes a Book*. Pictures by Kathryn Hewitt.
Getty Trust Publications/J. Paul Getty Museum, 1999.
- Saint-Lot, Kalia Novet. *Amadi's Snowman*.
Illustrated by Mliss Dimitrea Tokundo. Tilbury, 2008.
- Tuck, Pamela. *As Fast as Words Could Fly*.
Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Lee & Low, 2013.

Nonfiction

- Aliki. *How a Book is Made*. HarperCollins, 1988.
- Cummins, Julie. *The Inside-Outside Book of Libraries*.
Illustrated by Roxie Munroe. Dutton, 1996.
- Ferris, Jeri Chase. *Noah Webster and His Words*.
Illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch. Houghton Mifflin, 2012.
- Krensky, Stephen. *Breaking into Print*.
Illustrated by Bonnie Christensen. Little Brown, 1996.*
- Oppenheim, Joanne. *Dear Miss Breed: True Stories of the Japanese American Incarceration during World War II and a Librarian Who Made a Difference*. Scholastic, 2006.*
- Pinborough, Jan. *Miss Moore Thought Otherwise: How Anne Carroll Moore Created Libraries for Children*.
Illustrated by Debbie Atwell. Houghton Mifflin, 2013.
- Rosenstock, Barbara. *Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library*.
Illustrated by John O'Brien. Calkins Creek, 2013.
- Rumford, James. *From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World*.
Flash Point, 2012.
- Rumford, James. *Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing*.
Houghton Mifflin, 2004.
- Ruurs, Margriet. *My Librarian is a Camel*. Boyds Mills, 2005.

September 2014

1 Monday

Labor Day
Church Closed

2 Tuesday

9:30 am Classic Towns

3 Wednesday

2:45 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Keystone State Boychoir
7:00 pm Session

4 Thursday

6:00 pm Keystone State Boychoir

5 Friday

3:30 pm Drop-in-Center
6:30 pm Elementary School Youth Group

6 Saturday

8:15 am Keystone State Boychoir
9:00 am Open Gym
9:30 am Congregational Development and Fellowship

7 Sunday

8:45 am Chancel Choir
10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Picnic/Barbecue

8 Monday

9 Tuesday

7:00 pm City Planning Meeting

10 Wednesday

2:45 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Keystone State Boychoir
6:30 pm Christian Education Committee
6:30 pm GACM Board Meeting

11 Thursday

6:00 pm Keystone State Boychoir

12 Friday

3:30 pm Drop-in-Center
6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group

13 Saturday

8:15 am Keystone State Boychoir
9:00 am Open Gym

14 Sunday

8:45 am Chancel Choir
10:00 am Worship Service
11:10 am Children's Choir
11:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am Adult Bible Study
11:30 am Chancel Choir
1:00 pm IHN Moves in

15 Monday

16 Tuesday

4:00 pm NA Meeting

17 Wednesday

2:45 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Keystone State Boychoir
7:00 pm Property Committee

18 Thursday

6:00 pm Keystone State Boychoir
6:00 pm Administration and Finance Committee
6:15 pm Gospel Choir
7:45 pm Voices in Bronze

19 Friday

3:30 pm Drop-in-Center
6:30 pm High School Youth Group

20 Saturday

8:00 am Shopping Trip
Rice's Outdoor Market
8:15 am Keystone State Boychoir
9:00 am Open Gym

21 Sunday

8:45 am Chancel Choir
10:00 am Worship Service
11:10 am Children's Choir
11:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am Adult Bible Study
11:30 am Chancel Choir

22 Monday

23 Tuesday

6:30 pm Reconciliation Committee

24 Wednesday

2:45 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Keystone State Boychoir
6:30 pm Mission and Outreach

25 Thursday

6:00 pm Keystone State Boychoir
6:15 pm Gospel Choir
7:45 pm Voices in Bronze

26 Friday

3:30 pm FPCG Camping Trip
Drop-in-Center

27 Saturday

8:15 am FPCG Camping Trip
9:00 am Keystone State Boychoir
9:00 am Reader's Choice
Open Gym

28 Sunday

8:45 am FPCG Camping Trip
Chancel Choir
10:00 am Worship Service
11:10 am Children's Choir
11:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am Adult Bible Study
11:30 am Chancel Choir
11:30 am Deacons' Meeting

29 Monday

30 Tuesday

6:00 pm Community Meeting
"The State of Germantown"



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Athletes in Action-August Challenge Offering

Athletes in Action (AIA) is the recipient of our August Challenge Offering. AIA wants to help fulfill Christ's Great Commission; their goal is to reach the sportsmen for Christ and train them how to share their faith with others. Christ told his followers to go to all the world with the Good News. This means not only every country and people group but every segment of society. Our church has supported this missionary work done by Carl Dambman with AIA for many years. From time to time Carl has visited us to relate his work. Carl recently gave this email update:

"If you ever doubted that sport ministry is a growing movement across the globe—there are over

150 countries where outreaches and trainings are taking place. When Noreen and I moved to Austria in 1979, sport ministry was developed in the USA with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Athletes In Action (AIA) leading the way. It was just starting in England and Germany with Christians In Sport (CIS) and Sportler Ruft Sportler (SRS). AIA helped open sport ministry in the Soviet Bloc using a small band of American wrestlers. In most of the rest of the world sport ministry did not exist or was at a very small beginning stage. Thirty-five years later, Noreen and I are able to encourage and mentor many of the on-the-

ground sports leaders in Europe and around the world. In July we were again in South Africa with 20-25 leaders for 12 weeks. Please pray for God to work in the over 150 countries and for us to stay connected with those we know in these countries. We appreciate your partnership. Also, during the recent World Cup of Soccer, thousands of outreaches took place in over 100 countries."

Your support of Carl's work has been excellent for the past several years – please ensure this important work continues with your generous contribution to the extended August Challenge Offering.

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