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Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 25th of the month.
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection September 25th
- Annual Pig Roast coming up October 15th
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Good Day and Happy Fall!!!

I for one am looking forward to some cooler temperatures and fall colors. With the beginning of school it seems as though schedules suddenly become more full. With that said, please, please, please take note of any and all deadlines.

There are many to look for, from donation deadlines, ticket sales, articles for upcoming editions of Alive, etc. Deadlines are there as our friends, not as a hassle. Those responsible for planning events, coordinating donations, and publishing newsletters, etc. need time to do their jobs to the best of their abilities. Also, when all those participating in any of the events hand in all needed info/supplies, it makes for a wonderful outcome.

It also helps to make those responsible feel good about the time and effort that they put forth. Sometimes it seems like no one is listening or cares about the outcome, so nothing is handed in or donated. You can feel foolish producing something that has little content/information/participation.

I know that I for one will greatly appreciate receiving information for the bulletin/calendar/Alive. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and assistance.

Regards—Holly Keys
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Mission Report

Although the Mission Team did not conduct a meeting during the month of August, we have been busy working on projects already started, and having discussions on possible ones for the future.

On two Sundays, Rev. Dr. David Simmons, provided interesting videos, relating to mission, which were viewed in the coziness of the chapel. David also researched and planned the worship portion for several of the other Sundays since we are presently without a full time worship leader.

During the month of August, we conducted a drive for school supplies for the local school. 2 large plastic totes containing pencils, paper, notebooks, erasers, glue sticks, folders, etc. were taken to school on Aug. 29. Several families will be notified by the school and will be able to select needed items to include in their school supply list. Anyone who still wishes to participate in this project, can leave their donation and we will see that it is taken to school.

Remember to SAVE THE DATE OF SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 for our annual Pig Roast. Bob and Glenda Wilcox will again be cooking the pork on the front lawn, and we will be asking the congregation to help supply some of the other dishes. This and the Christmas Cookie Sale are the two fundraisers that provide funding for our various mission projects. We thank everyone who supports these projects.

4 Cents a Meal is still collected on the fourth Sunday. One half of the amount collected is sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and the other half is used locally for food projects.

We are not planning to participate in Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year; however, if anyone desires to fill a shoebox, we will see that they are taken to the Glens Falls distribution center. Our plan is to co-operate with the school and adopt a local family or two, and perhaps purchase something special for a homebound senior citizen. Any suggestions will be welcome. You can contact one of the Mission Team members: Neal Rea, Steve Burgess, Marilyn Hanby, Charlie Perry, Helen and David Simmons, Amy Thetford, Arna Thibeau or Dolores Phaneuf.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday night, Sept. 9 at 7:00 at the home of Dolores Phaneuf. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Dolores Phaneuf

Scriptures

Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in September will come from the following readings:

September 4th	Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
September 11th	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14:1-7 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
September 18th	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 7:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 15:1-10
September 25th	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

"Handmade and Homegrown With Love"... With all the talent that our church family holds, let's put together a basket to be raffled off at the Spaghetti Dinner and raffle for AJ Goddard. The dinner and raffle will be held September 17th at the Methodist church. Items included could be knitted wares, home canned goods, handmade yarns, small quilted table runners, photographs, whatever makes you soar!! Let's show this wonderful family some down home love! If this sounds like fun to you, contact Amy Thetford and she'll get a collection area going. All donations needed by **Sunday, September 11th!!**

Newsletter Articles

Please get the information for any and all of the exciting activities that will occur the month of October to Holly Keys
(holly.keys@aol.com or call 854-3975 before 8 pm or drop something in her box in the business office at the church (just let her know its there)) by Sunday, September 25th. Thank you!!!

Christian Nurture

VBS 2016

Vacation Bible School utilized Answers' Ocean Commotion as a basic framework for a Noah's Ark based curriculum. After editing many portions of the material, we were able to give a fun-filled, energetic program to the youth of our community. We opted for a morning program which allowed for more volunteers to join the fun. In all, we served a total of 13 children throughout the week, with one 'extra' child on the last day. Total cost of the program was approximately \$455. At the end of July, Mission had received \$332.42 in donations for VBS. We received many donated items to the program as well, especially food for snacks each day. God is good! A presentation, including a slideshow and music (along with, you guessed it, food!!), was made to the church during our 5th Sunday service at the end of July. This allowed for all members to experience what a truly uplifting, joyful time VBS was this year. As a follow-up and continued outreach, thank you cards, photo discs, and music cds were also given to the children who attended several weeks after the program concluded. Extra music cds were purchased. If anyone is interested in receiving a disc of the music, see Amy Thetford.

Faith Filled Fridays

Just a brief message about FFF, as we are still in the planning stages for this year's program. Due to Amy's time constraints of having 2 jobs, 3 kids, a husband's business (and a husband!), and the overall household to run, we have opted to run the program once a month instead of every Friday. We will be making a calendar which will be handed out to the kids to keep on their fridge for easy reference. We are looking at the first meeting date to be Friday Sept 23rd or the 30th. As always, food and snack donations would be graciously accepted! We'll keep you posted as things progress!

Submitted by Amy Thetford

Birthdays/Anniversaries

September Birthday's

1st Elsie Jackson
7th Valerie Roche
8th John Rea
13th Clara Thetford
15th David Simmons
17th Grace Sheldon
18th Jessica Barrett

September Anniversaries

23rd Scott & Amy Thetford

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: _____

Cause for joy or concern: _____

You name (optional): _____

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Line Dancing 9:30am	2	3
4 Rev Lois Wolfe Worship 10am	5 LABOR DAY Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	6	7 Adult Crafts 10 am	8 Line Dancing 9:30am	3 Mission Team Mtg 7pm	10
11 Rev jim Gerling Nat'l Grandparents Day Worship 10am	12 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	13 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	14 Session 7pm	15 Line Dancing 9:30am	16 Cub Scout Lego Night 6pm	17
18 Roger Ellis, DVM Worship 10am Worship & Music 11:30	19 Deacons Mtg 12:30 pm Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	20 WIC Clinic 9am-3:30pm Choir Rehearsal 9 am	21 Soup & Sandwich Luncheon 11:30 am	22 Line Dancing 9:30am	23	24
25 Lay Preacher Harry Booth Worship 10am 4 Cents a Meal	26 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	27 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	28	29 Line Dancing 9:30am	30	

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At First United Presbyterian Church:

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!

Service begins at 10 AM

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**Service Schedule for
September 2016**

Elder of the Month: Helen Simmons

Sunday, September 4th

Reader: Jane Barron

Coffee Time: Ruth Ihne
Marie Bell

Sunday, September 11th

Reader: Nancy Bardwell

Coffee Time: Valerie Roche

Sunday, September 18th

Reader: Diane Jilek

Coffee Time: Dolores Phaneuf
Norma & Jean Skellie

Sunday, September 25th

Reader: Sylvia Graham

Coffee Time: Kay Tomasi
Jane & Tom Keys