

Summer Coloring Page



The First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, Pa.

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Living the Faith for Now and the Future

More than a month ago I went to Boy Scout Troop 3's Red and White Banquet. It's an annual dinner and program for the Scouts and their families that celebrates the Troop over the past year. And every year the same thing always amazes me. On the one hand you have a handful of 10-and 11-year-old boys who are new to the Troop. Most have a hard time even sitting still for the brief program. And on the other hand you have the older boys who have been part of Troop 3 for 5 or 6 years. And those older boys used to be just like the younger boys. But over the years the older boys have learned and practiced the Scout Law. They have learned and practiced being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, and cheerful. They have built character. They have become leaders.

And that's really the point of Scouting, isn't it? When the days in Scouting come to an end, those qualities don't come to an end. Rather those young men have had a soul shaped, and they carry those qualities forward into adult life; to school, jobs, marriage, raising a family, being part of a community. The experience in Scouting prepares them for what comes next, whatever comes next.

It's the same, and even more so, with Christian faith. Jesus has been raised, and so shall we be raised. It's the victory of God over sin and death for us all. Therefore the lives we build, the way we live, the character we form matters. Life, new life, eternal life, it all matters to God. And that Christian character will somehow be carried forward into eternal life. In the mystery of the resurrection and God's eternity, we will be personally who we are, just as the risen Christ was personally Jesus. It doesn't end. The good ways of living the faith will become part of who we will be. Maybe that's some of what Jesus had in mind when he said "the wise person builds on the rock, and not the sand." (Matthew 7:24-27)

After All These Years, Still "Building,"
Glenn

Summer 2026 Preaching and Worship Schedule

June

- 7 Acts 1:1-11. Dr. Crooks preaching.
14 Name Tag Sunday. Acts 2:1-47
21 **Summer Worship Begins. 10:00AM in Fellowship Hall.** Acts 3:1-16. Ordination and Installation #1.
28 Graduate Sunday. Ordination and Installation #2. Acts 4:32-5:6.

July

- 5 Acts 6:8-8:1a
12 Name Tag Sunday. Acts 8:26-40. Dr. Crooks preaching.
19 Ice Cream Sunday. Acts 9:1-22. Dr. Crooks preaching.
26 Youth Mission Sunday. Acts 10:1-48.

August

- 2 Acts 12:24-13:12.
9 Name Tag Sunday. Acts 15:1-35. Dr. Crooks preaching.
16 Summer Communion Sunday. Acts 16:1-40.
23 Acts 19:1-41.
30 Acts 21:27-22:29.

September

- 6 Labor Day Sunday. Acts 25:13-26:32. Dr. Crooks preaching.
13 Mission Sunday. Mission Team leads worship. Name Tag Sunday.
20 Acts 27:1-44.
27 Acts 28:1-31.

Summer Worship Notes

Summer worship begins June 21st. Worship will move to 10:00AM in Fellowship Hall with a/c. The style is once again more casual. Worship in Fellowship Hall also means we will be using a little digital projection. We are pleased to have two very good and different places for worship, the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Name Tag Sunday will be the second Sunday of the month during the summer. The worship attendance at 1st has gradually changed over the past 4-5 years. With name tags we can learn some new names and better extend hospitality to each other.

Mission Corner



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me."—Mathew 25:40

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BLOCK PARTY EVENT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 25, FROM 5 TO 7 PM at the lot that 1st Church maintains as part of the Lots to Love Program on the corner of Fifth and Fullerton. Several 1st Church members will be preparing and serving freshly grilled food and providing activities for kids as well as fun and fellowship for all. Please come mingle with 1st Church members and meet some of our nearby neighbors. We are investigating parking opportunities close to the lot. If that does not pan out, the plan is to make the Barnabus available at the church parking lot to shuttle people there and back.

The Lots to Love Program began as a Tax Credit Project, bringing together the City of Sharon, Community Action Partnership of Mercer County, FNB Bank, and UPMC Health Partners to revitalize empty lots and decrease blight in the City of Sharon.

A few years ago, 1st Church decided to adopt the Sponsor a Lot Strategy which allows community members to sponsor the maintenance of a lot. 1st Church members – our **Frontlawners** – cut the grass on this lot so that it does not become overgrown, neglected, and an eyesore to the neighborhood.

Last year's block party was a huge hit for folks who live in the neighborhood, and we are looking forward to this opportunity to be with our neighbors once again. All are welcome. Please join us as we meet "on the corner of faith and life."



Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ridgewood 724-347-0998

One Elston Way,

Hermitage, PA 16148

Gail Hink, 206

Bill and Dory O'Donnell, 505

308 W. Warren St., Rm. 108

Cadiz, OH 43907

Betty Hudson



Leona McConnell
April 30, 2026

Puzzle!

One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all drawn from Scripture. Unscramble each one to reveal the correct biblical term or phrase. After solving them, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page to uncover the final message.

- 1) eiVn _ _ _ _
- 2) ilLy fo teh claVly _ _ _ _
- 3) abl.m fo dGo _ _ _ _
- 4) estMar _ _ _ _
- 5) eJuss _ _ _ _
- 6) okRc _ _ _ _
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf _ _ _ _
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWl _ _ _ _
- 9) voaSir _ _ _ _
- 10) doLr _ _ _ _
- 11) ishCrt _ _ _ _
- 12) ehSprhed _ _ _ _
- 13) hTe doWr _ _ _ _
- 14) rncPie fo cePae _ _ _ _



What do all these words have in common?

Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rock; Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of God's Son

Special Dates in June

- ♦ *Flag Day, June 14*
- ♦ *Fathers' Day, June 19*
- ♦ *Juneteenth, June 19*
- ♦ *First Day of Summer, June 21*

Summer Worship Notes

On June 21st during worship service we will ordain and install the Elders and Deacons elected by the congregation. The ordination and installation service will be repeated on June 28th for the newly elected Elders and Deacons who cannot make the June 21 service.

Note Graduate Sunday on June 28th. If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school, trade school, community college, college, or graduate school and would like his or her accomplishment recognized at 1st Church during worship, please contact Brenda (Director of Family Ministries) or Nancy in the Church Office.

Ice Cream Sundae Sunday is back. Following worship on July 19th everyone is invited to stay after worship and enjoy an old fashioned ice cream sundae or root beer float. Special thanks to the D&M Team for hosting this event.

Youth Mission Sunday is July 26th. On that Sunday the teenagers going on the mission trip will share in worship. There will also be a prayer of blessing and an insert in the bulletin to write words of encouragement to the teenagers. They will leave for their week-long mission trip later that afternoon.

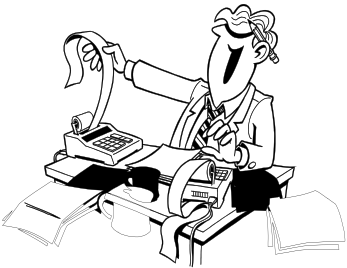
Summer Communion is August 16th. As with past summer communion services, a table will be set up in the middle of Fellowship Hall decorated for a beautiful banquet with the bread and juice. It is a way to experience the feeling of one church gathering around one table to celebrate communion. This is a special communion service for many people.

On September 16th the Mission Team will lead worship. They will share some of the mission stories at 1st Church as we celebrate and remember the different ways we do mission at 1st Church. Thanks to the Mission Team who annually lead Mission Sunday.

The summer sermon series will be from Acts. Dr. Crooks and Dr. Hink will be preaching the way from Jesus' ascension in Acts 1 to Paul's arrival in Rome in Acts 28.

Church Attendance for April 2026

2025		2026		Online
6	83	5	185	72views
			Easter	
13	108	12	79	69 views
20	153	19	100	92 views
	Easter			
27	115	26	87	52 views
	459	43%	451	47%



Embracing our COMMUNITY

Special Community Programs

Coming to 1st Church

Summer is a special challenge for some teenagers. Without some structure and direction, bad life choices can be made. The Community Based Family Intervention Summer Enrichment Program Summer Camp helps. For 6 weeks, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, June 9 to July 23, 30 at-risk teenagers from the Shenango Valley will participate in this program. 1st Church is pleased to host the program. Trained adult leaders share in the program with the teenagers. The Summer Enrichment Camp will use the gym, Fellowship Hall, and room #106.

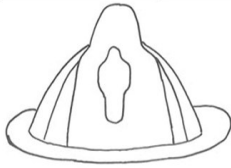
Arrangements are also underway for 1st Church to host a Sharon Head Start program. The plan is for 15-16 children, 3-5 years old to meet Mon-Fri, 8:30AM-3:00PM in room #206. The kids will also use the gym, the restrooms by the nursery and the old fenced-in playground area on the edge of the back parking lot. To make room for the Head Start program, the bell ringer tables and meeting tables in #206 will be relocated to the unused youth room on the 3rd floor. Years ago, 1st Church hosted one of the first preschool programs in the Shenango Valley. In time that became a daycare program. And then in the early 2000s, that program closed. In many ways hosting Head Start is returning to that early vision of education for children.

One of the questions we often ask is how God would have 1st Church make a difference in our community. We are pleased to host programs that make a difference in the lives of teens and kids. And in using our facility in creative ways, we make our community a better place.

Financial Giving News April 2026

Operations Budget		Mission Budget	
1st Sunday	5,806.85	1st Sunday	354.75
2nd Sunday	1,847.75	2nd Sunday	177.25
3rd Sunday	2,747.75	3rd Sunday	357.25
4th Sunday	3,923.75	4th Sunday	457.25
Total for April	14,326.10	Total for April	1,346.50
Budget for April	15,718.42	Budget for April	1,333.33
Balance for April	(1,392.32)	Balance for April	13.17
Total for Year to Date	57,171.86	Total for Year to Date	5,784.50
Budget for Year to Date	62,873.67	Budget for Year to Date	5,333.33
Balance for Year to Date	(5,701.81)	Balance for Year to Date	451.17

MISSION TEAM PRAYER PROGRAM



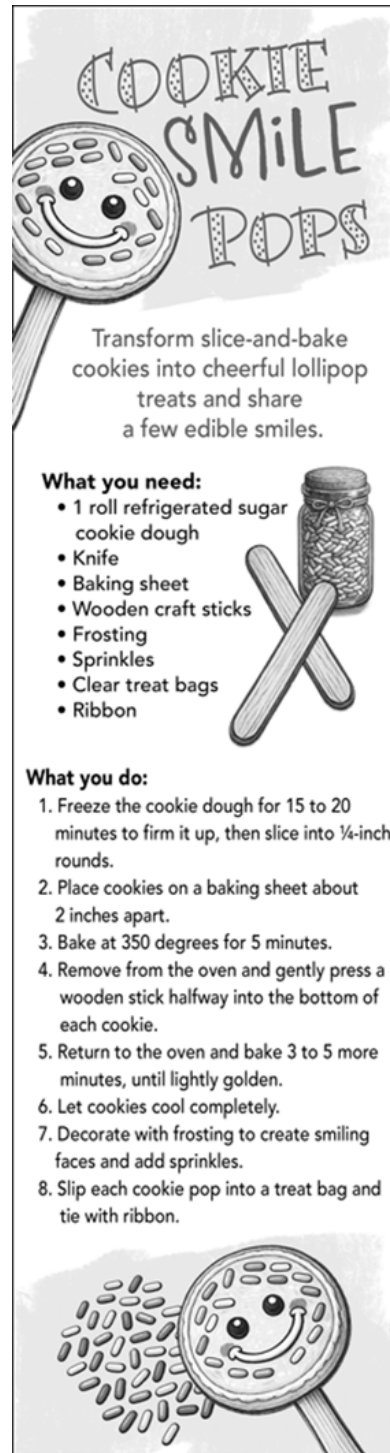
Sharon Police Department
June Adopt-a-Cop
Sgt./Det. Justin Wiley

Sharon Fire Department
June Adopt-a-Firefighter
Jakoyae Irving

The Quiet Power of Faithfulness

The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty and dedication of countless people whose names are never known.

Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary. Yet lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day.



Worship Online

All worship services at 1st Church are broadcast live-stream and recorded. So anyone can go to the 1st Church YouTube Channel and share in worship at 1st Church as it happens. Or go to the 1st Church YouTube Channel and watch a previously recorded service at a more convenient time. Special thanks to our digital techs who do a professional job with our online worship. Our best guess is that 60-80 additional people join 1st Church for worship online.

New 1st Church Website

Over this spring a new 1st Church website has been built. It should be ready for use in early summer. To visit the site just use the same 1st Church address; www.1stpcs.org. There you will find basic information about the church; worship, programs, staff, giving, history, sermons, newsletters. We are thankful for the old website that served 1st Church for 15+ years. And we look forward to using the new site.



Also, just a reminder that 1st Church has a Face Book Page, www.facebook.com/1stpcs.org. On the 1st Church Face Book Page you will find current information and pictures about some of the things happening at 1st Church.

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JUNE 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 Scouts Camp Meeting-Library	2 5:00 Churchyard Clean-Up	3 1:00 Staff Meeting-106	4	5	6
7	8	9 10:00 Summer Camp	10 7:00 Men's Fellowship-Panera 10:00 Summer Camp 1:00 Program Staff-CR 5:00 Admin Team-CR	11 10:00 Summer Camp	12	13
14 12:00 Congregational Meeting-Sanctuary 10:00 D&M Team-Library 12:00 Worship Team-Parlor 12:00 Mission Team-FH 12:00Deacons-106	15	16 10:00 Summer Camp	17 10:00 Summer Camp	18	19 	20 10:00 SVC Board-206
21  	22	23 10:00 Summer Camp 1:00 PWCT-106 6:00 Amateur Radio Club-FH	24 7:00 Men's Fellowship-Panera 10:00 Summer Camp	25 Lots of Love Cook-Out at The Lot	26	27
28 Graduate Sunday 6:00 Session Meeting-206	29	30	<i>Sundays in June until June 21</i> 9:00 Choir Practice—303 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary 12:00 Fellowship@First-Library		<i>After June 21</i> 10:00 AM Worship in FH 11:00 AM Fellowship@1st-FH FH = Fellowship Hall CR = Conference Rm.	