

# First Press

## First Reformed Presbyterian Church

— A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. —

12900 Frankstown Road • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235



### Meet Chris and Dee Miller

The next time you see Chris and Dee Miller, wish them a happy one year anniversary!

Chris and Dee met through their involvement in the evangelistic singing group One Voice Christian Ensemble. Chris was attracted to Dee's smile, and Dee found Chris to be a barrel of laughs. Chris proposed to Dee on her birthday, *after* he had

already made arrangements for their wedding and honeymoon. He used her birthday present, a large M&M figure which poured out the candy when its arm gets pulled, as a means to make the proposal. Chris hid the ring in the M&M figure, but as Dee continued to pull on the arm, the only things which came out were M&M's. At one point, the M&M's even spilled all over the floor, along with the ring, and Dee's dog began to eat them. Chris snatched the ring and got it back in the M&M figure before Dee saw it or the dog ate it. He was then able to convince Dee to pull the arm of the figure one more time, even though she was sick of eating M&M's. This time the ring came out and Chris proposed. When Dee said yes, Chris informed her that the wedding had already been scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> and the honeymoon would be in Bermuda.

Chris grew up in a Christian home in Gibsonia and trusted in Christ at the age of nine. At the time he had been listening to a sermon on Romans 6:23 by a missionary who was only able to get through the first half of the text - "For the wages of sin is death...". This sermon left Chris in fear until he found out the rest of the verse said "... but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus." That night Chris received the gift of God.

Dee grew up in a Roman Catholic home in Youngstown Ohio. She prayed to receive Christ in the 1980's during an Assembly of God worship service. Since then she has been active in sharing her faith through the singing group where she and Chris met, as well as with her coworkers and patients at Berkowitz & Rosenberg Ophthalmologists.

Chris handles national accounts at Guardian Protection Services, where he has worked for seven years. He has a passion for writing songs, including two he wrote for the Steelers and Pirates. Through his interest in music, Chris has met Henry Mancini and Paula Abdul, the latter of whom enjoyed a song Chris played for her during a competition.

Chris and Dee became members of First Reformed Presbyterian Church in January. They were both attracted to the church's emphasis on preaching the word of God. We are happy to have Dee and Chris as part of our church family.



### COMING EVENTS

**JUNE 10**

12:15 p.m.

*Congregational Lunch and  
Mid-year Ministry Report*

**JUNE 11 - 15**

*PCA General Assembly  
Memphis, TN*

**JUNE 25 - 29**

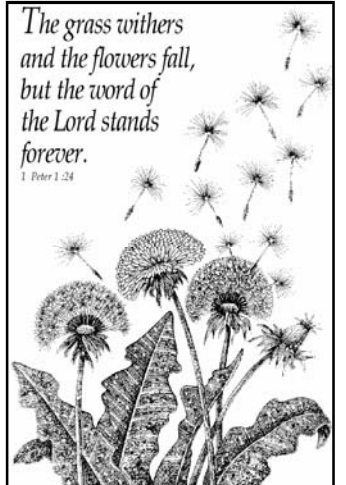
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*Vacation Bible School*

**AUGUST 26**

*Shepherding Groups  
Church Picnic  
at Turner Farm*

*The grass withers  
and the flowers fall,  
but the word of  
the Lord stands  
forever.*

1 Peter 1:24



## Missions Focus: Linda Karner (Japan)

Linda was raised in a church family and planned to be a missionary but in high school she became an atheist. While a junior in college, she was led to the Lord and became active with the Navigators. After college Linda worked several years as a computer systems programmer. She felt God's call to go to Japan, joined Mission th the World and was sent to Japan for 2 years of language study. She lived with a Japanese family for these two years. In 1991 she joined the Chiba church-planting team to teach English, a primary outreach tool for the team. The English classes also include a Bible lesson. One home ministry assignment (HMA) year was spent getting her Master's degree in teaching English as a second language. Linda serves in curriculum development for these classes. Many different age groups are reached through these classes. Her new plans are to start a club for teenagers from the classes. In addition to the English classes she is teaching marine biology and chemistry at Covenant Community School International. This school was started in 2006 with an English track for missionary kids and a Japanese track for local Christian kids. The Chiba team has continued to plant new churches and her current involvement is with the new church in Kokubunjidai.

*Pray for:* the wise use of her time as she is stretched in so many directions; her students to receive God's gift of faith in Jesus Christ; more people willing to give a year or two to reaching Japanese people through teaching English; the church planting team to remain unified and be able to minister grace to each other as they lead these ministries.



Congratulations to *Kevin & Brianne (Scruggs) Stecko* who were married on May 2, 2007.

Congratulations to *Jesse and Tiffany Faith* who were married at First Reformed on May 4, 2007.



We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Oreanna Porter upon her death on May 4, 2007.

Congratulations to *Jesse & Cydney Pié* upon the birth of their son, *Jacob Benjamin* on May 12, 2007



Congratulations to *Dan & Erin DeFazio* upon the birth of their daughter, *Lara Cathryn* on May 16, 2007

## Congregational Lunch & Mid-Year Ministry Report June 10, 12:15 p.m.

Join us after morning worship for lunch, the mid-year ministry report and an opportunity to recognize our recent graduates.




Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.

*Dillon Robert Boyer*, son of Ken and Leigh Boyer, was baptized on May 20, 2007



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## Financial Summary January 1 - April 30, 2007

**Operating Account:**

Receipts \$ 117,401  
Disbursements \$ 139,700

*Account Balances -*

Operating Checking \$ 3,827  
Operating Saving \$ 70,461

**Deacons' Fund\*:**

Income \$ 6,338  
Disbursements \$ 3,912

*Account Balances -*


Deacons' Checking \$ 13,013  
Deacons' Money Mkt. \$ 10,778

**Benevolence Account:**


Income \$ 33,349  
Disbursements \$ 30,334

*\*Figures for Deacons' Fund are year-to-date as of 5/25/07.*

# June 2007

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls Committee Mtg. (Gardners)  6:00 p.m. Pioneer Girls Guide Dinner/Mtg. (Gardners)
<b>3</b> 10:45 a.m. Lord's Supper  12:30 p.m. Fairmont Team Mtg  4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group  5:30 p.m. Pulpit Search Prayer	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>      7:00 p.m. Plum Covenant Group	<b>6</b>      6:45 p.m. College/Career Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 12:15 p.m. Congregational Lunch  4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group  5:30 p.m. Pulpit Search Prayer	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. VBS Staff Meeting	<b>12</b>      7:00 p.m. McLane Covenant Group	<b>13</b>      6:45 p.m. College/Career Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>      7:00 p.m. MOPS Scrapbooking	<b>16</b>
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# July 2007

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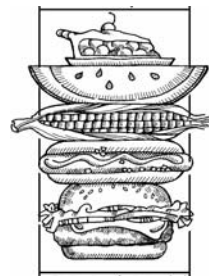


**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 25 - 29**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School. Children ages 5 (as of 9/1/07 and entering kindergarten) through completion of sixth grade, are invited to *Join us for a High Seas Adventure* this summer!

Registration begins June 10 at the Welcome Center.

**Shepherding Groups**  
**Church Picnic**  
**August 26**



Plan to join us at the Turner Farm in Slickville for fun and fellowship.

Watch the bulletin for further details!