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Church Leadership

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Music Director.....Chris Thomas
Organist.....Joyce Kriner
Secretary.....Mary Stewart
Sexton & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner
Treasurer.....Jim Watson

Committee Chairs—2019

Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Spiritual Formation.....Jennifer Wedzik
Membership Care &
Development.....Barb Griffith
Ann Nesgoda, Sue Kellerman
Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Sue Kellerman, Jim Watson
Nominating &
Training.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Jennifer Wedzik
Personnel.....Sue Kellerman
Property.....Jared Mosier
Bob Kellerman, Dave Maille
Stewardship & Finance.....Dave Maille
Bob Kellerman, Jim Watson
Worship.....Chris Thomas
Recording Secretary.....
Cindy Skladanowski

Deacons

Chairperson.....Nancy McNally
Vice-Chairperson.....Nancy Brown
Secretary.....Joanne Scott
Treasurer.....Peggie Smith
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Caring Tree.....Nancy Brown
Greeters/Liturgists.....Joanne Scott
Correspondence.....Aye Mosier
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Aye Mosier



Saturday, October 24, 2020

4:30—7:00 p.m.

Adults \$10.00

Children \$5.00

Same great meal, but take out style.

Drive Thru Take Out Only

***Enter thru west entrance to the parking lot
and you will be directed where to proceed.***



World Communion Sunday



World Communion Sunday

*"May the God of Peace...
give you peace at all times in
all ways."
(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (1 Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.



A gift to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering** enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

We have supported this effort for many, many years. During this time that we are not physically together, please remember to send in your offering to the church. The Offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday. Thank you and we know we can count on your support.

ATTENTION FAMILIES !!!!

TWO GREAT OPTIONS FOR LEARNING ABOUT GOD THIS FALL

1) Join in our weekly Sunday School Zoom Lesson - Sundays at 10:00am. We'll watch a video and then discuss it together. Interested?? Contact Jennifer or Church office with your name and email and we will forward you the information. Some weeks we will have take home crafts and activities.

2) Are you getting "zoomed out"? Come and pick up one of our Family Magazines for FREE! Each issue comes alive with 48 pages of pictures, stories, and engaging activities for the whole family! It's filled with quick and easy ways to fit faith into your busy everyday life at home together. Come pick up anytime outside Sunday School in our "mailbox" there!

Spiritual Formation Committee

Worship News

Facebook Worship Available Every Sunday



2nd Annual

"HANDS ACROSS HARBORCREEK"

Sunday, October 4 @ 12:15p.m.

Can you believe it has almost been 1 year since the members of our church held hands praying for peace in front of our church?

We are promoting Praying for Peace this year on Sunday, October 4th, reaching out to our Harborcreek community to join us at our church or at their own church.

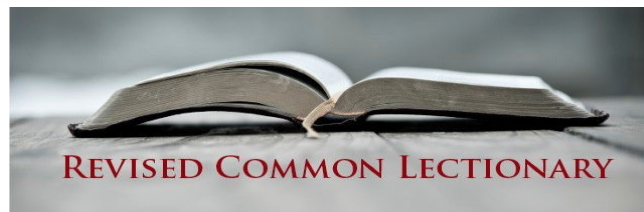
Last year on World Wide Communion/Peace Sunday we formed lines on both sides of the road in front of the church, posted signs saying

"Pray For Peace", held hands for five minutes and sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth". The event received local TV news coverage.

This year, due to the virus, we will form "socially distanced" lines, wearing our masks along Buffalo Road and place our own hands in the symbol of praying. We are asking our church members and neighbors to join us for the (OUTDOOR?) worship service and then show our community faith in front of the church for a 5-minute prayer vigil. The congregation is encouraged to make their own signs to hold as the traffic flows by showing where our prayerful hearts are focused.

Please plan to join us and the Harborcreek Community to Pray for Peace on this special **PEACE Sunday, October 4 rain or shine.**

Membership and Outreach Committee



Lectionary Readings for October

Below are the readings suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary for each Sunday in October.

Sunday, October 4 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46



Come and say your prayer and add your ribbon to our Prayer Net!!! There is going to be posted a Prayer Station on the OLD entrance door to church. Please take time anytime in September to complete the Prayer Station and tie your ribbon on our NET on that door.

Maybe someday when you are going home from work or on way to Walmart or ?? - doesn't matter when - whatever works for you. Stop by add a personal prayer and tie a knot on our net. We are all connected together and our prayers are interwoven with other member's prayers. This project allows us to work on together and give us a visualization of our inter-connectedness during this time of separation! Rituals like this allow us to come closer together through the Holy Spirit who prays with us "with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

...Up Coming events

Fall STEAK Swiss DINNER

Saturday, October, 24, 2020

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Yes, we are going to have our 'hallmark' event on Saturday, October, 24th, as a Drive-thru take out only dinner from (We will deliver meals to seniors and shut-ins as in the past.) It's going to take about the same number of people, though the wait staff will have slightly different jobs. Sign up sheets are posted and should be in the Sunday bulletin. If you can help out in any way, please sign up soon or call Dave (898-0755) or the church office (899-1031) with your selections. The menu is the same except that there will be cookies instead of pie. Adult meal is \$10 and a child portion is \$5.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR....

**Saturday,
October 17th
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**



"HARBORCREEK HISTORY HUNT" 2nd Family Fun Rally of 2020

On Saturday, October 17th, 2:00 - 4:00 we will have a "FUN" FAMILY RALLY along with a "BRAIN TEASER" RALLY. All ages of the family can participate and enjoy learning some of Harborcreek's History. Come and Join your church family and friends for a fun afternoon in your own car.

Please call Ann Nesgoda (814-602-6503) or Brian Griffith (814-459-8311) by Saturday, October 10 to reserve your spot on a team.

Plan to meet in the church parking lot at 1:45 to receive your destinations and the Rally starts at 2:00.

See you there!!!

Membership and Outreach Committee



**Feeding the
Community**

HELP NEEDED STOCKING COMMUNITY BOXES

Many thanks to all those who have faithfully donated so many items to the community boxes. Community folks have been using them more than ever. In fact, that last week they

were completely empty for part of one day!

That means two things:

The boxes are a needed ministry to our friends and neighbors.

We need everyone's help more than ever to keep the boxes stocked.

Please consider regularly donating nonperishable food items and paper products. Items such as mac and cheese, peanut butter, any kind of pasta, toilet paper and facemasks are always appreciated.



He who supplies seed to the sower and
bread for food will supply and multiply
your seed for sowing and increase the
harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10

News from Session...



Session News August 2020

CORRESPONDENCES: The clerk read a thank you note from Rev. David & Becky Oyler for dinner and their retirement gift from us.

TRAILBLAZER'S REPORT: The committee asked for help keeping the outreach "Blessing" boxes refilled.

MISSION & OUTREACH: The Upper Room luncheon will be held Sunday, August 30th. Around 30 brown bags to be served.

NOMINATING & TRAINING: The committee has begun filling the 2023 class of our next slate of officers.

PROPERTY: The committee is busy working with Preschool on their list of requests to be done before opening day.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Jenn reported the following: Staycation Bible School. (Vacation Bible School) was a huge success with 16 to 20 youths participating in the pickup packets.

The Wine & the Word will move to every other week with shorter sessions.

The Deacons will be asked to help develop a list for distribution of devotional crossword puzzles based on who they are mailing bulletins out to.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: Applied for a Bold New Initiative technology grant. (Thanks Bob.) First time participant in 2020 Erie Gives this year was very successful.

We also received a check for \$4,891.92 from the Erie Community Foundation (via Erie Gives). This represents the \$4,635.00 given by 18 contributors plus \$256.92 received from the Foundation. The \$4,635.00 breaks down as

\$3,460.00 for congregants' pledges

\$ 325.00 for capital improvement

\$ 675.00 for simple donations

\$ 50.00 for an honorarium

\$ 125.00 for a designated memorial

This year's planning for the fall stewardship campaign has begun.

WORSHIP/MEDIA MINISTRIES COMMITTEE: With World Communion coming up October 4th. Session voted not to have communion in August or September.

MEMBERSHIP CARE & DEVELOPMENT: Discussion on another fall steeple rally was had and planning will start soon. Plans are being made for another "Hands across Harborcreek" on October 4th.

Respectfully, Mary Ellen Flowers, Clerk



Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Robin will be working from home during the pandemic restrictions.

She can be reached directly by phone during her normal office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 814-823-7765. She is *always* available at that number or at 716-769-7394.

Pastor Robin preaches every Sunday **except** the last Sunday of each month.

Church Office Hours

The secretary has resumed regular office hours. She will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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More News...



Our traditional campaign this year will be a simplified approach given our current situation. Over the years you have heard how our 8 committees function, testimonies from members as to why they support this congregation and how we are re imaging our role in the Harborcreek community through Trailblazers activities, etc. You know we need your continued financial support to keep things going despite Covid-19. You will receive a mailing with an estimate of giving card about mid-October and we would like them returned by October 25th as our 'official' dedication day.

Thank you for all your time, talents and treasure during the past year!

Stewardship and Finance Committee

On Line Giving

It's taken awhile, but we are embracing more digital/online options to enable people to contribute. There is a 'donate' button on our website that utilizes PayPal and is being used now.

You can now make a donation online on our website (hcpresbyterian.org). Simply click on "donate" on the menu; then fill out the information on the donation page and click on the "submit" button. You will then be directed to PayPal. If you have a PayPal account you will simply have to verify source of payment. If you do not have a PayPal account follow the directions.

While on the PayPal page be sure to include your name and the designation of your donation in the PayPal "note" box. This will insure that the Financial Secretary gives you proper credit for your gift. Designations can be anything such as Pledge, Capital Improvement (Building Fund), Initial Offering, Easter, Upper Room Lunch, etc.

Thank you, Jim Watson and Dave Maille



During this time of change and uncertainty, we are blessed to have such dedicated and talented members. So many have stepped up to figure out how to do the ministry of the congregation within the limitations of our current reality. They have pushed their boundaries of comfort and are willing to try new ideas.

A huge thanks goes to **Jared Mosier** who has lead a group of people to find a way to bring worship into our homes and to enable us to worship in the safety of fresh air. He troubleshoots all the property needs on almost a daily basis.

It would be difficult to name all those who have done incredible things to carry us forward in ministry. Thank you, thank you to each of you!



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the prayer chain, please speak to any 2020 Deacon or Peggie Smith (814-899-9103) to activate the prayer chain. We care about confidentiality so please let us know what information you would like to share and what is confidential.

Church Family News...



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 7 Olivia Palmer
- 8 Ed Ellwood
- 13 Madison Williams
- 16 Bill Stewart
- 18 Pat Facchine
- 19 Jane Wile
- 22 Norah Rose Woodard
- 23 Debi Lyon
- 27 Mary Stewart
- 28 Jordan Lee Erickson
- Marnie Logan
- 30 Rachel Lemke
- Jasmine Mosier

Anniversaries

- 9 Ron & Mary Ellen Flowers
- 11 Bill & Donna Fannin
- 19 Jared & Aye Mosier

Belated wishes to Casey and Kyle Foust on their first anniversary on September 13.

If you notice an incorrect or missing birthday/anniversary, prayer request or one that is listed that should no longer be there, call the church office 899-1031 and we will update our records.



Prayer List: For those serving in the armed forces. Ricky Hinkle, Jeremy Rockwell, Ryan Lemke, & Brian Hellmann. For the Lake Erie Presbytery & its leaders; for our pastor, Robin Cuneo, for church members, family & friends, we pray.

Please remember in prayer those who work in the medical field, public safety, first responders and all workers who have returned to work.

Family of
Ben Anthony
Barb Bemis
Claudia Brown
& Mike Faycheck
Lois Cochran
Family of Jeanette
Comstock
Margaret Crider
Judy Ellwood
Kevin Fisher

Donna Fannin
Rev. Jack Graham
Shirley Hamm
Rachel Hube
Judy Johnson
Pat Kocher
Ann Marie Kodba
Beverly Leighton
Dick May
Hannah May
Emily Mellish

Bob Mulvin
Jim Nelson
Yvonne Peters
Roger Ramsdale
Sandy Spangler
Sandy Stewart
Larry Stultz
Megan Swezey
Sally Wakeley
Abigail Wilkenson
David Zacks

Remember Our Homebound



Some of you have asked about what you can do to keep connected to those who are unable to come to worship or participate in church activities. Listed below are some of those you could send a card or a note of encouragement.

Lois Cochran
4400 E. Lake Road Apt. 257
Erie, PA 16511

Jessie Denniston
1885 Rifle Range Rd. Cove 34
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Clara Yvonne Peters
Manchester Commons
6351 W. Lake Road
Erie, PA 16505

Eleanor Stanley
Springhill Center
2323 Edinboro Rd. 518c
Erie, PA 16509

Margaret Crider
Heritage House 30 East Street
North East, PA 16428

Jim & Peggy Nelson
2 Gibson St. Apt. 102
North East, PA 16428

Sandy Spangler
Room 9
227 W. 22nd Street
Erie, PA 16502

JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP
ON FACEBOOK



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hands Across Harborcreek 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4th		Elder of the Month: Ann Nesgoda 814-602-6503 Deacon of the Month: Peggie Smith 814-899-9103		1	2	3
4 Virtual Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	5	6	7	8 Session ZOOM Meeting 6:00 p.m.	9	10
11 Virtual Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	12	13	14	15	16	17 Harborcreek History Hunt Family Fun Rally 2-4 p.m.
18 Virtual Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23	24 Drive Thru Swiss Steak Dinner 4:30-7 p.m.
25 Virtual Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	26	27	28	29	30	31