



First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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Treasurer.....Jim Watson

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Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
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Jennifer Wedzik
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Deacons

Chairperson.....Nancy McNally
Secretary.....Bill Nesgoda
Treasurer.....Peggie Smith
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Caring Tree.....All Deacons
Scheduling.....Nancy Brown
Thanksgiving Baskets.....All Deacons
Correspondence.....Aye Mosier
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Aye Mosier

Dear Ones,

Some really exciting things are happening around here!

It's a fabulous growing season, for sure. Remember in the winter and spring when Rev. Tim Logan revived the Calvin Fellowship with Sunday school time movies and donuts for adults? Then Brian and Barb Griffith (with help from Sue Kellerman, Ann Nesgoda, Marnie Logan and others) expanded and grew it to the highly successful Breakfast and a Movie? (It will resume in the fall.)



Well, growth and expansion are happening again! Jenn Wedzik set up an outdoor movie for Aug. 10 as part of her terrific summer family events. Then the Griffiths came along again and asked Chris Thomas to add a concert in the parking lot! Derf Hopsecger, Paul

Olson and Lewis Nicolica will play two keyboards and a violin with a combination of religious and secular music from 6 to 8 p.m.

Please be sure to bring your chair and your toe-tapping shoes and stay for the whole evening. Better yet, invite friends and family, especially anyone from the Village of Harborcreek. (So disappointed I'll have to miss it, especially since Lewis played at our wedding, for my 50th high school reunion. I'm certain all of you will have much more fun!)

I'm so grateful and thankful that other things are growing and expanding around here, too. Love of Christ is always our foundation, of course, from which all other things grow. Please join us as we express that on Sundays. And invite friends and neighbors to worship with us, too!

Blessings,

Robin

**Outdoor
Worship
Service**



When:

Sunday, August 11, 2019
10:00 a.m.
under the tent
Picnic to Follow

Where:

3292 Depot Road

Bring your chair and a dish to share. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided courtesy of the worship committee.

See you there!



*Lectionary
Readings for
August*



Sunday, August 4

*Hosea 11:1-11
Colossians 3:1-11*

8th Sunday after Pentecost

*Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Luke 12:13-21*

Sunday, August 11

*Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

9th Sunday after Pentecost

*Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Luke 12:32-40*

Sunday, August 18

*Isaiah 5:1-7
Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

10th Sunday after Pentecost

*Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:49-56*

Sunday, August 25

*Jeremiah 1:4-10
Hebrews 12:18-29*

11th Sunday after Pentecost

*Psalm 71:1-6
Luke 13:10-17*



*Liturgists and
Greeters/Ushers
August*

August 4

Liturgist: Jeremy Stewart
Greeters: Annie, Jeremy and Noah Stewart

August 11

Liturgist: Bill Nesgoda
Greeters: Ann and Bill Nesgoda

August 18

Liturgist: Nancy Way
Greeters: Tammy and Bill Stewart

August 25

Liturgist: Marnie Logan
Greeters: Sue and Dave Beighley

News Briefs...

Summer Special Music

Sunday, August 4

Ken and Cindy Hall, instrumentalists/
vocalists

Sunday, August 11

Sophia Ives, vocalist

Sunday, August 18 Moira Miller, pianist

Sunday, August 25

Folk Choir

Sunday, September 1

Dulcimer Group (Misery Bay Dulcimers
or Vintage Strings)



Elmwood Gardens

A big thank you to all who supported the Elmwood Gardens annual auxiliary fund drive. Because of your generosity \$317.00 was forwarded to the Auxiliary to be used in giving back to our elderly residents of Elmwood. Our residents are very appreciative of your gifts. The auxiliary works hard to give the residents the feeling that they are loved and appreciated by recognizing their birthdays and other special days. There is always a need to help with bingo, outings, etc. There is a great need for entertainers such as musicians for gatherings. Our very own, The Harmonizers, will be singing for the folks once again on September 13th. A BIG thank you to them. It's so rewarding to give back to those folks at Elmwood. Who knows someday one or more of us might be a resident there....



Blessings,
Sue Kellerman

27TH ANNUAL GARAGE SALE EVENT HUGE SUCCESS !!

The June 1st fund raiser was our best ever with a total profit of \$3600 which went towards our Presbytery Mission pledge and other local causes. Thanks to all in the congregation and the community who supported us! The weather was great and the big rain held off till after the sale ended. The big tent later came down but fortunately there was no damage. Dave Maille, Chair



Church Website

The Harborcreek Presbyterian Church now has a "live" and up-to-date website. It will provide a thorough introduction of our church to anyone looking for a church home/family, and to provide updates of current activities and schedules for all our members. Let me also extend a big **Thank You** to those who worked with me to bring this to fruition.

The website can be accessed at:

<https://hcpresbyterian.org>

Bob Kellerman



New Website is live!

<https://hcpresbyterian.org>

Here's what's happening...



4th Tuesday Fellowship

Where: First Presbyterian Church,
Harborcreek
(unless otherwise indicated)
When: 12:00 noon

Tuesday, August 27

Program: Ron & Mary Ellen Flowers will tell about their trip to Iceland
Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Relish Tray, Dessert

Tuesday, September 24

Program: Kathy Carlson & Kris Nelson from Rabbit's Foot Estate Sales—bring an antique to be appraised
Menu: Chili, Cornbread, Fruit, Dessert

Tuesday, October 22

Program: Jeremy Bannister will talk about Sunken Ships in Lake Erie
Menu: BBQ Ham Sandwiches, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Dessert



Exciting News!

#1 This is the 50th Annual Walk of Church World Service

#2 This is Erie County's 44th Annual Walk.

We have a lot to be thankful for. Now, get your calendars out and mark down the following events for 2019:

AUGUST 1st: 4–6 p.m. – Coordinators' Day at Glenwood United Methodist.

SEPTEMBER 15th – CROP WALK at PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK.

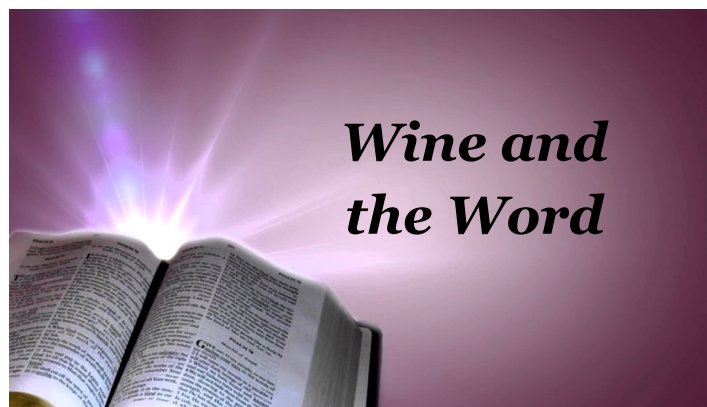
1:30 p.m. Registration 2:00 p.m. WALK



SAVE THE DATE!!

Thursday, October 3

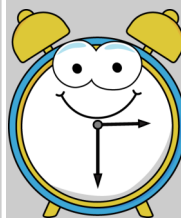
PHOTOS will be taken for a new church directory



Wine and the Word

Wine and the Word will continue on Monday, August 19 @ 7 pm. Place to be announced.

It will continue to meet every other Monday. We meet at different homes, so please see the church bulletin or call the church office for the place that week. The new book is Canoeing The Mountains by Todd Bolsinger. It is available in hard bound or an audio version.



OFFICE HOURS!

The church secretary will be in the office from 9 a.m.—12 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If there are days that Mary needs to adjust her hours or days, the congregation will be notified and the change posted on the door. Pastor Robin will continue her hours 10 -1 Monday and Wednesday. Please keep in mind since pastors serves on required Presbytery committees she might not always be available during the planned office hours.

MORE happenings...

FREE!! FOOD... FIDDLES... FUN... FILM!!

Saturday, August 10

Starts at 6:00 p.m.



**Please join us at the
First Presbyterian Church
of Harborcreek
parking lot for a
fun filled evening.**

**Beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will have
music by**

The Derf Hopsecger Trio

**along with free hot dogs, popcorn and
beverages. Play corn hole
and other fun games.**

**...Then stick around for a
Great Outdoor Movie
“Breakthrough”
to be shown after
the sun sets!**



**Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a
relaxing, fun evening.
Hope to see you all there!**

And there is MORE happenings...



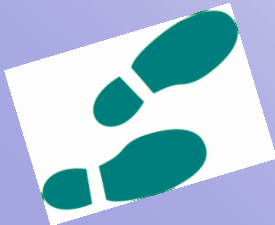
Kid's Camp

VBS 2019



**Saturday, August 17th
1:00 — 4:00 p.m.**

**Come and hit the
Trail and
experience a day of
hiking, crafts, Bible
stories, games,
and snacks!**



Summer Reading Club

Continues every Wednesday 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. through August 21

All ages are welcome. We'll have (free) lunch together, (parents are welcome, too) then split into age groups led by adult volunteers. Readers will take turns listening to a story, reading out loud, or reading to a "reading dog." Bring one of your own books, or choose from ours. Readers will take their books home to finish. Weekly prizes and bigger prizes at the end. Kids in Kindergarten or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Stay with your (older) kids or drop them off. We meet downstairs in the church fellowship hall.



Notes from June's Session meeting:

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Robin expressed thanks for the new computer and will work with Jared as to what programs to load.

Concerns about finding someone who might be interested in counting people in attendance each week and recording this data were discussed. Requests for a volunteer to handle this small task will be put into the newsletter and will advertise in our bulletin. Membership committee will take over this responsibility.

PROPERTY: On a motion and second, session voted to record the building revocation e-mail vote to except the bid to continue with the outside work on the church.

Thanks to the Ellwood family for fixing the cross and lights on the CE building.

A new stove has been bought for the manse and Jared has a little fine tuning with installment.

A new lock for outside door has been ordered and new keys will be issued and recorded. Jared will also work on the door's closing speed and proper closing.

BIG thanks will be sent out to the Old Station One Restaurant for their donation of a dishwashing system from their closed business to be installed into our kitchen.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE: all accounts balanced and on a motion and second, session voted to approve May's Treasurer's report.

On another motion and second, session voted to pay off the church's Mission pledge of \$2,000.

Treasurer Jim reported that he wrote a check to the Elmwood Garden's Aux. for \$317 from the congregation to support their fund drive

WORSHIP: Scott Shunk has agreed to hold the outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 11th. With Pastor Robin on vacation, preaching will be Jason Stewart, June 30th; Dale Francis, July 7th; Gideons, July 14th; and Rob Stewart, July 29.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Reading club to start here on June 19th at noon.

June 28th; Craft night

July 26th; Craft night

Aug 10th; Outdoor movie night,

Aug 17th; Vacation Bible School

MISSION & OUTREACH: The Pentecost offering will be June 16 with 40% to go back to our church.

June 30th is the next Upper Room luncheon at St. Paul's. We will serve a picnic lunch. Please signup to be a helper.

On a motion from committee, session voted to support the afternoon reading club up to \$200 for books and supplies. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: On a motion from committee, session voted to approve a vacation request from Mary Stewart for July 4 to July 11. Motion approved. Marnie Logan has agreed to fill in.

NEW BUSINESS: Barb Griffith presented an idea that is already established in other area church called M.O.P.S. (Mothers' of Pre Schoolers) If Session is interested, Barb will check out and report back to us in August with details of this program.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Flowers
Clerk of Session



Ministries



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the prayer chain, please speak to any 2018 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.



A note and letter forwarded by our General Presbyter:

Sisters and Brothers,

We live in an age of instantaneous communications. In this 24/7 world there are many words that capture the news cycle. And the next day there is another cycle of words around which many people will hold many perspectives. In recent days there has been heightened discussion around racism and even the defining of what is racism. Your Synod has also been talking recently about hate and hate behavior. These are not easy topics. In light of the volatility around these matters, you will find attached to this email a letter recently written by the Synod of the Trinity Moderator John Bolt and Synod Transitional Executive Susan Wonderland.

After consultation with Presbytery Moderator Ronee Christy and Coordinating Committee Moderator Tim Olsen, I am distributing this to the pastors of Lake Erie Presbytery.

In Christ,

Rev. David Oyler

General Presbyter, Presbytery of Lake Erie

July 15, 2019

[The lawyer] answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And [Jesus] said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:27-29)



For the last year, the Synod of the Trinity, a regional governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been focusing on the growing prevalence of hate and hate behavior, as demonstrated in places such as Charlottesville and Pittsburgh, Orlando and others on a list that has become much too long! Even more painful at times, is the semi-legitimization of the ideas expressed.

Recent meetings sponsored by the Synod for its constituents in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia were titled "Silence is the Welcome Mat for Hate." Indeed, we learned that among the groups of people who make hate behavior possible are the *Spectators*, those who do not know, or do not want to know, how to get involved when they see acts of hate, bigotry and incivility.

So convicted was the Synod's Governing Commission by its learnings, that they told Moderator John Bolt and Transitional Executive Susan Faye Wonderland to speak up and speak out in the face of hateful speech and actions- lest we live into the "silence" that breeds "more."

And so, we will not be silent.

On the very day that Luke's story of the Good Samaritan was read in many churches around this nation, the President of the United States attacked duly elected members of the U.S. House of Representatives, three of whom were born and reared in this country, telling them to "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came."

While he didn't name them, there's no mystery to whom he was referring: Rep Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass.; Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-MN; Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-NY; and Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-MI. All of them are women of color who have stood against this administration's policies as they represent their constituencies.

The comments, delivered as usual via social media, are clearly and unequivocally hate filled. They imply that the United States is not the country of these women-yet three were born in the United States and one became a citizen in her teens! The four would not be a part of the U.S. House of U.S. Representatives if that were not true! Whatever the intent, the comments disrespect and misrepresent the women and are derogatory and towards other nations.

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Not only are the words themselves offensive, but they echo the worst days of this nation's racist history and, many would suggest, our present.

As Christians seeking to understand and live into Christ's teachings, it is hard enough to hear these words, let alone to hear them and not respond. We cannot in good conscience remain quiet in the face of such a heinous display of hatred and bigotry as the President engaged in on Sunday, even if the intent was to poke at the struggles among House Democrats.

This is not a question of being partisan.

This is not a question of supporting or opposing policies and parties.

This is not a question of advocating for or against any of the tense issues of the day.

This is simply about, in the words of the old hymn, "standing up for Jesus."

Silence IS the welcome mat for hate, regardless of who is doing the speaking, or why. And hate must be named, challenged and condemned.

Respectfully,



Ruling Elder John Bolt, Synod Moderator



Teaching Elder Susan Faye Wonderland, Synod Transitional Executive



Church exterior restoration should finally get underway by NW Restoration Co. around the end of August or early September. They will start with the west side foundation mess that everyone sees!

Dave Maille

Excellent Work!

This is our new "at-a-boy" and "at-a-girl" section. If you see some in the church going above and beyond in any activity or responsibility, leave the secretary a note or send an email so we can recognize the people blessings we have in our church.

This can be something small or something big. It does not have to be something life-changing—it may have been something that brought a smile to your face. Just jot down your name (just in case we have a question,) the name of the person who has done something that has blessed us, and a brief description of what he or she did.

Our first "at-a-boy" goes to Jared Mosier. Jared is our new property chair, who probably did not realize the scope of this responsibility. But Jared has taken it in stride and has been very attentive to all the details that involve the maintenance of two church buildings. You are awesome, Jared! Thank you!!



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

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

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

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

Sandy Spangler
Sarah Reed Retirement Ctr. Room 9
227 W. 22nd Street
Erie, PA 16502

Eleanor Stanley
Springhill Retirement Com.
2301 Edinboro Road
Erie, PA 16509



Harborcreek Food Pantry

Just a reminder our congregation supports the Harborcreek Food Bank. Nonperishable food items, paper products and personal hygiene items are always needed and can be left at the top of the stairs in the main entrance of our church.

Please bring your cancelled stamps to church and place them on the table on the old entrance. The stamps are boxed and forwarded to a Leprosy Organization to benefit their cause.

Cancelled Stamps



Aluminum Cans

The recycling of aluminum benefits our outreach ministries to those in need.

Please place your cans in the recycling can behind the church.

Helping the Homeless



A BASKET has been placed in the old vestibule for collection of **travel size personal care products** to be given to the homeless at The Upper Room. Please consider donating those little bottles from your hotel stays. Thanks, Mission Committee

Greeting Cards

Sue Kellerman is still collecting greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The cards are recycled by the residents at St. Jude's Ranch to sell. There is a basket on the table in the old entrance.



Church Family News . . .



August Birthdays!

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| 5 Jim Erickson | 20 Yvonne Peters |
| Eleanor Staney | 22 Judy Johnson |
| 6 Patty Graff | 23 Scott Shunk |
| 9 Tracy Wilkinson | Jessica (Erickson) |
| 10 Dave Beighley | Wolfram |
| 11 Rod Hedlund | 27 Jacob Badach |
| Bob Kellerman | 24 Kevin Graff |
| 12 Kyle Foust | 25 Peggie Smith |
| 17 Sue Bemis | Karen Cahoon |
| 19 Nancy McNally | 28 Jack Mosier |
| | Dennis Blum |



August Anniversaries!

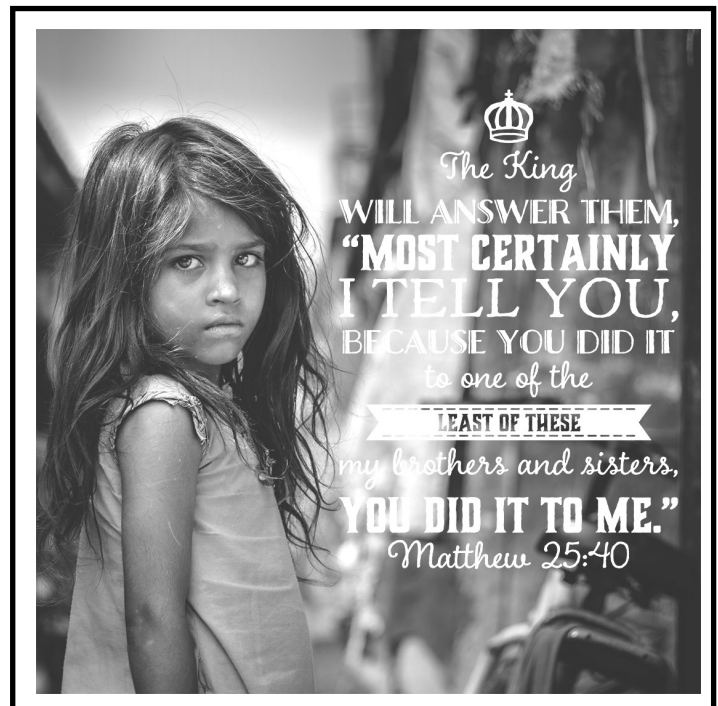
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| 1 John & Amy Erickson |
| 6 John & Nancy Brown |
| 11 Dave & Andrea Maille |
| 18 Marcus & Carrie Woodard |
| 17 Bob & Carol Mulvin |
| 18 Jim & Sue Butler |
| 22 Jim and Barb Bemis |
| 23 Larry & Sue Resinger |
| 30 Dave & Judy Johnson |
| Dave & Jeanette Comstock |

If you notice an incorrect or missing birthday/ anniversary or one that is listed that should no longer be there, call the church office 899-1031 & we'll 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.

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| Barb Bemis | Dick May |
| Claudia Brown | Hannah May |
| & Mike Faycheck | Emily Mellish |
| Lois Cochran | Jim Nelson |
| Jeanette Comstock | Jacob Nesgoda |
| Margaret Crider | Yvonne Peters |
| Donna Fannin | Sandy Spangler |
| Family of John Fannin | Bill & Sandy Stewart |
| Kevin Fisher | Tammy Stewart |
| Family of Sandi Glaspell | Larry Stultz |
| Rachel Hube | Megan Sweezey |
| Dave & Judy Johnson | Family of Halli VanSlyke |
| Pat Kocher | David Zacks |





August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Elder of the Month: Scott Shunk 453-3803</p> <p>Deacon of the Month: Sally Wakeley 397-4601</p>			1	2	3
4 10:00 a.m. Worship 	5  Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	6	7  Summer Reading Club Noon-1:30 p.m.	8  Deacons 2:00 p.m. Session 6:00 p.m.	9	10 Family Fun Night 6:00 p.m. Music by Derf Hopseger Trio Sunset Movie "Breakthrough"
11 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship with a picnic following worship at 3292 Depot Road 	12  Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	13	14  Summer Reading Club Noon-1:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Kid's Camp VBS 2019 1-4 p.m. 
18 10:00 a.m. Worship 	19  Wine & the Word 7 p.m. place to be announced Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	20  Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 p.m.	21  Summer Reading Club Noon-1:30 p.m.	22	23	24
25 10:00 a.m. Worship Guest Preacher: Rev. Tim Logan 	26 NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE  Women's AA Fellowship Hall	27 <i>4th Tuesday Get Together</i>  4th Tuesday Fellowship 12:00 noon	28	29  Preschool Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.	30	31