



First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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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
Christian Ed.....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

A Message from Pastor Robin:

Greetings, Dear Ones!

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and greetings. The prayers are working, and I hope and expect to be back with you soon.

In the meantime, though, aren't the online services absolutely terrific? The wonderful members responsible have been doing an exceptional job of leading worship and keeping us safe while we're alone...together (as the TV ad says.) Special thanks to Jared Mosier and Chris Thomas, both of whom have been there every week.

If you haven't yet, please tune in Sundays at 11 a.m. on our Facebook page or the church Website. And if anyone is having trouble finding it, please call a technologically adept member so they can talk you through it.

Know how I often give you homework assignments in sermons? Don't think I've ever assigned homework in a newsletter...until now. So here it is. (Eventually.)

A daily devotional written by United Church of Christ pastor Rev. Vince Amlin (Presbyterians are in "full communion with UCC) really caught my eye. Titled "The Better Part," he bases it on the Martha and Mary story, with Jesus telling Martha that "there is need of only one thing."

Amlin has a 7 a.m. reminder on his phone – "Pray for people!" He set the reminder as soon as quarantine began. He divided his list of members and prays for a few people each day.

I'll let Rev. Amlin take over from here:

"So what?!" you may be saying. "You're a minister! You should have been doing that all along!"

OK, arguably, yes. But I wasn't. Not like this.

"And yes, I'm sure there are more faithful ministers who have been at it their whole careers. And yes, there are probably more faithful ministers who, having started the practice, would keep it going after quarantine is over. (But between you and I, the chances of that for me are not good.)



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“Still, there’s some value in recognizing what’s important in a crisis. Like a global pandemic or God’s anointed one dropping in unannounced.

“Mary seizes the moment to sit and listen. To connect. To go deeper. She understands that something is happening and her priorities need to change.

“Which is not to say that our own moment is an opportunity. Or – God forbid! – a gift. Or that there is any call to look for a silver lining.

“Just that something is happening. And we might do well to live differently, even just for the moment. In case you, like me, need reminders.

“**Prayer:** With all the parts of life that are missing, give us the better parts. Amen.”

Assignment: Use your church directory and join me in very intentionally praying for all the members of this church family. I can testify that you’re really great at it!

Thinking of and praying for you all,

Pastor Robin

*Pray for
Each Other*



Preachers and Lectionary Readings for May

Even though we can not get together to nurture our spiritual lives, we can read through the hope-filled scripture. Below are the readings suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary for each Sunday in May.

Sunday, May 3 4th Sunday of Easter
Preacher: Rev. Mary C. Stewart
Acts 2:42-47 *Psalm 23*
1 Peter 2:19-25 *John 10:1-10*

Sunday, May 10 5th Sunday of Easter
Mother’s Day
Preacher: Rev. Mary C. Stewart
Acts 7:55-60 *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*
1 Peter 2:2-10 *John 14:1-14*

Sunday, May 17 6th Sunday of Easter
Preacher: Brian Griffith
Acts 17:22-31 *Psalm 66:8-20*
1 Peter 3:13-22 *John 14:15-21*

Sunday, May 24 7th Sunday of Easter
Preacher: TBA
Acts 1:6-14 *Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35*
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 *John 17:1-11*

Sunday, May 31 Day of Pentecost
Preacher: TBA
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*
John 20:19-23 *John 7:37-39*

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS!

During this time of quarantine and social distancing, the pastor and secretary will be working from their homes. Messages left on the church answering machine will be checked daily and calls will be returned as soon as possible. In case of an emergency, please call the church secretary on her cell phone: 814-881-9141. She will direct you to the appropriate person.

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PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the prayer chain, please speak to any 2019 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.

Worship with us on Facebook

During these days of “stay home” regulations, we will be providing live-streamed worship on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-of-Harborcreek

You can also access Facebook by going to the website at hcpresbyterian.org and scroll down to the Facebook link and click on it.

You can also view previous live-streamed worship services on our website. On the home page, point to the *Worship & Music* tab at the top of the page, then click on the *Worship Service Videos* page.

As we continue to watch news reports, we realize that we are still in questionable times. Federal, state and local governments are continuing to restrict the movement and gatherings of people in efforts to reduce the spreading COVID-19.

The health and needs of our members, friends and neighbors are of primary concern. Decisions will be made with that in mind. We know that we honor and praise God when we care for one another.

With this in mind, Session has decided to offer only live-streamed worship through the end of May. They are looking at a plan to restart worship in the church building.

For now, join us at 11:00 a.m. for worship provided by our Worship Committee on Facebook.

We will praise God through music, seek guidance through prayer, listen to God’s word in scripture, and hear a message of hope.

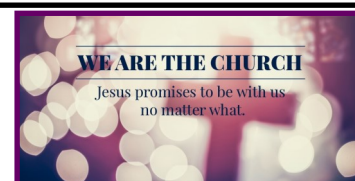
A huge thank you to Chris Thomas, Worship Committee and Jared Mosier, Property Committee for all the hard work they are doing to make this all possible.

If you have a prayer request you would liked mentioned during the live-stream service, please call the church office and leave a message for the secretary (814-899-1031).



A Gentle Reminder

The church is not closed; it has just left the building! Even though we are not gathering in-person for a church, you are still making a difference. This means, however, that the church continues to need your tithes and offerings. You can mail your gifts to the church and the treasurer will process them. This will help us to keep current on our financial responsibilities.



Even though our world has changed, the power of God has not changed. The truth of Scripture has not changed. The hope of Jesus has not changed. Our mission as a church has not changed. Let us not give in to fear. Rather, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author, and the perfecter of our faith.

*Thanks for you commitment and faith,
Your Stewardship & Finance Committee*

What do we do now...

Community Care

During this time of distress and uncertainty our church is offering *NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH BOXES*. These boxes are filled with "free food and books" to be used by our members and our neighbors in our community that are in need of food or entertainment.

These *Outreach Boxes* are located at our main entrance to the church on the cement platform. This will be a self-serve opportunity that can be accessed at anytime.

On Wednesdays, we are asking members whose last name begins with "*A-H*" to place their donations in the *Outreach Boxes* for pick up on Thursdays.

Then on Fridays, members with "*I-P*" may place their donations into the *Outreach Boxes* for pick up on Saturdays.

Then on Sundays or Mondays members with "*Q-Z*" may place their donations into the *Outreach Boxes* for pick up on Tuesday.

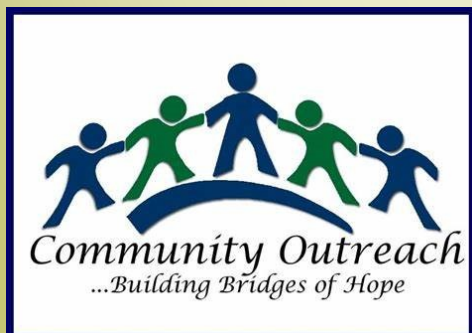
We fill the *Outreach Boxes* a day ahead of the pick up so that any germs we may have will not be spread to others needing the items in the box.

We want members and the community to know that our church family is here for them during these difficult times.

Please continue to reach out to anyone who may be in need of this opportunity. *This ministry is for ANYONE who is in need.*

Let us "Serve God and Others as Jesus Does"

If you have any questions please contact Barbara Griffith 882-4523 or Brian Griffith 459-8311



Annual Garage Sale

With all this extra time at home, it is time to clean out the storage room, basement, attic and garage. Box up your items and set them aside for the Garage Sale.



The Annual Garage Sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 13th from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Set up is planned for Friday, June 12th from noon to 8 p.m.

At this point the plan is to have the complete event as we have 27 times before, BUT we will have to see how the pandemic plays out over the next month in our area. Notifications will be through email and the June newsletter. Dave Maille, Chair 898-0755

We do not have any storage space at church for items, so as you go about your spring cleaning, put things off to the side until the Monday before June 8th and for set up on Friday, June 12th.

Don't forget to save the following items:

- ♥ Aluminum Cans
- ♥ Cancelled Stamps
- ♥ Used Greeting Cards
- ♥ Travel Sized Personal Care Products

Recycle



First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

Geranium Sale



White, Red, Dark Pink & Light Pink

\$5.00 each 4 for \$16.00

Name _____ Phone _____

How Many:

_____ White _____ Red
_____ Dark Pink _____ Light Pink

Total Ordered _____ Total Amount Due _____

Make checks payable to:

First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek
with "Geranium Sale" on memo line

Please communicate your orders to Lisa Baumgardner by
May 13th by either of the following:

Mail - 7005 Garfield Ave., Harborcreek, PA 16421

email - lkbaumgardner@msn.com

text - 881-3788

Pick-up dates: Saturday, May 16th noon-4 pm

Sunday, May 17th noon-1 pm

All profits will go toward our church's mission pledge.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping to make our day be so special [wedding anniversary]. It was a week end filled with family, friends, memories, and even a few tears.

Our thank you seems so small compared to all the cards, calls, gifts, good wishes, thoughts, prayers and the 'list goes on'. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family.

Sometimes simple words are best.

Thank You

Deane & Joanne Scott



Dear Church Family,

We hope everyone is OK and staying safe.

Jonathon and I still have our garage open, as we were listed as "life-sustaining"—

My mom is staying home and—although bored—is doing fine.



We are all being extra careful and trying to stay positive.

With a virtual hug,

Lisa [Baumgardner]



Happy Mother's Day!

"Grown don't mean nothing to a mother. A child is a child. They get bigger, older, but not grown. In my heart it don't mean a thing."—Toni Morrison



"Motherhood has relaxed me in many ways. You learn to deal with crisis. I've become a juggler, I suppose. It's all a big circus, and nobody who knows me believes I can manage, but sometimes I do." —Jane Seymour

"Motherhood is tough. If you just want a wonderful little creature to love, you can get a puppy." —Barbara Walters

"No language can express the power and beauty and heroism of a mother's love." —Edwin Chapin



"The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation."—James E. Faust

"A mother understands what a child does not say." —Jewish Proverb

"A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity, it dates all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path." —Agatha Christie

"The natural state of motherhood is unselfishness. When you become a mother, you are no longer the center of your own universe. You relinquish that position to your children." —Jessica Lange

"Mother is a verb. It's something you do. Not just who you are." — Cheryl Lacey Donovan



"There is such a special sweetness in being able to participate in creation." — Pamela S. Nadav

"Mothers and their children are in a category all their own. There's no bond so strong in the entire world. No love so instantaneous and forgiving." —Gail Tsukiyama

Church Family News...



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 4 Madeline Schrimper
- 6 Annie Stewart
- 9 James Thomas
- 13 Sue Beighley
- 16 Jared Mosier
- 25 Amanda Masiello
- 26 Betsy Roseto
- 31 Marge Suter

Anniversaries

- 10 Bill & Tammy Stewart
- 22 Patty & Kevin Graff
- 23 Barry & Jane Wile
- 31 Brian & Barb Griffith

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.

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| Barb Bemis | Family of Paul Foust | Hannah May |
| Claudia Brown | Shirley Hamm | Emily Mellish |
| & Mike Faycheck | Rachel Hube | Jim Nelson |
| Lois Cochran | Family of | Yvonne Peters |
| Jeanette Comstock | Dave Johnson | Sandy Spangler |
| Margaret Crider | Judy Johnson | Bill & Sandy Stewart |
| Pastor Robin Cuneo | Pat Kocher | Larry Stultz |
| Judy Ellwood | Ann Marie Kodba | Megan Swezey |
| Donna Fannin | Beverly Leighton | Sally Wakeley |
| Kevin Fisher | Dick May | 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

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

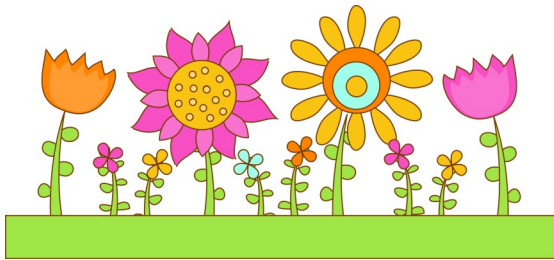
Sandy Spangler
Sarah Reed Retirement Ctr.
Room 9
227 W. 22nd Street
Erie, PA 16502

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



We Are in This **Together**

In these times of "social distancing", it is even more important to stay in touch with each other. Consider sending a note or card or make a phone call. Let each other know that they are thought of and prayed for and loved.



May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Elder of the Month: Barbara Griffith 814-882-4523</p> <p>Deacon of the Month: Nancy McNally 814-450-2577</p>		<p><i>Because of the uncertainty of the continuing threat of COVID-19, please check with a church leader, church office or website for updates.</i></p>			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m. Rev. Mary Stewart</p>			<p>CANCELLED Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal</p>			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m. Rev. Mary Stewart Preaching</p>			<p>CANCELLED Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p>Check with Chairperson Deacon Meeting 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Check with Clerk of Session Session Meeting</p>		<p>Geranium Pick-up Noon- 4 p.m.</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m. Brian Griffith Preaching Geranium Pick-up Noon- 1 p.m.</p>		<p>POSTONED Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>CANCELLED Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal</p>			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>		<p>CALL CHURCH OFFICE 4th Tuesday Fellowship 12:00 noon</p>	<p>CANCELLED Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal</p>			
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