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Sexton & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner
Treasurer.....Jim Watson

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Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
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Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Sue Kellerman, Jim Watson
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Secretary.....Joanne Scott
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Greeters/Liturgists.....Joanne Scott
Correspondence.....Aye Mosier
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Aye Mosier

Dear Ones,

I shared this piece by Anne Lamott, one of my favorite Christian writers, with Session earlier this month, and thought you might like it, too.

"This piece I wrote on Hope was published in the great National Geographic in October 2018—before the pandemic, and even before the fires in Australia, but maybe it will help you keep the faith today.)

"Show Up With Hope': Anne Lamott's Plan for Facing Adversity

"You would almost have to be nuts to be filled with hope in a world so rife with hunger, hatred, climate change, pollution, and pestilence, let alone the self-destructive or severely annoying behavior of certain people, both famous and just down the hall, none of whom we will name by name.



"Yet I have boundless hope, most of the time. Hope is a sometimes cranky optimism, trust, and confidence that those I love will be OK—that they will come through, whatever life holds in store. Hope is the belief that no matter how dire things look or how long rescue or healing takes, modern science in tandem with people's goodness and caring will boggle our minds, in the best way.

Hope is (for me) not usually the religious-looking fingers of light slanting through the clouds, or the lurid sunrise. It's more a sturdy garment, like an old chamois shirt: a reminder that I've been here before, in circumstances just as frightening, and I came through, and will again. All I have to do is stay grounded in the truth.

"By showing up with hope to help others, I'm guaranteed that hope is present. Then my own hope increases. By creating hope for others, I end up awash in the stuff....

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“Sometimes hope is a radical act, sometimes a quietly merciful response, sometimes a second wind, or just an increased awareness of goodness and beauty. Maybe you didn’t get what you prayed for, but what you got instead was waking to the momentousness of life, the power of loving hearts. You hope to wake up in time to see the dawn, the first light, a Technicolor sunrise, but the early morning instead is cloudy with mist. Still, as you linger, the ridge stands majestically black against a milky sky. And if you pay attention, you’ll see the setting of the moon that illumined us all as we slept. And you see a new day dawn.”

If you’d like to read the whole piece, you can find it at:

https://www.facebook.com/AnneLamott/posts/2741617699301189?_tn=K-R

Peace and love, Pastor Robin

Praise God!

Welcome back Pastor Robin!

We are blessed to have Pastor Robin back with us. She will be leading worship this Sunday, May 31! Join us on Facebook as we worship and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Hallelujah



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.



Lectionary Readings for June

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 June.

Sunday, June 7

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8

Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 14

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

Romans 5:1-8

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Sunday, June 21

Genesis 21:8-12

Romans 6:1b-11

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 28

Genesis 22:1-14

Romans 6:12-23

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father’s Day

Psalm 13

Matthew 10:40-42



Special Music for June

June 7

Christine Thomas (vocal)

June 14

Derf Hopsecger (piano and vocal)

June 21

Peggy Poniatowski (flute)

June 28

Isabella Gardner (violin)

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.***

Coming soon...we are currently setting up the ability for members and friends to make payments of tithes, offerings and gifts through our webpage and PayPal. We will announce in the Sunday bulletin when it is up and ready.

Worship News

Live Streamed Worship

The Session continues to evaluate when it would be safe to resume on-site worship and how would that work. For now, they are planning to continue streamed worship until the end of June.

For now, join us at 10:00 a.m. for worship.

You can connect with us through our Facebook page at:

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

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

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

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

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.

When can we worship together at the church?

At this point, we do not know. We continue to watch news reports, we realize that we are still in questionable times. The health and needs of our members, friends and neighbors are of primary concern. Decisions will be made with that in mind. Session is looking at a variety possibilities of how and when we will be able to gather. We know that we honor and praise God when we care for one another.



Pentecost Offering

Building God's Household

A foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ, right here, right now.

Please mail your Pentecost gift to the church.



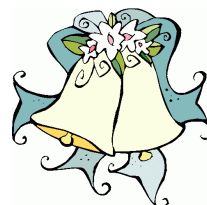
CONGRATS to our GRADUATING SENIOR JACOB GRAFF!

Join us online in recognizing him on Sunday, June 7th during worship. Send him some encouraging word in a card!

Harborcreek High School Baccalaureate can be seen on the school's Facebook page @ 7:00 p.m. tonight (Sunday, May 31) @ www.facebook.com/HCSRHIGH/. 2020 Graduation can be viewed at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4.

CONGRATULATIONS VALEDICTORIAN RACHEL NESGODA!

Congratulations! to Rachel Nesgoda who is valedictorian of her 2020 Senior Graduating Class at Iroquois High School.



Congratulations! to Matthew and Susan Nesgoda on their wedding on Friday, May 22, 2020. Many blessings as they begin their married life together.

Here's what is happening...

Community Care

Our *Neighborhood Outreach Boxes* have been a blessing. A special thanks to all members who have been making donations to fill the boxes. After a slow start it appears the boxes are being used by members and community neighbors plus the Mailles have taken food to the food pantry on several occasions. Keep up the good work!

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.

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.

thankyou

The Sunday "member calls" have been very well received. A dedicated group of callers has been in contact with most of the congregation each week and the callers are getting very positive feedback. Thank you to all of the callers!



GERANIUM SALE A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who ordered plants and helped out as we moved 590 by Sunday afternoon. The 70 we gave to pre-school families as a 'Thank You' from the church during their 'graduation' drive thru were well received and our profit of approximately \$710 will go towards our Presbytery Mission Pledge. There were no reds left, so I had to go to Stan's to get 6 for the west side of the church!

Dave Maille

GARAGE SALE EVENT POSTPONED



At the last Session Meeting, it was decided to hold off on the garage sale (set for June 13th) as things are still unsettled due to the pandemic. I realize most of us have stuff that we want to move out of our homes and garages, but this is not a good time for that type of gathering/event. If the way be clear, we will let you know the new dates.

Dave Maille, Chair

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

Once the pandemic hit and we began to seriously live stream services, we knew it was time to get serious about upgrading our audio and video system, which had been talked about for some time. Over the last couple months, we've gone from using a phone to purchasing a more suitable camera with a direct line from the microphones for better sound quality.



Under Jared Mosier's leadership, a committee of Chris Thomas (Worship Chair), Jeremy Stewart, Chris Stewart, Joyce Kriner, Ron Flowers, Dave Wedzik, Jake Graff and Justin Stewart compared bids from 3 companies and visited Our Lady of Mercy and St. James to check out systems. Based on our situation, the Committee recommended the proposal from Nite-Lites of Lake City and was approved by Session on May 14th for a cost of approximately \$12,000 with some of the wiring being done by our people.

Approximately half the cost will come from the Memorial Fund, half from the recently received bequest from the Paul Stewart estate with the possibility of some smaller grants from Presbytery and Synod.

Work will be progressing as this newsletter is being prepared. Thanks to all those involved to update our church for the current situation and the future.

Dave Maille

Study and Family Activities...



"ENCOURAGING WORD" *Group Daily Devotional*

We are going to start a group daily devotional I am calling "Encouraging Word" in June. During the week, each day you can be on a group email list and get a daily devotional. We would encourage you to share with the group your response to questions or devotional itself. We will do one or two Zoom Meetings with group to discuss some of the thoughts more thoroughly. The devotional will be from a couple of different sites including: Proverbs 31 Ministries' Encouragement for Today, UpWords by Max Lucado, and others.

PLEASE JOIN US AND
FIND ENCOURAGEMENT TODAY!

Email Jennifer Wedzik
at Navyblue@gmail.com
to join our June Group!

ATTENTION KIDS AND KIDS AT HEART! I SPY CHALLENGE!



Do you like to play Hide and Seek OR do Scavenger Hunts OR perhaps some of you have even done Geo-Caching? Well, we have a fun project for you! First two weeks of June - Find some good rocks to paint, select your design and paint your rocks, then "hide" your rocks around our church grounds. (We need to be able to spot them - don't "hide" them where they can't be seen!). I thought for the first group of rocks we decorate we would do a Water Theme - maybe inspired by a Noah and the Flood or Moses Parting the Red Sea or Jesus Calming the Sea? Your rocks could be a picture or just a word on them—whatever inspires you! Let me know how many rocks you painted and hid by emailing me navyblue@gmail.com.

I will post by front door of church how many rocks you need to find. If you want - send me some pics of your rocks to post on Facebook and website. Last two weeks of June (and rest of summer) - make a trip back to church and see if you can find/spot all the painted rocks! Are you up to the challenge? We will really see how good are you at "I SPY"!!!

FAMILY FUN DAY!

Steeple Rally!

Are you tired of being cooped up with no particular place to go? We have the solution for you! Your Membership, Care and Development committee is sponsoring a **Steeple Rally** for all members and their families on Saturday, June 27 at 2:00.

The Rally will practice the mandated "safe distancing". Everyone will stay in their own cars. We will be divided into "search teams". Each car will be given a list of addresses to find in the areas of Lawrence Park, Wesleyville, Harborcreek and North East. Each address will have a "clue" that you will need to discover and maybe even a "bonus question" for extra points. The clue you discover will give you one specific letter to use towards solving the mystery word scramble.

Example: At 6724 Buffalo Road

What is the color of the original front doors? WHITE. "E" would be your clue letter.

When your rally team has completed searching all their addresses they will meet back at our church (staying in your cars).

Each team will talk via cell phone to the rest of their team. Together you will learn all of the letters that were found so you can unscramble them and learn the secret word or phrase.

A VERY IMPORTANT part of the planning is knowing for sure who will participate.

We will need your firm commitment by Saturday, June 20th if your family is ready to have some FUN and FELLOWSHIP.

Please respond to Ann Nesgoda at annnesgoda@gmail.com or Barb/Brian Griffith at bgrif33@gmail.com.

Let's Get Together Safely!!



Meeting Notes

Session April notes:

The Zoom session meetings have been going well with all in attendance.

Pastor Robin expressed delight on how wonderful the streamed Sunday morning

worship services were going.

The request to host a retired Pastors luncheon from Rev. Hull was cancelled.

The outreach "Blessing" boxes have been going quite well with members filling supplies and those who are in need taking what they want. The Harborcreek food pantry appreciates the leftovers.

The township would like to promote an event honoring the Harborcreek class of 2020 with a firework display. The cost is around \$5,000 and they are willing to provide \$2,500 if they can get the rest donated from the community. After discussion, Session decided to support this project by providing up to \$200.

The Visual Lenten Bible Study has gone very well, thanks Jennifer.

With the shutdown, the Sunday school and breakfast and movie programs have been missed.

Because of the state's shutdown, The One Great Hour of Sharing collection was \$541.40.

The Big Event which was to be held on March 28th by the Lake Erie Presbytery was cancelled.

The following projects have been completed:

Plastering took place in:

lounge stairway and (the main area) the old entrance (NW corner);

back stairwell near men's room and fellowship hall near kitchen;

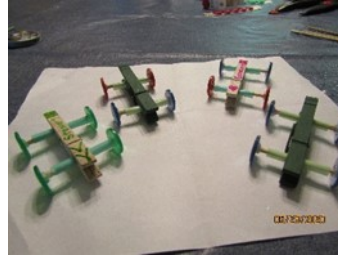
kitchen dishwasher area/steel counters extensions.

Submitted, Mary Ellen Flowers, Clerk

JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP
ON FACEBOOK

Looking for stuff to do with your kids?

Check out our Kid's Craft Box. The box is set up just outside the doors to Preschool it contains lots of little craft projects to do with your kids. Materials, ideas, and instructions included - just grab and go!!



Noah and Grammy and Grampy enjoyed a craft from the box! Noah said Grampy's car was the worse because he wheels fell off!

Please send cards or notes of love and prayer to Jeanette and Dave Comstock:

Dave and Jeanette Comstock
c/o Kathy Riser
2509 Flagstick Drive
Matthews, NC 28104

Don't forget to save the following items:

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

Recycle



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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Church Family News...



June **Birthdays and** **Anniversaries**

Birthdays

- 3 Dave Roseto
- 4 Jessie Hedlund
- 5 Talon King
- 9 Karen Foust
- 10 Margaret Crider
- 11 Jim Nelson
- 12 Cindy Skladanowski
- 13 Charla Burton
- 13 Daniel Hedlund
- 20 Daniel Skladanowski
- 25 Jacob Nesgoda
- 27 Jacob Badach
- 28 Terry Lemke
- 28 Miken King
- 28 Matt Barker
- 30 Cylie Schrimper

Anniversaries

- 6 Robin & Pat Cuneo
- 14 Marcus & Carrie Woodard
- 17 Carol & Bob Mulvin

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.

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

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

Jim Nelson
Yvonne Peters
Roger Ramsdale
Sandy Spangler
Bill Stewart
Sandy Stewart
Larry Stultz
Megan Sweezey
Sally Wakeley
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

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

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

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

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



June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:00 a.m. Summer Hours Begin ↓	1	2	3	4	5	6
		<i>I SPY CHALLENGE! Throughout June</i> <i>Check out details on page 5.</i>				
			CANCELLED Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal			
7 Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	8	9	10 CANCELLED Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal	11 Check with Chairperson Deacon Meeting 2:00 p.m. Check with Clerk of Session Session Meeting	12	13
14 Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	15	16 POSTONED Prayer Shawl Ministry	17 CANCELLED Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal	18	19	20 Commitment to Participate in Steeple Rally Deadline
21 Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	22	23 CALL CHURCH OFFICE 4th Tuesday Fellowship 12:00 noon	24 CANCELLED Choir Rehearsal Handbell Rehearsal	25	26	27 Family Fun Day Steeple Rally 2:00 p.m.
28 Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	29	30	Elder of the Month: Jim Watson 814-897-8095 Deacon of the Month: Nancy Brown 814-899-7736			