



First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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Secretary.....Mary Stewart
Sexton & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner
Treasurer.....Jim Watson

Committee Chairs—2019

Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
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Membership Care &
Development.....Barb Griffith
Ann Nesgoda, Sue Kellerman
Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Sue Kellerman, Jim Watson
Nominating &
Training.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Jennifer Wedzik
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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

Hello, dear ones!

We Presbyterians often say we're a "connectional" church, but what does that really mean? You can find the answer to that question in the YouTube recording of the *fabulous* worship service of the June 30 presbytery meeting.

The service celebrated the retirement after 17 years of General Presbyter Rev. Dr. David Oyler. All 41 years of his ministry were spent in Lake Erie Presbytery.



This church has been blessed to know him as a faithful presbyter and caring pastor. His retirement service reflects the great esteem in which he's held by all the nearly 60 churches in the presbytery.

Each part of the recorded service is offered by a different church. In a video expertly recorded by Jared Mosier, Linda DeAngelo and Nancy McNally play a duet prelude for the service. There's not room in this newsletter to tell you all the pastors and churches who participated. David preaches a fantastic sermon.

I'm not kidding when I say the whole thing gave me goosebumps. It's just a stunning example of what's possible when churches work together for a common goal. And that makes it a stunning example of our connectionalism. How blessed we are!

Here's the link to the service if you'd like to share the goosebumps. <https://youtu.be/Jwhft8FR2Bk>

So, let us give thanks for the loving service of Rev. Dr. David Oyler. We'll never see another like him, but he will be replaced. A committee from across the presbytery is already accepting applications, so we may know something within months.

Here's to our fabulous connectional church.

Blessings, Pastor Robin



Worship News

*Facebook Worship Every Sunday
through July 26*



As you probably know, our church has a new sound system and video/streaming system. We will be streaming the church services every week from now on. The sound system purchased is a simple system that is run with an iPad not a physical soundboard. Once we gain more experience with it, very few adjustments will be needed. There are several jobs needed each week to create a pleasant streaming service. Most are just fancy names for an easy/simple job currently being done by about 3 people every week. These jobs include but not limited to: Presentation Designer, Streaming Software Operator (using OBS), Camera Operator, Sound Operator, Social Media Manager, IT Support Tech, and Photographer. Some jobs are only before/during services and some are done at home during the week. Splitting up some of these jobs can spread out the work load. If any of these jobs spark an interest or you are interested but would like to see what we are doing, please let Jared Mosier (ph #814-923-1372) know. If you have any related talents/skills or have the interest and the willingness to help, learn or teach with us, please inquire. We are volunteers and have little experience with sound, video, or streaming so suggestions and help would be appreciated. We are currently working on projects and future ideas for streaming and the in-person services to be able to adapt to the current environmental changes.

Common problems and fixes while viewing Facebook Live streaming service:

- Frequent buffering -Fix- Don't use WIFI and connect an ethernet cable from your router to PC or Laptop.
- Blurry video -Fix- Facebook only streams at 720p resolution. Change the FB settings at the bottom of the video- quality to 720p

Don't forget to share with your friends!



Special Music for July

July 5 - Linda DeAngelo & Nancy McNally
(piano/organ duet)

July 12 - Derf Hopsecger

July 19 - to be announced

July 26 - Ken & Cindy Hall
(vocal and instrumental)



Lectionary Readings for July

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, July 5 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-6
Psalm 45:10-1 or *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*
Romans 7:15-25a *Matthew 11:16-29, 25-30*

Sunday, July 12 6th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 25:19-34 *Psalm 119:105-112*
Romans 8:1-11 *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Sunday, July 19 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 28:10-19a *Psalm 138:1-12, 23-24*
Romans 8:12-25 *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Sunday, July 26 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 29:15-28 *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or*
Psalm 128 *Romans 8:26-39*
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Starting Monday, July 20th, we will be leaving a VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL event pack each Monday for FOUR WEEKS. Pick up your event package anytime that week in box outside Sunday School and complete your pack at your convenience that week. There will be craft packages (supplies included), games, excursion ideas, Story lessons (that you can read together or follow on Facebook), and great songs to learn! Don't just vacation this year - STAYCATION with God!! Loads of ideas and activities - Come along and be "FEET THAT FOLLOW"



Projects Awaiting Your Attention

Do you like to paint, make or fix things, etc? The church has some small projects that need your attention this summer. Please look over the list and let Jared Mosier know what you could do and to ask questions. (923-1372 or jmosier1@gmail.com)

- Manse front porch - scrape & paint white; paint deck or better replace with plastic lumber
- Manse bay windows (west side) - scrape & paint
- Shed - repair or replace doors; stain/paint shed
- Old entrance - paint
- Rt. 20 hallway - shelves installed on west side opening



Dear Church Family,

Thank you all very much for the graduation cards, gifts, and well-wishes. I appreciate it, as well as all the support you have given me through the years. I will miss you all greatly!

Jacob Graff

Dear Church Family,

We, along with Jacob, would like to thank you all for the graduation gifts and messages you have shared with us. It is truly hard to believe our "little boy" is old enough to leave Harbor Creek High School for new adventures at Syracuse University. You, our Church Family, have been an important part of his growing up...your support of him and of us has been invaluable. While Jake's senior year (and all of our lives) was turned upside down this spring, knowing we had a group of people loving, supporting, and praying for us really helped to make this time much more bearable. We know Jacob will go on to great things, and it is because of the foundation our preschool, bell choir, Christmas programs, Swiss Steak Dinners, garage sales, Sunday streaming services, and countless other interactions with First Presbyterian members have helped to build. Thank you all again for your love and support!

Patty and Kevin Graff



Giving Opportunities...

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

Erie Gives

The Annual Erie Gives Event is August 11th and this year we are planning to participate. Many churches already do and with the pandemic, it seems like a good time to try it out. It does cost an organization of our size \$150/year to join the Nonprofit Partnership which handles the publicity, etc. for the Erie Community Foundation. Besides regular members giving a little extra to take advantage of the matching funds, we maybe have other friends out there that will contribute something when it is made very easy to do so. (If you prefer to write a check - to eliminate the credit card 3% fee - you can do so using the special check donation form found in this newsletter and then mail it to the Erie Community Foundation before August 10th.)

LEGACY

What does it mean to you?

LEGACY - What does it mean to you?

I must be on nearly every non profit's mailing list as I receive many solicitations every day in the mail. Some I do contribute to as I try to follow the motto of "Putting your money where your mouth is." If it is a worthy cause that I can get behind, then I support it. By far though, the largest benefactor of my support goes to this church - both in time and dollars. First Presbyterian Church, Harborcreek is in our will.

Paul Stewart followed through with action over words and good intentions as our church received a very nice unrestricted cash bequest along with two \$1000 savings bonds (not yet matured). Six thousand dollars of those funds have already been put to use to cover about half of the new sound/video system.

There are many ways to support the Harborcreek congregation - both now and in the future. Most of you reading this belong and participate. Will you put your money (assets) where your mouth is?

Dave Maille

Amazon Smile Coming Soon

All those online shoppers out there can soon go to Amazon Smile and list First Presbyterian Church, Harborcreek as your charity to support and we will receive .05% of the purchase price. We are in the process of applying for this but it may take a few more weeks—IRS computers are down so we have not been able to get the verification we need.



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.

Erie Gives Check Contribution Form

Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation and kindly deliver to the Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) with this completed form no later than August 10, 2020.



ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check Number: _____ Contribution total: \$ _____

Please list how you wish to be identified in print: _____

Example: John & Jane Doe | John Doe | Anonymous

Does your employer match donations? ☐ Yes ☐ No Company Name: _____

Please note, the employee is responsible for completing the employer's company match paperwork.

	Erie Gives Nonprofit Name All nonprofits below must currently be listed on the Erie Gives website.	Gift Amount \$25 minimum
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Received: ☐ Mail ☐ In Person _____ Information Verified _____ Entered _____

Steeple Rally Highlights

The inaugural Steeple Rally held on Saturday, June 27th was a grand success!

We had 17 vehicles with approximately 40 church members and their immediate families setting out around the area to discover clues to a familiar hymn and/or well-known Bible verses. Over 25 different churches were visited by teams in Harborcreek, North East, Wesleyville, and Lawrence Park.

The "Challenge" option proved difficult but all puzzles were eventually solved. The "Beginner" option offered some good fun for both children and adults. One of the churches that was visited had a unique "door to nowhere" and another had a "Sharing" garden just to name a few clues. All involved agreed that it was wonderful to see our church families again while social distancing and a good time was had by all.

Planning for another Rally in the fall will begin soon. Watch your newsletter for future details. Thanks to all who participated!

Membership and Outreach Committees
Nesgodas and Griffiths



Dear Harborcreek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the beautiful flower, and also giving all our preschoolers a flower too. Your support and kindness are greatly appreciated and make the preschool such a special.

Thank you again,
Mrs. Scipione, Songbird teacher

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone that has called me, sent me cards and notes to see I am.

The knee surgery is fine and all healed (too bad the surgery was the same day the pandemic started) so I guess like everyone else I have pretty much stayed home.

I was feeling great and tried to clean a mark on the rug and my back went out! That has been worse than the knee!

Anyway, thanks to all of you for caring about me. I hope we can see each other soon.

Love,

Judy [Ellwood]



Join us for worship on Facebook (First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek)!

Every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.



Session Notes from May, 2020 meeting

The clerk reviewed the on-line motion and approval on May 8th for the approval of presenting a geranium to each preschool graduate and teacher during their drive thru graduation. The cost will be taken from the Trailblazer's funds within the budget.

An e-mail to clerks and elders was read from Presbytery concerning re-opening worship services and thoughts and concerns to be discussed. This notice will be sent out to all session members for interest in attending a zoom meeting.

Session will determine details when we are ready to re-open worship.

Session decided to postpone the annual Garage sale due to the corona virus.

Session voted to set up a page on our web site to except donations to the church using pay pal.

There have been requests for a few people to attend the Sunday morning streaming services. we decided to ask no more than 5 people to attend each week. This will be by request only. Chris and Jared will monitor and express any concerns.

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

A lot of extra effort has been put into making the Sunday morning services as professional as possible. The sound system has been a concern for some time. The committee met and reviewed 3 separate bids. The committee presented the following bid from Nites Lites for consideration to Session. This system will cost around \$12,000 and will include the necessary upgrades to our current system as well as new state of the art technology. Monies will be taken from the memorial fund. The cry room will have to be used for a sound booth.

Congrats to Jenn for being asked to be the Presbytery's new spiritual formation director.

Session voted to approve an on-line communion request to be held during morning services.

Rev. David will be retiring from The Lake Erie Presbytery the end of June.

Cards and well wishes can be sent to: 2816 Elmwood Ave. Erie, Pa. 16508

On Tuesday, June 30, we will offer a worship service at 5:00 pm on YouTube during which Dr. Oyler will preach and we will celebrate him. Go to the search bar and search for the "First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant" Youtube channel. Scroll down to videos and click on *Rev. Dr. David Oyler Retirement Service*.

Mary Ellen Flowers
Clerk of Session

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...



July **Birthdays and** **Anniversaries**

Birthdays

- 5 Evan Foust
- 6 Diane Baumgardner
- 7 Lisa Nesgoda
- 9 Forest Alton Mosier
- 11 Barb Griffith
- 11 Dean Scott
- 12 Eileen Kriner
- 20 Claudia Brown
- 20 Aaron Claypoole
- 27 Colton Roseto
- 31 Nancy Brown

Anniversaries

- 1 Mike Faycheck
& Claudia Brown
- 6 Larry & Jan Hanes
- 12 James & Christine Thomas
- 16 Bob & Sue Kellerman
- 20 Dale & Trish Claypoole
- 27 Jim & Mary Stewart

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.

Because of the uncertainty of the continuing threat of COVID-19, please check with a church leader, church office or website for updates.



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



July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Elder of the Month:</u> Jared Mosier 814-923-132</p> <p><u>Deacon of the Month:</u> Joanne Scott 898-1833</p>			1	2	3	4
5 Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	6	7	8	9 Session ZOOM Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10	11
12 Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	20 Pick up Staycation Bible School Pack at the Entrance of C.E. Building	21	22	23	24	25
26 Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	27 Pick up Staycation Bible School Pack at the Entrance of C.E. Building	28	29	30	31	