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Correspondence.....Aye Mosier
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Aye Mosier

Hello, dear ones!

With this darned virus and aggravating political season both dragging on, there's way too much to think about, isn't there?

I often think there's too much to think about and often end up taking refuge in a subtitled Swedish or French mystery movie on my computer. The last time I fretted about too much to think about, I was in a dentist chair dreading the horrifying needles and plyers heading for my mouth to pull two teeth. No computer available. No Bible available, either, which should have been my first choice, of course.

So, instead of pulling the arms off the dentist chair, I reverted to my next go-to source of comfort – my mental blessings list.

We all have those mental blessings lists, and many are similar. We feel blessed by (in no particular order) mates, family, friends, good health, satisfying jobs, our church family, summers, vacations, modern conveniences, our cars and so much more.

Did you notice what was missing from that list? Jesus Christ, of course – our greatest blessing of all. Oh. For goodness sakes. Indeed.

How does that happen? Jesus should be at the top of our blessings lists *all the time*. We're missing a whole not if he's not. But with the assurance of God's love and salvation firm in our minds and hearts, maybe that's not such a bad thing. Maybe that's one way to determine that God's love, grace and salvation IS at the top of our blessings lists. Maybe it's one blessing we can take or granted, at least for a little bit. At least when there's too much to think about. Because God's got this. All of it.

We just have to get some smaller stuff -- such as darned viruses and aggravating political seasons-- back out of the way so we can bask in all the shine on God's promises to be with us always, and to never let us go.

Now *there's* a blessing. May all your blessings, with all God's blessings topping the list, shine in your life today and all days.



And the dentist was glad I left the arms on the chair.

In Christ's service with you,
Pastor Robin

Worship News

Facebook Worship Available Every Sunday



Mark your calendars:

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



Special Music for August

September 6 Bill Nescoda & Brian Griffith
(vocal duet)



Lectionary Readings for September

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

Sunday, September 6

Exodus 12:1-14
Romans 13:8-14

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalms 149
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13

Exodus 12:14:19-31
Romans 14:1-12

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalms 114
Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, September 20

Exodus 16:2-15
Philippians 1:21-30

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27

Exodus 17:1-7
Philippians 2:1-13

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16
Matthew 21:23-32



Opportunities to give and volunteer...



**WOW!
FANTASTIC!
WONDERFUL!
PRAISE GOD!**

Here are the results:

**18 individuals/ families donated
\$4,635 total amount donated**

**We have not heard, as of this writing,
the amount of the matching funds.**

**Thank you so much for your
generosity!**

Stewardship & Finance



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!

HELP NEEDED STOCKING COMMUNITY BOXES



**Feeding the
Community**

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.

Spiritual Formation...

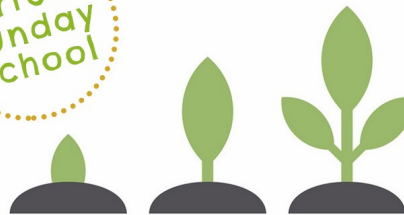
ATTENTION FAMILIES !!!!

TWO GREAT OPTIONS FOR LEARNING ABOUT GOD THIS FALL

**** starting Sunday September 13th**

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!



GROWING FAITH

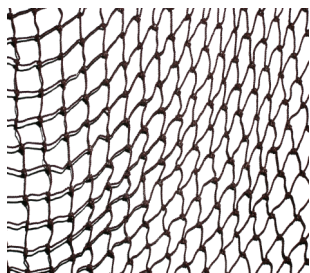
I KNOW THE BIBLE QUIZ CHALLENGE!

The Book of Genesis is the first book in the Bible! It tells us a lot about creation and how the world got to be in a fallen state. It contains the stories of creation, Noah's Ark, and the Tower of Babel. That's up through Chapter 11. After that, the whole book is about the first four generations of God's chosen people. (Answers options at bottom)

1. This creature tempted Eve in the Garden. (Genesis 3:1-7) _____
2. He was the first person on earth to get murdered.
3. (Genesis 4:3-8) _____
4. This mountain range is where Noah's ark landed. (Genesis 8:4) _____
5. The first patriarch of Israel. (Genesis 17:5) _____
6. This son almost got sacrificed on an altar. (Genesis 22:7-12) _____
7. The twin who had his father's blessing stolen is named here. (Genesis 27:32-35) _____
8. This patriarch's name was changed to Israel. (Genesis 32:24-29) _____
9. This son of Israel dreamed all his brothers would bow down and worship him. (Genesis 37:2-11) _____

Choose from:

Abel	Abraham	Ararat
Esau	Isaac	Jacob
Joseph	Serpent	



PRAYER NET
We Need Your Help!

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).

More News...



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Elmwood Gardens Auxiliary

Thank you to those who kindly donated to the annual Elmwood Gardens Auxiliary annual campaign. Through your kind donations, we, the auxiliary are able to make the lives of the residents of Elmwood Gardens a bit more comfortable and happy by recognizing them on their birthdays, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, etc. The folks at Elmwood have done pretty well physically during the pandemic. We've tried to let them know they have not been forgotten with an occasional sweet treat, cards, etc. Christmas will be here before we know it and we are hoping to show our love by giving each resident a gift as in years passed. Even though August was our campaign month, we continue to accept your financial support.

Blessings,

Sue Kellerman



Virtual Choir

We have been experimenting with a "Virtual Choir" for our streaming services with just a few choir members and Joyce playing piano. We now think we have the capability to slowly add more members to our "Virtual Choir". Members would need the capability to video record from your phone or PC while listening to music with headphones or earbuds. You can video record from the comfort of your home without rehearsing at the church. If you are interested in joining the virtual choir, please contact Bill Nesgoda or Chris Thomas for more information.

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.



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

Don't forget to save the following items:

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

Recycle



SAVE THIS DATE!

"HARBORCREEK HISTORY HUNT"

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



On Saturday, October 17th, 2:00 - 4:00 we will have our 2nd Family Fun Rally of 2020.

We will have a "FUN" Rally along with a "CHALLENGE" Rally so all ages of the family can participate and enjoy.

Watch for the details in your weekly bulletin and the October newsletter for your sign-up opportunity. We hope you can join your church family and friends for a fun afternoon in your own car.

Membership and Outreach

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



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 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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Church Family News...



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Nicole Dorman
- 5 Bill Fannin
- 14 Dena Barker
- 19 Benjamin Moffet
- 24 Bob Mulvin
- 28 Christine Schrimper
- 29 Larry Resinger

Anniversaries

- 4 Andrea & Jeremy Stewart
- 6 Linda & Jim Erickson
- 7 Laura & Jeremy Rockwell
- 11 Sue & Dave Beighley
- 13 Michael & Christine Schrimper

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

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

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



Do
little
things

with great love.



September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Parking Lot/ Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	7	8	9	10 Session ZOOM Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11	12
13 Parking Lot/ Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Parking Lot/ Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Parking Lot/ Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 10px;"> <p><u>Elder of the Month:</u> Dave Sue Kellerman 717-586-8357</p> <p><u>Deacon of the Month:</u> Joanne Scott 814-898-1833</p> </div>		