



# First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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### Church Leadership

Pastor Robin Cuneo  
Pastor Emeritus.....  
Rev. Sheldon "Tim" Logan  
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

Hello, dear ones!

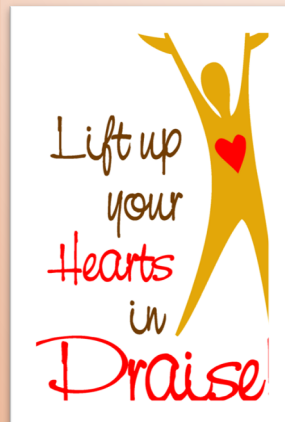
I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone this coming Sunday, Aug. 9.

It will be really different than our normal summer outdoor worship, but it will still be great. How could it not? It will be the first time we've seen each other in person for weeks!

Many thanks to Scott Shunk for hosting us so many years in the past. Maybe we'll be able to impose on his hospitality again next year. But until then, we'll still be gathered with our church family, worshipping God.

We'll have to be pretty strict with the social distancing, mask and hand sanitizing rules because everyone would feel *terrible* if anyone got sick.

And getting sick can happen so, so easily. One of my neighbors, who always does *everything* right, was diagnosed with the virus over this past weekend. It is impossible to be too careful.



So here are the reminders once again:

Wear your mask at all times unless you're sitting in your own car. If someone comes to your car window, you should BOTH be wearing masks.

As hard as it is, please don't sing, even in your own car. Please try humming or speaking the words instead.

You may bring your lawn chair, but you must social distance and wear a mask.

If you come into the building, you must use hand sanitizer both on your way in, and your way out. Only the upstairs restroom will be open.

Some people think it sounds like we're trying to take the joy out of worship. Not at all. Honestly. It's because you are loved.

In the meantime, please stay safe, and I'd appreciate a few prayers for my neighbor.

In Christ's service with you,  
Pastor Robin

# Worship News

**Facebook Worship Every Sunday through August**



## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP AUGUST 9**

*Please notice change of location.*

This year's annual outdoor worship will take place in the church parking lot. Please park in **every other space**, facing the church. Pastor Robin will be preaching outside the entrance. You're welcome to bring lawn chairs, but, in order to protect everyone from the Covid-19 virus, **social distancing will be required.**

**Facemasks will also be required AT ALL TIMES unless you're sitting inside your own car. If someone comes to talk beside your car, you should both wear masks**

**Feel free to hum the hymns or speak them, but please do not sing as that creates more droplets.**

You are welcome to "attend" church in the parking lot *any* Sunday. Just bring your own device – such as a smart phone or personal computer – to watch the streaming service. **Again, park every other space, and facemasks are required AT ALL TIMES unless you're sitting inside your own car.**

**The only restroom available will be the unisex one at the top of the steps. We ask that you use hand sanitizer before entering the church. The sanitizer will be outside. The restroom will contain more instructions for use of wipes on seats, etc.**

Yes, we realize all of this is very frustrating and may seem overly picky. (And there will be even more we'll tell you about later!) Our only goal is to keep everyone safe *because we love you* and would feel absolutely horrible if anyone became ill because they attended church.

Reopening Subcommittee

(Barb Griffith, Sue Kellerman, Eileen Kriner,  
Chris Thomas, Pastor Robin)



### ***Special Music for August***

August 2	Sophia Ives (vocal) , Jacob Perry (piano)
August 9	Derf Hopsecger
August 16	to be announced
August 23	Harmonizers (vocal group)
August 30	Zanita Zacks-Gabriel & Andona Zacks-Jordan (strings duet)
September 6	Bill Nesgoda & Brian Griffith (vocal duet)



### ***Lectionary Readings for August***

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

<b>Sunday, August 2</b> <i>Genesis 32:22-31</i> <i>Romans 9:1-5</i>	9th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalms 17:1-7, 15</i> <i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>
<b>Sunday, August 9</b> <i>Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28</i> <i>Romans 10:5-15</i>	10th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b</i> <i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>
<b>Sunday, August 16</b> <i>Genesis 45:1-15</i> <i>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32</i>	11th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalms 133</i> <i>Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28</i>
<b>Sunday, August 23</b> <i>Exodus 1:8-2:10</i> <i>Romans 12:1-8</i>	12th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalms 124</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>
<b>Sunday, August 30</b> <i>Exodus 3:1-15</i> <i>Romans 12:9-21</i>	13th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c</i> <i>Matthew 16:21-28</i>

# Opportunities to give and volunteer...

## Erie Gives!

Your community needs you now more than ever! Support your favorite causes during Erie Gives on **August 11, 2020**. Brought to you by The Erie Community Foundation and its generous sponsors, the signature event promotes the nonprofit sector, which, during the COVID-19 pandemic, is in the unique position of having to continue to provide services while experiencing decreasing resources.



You can be a philanthropist with a gift of just \$25 or more. Make your gift online, mail a check, or gift the required minimum distribution from your IRA. Then Erie Community Foundation will match with a percentage of your

donation (That percentage is determined by the matching funds identified and the total of the donations. In 2017, the prorated match percentage was 7.48%.)

**And this time you can donate to the First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek!** The event takes place on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST. Erie Gives will be an exciting day! Throughout the 12-hour period, we will post how well the nonprofits are doing on the Erie Gives website, The Erie Community Foundation's website, Facebook and Twitter. (Your mail-in check must be received at the Erie Community Foundation Office by August 10. We are listed as First Presbyterian Church which is our official IRS name. Please list your donation to First Presbyterian Church--you may put (Harborcreek) in parentheses. See attached donation form for more information,)

Sincerely submitted,

Mary Ellen Flowers, Clerk of Session

JOIN US FOR  
**WORSHIP**  
ON FACEBOOK



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!*

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# More Opportunities to give...



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## Friends of Elmwood Gardens

The Covid pandemic has changed everything for all of us including those in nursing facilities. For many months the residents of Elmwood Gardens have been confined to their rooms without visitation from family, friends nor had group activities. The members of the Elmwood Gardens Auxiliary have continued to try to find ways to support our residents each month since the "new normal" began in March. Birthdays have continued to be recognized monthly with individual cupcakes for all, Mother's Day and Father's Day have also been days of celebration as in years gone by. We donated Dilly Bars purchased from a local Dairy Queen for a "pick me up" treat in addition to a couple of other surprises for the folks at Elmwood.

During a normal year the auxiliary would plan monthly shopping trips for the residents to their favorite store, Walmart. Sometimes we would plan a trip to various points of interest around town. We also hold a Christmas party complete with entertainment and a gift for each resident. That party brings special joy to the residents as it does to me when I see them enjoying the day. In many cases the staff at Elmwood and the Auxiliary members are the only family the residents have so we recognize Halloween, St. Patrick's Day as days of fun trying to make their lives more complete. We, the auxiliary, also purchase videos (we accept donated ones used or new). In addition, we pay for the transportation when there is an outing. Each year the cost of the LIFT increases sometimes limiting what we can do for the folks.

The Auxiliary is able to make the lives of the Elmwood residents more rewarding because of the financial support from members of churches like Harborcreek. Usually our annual fund drive is in May, but because of the pandemic we have this year designated August for the event. With your donation our group will continue to provide extras

to enhance the lives of those living at Elmwood. All money collected will be used wisely to support our residents and will be greatly appreciated.

When you send your check made out to the First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek please be sure to note "AUXILIARY OR ELMWOOD" on it so it will go directly to Elmwood Auxiliary. On behalf of the approximately 90 residents of Elmwood and myself, thank you for your support.

For a rewarding experience think about becoming a member of the Elmwood Auxiliary. Your involvement can be as little or as much as you want.

Blessings,  
Sue Kellerman



**Feeding the  
Community**

### HELP NEEDED STOCKING COMMUNITY BOXES

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 service and a big success as community outreach.

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.



*Feed my Sheep.*  
- John 21:15

# More News...

## 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.



## 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.

Don't forget to save the following items:

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

**Recycle**



## MISSION NEWS

Our church community is amazing! Even though we are not present with each other we still strive to be of assistance to others who need our help. **THANK YOU CARING PEOPLE!**

We will prepare our third UPPER ROOM dinner on August 30<sup>th</sup>. We believe that we will be making bag lunches again this month due to the virus. Please keep these homeless folks in your prayers as they have many challenges to face.



We will not be doing full book bags this year. They request that we just purchase school supplies (paper, pens, markers, typing paper, pencils, notebooks etc.) to make it simple, people can just drop off their donation in a bag at my door prior to August 17. I will make sure everything is delivered. Thanks, sorry for the change. My address; 636 Highmeyer Road. 814-602-6503

**THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU DO!**

Ann Nesgoda, Mission Committee



## 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](mailto: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



Notes from June Session meeting:

The clerk read a thank you card from the Preschool for the flowers presented to them on graduation day.

Jennifer Wedzik was elected to be our commissioner and attend the Lake Erie Presbytery meeting to be held on June 30.

Outreach: Our church will provide supper for Rev. Oyler and Becky at 6:30 pm on June 30<sup>th</sup> to be delivered to their house.

Mission: The Upper Room luncheon was held Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. There were around 30 people who enjoyed a brown bag lunch provided by our church. Next luncheon will be August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel: Thanks to Chris Thomas and Jared Mosier for making the on-line services so successful.

Property: The following projects in the church have been completed:

Painting of the Kitchen

Sound system installed into the former cry room  
Stewardship/Finance: Jim Watson reported that \$2,000 was sent into the Presbytery toward our church's mission pledge.

Mary Ellen Flowers  
Clerk of Session

## 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](http://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



*A heartfelt thank you for all your prayers, words of comfort, and cards during this time of grieving my brother, Michael J. Maille. The loss is great, but the blessing of him being my big brother brings us joy.*

Love, Mary and Jim Stewart



### 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.

### **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.

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# Church Family News...



## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Birthdays**

- 4 Brian Griffith
- 5 Jim Erickson  
Eleanor Stanley
- 6 Patty Graff
- 10 Dave Beighley
- 11 Rod Hedlund  
Bob Kellerman
- 12 Kyle Foust
- 17 Sue Bemis
- 19 Nancy McNally
- 20 Yvonne Peters
- 22 Judy Johnson
- 23 Scott Shunk  
Jessica Erickson Wolfram
- 24 Kevin Graff
- 25 Peggie Smith  
Karen Cahoon
- 28 Jack Mosier  
Dennis Blum

### **Anniversaries**

- 1 John & Amy Erickson
- 6 John & Nancy Brown
- 11 Dave & Andrea Maille
- 18 Jim & Sue Butler
- 22 Jim & Barb Bemis
- 23 Sue & Larry Resinger

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	Rev. Jack Graham	Bob Mulvin
Barb Bemis	Shirley Hamm	Jim Nelson
Claudia Brown	Rachel Hube	Yvonne Peters
& Mike Faycheck	Judy Johnson	Roger Ramsdale
Lois Cochran	Pat Kocher	Sandy Spangler
Family of Jeanette	Ann Marie Kodba	Sandy Stewart
Comstock	Beverly Leighton	Larry Stultz
Margaret Crider	Dick May	Megan Sweezey
Judy Ellwood	Hannah May	Sally Wakeley
Donna Fannin	Emily Mellish	David Zacks
Kevin Fisher		



## **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



# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div> <u>Elder of the Month:</u>            Dave Maille 814-572-5781   <u>Deacon of the Month:</u>            Nancy McNally 814-450-2577         </div>					1
2  Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	3  Pick up Staycation Bible School Pack at the Entrance of C.E. Building	4	5	6	7	8
9  Outdoor Worship 10:00 a.m. (in church parking lot)	10  Pick up Staycation Bible School Pack at the Entrance of C.E. Building	11	12	13  Session ZOOM Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14	15
16  Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22
23  Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30  Live-Stream Worship 10:00 a.m.	31	September 1	2	3  Preschool Virtual Parent/Teacher Meeting 7:00 p.m.		