



# First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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Treasurer.....Jim Watson

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Secretary.....Joanne Scott  
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Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith  
Aye Mosier

## **INDOOR WORSHIP BEGINS NOVEMBER 1**

Dear Ones,

Don't you wish we lived in less "interesting" times? Me, too. But, here we are. And we can handle it because God is with us always, and because we're being very careful and following health guidelines.

Many, many thanks to all the people who made our parking lot worship so successful. They worked faithfully and hard. We really appreciate everyone who attended, as well. But now the weather is chasing us inside -- just as Covid 19 is surging again. Indoor worship begins Nov. 1. And we were forced to adopt the guidelines you'll find elsewhere in this newsletter and in bulletins.

Yes, session and the ad hoc reopening committee and I all know the reopening guidelines seem like a big fat pain, but they are necessary. They are advised by both Presbytery and Synod, as well as our insurance company. The whole point is that we love you and want to keep everyone safe. When this pandemic is over, we don't want anyone to be missing.

This will be a little weird for me, too. Because of all the ridiculous things wrong with me, my doctor won't let me be inside a building, even with everyone masked and social distanced, for longer than 20 minutes. So, for parts of the service, I'll be "broadcasting" from my office.

I would love nothing better than to be with you and exchange hugs and handshakes and the peace of Christ. Alas, we'll have to wait.

Thank you so much for your patience, and for being part of this wonderful church family. And don't forget you can always catch our services on our Facebook page!

Much love and concern,

*Pastor Robin*



# Worship News

*Facebook Worship Available Every Sunday*

## GUIDELINES FOR INDOOR WORSHIP DURING COVID-19

(We realize nobody likes this many rules. Our *only* goal is to keep everyone safe. Thank you.)

- Please always wear a mask on church property, whether indoors or outside. Please cover nose *and* mouth.
- Please social distance (6 feet) *at all times* on church property, whether indoors or outside.
- The sanctuary is taped off into safe social distancing. Please read the tags to tell if you're using a correct seat – from single to family. Your old seat *may* not be available.
- Overflow space will be available in the fellowship hall.
- Singing. *So, so* sorry, but we just can't do it. It's simply not safe. No churches in the Presbytery are allowing live choirs or congregational singing. Instead, please consider humming, reciting the words, or meditating on the words.
- A song leader will lead each week, and be the only person singing live, at a safe distance.
- Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- Please follow directions posted on restroom doors, and use sanitizer and wipes provided.
- Please leave the building promptly after worship. The longer we hang around inside, the more possibility there is of unintentionally shedding the virus in the building.



### Lectionary Readings for November

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

#### Sunday, November 1

*Revelation 7:9-17*  
*1 John 3:1-3*

All Saints Day  
*Psalm 34:1-10, 22*  
*Matthew 5:1-12*

#### Sunday, November 8

*Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*  
*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
*Psalm 78:1-7*  
*Matthew 25:1-13*

#### Sunday, November 15

*Judges 4:1-7*  
*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

24th Sunday after Pentecost  
*Psalm 123*  
*Matthew 25:14-30*

#### Sunday, November 22

*Ezekiel 34:11-16*  
*Ephesians 1:15-23*

Reign of Christ  
*Psalm 100*  
*Matthew 25:31-46*

#### Sunday, November 29

*Isaiah 64:1-9*  
*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

First Sunday of Advent  
*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*  
*Mark 13:24-37*



### *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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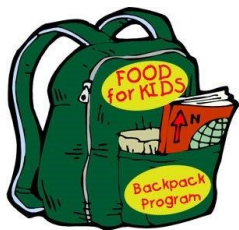
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Sunday, November 1	Mary Ellen Flowers
Sunday, November 8	Ron Flowers
Sunday, November 15	Nancy McNally
Sunday, November 22	Bob Kellerman
Sunday, November 29	Brian Griffith

# Mission News

Here's What We Are Doing!

Here we are, another Upper Room Dinner coming up at the end of the month. On November 29<sup>th</sup> we will serve dinner after worship to those who have very little. I am not sure how this dinner will be served, outside or inside. I will keep you informed as to what the needs for workers and food are. Please consider helping in any way you are able.



A new mission opportunity has become available to us. It is a way to make a direct impact on the lives of the children in THIS neighborhood! We are asking for your support of this very worthwhile project. We are talking about the Klein School/Rolling Ridge School Backpack Program. Starting next month, we will be directly involved with this program. We will hopefully be partnering with Faith Lutheran Church to provide food items to those students who need food support over the weekend from Klein School. It is possible we may partner with another church to do Rolling Ridge School. The program has started already with South Harborcreek United Methodist Church providing services to Clark School. There is a monetary amount needed to support the program and we are asking for your support to accomplish this mission. The program is able to service (through the Second Harvest Food Bank) 25 to 40 students. The cost to provide food through the school year is \$125 for each child. If you are able to support one or two children it would be a very worthwhile way to spread God's love to the children in our neighborhood. The Second Harvest Food Bank requests \$5000 for each school participating. If you would consider assisting with any amount it would be appreciated, if you can support a child or two, that's FANTASTIC! Please just mark your check "Backpack Program."

As there will be no ecumenical Thanksgiving service this year, it would be wonderful to shift your support to this worthwhile program.

THANK YOU for always being there to help those in need of God's love!



## 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 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.



## Recycle Recycle Recycle

We are still receiving donations for special mission projects.

♥ Aluminum Cans for the Dick Smith Fund to benefit community members with emergency needs.

♥ Cancelled Stamps to be sent to Canada to benefit a Leprosy Organization.

♥ Used Greeting Cards to be sent to be sent to St Jude's Ranch for them to repurpose and sell in their gift shop and on their website.

♥ Travel Sized Personal Care Products to be given to the homeless at The Upper Room.

This is a easy way to make a big difference in the lives of people our community and around the world! Just collect and drop off at church.



# More ways to participate



## LAKE ERIE PRESBYTERY YOUTH Neighbor to Neighbor Project

Philippians 2:4 tells us: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Yes, even during time of craziness around us, we must reach out to others.

When: November 14th or 15th

### Calling all youth (and young at heart):

We are tackling a HUGE, PRESBYTERY WIDE service project together on November 15th. This is an exciting opportunity where we can gather our youth and others to work together on the same project across our Presbytery:

- 1) Come join us on Sunday November 15th after church while we work on some project socially distanced outside OR
- 2) Anyone who wants to work individually can let us know and then drop off their work to church on 15th. OR
- 3) You can help provide materials for projects and donate: 1 1/2 Yards of Fleece Fabric, \$10 Gifts cards to McDonalds, OR hats and gloves.

Please come and join youth across Lake Erie Presbytery work on this Neighbor to Neighbor Project TOGETHER IN SPIRIT! If you are interested in participating let Jennifer Wedzik know or call church office.

### Two project choices:

- 1) Project Linus Blankets (the blankets that you tie the sides) which is a great ministry that provides blankets in our area to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or in need. We can provide instructions. OR



- 2) Christmas bags for needy.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN HELPING OUR  
NEIGHBORS!**



## FRIENDSGIVING

Last fall our church family enjoyed a wonderful "Friendsgiving" tureen meal. This year some changes need to be made.

Since we cannot meet together as a group this year let's celebrate "Friendsgiving" by sharing a note or "thinking of you card" with three church members. Please enclose one of the following:

- a favorite holiday recipe
- a favorite Bible verse
- a special time that you remember at church
- a favorite family holiday memory

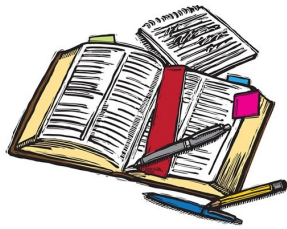
Please pick two or three members who don't sit next to you in church and send them a note!

Let's embrace as many members as possible to let them know that we are all cherished as one of God's family.

Membership/Outreach Committee



# News briefs...



## **VIRTUAL STUDY WINE AND THE WORD**

**Wine and the Word Study Group** will begin a new study book in November.

The book will look at the New Testament Apocrypha (apocrypha is biblical or related writings not included in the accepted canon of Scripture in most Protestant versions of the Bible).

The books will be available next week for \$10 each. The study will resume Monday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Robin if you are interested in participating.

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## **HHH A GREAT TIME**

We want to thank all who participated in the **Harborcreek Historical Hunt** on October 17th. 28 people enjoyed a wonderful afternoon driving around our township and learning MUCH about Harborcreek history that was previously unknown to them!

A special thanks to Nancy Brown and the Harborcreek Historical Society for providing the booklets at a reduced price for all to use and enjoy.

Membership/Outreach Committee



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

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## **STEWARDSHIP 2021**

October 25th was our 'official' **Dedication Sunday** and we are asking everyone to bring or send in your estimate of giving

card at your earliest convenience. Having a reasonable idea of what to expect from the congregation helps in budgeting and managing the church's finances. As always, thank you for your dedication and support.

Stewardship & Finance Committee



## **SWISS STEAK DINNER ANOTHER SUCCESS**

Our first ever attempt at a **drive thru take out only dinner** turned out well and we sold 413 meals until the meat ran out. Our community friends wholeheartedly supported us (our Swiss Steak is well known and they were waiting for us to have the dinner) and the weather cooperated. That was one of the reasons why we moved it up two week from November 7th. We received a wonderful supply and variety of cookies and have enough for the next Upper Room dinners in Erie.

Thanks to everyone who helped out. It was a great team effort!

Dave Maille, Chair

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## **HANDS ACROSS HARBORCREEK**

Approximately 30 members stayed after the outdoor service on **World Communion Sunday**, October 4th to extend their hopes for peace as we lined Buffalo Road in front of the church. We showed the sign of peace to passing motorists and waved and received many waves, peace signs and honks as the community passed by while Joyce played "Let There Be Peace On Earth". The group then joined together in silent prayer for 5 minutes.

We were honored to have Pastor Keith Sundberg and Pastor Carl Hull and his family join us in this meaningful example of outreach and prayer.

The South Harborcreek United Methodist church also participated with over 100 members staying after their church service and praying for peace.

Thanks to all who shared this experience.

Membership/Outreach Committee





# More News...



## 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.



## 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.

## 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's email has changed to:  
robincuneo@gmail.com

Pastor Robin preaches every Sunday **except** the last Sunday of each month.



## Thanksgiving Word Scramble

1. rcon \_\_\_\_\_
2. ukppmin \_\_\_\_\_
3. krueyt \_\_\_\_\_
4. omfaylwer \_\_\_\_\_
5. niwsebho \_\_\_\_\_
6. ciarrbesne \_\_\_\_\_
7. spmiligr \_\_\_\_\_
8. ricdukmts \_\_\_\_\_
9. dnenir \_\_\_\_\_
10. syam \_\_\_\_\_
11. solrl \_\_\_\_\_
12. eremnbv \_\_\_\_\_
13. gobabl \_\_\_\_\_
14. esdrst \_\_\_\_\_
15. ngstufif \_\_\_\_\_
16. uyhtarsd \_\_\_\_\_
17. efats \_\_\_\_\_
18. vragy \_\_\_\_\_
19. nnasidi \_\_\_\_\_
20. rbeda \_\_\_\_\_
21. ulqit \_\_\_\_\_
22. lavees \_\_\_\_\_
23. svrtaeh \_\_\_\_\_
24. aumutn \_\_\_\_\_
25. atolflob \_\_\_\_\_

# Church Family News...



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Birthdays**

- 3 Dale Claypoole
- 8 Jim Butler
- 10 Jacob Graff
- 11 Don Duckett
- 15 Carl Steiner
- 17 Jessie Denniston
- 17 Linda Blum
- 19 Sue Butler
- 21 Joanne Scott
- 24 Janie Hedlund
- 28 Lisa Baumgardner
- 29 Jonathon Priebe

### **Anniversaries**

- 2 Rod & Holly Hedlund
- 9 Denny & Linda Blum
- 13 Dave & Jennifer Wedzik
- 14 Jim & Peggy Nelson
- 28 Lisa Baumgardner & Jonathan Priebe

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.

Barb Bemis  
Claudia Brown  
& Mike Faycheck  
Lois Cochran  
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  
Bob and Carol Mulvin  
Jim Nelson  
Yvonne Peters  
Roger Ramsdale

Wilda Resinger  
Dean Scott  
Sandy Spangler  
Sandy Stewart  
Larry Stultz  
Megan Sweezey  
Sally Wakeley  
Abigail Wilkinson  
Steve Wood  
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  
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 Center  
2323 Edinboro Rd. 518c  
Erie, PA 16509



# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Inside Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m. All Saints Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Inside Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	<b>9</b> Virtual Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Session ZOOM Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Inside Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m. <div>           Presbytery Youth Project            Neighbor to Neighbor         </div>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Inside Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Inside Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship 11:00 a.m. Rev. Logan, preaching	<b>30</b>			<div> <u>Elder of the Month:</u>  <u>Deacon of the Month:</u> </div>		