



First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
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Vice-Chairperson.....Donna Fannin
Secretary.....Joanne Scott
Treasurer.....Peggie Smith
Caring Tree.....Nancy McNally
Correspondence.....Joanne Scott
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Sue Beighley
Greeters/Liturgists.....Joanne Scott

Dear Ones,

- "Christ is risen!"

"He is risen indeed!"

Don't you just love saying and hearing that? It's one of the best parts of Easter, and often gives me goosebumps. It was a great privilege saying and hearing those words with you, dear friends.

- I hope you agree with me that our Easter season worship was magnificent. Many, many thanks to all those who made it possible – from Eileen Kriner and David Maille who dealt with a difficult sewage overflow downstairs, to Jared Mosier and Jeremy Stewart and their crew who made sure all the services made it onto Facebook and our Website, to Mary Stewart who dealt with three bulletins in one week, to David Maille and Carl Steiner who are doing a stellar job as ushers keeping us correctly socially distanced. And there are many more. We are so blessed.
- A few people have asked for this from the Easter sermon: In April 2002, an Oxford philosophy professor, Richard Swineburne defended the truth of the resurrection at Yale University using the Bayes Theorem – a broadly accepted mathematical probability theory.

In a New York Times interview, Swineburne admitted that for someone dead for 36 hours it was pretty improbable to revive, BUT that natural laws only work because the Creator makes them work, and therefore, the Creator can change them as well. Long story short, with the numbers plugged in, there's a 97 percent probability that the resurrection really happened.

- That's nice to know. Right? But we don't really need that formula because we have our own formula – the [Easter Formula: R + ET + F = LE. The Resurrection plus the Empty Tomb plus Faith equal Life Eternal.](#) That's the Easter Formula.
- Here's hoping you join us for the rest of the Easter season – six more Sundays, and then on to Pentecost!

God is good, *Pastor Robin*



Worship and Mission News

Facebook Worship Available Every Sunday

Lectionary Readings for April

Below are the readings suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary for this month.

Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43 *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *John 20:1-18*

Sunday, April 11 2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35 *Psalm 133*
1 John 1:1-2:2 *John 2:19-31*

Sunday, April 18 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19 *Psalm 4*
1 John 3:1-7 *Luke 24:36b-48*

Sunday, April 25 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12 *Psalm 23*
1 John 3:16-24 *John 10:11-18*

Worship Liturgists

April 4	Dave Wedzik
April 11	Don Duckett
April 18	Sally Wakeley
April 25	Brian Griffith



Blessing Boxes

Our Outreach Boxes have been a blessing to many. Now that Spring has finally arrived, we can resume adding food in cans and jars. Things like peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables & soups. One box contains non-food items like toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, soap. At this time we still are not ready to return to adding books and magazines.

Many of you have been very generous in keeping the boxes well supplied. We hope you will continue to do so. Thanks for your support of this worthwhile project.

NEW!! Audio recordings of worship services can be accessed any time of day ***Simply call the number 814-203-4173 and you can listen to a recording of that week's service/sermon.***



Ways to Connect

There are several ways you can connect to live virtual worship and recordings.

Live Facebook worship services can be joined every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

- by going to Facebook @firstpresbyterianchurchofharborcreek;
- Or by going to our website at hcpresbyterian.org, scrolling down the home page and clicking on Facebook link to streaming worship service.

You can view past worship services by going to the website; hover mouse over "Worship & Music" tab and then click on Worship Service Videos.

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.

Please note that Robin's new email address is:

robincuneo@gmail.com

Current Events

Drive Thru Spring Swiss Steak Dinner



Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:30—7:00 p.m.

Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00

Same great meal, but take out style.

Drive Thru Take Out Only

Donations of cookies are still needed!

Call Peggie Smith (814-881-3648) or

Sue Beighley (814-460-1231)

It's Back!!

The Annual Church Garage Sale!

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Watch for details in the coming weeks.



Our next Wine and the Word starts this coming Monday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. with what's sure to be lively discussion. We'll read "The Post Quarantine Church Urgent

Challenges and Opportunities," by Thom S. Rainer. Mary C. Stewart will lead our discussion. We'll begin by Zoom and perhaps transition to in-person.

This are sure to be valuable sessions. Books are in the office. They're \$10, payable at your leisure.

Virtual Worship

11:00 a.m. Every Sunday

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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News briefs...



Session Notes

February's Meeting

CLERK'S REPORT: Session reviewed the following documents: Jen's January Presbytery notes; Deacon's January minutes and the Presbytery annual statistical report.

CORRESPONDENCES: An e-mail from the presbytery's Stated Clerk was read concerning:

- Automatic approval of requests to set aside term limits for Officers for the year 2021.
- Proper processes for holding congregational meetings (elections and other matters).
- The scheduling of annual reviews of statistical reports and annual reviews of presbytery record's instructions.

TRAILBLAZER'S REPORT: Thanks to those who are currently re-filling the blessing boxes. A big "THANK YOU" from the community for this mission outreach.

HARBORCREEK ENGAGEMENT TEAM:

There was a meeting on Feb 9th, 2021. Chris reported that the Harborcreek holiday lighting contest was a huge success.

The Harborcreek area churches will be sending flowers to Brevillier Village's health care workers as thanks for all their hard work taking care of our seniors.

WORSHIP/MEDIA MINISTRIES COMMITTEE:

Schedule of events:

April 25th pulpit supply will be Carl Hull.



Session News

MEMBERSHIP CARE & DEVELOPMENT: to remove with regret from the church's membership role, due to death, the members: Patricia Claypoole and James Nelson.

MISSION & OUTREACH: The St. Paul's Upper Room luncheon was January 31st 2021. Around 50 brown bag lunches were served. Next luncheon will be May 30th.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: Session approved the following dates: April 17th Spring Swiss Steak take-out Dinner; May Germanium sale; June 5th: Annual Garage Sale; Aug 10th: Erie Gives

NEW BUSINESS: Reminder to use the church and preschool bulletin boards as well as the church's web site for outreach to all.

Session welcomes new members from the First Presbyterian Church of Naples, Fla. Gil and Marlene Long; 4224 Knipper Avenue; Erie, PA 16510

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Flowers,
Clerk of Session



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the prayer chain, please speak to any 2021 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.

THE GERANIUMS ARE COMING!

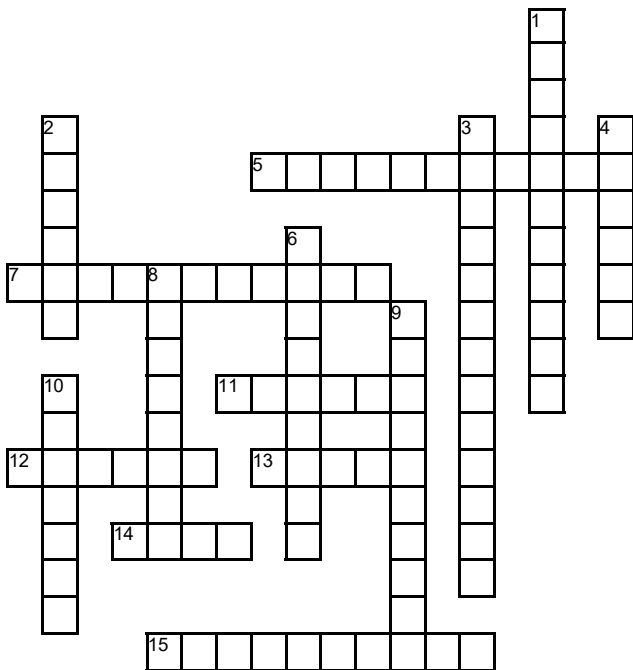


We will be selling the beautiful plants again and giving each participant of our preschool program a plant at their end of year program on May 19th.

The same 4 colors are available (red, white, dark and light pink) and the price is also the same: \$5 each or 4 for \$16.

Order blanks will be sent out by email shortly, be available at church and the May newsletter.

Worship



Across

- 5. What the people believe
- 7. Blessing at end of Worship
- 11. Assurance of _____
- 12. Pastor's Message
- 13. Book read every Sunday
- 14. Song
- 15. Protestants have two

Down

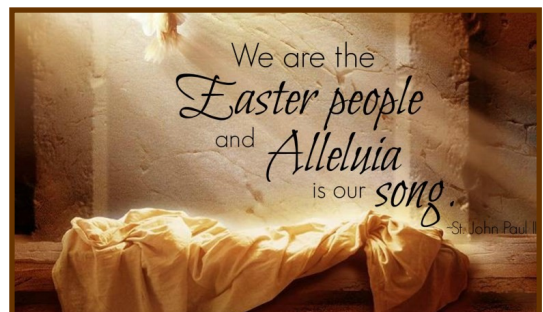
- 1. Praise response
- 2. Money given to church
- 3. God's invitation
- 4. Choir Song
- 6. Lay Reader
- 8. song after offering
- 9. Prayer for forgiveness
- 10. Beginning music

(Answers on Page 6)

Spring Flowers

F S W E E T A L Y S S U M T S L C
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L S N O W F L A K E Z K A S O Y I
G P X R R Y I C V O M H G Q N H S
Y E L L A V E H T F O Y L I L Z E

Allium	Columbine	Creeping Phlox
Crocus	Daffodil	Epimedium
Glory of the Snow		Hyacinth
Iris	Irish Moss	Lenten Rose
Lily of the Valley		Lupine
Pansy	Primrose	Snapdragon
Snowflake	Sweet Alyssum	Sweet Pea
Tulip		



Church Family News...



April Birthdays

- 2 Donna Fannin
- 3 Madison May
- 14 Sandy Spangler
- 16 Alexander Wilkinson
- 16 Allison Wilkinson
- 17 Abigail Wilkinson
- 18 Maria Barker
- 19 Bob DeAngelo
- 24 Sue Kellerman
- 27 Megan Sweezy
- 27 Elizabeth Sherman
- 29 Sarah King

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.

Wild Geese by Mary Oliver

"You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting —
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things"



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.

We have updated our prayer list. If someone was deleted, but they still should be on the prayer list or if you have someone to add, please call or email the church office with the information.

Claudia Brown &
Mike Faycheck
Lois Cochran
Margaret Crider
Shirley Hamm

Judy Johnson
Dick May
Bob and Carol Mulvin
Yvonne Peters
Wilda Resinger

Dean Scott
Sandy Spangler
Sandy Stewart
Abigail Wilkinson



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

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

Answers to Crossword Puzzle on Page 5:

Across: 5. Affirmation; 7. Benediction; 11. Pardon; 12. Sermon; 13. Bible; 14. Hymn; 15. Sacraments;

Down: 1. Gloria Patri; 2. Tithes; 3. Call to Worship; 4. Choir Song; 6. Liturgist; 8. Doxology; 9. Confession; 10. Prelude



April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30 p.m.	2 Good Friday Worship 7:30 p.m.	3
4 Easter Resurrection Sunday In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	5	6	7	8 Deacon's Meeting 2:00 p.m. Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.	9	10
11 In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	12 Wine and the Word Zoom Study 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17 Drive Thru Swiss Steak Dinner 4:30-7 p.m.
18 In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	26	27	28	29	30	

Harborcreek Presbyterian Preschool Pretzel Sandwich Fundraiser

Order Form -- 2021

Please complete and return **JUST the BOTTOM portion of this flyer and PAYMENT** to the Preschool **by or before Monday, April 26th**. Sandwich orders and money can also be mailed to the Preschool at the "Box 44" Harborcreek address listed below.****

Checks or Money Orders should be made **payable to the Preschool**. Cash will also be accepted **at the Preschool** as long as it is the **exact amount**.

If you can combine your orders and pay with ONE check or money order, it would be greatly appreciated.

All sandwiches MUST be picked up at Gary's Superette (at 4703 East Lake Rd.) (814-898-1433) on Friday, May 7th, between 8:00am and 6:00pm.

NO sandwiches will be at the preschool!

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this annual fund-raising project!
It is **greatly appreciated!** **All proceeds benefit the preschoolers!**

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who just wants to make a donation of any amount to the Preschool instead of purchasing sandwiches, can send it to:

******Harborcreek Presbyterian Preschool**
Box 44; Harborcreek, PA 16421.

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you so very much!

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____

Paid with: _____ Number of **Ham/Swiss Cheese** sandwiches: _____
____ Check # _____
____ Money Order _____ Number of **Turkey/Provolone Cheese** sandwiches: _____
____ Cash _____

TOTAL NUMBER of Sandwiches ordered: _____

****Total Amount of Money Enclosed (Sandwiches sell for \$3.75 each.)** _____

****(Checks or Money Orders made Payable to the Preschool)**

****All ORDERS and MONEY must be received by or before Monday, April 26th.****