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Pastor.....Robin Cuneo
Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. Sheldon "Tim" Logan
Music Director.....Chris Thomas
Organist.....Joyce Kriner
Secretary.....Mary Stewart
Sexton & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner
Treasurer.....Barbara Griffith

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Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
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Development.....Barb Griffith
Ann Nesgoda
Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Sue Kellerman
Nominating &
Training.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Barb Griffith
Personnel.....Sue Kellerman
Scott Shunk
Property.....Scott Shunk
Bob Kellerman, Dave Maille
Spiritual Formation.....Jennifer Wedzik
Stewardship & Finance.....Dave Maille
Bob Kellerman
Worship.....Chris Thomas
Jared Mosier
Recording Secretary.....Cindy Skladanowski

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Chairperson.....Nancy McNally
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



“What the heck are those people doing?”

“Why are they standing on both sides of the street holding hands?”

“What do those signs say? Pray for peace?”

Indeed, the signs will say, “Pray for Peace.” It’s one of the things

churches do, especially on World Communion Sunday, October 3. And it’s one of the things Harborcreek Presbyterian has done a few times now.

Honks and waves from passing traffic tell us other people are also praying for peace, if only for an instant. Every instant counts.

It seems the whole world needs prayers more than ever – Covid, Haiti, Hurricane Ida, Afghanistan, Myanmar, wildfires out West, those suffering with illness and grief. Maybe every generation says it needs prayers more than ever, and every generation would be right.

Whether with your church family or during your own devotion time, please pray for the whole world. And please join us on both sides of Buffalo Road on Oct. 3, right after worship.

In the meantime, and always, this prayer by St. Francis of Assisi is always powerful.

A Prayer for Channeling God’s Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me show love,

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light,

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console

Not so much to be understood as to understand

Not so much to be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

It is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

Blessings, Pastor Robin

Worship News

Facebook and In-Person Worship Available Every Sunday



PARKING LOT WORSHIP FEATURED ON FACEBOOK

Who's on first? Due to Covid-19, we've had in-person, in-church worship, both masked and unmasked, no in-person solely Facebook church, and mixed masked worshippers and on-line worshippers wearing their pajamas. (Try saying that fast.)

And now, due to new Covid variants, we are back to parking lot church. Our area has a "significant" rate of transmission. So far, we're not requiring masks outdoors, and we're singing. However, depending on how the transmission rate improves or worsens, we could require masks and social distancing outdoors. We'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, please bring your own lawn chair and join us under the manse's glorious backyard oak trees to worship our glorious God. Who always keeps *us* on first.



Please plan to join us and the Harborcreek Community to Pray for Peace on this special **PEACE Sunday, October 3 rain or shine.**

October Worship Leaders

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
October 3	Eileen Kriner	Sue Beighley
October 10	Kyle Foust	Cindy Skladanowski
October 17	Mary E. Flowers	Joanne Scott
October 24	Nancy Way	Linda Blum
October 31	Dave Maille	Marge Suter

Lectionary Readings for October

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

Sunday, October 3 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday, October 10 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125:1-5
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, October 17 21th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19:1-14
James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, October 24 22th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, October 31 23th Sunday after Pentecost
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 Psalm 124:1-8
James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

World Communion Sunday



World Communion Sunday takes place on October 03, 2021. World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the ShadySide Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. This text has been taken from www.cute-calendar.com

One Sentence Prayers through the Day

Use these one-sentence prayers throughout the day during work, eating, and traveling.

1. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." (Prayer of the Publican)
2. "Jesus, bless what you have given, feed our souls with bread from heaven; guide and lead us all the way, in all that we may do and say, amen."
3. "Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our life."
4. "Heavenly Father, bless this food, to your glory and our good, amen."
5. "O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner" (The Jesus Prayer)

One Sentence Prayers for the Evening

Use these one-sentence prayers to end your day with thanksgiving and joy for God's love and mercy.

1. "O Lord our God, forgive me wherein I have sinned today in word, deed, and thought; and grant me peaceful sleep, amen."
2. "Grant me a good night's sleep tonight, God, so that I can awake refreshed and ready to begin another day loving you."
3. "For God's not given me a spirit of fear, but a spirit of love, and of power, and a sound mind, to live each day and glorify his name." (2 Timothy 1:7)
4. "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." (Psalm 4:8)
5. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1)

~Prayers are from Crosswalk Ministries

Submitted by Jenn Wedzik



One Sentence Prayers for the Morning

Use these quick morning prayers to begin and guide your day with God in your heart and mind!

1. "Lord, protect us from sin and awaken our hearts that we willingly share your blessed gifts with our neighbors in need."
2. "O Lord, give your blessing to our daily work, that we may do it in faith, with all our hearts, as working for the Lord."
3. "God, Teach us to seek truth and lead us to find it, and grant that we may always speak the truth in love."
4. "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions" (Psalm 51)
5. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (Psalm 103)

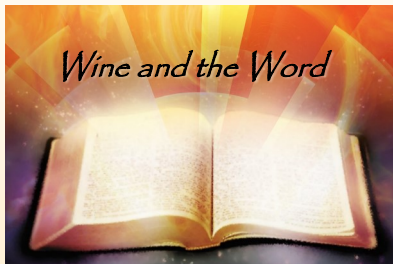


PRAYER CHAIN

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.



Spiritual Formation



WINE AND THE WORD

“The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe” by Richard Rohr, one of the world’s most influential spiritual thinkers, is the next book for Wine and the Word.

The book received stellar reviews as a New York Times bestseller. Marlene Long suggested the book. She read it after hearing Rohr speak at Chautauqua.

Please do consider joining the group. We will meet Mondays October 4 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Wine is optional! If Covid statistics improve, we will return to in-person meetings.

The book is \$15, which can be paid at any time during the study. If you are interested, please let Pastor Robin know.



ATTN: All YOUTH

Junior and
Senior High

Watch for more information about these exciting opportunities:

Two special events to mark on your calendars. More info to come out soon.

November 6th: Presbytery Wide Youth Day Retreat! Lots of youth across Presbytery will be joining together at Church of Covenant for fellowship, fun, and worship! Don't miss this chance to engage with other great teens! Bring a friend!

November 14th: Potential Harborcreek wide Youth event. Gathering together with 4 other local Harborcreek church's Youth!!!



Kids Sunday School *Got Questions about God??* continues every Sunday Mornings at 10:00-10:30

Join us this year for some more fun weekly lessons. This year we will be watching some great videos, talking about them, and have some hands on learning activities and some longer term projects we will be working on. Remember the videos we did last year? This is by the same creator, but with some whole new material. We are going to be talking about all your BIG questions you have about God. As well as, learning about who God is, why we can trust God, and how we can respond to God's great love for us. We will start the year off doing lessons as Zoom meeting again, but will see if we can settle into some physical lessons soon later in year.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Robin's office hours are:
Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Please do stop by for a chat or just to say, "Hey!"
You can also reach her by phone:
(716) 769-7394 home or (814) 823-7765 cell
You can also reach her by email at
robincuneo@gmail.com

The secretary's regular office hours are: Monday,
Wednesday and Friday mornings from
9:00 a.m. to noon.

There may be times that they may be changed;
Please call the church office to verify.

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Church News

Fall STEAK DINNER Swiss

Swiss Steak Dinner Saturday November 6th!

Our signature fall Swiss Steak Dinner is fast approaching and will again be a drive thru, take out only event from 4:30-6:30pm. Prices are \$12 for an adult meal and \$6 for a small portion. Workers can eat at the end of the dinner for a donation only. Sign up sheets for workers and supplies (dozens of cookies are needed) will be posted on the bulletin board and in the office in early October. This activity takes the whole congregation so let us know how you can contribute to continuing the success of our community fundraiser.

David Maille, Chair

maillecon@aol.com, 814-572-5781

ALL IN

Loving God | Loving all people

Stewardship 2022

October is our traditional season to engage the whole congregation in the support of our church's mission. Our theme this year is being "All In!" What is needed as this congregation celebrates our 190th year in existence in Harborcreek will be explained in a mailing to be sent out in mid-October and during regular worship services. Your prompt response is encouraged and always appreciated. Our official Dedication Sunday will be October 24th.

SPECIAL DONATION OPTIONS

During the year you may want to make a special donation in memory (or in honor) of someone.

Following are the many options available:

Memorial Fund: This is a special account to collect funds to be used within the local church for worship and education related expenses. Monies can be earmarked for special projects and sometimes a plaque is dedicated to the memory of a loved one.

Endowment Fund: Generally donations (often memorials) can be directed to this Fund that is managed by the Presbyterian Church USA Foundation and their New Covenant Mutual Funds. Yearly dividends are split between missions and capital improvements for our church. As with most endowments, numerous options for bequests and investing are available.

Capital Improvement Fund (CIF/Building Fund): Donations directed to this account are used to make payments towards any loans (none at this time) and to provide 'seed money' for future projects. Recent ones were exterior painting and maintenance of the church and manse and a new bell tower roof scheduled for 2021.

General Fund: Of course donations are gratefully accepted any time to help support the general running of the church and its programs.

Feel free to contact any member of the Stewardship & Finance Committee with your questions. Current members are Dave Maille, Kevin Graff, Bob Kellerman, Linda Blum, Peggie Smith and Lisa Baumgardner.



Session Notes...

August Session Notes:



SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Jenn Wedzik, visiting as moderator of Spiritual Formation, reported that VBS went very well, small but lively. Weekly Sunday school will continue on zoom at 10 a.m. with “Questions for God”.

DEACON’S REPORT: Sue Kellerman attended their monthly meeting and reported on the work that the Deacons have been doing by sending out Church bulletins and “Missing you” cards.

CLERK’S REPORT: Elder of the month for August is Sue Kellerman and Bob Kellerman in September. On a motion and second, Session voted to approve the 60-month renewal for lease of a new copier from Conrad Office Products. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCES: A letter of resignation was read and acknowledged with regret from Treasurer Jim Watson.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: Financial accounts have all balanced. On a motion from committee, Session approved the July financial reports.

MEMBERSHIP CARE & DEVELOPMENT: The committee is looking into some possible group activities for the congregation. Details will be provided when available.

The 4th Tuesday get-together on Aug 24th at noon was cancelled.

MISSION & OUTREACH: Next St. Paul’s upper room luncheon will be Aug 29th. Brown bag lunches will be provided. There will be no school back pack program this year as the contributions provided from last year went toward this year’s project. Also the Food Bank has asked community businesses for school supplies so none are needed from us.

NOMINATING & TRAINING: At the Sunday, August 22nd congregational meeting, this committee is very happy to present, for election, the name of Barb Griffith to replace Jim Watson as treasurer until December 31, 2022. Also, to help Barb with writing checks, to add Brian Griffith’s name to the church’s checking account signature cards. This committee has already begun working on next year’s slate of church officers.

PERSONNEL: Sue reported that after talking with Eileen, she is fine with cleaning up after all events. They would like to see signup sheets posted for all events to see if extra people will be needed to return property back to normal.

We need your help.....

Attention fellow members:

- ◆ Session is looking for help in the following areas to provide our church’s participation in all and every day events”
- ◆ Membership and Care committee- to help plan “fun:” stuff to do.
- ◆ Spiritual formation committee- (formally Christian Education) help Jennifer Wedzik to work with our youth.
- ◆ 4th Tuesday get-together-planning luncheon meals & communicating dates & work with Judy Ellwood and provided guest speakers.

Mary Ellen Flowers, Clerk of Session



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.

Preschool News...

September 2021

Hello, everyone! The new school year has begun and our Preschool has gotten off to a wonderful start! I am very glad to welcome back my terrific staff: Daunice Scipione (Science, Social Studies, Library, & Music); Jenny Beskid (Art & Fine Motor Skills); Karalee Space (Large Motor Skills & Spanish); Kristen Oshlick (Pre-Kindergarten Skills Room Assistant); Stephanie Battista (Art & Fine Motor Skills Room Assistant) and Ann Nesgoda (Finance). They are all dedicated and hard-working individuals and I feel very blessed to have them back “on board” again this year!



Our preschoolers are doing very well! The returning children have jumped right back in and the new children are definitely becoming comfortable with all of us. They are remembering or learning to share with others, cleaning up after playtime, sitting for Storytime, and listening to their teachers! Even the Bears (the youngest group) are getting used to “lining up” and following teacher directions. The children are talking, playing, exploring, moving, and enjoying! We are certainly off to a great start!

During these initial weeks of school, we talk about making friends, sharing, cooperating, listening, staying in line, and the importance of circle time – all those things that are needed to acclimate us to a Preschool setting. This is done *prior* to my introducing the letters of the alphabet, which occurs toward the end of September -- by then the children have become used to our school routine.

In order to keep everyone healthy and safe, we continue to follow the covid-19 protocols and procedures that worked for us last year: masking of all students and staff, increased disinfecting and cleaning, no adults except the staff allowed in the building, some outdoor classes, children stay in their assigned homeroom and the teachers move from room to room, etc. All the children are doing an amazing job with all of these procedures and have already become very used to them!

It is wonderful to see our classrooms filled with energy, enthusiasm, smiling faces, and caring hearts! There is nowhere else that we would rather be! Until next time . . . take care and may God bless you and yours!

Char Chmielewski
Director and Pre-Kindergarten Skills Room Teacher

P.S. We would like to thank Eileen Kriner for all her hard work done inside the C.E. Building; Andrea and Dave Maille and Dave Beighley for all their hard work done outside the building; and also Jared Mosier for all his IT expertise. Many, many, many thanks and much appreciation go out to all of them!!



Mission News



“May the God of Peace ... grant you peace at all times in all ways.”

It was a daring prayer, all things considered, to ask the Thessalonians to pray — and it is also a daring one for us, I imagine. The second letter to the Thessalonians arrived at a time of turmoil, strife and confusion. The Christian community was experiencing persecutions so severe that some believed the time of judgment had come, while others took advantage of their doubt, spreading misinformation and sowing dissent. The letter ends with a benedictory prayer: for God’s peace to be granted at all times in all ways. It might have been daring enough to consider asking them to imagine peace at “any time,” much less at “all times,” or to imagine peace in some sort of way at all, much less in all of them. Have you ever felt so far from God’s peace that you couldn’t even imagine it?

Peace is so often a daring prayer and so often provoked in the imagination, first. Artistic expression and movements for justice and peace often dance together. In turmoil, strife and confusion, visual artists and theatrical performances can point us to God’s peace-creating presence in our midst. We can listen for God’s voice in lamenting or angry poems, and in songs of freedom from those most vulnerable to violence and oppression. And the Church can dance with all whom God loves.

Artistic expression can light up our imaginations and lift our spirits. Our own choir is a shining example of this, as I am sure you will agree. Art may help imagine peace, as it has in Lebanon where war has been a daily reality for far too long; or at the southern U.S. border, where Presbyterians are imagining a season of peace with those who flee from violence; or it might join in songs of hope and inner peace with those considering taking their own lives. The Church joins with those imagining a new world, so we can create it, together.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering helps us imagine and create in each of our individual expressions, and together as a whole Church, a witness to the God of Peace. Twenty-five percent of our collection will be used by our congregation. Twenty-five percent is shared with our mid council region, and 50% is shared with our denominational partners so that our witness to peace is extended, and we help fulfill the daring prayer in 2nd Thessalonians: that the God of Peace is known “at all times in all ways.”

There is so much peace we are only beginning to imagine, and so we pray hard, with our minds, our gifts, with our Church and all those who inspire a sense of God’s peace.

For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



Blessing Cupboard

Our outreach food ministry has been a blessing to many. We continue to collect non-perishable foods, such as, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables & soups.

The remaining box contains non-food items such as cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex and soap.

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 valuable project.



Church Family News...



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

- 7 Olivia Palmer
- 8 Ed Ellwood
- 13 Madison Williams
- 16 Bill Stewart
- 18 Pat Facchine
- 19 Jane Wile
- 23 Debi Lyon
- 27 Mary Stewart
- 28 Jordan Erickson
- 28 Marnie Logan
- 30 Rachel Lemke
- 30 Jasmine Mosier

October Anniversaries

- 9 Ron & Mary Ellen Flowers
- 11 Bill & Donna Fannin
- 19 Jared & Aye Mosier



Proud grandparents David and Andrea Maille, announce the birth of grandson *Wylder Beau Reddy Vismick* on September 10th, weighing in at 6lb 13 oz. Parents Dominique and Eli thank everyone for their prayers and best wishes.



Prayer List: For those serving in the armed forces. Jeremy Rockwell & Ryan Lemke. 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 on the prayer list or if you have someone to add, please call or email the church office with the information.

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| Claudia Brown & Mike Faycheck | Judy Johnson | Wilda Resinger |
| Lois Cochran | Joyce Kriner | Dean Scott |
| David Comstock | Dick May | Rich Smith |
| Margaret Crider | The Mellish Family | Sandy Spangler |
| Dave English | Bob and Carol Mulvin | Sandy Stewart |
| Cheryl Griffith | Jeannie Pamula | Megan Sweezy |
| | Yvonne Peters | 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 Soldiers & Sailors Home 560 E. 3rd Street Erie, PA 16511	Margaret Crider Heritage House 30 East Street North East, PA 16428
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Jessie Denniston 1885 Rifle Range Rd. Cove 34 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	Peggy Nelson 2 Gibson St. Apt. 102 North East, PA 16428
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Sandy Spangler Room 9 227 W. 22nd Street Erie, PA 16502	Eleanor Stanley Springhill Center 2323 Edinboro Rd. 518c Erie, PA 16509
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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>World Communion Sunday Hands Across Harborcreek Sunday, October 3</i></p>					1	2
3 Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m. Parking Lot and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	4 Women's AA 5:00 p.m. Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	5	6	7	8	9
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