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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

Committee Chairs—2021

Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
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Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Sue Kellerman
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Deacons

Chairperson.....Nancy McNally
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Secretary.....Joanne Scott
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Caring Tree.....Nancy McNally
Correspondence.....Joanne Scott
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Sue Beighley
Greeters/Liturgists.....Joanne Scott

Greetings, Dear Ones.

I had a rocky start to the day recently when demon puppy Lillie stole my alarm clock during the night. Already, I keep it under my pillow because she just loves stealing it and taking it too far away for me to hear, and chewing up the battery for good measure.



Then my hair dryer died when I was already substantially late for the office. And then I couldn't understand why Patrick's keys wouldn't start my car.

It was just one of those mornings we all experience. Doesn't that sound mature and well-adjusted? Well, I confess, you wouldn't have thought so if you'd heard me at the time.

At the same time, of course, I'm so grateful God has seen fit for us to live in a place where we experience "First World" problems. It also reminded me that the only constant is change.

And then there are days like Oct. 24, which you celebrated as Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Knock me over with a feather! I cannot tell you how much I appreciated all your cards and comments and the super kind words from Sue Kellerman.

And how fortunate we are that Pastor Emeritus Rev. Tim Logan and Rev. Jack Graham were both there for everyone to appreciate.

I also cannot tell you how much I appreciated reading each card, especially since it's likely my last Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

As you know, the congregation voted to form a Pastor Nominating Committee to search for an ordained, called-installed pastor to share with Emmanuel Presbyterian. The churches themselves are not combining, but will merely share a pastor.

Yes, there will necessarily be some changes, but they shouldn't be major. The sharing makes tons of sense for two churches that can no longer afford a called-installed pastor on their own.

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Exciting Stuff...

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It also makes sense for me personally. I would love to serve here until I'm 80 or so, but my body has other ideas. Between Parkinson's Disease and a spine that's hollering for a fifth surgery, I'm wearing out fast.

The plan (my plan, anyway. Session is always allowed to have other ideas) is for me to stay until the new shared pastor is found. In reality, that will take some months and even up to a year or more.

It takes that long because of how the process works and so the combined PNC can find the best possible pastor for both churches. As a bonus, I will act as the official liaison to the PNC from Committee on Ministry. I'll attend every meeting and make sure the process goes as speedily as it can. That's possible because I'm so familiar with both you and the process. (All those years of COM meetings are paying off!)

Well, I've taken up way too much space in the newsletter. Just please know that God is at work for your future, and that serving you has been the great privilege of my life.

Now I just need to come up with a different hiding place for my alarm clock.

Love and blessings,

Pastor Robin



PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The "Sharing Committee" that was approved by the congregation in June to explore the POSSIBILITY of sharing a pastor with another church has been busy these last few months. The Committee (Chris Thomas, Dave Maille and Brian Griffith) has met with representatives from Emmanuel Presbyterian and has taken a plan back to our Session.

The Session has approved moving forward with exploring the sharing of a pastor with Emmanuel and on October 24th the congregation voted to form a Pastor Nominating Committee which will work in conjunction with a PNC from Emmanuel to begin the process of finding someone suitable to both churches. Our PNC consists of Sue Kellerman, Evan Foust, Kyle Foust, Jared Mosier and Brian Griffith (Sharing Committee rep).

These guidelines were set by the Presbytery as the steps required to continue with the job of finding a new pastor to share. The specifics of what this partnership will look like are still being worked on by the Sharing Committees and soon the combined PNCs.

Once the major details are agreed upon there will be a joint Session meeting with Emmanuel moderated by General Presbyter Anita Bernhardt.

We will continue to keep you informed both with pulpit announcements and in this newsletter. Please feel free to offer questions or your input to any of the committee members and keep the committee members in your prayers as they strive to move forward with the next chapter of our church history.

The Sharing Committee

"Thanksgiving reminds us that no matter what befalls us in life, we can take the charred remnants and we can reconstruct a life unimaginably richer than that from which the shards and pieces fell."

~ Craig D. Lounsbrough

Worship News

Facebook and In-Person Worship Available Every Sunday

All Saints Sunday



On November 7, we will celebrate All Saint's Day as we honor all those who entered the Church Eternal during 2020 and 2021. This will include any of those beloved of any member, whether or not they were a member of our church. *Please fill out the form below or call the church office to give their names, date of death and date of birth and their relationship to you by November 3 so we can be sure to have enough flowers.* This will be our full memory and honoring event with flowers and the tolling of the bell that we did not hold during 2020, due to pandemic

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday November 7, 2021

I would like to remember my loved one who died during 2020-2021.

In memory of _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Death _____

Presented by _____

Please return to the church office by:
Wednesday, November 3, 2021

November Worship Leaders

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
November 7	Nancy McNally	Isabel Lyon
November 14	Bob Kellerman	Sue Kellerman
November 21	Don Duckett	Linda DeAngelo
November 28	Jim Stewart	Aye Mosier

Lectionary Readings for November

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

<u>Sunday, November 7</u>	24 th Sunday after Pentecost
<i>Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17</i>	<i>Psalm 127</i>
<i>Hebrews 9:24-28</i>	<i>Mark 12:38-44</i>
<u>Sunday, November 14</u>	25 th Sunday after Pentecost
<i>1 Samuel 1:4-20</i>	<i>1 Samuel 2:1-10</i>
<i>Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25</i>	
<i>Mark 13:1-8</i>	
<u>Sunday, November 21</u>	Christ the King Sunday
<i>2 Samuel 23:1-7</i>	<i>Psalm 132:1-12</i>
<i>Revelation 1:4-8</i>	<i>John 18:33-37</i>
<u>Sunday, November 28</u>	1st Sunday of Advent
<i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i>	<i>Psalm 25:1-10</i>
<i>1 Thessalonians 3:9-13</i>	<i>Luke 21:25-36</i>





Music for Advent and Christmas Worship

Worship music for Advent and Christmas will be a bit different this year, but still gorgeous and joyous.

Until the Centers for Disease Control advises otherwise, Chancel Choir will refrain from singing together in person. Wizard Bill Nesgoda has agreed to put together some virtual choir numbers, depending on his recovery from back surgery.

Among the music to look forward to are performances by the Harmonizers and Gil Long.

The annual cantata on the last Sunday of Advent, Dec. 19, will be “The Road to Bethlehem” by Lloyd Larson. This is also planned for virtual presentation. Linda DeAngelo and Joyce Kriner have already recorded the organ and piano parts for the eight songs.

For any choir members who have not yet performed virtually, Music Director Chris Thomas invites them to give it a try. All that’s needed are a cell phone and a computer or tablet. “If I can do it, you can do it,” Chris said.

Copies of the cantata books are available in the office during church Sunday or during Mary’s office hours Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to noon.

The annual Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. will feature a combination of live and virtual Chancel Choir and Bell Choir favorites.

Bell choir will continue to practice together in person Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with masks required. Chris hopes the bells can play together live a few times during Advent, and a few times virtually so the performances can be saved for future use.

“To everyone - Thanks for your patience and understanding as we continue to praise the Lord through music in the safest way possible during these crazy times,” Chris said. “Thanks for your dedication to the music program.”



Thanksgiving Baskets

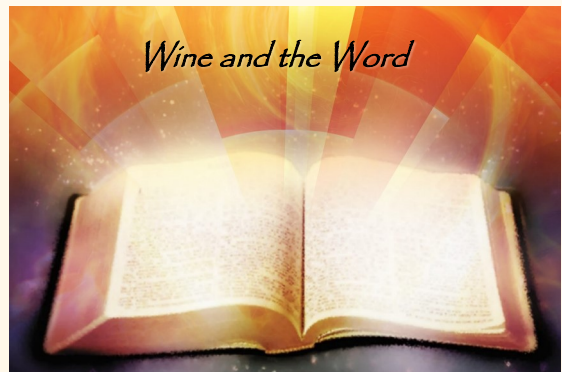
Deacons will be collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets to be delivered to our homebound members. We will be filling (at least) 10 baskets. There will be a list of items posted in the back of the church on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

We will need the items by Sunday, November 21, so that baskets can be filled and delivered the week of Thanksgiving. There will be a box for the items near the list.

FYI: these are the items we are collecting:

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| Hand lotion | Kleenex (personal size packs) |
| Juices | Breads |
| Muffins | Cookies |
| Tea Bags | Chocolates or Candies
(individually wrapped) |
| Chap Sticks | Crackers |
| Pocket Calendars | Socks Men & Women |

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.
The Deacons



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 book we are reading for Wine and the Word.

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

We will meet Mondays November 1, 15, and 29 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Wine is optional!

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. 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

Hopefully, you read the excellent "All In" Stewardship letter sent to you a couple week ago. Despite the numerous challenges over the past years, we have held many positive events and experienced many achievements. We hope you were able to participate in those activities.

Your time, talents and support are needed for the things we do as we worship and serve our incredible God. Our big event coming up soon is the Swiss Steak Dinner.

At this time, we are asking you to return your estimate of giving card, if you haven't already, so we can better plan financially for next year.

Thank you,

Stewardship and Finance Committee

"The Cookbooks are coming!"



"The Cookbooks are coming!"

Are you looking for a great inexpensive Christmas gift or \$10.00 stocking stuffers for friends, yourself or everyone in your family? Then you are in luck!

Our First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek "190th Anniversary" cookbook should be arriving the first week in November.

This cookbook has a soft laminated cover and is filled with over "190" great recipes contributed by church members and friends past and present. It also will have pages of cooking hints, etc.

The cookbook will cost only \$10.00 and any profit made will be put towards purchasing new folding chairs for our Fellowship Hall.

You may purchase your cookbooks each Sunday at church or contact the church office to reserve your cookbooks or contact a committee member: Joanne Scott, Andrea Maille, Marlene Long, Sue Kellerman, or Barbara Griffith.

Let's get cooking!!!



Mission News



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.

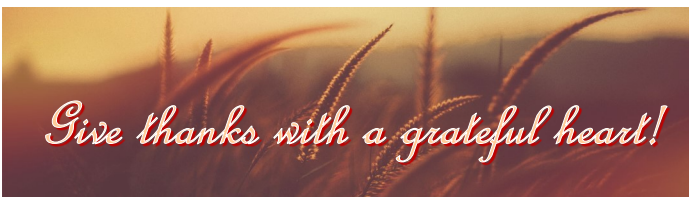
Many of you have been very generous in keeping the boxes well supplied. We hope you will continue to do so. Thanks for your support of this valuable project.



Harborcreek Area Churches Joint Youth Event

November 21st 3:30-5:00

Come one, come all! Harborcreek area churches are planning a joint youth event together! Come and have fun with other local Christian youth! Food, games, special admission activities and speaker. This event will be hosted at Our Lady of Mercy. Call Jennifer Wedzik for further details if you want to participate at 850-774-3836.



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

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.

Office Phone number: 814-899-1031

Email Address: Harborcreek.fpc2@aol.com

Church Family News...



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 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
- 28 Jonathan Priebe

November Anniversaries

- 2 Rod & Holly Hedlund
- 9 Denny & Linda Blum
- 13 Dave & Jennifer Wedzik
- 28 Lisa Baumgardner & Jonathon Priebe



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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| Ballou Family | Judy Ellwood | Yvonne Peters |
| Calista Bowser | Dave English | Wilda Resinger |
| Calvin Bowser | Larry Hanes | Dean Scott |
| Claudia Brown & Mike Faycheck | Judy Johnson | Rich Smith |
| Lois Cochran | Joyce Kriner | Sandy Spangler |
| David Comstock | Dick May | Bill (Sparky) Stewart |
| Margaret Crider | The Mellish Family | Sandy Stewart |
| Cheryl Griffith | Bob and Carol Mulvin | Megan Sweezy |
| | Jeannie Pamula | 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

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

Prayer Chain



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.

Happy Thanksgiving

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Elder of the Month Sue Kellerman 717-586-8357</p> <p>Deacon of the Month Sally Wakely 814-397-4601</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Women's AA 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Ends</i></p> <p>Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m.</p> <p>In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Women's AA 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Deacon's Meeting 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m.</p> <p>In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Women's AA 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m.</p> <p>In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Women's AA 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m.</p> <p>In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Women's AA 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><u>Sunday, November 7, 2021</u></p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Ends Turn Back Your Clocks! All Saints Sunday</i></p>			

Thanksgiving Trivia

1. Which of these three meats were likely served at the first Thanksgiving celebration?
A. venison B. swan C. turkey D. goose
2. Which of the following seafood was likely served at the first Thanksgiving feast?
A. trout B. lobster C. oysters D. eel
3. Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?
A. Franklin Roosevelt B. Harry Truman C. John F. Kennedy
4. How many calories on average are consumed, per person, at Thanksgiving dinner?
A. 2,750 B. 3,500 C. 4,500 D. 6,000
5. When was the first Thanksgiving football game?
A. 1876 B. 1884 C. 1898 D. 1906
6. When was the first Thanksgiving NFL game?
A. 1916 B. 1920 C. 1942 D. 1956
7. How many women were at the very first Thanksgiving celebration?
A. zero B. five C. ten D. 25
8. Which President made Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday?
A. George Washington B. Abraham Lincoln C. John Adams
9. What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?
A. The Mohegans B. The Cherokee C. The Wampanoag
10. In what month did the very first Thanksgiving celebration likely take place?
A. August B. September C. October D. November
11. Where was the first Turkey Trot (1896)?
A. New York City B. Boston C. Buffalo
12. Black Friday is the biggest day of the year for what trade profession?
A. Bankers B. Retailers C. Plumbers D. Electricians

Bonus Question: What happens at Cole's Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts every Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving as a Christian Celebration

Thanksgiving Day marks an annual celebration of family, food, football. But for Christians, Thanksgiving has a much deeper meaning that goes to the core of our spiritual beliefs.

The Bible has many references to the act of giving thanks and how it should be approached. The ultimate display of Thanksgiving should be in reverence to God for all of God's blessings to humanity and all creation, through His son Jesus Christ. As believers we should keep God at the forefront of our holiday festivities as we acknowledge our faith within the context of our Thanksgiving celebrations.



Thanksgiving Blessings

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

apple pie	autumn	celebration	colony	corn
cranberries	family gathering	feast	football	grateful
harvest	mashed potatoes	Native American	parades	pilgrims
Plymouth	pumpkin pie	settlers	squash	stuffing
sweet breads	thanks	tradition	turkey	



Answers to Thanksgiving Trivia Questions
 1. A, B, D 2. B, C, D 3. C 4. C
 5. A 6. B 7. B 8. B 9. C 10. B
 11. C 12. C
Bonus: A "National Day of Mourning" for Native Americans who died at the hand or plague of European settlers.