



# First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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## January Newsletter Volume 2022, Issue 1

### 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.....Barbara Griffith

### Committee Chairs—2021

Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers  
Membership Care &  
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

### Deacons

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

Dear Ones,

Not that the year 2021 has been completely terrible, but I found myself unconsciously writing 2022 this fall and winter whenever a date has been required.

It might not have been terrible, but I'm betting nobody will be especially sad to see the end of it. A few years ago, who could have imagined how life would change during a pandemic? Who could have imagined the number of people who don't think the presidential election was accurately tallied? Who could have imagined each summer would be the hottest on record?

Naturally, God could have imagined, but we humans are often more than a bit clueless – especially in December when the wind and low winter sun chase us indoors and sometimes into melancholy.

That's when we need to remind ourselves that new life –even when we can't see it --is just under our feet. Spring bulbs and perennials and, yes, weeds, will once again pop up when the soil is loosened by spring rains.

New years are the same. New life is just under our feet. We won't expect the quirks and challenges, and we'll be tickled with the blessings. As always. For Christians, that new life is available every year and every minute.

Who could have imagined how sweet life continues to be?

Bring on 2022.



*Pastor Robin*



## 2021 Christmas

### Poinsettias

Thank you to all who provided beautiful poinsettias that decorated our sanctuary in memory and in honor of loved ones.

**To the Glory of God Given by:** Jim & Isy Lyon

**In Memory of:**

Elmer & Gladys Brown

The Cuneo Dear Ones  
The Dile Dear Ones

Dave & Jeanette Comstock

Donald & Dorothy Young  
William & Mary Fannin

Our "Angel" Maeve

Our Parents

Phyllis Mosier

Mary Ann Haynes

Ed and Donna Maille  
Andrew and Rose Nazarenko

My Dad, Mom, Brother  
and Husband

Helen, Edward  
and Dick Noonan

Pat and Bob Morrow

Robert Suter  
Marvin Suter

My Friend, Trish Claypoole  
My Parents, Bob and Betty Way

**In Honor of:**

Our Grandchildren

Patty and Kevin, Jacob  
Barb and Chris

**Given by:**

Claudia Brown

Robin & Pat Cuneo

Bob & Linda DeAngelo

Fannin Family

Barbara & Brian Griffith

Bob & Sue Kellerman

Joyce Kriner

Joyce and Eileen Kriner

Dave and Andrea Maille

Nancy McNally

Esther Noonan

Sue Resinger

Margorie Suter

Nancy Way

**Given by:**

Barbara & Brian Griffith

Bob & Sue Kellerman

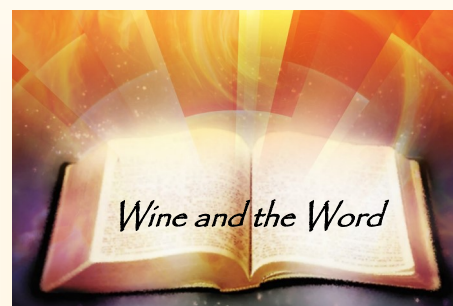
## 2022

### Per Capita



As part of a **connectional church system**, we contribute \$33 per member to help support the Lake Erie Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity and the Biennial General Assembly. We ask members of the congregation to help with this obligation by covering their part of the apportionment by the end of March. There is a special blue envelope in your offering box or you can just write "per capita" on a generic envelope (or memo line of your check). Offering envelope boxes are available at the top of the stairs near the offices.

Thanks, Stewardship and  
Financial Committee



## 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.

We will meet Mondays January 10 and 24 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Wine is optional!

# Church News



## Pastor Nominating Committee

### PNC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has been meeting with the PNC from Emmanuel and we are making great progress. We are wrapping up completion of the Ministry Information Form which, after review by both Sessions, will be sent on to the Presbytery Committee On Ministry.

Once the COM has approved our submittal our info will be sent to Louisville where possible matches will be selected and sent out for the committee's review. There are some other steps involved but we won't bore you with a listing!

If things progress as we hope we may have some resumes in hand by late February. One thing that we may need to decide is do we keep both church services at 11:00 Sunday or move one to another time such as 9:30 Sunday. The PNC would like to hear back from the congregation on how you feel about this possibility.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact any of our committee. Again, members include Kyle Foust, Evan Foust, Sue Kellerman, Jared Mosier and Brian Griffith.

Please continue with your prayers of support.

The PNC Committee

## January Worship Leaders

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
January 2	Nancy Way	Sue Beighley
January 9	Don Duckett	Mary Ellen Flowers
January 16	Kyle Foust	Donna Fannin
January 23	Jim Stewart	Linda & Bob DeAngelo
January 30	Brian Griffith	Donna Fannin

## Lectionary Readings for January 2022

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

<b><u>Sunday, January 2</u></b> <i>Jeremiah 31:7-14</i> <i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas <i>Psalm 147:12-20</i> <i>John 1:1-18</i>
<b><u>Sunday, January 9</u></b> <i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i> <i>Acts 8:14-17</i>	Baptism of the Lord <i>Psalm 29</i> <i>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</i>
<b><u>Sunday, January 16</u></b> <i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:1-11</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany <i>Psalm 36:5-10</i> <i>John 2:1-11</i>
<b><u>Sunday, January 23</u></b> <i>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-31a</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany <i>Psalm 19</i> <i>Luke 4:14-21</i>
<b><u>Sunday, January 30</u></b> <i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i> <i>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany <i>Psalm 71:1-6</i> <i>Like 4:21-30</i>



We are still receiving donations for special mission projects. 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.

♥ **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.

# News from Session

## November Session notes:

### PNC committee:

Discussions was held as each member of session presented their top 10 personal choices from the competencies list which our PNC committee will take to their combined meeting with Emmanuel.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Elder of the month for December is Mary Ellen Flowers and January will be Dave Maille. The annual Congregational meeting was added to the January calendar on January 30, 2022.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Robin reported that she has been assigned by the Presbytery's COM to be the pastor liaison to our church's PNC committee.

The request for advent supplies will come out of worship supplies. Bills will be submitted to the church's treasurer.

A request for membership from a new couple has been reported.

Details for a 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration were put on the back burner. Session is looking for someone to chair.

**MISSION & OUTREACH:** The St. Paul's upper room luncheon was Oct 31<sup>st</sup> with 25 brown bag lunches served. The next luncheon will be January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 and Sue Kellerman has volunteered to make brown bag lunches.

**NOMINATING & TRAINING:** The subject of committee chairs was tabled until next meeting. Will be looking for a new chairman in the new year.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:** Sunday school is still zooming each Sunday morning. Interest was expressed from some of our youth to start a confirmation class. There will be an advent family event on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 -8:00 at the church fellowship hall with cookie decorating and a nativity escape room.

There will be a Harborcreek area churches joint youth event to be held Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady of Mercy

**WORSHIP/ MEDIA MINISTRY:** The December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas eve service will start at 7:30.

Mary Ellen Flowers.

Clerk of Session

## ***New Year Quotes 2022***

- *"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."* —Ralph Waldo Emerson
- *"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are."* —J.P. Morgan
- *"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one."* —Brad Paisley
- *"New year—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours."* —Alex Morritt
- *"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."* —Thomas Jefferson
- *"The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul..."* —Gilbert K. Chesterton
- *"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been."* Rainer Maria Rilke
- *"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go. They merely determine where you start."* —Nido Qubein
- *"It is never too late to be what you might have been."* —George Eliot
- *"Life is about change, sometimes it's painful, sometimes it's beautiful, but most of the time it's both."* —Kristin Kreuk
- *"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."* —Hal Borland
- *"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."* —Vern McLellan
- *"Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction."* —Germany Kent
- 17. *"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something."* —Neil Gaiman
- *"There are better things ahead than any we leave behind."* —C.S. Lewis
- *"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."* —Albert Einstein

# Mission News



## ***BLESSING/OUTREACH CUPBOARD***

Winter weather has arrived and changes need to be made in what we are giving to the those in need through our outreach cupboard. Food in cans and jars cannot be left out in freezing temperatures. So please do not buy things to donate during the winter months.

Here are some suggestions of things to donate:

- pasta or side dish packets
- oatmeal or boxes of cereal
- granola or breakfast bars
- dried beans, rice, nuts
- instant soup mixes and crackers
- boxed potatoes such as au gratin or mashed
- baking mixes for muffins or breads

Since we have larger shelves to use now, we are going to eliminate the box for household items. Where it is located would have real snow issues. You may still donate paper products, mouthwash and solid deodorants in the cupboard. However, do not put soaps or laundry products which are scented and could affect food items in the cupboard—please use black tote.



## ***Cookbooks are still available!***

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 has pages of cooking hints, etc.

The cost of the cookbook is 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 purchase you book.

***Let's get cooking!***

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto:Harborcreek.fpc2@aol.com)

# Church Family News...



## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

### January Birthdays

- 15 Michael Schrimper
- 23 Peggy Nelson
- 30 Nancy Way
- 30 Kathy Stewart
- 31 Mary Ellen Flowers

### January Anniversaries

- 15 Bill & Ann Nesgoda



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

## Remember Our Homebound

*Some of you have asked about what you can do to keep connected to those who struggle 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.*



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| Margaret Crider<br>Heritage House<br>30 East Street<br>North East, PA 16428           | Jessie Denniston<br>1885 Rifle Range Rd.<br>Cove 34<br>Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 | Jacque Foust<br>8467 East Lake Road<br>Erie, PA 16511                            | Dick May<br>6568 Iroquois Avenue<br>Harborcreek, PA 16421 |
| Bob and Carol Mulvin<br>3740 Harbor Ridge Trail<br>Erie, PA 16510                     | Peggy Nelson<br>2 Gibson St. Apt. 102<br>North East, PA 16428                 | Esther Noonan<br>7554 McGill Road<br>Harborcreek, PA 16421                       | Yvonne Peters<br>3913 Dexter Avenue<br>Erie, PA 16504     |
| Wilda Resinger<br>5456 East Lake Road<br>Barnabas Court N. Room 401<br>Erie, PA 16511 | Sandy Spangler<br>Room 9<br>227 W. 22nd Street<br>Erie, PA 16509              | Eleanor Stanley<br>Springhill Center<br>2323 Edinboro Rd. 518c<br>Erie, PA 16509 | Ron Washe<br>4147 Bell Street<br>Erie, PA 16511           |

**Welcome  
2022!**

**January 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek will be held Sunday, January 30 immediately following worship. Report packets will be available Sunday, January 23 for your review.</p>						1
2 Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m. In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	3 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8 Memorial Service for Janice Palmer 1:00 p.m.
9 Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m. In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	10 Women's AA 5:00 p.m. Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	11	12	13 Deacon's Meeting 2:00 p.m. Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14	15
16 Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m. In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	17 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22
23 Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m. In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	24 Women's AA 5:00 p.m. Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	25	26	27	28	29
30 Kid's Sunday School via Zoom 10-10:30 a.m. In-Person and Live Stream Worship 11:00 a.m.	31 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.					



# Hopes for the New Year

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*Adventure*

*Anticipation*

*Better Person*

*Contentment*

*Excitement*

*Faith*

*Happiness*

*Health*

*Heart*

*Hope*

*Inspiration*

*Joy*

*Laughter*

*Love*

*Memories*

*Motivation*

*New Chapter*

*New Year 2022*

*Opportunity*

*Peace*

*Reconciliation*

*Security*

*Spirit*

*Stability*

