



First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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Church Leadership

Pastor.....Robin Cuneo
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Organist.....Joyce Kriner
Secretary.....Mary Stewart
Sexton & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner
Treasurer.....Jim Watson

Committee Chairs—2019

Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Christian Ed.....Jennifer Wedzik
Membership Care &
Development.....Barb Griffith
Ann Nesgoda
Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Sue Kellerman, Jim Watson
Nominating &
Training.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Jennifer Wedzik
Personnel.....Sue Kellerman
Scott Shunk
Property.....Jared Mosier
Bob Kellerman
Stewardship & Finance.....Dave Maille
Bob Kellerman, Jim Watson
Worship.....Scott Shunk
Chris Thomas
Memorial Fund.....Jan Hanes
Recording Secretary.....
Cindy Skladanowski

Deacons

Chairperson.....Nancy McNally
Secretary.....Bill Nesgoda
Treasurer.....Peggie Smith
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Caring Tree.....All Deacons
Scheduling.....Nancy Brown
Thanksgiving Baskets.....All Deacons
Correspondence.....Aye Mosier
Funeral Dinners.....Peggie Smith
Aye Mosier

Spring
STEAK
Swiss
DINNER

Saturday, April 13, 2019

4:30—7:00 p.m.

Adults \$11.00

Children \$5:00 (6-12 yrs.)

Under 6 free

Serving Family Style

Take-outs Available

Dear Ones:

Your Unglued Church Project team is two months into the process. How is it going? We're not sure yet.



So far, we're learning the process and gathering information. We're also learning what the project is and what it is not.

At its most basic, the program is not a cure-all for whatever might be wrong with a church. Instead, it looks at places each church is stuck and works to unglue them.

The primary focus is *not* more church members and more money, we were told by our coordinator, Rev. Rebecca Taylor, pastor of the Warren church. (She met Rev. Rob Stewart during her first call and brought a photo with her at our last meeting of her and Rob together. He had hair!)

Rather, the primary premise is how to strengthen our ties with the community where God has placed us, she said. Church is not a building, but the body of Christ for the world.

No magic formulas. Nuts. But we're committed to following through with the project, meeting once a month for 10 more months.

Your team consists of (in alphabetical order) Judy Ellwood, Barb and Brian Griffith, Sue Kellerman, Jeremy Stewart and Pastor Robin. We also meet occasionally with the Unglued group from New Hope Presbyterian. The presbytery project overall is led by Rev. Katherine Randall of Bradford.

We'll answer any questions we can any time. In the meantime, please pray for us.

Blessings, Pastor Robin



Aluminum Cans

The recycling of aluminum benefits our outreach ministries to those in need.

Please place your cans in the recycling can behind the church.

HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday 
April 14, 2019 11:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday Worship and Holy Communion

April 18, 2019 7:30 p.m.
Come and enjoy the choral presentation of "*Do This in Remembrance of Me*" by our talented chancel choir.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service



April 19, 2019 7:30 p.m.
Music will be provided by our wonderful bell choir.



Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019
Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Easter Celebration 11:00 a.m.
Music offered by the Chancel and Bell Choirs



Greeting Cards

Sue Kellerman is still collecting greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The cards are recycled by the residents at St. Jude's Ranch to sell. There is a basket on the table in the old entrance.

Worship & Praise

Worship Schedules for April

Lectionary Readings for April

Sunday, April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:4b-14

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Psalm 126
John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 14

Palms: Luke 19:28-40
Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49

Palm/ Passion Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Psalm 31:9-16
Luke 22:14-23:56 or

Thursday, April 18

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Maundy Thursday
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 19

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Good Friday
Psalm 22

Sunday, April 21

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 28

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
John 20:19-31

Second Sunday of Easter
Psalm 118:14-29 or
Revelation 1:4-8



Worship Leaders

April 7

Liturgist: Dave Maille
Greeters: Marge and Esther Noonan
Journey to the Cross: Hedlund Family

April 14

Liturgist: Nancy McNally
Greeters: Jeremy and Annie Stewart
Journey to the Cross: Stewart Family


April 21 (11:00 service)

Liturgist: Eileen Kriner
Greeters: Joanne Scott
and Cindy Skladanowski

April 28


Liturgist: Debi Lyon





Harborcreek Food Pantry

Just a reminder our congregation supports the Harborcreek Food Bank. Nonperishable food items, paper products and personal hygiene items are always needed and can be left at the top of the stairs in the main entrance of our church.



Helping the Homeless

A BASKET has been placed in the old vestibule for collection of travel size personal care products to be given to the homeless at The Upper Room. Please consider donating those little bottles from your hotel stays. Thanks, Mission Committee

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GREETERS:

BEFORE THE WORSHIP SERVICE

1. If unable to be present on your assigned day, please obtain a replacement. If possible, let the church office know of the change by Friday morning.
2. Arrive at the church by 10:30 A.M. (9:30 in summer)
3. Please wear a name tag so visitors can identify you if they need assistance.
4. Stand in the narthex (entryway) by the guest register to greet worshipers as they arrive.
5. Welcome visitors, ask them to sign the guest register, and assist them in finding the coatroom, nursery, restroom, etc. If necessary.
6. Hand out bulletins including large print if requested and offer worship bags to children.
7. Offer assistance to anyone using the elevator. Instructions for the elevator are inside the elevator car. All gates and doors on all levels must be completely closed in order for the elevator to work.
8. Assist the acolyte to light the candle lighter when the prelude begins. If there is no acolyte present, ask another young person or light the candles yourself.
9. Make sure sanctuary doors remain open during the worship service.
10. In summer ring the bell at least 10-12 times before the worship hour.



DURING THE SERVICE

1. Greeters find two ushers to help collect the offering. One person brings the offering plates down during the doxology and places them on the table.
2. Take count of all in attendance and put on secretary's desk.

AFTER THE SERVICE

1. Collect attendance sheets including the choir's from the pew registers and leave on the secretary's desk.
2. Make sure candles are extinguished.



Study Opportunities . . .



Breakfast and a Movie

The **breakfast and a movie series** continues every Sunday at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We are currently viewing "An Interview With God" Please join us.

Sunday School For Children

Don't let your children or grandchildren miss out! Sunday School is offered for children K-6th every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the C.E. Building. Join us for some holy fun!



Wine and the Word

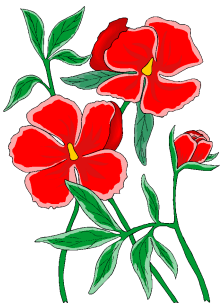
Wine and the Word will continue on Monday,

April 29 with place to be determined. The new book is Canoeing The Mountains by Todd Bolsinger. It is available in an audio version. Please join us!

Question?



If we were to offer one free half-day class in computer basics, would anyone be interested? Please let Pastor Robin know.



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

Jim & Peggy Nelson
2 Gibson St. Apt. 102
North East, PA 16428

Sandy Spangler
Sarah Reed Retirement Ctr. Room 9
227 W. 22nd Street
Erie, PA 16502

Eleanor Stanley
Springhill Retirement Com.
2301 Edinboro Road
Erie, PA 16509



Hello to my Dear Friends,

Today the sun is shining so bright I want to go out to see the birds, trees budding and the flowers popping up from the earth. Then I looked at the phone we found in the grass and it said- oh it's only 28 degrees, well at that time I decided to stay under ground until the temperature goes up a little more. Trust me it will (but when?). It's like we all have spring fever.

I would like to welcome Diane Baumgardner back from spending time with her Son and Family, Denny and Linda Blum and Ron and Mary Ellen Flowers back from Myrtle Beach as well as Bob and Linda DeAngelo. Jim and Linda Erickson are back from Florida (with lots of delicious tomatoes). Now for the Kellerman's I think they are in Florida somewhere! David Maille went to the hospital and bought home a new knee. Bill and Ann visited their grandchildren Clair and Liam, sounds like they had fun. Larry and Sue Resinger are still in Florida. James and Chris goes either to New York or Pittsburgh to take care of their grandbabies. Now for Bill and Tammy Stewart, they are going to be grandparents in June for the second time. Write to me if I missed you or my information is wrong.

One Sunday I was in church when Nancy Way announced: We have paper grocery bags with a note on it. The note had a list of items to purchase for the food pantry. PLEASE HELP! Also our church is participating in the Upper Room that feeds those who are hungry. In this troubled world---it's refreshing to find---Someone who still has---the time to be kind,---Someone who still has---the faith to believe---Someone who's ready---by thought, word or deed---To reach out a hand---in the hour of need.

Welcome to our new members: Jessie Hedlund, Janie Hedlund, Troy Barker and Sam Wedzik. We are so delighted that you decided to follow Jesus as a member of our church. CONGRATULATIONS!!

This little mouse would like to wish everyone a meaningful and spiritual Easter with friends and family. It does not matter what you eat or how much candy you receive. It does matters that you praise God for sending his Son to save US. If you have a chance ask Peggie Smith what she makes on Easter Sunday.

I heard that God will heal a loved one either on this side or the heaven side and that is because of Jesus.

In Christ's love,

THE CHURCH MOUSE



AN EASTER PROMISE by Helen Steiner Rice

If we but had the eyes to see
God's face in every cloud,
If we but had the ears to hear
His voice above the crowd,
If we could feel His gentle touch
In ever Springtime breeze
And find a haven in His arms
'Neath sheltering, leafy trees...
If we could just lift up our hearts
Like flowers to the sun
And trust His Easter Promise
And pray, "thy will be done",
We'd find the peace we're seeking,
The kind no man can give,
The peace that comes from knowing
He Died So We Might Live!

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
John 3:16

Here's what is happening . . .



Where: Harborcreek First Presbyterian Church
(unless otherwise indicated)
When: 12:00 noon

Tuesday, April 23 at Noon

Program: Ginnie Geisler food critic at the Erie Times News
Menu: Taco Bar, Red Beans & Rice, dessert

Tuesday, May 28 at Noon

Program: Lisa Ferrick will speak about her job as District Justice
Menu: Turkey Breast, Dressing, Peas, Coleslaw, Cranberry Sauce, and dessert



*Welcome to our
2019 Confirmation Class*



Food Pantry News

The Ecumenical Food Pantry Board recently held a volunteer appreciation lunch for 33 volunteers who regularly give of their time to keep the food pantry in operation.

Of the 33 volunteers 22 people work on distribution day, the third Wednesday of the month; six men offer their trucks to pick up the food order from Second Harvest and are joined by 11 more who help unload the 2,000 to 4,000 pounds of food when the trucks return to the pantry. There is a leadership team of five people who organize the pantry storage, order food, manage the paperwork, submits the monthly statistics to Second Harvest, regularly records the temperatures of the storage room, refrigerators and freezer, and manages the senior box program. Together all these volunteers also give love, compassion and respect to the clients. It is really about more than just food.

Submitted by, Ann Nesgoda



**Clean out those garages!
Tidy up those basements!
Purge those storage places!**

Mark your calendars for the

Church Garage Sale!

June 1, 2019

**More information will be available in
May's newsletter and the
weekly bulletin.**

Cancelled Stamps



Please bring your cancelled stamps to church and place them on the table on the old entrance. The stamps are boxed and forwarded to a Leprosy Organization to benefit their cause.

FEBRUARY SESSION NOTES:

CLERK'S REPORT: Presbytery's Lake Erie Breeze news: Anyone who can spare a couple of days and might be interested in going on a mission trip to North Carolina, contact the Presbytery.

MISSION & OUTREACH: Plans for the next Upper room mission luncheon are moving forward nicely. The sign up list for donated items and helpers has been posted. Date will be March 31st. We are working on collecting small toiletry samples for the Upper room. There was a request to make and collect hats and gloves all year and to donate to the Upper Room.

NOMINATING & TRAINING: On Sat. January 12, there were 7 of us who attended Elder's training class given by the Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church in Warren, Pa. Good discussion, food and fellowship were had by those who attended.

The Presbytery announced that the 2020 "Big Event" will be held March 28th, 2020. There is a survey for workshop ideas online on the Lake Erie Breeze for those who are interested.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: On a motion from committee, they would like to pay \$2000 on the principal of the church's presbytery loan, and \$2174 toward our per capita bill. Motion carried.

WEBSITE: The ad hoc committee met and made decisions on what was needed and wanted to complete this project. They were proud to announce that the text for the web site was 95% finished. They are still working on an upcoming events drop down box and more pictures will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held on if there should be a "church closing" policy for bad weather and how this should be handled. On a motion and second, this was tabled until next month.

MARCH SESSION NOTES:

PASTOR'S REPORT: There were 8 people who participated in this year's drive-thru Ashes in the 12 degree weather. "Wine and Words" book club is continuing on Mondays at the Dave Maille place at 7 pm. Thanks to the hosts.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Friday April 5th will be a craft night hosted by the Sunday school and all are invited to work on hand crafted items and the youth will sale items for One Great Hour of Sharing.

MISSION & OUTREACH: The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm Sunday April 14th. The Harborcreek food pantry will have an Easter bag collection later in April. Watch for details to come. The Upper Room: The committee will use their mission monies from their mission budget to pay for this meal. The only thing to request from the congregation will be workers to serve meal.

NOMINATING & TRAINING: The committee sign ups were removed from the sanctuary bulletin board and distributed to committee chairs. It is still not too late to sign up if you are interested in working on any of the committees and being a part of this church.

PROPERTY: PROPERTY: Building use request was presented to the Valez family for a 1st birthday party in the fellowship hall on April 14th (2pm-5pm). Motion carried

Session has directed the committee has check into both smoke & carbon monoxide detectors in all church buildings and install where needed.

There will be a kitchen cleanup event on Sat, March 30th at 10 am.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: Committee chair Dave noted that we are now stating into the fund raising season with dates for the following: Spring Swiss steak dinner (April 13th), garage sale (June 1st) and geraniums (May). Advertising has started.

Submitted by Mary Ellen Flowers
Clerk of Session



Annual Harborcreek Presbyterian Church



Geranium Sale

**\$5.00 each
or
4 for \$16.00**

Benefits the Mission Fund

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

_____ White Geraniums

_____ Red Geraniums

_____ Dark Pink Geraniums

_____ Light Pink Geraniums

Total Cost: _____ **Paid:** _____

Make checks payable to: *First Presbyterian Church*

Order as soon as possible as the flowers are on a first-come-first serve basis. Give your order form to Lisa Baumgardner or drop it in the box at the back of the church. All profits will go toward the church's mission fund.

Dates for pick-up are: Thursday, May 16 between 12-6 p.m., or Saturday, May 18 between 10 a.m.-noon & Sunday, May 19 after worship.

Church Family News . . .



April Birthdays!

April

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

If you notice an incorrect or missing birthday/ anniversary or one that is listed that should no longer be there, call the church office 899-1031 & we'll 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.

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| Barb Bemis | Emily Mellish |
| Claudia Brown | Jim Nelson |
| & Mike Faycheck | Jacob Nesgoda |
| Lois Cochran | Yvonne Peters |
| Jeanette Comstock | Sandy Spangler |
| Margaret Crider | Bill & Sandy Stewart |
| Donna Fannin | Tammy Stewart |
| Kevin Fisher | Larry Stultz |
| Rachel Hube | Megan Swezey |
| Dave & Judy Johnson | Halli VanSlyke |
| Pat Kocher | Laura Waide |
| Dick May | Family of Carolyn |
| Hannah May | Washe |
| | David Zacks |

Have a
Blessed
Easter!



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the prayer chain, please speak to any 2018 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.



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5 OGHS Craft Night 7:00 p.m.	6
7 9:30 a.m. Breakfast and a Movie 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Membership Mtg. after Worship	8 Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Deacons 2:00 p.m. Session 6:00 p.m. 	12	13 Spring Swiss Steak Dinner 4:30-7:00 p.m.
Preschool Registration for Church Family Members						
14 9:30 a.m. Breakfast and a Movie 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship OGHS Offering Received Fellowship Hall is use from 12:30-5	15 Preschool Easter Parade for morning and afternoon classes Women's AA	16 Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 p.m. 	17	18	19	20
21 <i>He is Risen!</i> 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship No Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship	22 Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	23 4th Tuesday Fellowship 12:00 noon 	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 a.m. Breakfast and a Movie 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	29 Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m. Wine and the Word Study Resumes 7:00 p.m.	30 Preschool Registration for Community begins	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Elder of the Month: Ann Nesgoda 602-6503</p> <p>Deacon of the Month: Bill Nesgoda 602-6504</p> </div>			