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Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
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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

Hello, Dear Ones,

By request, here's part of a sermon graciously preached for me by Chris Thomas when the recent appendicitis began. The requested part is pretty long, so we'll print the rest of it next month.

We tend to live like cats – thinking we have nine lives and can put off many things, waiting for our life to start. We go through life acting as though life is ABOUT to begin.

We know how wrong it is to throw a life away, but we tend not to see how sinful it is to do the same thing an hour at a time. Life can be wasted hour by hour, day by day.

The Rev. Dr. Brett Younger, pastor of the historic Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, NY., writes eloquently about life being too short, and offers this list of things life is too short for:

Life is too short for microwave pizza, bad novels, or having the cleanest gutters on the block.

Life is too short to keep waiting for a vacation, a special occasion, or a better day.

Life is too short to sit around moping, choosing despair, worrying what people think.

Life is too short to complain about those you don't like, look for revenge, or try to change someone's opinion about you.

Life is too short to be bitter over things you can't change, want to go back to what was, or always do the same thing.

Life is too short to be bored, to always blend in, or to sit in the corner while the band is playing.

Life is too short to skip church, leave good words unsung, or be afraid to pray.

Life is too short to intend to live a new life, but never get around to it.

May God bless you through all those things that make life full and joy-filled.

Pastor Robin



Fall STEAK DINNER

Swiss



Saturday, November 2, 2019

4:30—7:00 p.m.

Adults \$11.00

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

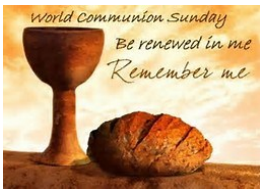
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Serving Family Style

Take-outs Available

Sign-up sheet for volunteers

will be available soon.



*World Communion
Sunday
Peace and Global
Witness Offering*

Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. It is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual *Peace and Global Witness Offering* as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

A Presbyterian Gift

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread.

And the Table Will Be Wide A Blessing for World Communion Sunday

And the table
will be wide.
And the welcome
will be wide.
And the arms
will open wide
to gather us in.
And our hearts
will open wide
to receive.

And we will come
as children who trust
there is enough.
And we will come
unhindered and free.
And our aching
will be met
with bread.
And our sorrow
will be met

And we will open our
hands
to the feast
without shame.
And we will turn
toward each other
without fear.
And we will give up
our appetite
for despair.
And we will taste
and know
of delight.

And we will become bread
for a hungry world.
And we will become drink
for those who thirst.
And the blessed
will become the blessing.
And everywhere
will be the feast.

– Jan Richardson

Lecti
onary
Readings for
October



Sunday, October 6

Lamentations 1:1-6
2 Timothy 1:1-14

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 137
Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 13

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
2 Timothy 2:8-15

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 66:1-12
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:97-104
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 27

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
1 Timothy 2:1-7

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 79:1-9
Luke 16:1-13



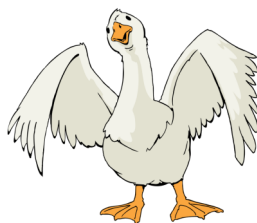
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Can you guess that one of Pastor Robin's favorite Sundays is coming up Oct. 13 – Bless the Animals Sunday?!

Please bring your beloved pet to church with you for a special blessing that day, and invite friends who might like their own pets blessed, too. The blessing is a venerated tradition dating all the way back to St. Francis of Assisi.

Any pets big enough to need trailer transport should remain in their ride until after church when blessings can continue in the parking lot!

Trixie can't wait to see everyone! Or, maybe she should bring her 30-year-old goose instead!



Come Worship With Us



Liturgists and
Greeters/Ushers for
October

October 6

Liturgist: Scott Shunk
Greeters: Marge Suter and Peggie Smith

October 13

Liturgist: Larry Hanes
Greeters: Barry and Jane Wile

October 20

Liturgist: Mary Ellen Flowers
Greeters: Sue Resinger and Ron Flowers

October 27

Liturgist: Bill Nesgoda
Greeters: Dale and Trish Claypoole

OFFICE HOURS!



The church secretary will be in the office from 9 a.m.—12 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If there are days that Mary needs to adjust her hours or days, the congregation will be notified and the change posted on the door. Pastor Robin will continue her hours 10-1 Monday and Wednesday. Please keep in mind since pastors serves on required Presbytery committees she might not always be available during the planned office hours.

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Learning Opportunities...

On Sunday Mornings...



Breakfast and a Movie

9:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST** in the Fellowship Hall

9:45-10:30 a.m. **MOVIE** in the Youth room downstairs

We hope we see you there even if it is just for breakfast or just for the movie. But COME for BOTH if you can!!!

A short discussion of the movie and how it pertains to our lives and our faith follows the movie.

See YOU there!



What's in the Bible?

Kid's Sunday School

Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Come along with us and learn about God's great rescue plan! This year we will be learning about the stories in the Bible in new and exciting ways - movies, music, and more! This is one journey through the Bible you won't want to miss. Find out why you want to know more about "What's in the Bible."

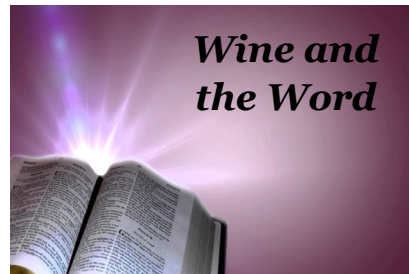
**Every Sunday at
9:45 a.m.**



Come and chat with Rev. Tim at the manse (parsonage) or at the picnic table. What's on your mind? Do you have any questions? Rev. Tim can help you sort out the mysteries of life in Harborcreek.



On Monday Evenings...



Wine and the Word

The next edition of Wine and the Word is ready!

A group of your friends gathers at each other's homes alternate Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to discuss books related to our shared experiences as Christians in a world that values church less and less.

Our new book will be "Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive." Mary Stewart will lead discussions. Books are \$5 each. This study will begin on Monday, October 14 at the home of Bill and Ann Nesgoda.

Everyone brings a beverage and a snack to share, and discussion is always lively and meaningful.

Sign up on the bulletin board or let Pastor Robin know. Please do join us, even if you can't make every meeting!

Dust-Bunnies are gone!

Peggie Smith, Chris Lewis (Marnie's daughter) and I were able to clean the northeast corner room in the Christian Ed Building. The room will be used as a Sunday School classroom.



It will also be used for parents and/or grandparents of preschool children who drop off their child and wish to wait until dismissal time instead of going home and coming back particularly during bad weather.

For those using the room, please do not store food items in the cabinets or any other area of the room. The room has a purpose and we also ask that it not be used for storage.

Special thanks to Jim Stewart for hanging the blinds and Jared Mosier for fixing a couple of minor "things".

Sincerely,
Sue Kellerman

This and That...

SO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE QUIZ EXODUS



Exodus means “departure.” The Book of Exodus is about Israel’s departure from the Egypt where they were slaves and then back to Canaan where Father Abraham was originally sent by God 500 years earlier. After Israel came back, they would have to take the land that would become their nation. They thought the journey would last a few months. It lasted 40 years. Why? Because the people needed to become strong and faithful. The first half of the Book of Exodus is their journey. The second half is rules and instructions.

1. This is how God first chose to speak to Moses to tell him of his plans to save the Israelites. (*Exodus 3:1*) _____
2. Moses’ older brother and also a prophet. (*Exodus 4:14*) _____
3. God used Moses to part a sea by this name. (*Exodus 15:4*) _____
4. God made a special promise on this desert mountain. (*Exodus 19:1-6*) _____
5. The Fourth Commandment tells us to keep this holy. (*Exodus 20:8*) _____

Possible answers:
Aaron Egypt Burning Bush
House of God Red Shiphrath
Sabbath Sinai Zipporah



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a request for the prayer chain, please speak to any 2019 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.



Come celebrate with us on October 20 after church to honor some very special birthdays! Congratulations to Diane Baumgardner, Paul Foust, Esther Noonan, Wilda Resinger, and Marge Suter.

Please join us in wishing them

Happy Birthday!

Music News

A big “THANK YOU” to all the fine, talented musicians who provided special music this summer. Your contributions to our worship services were certainly appreciated.

Attention, Choir members: After a well-deserved summer break, practices for the new season (both Chancel Choir and Handbells) have begun. I am really looking forward to making music with all of you again. New members are always welcome, too. Questions? Contact me at 814-899-8658 or famothom3@gmail.com. Remember, that’s ...

Chancel Choir rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:00

Handbell Choir rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:00



“Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things...”

- Psalm 98:1a

Christine Thomas

At Last!

Exterior church renovations finally got going in September with the foundation repair (more permanent this time) brick motor work and painting. While we have a Presbytery loan to help out, any extra funds you care to direct to the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) will be greatly appreciated.



Here's what's happening...

*4th Tuesday
Get Together*

**4th Tuesday
Fellowship**

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

Tuesday, October 22
Program: Jeremy Bannister will talk about Sunken
Ships in Lake Erie
Menu: BBQ Ham Sandwiches, Macaroni &
Cheese, Salad, Dessert

Greeting Cards



Thanks to everyone who has brought greeting cards to church. I recently mailed another box of cards to St Jude's Ranch for them to repurpose and sell in their gift shop and on their website.

Please continue to bring the cards to church and place them in the basket provided on the table in our old vestibule. There are additional restrictions so PLEASE provide the entire card.

Blessings,
Sue Kellerman
Mission Committee



DONATE TO YOUR CHURCH AND STILL GET A TAX BREAK

For those of us over 70 1/2 of age and have an IRA or 401K retirement account(s), as you know we are required to take a withdrawal(s) from the account(s) each year. This withdrawal, called a Required Minimum Distribution, (RMD), becomes taxable income.

Did you know that you can transfer up to \$100,000. directly from your IRA or 401K account(s) to charity each year? Well, the answer is YES, you can!

This transfer is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution, (QCD), which counts towards your RMD, but unlike an RMD, a QCD is NOT included in your adjusted gross income!

You can make a QCD to one or more tax-qualified charities each year. NOTE: The transfer must be made directly from your IRA/401K to the charity to count as a QCD. You can't just withdraw the money first and write a check to the charity. You simply contact your IRA/401K administrator and instruct them that you would like to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution for \$xxxxx to the charity of your choice, (1st Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek).

If you use a QCD to make a donation to the charity, let them know the money is coming so they can send you a confirmation of this donation, which you should keep with your tax records.

Please give strong consideration to the use of a QCD to transfer taxable RMD distributions to the church and have it become non-taxable.

P.S. (When it is tax time, I will send anyone who makes a QCD to the church the information for reporting this non-taxable distribution on your tax filing.)

Bob Kellerman, Stewardship Committee



Notes from September's Session meeting:

[NOTE: Edited for space. Full minutes always available in the office.]

NEW MEMBER: Claudia Brown was presented before Session with her desire to become a member of our church. Unanimous vote to accept her.

PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONER: On a motion and second, Jennifer Wedzik was elected commissioner to represent our church at the Sept 21st Lake Erie Presbytery meeting in Warren, Pa. Motion carried.

UNGLUED CHURCH PROJECT: Trailblazers was the best way to describe the way this committee was feeling as they finished with their last official unglued meeting. "Loving and serving God and others as Jesus does" will be the new adopted mission conviction.

WORSHIP: The choir and bells are back from summer break and the bells will perform on the 13th of Oct.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Rev Tim Logan has started a class for young adults on Sunday mornings.

MEMBERSHIP CARE & DEVELOPMENT: The data from the survey that was performed during the membership visitation was reviewed. The report was well-received and Session found the results interesting and in some cases surprising. Thanks Barb and crew.

A birthday celebration coffee hour will be held in November [changed to October 20].

MISSION & OUTREACH: The next Upper Room luncheon at St. Paul's will be Sept 29th. A menu of goulash, green beans, bread & butter and cake will be served. We will distribute hats and gloves made by our shawl ministry.

This year's Trunk or Treat will be Thurs, Oct 31th at 6-8pm. Ron Flowers has agreed to chair.

On Oct 26th, the church will have an information table about our church at the Harborcreek Fire Dept.'s fall festival

On a motion from the committee, the following funds from the mission committee will be sent out:

-\$500 to the Presbytery's Emergency Disasters Fund (for Hurricane Dorian)

\$200 to Safenet of Erie

\$200 to the Refuge; Motion carried.

NOMINATING & TRAINING: The committee is almost done with next year's slate of officers and hopefully will have it ready to present at next month's meeting.

PROPERTY: A request to clean out the northeast corner room in the CE building was reported on. The plan is to have an area for parents and others waiting for preschool children.

The church's outside restoration project has resumed.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE: This year's fall stewardship campaign will be the last 3 weeks of Oct. They will be using the unglued theme of "blazing a new trail."

The Swiss steak dinner will be November 2nd. This year, as a local mission, we will be receiving 23 low-income single-family names from the Harborcreek food pantry. They will be getting vouchers for a free dinner for pick up or to eat here.

Bob Kellerman has volunteered to look into grants for different projects that the church has already been involved in.

All accounts balanced and on a motion and second, session voted to approve the Treasurer's August report. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted
Mary Ellen Flowers
Clerk of Session



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.

God's love at work...



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

Aluminum Cans



A ministry start that start a number of years ago is growing! Dick Smith began collecting cans to recycle. All the money he collected went to benefit our outreach ministries to those in need.

Peggie continues this ministry in memory of Dick.

But it has grown...the East Erie Moose Family Center is donating all their aluminum cans...it now takes a truck to get them to the recycling center each week!

You can help by placing your cans in the recycling can behind the church.

God's love in action!

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.



Harborcreek Presbyterian Church Presents



TRUNK OR TREAT

Where: Church's Parking Lot

(6724 Buffalo Rd.)

When: Thurs. Oct 31st

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Bring your Kids or Grandkids to get treats or provide your trunk to give out treats!

It's a fun time!!



This is a community outreach supporting our local mission.

Hope to see you there!

New Website is live!

<https://hcpresbyterian.org>

Church Family News...



October Birthdays!

- 7 Olivia Palmer
- 8 Ed Ellwood
- 13 Madison Williams
- 16 Bill Stewart
- 18 Pat Facchine
- 19 Jane Wile
- 22 Norah Rose Woodward
- 23 Debi Lyon
- 25 Madison Chew
- 27 Mary C. Stewart
- 28 Jordan Lee Erickson
Marnie Logan
- 30 Rachel Lemke
Jasmine Mosier



October Anniversaries!

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



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 | Dick May |
| Claudia Brown | Emily Mellish |
| & Mike Faycheck | Jim Nelson |
| Lois Cochran | Jacob Nesgoda |
| Jeanette Comstock | Yvonne Peters |
| Margaret Crider | Sandy Spangler |
| Donna Fannin | Bill & Sandy Stewart |
| Kevin Fisher | Bill Stewart |
| Rachel Hube | Tammy Stewart |
| Dave & Judy Johnson | Larry Stultz |
| Pat Kocher | Megan Sweezy |
| Beverly Leighton | Sue Wakeley |
| Hannah May | David Zacks |

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.



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



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<p>Elder of the Month: Jared Mosier 923-1372</p> <p>Deacon of the Month: Aye Mosier 923-2458</p>			<p>Church Photos for directory by appointment</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)</p>	<p>Church Photos for directory by appointment</p>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p>	 <p>Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Pastor Robin on COM Retreat</p>		 <p>Deacons 2:00 p.m. Session 6:00 p.m.</p>		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Blessing of the Animals</p>	<p>Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. at the Nesgoda's</p> <p>Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)</p>			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Birthday Celebration after worship</p>	 <p>Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>4th Tuesday Fellowship 12:00 noon</p>	<p>Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)</p>			<p>Fire Hall Event 1-4 p.m.</p> <p>Fellowship Hall in use all day by PA Equine Association</p>
27	28	29	30	31		
<p>Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Dedication Sunday</p>	<p>NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE</p> <p>Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.</p>		<p>Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)</p>	 <p>Trunk and Treat 6-8 p.m.</p>		