



# First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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### 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.....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  
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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



Dear Loved Ones,

This month we continue with the list from the Rev. Dr. Brett Younger, pastor of the historic Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, NY, about life being too short, and his list of things life is too short for:

*Life is short...*

...so live every day as if it were your last, because some day you'll be right.

...so wake up, stay alert, be prepared, light the lamps, get ready. Listen for the knock, answer the call, serve where you're sent.

...so do what you love to do and give it your best.

...so recognize that today is the only day you have, eat dessert first, read good books.

...so go to church and worship, stay awake, and sing

...so tell the truth, take care of this day, dance.

...so listen to the people you love, tell them how much they mean to you, visit someone else's mother in the nursing home.

...so recognize that every day is a special occasion, do something interesting, have some fun, and choose to be happy.

...so forgive. Look past the faults of others just like you hope they will do for you.

...so surround yourself with gracious people, hug your friends, care for someone you haven't cared for.

...so be courageous, take a chance, live so that when your life flashes before your eyes, you'll have plenty to watch.

...so embrace the possibilities, try something new, see that every day is an opportunity. Dream, but don't just dream, follow those dreams.



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...so breathe and think deeply, don't give your heart to that which won't fill your heart, make the changes that will make the difference.

...so celebrate God's eternity, make time for the things that matter, don't leave yourself regretting things you didn't do.

...so be an evangelist, tell a friend how God's love has changed your life, be a person who talks about Jesus.

Pray hard, believe in Christ with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength. Celebrate the love of God, get a life, because it's later than you think and life is short.

Blessings for a wonderful Thanksgiving,

*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.)**

**Under 6 free**

**Serving Family Style**

**Take-outs Available**

**Sign-up sheet for volunteers**

**is at the back of the sanctuary**



## You are invited to a FRIENDSGIVING LUNCH

After Church Sunday, November 17

Roasted Turkey Breast will be supplied

Please BRING YOUR FAVORITE APPETIZER, SIDE OR DESSERT

**R.S.V.P.** on the sign-up sheet

Giving THANKS to GOD for our many blessings, church, community and each other!

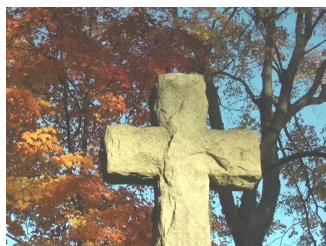
Join..... "FRIENDS GIVING" ..... to local charities

by filling the Fellowship Hall with donations of:

...personal hygiene items

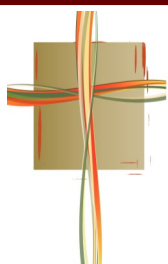
...non-perishable items

...or a monetary contribution



## Lectionary Readings for November

<b>Sunday, November 3</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
<i>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</i>	<i>Psalm 119:137-144</i>
<i>2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12</i>	<i>Luke 19:1-10</i>
<b>Sunday, November 10</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
<i>Haggai 1:15b-2:9</i>	<i>Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21</i>
<i>or Psalm 98</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17</i>
<i>Luke 20:27-38</i>	
<b>Sunday, November 17</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
<i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>	<i>Isaiah 12</i>
<i>2 Thessalonians 3:6-13</i>	<i>Luke 21:5-19</i>
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>	Reign of Christ/ Christ the King Sunday
<i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i>	<i>Luke 1:68-79</i>
<i>Colossians 1:11-20</i>	<i>Luke 23:33-43</i>



## *Liturgists and Greeters/Ushers for November*

<b>November 3</b>	Liturgist: Chris Thomas
	Greeters: Dave & Sue Beighley
<b>November 10</b>	Liturgist: Larry Hanes
	Greeters: Dena & Maria Barker
<b>November 17</b>	Liturgist: Eileen Kriner
	Greeters: Bob & Linda DeAngelo
<b>November 24</b>	Liturgist: Karen Foust
	Greeters: Jared, Aye, Jasmine, Forest Mosier

## *Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service*

**Community  
Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday, November 24, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**at Faith Lutheran Church**  
**5414 East Lake Road**

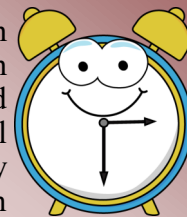
The free-will offering and donations of non-perishable food will go to Harborcreek's Ella Cochran Food Pantry.

A combined choir will present an anthem—all singers to come to a 5:30 rehearsal that evening. Rev. Cliff Hamilton, pastor at the East Erie Assemblies of God, will preach the message.



### **OFFICE HOURS!**

The church secretary will be in the office from 9 a.m.—12 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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 continues!

We have begun the book "Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive." Mary Stewart will lead

discussions. We meet the following Mondays at 6:30 p.m.:

- Nov. 4 at the home of Chris and James Thomas
- Nov. 15 at the home of Barb and Brian Griffith
- Dec. 2 at the home of Ann and Bill Nescoda
- Dec. 12 at the home of Andrea and Dave Maille

## SO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE QUIZ



November: I KNOW THE BIBLE QUIZ CHALLENGE!

**Leviticus** is mostly laws that kept the Hebrew people safe, healthy, and peaceful. It was written during the Exodus out of Egypt.

**Numbers** shows how God wanted to make the Hebrew people strong, though they were very resistant complainers - having little to no faith. Therefore God sends them to wander and build maturity and strength.

**Deuteronomy** contains a repeat of all the Mosaic laws. The children who had left Egypt were adults when Deuteronomy was written.

1. This verse encourages you to give a tenth of what you earn to the Lord. That offering features a similar word that means "tenth." (*Leviticus 27:30*)
2. This famous verse has become a greeting worldwide over the centuries. It states, "The Lord bless you and ..." (*Numbers 6:24*)
3. This famous verse declares Moses' best trait, something he had more of than anyone on the planet. (*Numbers 12:3*)
4. This is the length of God's sentence on Israel to remain in the desert, because of their lack of faith, courage, and vision. (*Numbers 14:34*)
5. This man took over for Moses when he passed away. (*Deuteronomy 31:1-7*)
6. God told the people that this cause for sadness will always be in the land, and therefore he encourages generosity. (*Deuteronomy 15:11*)

Answer Choices: tithethe...Aaron...40 years...hear  
you...humility...Joshua...poverty...knowledge...  
courage...keep you

# Mission Opportunities

## Opportunity Knocks!

Our church has a great community outreach opportunity. The Harborcreek Eastside YMCA has reached out to our church for assistance.



The YMCA is providing a FREE meal to area children up to the age of 17 twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00. Volunteers are needed to assist in serving and clean up (but NOT to cook) on these days.

A total of three volunteers are needed per day. You can pick your day or days that you can help.

If you are interested or need more information please contact Barbara Griffith at 882-4523. Please give this community need your prayerful consideration.



## 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.



## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

This church family is a fantastic, caring community who is serving God and Others as Jesus Would.

You have fed the hungry (Upper Room served about 80 people), you have provided warm for homeless folks by making scarves and mittens, you have donated \$555 to the Peace and Global Witness program (\$138.75 of which stays with our Mission Committee to decide how we are able to best serve those in need).

YOU ARE JUST WONDERFUL CARING PEOPLE!

The food pantry is NOT doing a special Thanksgiving collection this year. We will instead concentrate our efforts on collecting items for Christmas month distribution. Items requested are as follows:

Hygiene products: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and any other things that you might think are special.

We will collect these items on December 1, in order to have them to Our Lady of Mercy by Dec.2!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU  
YOU ARE WONDERFUL!





## PRESCHOOL UPDATE

It's that time of year when the leaves change color and start to fall off the trees, pumpkins are everywhere, and our students are adjusting to a preschool routine! Guess what else it's time for? Our first PROGRESS REPORTS!!! The entire Preschool staff is busy evaluating the boys and girls in a variety of areas, and the parents will receive these reports before Thanksgiving.

Because this is a special time of the year to give thanks, we always have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration at Preschool. We eat some holiday food (turkey, cornbread, carrots, apples, grapes, cheese, etc.) while wearing either the Pilgrim hats or Native American headbands that were made at school.

In September over 200 preschool family members went with us to Port Farms for an exciting day! The weather was BEAUTIFUL and everyone had so much FUN sliding down the slides, feeding the animals, riding the trikes, and playing in the gigantic corn box!! Last month 135 people went on our field trip to the downtown Children's Museum and had a wonderful time at all the many and varied "hands-on" exhibits. This month we will be traveling to the Erie Gymnastic Center on November 13. We can't wait to jump on their huge trampoline and swing on their big rope swing! Then from November 26 – December 2, we'll take our holiday break.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

## Humorous Thanksgiving Prayer

When turkey's on the table laid,  
And good things I may scan,  
I'm thankful that I wasn't made  
A vegetarian.

*-Edgar A. Guest*

## Thanksgiving

For each new morning with its light, For rest  
and shelter of the night, For health and food,  
For love and friends, For everything Thy  
goodness sends.

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Moravian Blessing

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be  
And bless these gifts  
Bestowed by Thee.  
And bless our loved ones everywhere,  
And keep them in Your loving care.

## Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food,  
    help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work,  
    help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home,  
    help me to remember those who have no  
    home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
    help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering,  
    help me to destroy my complacency;  
    bestir my compassion,  
    and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
    those who cry out for what  
    we take for granted.  
Amen.

*-Samuel F. Pugh*



Notes from October Session:

**PRESBYTERY REPORT:** Jen Wedzik, commissioner to the Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting in Warren, Pa. reported on the following:

Great ideas for officers training picked up from a workshop with Keith Sundberg

The Mission and Outreach Committee in conjunction with our youth will be working on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Clean-Up Buckets for victims of natural disasters (hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, etc.). Ten buckets have already been provided for a start in this project.

Nominations to represent the Lake Erie Presbytery to the 2020 General Assembly to be held in Baltimore were presented. Congratulations to Dave Maille for being elected the alternate.

**TRAILBLAZERS:**

(Formerly Unglued Church Project):

Thanks to Brian Griffith for representing our church during the Harborcreek Community Engagement team meeting. This is a local outreach program by local businesses/organizations.

As an outreach to the community, we were asked to provide volunteers twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at the YMCA to serve meals. Clearances will be needed.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

(Formerly CHRISTIAN EDUCATION):

The Presbytery of Lake Erie in conjunction with several youth pastors and leaders are hosting the 3rd Annual PLE Youth Event, The theme is “Walk Humbly.” and will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:00 PM to 11:00 AM at Church of the Cross, 5901 Millfair Rd, Fairview. Free to all youth.

The committee is also currently working on the adult QUIZ “What’s in the Bible.” Look for this in our newsletter.

**MISSION & OUTREACH:** The Upper Room luncheon at St. Paul’s was Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. The menu of goulash was enjoyed by around 80 people. They really appreciated the hats and gloves that were made by our shawl ministry.

The Peace & Global Witness offering was dedicated on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. We don’t know yet what the grand total was.

This year’s Trunk or Treat will be Thurs, Oct 31<sup>th</sup> at 6-8pm.

On Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, the church will have an information table about our church at the Harborcreek Fire Dept.’s fall festival

**NOMINATING & TRAINING:** On a motion from the committee, the date for a congregational meeting to elect church officers will be Nov 10<sup>th</sup> after morning services. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY:** The newly installed church dishwasher is ready for the next dinner. Thanks to Dave Beighley for all his work.

The church’s outside restoration project is about 75% done and looking very nice.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE:** The 2020 per capita will be \$31.50 per member. This was based on 126 members at a total cost of \$3,969.

The fall campaign will begin October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

The committee presented the following 2020 dates for fundraisers:

Spring Swiss steak dinner April 4<sup>th</sup>

Annual Garage Sake May 30<sup>th</sup>

Fall Swiss steak dinner November 7<sup>th</sup>

Respectively submitted,

Mary Ellen Flowers, Clerk of Session



# 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

## 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

## Aluminum Cans



A ministry that started 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.



## 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.



## 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.

**New Website is live!**

<https://hcpresbyterian.org>



# Church Family News...



## November Birthdays!

- 3 Dale Claypoole
- 8 Jim Butler
- 10 Jacob Graff
- 11 Don Duckett
- 15 Carl Steiner
- 17 Jessie Denniston  
Linda Blum
- 19 Sue Butler
- 21 Joanne Scott
- 24 Janie Hedlund
- 26 Hunter Chew
- 28 Lisa Baumgartner  
Jonathan Priebe
- 30 Paul Foust



## November Anniversaries!

- 2 Rod & Holly Hedlund
- 9 Denny & Linda Blum
- 13 Dave & Jennifer Wedzik
- 14 Jim & Peggy Nelson
- 28 Lisa Baumgartner & Jonathan Priebe



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       | Hannah May           |
| & Mike Faycheck     | Emily Mellish        |
| Lois Cochran        | Jim Nelson           |
| Jeanette Comstock   | Yvonne Peters        |
| Margaret Crider     | Sandy Spangler       |
| Donna Fannin        | Bill & Sandy Stewart |
| Kevin Fisher        | Bill Stewart         |
| Shirley Hamm        | Tammy Stewart        |
| Rachel Hube         | Larry Stultz         |
| Dave & Judy Johnson | Megan Sweezy         |
| Pat Kocher          | Ann Trohoski         |
| Ann Marie Kodba     | Sally Wakeley        |
| Beverly Leighton    | 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



# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Community Thanksgiving Service            Sunday, November 24, 2019            7:00 p.m.            Faith Lutheran Church</p> </div>			<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 10px;"> <p>Elder of the Month:            Bob Kellerman 866-3563</p> <p>Deacon of the Month:            Nancy Brown 899-7736</p> </div>		1	2
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Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. at the Thomas'  Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.		 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	 Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.		 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)	 Deacons 2:00 p.m. Session 6:00 p.m.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Breakfast and a Movie 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.  Friendsgiving Lunch following Worship	Wine and the Word 6:30 p.m. at the Griffith's  Women's AA Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	 Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 p.m.	 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (when indicated)			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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