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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.....Barbara Griffith

Committee Chairs—2022

Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Membership Care &
Development.....Marlene Long
Joanne Scott
Mission/Outreach.....Mary Ellen Flowers
Sue Kellerman
Nominating &
Training.....TBD
Personnel.....Sue Kellerman
Scott Shunk
Property.....Scott Shunk
Bob Kellerman, Dave Maille
Spiritual Formation.....Jennifer Wedzik
Stewardship & Finance.....Dave Maille
Bob Kellerman
Barb Griffith
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 Way
Correspondence.....Joanne Scott
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Funeral Dinners.....Sue Beighley
Greeters/Liturgists.....Joanne Scott

Reflections from the Pastor

Dear Harborcreek
Presbyterian Family,

It seems incredibly weird to say that our time together is approaching its end, but it is.

I so much hardly know what to say that I've kept blocking this letter out of my mind to the point that I find myself finally remembering it and jumping out of bed in the wee hours to write it. (Sure hope other people do that blocking out.)

Originally, I was supposed to be with you a year or two until you decided what to do about keeping someone in the pulpit. By the time of my last Sunday, on Oct. 16 or 23, my time with you will have stretched to nearly six years. Holy cow!

The most important thing to know about that for absolutely sure is that it has been the honor of my life. Please know that deep in your hearts.

It took nearly six years for the best, most-likely-to-succeed plan to emerge. I can see God's fingerprints all over the plan to share a pastor with Emmanuel. And God's fingerprints were certainly evident throughout the whole Pastor Nominating Committee process.

Yes, there will be changes to get used to – especially 9:15 a.m. worship. If it doesn't work, changes can be made such as alternating the pastor between churches while broadcasting to the other church. And there are others. I'm sure you will give 9:15 a fair chance, followed by Sunday school in the form of Brunch and a Movie.

The point is, everyone will have to compromise in order to have excellent pastoral leadership in this "post-Christian" age. I truly believe that is what the new pastor will bring, along with new events and new ways of doing things. There's so much to look forward to!

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Presbytery regulations say I must disappear for a time (a year, I think,) but I'd love to come back as a member after that IF it works out.

Apologies that I fell apart more than expected with Parkinson's and my horrid back, which prevented me from doing as much as I would have liked. I thank you for your patience and your many, many kindnesses.

Blessings of hope,

Pastor Robin

100th Birthday **Celebration**



We will be celebrating mom's (Jessie Denniston) 100th birthday on October 22nd. If you have pictures we could use in a slide show or if you can take a picture of yourself and email to me: Jackie.ashbaugh@gmail.com, that would be great. Mom has so many wonderful memories of worshipping and serving at Harborcreek Presbyterian Church. Thanks so much.
Jessie's daughter, Jackie

Family Fun Fest

A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who made the FFF a huge success. From the volunteers who worked to set things up, volunteered time throughout the day, the clean up crew to those who donated food, drinks and money the event won't work without ALL of you.

You are all truly "the hands of the Lord" at work in our community.



Church Office Hours

Pastor Robin will be working from home
on Mondays and Wednesdays
until the elevator is fixed.

Instead of office hours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at church, she will be working from home.
She will be available by phone at 716-769-7394
or 814-823-7766 during those hours
(actually, ANYTIME.)

She'll be back in the office once the elevator is
repaired and she can reach the office
with her walker.

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.

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We, as a church family, care deeply about you and your family and friends. Through our Prayer Chain we can surround those in need with prayer. As we reorganize our chain, we invite you to join us in two ways:

1.If you would like to join the ministry of the prayer chain and receive prayer requests either by phone or text message, please call Nancy McNally at 814-450-2577 or Peggie Smith at 814-881-3648 and have your name added to the list.

2.And if you have a prayer request do not hesitate to either Peggie or Nancy with your need. You need to let them know what information can be shared and if you want to add a name to the prayer list in the bulletin and newsletter.

Meet Our Pastoral Candidate Rev. Mike Wilson

The Pastoral Nominating Committee and Session are excited to share with you the biography Rev. Mike Wilson, our candidate for pastor. Rev. Mike will be preaching on Sunday, September 11 after which the congregation will vote to approve his call to the First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek.



Rev. Mike Wilson was born and raised in Lake Placid, NY, in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains. He was raised as a Methodist, attending the local church and growing up in a raucous and loving family of Wilsons with several uncles and aunts, and numerous cousins.

He also spent many summers with his maternal grandparents – with more aunts, uncles and cousins – in Mount Pleasant, PA, near Pittsburgh. Mike was a volunteer for the 1980 Winter Olympics and was bussing tables at Howard Johnson's Restaurant during the Miracle On Ice.

His undergraduate degree is in music education earned at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. After college he moved to New Jersey and took a job doing computer work in Manhattan while playing in rock bands at night (he's a drummer and percussionist and also plays ukulele and guitar). Eventually he took a computer job with a company in Princeton, NJ where he stayed for a dozen years while continuing to play in bands.

In 1990 Mike returned to practices of faith through a 12-step recovery program and that led him back to the church. As his spiritual life deepened, he also became friends with two pastors, served as a deacon and ruling elder, and worked with the youth group. Finally, Mike discerned a call to ministry which was affirmed enthusiastically by his church. He packed up a U-Haul, moved to California and began his theological studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1998.

During the first week at SFTS he met classmate Mary Louise McCullough and they gradually fell in love as they memorized their Hebrew and then Greek vocabulary words and watched "The X-Files" Sunday nights on Mike's large TV. They were married by the seminary chaplain in 2000 and Mike became stepfather to Mary Louise's 16-year-old son, Evan. Mike and Mary Louise were ordained in 2002 and began ministries in separate calls in Leechburg and Freeport, PA. After a few years they started separate calls in the neighborhoods of Edgewood and Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh.

When Mary Louise was called to Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee, Mike felt a strong call to trust that this next phase of ministry would become clear for him as well. After settling them in their home and building a dining room table and assorted bedroom furniture, Mike got busy serving as pulpit supply for churches all around Middle Tennessee presbytery. Soon he became an interim, and then a temporary stated supply, and eventually a designated pastor. Most recently he has served with Mary Louise at Second as temporary stated supply associate pastor. Mike has also served on his presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry for six years and as the committee's chair for the past four years. He was one of the presbytery's delegates to the General Assembly in 2020.

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Between them Mike and Mary Louise have served eleven congregations as pastors in various capacities. In addition to his theological and Biblical passions, Mike continues to be as active a musician as he can be and also enjoys woodworking, cooking, hiking, computer stuff, movies and TV, books (lots of books!), fixing things and acquiring new skills. And lately they have become enthralled by their two grandchildren, Logan (3 years) and Lola (2 years), while continuing to lavish attention on their wiener dog, Hazel.



Worship Time Change

Beginning Sunday, September 4

Worship: 9:15 a.m.

Beginning Sunday, September 18

Sunday School and

Brunch and a Movie 10:30 a.m.



Meet our Pastoral Candidate, Mike Wilson

There will be a "meet and greet" on Saturday evening, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. to meet our pastoral candidate. Members will be contacted about bringing a dessert to share.

Come...

A Very Special Sunday Sunday, September 11, 2022

Session has called for a congregational meeting after church on Sunday, September 11, 2022 for the purpose of voting on the pastoral candidate. Please plan to attendance worship on September 11th when the candidate will preach at 9:15 at Harborcreek.

After worship, we will be asked to vote to accept the new pastor, as will Emmanuel after their 11:00 service the same day. There is a good possibility that we will also be able to vote via Zoom.

**Following the meeting, please join us for
FELLOWSHIP WITH MUNCHIES.**

September Worship Leaders

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Sept. 4	Marlene & Gil Long	
Sept. 14	Nancy McNally	Cindy Skldanowski
Sept. 21	Scott Shunk	Sue Resinger
Sept. 28	Dave Maille	Bonnie and Don Duckett

Your help is needed: The Deacons of the church are responsible for scheduling liturgists and greeters for worship each Sunday. It has become increasingly difficult to fill those positions. Please if you are called please consider serving God in these voluntary positions.

Lectionary Readings September 2022

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

Sunday, Sept. 4 <i>Jeremiah 18:1-11</i> <i>Philemon 1-21</i>	13th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</i> <i>Luke 14:25-33</i>
Sunday, Sept. 11 <i>Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28</i> <i>1 Timothy 1:12-17</i>	14th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalm 14</i> <i>Luke 15:1-10</i>
Sunday, Sept. 18 <i>Jeremiah 8:18-9:1</i> <i>1 Timothy 2:1-7</i>	15th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalm 76:1-9</i> <i>Luke 16:1-13</i>
Sunday, Sept. 25 <i>Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15</i> <i>1 Timothy 6:6-19</i>	16th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16</i> <i>Luke 16:19-31</i>

Blessed

Spiritual Formation



Brunch and a Movie

Where will you be at 10:30 on Sunday, September 18th?? Right! You will be right here in church enjoying BRUNCH and a Movie. The very successful Breakfast and a Movie tradition has changed to a Brunch and a Movie. Our first leaders will be Ann and Bill Nescoda.

Each Sunday we will watch one third of the movie and then have a lively discussion after we have enjoyed a scrumptious brunch, all done right here in the sanctuary due to the elevator being out of order.

Please put the 18th on your "can't miss" list. A good time WILL be had by all.



Quest

***BIBLE QUEST -Ahoy!
Kids Sunday School
Sundays after church
10:30 a.m.
starting September 18***

Who is ready to go on a quest?

This year we will be going in a quest together! We will be experiencing some special stories from the Bible in lots of different ways- story telling, music, art, mission, and just talking about them as a group. In our quest the stories will become connected with our story. Will learn about hardship, friendship, and miracles.

Fourth Tuesday

Picnic at the Beach

Where: Freeport Beach, Freeport Road, North East, PA.

When: September 27, 11:30 to whenever.

Please sign up in the church office or email me at Pinkribbongal@comcast.net. Let us know what your favorite dish is you would like to bring. There is a commitment already for meatballs and sloppy joes. Lemonade, Iced Tea & Water will be provided. Make your own Arnold Palmer.

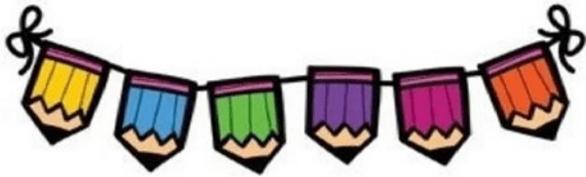
PLEASE Come to our Fourth Tuesday Gathering and Enjoy Fellowship with one another as we take in the beauty of nature.



*Thank you, thank you,
thank you!!*

A huge thank you to those who donated to the church through **Erie Gives**. Eighteen giving units donated \$6,935.00. Three of those donors gave over \$1,000.

Those using a credit or debit card were charged a 2.62% fee. After deducting fees we were matched for \$390.23. The total received was **\$7,325.23!**



Welcome to PRESCHOOL

Hello, everyone! The new school year has begun and our Preschool has gotten off to a wonderful start! I am very glad to welcome back my terrific staff: Daunice Scipione (Science, Social Studies, Library, & Music); Jenny Beskid (Art & Fine Motor Skills); Karalee Space (Large Motor Skills & Spanish); Kristen Oshlick (Pre-Kindergarten Skills Room Assistant); Stephanie Battista (Art & Fine Motor Skills Room Assistant) ; Ann Nesgoda (Finance) and Marlena Smith (Sub). They are all such dedicated and hard-working individuals, and I feel very blessed to have them back “on board” again this year!



During these initial weeks of preschool, we talk about making friends, the importance of “sharing and caring,” cooperating, listening, lining up, following school rules, etc. – all those things that are needed to acclimate us to a Preschool setting. This is done *prior* to our introducing our curriculum academics, which occurs toward the end of September -- by then the children have become used to a school routine.

PRESCHOOL



Preschool News



In order to keep everyone healthy and safe, we will continue to follow some of the covid-19 protocols and procedures that worked for us last year: increased disinfecting and cleaning, some outdoor classes, arrival and dismissal using both main doors; individual boxes of supplies for each child; etc. But, I am pleased to announce that we are returning to our traditional format of having the children change classes every half-hour; going on field trips and “family fun” events; having guest speakers visit; etc.

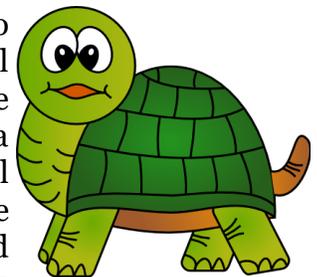


It is wonderful to see our classrooms filled with energy, enthusiasm, smiling faces, and caring hearts! There is nowhere else that we would rather be! Until next time . . . take care and may God bless you and yours!

Char Chmielewski

Director and Pre-Kindergarten Skills Room Teacher

P.S. We would like to thank Eileen Kriner for all her hard work done inside the C.E. Building ; Andrea and Dave Maille for all their hard work done outside the building; and Dave Beighley for all his hard work done inside and outside the building! Also Jared Mosier for all his time, effort and IT expertise. Many, many, many thanks and much appreciation go out to all of them!!



More News

2022 Presbytery Weekly Prayer List

Part of being a connectional church system is that we care for one another in a variety of ways. During the next year, we have been invited to pray for our partners in ministry in this presbytery. The list includes churches, pastors, retired pastors, presbytery leaders and national leaders. Each month we will list the prayer foci for that particular month. Please join us we support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The list includes: Churches & Pastors, Commissioned Pastors (CP), Members-at-Large (MAL), Honorably Retired (HR), Validated Ministry (VM), Staff, and other Leadership.

September 4

Fairview, Rev. Emily Zeig Lindsey, Pastor
Kane, Rev Carol Sharp

September 11

Harmonsburg Church
Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors

September 18

District Pastors Rev. Edward Ngon,
Rev. I. Doglo,
Tamale District, Upper Northern
Presbytery,
10 Congregations

September 25

Fairview, Church of the Cross
Rev. Drew Himes, Pastor
Rev. Susan Speakman (HR)
Rev. John Dyke (HR)



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. Please do not cut cards or change cards in anyway. They need them whole for them to be transformed.

♥ **Travel Sized Personal Care Products** to be given to the homeless at The Upper Room.

BLESSING/ OUTREACH CUPBOARD



Spring has sprung, so the cupboard may be stocked with any provisions at all without worry of freezing. Since we have larger shelves to use now, we are going to eliminate the box for

household items. 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.



Church Family News...



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

- 1 Nicole Dorman
- 4 Bill Fannin
- 14 Dena Barker
- 24 Bob Mulvin
- 28 Christine Schrimper
- 29 Larry Resinger

September Anniversaries

- 4 Jeremy & Annie Stewart
- 6 Jim & Linda Erickson
- 7 Laura & Jeremy Rockwell
- 11 Dave & Sue Beighley
- 13 Michael & Christine Schrimper
- 14 Kyle and Casey Foust



Prayer List: For those serving in the armed forces. Jeremy Rockwell. For the Lake Erie Presbytery & its leaders; for our pastor, Robin Cuneo, for church members, family & friends, we pray.

We are updating 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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| Barb Bemis | Mellish Family | Rich Smith |
| Claudia Brown | Mikayla and Family | Carl Steiner |
| Margaret Crider | Bob Morrow | Jim Stewart |
| Ed Ellwood | Bob and Carol Mulvin | Sandy Stewart |
| Family of | Jeannie Pamula | Marge Suter |
| Judy Ellwood | Yvonne Peters | Megan Sweezy |
| Dave English | Wilda Resinger | Taylor Family |
| Rod Hedlund | Keith Rine | Sue Tuszyński |
| Judy Johnson | Dean Scott | Sally Wakeley |
| Joyce Kriner | Sandy Spangler | Abigail Wilkinson |
| Bridget Laughlan | Peggie Smith | |

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
Heritage House
30 East Street
North East, PA 16428 | Jessie Dennison
Wellmore Unit 4129
580 Robert Daniel Drive
Daniel Island, SC 29492 | Judy Ellwood
2812 Rohl Road
North East, PA 16428 |
| Jacque Foust
8467 East Lake Road
Erie, PA 16511 | Dick May
6568 Iroquois Avenue
Harborcreek, PA 16421 | Bob and Carol Mulvin
3740 Harbor Ridge Trail
Erie, PA 16510 |
| Peggy Nelson
2 Gibson St. Apt. 102
North East, PA 16428 | Esther Noonan
7554 McGill Road
Harborcreek, PA 16421 | Yvonne Peters
3913 Dexter Avenue
Erie, PA 16504 |
| Wilda Resinger
5456 East Lake Road
Barnabas Court N.
Room 401
Erie, PA 16511 | Sandy Spangler
227 W. 22nd Street
Room 9
Erie, PA 16509 | Carl Steiner
c/o Heather Steiner
1026 Copper Drive
Erie, PA 16509 |
| | Ron Washe
4147 Bell Street
Erie, PA 16511 | |

God Knows...A Simple Prayer

God knew that I need someone
To keep as a treasure in my heart.
Someone who is so true
Fine and caring.

God knew that I need smiles
To go on my hard way
And dress my wounds
With love.

God knew that I need the consciousness
Of someone who thinks of me
In the night when the moon shines
And water sleeps in comfort.

God knew that I need to share
My joys and sorrows
With someone who wiped my tears
And caressed my hair so lovingly.

God knew that I need a lap
Where I can sleep like a sweet cat
And get up to see the first rays of the sun
Which loves to shine in my eyes.

God knew and he gave
Dr. Antony Theodore

We're Going Back To School



September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Preschool Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary (video)	2	3
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Elder of the Month Bob Kellerman 717-818-9158 Deacon of the Month Nancy McNally 814-450-2577 </div>						
4 In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m.	5 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	6	7 Preschool Open House	8 Deacon's Meeting 2:00 p.m. Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.	9 Preschool Classes Begin	10
11 In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m. Pastoral Candidate Preaching Congregational Meeting Fellowship Hour	12 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17
18 In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m. Brunch & a Movie Children's Sunday School	19 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
-----Creek Week-----						
25 In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m. Brunch & a Movie Children's Sunday School	26 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	27 Fourth Tuesday Picnic at Freeport Beach 11:30 a.m.	28	29	30	

Local Fruit and Vegetable Stand

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M M N O L E M R E T A W N I C B E M Y L L P D P
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blue berries
butternut squash
cabbage
cantaloupe
carrots
cherries
cucumbers
gourds

grapes
green beans
onions
peaches
pears
peas
peppers
plums
potatoes

pumpkins
raspberries
strawberries
summer squash
sweet corn
tomatoes
watermelon
wax beans
zucchini

