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Church Leadership

Pastor.....Rev. Mike Wilson
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
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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



Welcome
Mike and Mary Louise
and Hazel



May God's grace
embrace our ministry
together!



Thank you, Harborcreek (and Emmanuel) for calling me as your pastor! I'm really excited about the possibilities for us in ministry together in the weeks, months – the *years* – to come and I'm eager to become a settled member of the Erie and Harborcreek communities. But that settling is going to take a little longer than Mary Louise and I anticipated. The first contract on our house in Nashville – the one that would have allowed us to move earlier to Erie – was withdrawn. Fortunately, we received a good offer on October 23 and hope to close on November 22. It looks like we'll just barely get to spend Thanksgiving in our new home.

All of the anxiety and turmoil about our transition makes it clear that control is often an illusion. Or perhaps it's an illusion that *I'm* in control. Certainly, we've had to surrender to Realtors, stagers (don't get me started), sellers, buyers, inspectors, appraisers, an uncertain economy and rising interest rates, and even the weather.

Of course, we'll be fine. Mary Louise and I have been through far worse and know we are blessed to be able to do what we're doing. As a lesson in I'm-not-in-control, this one is fairly benign. But perhaps it's a reminder that there will be times of much greater anxiety, fear, uncertainty or calamity and that the only sure thing is the love and care of our Creator.

I know that my own faith has been strengthened by the necessity of trust. Over the last couple years, I've really been aware of God saying "this, not that" as I've tried to chart a course only to discover that God had something else in mind. And apparently that something else is Erie, Pennsylvania! Of course, now it seems obvious. And now that I'm here, I'm trusting that God will continue to present opportunities and challenges that will grow and strengthen our faith and that we'll have the wisdom and courage to take those opportunities and meet those challenges.

I hope that we'll take bold risks, try new things, and consider new ideas and perspectives while always looking for the Spirit's inspiration and guidance. I hope that we'll remember that God has called us together for a purpose *and* that we may not yet know what that is. And I hope that in the weeks, months – the *years* – to come that we will grow to trust each other even more. Because the one thing I'm sure of is that it is *God* who has brought us together and that we – God and you and I – are just getting started.

Grace and peace,

Mike

Church Office Hours

Rev. Mike Wilson, our new pastor, will be setting up office hours as he settles in to the routine of pastoring the Harborcreek and Emmanuel congregations.

For now Mike tries to be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays around 9:00 a.m.
If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Mike at 412-298-9196

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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Worship News



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 6 at 9:15 a.m. we will celebrate the lives of those who have gone on to their glory. Join us as we remember these loved ones.

November Worship Leaders

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Nov. 6	Chris Thomas	Izzy and Jim Lyon
Nov. 13	Brian Griffith	Pat Feddersen and Elisabeth Goetsh
Nov. 20	Scott Shunk	Linda & Bob DeAngelo
Nov. 27	Kyle Foust	Aye, Jasmine & Forest Mosier

Lectionary Readings November 2022

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

Sunday, November 6 22th Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 or Job 19:23-27
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 13 23th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25 or Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-11
Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 20 Christ the King/ Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 27 1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20

at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Church, Harborcreek
2420 Cumberland Rd, Erie, PA 16510

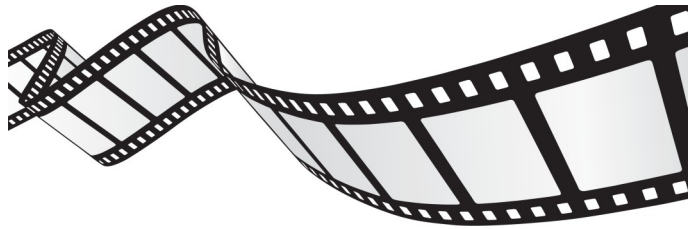
This year's Community Thanksgiving Service This year's service will take place at Grace Church, at 7 p.m. Sunday, November 20st.

Churches and pastors participating include Our Lady of Mercy, South Harborcreek United Methodist, Faith Lutheran, East Erie Assembly of God, Harborcreek Community Church and us.

Please join us!



Spiritual Formation



Brunch and a Movie every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

“The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry”

New Movie Starts on Sunday, November 13!
Please stay after church for a delicious brunch and then watch 30 minutes of a Christian movie followed by lively discussion. Leaders for this movie are Barbara and Brian Griffith.

A good time will be had by all.



Quest

BIBLE QUEST -Ahoy! Kids Sunday School Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Our quest continues! Join us as we experience 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. We will learn about hardship, friendship, and miracles.



HARVEST GRATITUDE

JOYFULLY CELEBRATING REV. MIKE & MARY LOUISE'S ARRIVAL!

**Friday, November 18, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall
First Presbyterian Church
of Harborcreek**

Let's have a pot luck dinner with a variety of meat dishes, potato casseroles, salads, cheese platters, jello salads, and desserts.

Please add your name to our sign up sheet telling us what favorite dish you will be bringing and the number in your party so we can plan accordingly.



Many thanks,

Marlene Long and Joanne Scott



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.

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.

November 6

Rev, Lee Beckes, HR
Rev. Hal Kelly, HR

November 13

District Pastors Rev. Seth Nipani
Rev. Salome Oye
Katiejeli District Upper Northern Presbytery
9 Congregations

November 20

Cooperstown
CP Diane Witman
Rev. Keith Sundberg
Moderator of the Coordinating Committee

November 27

Eastminster, Erie
CP Henry Rafferty
Rev. Nelson "Bud" Horne , HR
Rev. Don Gordon, 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

The Blessing/ Outreach Cupboard continues to be a blessing to many in our community. Many thanks to all of those who donate. Please do continue. Don't forget, you may also donate items such as paper products, mouthwash and solid deodorants. However, please leave out highly scented items such as soaps or laundry detergent that could seep scent into food items. Thank you so much for continuing to be a blessing by providing blessings to others.

Preschool News



A total of 199 preschoolers, parents and grandparents traveled to Waterford at the end of September to attend our Port Farm's "Family Fun" Event. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed all of the many and varied activities. Every time we visit, there is more to see and do at the farm! It is an AWESOME place!!!!

Then in October the preschool families visited Burch Farms for a wonderful and educational field trip. We toured the farm, were shown how their apple trees grow on wires, saw how BIG their refrigerated cooler is (big enough that we could all walk inside it!), were able to pick some apples off the trees, and saw how the apples get to "take a shower" before being put into the crates. Each session ended with delicious cookies and apple cider for everyone!

October was a very busy month at Preschool! We started to learn and/or review our alphabet letters, letter sounds, shapes, numbers, Kindergarten sight words, etc. We have been hard at work practicing our songs and poems for Halloween and Thanksgiving, while also learning about autumn, pumpkins, scarecrows, leaves and other seasonal concepts.

During November the children dictated their own delightful (and interesting!) original recipes for "How to Cook a Turkey," and made special Thanksgiving headbands. We talked about the many things that we are all thankful for each and every day! The Sight Center returned to the Preschool to give a "Vision Safety" program, which was new for the Preschool this year. Parents received the first Progress Report of the school year, which contained information about their child's strengths and also areas where additional practice would be very beneficial.

Until next time . . . take care and may God bless you and yours! "Happy Fall," everyone!





Saturday, November 5, 2021

4:30—6:30 p.m.

Regular Adult Portion \$13.00

Small Portion \$8.00

Same great meal, but take out style.

Drive -Thru Take-Out Only

***Enter thru west entrance to the parking lot
and you will be directed where to proceed.***

**Proceeds from this dinner go towards our Presbytery Mission
contribution and other local mission projects.**



Church Family News...



November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

- 2 Rod & Holly Hedlund
- 9 Denny & Linda Blum
- 13 Dave & Jennifer Wedzik
- 28 Lisa Baumgardner & Jonathan Priebe



Prayer List: For those serving in the armed forces: Adam Bojarski (Suter). 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 | Peggie Smith |
| Claudia Brown | Mikayla and Family | Rich Smith |
| Connie Carrier | Bob Morrow | Carl Steiner |
| Margaret Crider | Bob and Carol Mulvin | Sandy Stewart |
| Ed Ellwood | Jeannie Pamula | Marge Suter |
| Dave English | Yvonne Peters | Megan Sweezy |
| Family of Larry Hanes | Wilda Resinger | Taylor Family |
| Judy Johnson | Keith Rine | Sue Tuszynski |
| Joyce Kriner | Dean Scott | Abigail Wilkinson |
| Bridget Laughlan | Sandy Spangler | Sally Wakeley |
| Dick May | | |

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 | 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 South
Room 120
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





November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elder of the Month Sue Kellerman 717-586-8357 Deacon of the Month Nancy Way 814-899-2828		1	2	3	4	5 Swiss Steak Dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m.
6	7 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Deacon's Meeting 2:00 p.m. Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	15 Presbytery Meeting @ First Covenant 2:00 p.m.	16	17 Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00 p.m.. in Library	18 Pot Luck Dinner Celebrating the Arrival of Rev. Mike and Mary Louise 5:00 p.m.	19
20 Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 p.m. at Grace Church, Harborcreek	21 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Dinner	25	26
27	28 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	29	30	Every Sunday: In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m. Brunch & a Movie and Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.		

Give Thanks for a grateful heart...

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a new pastor

beauty of creation

children

church family

community

education

entertainment

family

food at every meal

friends

God's grace

God's love

God's peace

grandchildren

health

home

husband

modern conveniences

parents

safety

security

sunshine

warm house

wife