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August Newsletter Volume 2023, Issue 6

Church Leadership

Pastor.....Rev. Mike Wilson
Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. Sheldon "Tim" Logan
Music Director.....Chris Thomas
Organist.....Joyce Kriner
Secretary.....Mary Stewart
Custodian & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner
Treasurer.....Barbara Griffith

Committee Chairs—2023

Co-Clerks of Session.....Gil and Marlene Long
Membership Care &
Development.....Marlene Long
Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Barb Griffith
Nominating & Training.....Don Duckett
Mary Ellen Flowers
Personnel.....Sue Kellerman
Gil Long
Scott Shunk
Property.....Bob Kellerman
Dave Maille
Spiritual Formation.....Jennifer Wedzik
Stewardship & Finance.....Dave Maille
Bob Kellerman
Barb Griffith
Worship.....Scott Shunk
Gil Long
Jared Mosier
Recording Secretary.....Cindy Skladanowski

Deacons

Chairperson.....Bill Nesgoda
Vice-Chair.....Nancy Way
Secretary.....Nancy Way
Treasurer.....Peggie Smith
Caring Tree.....Nancy Way
Correspondence.....Joanne Scott
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Funeral Dinners.....Sue Beighley
Greeters/Liturgists.....Deacon of the Month

Summer is flying by so fast! It is already August and stores are promoting "back to school" supplies. Yet, there are still many opportunities for worship, fellowship, service and giving during this season.

Check out these opportunities:

- ⇒ Worship every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. with guest musicians;
- ⇒ August 6: Ella Cochran Food Pantry is collecting school supplies for local children;
- ⇒ August 8: **Erie Gives!**
- ⇒ August 12: Waldameer Picnic with Emmanuel Church;
- ⇒ August 19: Outdoor Concert and Picnic at Emmanuel Church.

And before you know it **September** will be here! Following the Labor Day holiday, we will be changing to our fall schedule with a change in our worship time.

Starting

Sunday, September 10, 2023

our worship time will change to

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School and

Breakfast and Movie will begin at

9:15 a.m.



Making a difference!

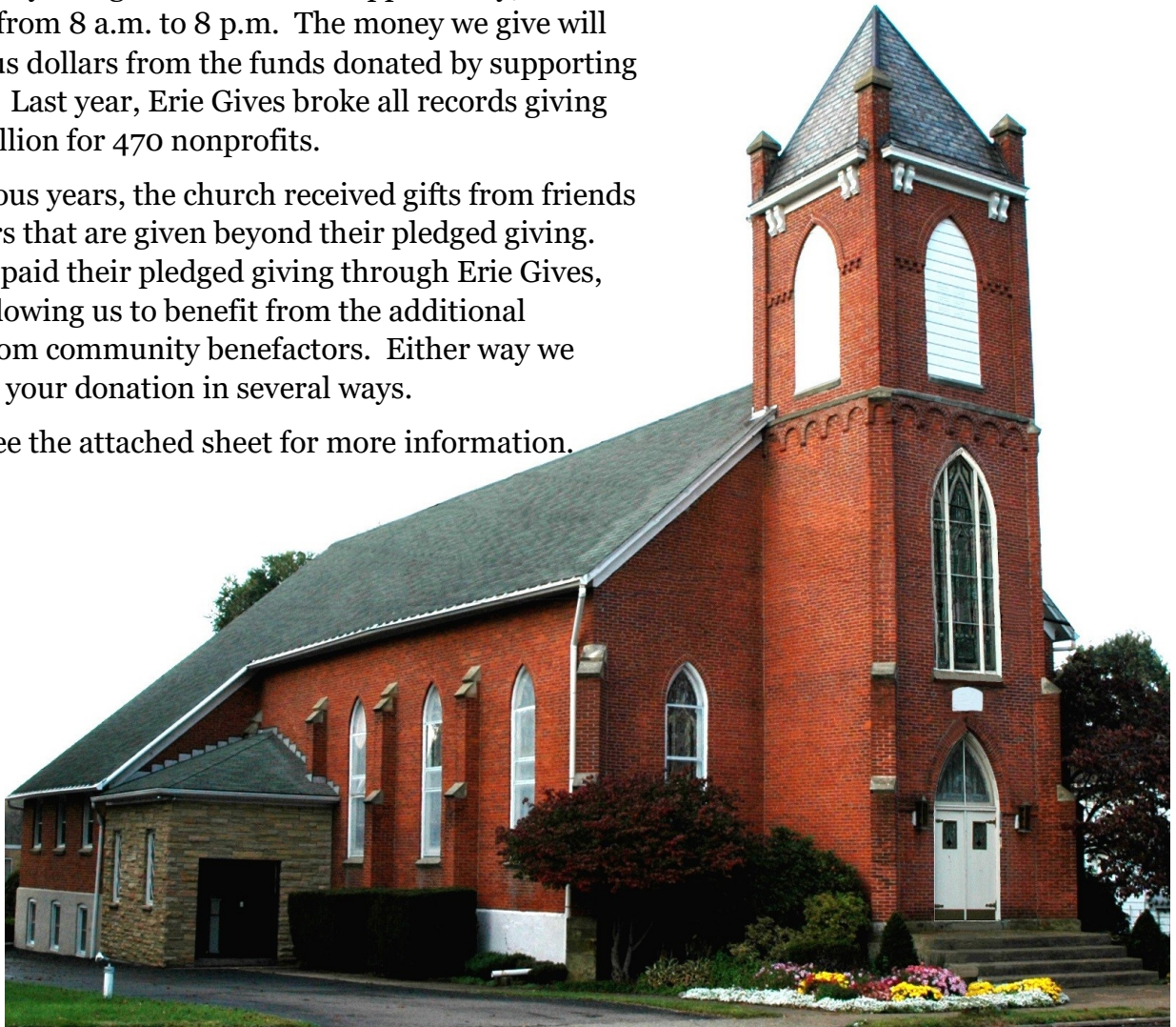
We are buzzing with activity as we worship and serve our glorious God! The First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek is growing and responding to God's Spirit in so many ways.

- Our pastor, Rev. Mike Wilson has been with us ten months and has gifted us with his leadership, preaching, musical and pastoral talents. Worship is vibrant, and encourages us to use our gifts to the glory of God. There is this feeling of life and an eagerness to be a part of God's work in this corner of God's Kingdom in Harborcreek, Pennsylvania.
- There has been significant increases in worship attendance and new leadership is emerging. New faces have become new friends and partners in ministry.
- Fellowship opportunities abound and attendance is wonderful. Our connection with Emmanuel Church has been a gift from God as we join in ministry. Our church family has expanded to Erie and that is a great joy.

One unique way to financially support the ministry of the church is by using the ***Erie Gives*** opportunity, on August 8th, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The money we give will earn us bonus dollars from the funds donated by supporting benefactors. Last year, Erie Gives broke all records giving over \$8.1 million for 470 nonprofits.

In previous years, the church received gifts from friends and members that are given beyond their pledged giving. Others have paid their pledged giving through Erie Gives, therefore, allowing us to benefit from the additional donations from community benefactors. Either way we benefit from your donation in several ways.

Please see the attached sheet for more information.



Worship News...

August Worship Leaders

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
August 6	Scott Shunk	Marge Suter
August 13	Tiffany Kephart	Linda & Bob DeAngelo
August 20	Sally Wakeley	Tiffany Kephart
August 27	Don Duckett	Cindy Skldanowski



Summer Worship Music

Sun., August 6	Jasmine Mosier, violin
Sun., August 13	Sondra Marshall, vocal accompanied by Marnie Logan, piano
Sun., August 20	James Davis, trumpet
Sun., August 27	Zanita Zacks-Gabriel, Martin Bachman, Elva Kocher. stings and piano
Sun., Sept. 3	Marnie Logan, Linda DeAngelo, Nancy McNally, 6 hands piano



Church Office Hours

Pastor Mike is usually 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 the hours may be changed;
Please call the church office to verify.

Church Office Phone number:
814-899-1031

New Email Address: office@hcpresbyterian.org
Website: hcpresbyterian.org

Lectionary Readings August 2023

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

Sunday, August 6

Genesis 32:22-31 *Psalm 17:1-7, 15*
Isaiah 55:1-5 *Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21*
Romans 9:1-5 *Matthew 14:13-21*

Sunday, August 13

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9-18 *Psalm 85:8-13*
Romans 10:5-15 *Matthew 14:22-33*

Sunday, August 20

Genesis 45:1-15 *Psalm 133*
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 *Psalm 67*
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 *Matthew 15:10-28*

Sunday, August 27

Exodus 1:8-2:10 *Psalm 124*
Isaiah 51:1-6 *Psalm 138*
Romans 12:1-8 *Matthew 16:13-20*

Looking Ahead...

Breakfast and a Movie and Wine and the Word

Looking ahead to September....please join us for BREAKFAST at 9:15, followed by an inspirational movie at 9:45. Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletins

ALL are welcome and now is a great time to make this a part of your Sunday routine.

First delicious light breakfast will be Sunday, September 10th. Please watch for a sign-up sheet to help supply the light breakfast items....or contact Barbara Griffith.

Also.....**Wine and The Word** is now in the planning stages to start in September. Previously we had 8-10 "regulars" who met via Zoom. Several Emmanuel members have expressed interest in joining us and we have to work out details on if we will do in-person meetings or do Zoom again. We are looking to start on Sunday, September 10th. 630 at HPC. Contact Brian Griffith at bgrif33@gmail.com or 814-459-8311, if interested.

Exciting times are happening at HPC and EP.



News from Session

The Elder of the Month for August is Scott Shunk.

Session did not have a meeting in July.

A Vacation Bible School was held jointly with four other local churches on July 22 at Rolling Ridge Park.

Respectfully submitted, Gil Long, Clerk

2023 LAKE ERIE PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST

Churches & Pastors, Commissioned Pastors (CP),
Members-at-Large (MAL),
Honorably Retired (HR),
Validated Ministry (VM) & Other Leadership

August 6

North East; Rev. Gregg Townsend, Pastor
Coordinating Committee
of the Presbytery of Lake Erie

August 13

Coudersport; Rev. Warren Cederholm
& Elder Don Caskey, Preaching
Ministry of the Presbyterian Foundation and Ministry
Relations Officer, Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

August 20

Edinboro; Pulpit Nominating Committee
Children of Lake Erie Pastors
Rev. Craig Cashdollar (HR)

August 27

Polk; Rev. Larry Myers, TSP
Sugar Grove; CP Patti Orton Kuna



School Supplies

It will soon be time for students to head back to school. The Ella Cochran Food Pantry is asking for donations of school supplies to distribute to our clients. If you are able to help, there is a box at the back of the sanctuary for any supplies you can contribute. Donations need to be in by August 6. Thank you!

PRAYER



CHAIN

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 Pat Feddersen at 814-899-6054 or Nancy McNally at 814-450-2577 and have your name added to the list.
2. And if you have a prayer request do not hesitate to call either Pat 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.

Community News:

The Marching Huskies preview show, Side Show, will be held at the high school stadium Friday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. Free and open to the public.





*Nothing says thank you quite like the words...
THANK YOU!*

Thank you, first of all, Pastor Mike for making this Worship Service special and unique for our Graduates. Your Commissioning and Sending our Graduates along with taking the time to endorse each one's gift of their CEB Bible is much appreciated and touching.

Many many thanks are coming your way to all of you participating in our Worship Service on July 23rd, 2023 and Honoring Our Graduates, followed by a Picnic and Music! It was a most successful Event as we enjoyed all the various food dishes brought by YOU. There wasn't a bad dish to be found! Worship found 75 of us attending at Scott Shunk's Barn while 11 enjoyed the service on Zoom.

It is with gratitude that we were blessed to enjoy beautiful weather and wonderful fellowship.

We are grateful for our friends from Emmanuel, Jenn & Dave Wedzik as they managed to get the hot dogs and hamburgers to you, Nancy Shaffer for hosting and providing help in all areas, and Scott for hosting and all the days of work you put in, in preparation...We pray that his back heals quickly! We also thank Jasmine Mosier and Brian Hunt for their music. Bryan, it was so helpful of you to shuttle chairs back and forth as you saw the need. Dave Maille, we are so thankful for your help with setup on Saturday and other tasks at hand! Thank you, Casey Foust for cutting the cake. Gratefulness to Mary Louise, Sue Kellerman & Nancy Carroll Hunt for helping with the cleanup and disbursement of food. There are many others of you that also played a part in making this event successful, too many to pin point.

Blessings & Peace,

Your Membership Care Committee



A big thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recent ordeal. You couldn't know how much this all meant to me.

And Thank you to the one who butterflyed my yard. I love it! Made my day!

Sue Beighley



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.

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

♥ **Cancelled Stamps** The person we were sending our cancelled stamps to is not doing that any longer, so we have researched and changed the recipients of our cancelled stamp ministry. We will have more information on who that is in the next newsletter.

♥ **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.

More News...



Media Ministry

We are asking for volunteers for the media ministry. Jeremy Stewart, Bill Nesgoda, and Jared Mosier have been bringing the streaming program to you for over 3 years now every Sunday. Occasionally we get to have a Sunday off but those are rare. We would love to be able to spend time to join our families during the worship services also.

We would like to offer a training session on a day other than Sunday in the near future, if someone or many people are interested. We would like to be able to show and give experience to people that may be interested in helping out without the pressure of learning during Sunday Worship Service.

Some things are done at home like the slide creation (using Canva.com), hymn slides (using digitalsongsandhymns.com and PowerPoint), Scripture verses (using commonenglishbible.com and Canva.com). We will show you what it takes to create those. If you are interested in controlling the sound during the church service or running the streaming computer and cameras, we would love to show you and train you on those processes.

If you would have any interest, please, please, please let me know at:

media.ministry@hcpresbyterian.org and we will set up a training session. Thanks

Jared Mosier

Website Update



We are in the process of updating our website, so we are looking for your input. Here is how you can help:

- go to the website hcpresbyterian.org and check it out. Can you easily find the information you need? Is the appearance appealing? Is the site appealing to new people inquiring about our church? Let us know what you think.

- We need updated pictures that show current activities, those who are new to the church, new pictures of the choir, bell choir, Pastor Mike, etc. You can just email them to the church office. (Please understand that sometimes pictures do not transfer well to the digital requirements for a website. We will be careful to use the pictures that look the best.)

- For church officers: please look at the page for your committee and suggest updates or even write a new narrative.

Please understand that there are some limitations to what we can do, but we will do our best to present our congregation in a way that glorifies God and is pleasing to you.

Church Family News...



August Birthdays

- 4 Brian Griffith
- 5 Jim Erickson
- 6 Patty Graff
- 9 Tracy Wilkinson
- 10 Dave Beighley
- 11 Rod Hedlund
- 11 Bob Kellerman
- 12 Kyle Foust
- 17 Sue Bemis
- 19 Nancy McNally
- 20 Yvonne Peters
- 22 Judy Johnson
- 23 Scott Shunk
- 23 Jessica (Erickson) Wolfrom
- 24 Kevin Graff
- 25 Peggie Smith
- 28 Jack Mosier
- 28 Dennis Blum



August Anniversaries

- 1 John & Amy Erickson
- 6 John & Nancy Brown
- 11 Dave & Andrea Maille
- 18 Jim & Sue Butler
- 22 Jim & Barb Bemis
- 23 Larry & Sue Resinger



Prayer List: For those serving in the armed forces: Adam Bojarski (Suter). For the Lake Erie Presbytery & its leaders; for our pastor, Mike Wilson, for church members, family & friends, we pray.

If someone can be removed from the prayer list or if you have someone to add, please call or email the church office with the information.

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| Sue Beighley | Bill & Donna Fannin | Sandy Spangler |
| Barb Bemis | Judy Johnson | Peggie Smith |
| Claudia Brown | Bridget Laughlan | Rich Smith |
| John Brown | Mellish Family | Carl Steiner |
| Connie Carrier | Dick May | Sandy Stewart |
| Margaret Crider | Bob Morrow | Marge Suter |
| Robin Cuneo | Jeannie Pamula | Abigail Wilkinson |
| Ed Ellwood | Yvonne Peters | |
| Dave English | Wilda Resinger | |

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
Twinbrook Room 212
3805 Field Street
Erie, PA 16511 | Jessie Dennison
Wellmore Unit 4129
580 Robert Daniel Drive
Daniel Island, SC 29492 | Jacque Foust
8467 East Lake Rd.
Erie, PA 16511 |
| Dick May
6568 Iroquois Avenue
Harborcreek, PA 16421 | 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
4847 Tramarlac Lane
Erie, PA 16505 | | |
| Ron Washe
4147 Bell Street
Erie, PA 16511 | | |



LOVE IS PATIENT
LOVE IS KIND
LOVE IS...



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m.	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 A Day at Waldameer Picnic Eat 1:00 p.m.
13 In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m.	14 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19 Outdoor Concert and picnic at Emmanuel 5-8 p.m.
20 In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m.	21 <i>September Newsletter information is due!</i> Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26
27 In-Person & Live Stream Worship 9:15 a.m.	28 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	29	30	31 Preschool Teacher-Parent Meeting via ZOOM 9:30 a.m. in Sanctuary	Elder of the Month: Scott Shunk 814-453-3803	

Welcome to the 13th Annual Erie Gives!



Erie Gives day is on Tuesday, August 8th - where the community comes together to support our local non-profits through the Erie Community Foundation and the generous sponsors that provide some matching funds. Especially since the disruptions of the pandemic, these worthwhile organizations need our support more than ever. You can easily be a philanthropist to any number of charities – including the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Harborcreek for just \$25 or more. (Last year many of our members either caught up or paid ahead to maximize our matching funds allocation.) While it is easy to use a credit card on the 8th, your favorite non-profits will benefit more if you fill out the special form and mail in a check. (The 3.2% credit card fee comes out of your donation as the Foundation does not absorb that cost).

Hopefully you will be able to support US and other worthy non-profits. Just remember to make sure your check and form reach the Foundation by Monday, August, 7th. There is no need to wait. Be a blessing now!

Online:

- At eriegives.org
- Gifts accepted on August 8, 2023 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Online donations can be made via credit card (American Express, Discover, Mastercard, or Visa)
- Minimum donation = \$25

In Person:

- Completed Check Donation Form and checks may also be dropped off at The Erie Community Foundation by Monday, August 7, 2023.
- Write a single check for the total amount payable to “The Erie Community Foundation”

By Mail:

- Must be received by Monday, August 7, 2023.
- Complete the Check Donation Form indicating the organization(s) and donation amount(s)
- Write a single check for the total amount payable to “The Erie Community Foundation”
- Mail check and form to The Erie Community Foundation, 459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507

Gift of Stock or IRA via Mail:

- Deadline to initiate the transfer of stock or IRA distribution with your custodian directed to The Erie Community Foundation is Monday, August 7, 2023
- Complete the Check Donation Form indicating the organization(s) and donation amount(s)
- Mail check and completed form to The Erie Community Foundation, 459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507
- The transfer of stock or distribution from your IRA should match the total amount you indicate on your mail-in form

