



First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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June/July Newsletter Volume 2024, Issue 6

Church Leadership

Pastor.....Rev. Mike Wilson
Music Director.....Chris Thomas
Organist.....Joyce Kriner
Secretary.....Mary Stewart
Custodian & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner

Committee Chairs—2023

Co-Clerks of Session.....Gil and Marlene Long
Membership Care &
Development.....Brian Griffith
Mission/Outreach.....Ann Nesgoda
Nominating & Training.....Don Duckett
Personnel.....Sue Kellerman
Property.....Bob Kellerman
Spiritual Formation.....Jennifer Wedzik
Stewardship & Finance.....Bob Kellerman
Worship.....Scott Shunk
Recording Secretary.....Cindy Skladanowski
Treasurer.....Barbara Griffith

Deacons

Chairperson.....Bill Nesgoda
Vice-Chair.....Nancy Way
Secretary.....Nancy Way
Treasurer.....Peggie Smith
Caring Tree.....Nancy Way
and Bill Nesgoda
Correspondence.....Linda DeAngelo
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley
Funeral Dinners.....Sue Beighley
and Deacon of the Month
Greeters/Liturgists.....Deacon of the Month
Prayer Chain.....Pat Feddersen
and Nancy McNally



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Message from the Pastor

I was reading a Memorial Day prayer in which the author honored those “whose lives were lost” in service to our country. The prayer was very good. Its tone was reverent and even-handed, and its focus stayed on those who had died while avoiding any political partisanship. But for some reason I got stuck on that word “lost.” It feels too casual, not strong enough. Perhaps we could say they sacrificed their lives or that their lives were taken. The verb should be active and personal. In his Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln spoke of “that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion.” Lincoln implies a willingness on the part of those who died to *give* their lives; their lives are a gift that is treasured even when that person is no longer alive. And when someone presents a gift, that gift is not lost even if it is no longer in the possession of the giver.

In a larger sense, I do not believe that any of our lives are lost. The Apostle Paul wrote, “If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God.” (Romans 14:8) Our lives are a precious gift entrusted to us by God. And once in our care, our lives are ours to do with as we please. And many of us squander or misuse our lives pursuing selfish or self-serving pursuits. We commit ourselves to idols and ideologies that make us lose sight of divine image that is the pattern of our lives. We dishonor and even dehumanize other people, other lives, out of fear or ignorance or envy. But while we may treat our lives or the lives of others with disrespect and disregard, I feel confident that God will never dishonor or disregard us. I believe that God will always and forever be in pursuit of us, ready to receive us into God’s embrace now and in the life to come. We are never lost to God.



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And for those of us who feel that something within us is missing because we have “lost” someone we dearly love, perhaps we can take heart that the one we love is not lost at all. It is our bold assertion that, in death as in life, we not only belong to God but that we return to God. And while that assurance itself does not fill the void left by the absence of the one we love, perhaps it is a consolation until we are joined again in eternal life.

There is much that can happen to our lives and much that can be done with them. We can use them well in participation of the revelation of God’s kingdom. We can throw them away or have them take from us. Some give their lives, literally, to serve or save others. Some lives are lived so boldly that they will never be forgotten while other are lived so modestly that they will be little remembered. But all lives are precious to God. God remembers them all. No life is ever lost to God.

Grace and peace,



Nursery Keeper Needed

The church is looking for a nursery keeper every Sunday during 11:00 services to start ASAP. The keeper must be 18 years or older and must pass the mandatory PA background checks. The position pays \$20 if there are children and \$15 if there are no children each Sunday. Please contact any Deacon or Bill Nesgoda at 814-602-6504 if interested. Thank you!

God...
knows us,
is with us,
made us,
hears us,
leads us.

Psalm 139

UPPER ROOM MINISTRIES

On June 30th the Mission Committee is scheduled to provide lunch to the less fortunate folks at the Upper Room. It was decided by the committee to offer an old fashion picnic with hot dogs, baked beans, macaroni salad and dessert. A huge thank you to SMITH PROVISIONS for providing the hot dogs. There will be a sign up sheet placed in the back of the sanctuary soon for donations of food and workers to help transport the food and to serve.



As always, thank you for support the Upper Room. Please contact Ann Nesgoda at 814-602-6503 or Sue Kellerman at 717-586-8357 for questions.

June Worship Leaders

Liturgists

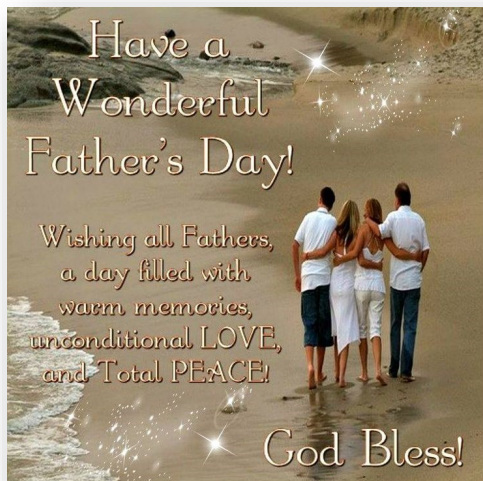
Greeters

Sun., June 2	Brian Griffith	Cindy Skladanowski
Sun., June 9	Nancy McNally	Tracy & Ava Connor and Scott
Sun., June 16	Kyle Foust	Ann & Bill Nesgoda
Sun., June 23	Bob Kellerman	Pat Feddersen and Alisabeth Goetsch
Sun., June 30	Brian Griffith	Tiffany & Cliff Kephart

Worship News...



<u>June 2</u>	Joyce Kriner – piano
<u>June 9</u>	James Davis - trumpet
<u>June 16</u>	Brian Hunt - vocal & guitar
<u>June 23</u>	Harmonizers
<u>June 30</u>	Derf Hopseger - piano & vocal
<u>July 7</u>	Hammer Dulcimer group
<u>July 14</u>	Sondra Marshall - vocal, accompanied by Marnie Logan
<u>July 21</u>	Andona Zacks-Jordan - violin (Zanita and/or Jasmine might play with her)
<u>July 28</u>	Gil Long - vocal
<u>August 4</u>	Brian Griffith and Bill Nesgoda vocal duet
<u>August 11</u>	Brian Hunt (Others might be sing with him)
<u>August 18</u>	Misery Bay Dulcimers
<u>August 25</u>	Peg Poniatowski - flute
<u>September 1</u>	Linda DeAngelo, Marnie Logan, and Nancy McNally 6 hands piano



Lectionary Readings June/July 2024

Below are the readings suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary for these months.

*Semicontinuous; **Complementary

Sunday, June 2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

*1 Samuel 3:3-1-10 and Psalm 139: 106, 13-18 or
**Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12 and Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday, June 9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

*1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
and Psalm 138 or
**Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 and Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 16 4th Sunday after Pentecost

*1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20 or
**Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 - 2
Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 and Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 23 5th Sunday after Pentecost

*1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20 or
**1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 and Psalm 133 or
Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, June 30 6th Sunday after Pentecost

*2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 and Psalm 130
**Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or
Lamentations 3:22-33 and Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 and Mark 5:21-43

Sunday, July 7 7th Sunday after Pentecost

*2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48 or
**Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 and Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 14 8th Sunday after Pentecost

*2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24 or
**Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14 and Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 21 9th Sunday after Pentecost

*2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37 or
**Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22 and Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 28 10th Sunday after Pentecost

*2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14 or
**2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21 and John 6:1-21

Fellowship...

Birthday

Sunday

Sunday, June 9

Birthday Sunday will be held celebration on June 9. Please stay after church for some special goodies and to celebrate our June birthdays



**Concert right here
at FPC
Harborcreek:**

Gem City Concert Band

Tuesday, June 18

Gem City Concert Band will be presenting a concert, under the direction of Brent Johnson, in the church parking lot on Tuesday, June 18 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come with your lawn chair and enjoy a wealth of summer music. There may be some surprises also.



4th Tuesday Gathering and Lunch

The June meeting of the 4th Tuesday Group (open to all members and friends!) will occur on June 25th. Our speaker will be Bob Burnett, a Harborcreek resident, who will give a presentation on the Kairos Prison Ministry. This promises to be an interesting event! Please let the office 814-899-1031 know if you plan to attend.

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, youth, and their families to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.



Announcing Operation Restoration VBS!

During this one-day Vacation Bible School, kids will learn how to be menders of the universe as they explore the day's theme of "PRAY"

**Rolling Ridge Park (3901 Brierwood Drive in Harborcreek)
on Saturday, July 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

This VBS is open to all kids who have just finished grades Pre-K through 5. The program is free! **You can register online here:**

Hosted by Eastminster Presbyterian, Harborcreek First Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, and Messiah Lutheran Churches



You are invited to our
monthly gathering of

LUNCH WITH THE LORD

12:00 - 1:00 PM
TUESDAY, JUNE 18

6101 East Lake Road
Mount St. Benedict Monastery

All are invited to this monthly ecumenical event. This month, we will be hosted at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, and our speaker will be Sister Therese Glass, OSB. Please bring your packed lunch, the sisters will provide drinks and dessert..



2024 LAKE ERIE PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST

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

June 2	Oil City Second Rev. Tim Harmon, Pastor Rev. Harvey Boal (HR) Rev. Sue Montgomery (HR)
June 9	Rev. Francis Adjei, Bimbilla District Pastor Rev. Foster Mawusi, Second Minister, Bimbilla Rev. Bonda Napari, Katiejeli District Pastor
June 16	Lake City CP Deb Rimmer Nick Barber Financial Administrator, Presbytery of Lake Erie
June 23	Harmonsburg Emlenton New Hope, Erie C P Clay Woodring
June 30	The 224th General Assembly Commissioners Rev. Britney Knight and RE Patricia Tracy Young Adult Advisory Delegate Paige Irwin
July 7	Rev. Katherine Randall New Moderator of the Coordinating Commission Rev. David Lee (HR) Rev. Steve Morse (HR)
July 14	North Warren Rev. Buddy Ward, Pastor Rev. Forrest Claassen Executive, Synod of the Trinity
July 21	Plumer, Oil City Corry Presbyterian Senior Care of Lake Erie Jim Ohrn Board Chair and "Bobbie" Gray, Director
July 28	Cambridge Springs Rev. Tommy O'Leary, TSP Rev. Greg Gillispie, Validated Ministry Rev. Lyta Seddig (HR)

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.

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New Email Address: office@hcpresbyterian.org
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Church Family News...



June Birthdays

- 3 Dave Roseto
- 4 Jessie Hedlund
- 5 Talon King
- 9 Karen Foust
- 10 Margaret Crider
- 12 Cindy Skladanowski
- 13 Charla Burton
- 13 Daniel Hedlund
- 17 Derek Chew
- 20 Daniel Skladanowski
- 25 Jacob Nesgoda
- 27 Jacob Badach
- 28 Miken King
- 28 Matt Barker
- 30 Cylie Schrimper

July Birthdays

- 5 Evan Foust
- 6 Diane Baumgardner
- 7 Barry Wile
- 9 Forest Mosier
- 10 Mikayla Washe
- 11 Barb Griffith
- 12 Eileen Kriner
- 20 Claudia Brown
- 20 Aaron Claypoole
- 27 Colten Roseto
- 31 Nancy Brown

June Anniversaries

- 6 Robin and Pat Cuneo
- 14 Marcus & Carrie Woodard

July Anniversaries

- 12 James & Christine Thomas
- 16 Bob & Sue Kellerman
- 27 Jim & Mary Stewart



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.

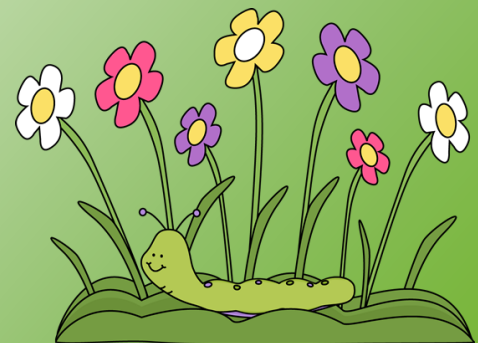
If someone can be removed from the prayer list or if you have someone to add, please call or email the church office with the information.

Family of Matthew & Tyler Atchley	Joan Graham	Bob Schrimper
Barb Bemis	Judy Johnson	Cindy Skladanowski
Claudia Brown	Morgan Johnson	Sandy Spangler
John Brown	David Lyon	Rich Smith
Margaret Crider	Matthew Mackowski	Carl Steiner
Robin Cuneo	Dick May	Marge Suter
Dave English	Mellish Family	Tina Wasiela
Fannin Family	Yvonne Peters	Abigail Wilkinson
	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.

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 41 W. Gore Rd. Rm.113 Erie, PA. 16509	Wilda Resinger 5456 East Lake Road Barnabas Court South Room 120	Sandy Spangler 227 W. 22nd Street Room 9 Erie, PA 16509
Carl Steiner c/o Heather Steiner 4847 Tamarlac Lane Erie, PA 16505		
Ron Washe 4147 Bell Street Erie, PA 16511		





June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
2 11:00 a.m. In-Person & Live Stream Worship 	3	4	5	6	7	8		
9 11:00 a.m. In-Person & Live Stream Worship  <i>Birthday Sunday!</i> following worship	10 Deacon's Meeting 2:00 p.m.  Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15		
16 11:00 a.m. In-Person & Live Stream Worship 	17 Session Meeting 6:30 p.m.  Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	18  Gem City Concert Band 7:00 p.m. Church Parking Lot	19	20	21	22		
23 11:00 a.m. In-Person & Live Stream Worship 	24 Women's AA 5:00 p.m.	25 Fourth Tuesday Gathering 11:30 a.m. 	26	27	28	29		
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<p>11:00 a.m. In-Person & Live Stream Worship</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>Women's AA 5:00 p.m</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>		
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