

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

LEWISBURG, PA

Upcoming Events

October 7

2:00 p.m. [Crop Walk](#)

October 11

7:00 p.m. [OCC Full Circle Speaker](#)

October 20

12:00-3:00 p.m. [Fall Festival](#)

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Greetings!

My favorite month of the year is October. I enjoy the moderate temperatures and crispness in the air. But I especially appreciate the brightly colored leaves and the panorama of beauty they provide. In the changing of the seasons we're reminded of God's creativity and focus on variety.

I'm glad we live in a world filled with color. One day I counted the shades and variations of green as I traveled the countryside. God didn't just create GREEN but multiple hues found in the grass, trees and gardens.

I think spending time in prayer and devotion is important. It's good to set aside a part of the day to read God's Word and converse with Him. There is also value in considering and really seeing and listening to the magnificent world He gave us as our home. May we, like the Psalmist, declare His praise in our natural environment.

Blessings,

Pastor Barb

Ushers This Month

Don Steckel

John Walsh

Richard Erdley

Dave Shrom

Please notify the Church office if you are able to help with ushering duties in the upcoming months.

Greeters

October 7

McTammany Family

October 14

Graver Family

October 21

Jusko Family

October 28

Richard & Peg Erdley

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

- 2 Bonnie Troxell, Ian Cavanagh
- 3 Jody Zimmerman
- 4 Melanie Brown
- 6 Lindsey Reber
- 8 Matt Kalcich, Dianna Kunkel, Nathan Lind, Betty Veening
- 9 Dede Gronlund, Jack Temple
- 10 David Miller, Bill Roll
- 12 Paul Tarves, Samantha Wakeman
- 14 Margaret Ritter
- 15 Richard Barlett, Michael Jones
- 16 Chrissy Reinhart
- 17 Howard Stoelting
- 18 Dan Wagner
- 26 Charlie Heid, Ruth McCord
- 28 Judy Bruce, John Jones
- 29 Marsha Tarves

October Anniversaries

- 1 Bill & Beth Shutt
- 2 William & Judy Bruce
- 5 Dan & Kim Wagner
- 8 John & Linda Vaji
- 17 Keith & Dianna Kunkel
- 18 Rusty & Karen Graber, Tom & Marilyn Gresh
- 19 Michael & Erin Redding
- 26 Paul & Karen Miller
- 30 Larry & Xana Winans



In the Community

Dinner By The River Teams

October 4
Shaffer Team

October 11
Storm Team

October 18
Jordan Team

October 25
Tarvis/Snyder Team

Looking for ways you can be involved in the Children's Ministry?

Contact Carolyn McSween to find out more about volunteer opportunities with First Presby Kids!

carolynmcsween@gmail.com

or
570-939-2119





2018 CROP WALK

Sunday, October 7th at 2:00 p.m.

St. Paul's UMC

42 S. 4th St, Lewisburg

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

When you support a CROP Hunger Walk, you are investing in global neighbors for a healthier, more prosperous life.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

No matter the size of your gift the impact in Indonesia can be life changing. Here are some examples of what your gift could accomplish.

 **\$15 HOME GARDENING FOR A FAMILY**
Extra nutrition and income for a whole family

 **\$24 CHICKENS FOR A FAMILY**
A self-propagating food source

 **\$50 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING**
Education for a family to help them prepare

 **\$115 A FAMILY LATRINE**
Make a long-term improvement for a household

 **\$150 REHABILITATE 10 MALNOURISHED CHILDREN**
Provide high-energy milk and nutritious food

 **\$225 HOME GARDENING FOR 15 FAMILIES**
Give 13 types of seeds and tools to 15 families

 **\$640 CHICKENS, GARDENING & CLEAN WATER FOR 10 FAMILIES**
Supply a hen, a rooster, 13 types of seeds, tools and clean water access

 **\$5,000 CLEAN WATER FOR 200 FAMILIES**
Access to clean, safe water for about 1,000 people

VEGGIES, EGGS AND A SIDE OF HOPE.



Meeting Reminders

October 1

7:30 p.m. Missions

October 2

6:30 p.m. Congregational Life

October 6

9:00 a.m. Small Group Leaders

October 8

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed

October 15

7:00 p.m. Session, Trustees & Deacons

Coffee Hour

October 7- Samuelson Family

October 14- Connie Moore

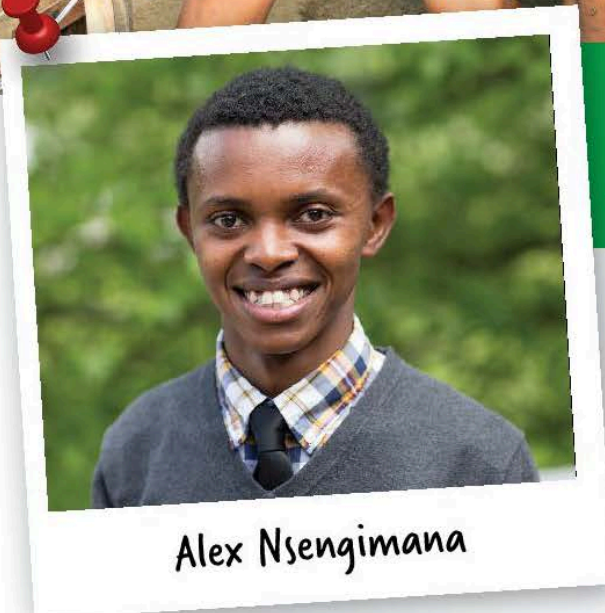
October 21- Jusko Family

October 28- Temple Family



Sundays from

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.



Alex Nsengimana

Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life...



FULL CIRCLE SPEAKER

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Place: Emmanuel Bible Fellowship
967 Mile Hill Road Sunbury, PA 17801

After Alex speaks and gives his testimony, there will be a time for questions and answers from the congregation. A meet and greet plus light refreshments will follow in lower fellowship hall.

Growing up in midst of an unstable Rwandan government, ALEX NSENGIMANA experienced first-hand the travesties of his nation's genocide. At the height of tribal unrest, the genocide claimed the lives of his caregivers. Fleeing for his life, Alex escaped gunmen and eventually ended up in an orphanage that was his home for the next several years. He received a shoebox from Operation Christmas Child one year after arriving at the orphanage and remembers being so excited to have a gift to call his own. The shoebox gift sowed seeds of hope and love that he desperately needed. He realized that God had a specific plan for his life. Alex now serves with Operation Christmas Child paying forward the hope and love he received through a shoebox gift. To find out more about how God protected and intervened in his life after surviving the Rwandan genocide, please join us for a special time of Alex telling his story of redemption and forgiveness.



Mark your calendar for this special community event that will benefit the Summer 2019 Youth Mission Trip. Bring your family, friends and neighbors for the food and fun!

Donations are needed for the following items and can be dropped off at the Church office:

- Hot Dogs
- Bottled Water
- Apple Cider
- Sodas
- Bake Sale Items
- Popcorn
- Bagged Apples
- Chips (Individual Size)
- Mini Pumpkins
- Face Painting Paints
- Balloon-Animal Type Balloons

Also needed are people to assist at the activity booths. To be part of this ministry opportunity, please contact Alison in the Church office: 570-524-4419, or send an email to info@first-presby.org.



Nursery Volunteers

- October 7: Volunteer needed
- October 14: Graver Family
- October 21: Volunteer needed
- October 28: Volunteer needed

Kids Church Volunteers

- October 7: Mrs. McSween
- October 14: Mrs. McSween
- October 21: Mrs. McSween
- October 28: Mrs. McSween

First Presby Youth Newsletter

The youth are now in the full swing of the fall season with a lot going on!

Refuge and Fuel have been going great – we have roughly 40 students involved in our youth program!

For the next few weeks, Fuel will continue to look at the miracles of Jesus and what it shows us about God's character and His promises to us. In Refuge, we are continuing our fall book study on "Love Does" by Bob Goff. It's an incredible book with even better stories and wisdom. If you'd like to give it a read, swing by the office to borrow one of our extra copies!

It's time for Mission Trip 2019 (No, that's not a typo – we are full throttle ahead with this upcoming summer's mission trip)! The youth will be going to Woonsocket, Rhode Island from July 21st – 27th. We will be going with Group Mission again this year – it's a great organization with meaningful work and incredible morning and evening programs. AND it's not too early to sign up – a \$50 deposit made out to the church reserves your spot (and is refundable until March). Sign up today before spots run out!

Our first mission trip fundraiser will take place on October 20th, from 12 – 3pm! The children's and youth ministry are hosting a Neighborhood Fall Fest. Come on out for popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs, baked goods, games, balloon animals, caricatures, and more!

Stayed tuned for another GREAT fundraising opportunity. In the next few weeks, keep an ear out for our launch of "[Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ast_sml)". Simply go to "[smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ast_sml)" instead of just amazon.com, and you will have the option to select a charity, and amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price back to us! But don't worry, you use your same amazon account, you don't pay any more for any product, and you don't have to decide to donate extra at checkout. When you select our Church, it's a hassle-free way to help support our youth simply by going to "smile.amazon.com" and ordering products as normal!

Breakfast for the high school is under way – Wednesday mornings at 7am for guys and Friday mornings at 7am for girls at the Manse (14 Market Street) with juice, baked goods from Panera, chocolate chip pancakes, and French toast cooked by yours truly.

Finally, we have started a new youth contemporary worship time down in the Cave from 9:50 – 10:20. Join us for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. as we dissect some of the famous, but often skimmed over, stories of the Bible then worship together directly after and have a short devotional. Afterwards, all the youth are invited to sit in the balcony together then head downtown to All-Star Bagel for a quick brunch!

This fall as we are beginning another year together full of fun and fellowship, please be praying for our games - that they are full of fun and laughs; our time together - that we can

continue to build strong relationships based on Christ; our lessons - that they reach each student in their own walk with Christ and lead to a vibrant relationship with Christ. Finally, please pray for your kids and the students themselves - for their school day, sports, activities, family life, and personal, mental, and spiritual health. Thank you!

Matthew Rishell – Youth Director



Masonic Parking Lot Lines FYI

There are now four painted lines in the lot. The logistics for parking are:

- a) Line closest to Plum Tree Alley- pull up to the line on either side of the line creating 2 rows
- b) 2 center lines- park between the lines creating 1 row per line
- c) Line closest to the grass- pull up to the line creating 1 row

Some people are willing to park closest to the back of the Masonic building and allow themselves to be parked in, creating more parking spaces. If you park them in, please be considerate after Church and not linger too long, or check to see if you need to move your vehicle. If you have any questions, please see Eric Schmidt or a member of the Trustees.

Next Month:



Operation Christmas Child is one of several projects sponsored by Samaritans Purse. First Presbyterian Church has been participating in this ministry for 18 years by packing shoeboxes and by serving as the Central Drop-Off Location for the Susquehanna Valley Area.

National Collection Week this year is **November 12 - 19**. Packing a simple shoebox for an underprivileged child someplace around the world is something I hope you will consider. If you would like information, it is available in the Church office. Choose a Boy or Girl from one of the three age levels: 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years. Fill the shoe box with a stuffed animal, toys, school supplies and hygiene items. Enclose a donation of \$9 to help cover shipping and other costs. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox. Return your box to the Church on **Shoebox Sunday, November 18**, or anytime during that week. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

What a great way to share the love of Jesus with a child who may have never received a gift of any kind! Each box is distributed through church-based organizations. A Bible story booklet, "The Greatest Gift of All", is included in each box, translated into the child's own language.

Volunteers are needed to help folks who come here to drop off shoeboxes, to pack shoeboxes into cartons and to load the cartons into the trucks. Sign-up sheets are ready. I hope you will consider volunteering in some way – or perhaps you know someone who would like to help.

If you have questions about Samaritans Purse or Operation Christmas Child, I would be glad to try and answer them or help you find the answer. Call me at 570-522-0973, email aim123@ptd.net or leave a message in the church office 570-524-4419. Thank you.

Alice Marquart – Central Drop-Off Coordinator

Future Events:

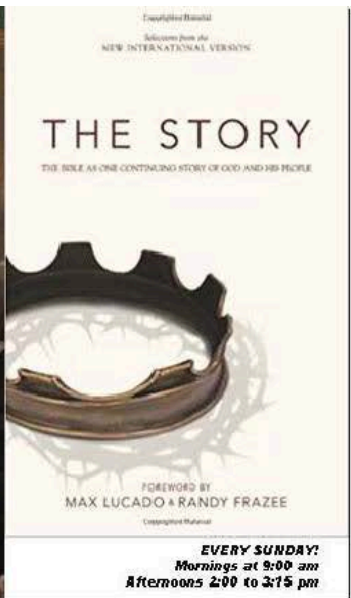
Guatemala Medical Mission Trip

January 19 – 27, 2019

The Guatemala Medical Mission Team is planning a trip to Guatemala for January 19-27, 2019. Please contact Amber Lind at 570-847-6200 or AmberRLind@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of the team. *No experience or medical skills required!*

In addition to team members with doctor and nursing skills, we also need people who can assist the doctors, work in the pharmacy, and play with the children! We are also looking for donations of over-the-counter medicine and vitamins as well as monetary donations used to purchase supplies to take to Guatemala.





FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION!

Join Us Sundays For "The Story"

"The Story" sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. The stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible read like a novel. And like every great story, "The Story" is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption. Condensed into 31 easy-to-understand chapters, "The Story" beautifully reveals the God of history for today.



Join Us For "Sunday Conversations"
MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION
Every Sunday - At 9 AM & 2 PM - FREE!
Refreshments Served - Bring A Friend!

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