

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. I Corinthians 12:12

Greetings!

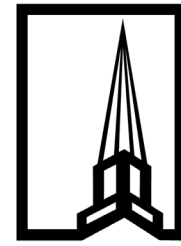
As the above Scripture states, there are many parts in the body of Christ. God designed each of us uniquely. We each have a distinct offering to make. I'm glad for the variety I find among my brothers and sisters in the Church. Our different gifts and talents add to a wonderful ministry to those within and outside the faith community.

It has amazed and sometimes saddened me that many are unaware of the special contribution they can make. It's for this reason I've offered, and will do so again, a class on Spiritual Gifts. On November 4 and five Sundays to follow, we will explore the gifts listed in the Bible. We will learn of our own giftedness. This process helps us realize our particular uniqueness and ways we might contribute in our Church and Community. This awareness gives us the capacity to say "Yes" when called to serve. It also allows us to faithfully say "No" so that we are not over-committed and others have a chance to share as well.

Please consider joining us for this class in the Great Hall Sundays at 9:00 a.m. starting November 4. I look forward to seeing you then.

Blessings,

Pastor Barb



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

LEWISBURG, PA

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 4

10:30 a.m. *All Saints Sunday and
Blessing of the Children*

Sunday, November 11

10:30 a.m. *Stewardship Sunday*

Monday, November 12

9:00 a.m. *OCC Shoebox
Collection Week Begins*

Sunday, November 18

10:30 a.m. *OCC Shoebox Sunday
& Thanksgiving Sunday*

Thursday, November 22



Sunday, November 25

6:00 p.m. *Hanging of the Greens &
Kids Christmas Crafts Night*

Ushers This Month

Mark Speake

Wayne Samuelson

Ken Lepley

Randy Storm

Greeters

November 4

Eric & Barb Schmidt

November 11

Paul & Karen Miller

November 18

Mindy & Amber Lind

November 25

Bill & Linda Snyder

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

- 1 Bill Shutt
- 2 Emma Heid
- 3 Molly Graver
- 4 John Tirpak
- 5 Brad Lawton
- 6 Beth Shutt
- 7 Kristin McVicar
- 9 Abigail Gilger, Madalyn Redding
- 11 Lisa Stancavage
- 12 Wayne Samuelson, Joshua Tirpak
- 14 Joe Santorine
- 15 Nicholas Zellmann
- 17 Ashley Cox
- 18 Sarah Reif, Tom Rich
- 19 Jim Apple
- 21 Matt Rishell
- 27 Karen Miller
- 28 Marianne Barlett, Hannah Kraus
- 30 Shirley Grose, Becky Lumpkin

November Anniversaries

- 7 Larry & Marian Fletcher
- 12 Darryl & Janine Fisher
- 20 Mark & Leslie Temple
- 24 Cliff & Nina Leshar
- 25 Chris & Joyce Zellmann



In the Community

Dinner By The River Teams

November 1

Miller Team

November 8

Beaver UMC Team

November 15

Temple/Torretti Team

November 29

Alliance Church Team

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

Contact Carolyn McSween to learn about opportunities with First Presby Kids- We'd love for you to join the Children's Ministry Volunteer Team whether as a leader, or behind the scenes!

carolynmcsween@gmail.com

or

570-939-2119





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

National Collection Week this year is Monday, November 12 through Monday, November 19. Sign-up sheets are ready for volunteering during this time. One or two hours (or more if you are able) at the sign-in table is one way to help. We can especially use very strong people to help load the trucks towards the end of the collection period. Give me a call (570-522-0973) or email me (aim123@ptd.net) if I haven't reached out to you as yet and you are available to lend a hand.

Shoebox Sunday at First Presbyterian Church is November 18th. Bring your packed boxes to the worship service and place them at the end of any pew. At the beginning of the worship service all the children will gather the shoeboxes and bring them to the front of the sanctuary. There, Pastor Barb will lead us in praying for them before they travel to their special destinations.

In 2017, 19,846 boxes passed through our collection center and were shipped from here to the Baltimore, MD Processing Center. The Mid-Atlantic Region (PA, NJ, DE, MD, and VA) collected a total of 1,161,471 shoeboxes. From Baltimore they were shipped to Rwanda, Malawi, Barbados, South Africa, Kenya, Ukraine, Burundi, Bahamas, Haiti and Lesotho.

The parent organization of Operation Christmas Child is Samaritan's Purse. Monetary donations may be made online at samaritanaspurse.org, or checks payable to Samaritan's Purse may be placed in the offering plates and we will see that they are delivered.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this amazing ministry in the coming weeks. Thank you!

Alice Marquart – Central Drop-Off Coordinator

Meeting Reminders

- Monday, November 5**
7:30 p.m. Missions
- Tuesday, November 6**
6:30 p.m. Congregational Life
- Friday, November 9**
9:00 a.m. Moms in Prayer
- Sunday, November 11**
11:45 a.m. Annual Budget Mtg.
- Monday, November 12**
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed
- Monday, November 19**
7:00 p.m. Session, Trustees & Deacons
- Wednesday, November 28**
6:30 p.m. Worship Life

Coffee Hour

- November 4 - Dave Reid & Nina Leshner
- November 11 - McCord Family
- November 18 - Dave & April Shrom
- November 25 - NO Coffee Hour

**Sundays from
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**





November 2018



Besides our regular weekly programs, here are some upcoming First Presby Kids events that you don't want to miss...

Sunday, November 4 – 10:30 a.m.

Cherub Choir Sings in Worship & Blessing of the Children

During the worship service kids will be singing our Kids Church song, Psalm 23, in the worship service, which will be followed by a time of Children's Blessing in celebration of All Saints Sunday. All our precious babies and children are invited to be part of the Children's Blessing.

Sunday, November 18 – 10:30 a.m.

Shoebox Sunday

This is one Sunday kids look forward to all year. Those in our church who have brought their special Shoebox gifts—that spread Jesus' love around the globe—place them at the ends of the pews and kids take them up to the front of the church during the worship service. It's such a simple and joyful way that children can be part of this tremendous mission project, and be part of God's work in the world.

Sunday, November 25 – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Craft Night

Come and help First Presby Kids prepare for the Christmas season with this fun evening of crafts, decorating and sweet treats, which will take place during the Hanging of the Greens. Among our craft projects will be ornaments for the Christmas Program on December 9th!

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, November 25 - NO Sunday School classes

Friday, December 9 @ 6 – 9 p.m. – Late Night Shoppers' Party

Sunday, December 9 @ 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Dinner and Program

Friday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Service



THE Neighborhood Fall Festival WAS A HIT!

About 300 people visited the Himmelreich Library Lawn on October 20th where kids from all around the community came for games, face painting, apple bobbing, and crafts, while the grownups visited the library, shopped the Book Sale, and enjoyed the great food served by the youth.

We had a wonderful time at this community outreach event and plan to host a Neighborhood Fall Festival again next year! A very special thanks goes to everyone whose donations and hard work made this day possible.

THANK YOU!



Got an idea for the Children's Ministry? Want to become a volunteer? Have questions about a program or event? I'm just a call, a text or a click away and I'd love to hear from you.

Carolyn McSween | Director of Children's Ministry
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Nursery Volunteers

November 4: Barb Taggart

November 11: Volunteer needed

November 18: Volunteer needed

November 25: Volunteer needed

Kids Church Volunteers

November 4: Mrs. McSween

November 11: Mrs. McSween

November 18: Volunteer needed

November 25: Volunteer needed

First Presby Youth Newsletter

Fuel, Refuge, and High School breakfasts are in full swing and going great. **All-in-all, we are reaching roughly 70 students per week with our various youth programs.**

We've put our normal curriculum on hold for Fuel. Recently the students have come with a lot of really great and really deep questions that I wanted to get into and help shed some light on. Refuge is continuing their book study on "Love Does". "Love Does" has a lot of wisdom and has been something that the students seem to be getting a lot out of.

Plans for the mission trip are coming together! The bus is booked, we have a few chaperone volunteers already committed, and 9 students have already signed up to join us this year. We are excited to be going to Woonsocket, RI through Group Mission and to see what the Lord has in store for us there. Now is the time to sign up for the mission trip! A \$50 deposit reserves your spot, but don't wait! Feel free to send me an email or give me a call with any questions you may have.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Fall Fest! It was the first time we've done an event like this and it turned out great. We had far more people in attendance than we originally planned for – even having to run to Giant to get more food twice – which is a great problem to have. The food sales raised over \$450 for our summer mission trip.

Here's how you and anyone you know can help with another GREAT fundraising opportunity: **"Amazon Smile"**. Simply go to **"[smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)"** instead of just amazon.com, and you will have the option to select the charity, First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg. Amazon then donates 0.5% of the purchase price back to us! It's really that easy! And 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 just by going to **"[smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)"** and ordering products as normal!

Breakfast for the high school students continues at the Manse (14 Market Street) – Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for guys and Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for girls with

juice, baked goods from Panera, chocolate chip pancakes, blueberry pancakes, and French toast cooked by yours truly.

Finally, we have started a new youth contemporary worship time down in the Cave on Sundays from 9:50 – 10:20 a.m. 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 continue a year full of fun and fellowship, please be praying for our games - that they are full of fun and laughs; our time together - that it 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. Above all, 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

Would you like to be included in our weekly Youth Newsletter to stay up to date on all of our latest events and updates? Contact Matt at firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org



Next Month

Sunday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m. 1st Sunday in Advent, Holy Communion

Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner and Program “The Chrismon Tree”

Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Cantata “Christmas is Calling”

Friday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. Catered Dinner Theatre “In Bethlehem Inn”

Sunday, December 23 at 10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday in Advent

Monday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services

Future Events

Guatemala Medical Mission Trip

January 19 – 27, 2019

Are you ready for an unforgettable experience in missions? Planning is underway for the Guatemala Medical Mission Team trip- 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 medical skills, we 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 other supplies. The Lord may be calling you to serve Him in Guatemala as part of this Team, so please consider joining us!

