

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

I came across a cartoon by Joe McKeever with the quote: "Learn to wait on the Lord, dear. God is not into microwaving but marinating." How true! And how relevant to our modern way of thinking. We like to have what we want immediately. Our stores are open 24/7 so we don't have to wait to buy our favorite products. A temporary stall in traffic quickly raises our temperature. Even waiting for the computer to open a page can't take more than a second or two before we become impatient.

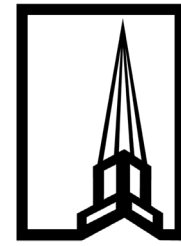
And yet, there are experiences I don't want to hurry. I've been fortunate to see my grandsons on a regular basis. Joseph is sprouting up and has started kindergarten. James seeks to keep up with his older brother in growing up. I want them to make mental and physical progress... but not too quickly.

In the realm of faith, speed is not a priority. God isn't concerned with how fast we reach a destination or how quickly we accomplish a task. He cares more about the depth of our understanding, the character we are developing and the lessons he is able to teach us. To compare our faith experience to cooking, as Mr. McKeever did, marinating, allowing the richness and flavor to increase, is more important than preparing the dish in less than two minutes.

Winter is a time to slow down, to rest, as even the earth does. Let's pace ourselves, savoring each moment and relishing the life and relationship with Him, God offers.

Blessings,

Pastor Barb Yorks



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

LEWISBURG, PA

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 2

11:00 a.m. Active Shooter Training
at First Presbyterian Church in
Milton

Thursday, February 14

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Saturday, February 23

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 2019 Winter
Leadership Conference
5:00 p.m. Chili/Soup Cook-off

Ushers This Month

Bill Roll

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Would you like to be an usher?
We continue to struggle finding
ushers. Please notify the Church
office if you are able to help with
ushering duties in the upcoming
months. Thanks!

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 1 Joyce Zellmann
- 2 Kyle Santorine
- 3 Liz Speake
- 6 Wanda Einsig, Amber Lind
- 8 Larry Fletcher, Kassie McTammany
- 9 David Campbell, Leslie Mutschler
- 10 Glenn Dobbs, Pat Ringkamp
- 14 Mark Davies
- 16 Amy Matukaitis
- 17 Rob Guissanie
- 18 Samantha Stancavage
- 20 Justin Sabo, Dave Shrom
- 21 Barb Lawton, Erin Redding, Rob Tarves, Heidi Zimmerman
- 23 Mark Speake, Marcia Thomas
- 25 Sara Barth, Janine Fisher, Seth Ziegler Jr.
- 26 Bob Gronlund
- 27 Marian Fletcher, Bryan Speake

February Anniversaries

- 2 Roger & Nancy Curran
- 4 Gene & Bea Heid
- 13 John & Amy Tirpak
- 16 John & Bonnie Troxell



Greeters

February 3

Mary Kay Torretti

February 10

Eric & Barb Schmidt

February 17

Ken & Corey Jusko

February 24

Don & Glenn Dobbs

In the Community

Dinner By The River Teams

February 7

Sacred Heart Team

February 14

Miller Team

February 21

Beaver UMC Team

February 28

Temple/Torretti Team

2019 Winter Leadership Conference Northumberland Presbytery Equipping the Saints: Helping Church Leaders Lead

Saturday, February 23, 2019

at Montoursville Presbyterian Church, 900 Elm Street, Montoursville, PA

SNOW DATE: Saturday, March 2, 2019

Our objective is to educate, equip and inspire God's people for Christian Service.

All members of our presbytery are welcome to attend
Please encourage your congregation's participation by circulating this registration form

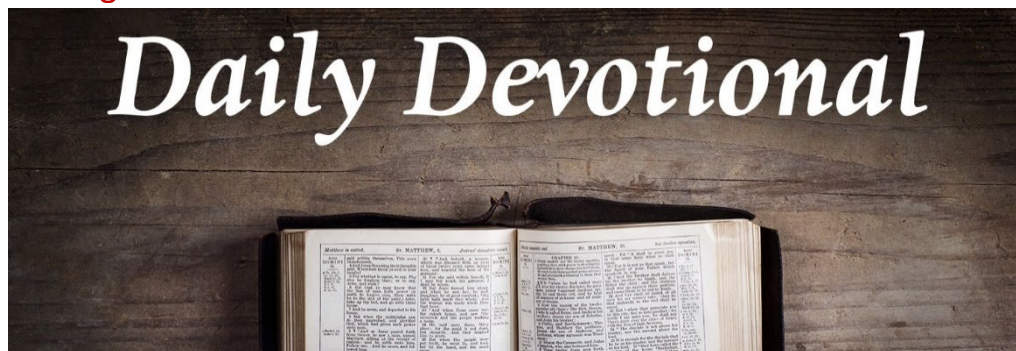
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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| 8:30 am | Registration and Refreshments |
| 9:00-9:15 AM | Opening |
| 9:15-11:45 | Class time with a 10-minute Break |
| 11:45-12:00 noon | Closing |

Course Offerings and Instructors (choose one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Officer Training Presenter: Steve Cureton, Executive Presbyter If you are a new Elder or Deacon or would just like a refresher course, this class is for you. Come and hear what it means to be an officer of the PC (USA), and rediscover our Book of Order, history, reformed theology, and the connectional nature of the PC (USA). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Congregational Disaster Planning Presenter: Doug Orbaker, Chair, Committee on Service, and Organizer of SINDR (Susquehanna Interfaith Network for Disaster Response) If a disaster hit your church today, what do you wish you knew yesterday? Doug will walk participants through ways to help prepare your church for natural and human made disasters. What do you need to know? What do you need to do? What changes need to be made? Come and find out those answers and more. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | "God Calls Us to Mission, Even Small Churches" Presenter: Bobbi Updegraff Many churches feel they are too small to do anything. Bobbi will help us see how all churches, regardless of size or budget, can live into God's mission. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bible Study "Last Men Standing" Presenter: Stuart Hague, CRE and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Mansfield Participants will look at Malachi (<i>the last book of the Old Testament</i>) and Jude (<i>the last book prior to the Revelation to John in the New Testament</i>), two books in the canon order that come before a defining act from God. How do they inform and encourage us, challenge our faith, and convey the unfailing love of God? Come and find out. |

***Registration Forms are available in the Church Office**



This year we will be preparing a Lenten Devotional with daily readings from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church with scriptures, dates and a place to indicate your interest in participating. The theme of the booklet will be the "Life of Christ." The format will be similar to Our Daily Bread: scripture, individual response, and prayer. The purpose of the devotional is to offer a consistent opportunity to look at the scriptures related to Christ's life and to learn more about persons in our faith community as we share our thoughts and stories.

If you seek further info, please contact Pastor Barb. The due date for submissions is February 15th but you can email it to info@first-presby.org or drop it off at the Church office any time. Thanks in advance for taking part.

Meeting Reminders

Monday, February 4

7:30 p.m. Missions

Tuesday, February 5

6:30 p.m. Congregational Life

Wednesday, February 6

1:30 p.m. E & D Committee

Monday, February 11

7:00 p.m. Christian Ed

Monday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 20

6:30 p.m. Worship Life

Coffee Hour

February 3 – John & Bonnie Troxell

February 10 – TBD

February 17 – TBD

February 24 – TBD

**Sundays from
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. in
The Great Hall**





Winter 2019



Here's a look at what's happening weekly at First Presby Kids...

Sunday School and Cherub Choir

Sundays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Christian Education Wing. For kids of all ages. Classes for babies through 5th Graders give kids a chance to dive into God's great story and learn about His love for them through singing, play and hands-on fun! Don't miss "Coffee Hour" in the Great Hall following Sunday School, where kids (and adults, too) can enjoy a snack, meet up with friends and get their wiggles out before the 10:30 Worship Service.

Nursery

Always available during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service. Find the Nursery in the Christian Education Wing. Babies through age 2. Little ones have a place of their own to experience God's love through the special care and attention they receive in the Nursery, as moms and dads join us in Worship.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAITHFUL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR CONGREGATION! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Kids Church

Following the Children's Message during the 10:30 Sunday Worship Service. Meeting in the "Blue Room" of the Wing. Ages 3 through 3rd Grade. At Kids Church we're getting to know Jesus and each other, learning about the wonderful truths in God's Word through lots of fun activities and music.

Trainers – A Bible study for moms of all ages

Mondays @ 9:15-11:00 a.m. in the Himmelreich Library Reading Room. Childcare is available in the Christian Education Wing "Blue Room" for babies of all ages. We're continuing our study of God's extravagant love for us in the midst of our everyday lives with the book "Gracelaced" by Ruth Cho Simmons. If you haven't been able to join us lately, or have never tried Trainers out, we'd love to see you there!

Children's Story Hour

Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. in the Himmelreich Library (adjoining the church). For kids of all ages. In a cozy corner of the Reading Room, storybooks from old classics to new favorites are read aloud for children to enjoy. We end with a special craft!

Moms In Prayer

Fridays @ 9:15 -10:15 a.m. in the Himmelreich Library (adjoining the church). For moms, young and old. Experience the power of praying together for our kids, grandkids and schools, and see how God moves in our families and communities.

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
firstpresbykids@gmail.com | (570) 939-2119

SAVE THE DATE...
Invite your friends!

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

5:30-8:30 p.m.

"First Friday" Kids Fun Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

10:30 a.m.

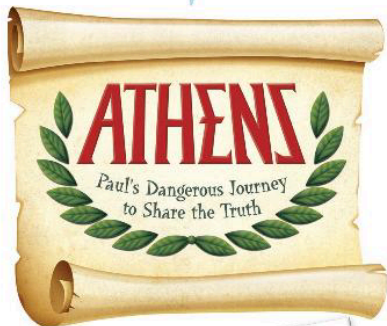
Community Easter Egg Hunt

JUNE 17-21

9:00 a.m.-Noon

VBS 2019

Athens Holy Land Adventure



MISSION TRIP 2019

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our youth mission trip prayerfully and financially. Unfortunately, as with many programs here at the church, there have been cuts to the Youth Mission Trip. The total cost for this year's mission trip is \$15,409.31. While coming from a variety of sources, over \$5,600 has been cut from Youth Mission Trip funding. This represents about a third of the total cost of our trip. Based on our fundraising averages from last year and fundraisers we already have planned or are underway, it would take roughly 10 more fundraisers between now and the end of May to recover this amount.

While the original estimates have each student paying \$268, based on what we have fundraised so far this year and the cuts that were made, the cost per student rises to \$592.00 – an amount that will not be doable for most, if not all, of our youth.

In the coming weeks and months, this insert will show accounting of how much we have fundraised and how far left we have to go. Please prayerfully consider if you and your family may be able to help fund this summer's mission trip.

Total Cost for Trip – \$15,409.31

Cost per student – ($\$268.00 \times 18$ spots) = \$4,824.00 covered by students

Fundraised amounts as of 1/30/19:

Fall Fest - \$430

Mission Committee Contribution – \$3600

Youth Gifts - \$519

Sponsor the Spot - \$200

Amount Remaining: \$5,836.31

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

Committee Sign-up for 2019-2020

As your Congregational Life committee plans events for the coming year, we again offer you the opportunity to help make the event of your choice a success. Please sign up for at least one event by calling the Church office at 570-524-4419 or emailing your selection to info@first-presby.org. You may also indicate your possible interest in additional opportunities and/or offer suggestions. Thank you so much!

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Coffee Hour | 10:00 a.m. every Sunday until summer |
| Chili/Soup Cook-Off | February 23, 2019 |
| Luncheon following Congregational Meeting | March 10, 2019 |
| Easter Breakfast | April 21, 2019 |
| After Church Picnic | May 26, 2019 |
| Strawberry Festival | June 9, 2019 |
| Rally Day Breakfast | September 8, 2019 |
| Fall Festival | October 19, 2019 |
| Luncheon following Congregational Meeting | November 10, 2019 |
| Thanksgiving Day Dinner | November 28, 2019 |
| Hanging of the Greens | December 1, 2019 |
| Christmas Dinner & Program | December 8, 2019 |
| Unhanging of the Greens | January 5, 2020 |

Do you have any additional opportunities and/or suggestions? Please let us know!

The Lewisburg Area High School Spring Musical Production Presents- “Bye, Bye, Birdie”!

The students and directors invite you to attend our annual free Senior Citizen’s Matinee performance on Thursday, February 28th at 2:00 p.m. Please call the Church office by February 24th to reserve your seat. Additionally, there is the option of meeting for lunch at noon at La Primavera restaurant in Lewisburg before the show.



Guatemala Medical Mission Trip

January 19 – 26, 2019

Our Guatemala Medical Mission team had a wonderful week! We visited 3 villages over the course of 4 days and served more than 450 villagers. After working with these villages for 14 years, it was wonderful to be able to visit the families again and see how the children have grown! Our church took a group of 8 people from Pennsylvania (including Dr. Mark Speake, Emma Heid, and Amber Lind from the congregation). We



joined with 3 doctors and a nurse from Colorado. One of the Colorado doctors is Dr. Joel Strohecker, Judith Zeigler's nephew, who visits Guatemala regularly and works in a local clinic started by Kairos and Joel. While in Guatemala, some of the doctors worked at the clinic and the rest of us visited villages on the mountain. Each villager is given de-worming medicine and vitamins, and additional medicine as prescribed by the doctors. In addition to providing medical care, we had fun playing with the children. Coloring, bubbles, nail painting, and board games were extremely enjoyable, despite the language barrier. Mark was also able to visit Juan and his family at their home. We're happy to report he is doing well. When we left his village on the last day, Juan was out playing soccer with some of the other boys! We really appreciate everyone who have supported the trip!





The altar flower calendar for 2019 is now available. Please call the Church office at 570-524-4419 or email your requested date and dedication to info@first-presby.org. The cost of flowers is \$40.