

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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

Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

Through a visit sponsored by our denomination's World Mission program, I had several opportunities last week to hear social worker Lucy Awate Dabi speak about her work with the Resource Center for Civil Leadership (RECONCILE) in South Sudan. (You can learn more about RECONCILE and how the Church serves the people of this war-torn country at: <http://reconcile-int.org>)

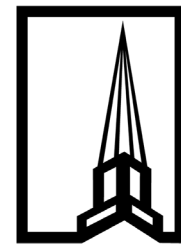
Along with time in our Presbytery of Northumberland, Lucy's trip to the US included visits to churches and Presbytery events in Michigan, New York, and Kentucky. In her presentations, she spoke about the Church in South Sudan as the one place where displaced families could take shelter, find food, share their struggles and begin to heal from the trauma of war and violence.

Lucy traveled here with the youngest of her four sons, Rafael, who is 22 months old. During her presentation at our Himmelreich Library, Rafael wandered to the back of the room, where I was standing, and reached out to take my hand. Without a moment of hesitation, he started leading me down the hallway past the church office. I steered us down to our nursery, where he went right to a toy ball and quickly impressed me with his strong soccer kick!

As I played with this little boy from South Sudan, whose experience of the world – its safety, its comforts, its opportunities – was vastly different than mine, I wondered how he could be so comfortable, so calm and at ease, there in a room he'd never seen before, with man he'd just met.

But then I remembered – Rafael knows the Church! He knows the Church is where people come to find peace. Where people are welcomed. Where people are taken care of. Where people are safe.

We are blessed in this community, and in this country, to have access to so much food, and the freedom to travel without fear



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Upcoming Events

Friday, October 4

5:30-8:00 p.m. **First Friday**

Neighborhood Fall Festival

Sunday, October 6

10:30 a.m. **World Communion**
Sunday

Sunday, October 13

2:00 p.m. **Crop Hunger Walk**

Sunday, October 27

10:30 a.m. **Harvest Homes**
Sunday

Ushers This Month

Mike Pursley

Joe Stenglein

Ken Jusko

HELP! Additional volunteers for ushers are needed in the upcoming months. Please notify the Church office if you are able to help.

of driving into an active battlefield, and to enjoy the peace maintained by a responsible and well-resourced government.

Even so, there is still a great need for a place where people can bring their struggles and loss, their needs and their problems, and find hope. Where they can find peace. Where they can find a friend.

Can our church be that kind of place? Rafael thinks so. And so do I.

Jesus has given us a beautiful building, a wonderful family, and abundant resources so that together we can be His Church in this community. With prayer and gratitude and bold faith, let us be about that work.

With joy in Christ,

Pastor Ryan

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

2 Ian Cavanagh, Audrey Collins, Bonnie Troxell

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, Alexandra
Remmey, Bill Roll

12 Paul Tarves, Samantha Wakeman

15 Richard Barlett

16 Chrissy Reinhart

17 Howard Stoelting

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

18 Dan Wagner

26 Charlie Heid, Ruth McCord

28 Judy Bruce, Amelia Collins, John Jones

29 Marsha Tarves



26 Paul & Karen Miller
30 Larry & Xana Winans

Greeters

October 6

Dave & April Shrom

October 13

Steve & Kristen Mebius

October 20

Gerry & Kathleen Schwieger

October 27

Richard & Peg Erdley

In the Community

Dinner By The River Teams

October 3

Shaffer Team

October 10

Storm Team

October 17

Jordan Team

October 24

Tarves/Snyder Team

October 31

Miller Team



The mission of **First Friday@First Presby** is to give kids a place to kick back and have fun while they build friendships that point to each person's value as one of God's specially created and deeply loved children. We serve parents as well by giving them a break from their busy schedules for some down time, with the First Presby community of Christ followers as a touchstone.

This ministry wouldn't be possible without our volunteer leaders, as well as those who donate special items to make each month's program a success. THANK YOU!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming First Friday@First Presby nights:

November 1 – Shoebox Extravaganza
December 6 – Christmas Joy!

Meeting Reminders

Tuesday, October 1

6:30 p.m. Congregational Life
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed
7:30 p.m. Missions

Friday, October 4, 11, 28 & 25

9:15 a.m. Moms in Prayer

Monday, October 7

1:00 p.m. "Welcome to Mitford"
Book Club

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 p.m. Worship Life

Coffee Hour

Oct. 6 – Dave & Marcia Thomas
Oct. 13 – Amber & Mindy Lind
Oct. 20 – Darryl & Janine Fisher
Oct. 27 – John & Bonnie Troxell



Sundays from

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Parlor

Nursery:

Oct. 6 - Drouin
Oct. 13 - Troxell
Oct. 20 – McSween
Oct. 27 – **Volunteer Needed**

Kids Church:

Oct. 6 - McSween
Oct. 13 - Heid
Oct. 20 - McSween
Oct. 27 – Family Sunday

The Sunday School Penny Challenge is here! Read all about it!

What is it?

The Sunday School Penny Challenge is a contest between the Sunday School classes to see who can collect the most pennies in October.

Who can participate?

Everyone - adults and kids - can participate, even if you don't attend Sunday School!

Where do I put the pennies that I bring to church this month?

Any Sunday during the month of October, put your pennies into the Penny Jar of your Sunday School classroom, or any classroom of your choice:

Babies through age 3 - Nursery *Christian Ed Wing*

PreK through 2nd Grade - Blue Room *Christian Ed Wing*

3rd, 4th, 5th - Purple Room *Christian Ed Wing*

Middle School/High School & Adults "Issues and Headlines" - Violet Room *Christian Ed Wing*

Couples Class "The 5 Love Languages" - Green Room *Christian Ed Wing*

Adult Class "Engaging in Scripture" - Cave Hallway Classroom *Basement*

Adult Class "Finding the God of Creation" - Reading Room *Library*

Who is getting all those pennies?

Everything collected in the Penny Jars during October will go to missionary Caroline Graves, who is working to share the great news about Jesus to college students in East Asia who have never heard it before!

Can I put nickles, dimes, quarters or dollar bills in the Penny Jars, too?

Yes! All money collected in the class Penny Jars will be a blessing of support to Caroline's work in East Asia. However, only pennies will be counted to determine the winner of the Penny Challenge.

Is there a prize for the winning class?

Yes! The class with the most pennies in their Penny Jar by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, October 31 will win a special breakfast treat for their class in November! The class that collects the most money (counting all non-penny contributions) will also receive a special recognition.

Caroline Graves, Cru- Campus Crusade for Christ

Caroline spent a number of years living in Lewisburg and was a member of First Presbyterian Church until she graduated from Penn State University in 2016. She now serves as a missionary with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) in East Asia, where people have no concept of God or His gospel. In East Asia, Caroline is passionate to win college students for Christ, build them up in their faith, and send them out as Christ-centered, multiplying disciples.

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Volunteer with us! From picking up pizza for First Friday or designing costumes for the Christmas program...to planning VBS decorations or leading Kids Church one Sunday...there are so many ways you can use your gifts to serve the Lord in the Children's Ministry. BE PART OF THE FUN! I'm just a call, text or email away and I'd love to hear from you.

Carolyn McSween | Director of Children's Ministry
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2019 CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 13th at 2:00 p.m.
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
42 S. 4th Street, 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, as well as local community projects such as our Dinner By the River program.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? will be held on Saturday, November 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Please provide the following information to Ann Roll:

Name/Names _____

I/we would like to be:

_____ Host. How many guests do you prefer to host including yourself? _____

_____ Guest. How many will attend? _____

_____ I /we will be either a host or a guest, whichever is needed.

Further information will be forthcoming once the sign-ups are all in.

Call or email Ann Roll at 570-847-0884 or roll227@ptd.net.



Dinner By the River



I am reaching out to the congregation to secure help for Dinner by the River.

The ministry began almost twelve years ago when a team serving in Guatemala discussed how we could help those in need in the Lewisburg area. As a result, it was decided to provide a free meal every week. We now have eleven rotating teams to prepare a meal for 50-75 guests. You can be involved at any level - help cook, help pick-up food, lead or co-lead a team, deliver church take-outs, do devotions. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex in November. You can also call me at 570-713-5157. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Mary Kay Torretti

Coordinator of DBR

October Youth Newsletter

Our 2020 Summer Mission Trip is official!



The total cost per student is only \$265. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve a spot on this summer's mission trip – it's always an incredible week that your student won't want to miss. The spots are first come, first serve!

For more information regarding the mission trip, please contact our Youth Director, Matt Rishell at firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org

As we continue the fall semester, please be praying for:

Our leaders – That they will be refreshed, guided by the Spirit in thought and words, and be able to continue the work of the Kingdom

Our students – That as they continue this school year, they will continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord, chase Him first, and that more believers will be added to our numbers daily.

Our programs – That they will be effective in reaching the lost and discipling the found. That they will be a place to fuel them for the rest of their week and a place of refuge and strength when it can be hard to come by. That our programs are fun and exciting, but most importantly are a lens through which our students see Christ clearer.

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