

# The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

As my deployment to Kuwait with the PA Army National Guard approaches, I want to share an overview of what the Session has planned to keep our members and ministries well-tended while I'm away.

September 25<sup>th</sup> will be my last Sunday here at church before I depart. Starting in October, worship services will be led by four local ministers, each taking one Sunday a month. On those months with a fifth Sunday, we will host one of our church-supported missionaries. All of our regular programs, events, and special services will continue like always.

In terms of "Who's in charge?", a team of two Elders actively serving on the Session will serve a three-month term taking the lead on questions, concerns, and pastoral needs. For October through December, this leadership team is Elder Marcia Thomas and Elder Jessie Walsh. You'll see them in worship and at church events, and be able to contact them during the week as needed. Our awesome and talented in-office Staff – Alison Collins (Administrative Assistant), Lisa Doutt (Youth Ministry), and Corey Jusko (Children's Ministry) are also picking up some additional responsibilities to keep everything running smoothly. Our Deacons and Trustees will continue their faithful care of our members and our facility, working closely with the Session. I'll continue to provide monthly updates through the Newsletter, so you can follow (and pray for!) my unit's mission and my ministry to them. Communications at our



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

LEWISBURG, PA

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, August 4**

5:30 p.m. **Dinner By the River**

**Sunday, August 7**

9:30 a.m. **Holy Communion**

## August Meetings

**Tuesday, August 16**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

## August Ushers

Jon Walz

Ray Walz

Tom Gresh

base in Kuwait are well-established, and I expect to be in touch throughout the course of my deployment. You may even see me videoing-in some Sunday morning, though I'll be 7-hours ahead (and likely much warmer!) than everyone here in Lewisburg.

More specifics of this coverage plan will be shared as we get closer. I know this is a new experience for our congregation, but I am very confident in the strong leadership and faithful heart of this church. As he has always done, God will continue to lead and to use First Pres to show his love in Jesus Christ, in our community, and around the world.

Please speak to me if you have any questions or concerns about how things will run in my absence, or if you'd like to hear more about the ministry I'll be doing as an Army Chaplain in the Middle East!

Pastor Ryan

**Youth Summer Mission Trip** – Unfortunately, we were not able to field a team of students for this summer's trip with Group Missions. Our deposits for this year's trip contributed to the good work being done by Group Missions through their Workcamp home-repair sites around the US.

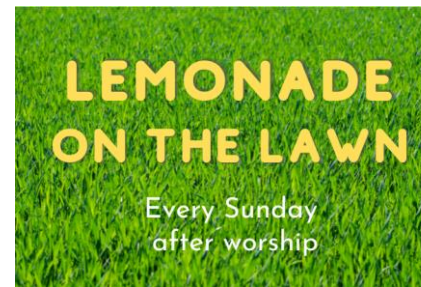
Our new Director of Youth Ministries, Lisa Doult, has already led some of our students in serving at local programs, like our Union County Food Bank. If you have ideas or contacts for other ways our students can volunteer and show God's love in our community, please share them with her!

**Operation Christmas Child: Item of the Month**



For the month of August, we will be collecting small dolls in support of Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to donate any of these items to be packed in the shoeboxes for OCC, please place them in the collection box located in the parlor. As in previous

years, we will be collecting different items each month. It is a fun way to get a jump start on shoebox packing for November!



Lemonade on the Lawn continues every Sunday on the east lawn immediately following our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Lemonade and pretzels are provided. Please choose a date on the sign-up sheet located in the parlor. Thank you!

**UPCOMING USHERS:**

**September 2022**

TBD

**October 2022**

Ken Jusko

Pat Samuelson

Wayne Samuelson

\*If the month isn't convenient for you, let the Office know. If you will be absent one week, please find a substitute.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! -

# Youth and Children's Ministries Event

**KICK OFF**  
SUNDAY

**How messy is your  
FAITH?**

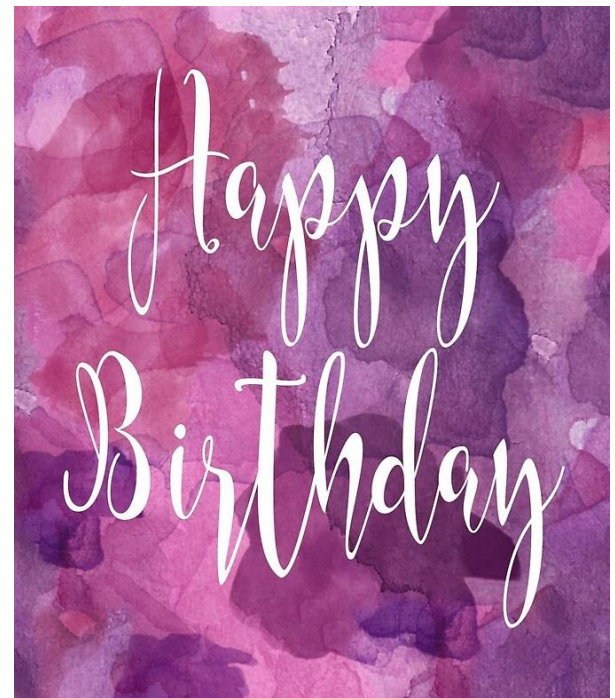
**Sunday,  
September 11  
5:00-7:00 pm**

**-games  
-food  
-fun**

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

### August Birthdays

- 2 Chloe McSween
- 4 Laura Graver, Rebecca Mignot
- 6 Courtney Remmey
- 7 Dan Cavanagh, Tim Cavanagh, Mark Reif, Ann Roll
- 8 Tom Gresh
- 9 John Walsh
- 11 Ben Remmey, Barb Schmidt, Barb Yorks
- 14 Nancy Curran, Audrey McSween
- 18 Pat Samuelson
- 22 Ann Miller, Sammy Miller, Connie Moore
- 23 Kim Gilger
- 24 Emersyn Papson
- 25 Samuel Gill, Kerry Shutt, Sally Vogel



26 Ryan Kraus

28 Patricia Apple, Garrett Brown

29 Rick Stancavage

30 Keay Hathaway

### **August Anniversaries**

2 Jason & Sarah Friedberg

4 Richard & Peg Erdley, Matt & Ashley Kalcich

5 Tom & Mary Lou Rich

8 Matt & Wendy McTammany, Steve & Kristen Mebius

12 Seth & Judith Ziegler

14 Wayne & Marilyn Gaver

15 Jim & Patty Apple

17 Clint & Karen Shurtliffe

19 John & Jessie Walsh

21 Atwood & Gail Ross

23 Ralph & Peggy Starkey

26 Brent & Ashley Papson

29 Dave & Marcia Thomas



union county  
giving closet

# August

## Kicks 4 Kids *Shoe Collection*

**ALL SIZES NEEDED**

**NEW OR GENTLY USED WELCOME**

Donations can be dropped off in the collection box outside the church office.



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 (NIV)*

## ***Programming for children from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade!***

**Back to school!** It's that time of year again – time to go back to school! While our district goes back to school on August 24/25, we at First Presby are preparing for Sunday school to begin again in September. We're looking forward to a new year of learning and lots of fun!

**Be part of the team!** Want to lead a Sunday school class, or volunteer in the nursery or Kids' Church? What a blessing it is to see our children learn and grow in God's love. Join us!

**Sunday school** - we will offer two Sunday school classes for children beginning Sept 11

- Young children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will meet in one class
- Older children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in a separate class

**WE NEED TEACHERS!** Being part of the Sunday school teaching team means you share the responsibility of leading weekly Sunday school classes. Lessons are provided for you and the team decides who teaches and when!

**Nursery care will continue to be available** for children from birth through age 3. The nursery is open for the duration of our Sunday morning worship service. Adult supervision is required if no volunteer is assigned.

**Kids' Church remains open** to children from age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Kids' Church meets every Sunday\* immediately following the Children's Message. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Lessons are provided for you and include an activity or craft, short lesson, and a game or two.

\* We will continue to offer a Family Sunday program where all children are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the duration of the service. However, the library continues to offer story time for children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Follow us on Facebook @ FirstPresbyLewisburgPA**

Corey Jusko

Director of Children's Ministry

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# FIRST PRESBY YOUTH NEWS

## AUGUST YOUTH GROUP DATES

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

**ALL YOUTH - 6:00-7:30 pm (NOTICE TIME)**

- For everyone in grades 6-12 (and friends)
- This combined youth group time will give us the chance to get to know each other better.
- Come for the fun, stay for the faith journey.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

**ALL YOUTH END OF THE SUMMER PICNIC**

5:00-7:00 pm at The Gravers

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28



## ALL YOUTH GROUP (and families) PICNIC

- Sunday, Aug 21

- 5:00-7:00 pm

- The Gravers will host  
(18 Westridge Lane, Lewisburg)

*-Bring your parents and siblings (and don't forget your friends) and enjoy some good food, games, and just plain fun.*

*-Meat and beverages will be provided so if you can bring a dish to share, chips, or a dessert, that would be great.*

*- Please let Lisa know how many from your family will be attending by Wed, August 17.*

*Our rain date is Sunday, August 28.*



### Wednesday, August 10

11 am - 1 pm

Let's get the youth room ready for the year

with a morning of cleaning up and throwing out. Lunch will be provided.



Find the Youth Group on Instagram  
**1stpresbylbg**



*If you are a youth or a parent and would like to get GroupMe notifications, please make sure Lisa has your phone number.*

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS** are still needed to help with youth group. If you have a heart for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and would like to help, please let Lisa Doult know.

Save the  
**DATE**

Sunday,  
September 11  
Sunday School  
Breakfast/Rally Day  
and  
YOUTH GROUP  
FALL KICK-OFF

## From the Himmelreich

In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you... John 14:2  
In these comforting words of Jesus, we get a glimpse of heaven. But we also gain an insight on the nature of God. Our Lord is a God of hospitality. Jesus is going before us to ultimately welcome us home. In the meantime, He sought to provide welcoming settings on earth. The night before He died, Jesus planned a meal and invited His closest friends. After rising from the grave, He prepared fish for a mouthwatering breakfast.

The Himmelreich Library is a Christian ministry and I hope, a welcoming space for many. You can peruse the numerous books and videos, rest before the fireplace (even more significant on a cold winter day!), study God's Word at a Bible or book study, listen to stories during story hour- the opportunities for rest, refreshment, conversation, are readily available...

On Wednesdays at 2, we are studying a book entitled, *Invitations of God*. Each chapter has a particular offering from our heavenly Father: rest, prayer, healing. You are encouraged to join us. And the welcome continues for whenever you seek a peaceful and inspiring place. Please join us at the Himmelreich.

Blessings,

Barb Yorks, Head Librarian

## Message from the Session

Church Entrance Update- New System Installed 7/29/22

After careful consideration, the Session approved increasing the security and safety of our church building by adding electronic locks to the three main exterior doors used for entrance. These include the blue double doors which allow entrance to the Sunday School wing and main elevator from both Cherry Alley and Market Street, and the single blue 'mail' door at the top of the ramp on Market Street (on the river-side of the church).

These locks will be programmed to open during designated events (i.e. Sunday mornings, Dinner By The River, Choir rehearsal, Youth Group, etc.) and automatically secure after the event, eliminating the need for manual locking. An electronic key or 'fob' will be issued to all active church Officers (Trustees, Deacons, and Session) and church staff. These allow entry to the church at any time. A video-intercom system located outside each of the exterior doors will allow anyone else (members or visitors) to request entry during and after office-hours via communication with the church

staff or designated backup. Instructions will be posted by the intercom. Church members who would like a fob can obtain one through an application available in the church office.

We believe this change allows for easier access for both members and visitors, while also providing increased security for those inside the building. The new lock system is installed and will go into effect once training is completed. More information will be available in the narthex and upon request from the church office.

The infographic features a light blue background with a white circular logo in the top left corner that reads "union county giving closet" with a hanger icon. The main title "August Update" is in a cursive font, and "Union County Giving Closet" is in a bold, dark blue font. A green tote bag with a yellow smiley face is on the right. Four horizontal bars, alternating in color (pink, yellow, pink, yellow), contain the following information: 1) A pink bar with "67" in a white circle, "Clothing request bags packed and distributed which included:", an orange t-shirt with balloons, and a green tote bag. 2) A yellow bar with "469" in a white circle, "Summer shirts and pairs of shorts", and a pair of purple shorts. 3) A pink bar with "402" in a white circle, "Pairs of socks and underwear", a pair of blue patterned socks, and a pair of orange plaid shorts. 4) A yellow bar with "67" in a white circle, "Pairs of shoes and pajamas", a pair of white sneakers, and a pair of pink patterned pajamas. At the bottom, a cursive message reads "Thank you! Your support made this possible!".

**67** Clothing request bags packed and distributed which included:

**469** Summer shirts and pairs of shorts

**402** Pairs of socks and underwear

**67** Pairs of shoes and pajamas

*Thank you! Your support made this possible!*

Questions??? Please contact Alison Collins at the church office at 570-524-4419 or [ucgivingcloset@gmail.com](mailto:ucgivingcloset@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook @ucgivingcloset.