

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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

Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

Starting this Sunday, October 2nd, we welcome a team of four retired local pastors to preach and help lead our worship. Each of them will preach on the same Sunday of each month until next summer when I return. On months with a 5th Sunday, we'll host one of our supported missionaries, or the sermon will be given by one of our own Elders or Staff. To help you get to know them, we asked for a short biography, which appear below.

Over the next 11 months, I'll keep you posted on where I am and how our mission goes (as conditions and technology permit, I might even try to video-in to say hello.) On this, my third overseas deployment, I have never left home so well-supported, or felt so confident that when my family needs a hand, there are many willing and ready to help.

As proud and excited as I am to share God's love with Soldiers, I also know that I will miss important events and changes within our church family. Our congregation will not stay the same while I'm gone. As we've seen, God's plans often include things we could have never imagined! Nevertheless, I have full faith and confidence in God's plan and purpose for this church, and for you, the people that He loves. So for this season apart, let us all stay close to Jesus, walking in his footsteps, and trusting in his power and his grace. And I know it will be so very good to share the stories of what He's done for us; the surprises, and the blessings we discovered, when we come together again.

Peace to you,

Pastor Ryan



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

LEWISBURG, PA

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Oct. 2

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 6

5:30 p.m. Dinner By the River

Thursday, Oct. 20

7:00 p.m. Author's Night in the

Himmelreich Library

Friday, Oct. 21

2:00-6:00 p.m.- Library Book

Sale

Sunday, Oct. 23

10:30 a.m. Harvest Homes

Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 30

10:30 a.m. All Saints Sunday

October Meetings

Tuesday, Oct. 18

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

October Ushers

Ken Jusko

Peg Bouton

Eric Schmidt

First Sunday - The Rev. Arlie Davis

Arlie is a graduate of Bloomsburg State University with a B.S. degree in Special Education.

He began ministry as an assistant pastor in 1981 and started Meadowbrook Christian School in 1982 serving as Administrator and Assistant Pastor for 7 years. Meadowbrook is now an accredited school with an attendance of over 400. In 1989, he began as Lead Pastor of Christ Wesleyan Church and Superintendent of Meadowbrook Christian School. He was privileged to see the church grow from 180 to 1800 on a Sunday morning. His seminary work was done at Evangelical School of Theology and additional work was done in a Doctor of Ministry program at Talbot School of Theology.

Pastor Arlie's wife, Sharon, is a native of Lewisburg area, and a graduate of Messiah College. Sharon completed her graduate degree with a MSW from Marywood University and is a licensed clinical social worker as a counselor at Christ Wesleyan. They were married in 1980 and have two children, a son, Aidan Wynn (1985) has a B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan, and a Masters degree from Penn State University and a married daughter, Adrienne-Leigh (1989), with a B.S. from Penn State, a B.S.N. from Drexel, and Nurse Practitioner from UMass, as well.

Second Sunday - The Rev. Dr. Robert "Bob" Andrews

Prior to being called to serve at Grove Presbyterian Church, Danville, in 1989, Robert John Andrews served for 11 years at the Penningtonville Presbyterian Church in Atglen, Pennsylvania, a congregation in the Donegal Presbytery (though he still considers metropolitan New Jersey home, God's country). He retired (kind of) from Grove at the end of December, 2016, and currently occupies himself as a Presbytery gadfly, AYSO coach, and columnist for The Danville News. He also fancies himself an author. His current work is an historical fiction set in the Susquehanna region, in the years 1750-1800. He delights in politics and news, BBC mysteries (Morse, Shetland, Poirot), the older Dr. Who episodes, Ernie Kovacs, James Joyce, James Fenimore Cooper, and cooking stewpots of Jambalaya. Academics: Hobart College, 1975, English major with a secondary education certification; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1978; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1996 with "Christian Faithfulness at Work" as his D.Min. thesis. Family: Wife,



Volunteers are needed to ensure coffee hour continues every Sunday from 10:00–10:30 a.m. Coffee and treats provided, or you can bake/buy your own. Please choose a date on the sign-up sheet located in the kitchen. Thank you!

UPCOMING USHERS: November 2022

Chuck Meachum
Randy Storm
Rick Gathman

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

Fall Office Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9am-3pm



Elaine, three children scattered to the winds, and three grandchildren (two living).

Website: www.robertjohnandrews.com

Third Sunday - The Rev. Steven Shirk

Pastor Steve Shirk retired from 26 years as Pastor/Head of staff at First Pres., Milton last Fall and has a home now in Mifflinburg. He is a graduate of Westchester University ('78, Social Work), Westminster Seminary ('94, M. Div.) and Fuller Seminary (2012, D. Min.) Steve and his wife Caroline recently celebrated 40 years of marriage. They have 2 children. Daughter Ashley Rosboschil and her husband Justin also have 2 young children and live in Mifflinburg. Their son Alex, a special needs adult, also lives in Mifflinburg. Steve currently chairs the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery. He enjoys playing guitar and bass with local musicians and recently took up art. He also runs and bikes on the Rail Trail. Rev. Shirk will also serve as Moderator of our Session while Pastor Ryan is away.

Fourth Sunday - The Rev. Dr. Barbara C. Yorks

Barbara C. Yorks graduated from Bucknell University with a B.A. in English (and was an associate member of First Presbyterian while at Bucknell). She earned her Masters of Divinity from Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio, and completed a Doctor of Ministry at Asbury Seminary in the Beeson Pastors Program in 2011.

Her ministry has included serving as Campus Minister at Ohio State, Newark Branch, and as an Associate Pastor, Senior Pastor and Interim Pastor at a variety of churches in the Central PA and Susquehanna Conferences of the United Methodist Church from 1981-2021.

Barb was Interim Pastor here at First Presbyterian Church from June 2018-July 2019, and in July of 2021, she joined our church staff again as Head Librarian of our Himmelreich Library.

She is married to Joseph Yorks and mother to JoAnna Yorks Schuster (Brian) and Joshua A. Yorks (Susan). She has four grandchildren, Joseph, 9, James, 7, Isabel, 3, and Juliet, 1. Barb leads retreats and seminars (including a "Grandparents and Me" Camp each summer) and enjoys reading, travel, and connecting with family and friends.

New Church Entry System

On September 1st, we activated our new interactive entry system on the Market Street and Cherry Alley entrance doors. During regular weekday office hours, please press the button on the video intercom and our staff will unlock the door for you. Entry "fobs" have been issued to our Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, as well as to Staff and program leaders who require access at other times. The system is programmed to unlock automatically on Sunday mornings, and for other congregational events. Please speak to Alison Collins if you need to schedule access for a meeting or other event.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

2 Ian Cavanagh, Audrey Collins, Bonnie Troxell

4 Melanie Brown

8 Matt Kalcich, Betty Veening

9 Dede Gronlund

10 Alexandra Remmey, Bill Roll

15 Richard Barlett

17 Howard Stoelting

18 Dan Wagner

26 Charlie Heid

28 Amelia Collins, John Jones

October Anniversaries

1 Bill & Beth Shutt

5 Dan & Kim Wagner

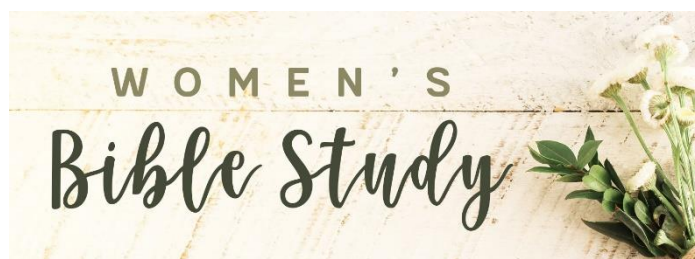
15 Tony & Alison Collins

18 Rusty & Karen Graber, Tom & Marilyn Gresh

26 Paul & Karen Miller



Sunday, October 23rd, we will celebrate Harvest Home by collecting food items for the Presbyterian Home in Williamsport. They are in need of #10 cans of fruits and vegetables, flour, sugar, coffee, pasta, rice, etc. Our gifts will be dedicated on Sunday, October 23rd during the worship service. Please call the office if you'd like to drop off your donations during the week.



All are welcome to join a women's Bible study in the Chapel **every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** Led by Bea Heid.

GOOD NEWS ... GREAT JOY!!!



Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week will be here before you know it – November 14 - 21. I have gone shopping for most of the things I will pack in my boxes ... I got the school supplies during the Back-To-School sales, but I still need to get some toys and hygiene items. Remember when you are packing - no toothpaste or candy (due to increasingly strict customs regulations to many of the countries) and never anything liquid. The requested donation toward shipping is \$10.00.

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 story booklet, "The Greatest Gift of All", is included in each box, translated into the child's own language.

If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, we would be glad to try and answer them or help you find the answer. Call Kathy at 570-490-0646 (email storm6@ptd.net) or Alice at 570-522-0973 (email alicemarquart@gmail.com). Sign-up sheets for the Collection Process are available in the parlor. We hope you will consider volunteering in some way.

Kathy Storm - Drop-Off Center Coordinator

Alice Marquart – Church Relations OCC Team Member

Operation Christmas Child: Item of the Month



For the month of October, we will be collecting flashlights with batteries 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!

From the Himmelreich

New library hours: Mon. 10-2

Wed. 10-2

Wed. 3:30-5:30 (starting after Oct. 1)

Thurs. 6-8

We are taking a break from Wednesday study until the second week of November. The next book sale is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21: 2-6.

Author Night, Josh Yorks, Thursday, Oct. 20.

Barb Yorks, Head Librarian



First Presby Kids News

OCT. 2022

The King will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40 (NIRV)



Join us for Sunday School! Our curriculum, Follow Me, leads family members of all ages through the same scripture every week. Classes are available for pre-K through 2nd grade, 3rd through 5th grade, 6th through 12th grade, and a class for parents!

Nursery care is available for children from birth through age 3. The nursery is open during the Sunday school hour and for the duration of our Sunday morning worship service. Adult supervision is required if no volunteer is assigned

Kids' Church is open to children from age 4 through 3rd grade. Kids' Church meets every Sunday immediately following the Children's Message.

Family Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. All children are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the duration of the service. However, the library will offer story time for children ages 4 through 2nd grade.

Mark your calendar for First Friday, a free program for kids in the community. We accept cash donations and donations for Operation Christmas Child – small toys, toiletries, crafts, clothing to fit inside shoeboxes.

Friday, October 7, 5:30-8:00pm – Fall Fun for kids age 4 through 5th grade

Friday, November 4, 5:30-8:00pm – OCC Shoebox Packing party for kids 4 through 5th grade

Friday, December 2, 5:30-8:00pm – Jesus' birthday party for kids 4 through 5th grade

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Corey Jusko

Director of Children's Ministry

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FIRST PRESBY YOUTH NEWS



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OCT/NOV YOUTH DATES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6-7:30 pm (In the CAVE)
HIGH SCHOOL - 7:45-9:00 pm (At the manse)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

ALL YOUTH - 6-7:30 pm (In the CAVE)
-Game Night with the Youth from the Lewisburg
United Youth Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6-7:30 pm (In the CAVE)
HIGH SCHOOL - 7:45-9:00 pm (At the manse)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

ALL YOUTH - FALL FUN FEST - 3-5 pm
-We will set up at 2 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP MEETING
6-7 pm (grades 8-12)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6-7:30 pm (In the CAVE)
HIGH SCHOOL - 7:45-9:00 pm (At the manse)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

ALL YOUTH - 6-7:30 pm (In the CAVE)
- Shoebox service project

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6-7:30 pm (In the CAVE)
HIGH SCHOOL - 7:45-9:00 pm (At the manse)

**Hebrews 11:1 - Faith makes us sure of what we hope
for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.**

ADULT VOLUNTEERS needed for youth group. If
you have a heart for 6th-12th graders please let Lisa
Doutt know.



We have Sunday School for all youth in
grades 6-12 every Sunday at 9:00 am.
Join us in the CAVE!



Did you know the Youth Group has an
Instagram account? Follow us:
www.instagram.com/1stpresbylbg/



Sunday, Oct. 23, 3:00-5:00 pm
The Youth Group invites
children of all ages to come to
their Fall Fun Fest. Wear your
costumes (not too scary). There
will be games, crafts, and a fun
scavenger hunt. Oh, and candy
too!

How can you help?

NEEDED: donations of wrapped candy
(peanut free) and small pumpkins.
*Please submit donations to Lisa via the
church office by Thursday, October 20.*



How would you like to be
part of a ministry that keeps
in touch with our college
students while they're at

school? Be someone who sends them
encouraging notes, info about the community
and church, and just lets them know they're not
forgotten. If interested, please contact Lisa
Doutt.

**- If you are a student, or parent of a student,
please call/email the church office with
contact information (email, address, etc).**



2023 High School Mission Trip Meeting **Sunday, Oct 30 at 6 pm**

Plans have started for our 2023 Summer
Mission Trip. Our hope is to be in relational
ministry with a community God is calling us to.
Come to the meeting on the 30th to help choose
our location and learn more about this life-changing
opportunity.

*This meeting is for anyone in **grades 8-12**
and any adults interested in joining us.*



Youth Group is open to all in grades 6-12.
You do not need to be a member or regular
attender of First Presby. Always invite
your friends!

Lisa Doutt

Director of Youth Ministries

firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org

WEBSITE UPDATE

We are in the process of creating a new website for the church. If you have any information you would like us to include, please get that to Lisa Douth (firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org) by October 10. Thanks!

Union County Giving Closet

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BOYS!

October
CLOTHING DRIVE!

NEW OR USED
CLOTHING
APPRECIATED!

**WE NEED BOYS
FALL/WINTER
CLOTHING**

**ALL SIZES NEEDED-
ESPECIALLY SIZE 8 & UP,
MEN'S SIZES TOO!**

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT 18 MARKET
ST. IN LEWISBURG, TUES-FRI FROM 9-3.

THANK YOU!

union county
giving closet

Questions???

Please contact Alison Collins at the church office at 570-524-4419 or ucgivingcloset@gmail.com. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, you can do so on the church website, www.first-presby.org, using the GIVE button or by writing a check to the church. Both options should be designated to the Union County Giving Closet. You can also donate via PayPal to @ucgivingcloset. Follow us on Facebook @ucgivingcloset to stay updated on needs and events!