

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, September 29

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. – Worship
10:00 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

Monday, September 30

Tuesday, October 1

1:00 p.m. – Praying for Children
5:30 p.m. – Liberty Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 2

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. – Presbytery Women’s Coordinating
Team Meeting
5:30 p.m. – Session Meeting
7:15 p.m. – Soulstice

Thursday, October 3

Friday, October 4

Saturday, October 5

Sunday, October 6

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Worship
9:30 a.m. – Children’s, Youth Group, and Adult
Sunday School
9:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. – Worship
12:00 p.m. – *Congregational Lunch*

Attendance Last Week (September 22):

10:00 a.m.: 102
Online Views: 45
Total Giving – \$2,581.00
2024 Per Capita to date – \$5,950.00
2024 Per Capita Budgeted – \$6,000.00
Total Due to Presbytery – \$20,774.00
(2024 Per Capita per member - \$34.00)



The WINS Project is still collecting good clean plastic grocery bags (no wine and spirits bags). Please collect your bags and drop them off in their designated spot across from the church office. Thank you!



The Stephen Ministry requests devotional meditations for their annual Advent Booklet each year. The theme for 2024 is "*Christmas Blessings*". You are invited to reflect on what Advent and Christmas mean to you and create a write up for the devotional. Deadline is November 15, so that it can be compiled and ready for distribution for the Advent Season (December 1-December 25).



Our Soulstice gatherings will resume on October 2 at 7:15 p.m. Join us in the downstairs chapel on the first Wednesday of every month starting in October for a time of candlelight, music, prayer, and silence.



Pastor Appreciation Month is celebrated in October, with Pastor Appreciation Day on the second Sunday of the month. This was established in 1992 to recognize and honor the work of pastors, missionaries, and other religious workers.



WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 29, 2024

Welcome to this service of prayer and praise at First Presbyterian Church. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

SERVING THIS MORNING:

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is Chuck Claspy.
- **The Greeters** today are John and Nancy Alexander and Tim and Kandy Davis.
- **The Liturgist** today is Margaret Nelson.
- **The Acolyte** today is Quinn O’Shea.

The Chancel Flowers today is given to the Glory of God and in memory of our loved ones by Mark and Mary Lynn Bartoe.

Sunday School Programs: Elementary, Youth Group and Adult Sunday School will be starting on Sunday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m. On Sunday, October 13th there will be a parent meeting for the confirmation class at 9:30 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Chuck Koller, Howie McCall, Bonnie Murphy, Marlene Braham, Christianne Maramba, Randy Puno, Blessie Santos, Ruth Cooper, Cathy McKinney, Erin Hart, Marilyn and John Robb, Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.
- † **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Fairview Church of the Cross and Rev. Drew Himes, Pastor; Rev. Susan Speakman and Rev. John Dyke, Honorably Retired.
- † **Members’ and Friends’ Loved Ones Being Deployed:** Shawn Woolstrum.
- † **Service Personnel:** Tyler Schmidt, Karalyn Adams, Ben Bartoe, Donald Albaugh, Andrew Hall, Travis Jensen, Kirk Mumau and Kloe Peterson.
- † **“The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center.”** Staff - Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director, Emily Seibel, Assistant, and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.
- † **The mission work of** Ross and Mary Hunter (Ecuador), Rev. Celestin Musekura (E. Africa - ALARM), Donnie Brake (South Sudan - SEA Partners), Andrew and Amy Funka (Ingalls Creek), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Presbytery of Redstone, (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children (Compassion International), Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Thailand - Payap University), The Carter Foundation, Josh Heikkila (West Africa - PCUSA), Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar (U.S./Mexican Border - PCUSA), Cindy Corell (Joining Hands Against Hunger, Haiti - PCUSA), Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez Migration and Human trafficking, Philippines - PCUSA), Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA).

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



Update: The PNC

is grateful for the support and backing of the congregation, as we presented the Rev. Benjamin Black on Sunday, September 8. We will continue our work over the next six months to support Rev. Black and his transition as the next Senior Pastor of FPC Meadville. Rev. Black's official start date will be Monday, October 28. We are excited for him and his family to arrive and begin their ministry with us. Please join us in continuing to pray for a smooth transition, a safe move, and successful sale of Rev. Black's home in Massachusetts.



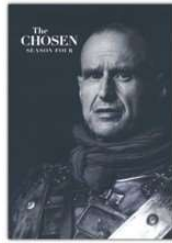
Stephen Ministry: If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below. (Please note this is meant to supplement, not replace, the prayer line, which offers long-term, ongoing prayer.) Our goal is simply to offer the important ministry of one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer as the immediate need arises. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Doris Foster. She can be reached at 814-336-2575.**



The Prayer Lifeline is available to pray for your joys and concerns. Call the church office at 814-333-2161 to make your request. You can also e-mail Laurel Porter at hporter20@yahoo.com. All requests will be kept confidential.



LIBRARIAN'S PICKS FOR OCTOBER: "FALL in Love with Your Library!" Come in and see the variety of Bibles, inspirational books and children's books. There are also many collections of research material and inspirational books available. Come in and Check Them Out!



Fall Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School will meet today at 11:00 a.m. continuing with the *The Chosen*, Season 4. The theme of Season 4 is 'Rise Up'. The episodes show how the religious leaders become threatened by Jesus' growing influence and thus align themselves with the Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted and opposition to Jesus' message turns violent, the only alternative is for Jesus' followers to RISE UP. The powerful message from this Season 4 for us today is that God brings good things out of bad things despite how terrible things can look and feel. In our own troubled times, we must have faith that God uses suffering to bring about good in the lives of those he loves.



OUR REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS RETURN IN OCTOBER. The 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services will resume on Sunday, October 6th. Adult and Children's Sunday School as well as Choir Rehearsal will be at 9:30 a.m. There will be no choir rehearsal on October 13. Confirmation Class will start on October 27th at 9:30 a.m. Please join us as we praise our Lord, Jesus. And don't forget to invite a friend.



THE TRUSTEES WILL BE HOSTING THE OCTOBER 6TH CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON. They will provide the main course. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join us for a time of fellowship and good food.



Rev. Daniel and Debbie Corll are celebrating the Wedding of their son Joseph Corll to Keile Feitt today! Dan will return to the church office on October 1st.



The Presbyterian Women's October Mission Project: We are collecting monetary donations for Second Harvest Food Bank in lieu of food collection for WiNS program. Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and write Second Harvest in the memo. Kris Lubomski will send your donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

We continue to collect sample size shampoo, hand sanitizer, bath gel, lotion and toothpaste for the homeless patients at the Free Clinic. Please place your donations in the PW bin in the church office.



This is a special thank you to all the Children's Church Volunteers this past summer. The children had an opportunity to meet several church members during this time. They were very responsive to these people, and I am thankful and grateful for your support. The following volunteered their time and talents: Kandy Davis, Lacey Stoner, Kendra Fischer, Mike Chapel, Chris Thomas, Marsi Claspy, Diana Smith, Laurie Jones, Mary Truran, Casey and Miles O'Shea, Mary Lynn Bartoe, Brandi Schutz and Rachel Claspy. You are a blessing to our children, church and me.



SAVE ON TAXES: If you are of the age at which you must take Required Minimum Withdrawals from your IRA, you may not be aware that you can have part of that withdrawal paid directly to FPC and it will not be considered part of your taxable income. Ask your financial adviser for details.

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Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania,



in cooperation with the WiNS Project, has announced the transition of five elementary schools in Crawford Central School District into its Backpack Program. The program discreetly places nutritious foods in participating children's backpacks on Fridays to ensure that children have what they need over the weekends and during school breaks. The Second Harvest Backpack Program will run from October to May each year. Volunteers from the WiNS Project will continue to pack the bags and deliver them to the schools each week. Suzie Malone, co-president of the WiNS project, shared, "We are delighted to be partnering with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania. With Second Harvest taking on our child feeding program, the search for a reliable and affordable source of food for weekly bags is over. I hope that those who have financially supported WiNS in the past will continue to do so through Second Harvest, so this important program can continue." Donations can be made online at www.nwpafoodbank.org.



Knit Unto Others will meet on October 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Library. This is an invitation for anyone interested in getting involved with needlework, crochet, knitting, and embroidery projects. Whether you're skilled or you would like to learn, participants are always available to help. Knit Unto Others prepares prayer shawls to be given in God's Love. You may call the church office at 814-333-2161, or Kandy Davis at 814-807-0156 for more information.