

## Church Office

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## Office Hours

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## Musings from Pastor Erin

Family of faith,

I'm back from my two weeks in Montreat, North Carolina working as a small group leader at the Montreat Youth Conference. It was such a wonderful experience being in the mountains with some of my dearest friends, new & old, serving God & hanging out with about 700 youth & their adults each week. This year's theme was In\*Joy.

Our keynoter was Rev. Anne Russ from New York City, who did a phenomenal job kicking off each morning with a message to open up conversation in small group. The preacher for evening worship was Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace from Philadelphia, who happens to be one of the current Co-Moderators of the PC(USA). Ruth preached some incredible sermons each evening & brought lots of joy. Music was provided by D.J. Boyd, who is from the Missionary Baptist Church, a mostly African-American faith tradition & he opened these mostly white Presbyterians up to new ways of worshipping through music. We danced a lot, sang a lot, shared plenty of laughter, thought deeply, & even shed a few tears along the way. I return home filled with joy & hope for the church overall. Nothing will make you more hopeful & more joyful than listening to 700 folks singing together in worship. I also return home a little on the tired side & finding re-entry to be a bit challenging. But, I am grateful for the time away & even more grateful to be back home, gearing up for what is next with our congregation.

Blessings,

*Erin*



August 2023

# PCOP Updates

## AUGUST CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

Erin working @ Presbytery

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

10:30am Church Picnic @ Camp

Little Leo (Rock Run Rd,  
Punxsutawney)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

Erin working @ Presbytery

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

10am-11am Coffee Hour

11:00am Worship

\*Worship & Sacraments

Committee meeting in Seminar

Room following worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Erin working @ Presbytery

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

10am-11am Coffee Hour

11:00am Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND

2:00pm Community Meal Prep

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Erin working @ Presbytery

4:30pm Community Meal

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH

10am-11am Coffee Hour

11:00am Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

6:00pm Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Erin working @ Presbytery

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

11:00am Worship & Communion

## FINANCIAL UPDATE & ATTENDANCE - JULY 2023

	Offering	Attendance
July 2nd	\$3,667.94	59 (2 online)
July 9th	N/A	29 (at Baptist Church)
July 16th	\$1,325.00	36 (0 online)
July 23rd	\$2,900.00	50 (1 online)

## June 2023 Financial Statement

	Current	Year to Date	Budget
Receipts	\$10,895.35	\$98,976.35	
Disbursements	\$14,817.68	\$101,089.30	\$193,678.00
Total	-\$3,922.33	-\$2,112.95	



## FLOWER SCHEDULE - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

**AUGUST 6th:** Church picnic, no flowers

**AUGUST 13th:** Table & Urns (open)

**AUGUST 20th:** Table & Urns (open)

**AUGUST 27th:** Table in memory of the wedding anniversary of John & Joyce Hughes from Keith & Jean Hughes. Urns in memory of R. Ward Stahl & Joan Evans Dinsmore from the Dinsmore family.

**SEPTEMBER 3rd:** Piano (open). Urns in memory of her brother, Carl Eger II, from Lu-Ann Grube.

**SEPTEMBER 10th:** Table in memory of Wendy Mulqueeny & George Sorrick from Kathy Dinsmore. Urns (open)

**SEPTEMBER 17th:** Table in memory of Bob Lettie's birthday from Rex & Laurie Lettie. Urns (open)

**SEPTEMBER 24th:** Table & Urns (open)

*Flower dedications are \$25 each; if you would like to dedicate flowers in honor or memory of someone or something special, please contact the church office at (814) 938-5560.*

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# Church Activities & Announcements

## Prayer List

Marge Brennan  
Duane & Pam Carr  
Betty Cessna  
Robin Cochran  
Kate Doverspike  
The Graham Family  
Barb Hanley  
Kathy Kopp  
Flo West

*Please contact the church office to add a name to the newsletter & bulletin prayer lists.*

## Rev. Bill Starr Mailing Address

Bill Starr  
200 Bristol Coleman Drive  
Apt 105  
Newton, NJ 07860

## Summer Break

Adult Sunday School, Tuesdays @ 10, & Choir are currently on a summer break. We'll see you after Labor Day!

## Birthdays

**August 5th:** Evelyn Chambers  
William Cooper  
Kathy Dinsmore

**August 7th:** Holly Hartman

**August 14th:** Kaitlyn Cessna

**August 17th:** Butch Young

**August 19th:** Carole Haire

**August 24th:** Barbara Burkett

**August 26th:** Kay Nesbitt

## Mahjong Mondays

Mahjong Mondays will continue to meet every Monday in August from 10am-12pm in the Seminar Room!

Mahjong Mondays are beginner-friendly, with all levels and Punxsutawney community members welcome. Don't know how to play Mahjong? We'll teach you!

## Thank you to all who donated to the community meal parking lot sale!

We raised \$700, all of which goes back into our free community meals. This will fully fund at least two months worth of meals. We are so grateful for your generosity!

## Email Prayer Chain Update

Beginning in July, Donna Kengersky has agreed to take responsibility for managing the PCOP Email Prayer Chain. She will monitor prayer requests and forward those to the "prayer warriors" who have agreed to participate on the chain.

It is important to note that there are no changes to the way the prayer chain operates. Prayer requests should continue to be sent to the same email address ([pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com](mailto:pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com)).

Many thanks to Donna for volunteering to oversee this ministry of our church.

## August Community Meal

This month's community meal will be held Wed. August 23rd at 4:30pm. Meal prep will be Tues. August 22nd at 2:00pm. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Donna Anderson (814-592-1001).

## Summer Coffee Hour

From 10am-11am each Sunday this summer, please stop by the Memorial Parlor before church for regular or decaf coffee, water, and cookies. All are welcome!



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## Liturgist Schedule

July 30: Marion Asel  
 August 13: Debra Dinsmore  
 August 20: Bev Divelbiss  
 August 27: Barb Elkin  
 September 3: Barbara Endress  
 September 10: Dana Hartman  
 September 17: Pam Hogan  
 September 24: Keith Hughes  
 October 1: Donna Kengersky  
 October 8: Rex Lettie  
 October 15: Flo West  
 October 22: Patty Young  
 October 29: Marion Asel  
 November 5: Lee Blose  
 November 12: Joyce Cooper  
 November 19: Debra Dinsmore  
 November 26: Kathy Dinsmore



## Annual Church Picnic

The 2023 Church Picnic is officially scheduled for August 6th at 10:30am at Camp Little Leo (Rock Run Rd, Punxsutawney, PA 15767).

Thank you to Keith and Jean Hughes for planning the picnic this year. For any questions, or if you will need help getting to Camp Little Leo, please call or text Keith Hughes at 814-591-8944.

We will have special music at 10:30am by John Ivey, and will be inviting the Baptist Church as well. Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Thank you to everyone who made our July Community Meal a success! We prepared and distributed 170 meals. Want to join us in August? Contact Donna Anderson at 814-592-1001.



Donna Anderson  
The Donnas: "Donna A."



Donna Grabany  
The Donnas: "Donna G."



Donna Kengersky  
The Donnas: "Donna K."



Joanne Mennetti  
Supervisor of Smiles



Rex Lettie  
Drive-thru Dynamo



Laura Jenary  
Coleslaw Coordinator



Joel Anderson  
Community Meal Commandant



Karen Offutt & Jean Hughes  
Best Friends Forever



Bev Divelbiss  
Bubble Bar Boss



A special thank you to the unseen volunteers - those who prepare meals at home, those who prefer not to be photographed, and those who do not want to be publicly recognized. We are so grateful for all that you contribute to ensure these meals happen month after month!



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