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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 12:30pm

Friday
office closed

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Musings from Pastor Erin

Family of faith,

I want to share a bit more about my D.Min program, as I am moving into the next stages. I finished up my class work in June, taking a class on Writing the Spiritual Life with Dr. Roger Owens, professor of practical theology at Pittsburgh Seminary. It was a week filled with great conversation, writing, & lots of good food with friends. It was an emotional week for myself & my cohort, knowing that it would be last time all 35 of us would be together. What I know is that the relationships we have built will certainly last a lifetime.

Now comes the fun part - writing my creative dissertation! I'm planning on writing a book of personal essays & fragmented poetry (you can ask me about that!) with the theological theme of grace woven throughout. I've already begun writing some pieces that will likely be included in my project. My hope & prayer is to graduate from Pittsburgh Seminary in May 2024 (all of you will be invited!), which means I will be committing some serious time to writing every day moving forward. It will certainly be a challenge to fit ministry both here at our church & my work at the Presbytery along with this writing, but I am committed to making it work. My hope is to be able to share some of my writing with you all as I work on this project. Your support over these last two years as meant the world to me. I'm grateful beyond measure.

Blessings,

July 2023

PCOP Updates

JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

10am-11am Coffee Hour
11:00am Worship & Communion
(with Baptist Church)

MONDAY, JULY 3RD

No Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

Office Closed; Independence Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH

10am Sale Pricing

THURSDAY, JULY 6TH

4pm Sale Setup

FRIDAY, JULY 7TH

9am-4pm Community Meal
Parking Lot Sale

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH

10:00am Worship @ Baptist
Church (209 E Union St.)

MONDAY, JULY 10TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

10am-11am Coffee Hour
11:00am Worship

MONDAY, JULY 17TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, JULY 18TH

2:00pm Community Meal Prep

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH

4:30pm Community Meal

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

10am-11am Coffee Hour
11:00am Worship

MONDAY, JULY 24TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

10am-11am Coffee Hour
11:00am Worship

MONDAY, JULY 31ST

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

**Note that Erin will be away from
July 8th through July 22nd

FINANCIAL UPDATE & ATTENDANCE - JUNE 2023

| | Offering | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|---------------|
| May 28th | \$5,453.30 | 45 (0 online) |
| June 4th | \$4,095.00 | 43 (1 online) |
| June 11th | \$1,570.00 | 45 (0 online) |
| June 18th | \$2,255.00 | 43 (1 online) |
| June 25th | \$2,605.00 | 58 (1 online) |

May 2023 Financial Statement

| | Current | Year to Date | Budget |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Receipts | \$11,636.71 | \$88,081.00 | |
| Disbursements | \$16,021.47 | \$86,271.62 | \$193,678.00 |
| Total | -\$4,384.76 | \$1,809.38 | |



FLOWER SCHEDULE - JULY & AUGUST

JULY 2nd: Piano in honor of our nation's independence from Butch & Sandy Philliber. Urns in memory of Richard Fetterman from Linda Fetterman.

JULY 9th: 10am Worship @ Baptist Church, no flowers

JULY 16th: Table & Urns (open)

JULY 23rd: Table & Urns (open)

JULY 30th: Table & Urns (open)

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.

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.

July 2023

Church Activities & Announcements

Prayer List

Marge Brennan
Duane & Pam Carr
Betty Cessna
Robin Cochran
Kate Doverspike
The Graham Family
Barb Hanley
Martha Irvin
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 in the fall!

Birthdays

July 3rd: Benjamin Fezell
July 6th: Olivia Isenberg
 Elyse White
July 7th: Devin Williams
July 10th: Jef Dinsmore
July 24th: Richelle Fait
 Barbara Williams
July 26th: Robin Biesinger
 Zach Roberts
July 31st: David Rose

Mahjong Mondays

Mahjong Mondays are officially up and running! We will continue to meet every Monday in July from 10am-12pm in the Seminar Room (*note that Mahjong will be cancelled on July 3rd in early observance of Independence Day). Mahjong Mondays are beginner-friendly, with all levels and Punxsutawney community members welcome. Don't know how to play Mahjong? We'll teach you!

July Community Meal

This month's community meal will be held Wed. July 19th at 4:30pm. The menu is B-B-Q Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Coleslaw & "Very Cherry" Bubble Bars for dessert.

Meal prep will be Tues. July 18th at 2:00pm. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Donna Anderson (814-592-1001).



Community Meal Parking Lot Sale

The Community Meal Parking Lot Sale is officially scheduled for Friday, July 7th from 9:00am - 4:00pm, and we need your help!

We will need volunteers with the following:

Item pricing & organization - 10:00am, Wednesday, July 5th
Carrying items & setting up tables - 4:00pm, Thursday, July 6th
Hourly shifts during the sale - 9am-4pm, Friday, July 7th

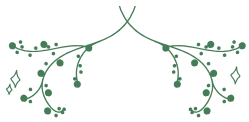
If you are able to volunteer, please contact the church office at 814-938-5560. Other questions may also be directed to Donna Anderson at 814-592-1001.

For those donating items, we welcome and encourage you to put prices on items before dropping them off in the back of the church dining room. We will especially need assistance with carrying items; if you are healthy and strong we would love to have you there on July 6th! Tables will be set up outside and covered with blue tarps for overnight. If you have any extra blue tarps we can borrow for that time, please bring them to the church office. If rain should be forecasted, we'll have the sale inside.

For those donating items, you will be able to reclaim anything unsold at the end of the sale from 4:00pm to 4:15pm. Any items left unclaimed at 4:15pm will be donated to Goodwill.

Liturgist Schedule

- July 2: Erin Kobs
- July 16: Marion Asel
- July 23: Lee Blose
- July 30: Joyce Cooper
- 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



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 June Community Meal a success! We prepared and distributed a total of 172 meals. Want to join us in July? Contact Donna Anderson at 814-592-1001.



Donna Anderson
Mashed Potato Magistrate



Nancy Pearce
Meatloaf Manager



Lee Blose
Pot Stirrer



Joanne Mennetti
Cranberry Connoisseur



Jean Hughes
Poke Cake Professional



Laura Jenary
Dessert Aficionado



Karen Offutt
Community Meal Quipster



Joel Anderson
Drive-thru Supervisor



Best T-Shirt: Awarded to Lee Blose
Shirt reads: "I think I'll just put an 'OUT OF ORDER' sticker on my forehead and call it a day!"





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June Community Meal

