



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

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Elders Class of 2020

*****WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK*****

- Kevin Justice
- Tammy Seidick
- Dave Sentiwany
- Joyce Wheeler

Elders Class of 2021

- Sue Butchinski
- MaryAnn Miller
- Melody Faisetty
- John Faisetty

Elders Class of 2022

- Carl Moran
- Sandy Moran
- Barbara Quigg
- Carol Snyder

Deacons Class of 2020

- Janet Keck
- Archie Myers
- Donna Fink

Deacons Class of 2021

- Donna Pontician
- Samara Mebane
- Karen Sentiwany
- Carol Steigerwalt

Deacons Class of 2022

- Carol Clancy
- Megan Justice
- Maddie Stettler
- Jayne Stevens

Letter from the Pastor



A few months ago, when we were still gathering in person, I gave a children’s sermon on the Five Finger Prayer. The kids liked the sermon okay, but it was a particularly huge hit with the adults. Several people asked me later for a copy, and I’ve heard a few people mention it since then. I guess when something resonates with us, it really resonates!

I was thinking about the Five Finger Prayer this week because we are about to launch a summer sermon series on prayer. For the next few Sundays, the sermon will be focusing on why we pray, how to pray, answered and unanswered prayer, intercessory prayer, etc.

So to start us off, I thought we’d revisit the Five Finger Prayer. To use this simple yet incredibly effective prayer, look at the fingers of your hand. Each of your digits reminds you of a specific prayer:

Thumb: Pray for those closest to you, like your family. Pray for their health, safety, and spiritual wellbeing.

Pointer Finger: Those who point you in the right direction, such as teachers, doctors, your pastor, and so on. When you pray, ask for wisdom and guidance.

Center Finger (the tallest): The government and other appointed leaders. Pray for their wisdom and strength.

Ring Finger (the weakest): Those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray for these people too much.

Pinkie Finger (the smallest): Pray for ourselves and our own needs.

The Five Finger Prayer is intended as a model to teach children how to pray, but – aside from the Lord’s Prayer – I find it to be one of those most powerful examples of how all of us should pray. For others the most, and for ourselves the least. I will say more about this in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, I hope you’ll join me in praying the Five Finger Prayer for those we love, for our world, and for ourselves.

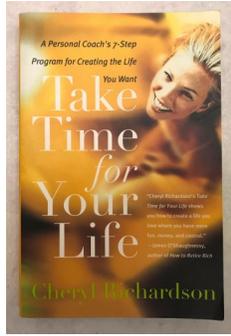


Blessings and love,
Pastor Christy



Paul Dyer Health Library:

This month we feature “Take Time for Your Life” by Cheryl Richardson. A personal coach’s 7-step program for creating the life you want!



PER CAPITA FOR 2020

The Per Capita for 2020 has increased to **\$39.10**.

Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program. Please contact Eileen Tremblay for information. This program is based on income.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE: The church exterior needs some tender loving care. The brickote exterior was first installed in 1951 and has been repaired several times since. There are many shades of white, gray and green (mold and copper stain) on the building. The Property Committee is soliciting contractor bids to do the following work:

Tree and bush removal/trimming, copper roof cap replacement with aluminum, missing/loose brickote surface replacement, painting or pressure washing/sealing.

This project will hopefully be completed by the end of October 2020. For details contact John Faisetty at 610-264-0416.

From our Deacon’s

Although we haven’t been able to meet during the pandemic, your **DEACONS** have continued to carry out their mission to serve our congregation and community. Because of income reductions and ever rising prices, especially food, we have begun to issue **Giant gift cards** to families and/or individuals who are truly struggling to make ends meet. If you should find yourself in this situation, **please reach out to us** and let us know. Just contact Pastor Christy or any of the deacons listed on this newsletter front page, and we will privately and discreetly try to help.

On the other side of the coin, maybe you are in a position to **donate** to the deacons to keep this program going. If so, could you write a check payable to “First Presbyterian Church” with “Deacons Fund” on the memo line? Thank you so much! And as Pastor Christy has said, **“We’ll get through this together because God’s got this!”** Carol Clancy: cjclancy@rcn.com

New Eyes for the Needy

The Mission Committee is continuing their collection of used (good condition) eyeglass. The glasses will be mailed to New Eyes, a non-profit agency located in New Jersey. New Eyes volunteers are specially trained to test and sort the glasses into different categories-after which they are distributed through international charities and small medical missions. All prescription glasses, reading and sun are appreciated. Even your inexpensive readers are used. Please make sure the glasses are not broken. There is a ‘bucket’ on the table in Fellowship Hall. The Mission Committee thanks you for your help with this project.



Offering Options:

Mail: Send to the church mailing address: 3005 S. Front Street, Whitehall, PA 18052

PayPal: Go to church website and click on "Make An Offering" link or go to: bit.ly/HokeyPresPayPal

You do not need a PayPal account. PayPal accepts all major credit and debit cards. *Please note your giving envelope number in the "Notes" section on the PayPal page.*

Dropoff: Just drop your envelope thru the mail slot in the front door of the Sunday School wing.

Website: Visit hokeypres.org for any news updates, worship service videos, and an archive of church newsletters.

Livestream of online Sunday worship service: Go to www.facebook.com/HokeyPres and click on "Videos". The live video will show up around 9:55 AM with a red "Live" graphic on the video image. Comment on the video to let us know you are present and say hi to fellow congregants!

Missed a worship service Missed a worship service? All videos from March 2020 onward are available for viewing on the church website at hokeypres.org

Looking for people to share worship music for our online church services. Do you have a piece of worship music (religious music only, we don't have licensing permission to livestream secular music) you would like to share during an upcoming online church service? Share your singing voice or instrument playing by sending a message to Pastor Christy at revchristyk@gmail.com and let's get that coordinated. You can record the music piece at home and Pastor Christy can play the music during the online service.

Tammy Seidick, Session Communication Committee



Livestream! Coming soon to our church!

Livestream worship services from our sanctuary are coming soon. Plans are being made to allow us to continue live streaming our worship services even after Session deems it safe for our congregation to return to the church building for in-person worship. Moving forward, if you are ill or unable to join us for in-person worship, you will still be able to watch a livestream from Facebook Live. Service video recordings will also be available to view online afterward. Thank you to the Property Committee for working on this much needed project.



Committee

Tammy Seidick

Communication



Outdoor Worship in July



Our church entry-way has never looked more beautiful.

Prayer Requests: Do you have a joy to share or a concern to pray over? Please email prayer requests to Pastor Christy at revchristyk@gmail.com during the week and they will be included in an upcoming online Sunday service. Thank you!

We are organizing an email list! We need an efficient and quick way to reach all the members of our congregation and friends of our church. If you have an email and would welcome news and announcements via email, please send your email address to hokeypres@gmail.com along with your name.

August Birthdays:

Aug. 1: Shane Fillman

**Aug. 7: Vanessa Schlosser James
Stephanie Bennett**

Aug. 8: William Michael Ducko

Aug. 9: Jeanne McNeill

**Aug. 12: John Wheeler
Celia Overby**

Aug. 13: Janet Bloszinsky

Aug. 18: Barbara Quigg

Aug. 20: Chris Mondschein

Aug. 23: Linda Schlosser

**Aug. 26: Melissa Scheirer
(Fillman)**

Aug. 27: Jayne Stevens



IT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENCE EXPERI-

ENCE! Have you ever taken the time to look at our church website? Our church newsletter is there and it is a whole different experience reading it on line—it's in **color** and the photos are **crystal clear**. You might even like it better than the paper version—by switching to the on line version you would be saving the church the cost of a stamp, paper, copier toner etc. Let the office know your preference.

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: The more engagement our church Facebook page receives, the more Facebook will make our page visible to followers and friends. So, take a minute to visit our page at www.facebook.com/HokeyPres and make sure you "like" the page, "follow" and "turn on" your notifications.

Remember to save your Redner Tapes and you soda can tabs, and Box Tops for Education. In Fellowship Hall.





Please drop a card or note to our members who, because of health or transportation problems, find it difficult to worship with us Sunday morning.

Mrs. Jane Periera	5575 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045
Mrs. James DeWalt	Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104
Dolly Kramlich	Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #206 Allentown, PA 18102
Mrs. Lila Bowman	3422 Thomas St., Whitehall, PA 18052
Jean Krall	Sacred Heart By the Creek, 602 E. 21st St., Room 218, Northampton, PA 18067
Edith Scheirer	Atria Asst. Liv, 1745 W. Macada Rd., Rm. 291, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Mae Hart	Devon House, 1930 Bevin Drive, Allentown, PA 18103

Deborah Altorfer

Raina Gomez

Mary Ellen Oroskey

Matthew Yudt

Stephanie Baily

Maria Gontkosky

Jane Periera

Children at the Mission of the Good Shepherd,

Barbara Bartholomew

Charlie Grim

People in the Military

Karen Becker

Glenn Harris

Angie Pontician

People suffering from depression.

Cory Borger

Pamela Henckel

Phil Porter

People who are suffering because of the virus.

Bonnie Brandmeir

Matthew Hess

Jacob Rivera

Lila Bowman

Nicky Hudack

Linda Schlosser

Susan Chandler

Joe Kanusky

Becky Shreck

Elizabeth Connors

Linda Kramaranko

Joshua Scoble

Kathy Cutter

Rosemary Kravenko

Rowan Sharrar

Esther DeWalt

Judy Kresley

Jim Shedlauskas

Michael Dobry

Christine Landrith

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Doreen

Jaden Leiby

Donna Walck

Lib Dorwart

Ivy Lynch

Carol Walker

Dolly Dougherty

McKnight Family

Dave Weikel

Brenda Feiller

Juliet Malay

John Wheeler

Peter Gilbert

Dave Martin

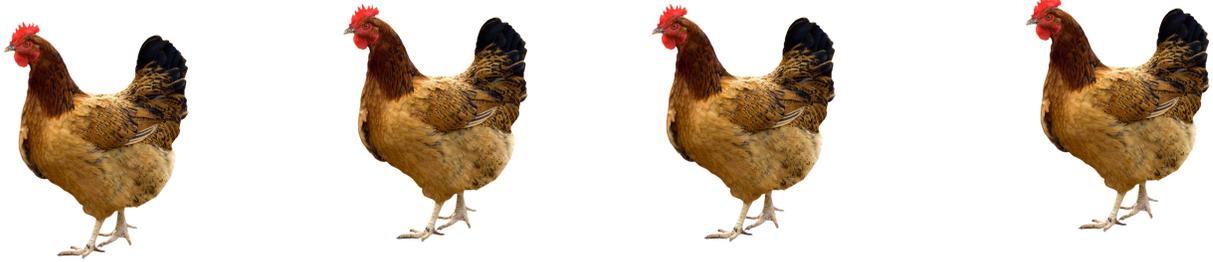
Mike Woodling

Rebekah Gilbert

Kathy Micio

Vance Woodley





Well, it wasn't as much fun for the kids this year choosing things from the Presbyterian Gift Catalog. They met with teachers at the end of June during a zoom meeting. It's always better to do anything in person, yet the Sunday school students were familiar with Zoom from their "pajammin" sessions with Pastor Christy.

I was very glad to see how prepared they were for the event, thanks to "Miss Eileen", who mailed catalogs to their homes. It was quite evident that they gave their selections serious thought before the meeting, too.

The items were purchased with One Great Hour of Sharing (and fish banks) funds which totaled \$300.00.

Items included 1 fishing net, 1 sewing machine, 1 kitchen kit, 1 piglet, 2 families of chickens, 1 water filter, 1 set of school supplies and 4 sets of farming tools. When Mr. Tucker Burke heard what we were doing, he graciously gave a donation to purchase two more piglets! We thank him very much for his generosity.

And we applaud the students and their parents as they carefully chose items to help others around the world.

I must admit, I miss our Sunday school kids. I miss Noah and his energy; I miss seeing Ezra learning to toddle up the church aisle; I miss all the girls sitting up in the front of the sanctuary and all of them going up for children's chats; I miss Briahna who is always willing to help hand out stuff at church and help with Fellowship; Isabella and Brayden were baptized and I miss them; he's probably running around by now too! I miss Maddie! I know she's not a Sunday school student any more, but I miss her warmth and smile and kindness and caring ways. All of these wonderful kids are true blessings to our church family!!

Speaking of the fish banks, of course you may continue to feed them because monies from them will be used for the Whitehall Food Bank, to which our church donates monthly. As a matter of fact, someone just called me this week and asked if she could drop off her fish. I told her of course and thought that maybe we could get some coins back into circulation! Thanks again for all your donations to OGHS, the Food Bank, and other worthy mission causes!

Stay well and safe!

Melody

Mission Committee

