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PASTOR’S COLUMN

REV. DR. ROBERT COOK *Interim Pastor*

These are turning out to be hard and difficult times, and that is also true for all Christian congregations. The divisions we experience as a nation are also affecting the Church—all churches. It is too easy to draw a line against others with whom we disagree. Some decide to side politically with one or the other. Others stay away from the discussion entirely. But there is a third and a better option: *to live by our principles and not by our politics.*

Dr. David Brubaker, writer and professor emeritus from Eastern Mennonite University shared in a recent article that he chooses to live by three significant principles to guide him to sort through the divisive issues facing us in this time. I’ll sketch them out here.

The first is found in the primacy of Scripture. We are “people of the book” -the Bible. Even the design of our Sanctuary is focused on the primacy of scripture, as the pulpit is central to the architecture of our building. As we carefully read scripture it is clear that God has always outlined a deep and special concern for the most vulnerable people, those on the margins of society, and in particular for aliens and sojourners.

- Deuteronomy 15:10-11: "Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you:

'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land'".

- Proverbs 14:31: "Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God".
- Isaiah 58:6-7: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: ... to release the oppressed, to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter?".
- Psalm 72:12-13: "For he delivers the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death".

Further, God's people are under obligation to help the poor, suffering, strangers and weak.

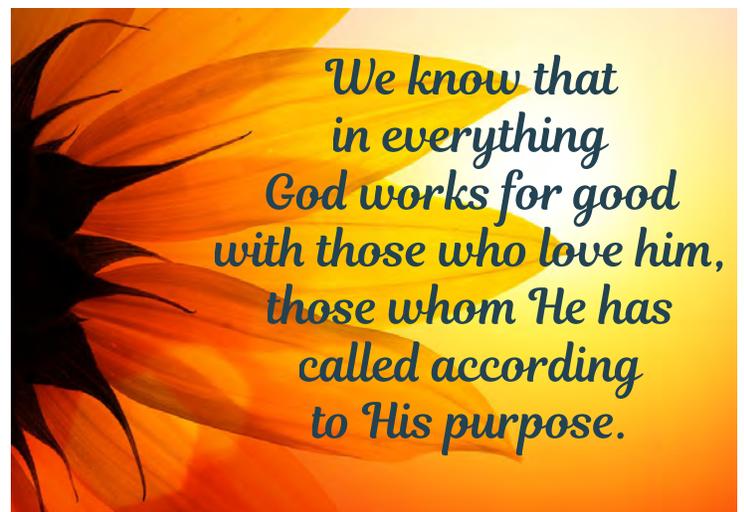
- Luke 14:14: "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.
- Matthew 25:40: "In as much as you have done this for one of these my brothers and sisters, you have done it unto me..."

There are about 200 or more passages in scripture—both Old and New Testament texts, that speak to this principle. This is no minor issue for us to ignore. Rather, we are to receive these texts seriously.

Secondly, we are to follow the example of Jesus and refuse to hate. This is not easy no matter what brand of news or commentator we tend to listen to or follow. Again, Scripture directs us to focus our attention on Jesus and to learn from him. Martin Luther King, Jr, said: ***"Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction."*** We are seeing the destructive cycle of violence at every turn in our time. It is not easy to love those who hate you or wish violence upon you. It is far too easy to hate but do we want to live in a world where the violence reaches such a dramatic level that we can

barely leave the protection of home to even venture to the supermarket without fear, much less send our children to school or attend a public function?

Jesus calls us to be salt and light. He calls to live by the principle of loving our neighbor as ourselves. He calls us to do no harm, but to do good to each person we meet. We are certainly not seeing that in the movies, the media, in the political realm or the social realm. God's love, working through a heart given to him is capable of sharing the greatest love that exists. That is our calling.



The third principle is stewardship. ***"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,"*** (Psalm 24:1) declares that God, as the creator, has absolute ownership and authority over the earth, its inhabitants, and all the fullness within it. This foundational concept asserts that nature and all life belong to God, emphasizing God's sovereignty, power, and wisdom in creation. (God seems to favor Presbyterians with this understanding of God's sovereignty.)

In the early years of this present century, many cases of child abuse and neglect in churches came to light. This changed many rather laissez-faire approaches to how care for children. Some people reacted and refused to heed the warning signs. At first, I thought it was much ado about nothing until I encountered some who had endured such abuse. I thought: *What would I not do to care for the*

children in my ministry to help them be and feel safe, protected, and cared for? I will do anything to make even one child feel safe, protected, and cared for! This extends to caring for all of God's creation, for all of us are stewards of God's creation, both human and natural. (We could do more at GPC to be "greener" in our approach to what we use and do).

Today's deeply polarized political climate makes the challenge of these tensions between nation and faith, politics and principles even more pressing. So, its not enough to just say we have these principles. It's much more important to live them out in our daily living. We can start by studying scripture (best done in a small group) and taking the texts seriously enough to make the changes we need to make.

If the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in us, as the writer of Hebrews 13:20-21 writes, then we have the power to live by principle. These principles are a good start.

– Pastor Robert Cook

GREENCASCADE-ANTRIM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 9:30 am
Greencastle Evangelical Lutheran Church

"Come Closer"

Guest Speaker: Karen Harbaugh

Karen is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She sings on her church worship team, teaches children's Sunday School, serves as a "listener" for Joy El Bible release. She is also an avid reader, gardener, and a retired church secretary after 25 years of service.

Music: Abby McElhiney

- No reservation necessary ● Lunch optional
- Free-will offering accepted

***All are welcome to attend
and bring a friend!***



The Blessing of the Pets

October 5th after the Morning Worship Service

Did you know that both dogs and cats have patron saints? The patron saint for dogs is Saint Roch (also known as Rocco). He is always depicted with a dog, which found him while he was ill with the plague, licked his wounds, and brought him food. Saint Roch is known by dog owners for the protection of their pets, who are also considered "man's best friend." His feast day is celebrated on August 16th.

Saint Gertrude of Nivelles (born 626 AD) is widely considered the patron saint of cats. Known for her compassion and hospitality, she was called upon to ward off rodents, leading to the belief that she watched over cats, ensuring their safety and well-being. Her feast day is celebrated on March 17th.

Not sure if snakes have a patron saint, but if they do, its certainly not St. Patrick, who reportedly drove out all the snakes from Ireland and whose day is also observed on March 17th.

It's become a tradition at GPC to observe the Sunday nearest to October 5th for the Blessing of the Pets. This is a tradition going back to St. Francis of Assisi, who looked upon all of creation, human, animal and natural as gifts from God to be cherished. We will gather with you and your pets on the east lawn of the Church following the morning worship service.

It's a wonderful day to invite a friend to come and have their pet blessed. The pastor will bless each pet and hand out pet treats.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RACHEAL MARCONI BOWMAN Moderator

KERI PAPA Acting Director

COLLEEN SEIDEL Youth Group Leader

Our next committee meeting is on
Tuesday, October 7th @ 6:30 pm

Come join us to help build our Christian Education programs which include Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Studies, Faithful Families events and Community Camp.

Sunday School- WE NEED YOU!

We are thankful to all who stepped in to serve our children last year in Sunday School and/or Nursery. We will need more volunteers to step up to make Sunday School available to children each week in the fall. We average around 8-10 children a week. We have a ready-to-go curriculum available, some even have word-for-word scripts for what to say. Please consider volunteering once a month or every other month. See Keri or Racheal if you are willing to serve your church in this way. Below are the links to get your clearances if you don't already have them. [You can sign up online here.](https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx)

****If we do not have two adults each week to serve in the classroom, Sunday School class will be canceled and children will need to stay in the Sanctuary with their parents or guardians.****

Links to Clearances

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/Criminal-Background-Check.aspx>

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAITHFUL FAMILIES OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on **Sunday, October 5th** for a movie night. Arrive at 6:45, the movie **Chariots of Fire** will begin at 7. Light snacks will be provided. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. In the event of inclement weather, we will move inside for the movie.

MORE CE EVENTS, DETAILS COMING

11/26 – Thanksgiving Card Making

12/14 – Christmas Caroling, Rain Date 12/13

Stay tuned... Operation Christmas Child (OCC) and Angel Tree information will be coming out soon! We look forward to your support to make these events a success. OCC boxes are due back November 16th.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

We are excited to announce that Colleen Seidel has been named the new Youth Group Leader. She was a member of the group herself and has grown up in this church. **Youth group meeting dates for October are 10/5 and 10/19.**

"September saw the beginning of the Youth Group year with two fun-filled meetings. Our kickoff featured games to get to know each other (If you could time travel, would it be to the past or the future?) and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar, complete with gummy bears and Lucky Charms. The second meeting hosted a relay race to get dressed for the day, granny panties and all!

Our discussions have focused on welcoming each other as Christ has welcomed us and considering how the Ten Commandments apply to our daily lives. A big thank you to the parents and adults who have already volunteered to help with the meetings. We look forward to seeing our youth return for more as the year goes on."

If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, or if you'd be interested in volunteering with the group, please contact Colleen at gpc.youth17225@gmail.com.

FALL BIBLE STUDY AT GPC

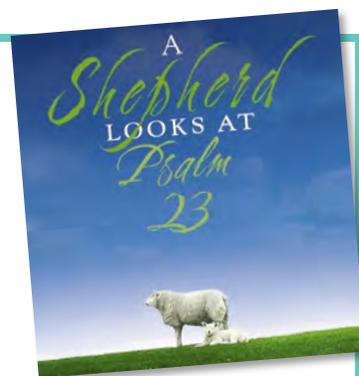
Please join

Erin Herrmann and

Jim Papa to examine

Psalm 23 using the

book by Phillip Keller entitled "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" Held on Sundays at 8:45 am in the Edwards Room from Sept. 28 thru Dec. 14.





American Guild of
ORGANISTS

Hymn Festival

GREENCastle PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
57 W. Baltimore St. Greencastle, PA 17225

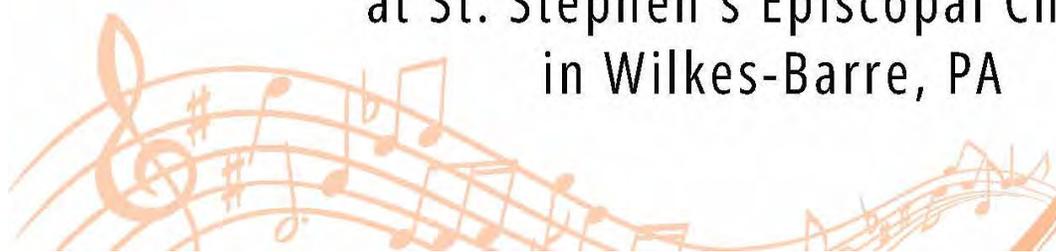
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2025
2:00 PM

*FREE & OPEN to the public

PRESENTED BY:

Canon Mark Laubach

Organist and Choirmaster
at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
in Wilkes-Barre, PA



CLERK'S REPORT

JENNIFER ROBERTSON *Clerk of Session*

**GREENCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Thursday, August 14, 2025
in the Social Room beginning at 6:35 pm**

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the candle.

RULING ELDERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Ackerman, Anne Larew, Racheal Marconi Bowman, JoAnne Lewis, Carole Malin, Dee Patton, Phil Pearce, Jenn Robertson
Clerk: Jenn Robertson

The **Moderator** was Pastor Caroline Vickery, Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, PA.

Ruling Elder Anne Larew offered a devotion and a prayer.

Clerk's Report: ACTIONS: Approved minutes of June 12, 2025, Joint Meeting for Elders and Deacons and the Regular Session Meeting.

Worship attendance on July 6, 2025 was 75, Communion celebrated by all with 14 livestream views. Worship attendance on August 3, 2025, our Old Home Week Service was 276 with 31 livestream views. Worship attendance on August 10, 2025, was 59, Communion celebrated by all with 8 livestream views. Church Roll through July 31, 2025 is 144. Jenn Robertson attended the Company of Clerks Meeting on July 28, 2025.

ACTION. Approved Clerk's Report.

Financial Report	June 2025	July 2025
Beginning Balance	\$24,589.21	\$ 9,980.78
Receipts	\$16,827.22	\$47,045.31
Disbursements	\$31,435.65	\$23,291.83
Ending Balance.....	\$ 9,980.78.....	\$33,734.26

ACTION. Approved the June 2025 and July 2025 Financial Reports.

Per Capita giving to date remains 41%.

Boundary Training: Training completed by Deacon Emily Johnson on July 29, 2025.

Virtual Motions: AFFIRMED THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS. Approved new dates for the Summer Pool Party at the Moss Spring Swim Club on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 8:00pm. (rain date: Thursday, July 3, 2025, same time) due to scheduling conflicts with the original dates. Approved use of the Social Room on Sunday, August 17, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm by the Kerstetter family to host a baby shower for Amber Kerstetter Kelly.

Pastor Nominating Committee: May 15, 2025, June 26, 2025 and July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes received.

Personnel: ACTION: Approved the employment of Colleen Seidel as the part-time Youth Group Leader, contingent up the successful completion of reference checks and the positive completion of background clearances: Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse History Clearance from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Check. Annual Salary: \$4,500.00

Christian Education: ACTIONS: Approved Rally Day for September 21, 2025.

Approved the following Faithful Families events:

- October Movie on Saturday, October 5, 2025 (will be moved into the Social Room if inclement weather develops)
- Thanksgiving Card Making from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 26, 2025
- Caroling on Sunday, December 14, 2025 (Saturday, December 13, 2025 inclement weather date).

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bob on vacation.

Old Business: ACTION: Accepted recommendations for the removal of members from Church Roll.

New Business: ACTION: Accepted, with deep gratitude, the resignation of Fred Young as President of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church Corporation.

CLERK'S REPORT CONTINUED

Moss Spring Graveyard Association: ACTIONS:

Approved the Joint Meeting of the Moss Spring Graveyard Association Directors and Session to begin at 8:15 pm. Accepted, with deep gratitude, the resignation of Craig Welterlen as Vice President of the Association. Approved Anne Larew to serve as Vice President of the Association. Approved the closure of the Joint Meeting and return to the Regular Session Meeting at 8:27 pm.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Caroline and with The Lord's Prayer in unison at 8:35 pm.

**Pastoral Nominating Committee Update**

The PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee) is still meeting regularly and reviewing applications from the CLC (Church Leadership Connection) database. Sadly, there are not enough quality applicants at this time. We are also researching additional advertising methods so that our job posting is reaching a wider audience.

Women's Day Retreat

Saturday, November 15th – 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Feel overwhelmed? Need a break from life's busy-ness? Believe that the Lord is calling you to do "something," but you're over-committed and have no bandwidth? You are invited to a Table Connections Women's Retreat at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA 17225 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE Saturday November 15, 2025 9:30AM to 1:30PM



This retreat is led by Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber, a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our anchor scripture is Romans 12:13 "Take every opportunity to open your life and home to others." All are welcome; bring a friend! Our gift of any amount at the door – suggested \$25 –

covers lunch (\$9) and supports Pastor Katy in ministering to those who cannot afford to pay for care, coaching or consulting. There's room for 25 women. Call the Trinity church office to register by November 6: 717.597.9348 (please leave your name and phone number)

**GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM
FOOD PANTRY**

717-597-8333 ext. 2

gafoodpantry@gmail.com

Call or email to schedule a time to drop off the food donations.

Thursday, October 2

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday

October 8 & 15

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS

CEREAL

PASTA SAUCE IN CANS OR PLASTIC
MAC & CHEESE

SOUPS

CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

*In anticipation of Thanksgiving
these items will be appreciated*

SWEET POTATOES

GREEN BEANS

TURKEY OR CHICKEN GRAVY

TURKEY OR CHICKEN STUFFING MIX

MUSHROOM SOUP

MASHED POTATO MIXES

Any non-perishable food items
are greatly appreciated.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!***



Church Safety Seminar

Active shooter training for churches focuses on empowering congregations with proactive response plans, moving beyond passive lockdowns to incorporate strategies like Run, Hide, Fight and the newer ALICE (*Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate*) method. Key training components include forming a dedicated safety team, practicing drills, and building a strong relationship with local law enforcement.

Sadly, active shooter incidents at faith-based locations are on the rise. Tragic events like the 2017 shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, and others, have highlighted the vulnerability of worship spaces. These incidents underscore the urgent need for a congregation to have a plan in place.

- Churches face a set of challenges that make security complex:
- Open-door policies are foundational to a church's mission, but they can make threat detection and prevention more difficult.
- Large, diverse gatherings mean that churchgoers range in age and ability, making coordinated responses challenging.
- Limited or no security personnel, often volunteers, may not be trained to handle emergency situations.
- Legal and ethical responsibilities must also be considered. Churches have a duty of care to protect the people who gather within their walls.

These factors make it clear: developing a realistic, accessible active shooter response plan is not just prudent—it's critical.

We will host Police Chief Jason Batistig, of the Greencastle Police Department. We urge the congregation to make every effort to attend this training seminar.

A date for this event has yet to be determined – stay tuned.



BOARD OF DEACONS

DEBRA E. MILLER *Moderator*

The Board of Deacons meeting was held on September 18, 2025, at 6:30pm in the Edwards Room.

We prayerfully reflect on these highlights from the past month:

1. Reviewing Book of Order, G-2.02 Deacon: The Ministry of Compassion and Service
2. Connecting with those in our care cells by word, cards, and deeds.
3. Diligence of our prayer ministry
4. Updating addresses of GPC college students.
5. Delivering Chancel flowers, September 7, 2025.
6. Hosting coffee, refreshments, and fellowship on September 28, 2025.
7. Participated in the Service of Confirmation for Brooklyn Barnhart, Nate Herrmann, Chloe Kingsley, and Liam Papa by writing notes of congratulations and pride, encouragement for the future and celebrating their commitment to their faith.

We look forward to serving by:

1. Communion training with Pastor Cook in October.
2. Offering home communion to our shut-ins.

We encourage you to contact your Deacon to share your thoughts, concerns, and ways we can serve you as well as reporting any change of address, phone numbers, and email addresses. We ask for your prayers as we serve GPC.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEE PATTON *Moderator*

Special Events committee was busy in September with the Church Picnic and Rally Day/ Confirmation. The church picnic, which was held at Antrim Township Park on September 14, was attended by 76 people + 2 dogs. Everyone enjoyed chicken from Martin's and all the side dishes that were provided by the congregation. Thanks to everyone who brought delicious food and helped with set up and clean up.

A Coffee Hour reception was held after the service on September 21, with snacks and a cake to honor those who completed the Confirmation program.

We are still in need for anyone that feels called to help out on the Special Events committee. See Dee Patton (717-377-3725) with any questions.



On September 21, 2025 Greencastle Presbyterian Church welcomed four newly confirmed members:

Liam Emmanuel Papa

Nathaniel Thomas Herrmann

Chloe Catherine Kingsley

Brooklyn Harper Barnhart

In response to God's gracious call, the newly confirmed members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church into which they were baptized, publicly professed their faith and plan to devote themselves to the church's teaching and fellowship to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

*As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

– Galatians 3:27

OUTREACH / MISSION

MARY ANN ACKERMAN *Moderator*

POLLY COULTER *Mission Committee Chair*

The Outreach/Mission Committee continues to actively discern God's will for our church, community, and beyond. Currently there are several people from our congregation on a mission trip to Laurel, Kentucky where they will build a house and help in a donation center among other tasks. We hope to have a presentation about their week once they are back home.

In recent months, we have continued to accept donations for the Tub of Warmth, Laurel Mission, and some items for Grace's Closet. Many people and families will be supported by your generous donations of clothing items. A special thank you to Nancy Lee Moore for donating hand-knit scarves, hats, and mittens for the Tub of Warmth! Donations can be placed in the drawer marked Tub of Warmth in the cabinet near the elevator.

We continue to stock the Little Free Library with your donated books. Our Little Free Library was heavily used this summer and books are always needed, especially children's books. Donations can be placed in the drawer marked Little Free Library in the cabinet near the elevator.

Once again this year, Missionaries from Cyprus, Michael and Grace, will be coming to GPC to speak. Please try to attend this special service on November 23rd to hear about current events overseas where they are located.

We will be participating in Heritage Christmas on the square December 5 and 12, once again handing out popcorn and church information to passersby. Volunteers will be needed so come to the square to help us meet and greet the community!

We look forward to the Mont Alto Chorale Concert to be held on Sunday evening Dec 7 at 7 p.m. Come hear the music, both sacred and secular songs, and enjoy Penn State Creamery ice cream afterwards. Bring your families and friends!

The Outreach/Mission Committee is always seeking new members. If you feel led to join this committee or have questions, please see Polly Coulter, Moderator, or Mary Ann Ackerman, Ruling Elder.

WORSHIP

ANNE LAREW *Moderator*

With a busy summer behind us, the Worship Committee is working on plans for a busy fall and Advent season. We will celebrate Communion on October 5 (World Communion Sunday) and have the annual Blessing of the Pets on the church lawn after the service. Bring your pets in person, or a picture of them so Pastor Bob can bless them individually. On November 2, we will conduct our All-Saints candle lighting as well as Communion. November 30 will be the first Sunday of Advent. We'd love to have your help decorating the sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 10 am. Many hands make light work, and if we have enough help, we can be done in less than two hours. We are also planning our family-friendly early Christmas Eve service, building on our success from 2024.

We have experienced many blessings in worship over the last few months. Here is what has stood out for me:

- Fred Davison has been able to provide us with wonderful music all through the choir's summer hiatus, including the great Old Home Week service he and Patti Divelbiss organized for the whole community. Over 270 people were in our sanctuary that Sunday, with many more live streaming. Rally Day and Confirmation Sunday music was wonderful! A great start to our fall season!
- Our June and July attendance numbers were robust, averaging around 90. The typical summer drop off did not occur until after Old Home Week. Rally Day and Confirmation Sunday saw us in the 130 range.
- Our live streaming numbers and YouTube channel hits remain steady. The Technology Team deserves kudos for their faithful service. This ministry is a crucial aspect of our worship. The use of the screens in worship continues to enhance our experience and keep us centered on worshipping God.
- We continue to see new faces in Sunday worship, many of whom are returning Sunday after Sunday.

I can't wait to see what blessings await. To God be the Glory!

Liturgists and Communion Servers



October 5 Colleen Seidel

Communion servers are
Becky Fic, Anne Larew, Debbie Wine, Ed Wine

October 12 Luke Barnhart

October 19 Anne Larew
Preaching – Kelsey Marshall, M. Div.

October 26 Sue Thompson





**Good and gracious God,
we surrender all worries and concerns
to you, knowing that we are
your beloved children. Our faith compels
that we rest in your infinite mercies.**

June Marshall health concerns

Patti Sechrist health concerns (*Marcie Tinninis*)

Alan Shope health concerns

Tim Walck health concerns

Mary Lou Riddle health concerns (*Mary Ann Ackerman*)

Mindy Grosh health concerns (*Dick & Donna Grosh's daughter-in-law*)

Michael Paylor complications from leg amputation
(*cousin of Weslie Johnson*)

Bill & Kathy Kendall health concerns
(*Weslie Johnson*)

Rev. Bill Beck (*Patti Divelbiss*)

Dan Patton health concerns

Bethany Yeager missionary work in South America
(*Scott Peterson & Candace Rutherford*)

Penny Mohler battling ovarian cancer (*Nancylee Moore*)

Cathy Thomas health concerns (*Beth Taylor's mother /
submitted by Sheila Gates*)

Sue Lum, recovering from broken kneecap
(*Fred Davison's sister*)

Frank & Tracey Toston health concerns
(*Scott Peterson*)

Sally Snyder health concerns

Chelsea White diagnosed with breast cancer,
mother of young twins (*Emily Johnson*)

Tim Reed health concerns

Lynne Leap recovering from a fall (*Barry Leap's mother*)

Gail Guyton diagnosed with brain tumor (*Diane Mills*)

Marvin & Nancy Rice health concerns (*Linda Thomas*)

David Myers health concerns (*Sue Myers*)

Frank Marconi health concerns (*Racheal Marconi Bowman*)

Kenny Reed cancer diagnosis

Todd Smith health concerns (*Marcie & Chuck Tinninis*)

John Stanton brain cancer (*co-worker of Scott Peterson*)

Tom Clopper health concerns (*Cindy Marconi*)

Leslie Moose (*Patsy Lee*)

Donna Bingaman health concerns (*Margery Benson*)

Jason Kinzer health concerns (*Deb Shank*)

Emmie White health concerns (*Jan Eppleman*)

Stephanie, Mike, and Alaina Klingensmith
(*Mary Ann Ackerman*)

Joseph Hams health concerns

Terri Brust health concerns (*Deb Shank*)

Helen Taulbee health concerns (*Polly Coulter's sister*)

Doc Greenawalt aggressive cancer (*Marcie Tinninis*)

David Pickart health concerns (*Margie Benson*)

Greg Harmon health concerns (*Sarah Harmon's husband*)

Bonnie Speaks bypass surgery with mobility issues

Cindy Widder health concerns (*Cindy Marconi*)

Donna & Sarah Stillwagon mental health concerns
(*Barry Leap's family*)

Carla Vickers cancer/mastectomy (*Barry & Beverly Leap*)

Kevin Taulbee health concerns (*Polly Coulter's nephew*)

Brandon Fisher health concerns

Please pray for the family of **Brandon Rice**
who recently passed away. Brandon is the nephew of
Brian and Bonnie Rice. May they be comforted
in their time of sorrow and grief.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2025

Wed October 1

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur October 2

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 6:00pm

Sun October 5

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Bible Study 8:45am
Worship 10:00am with Communion
followed by Coffee Fellowship
1st Sunday Food Drive / Blessing of the Pets
Youth Group 5:30pm
Faithful Families Movie Night 6:45pm

Tue October 7

CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed October 8

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur October 9

PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS GROUP 1:00pm
SESSION MEETING 6:30pm

Sat October 11

American Guild of Organists Hymn Festival 2:00pm

Sun October 12

Bible Study 8:45am
Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Tue October 14

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm

Wed October 15

Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry 9:00am
Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thur October 16 WORLD FOOD DAY

DEACONS MEETING 6:30pm

Sun October 19

Bible Study 8:45am
Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship
Dementia Caregivers 2:00pm

Wed October 22

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Sun October 26

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Bible Study 8:45am
Worship 10:00am followed by Coffee Fellowship

Wed October 29

Wednesday Prayer Circle 9:00am
Bell Choir 6:00pm
Chancel Choir 7:00pm
Ladies AA Meeting 7:00pm

Fri October 31 HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 **Pete & Mindy Barnhart (21)**

2 Brady Papa

5 Jan Eppelman

6 Alan Sucke

11 **Ryan & Brianne Marconi (1)**

12 **Craig & Judy Welterlen (57)**

15 Kara Herrmann

16 Luke Barnhart

18 Randall Ackerman

19 Becky Sucke

23 Kathie Wolfinger

28 **Ben & Erin Herrmann (25)**

29 Debby Pearce

31 Jan McClain

31 **Chuck & Jan McClain (44)**



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