



Graduate Spotlight

This year we celebrate Makayla Force as she graduates from from Berwick High School! Makayla will be attending Bloomsburg University and majoring in elementary and special education. She will also be a member of the BU track team! Congratulations Makayla!

Baccalaureate 2019

All are welcome to attend the 2019 Baccalaureate on **June 2nd at 2:00pm** in the Berwick High School auditorium. The baccalaureate Come celebrate with live music and a guest speaker. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kerbacher at kkerbacher@berwicksd.org.

Confirmation Class

On Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday – five of our teens will be joining First Presbyterian Church in Berwick as members. Mia Doll, Miles Doll, Leighton Force, Peyton Lipsey and Robbie Vasquez have spent the last six months in Confirmation class. They have faithfully engaged the process of understanding their own faith journey. Please join them in a warm welcome, both in worship and in a gathering time in the lounge after worship.

Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness

June 7th-9th

Orange is a color of warning. It represents the value of human life, worn by hunters in the woods to prevent an accidental shooting. It says: "I do not want to be the next victim of gun violence." Let's all wear orange **June 7-9** to start conversations and create change.

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A Posting from the Pastor

June nestles itself between two of our patriotic holidays: Memorial Day and the 4th of July. I am reading *THE TIME IS NOW* by Joan Chittister O. S. B., who has received numerous awards for her work on behalf of peace and women in church and society. This introduction to her book is a profoundly helpful and faith-driven word of encouragement and challenge, especially to those of us who align ourselves with God's vision for creation. Given the ongoing state of dissension, separation and America First fervor (matched by nationalism everywhere), I offer you these words for consideration and meditation:

In all my years traveling around the world, one thing has been present in every region, everywhere. One thing has stood out and convinced me of the certain triumph of the great human gamble on equality and justice.

Everywhere there are people who, despite finding themselves mired in periods of national darkness or personal marginalization refuse to give up the thought of a better future or give in to the allurements of a deteriorating present. They never lose hope that the values they learned in the best of times or the courage it takes to reclaim their world from the worst of times are worth the commitment of their lives. These people, the best of ourselves, are legion and they are everywhere.

It is the unwavering faith, the open hearts, and the piercing courage of people from every level of every society that carries us through every major social breakdown to the emergence again of the humanization of humanity. In every region, everywhere, they are the unsung but mighty voices of community, high-mindedness, and deep resolve. They are the prophets of each era who prod the rest of the world into seeing newly what it means to be fully alive, personally, nationally and spiritually.

It is to these average but courageous people who forever seek the truth, defend the weak, bring the peace, and always, always, always stand up to protest injustice – it is to you – that I dedicate this book.

We will celebrate the third of the Great Days of the Church in June: Pentecost. God's gift and Jesus' promise came to pass in wind and flame and power as the Holy Spirit birthed the Church. Several of our children have chosen to be confirmed and become part of God's kingdom on earth. We all have a duty to consider what our allegiance to the eternal realm means as we live out our days in a very human, very broken, very dysfunctional world. Never forget that **you** carry the power to love, to learn, to care and to give witness – no matter how small or seemingly insignificant.

I look forward to sharing the journey with you as we gather for worship each Sunday.

Pastor Steve

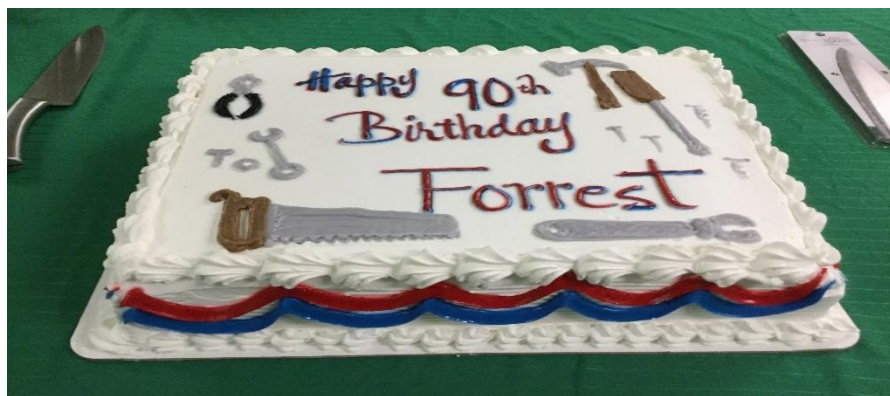
Craft Show Success!

The Girl Scout craft fair was held on Saturday May 11th and was a success! I was here in a triple capacity. Scout mom, YG Leader and vendor and I must say how proud Keith and I were of all the kids. The scouts were in charge of helping in all capacities but it was wonderful to also see our YG kids pitching in to help as well. They not only helped out with our bake sale they also handed out Krislund flyers, helped vendors carry their supplies up and down the stairs and were hospitable hosts taking and delivering food orders to vendors. Awesome job kids!



Thank you!

Our banquet was held on May 14th. A BIG thank you goes out to our kitchen helpers Ernie, Jim, Steve, Forrest, Eugeniu, Kevin, Keith, Jim, Ben, Jim, Walt and Robbie for your help. As always, the food and fellowship were great!



Who's in the Pulpit?

This month we welcome Sally Dries as our guest speaker on **June 16th**



Communion Dates 2019

June 9
July 28
October 6
November 3
December 1
December 24



Pastor Steve Engelhardt welcomes First Presbyterian Church, Berwick, new officers during worship. From left: Penny Siesko (Clerk), William D'Angelo (who was ordained as an Elder), Joan Thomas (Elder), Keith Botto (Deacon), Steve Hiller (Deacon), Barbara Huntingdon (Elder)



June Birthdays

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| Ben White | 6/12 |
| Steve Hiller | 6/14 |
| Ernie Botto | 6/23 |
| Mia Doll | 6/29 |

June Anniversaries

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| Harold & Sally Johnson | 6/1 |
| Wayne & Clio Strausser | 6/23 |

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!

June Assistants

June 2

Greeters: Bill & Shirley Birt

Ushers: Steve Hiller, Keith Botto

Assisting Elder: Barb Huntington

Acolyte: Tyrone Birt

June 9

Greeters: Janice Moskaluk

Ushers: Joan Thomas, Eugeniu Grigorescu

Assisting Elder: Penny Siesko

Acolyte: Emma Botto

June 16

Greeters: Penny Siesko

Ushers: Dave Force, Kevin White

Assisting Elder: Joan Thomas

Acolyte: Giuliana Force

June 23

Greeters: MaryAnn Marshman

Ushers: Jim Ross, Al West

Assisting Elder: Jim Ross

Acolyte: Morgan West

June 30

Greeters: Ernie & Joan Botto

Ushers: Walter & Alison Hause

Assisting Elder: Eugeniu Grigorescu

Acolyte: Tyrone Birt

Deacon Visitor for June: Steve & Karen Hiller

Have a wonderful month with family and friends!

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Worship service 10:15am

Sunday school for all ages during worship

Nursery available

