



PW Fall Gathering

Presbyterian Women will be holding their fall gathering **Saturday November 2nd at the FPC Bloomsburg**. Registration will begin at 9:30 with worship at 10:00. The programs theme is Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women. Martha Manning is the featured speaker. A short business meeting will follow the program. Lunch will be at noon provided by the women of FPC Bloomsburg.

Harvest Home Decorating

The Deacons will be meeting **Saturday November 16th** to create their Harvest Home display. They are looking for unique fall harvest items like antiques, canned goods, tools etc. All items will be returned. If you have anything you would like to include in the display please bring them by during the week or that day!

Hanging the Greens

We will be meeting **Saturday November 30th** to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands make light work. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Mark Your Calendar!

We are heading into the sweetest time of year. The holidays are upon us and the Deacons have planned a sweet event next month. A cookie exchange will be held **Sunday December 15th**. So, mark your calendar and start planning your sweet confections!

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A Posting from the Pastor

Elsewhere on these pages you will see the recommendations from our Canoeing the Mountains work team for the next several months. Since fewer than twenty were present last Sunday, let me speak to this list and our process.

We have reached the *experimenting* stage of the work we've been doing. We want to try out some ideas as they bubble up from the congregation as the Spirit does God's work among us. You will see a former practice renewed: caroling during the Christmas Boulevard. This time we are connecting with the other downtown churches (who are in the same numbers boat as we) to populate a choir (which is also open to anyone who wants to lend their voice to this effort). A weekend date will be chosen and we'll announce it to you.

We'll Souper Bowl it again this year under Kevin's leadership on February 3 – but also want to schedule a Game Afternoon in fellowship for folks who want to gather for this kind of activity. We're also in conversation with the Christian Church about a Chili Cook-off in these winter months.

We had our first 'faith conversation' at the conclusion of the men's breakfast this morning, with seven men participating. We're set up to continue on the last Wednesday of each month after breakfast.

We'll also launch 'Celebration Sunday' on the 4th Sunday, beginning in January: during worship we'll celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other accomplishments for that particular month during worship and follow it with a gathering time in the lounge.

Watch for other plans as we decorate the sanctuary on Nov. 30th, the Deacon's continue their 5th Sunday gathering, and other Advent and Christmas wrinkles. A new Confirmation Class makes its beginning this month as well.

The focus is always on two things: coming together in ways other than Sunday worship and supporting mission needs. We'll evaluate what works and put aside what doesn't – success is less important than the willingness to go beyond the status quo. As always, you take what you like and leave the rest though we hope you'll like more than you thought.

November and December offer unique worship too: from All Saint's Sunday to Harvest Home, the Reign of Christ Sunday (Nov. 24) which ushers in Advent and Christmas Eve. Precious times, meaningful times, heart and head hymns and carols, memories and making room for God's fresh and new calling.

God is still speaking at FPC; we are listening and responding as faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Looking to see you as we share this season together.

Pastor Steve

Church Crawl

We opted for an indoor Halloween event again this year. Our youth were anxious to decorate the building in eerie Halloween flair and they delivered! The hallways were transformed with spider webs and creepy hanging objects, the assembly hall was transformed into an eery cemetery. Approximately 94 area kids took a stroll through and enjoyed some tricks as they gathered their treats along the way!



Treefest Decorating

Our youth group will be participating in Treefest again this year. The theme for their tree is Superhero's. The day to decorate is **Sunday November 24th** at 1:00 at the Caldwell Consistory in Bloomsburg. The last year the youth did this event we made a box of food to make a Christmas meal and left it under the tree for the recipient. The giving process has changed through the Treefest organizers. Any food that is left under the tree will be donated directly to the Bloomsburg Food Pantry. Any toys left under the tree will be donated to a local Toys for Tots organization. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food items please leave those items in the office, on the back table of the sanctuary or see Keith or Heather Botto.

Ideas for the Future

The canoeing the mountains work team had a meeting in October to discuss ideas for upcoming events. Those events are **caroling on the front steps in December** with a combined choir. **Celebration Sunday** to begin in January and **Souper Bowl Sunday** in February. Other ideas discussed were a possible chili cook off with other churches, a pancake and sausage dinner, game afternoon in the winter downstairs and utilizing the screens in the best way possible with hookup in the basement so a television can be used there. These ideas were discussed with the congregation during worship service on October 20th.

Who's in the Pulpit?

We welcome back Tracy Fetzer as our guest speaker **November 17th**!



Communion Dates 2019

November 3

December 1

December 24



Study
**November 17th during
worship**

Treefest
November 24th

Run for the Diamonds
**November 28th prior to
race**



November Birthdays

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| Julie Hart | 11/2 |
| Brandon Birt | 11/4 |
| Wade Casaldi | 11/5 |
| Sally Johnson | 11/7 |
| Emma Botto | 11/9 |
| Wayne Strausser | 11/10 |
| Kathy Thomas | 11/16 |
| Debra Force | 11/23 |
| Penny Siesko | 11/27 |

Happy Birthday!

November Assistants

November 3

Greeters: Janice Moskaluk

Ushers: Dave Force, Kevin White

Assisting Elder: Joan Thomas

Acolyte: Giuliana Force

November 10

Greeters: Keith & Heather Botto

Ushers: Joan Thomas, Eugeniu Grigorescu

Assisting Elder: Penny Siesko

Acolyte: Morgan West

November 17

Greeters: Bill & Shirley Birt

Ushers: Tom & Barb Huntington

Assisting Elder: Jim Ross

Acolyte: Tyrone Birt

November 24

Greeters: Walter & Alison Hause

Ushers: Keith Botto, Ernie Botto

Assisting Elder: Eugeniu Grigorescu

Acolyte: Emma Botto

Deacon Visitor for November: Steve & Karen Hiller

Have a wonderful month with family and friends!

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Worship service 10:15am

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Salt + Light Youth Group

Nursery available

