



Presbyterian *times*

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Peace & Global Witness Offering

Now may the Lord of peace . . . give you peace at all times in all ways.
— 2 Thessalonians 3:16

The second letter to the Thessalonians was written on the same theme as the first: the imminent return of Jesus, and the triumphal resolution of God's plan for all creation. The need for a second letter, though, arose from growing uneasiness, frustration, and fear within the church from those who thought this was supposed to have happened already. God's time was not the Thessalonian's time. As a result, fear and hopelessness gripped the church, resulting in divisions, mistrust, and dismay that began to sap the church of its vibrant ministry. Paul writes to encourage their continued faith and sure hope. In the midst of divisions and discord, he claims a God of peace who can bring peace at all times, in all ways. The church of every time and place wrestles with the distance between our timeframe and expectations and God's. In God's time, even the small seeds we plant can grow into sturdy trees. In God's time, the fears we carry can be transformed into new partnership and hope. In God's time, our expectations can be expanded and surpassed by God's faithfulness. The 2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world. It is boundless peace God offers. It bursts through the shackles of time and expectation. It quiets the anxiety of each believer by joining us together, as we offer our prayer, Now, may the Lord grant us peace at all times in all ways.

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*Let there be
peace on
earth
and let it
begin with
me.*

Un-Mark Your Calendar

Due to scheduling conflicts our outdoor worship and picnic for September 9th has been cancelled. Stay tuned!

Choir Practice

The first practice for choir will be **Wednesday September 5th at 7pm**. All choir members and those interested in joining the choir are asked to attend practice.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Training

Our own Synod of the Trinity is hosting a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance training event to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Milton, 47 Walnut Street, Milton on **Wednesday, September 5**. The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **with a cost of \$10.00**. To register, please go to syntrinity.org/PDA. The deadline to register is **August 31**.

Our morning workshop is entitled **"Disaster Preparedness and Engagement,"** and in the afternoon we will give attendees a choice of either going to the **"Human Caused Disasters"** workshop or the **"How to Accompany People in Trauma"** workshop.

Active Shooter Training

Grove Presbyterian Church, 376 Bloom Road, Danville, is hosting **Active Shooter Training Saturday, September 22**. It is designed to help people learn what to expect and how to respond in an active shooter situation. The event will be from **9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. **The event is free**, but we are asking that people **register by calling the church office** at (570) 275-0692.

Youth on a Mission

Our youth met at the Salvation Army August 18th to serve a meal to those in need. They served 22 very appreciative people!



Bloomsburg Fair Vespers Service

Friday, September 21, 2018
5:30 pm Free Stage

A Tribute to our Veterans with Full Color Guard



Join fellow worshipers in a Community Choir
3 practices + 3 songs = 1 Free Fair Ticket

Choir Practice on Sundays at 2:00 pm
August 26th September 9th and 16th
First English Baptist Church
700 Millville Rd. Bloomsburg, PA

Special Performance by:
Raven Creek – Bluegrass Gospel

Guest Speaker:
Reverend Darwin Goshorn

Free Will Offering to Benefit the
Veterans of the Orangeville Manor

Lifeway Simulcast

New Covenant Church invites all women to attend a Lifeway Simulcast with Beth Moore on Saturday, September 15th.

Unite with women from around the world for this inspiring one-day event with Beth Moore, one of today's top women's ministry leaders, and Travis Cottrell, worship pastor and Dove Award recipient. Presented by the Nashville-based publishing company LifeWay Christian Resources, Living Proof will simulcast live from Huntsville, AL so women across the globe will be able to experience a live Bible study with Beth Moore right in their own communities.

Doors open at 9:00am at NC Church with the simulcast starting live at 10:30am and concluding at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$25 and include the seminar, continental breakfast, a Subway boxed lunch, afternoon snacks, and drinks throughout the day. Ample parking is available and the venue is handicap accessible. For additional information and to purchase tickets online please go to www.eventbrite.com and search for events in Berwick, PA or go to the NC Church website at www.ncchurchhome.com and click on the Living Proof Beth Moore tab under simulcasts. You can also purchase tickets through our church office. Any further questions can be emailed to ncwomen@ncchurchhome.com

Synod Sunday

The Synod of the Trinity celebrated its 300th anniversary one year ago in mid-September. During the Synod's birthday week this year we are continuing to rejoice for all of the blessings we have received by again celebrating with you on this special "Synod Sunday."

We are also asking that you not only **celebrate your Synod, but also the work being done by your presbytery** and those who represent your region.

Photo Show & Competition Artists Reception

It's that time of year! We have begun our call for submissions for our photography show to be held **Saturday October 13th 3p-5p!** Also this year we will be holding an Artists Reception at the Berwick Theater **Saturday October 20th!** Please help us spread the word! Registration forms and info can be found at valleyclick.weebly.com! **Don't forget to join us for the evening!** Vote on your favorite photo, check out some awesome work by locals and enjoy some refreshments!

Flower Chart

Just a reminder that the flower chart is totally open from now through the remainder of 2018. Please check out the flower chart to place flowers today!

Who's in the Pulpit?

We welcome back Sally Dries **September 16th** as our guest preacher!



Communion Dates 2018

September 2
October 7
November 4
November 25
December 24



YG Study on
God's Peace
**Saturday September
15th 12:00**

YG Paint Party
**Saturday September
22nd 10am-?**



September Birthdays

Radel Doll	9/3
Pastor Steve	9/7
Jenna West	9/10
Lily Force	9/11
Stone Force	9/14
Barb Huntington	9/14
Makayla Force	9/15
Alison Hause	9/15
Eugeniu Grigorescu	9/17
Dave Force	9/23
Ellie Kizer	9/24
Jean Casaldi	9/25
Jim DAngelo	9/25
Keith Botto	9/27

September Anniversary's

Ernie & Joan Botto 9/8

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!

September Assistants

September 2

Greeters: MaryAnn Marshman, Fran Kirchdoerfer

Ushers: Dave Force, Ernie Botto

Assisting Elder: Jim Ross

Acolyte: Giuliana Force

September 9

Greeters: Janice Moskaluk

Ushers: Joan Thomas, Eugeniu Grigorescu

Assisting Elder: Eugeniu Grigorescu

Acolyte: Morgan West

September 16

Greeters: Birt Family

Ushers: Tom & Barb Huntington

Assisting Elder: Barb Huntington

Acolyte: Tyrone Birt

September 23

Greeters: Eugeniu Grigorescu

Ushers: Keith Botto, Steve Hiller

Assisting Elder: Joan Thomas

Acolyte: Emma Botto

September 30

Greeters: Carol Ross

Ushers: Walter & Alison Hause

Assisting Elder: Nancy Dietterick

Acolyte: Aaliyah DAngelo

Deacon Visitor for September: Janice Moskaluk

Have a wonderful month with family and friends!

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Worship service 10:15am

Sunday school for all ages during worship

Salt + Light Youth Group

Nursery available

