

First News

The Presbyterian Churches of West Pittston and Wyoming
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Week of October 18, 2020

Sunday, Oct 18: 9:30 am Sunday School for adults and teens --Institute
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary and on YouTube Live –
Worship Service

Wednesday, Oct 21 7 pm Prayer and Devotion--online

Sunday, Oct 25: 9:30 am Sunday School for adults and teens --Institute
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary and on YouTube Live –
Worship Service
3:00-5:00 PM in the Grove – Safe Halloween Party

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY – FRIDAY 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Please contact the church office by 3:00 PM Friday if you plan to worship in the sanctuary on Sunday.

John will no longer be at the office on Thursday while Dallas schools run on a hybrid schedule, but he will be checking and answering phone calls and emails. Please call before you come on Thursdays as Pastor Martha may not be at her office and the building may be locked.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SAFE HALLOWEEN PARTY

The next scheduled community connections event will be the Safe Halloween Party from 3-5 PM on Sunday, October 25. Kids are invited to join the fun in costume for individual games and crafts. Candy donations welcome! If you'd like to help by donating nut-free candy to distribute, please bring it to the Institute by Sun, Oct 18.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER

To stay connected, Pastor Martha will be hosting a reflection on Scripture and prayer on Wednesday at 7 pm. Join via zoom by logging in from a computer or call in on the phone.

COVID-19 RULES FOR MEETINGS IN LIGHT OF THE UPCOMING WINTER SEASON:

1. Everyone will be masked
2. Everyone will socially distance themselves
3. Food may be consumed, with momentary mask removal

WORSHIP INFORMATION

WATCH US AND SUBSCRIBE ON YOUTUBE

You can subscribe either by searching “First United Presbyterian Church” and looking for the familiar steeple or follow the link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0rXFSLgCZvfu4y-C_oIPw

We are currently at 93 subscribers! When we reach 100, we can customize the channel name to something a little easier to remember! Worship services will be live-streamed on YouTube, with a direct link available to it on the website and Facebook.

SUNDAY HELP

We are looking for a few volunteers who are willing to help with worship on Sunday mornings. We need volunteers to help lead worship as liturgists. We need volunteers to be ushers and escort people to their seats. We need volunteers to work the camera so we can stream the service on the internet. We need volunteers to help with projecting the worship order on the wall of the sanctuary. If you can assist, please let Pastor Martha know.

WORSHIP @ HOME

Join us for worship online! Each week at 11 am, the service will be live-streamed on YouTube. Worship information is emailed out each week and available on Facebook. Please contact the church office if you want to be added to the email list.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE!

The church has set up electronic giving through our website and through the Presbyterian Foundation, which will allow people to give online by electronic funds transfer from their bank account, or by debit or credit card. There are different ways to do this.

- **You can set up a one-time or recurring donation through our [donation page](#)** (link will also be available through our website) or
- **Download the GivePlus phone app from the App Store or Google Play** and match with First Presbyterian Church at our current address in Wyoming, PA to schedule your offering electronically with the church.

If you are unable to set up electronic giving, another way is to send a check to the church office at 40 Institute Street, Wyoming, PA 18644. The ministry and mission of our church continue, and your financial support is greatly appreciated during this time.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SHIRTS

A new Community Connections shirt has been created for our churches! It is available in all sizes and colors, short sleeves and long, and the proceeds will help to pay for giveaway shirts for kids at our Back-to-School Fair. Get yours today at: presbyterian-church-2020.itemorder.com/sale



SYNOD & PRESBYTERY NEWS

BELOVED COMMUNITY

Continuing Oct. 18 at 7 p.m., the Synod is hosting conversations in light of Martin Luther King's Beloved Community:

Discussions (All discussions are Sunday at 7 p.m. Eastern Time)

October 18th - Pandemic by Rev. Laurie Kraus

from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

October 25th - Hyperpartisanship by Dr. John Welch

November 8th - Technology by Rev. Bruce Reyes Chow

Mandatory signups for one or more of these discussions is available [here](#) and also linked from the synod website.



CARD SHOWER WELCOMING OUR NEW CAMP DIRECTOR

Our new Camp Director, Mykela Bricka, has finally been able to move into her permanent Home. The former home at Camp Lackawanna of Don & Alice Kocher, that has recently been affectionately called "The Red House", is no longer red. It is a lovely tan with white trim and it has been made brand new. Mykela is getting settled in and feeling more comfortable calling Camp Lackawanna her home. To truly help her feel welcome, we would like to shower her with love from our Presbytery in the form of a card shower. If you feel so inclined, but surely not necessary, an Amazon gift card would be a nice addition so she could purchase any other odds and ends to make her home complete. Please pass the word to let us fill her mailbox with Presbytery love as she works to make Camp Lackawanna the best it can be! Greetings can be sent to:

**Miss Mykela Bricka
1219 Vosburg Road
Tunkhannock, PA 18657**

Thank you for making her feel welcome and loved as she continues on this new venture.

-The Camp Lackawanna Team

Wyoming Presbyterian Church Congregational meeting: The Session of Wyoming Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday November 1st at 12:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to amend the by-laws. The meeting will take place on zoom.

Ruth Eaton, Clerk of Session
Rev. Dr. Martha Jordan, Moderator

Joys to Celebrate & Burdens to Share

We fulfill scriptural instruction when we pray for those we know and those who are known to others who ask us to lift their concerns to God in prayer. Please let us know when it is time to remove a name thanks to answered prayer, the crisis passed, or entry into "the heavenly host."

Irene Amato, Bernice Ashford, Raymond & Bonnie Banaszek, Jennifer Beard, David Binger, Judy Black, Nance Browdie, Judy Burke, Val Burke, Bill and Susan Butcher, Shirley Butler, Rev. Carol Coleman, Claude Collins, Ian Conover, Florence & John Coolbaugh, Jim Coolbaugh, Dennis Dalrymple, Liza DeBlis, Duane Dicker, Maurice Dionne, Darren Michael Eaton, Ruth Eaton, Julia & Claire Emmert, Victoria Everett, Barb & David Fairbrother, Guy Fasciana, Robert Fellows, Joan & Jack Finn, Cathy Fleming, Sean Fleming, Mary Claire Gallagher, Gloria Green, Amy Gromel, Ron Hagenbaugh, Jennifer Helfrich, Linda Houck, Bonnie Houpt, Barry and Grace Hosier, Di Jolley, Edie Kanaske, Thad Kanaske, Bill Kendall, Michelle Klaproth, Sandy Knouse, Barbara Krohmer, Maureen Krokos, Andy Kuffa, Bill Lawler, Casen Lear, Kyle & Corey Loftus, Florence Lombardo, Jessica Malone-Ciechoski, Rev. John Markarian, Dolores Martini, Cassidy Palamieri, Rhonda Proctor, Fulvio Ranalli, Kelly Wynder Rodgers, Matt Ross, the Rugh family, Dorothy Rugh, Donna Salerno, Maverick Schwartzenburg, Cheryl Scott, Dakota Segeda, Alberta Simonson, Douglas Skene, William Sommerville, Teresa Stacchiotti, Joan Tilley, Nora Terran, Patricia & Rich Tolladay, Henrietta Timinski, Mark and Sharon Weber, Shirley Weber, Amy Wiggins, Jennifer Williams, Jim Williams, Mark & Ann Williams, Mary Williams, Aiden Williamson, April Williamson, Anita Yurek, Adelaide, Brenda, Dennis, Frank, John Jr., Kennedy, Marlene, Sally, Zack.

Let Us Also Pray for our servicemen and women, for peace in the Middle East, for victims of the storms, for the worldwide church, and members and friends of our church in need of our prayers and concern.