

# First News

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday, Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM in the Sanctuary and on YouTube Live – Worship Service
Wednesday, Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM via Zoom – Devotions and Prayer
Saturday, Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-7:00 PM Deacons Grab-and-Go Spaghetti dinner
Sunday, Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM in the Sanctuary and on YouTube Live – Worship Service 1:00-2:00 PM Drive-by Food Collection at the church

**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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

Let us know what works for you! Fill out our Sunday School survey to help give a sense of what will work within the restraints of Covid. You can find the survey attached to the worship email or contact the office and John can send it to you.

## DEACONS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday is the spaghetti dinner! The deacons are holding a fall fundraiser Grab and Go Spaghetti Dinner: spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert served from 4-7 PM Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets sales will be available online and can be purchased in advance from the church office or any deacon for \$8/adult and \$6/child. If you are able to purchase tickets online, follow the link on the [church website](#) or follow [this direct link](#), so you can purchase your tickets in advance and schedule your pickup time. Your ticket is for a specific time slot to pick-up your food.

If you'd like to help the deacons by making chocolate chip or sugar cookies RSVP with John in the church office so the deacons can plan for how many cookies are coming. The deacons are also looking for a few volunteers to help on Saturday, Sept 19.

## **DRIVE-BY FOOD COLLECTION**

The Wyoming Church will host a drive-by food collection for the Al Beech Food Pantry. Members and friends are invited to drive up and drop off that will be delivered to the food pantry. The collection dates are 1-2 PM, Sundays, September 20<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0rXFSLgCZvfu4y-C_oIPw)

We are currently at 34 subscribers. When we reach 100, we can customize the channel name to something a little easier to remember! Worship services will livestream 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 are able to assist, please let Pastor Martha know.

### **WORSHIP @ HOME**

Join us for worship online! Each week at 11am, the service will be livestreamed 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 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 continues, and your financial support is greatly appreciated during this time.

## **NEWS FROM THE TUTORING TABLE**

Tutoring Table Update: At the moment, we are not sure what the tutoring table will look like for this fall. There will be two workshop-style gatherings in the next two weeks, to help with Chromebook technology and assess the needs and desires of the families. Once we have an idea of what that will look like, the committee will gather to begin planning. As we know information, we will update the congregation. If you are interested in helping, please let Michelle Klapproth know as it will be helpful in planning to know who is able to help. Please stay tuned for updates.

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

Smokey the Bear and a ranger from the Forestry Service has been postponed. We hope to have Smokey come in 2021.



### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SHIRTS**

A new Community Connections shirt has been created for our churches! It is available in all sizes and colors, short sleeve 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](http://presbyterian-church-2020.itemorder.com/sale)

## **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS**

The Women's Association will not hold a rummage sale in October but the next meeting will be Friday Sept 25th at 7:00 pm in the Institute. The speakers will be the team from Operation Honduras. Masks, sanitizing, and social distance will apply. Please email or call the church office so we know how many we need to set up for.

## **JOIN TEAM SHAWN MALONE IN THE GREATER NORTHEAST PA WALK EVENT**

When you walk in the Out of the Darkness Walks, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss.

We are asking you to join Team Shawn Malone. It would be great to have you by our side as we walk to fight suicide, the 10th leading cause of death.

Please join us on this very special day and together we have a chance to make a real difference!

Event Details Sunday 09/13/2020 at Kirby Park  
Walk Begins: 1:00 pm - Walk Ends: 3:00 pm

If you would like to walk with us go to <http://afsp.donordrive.com> or click on the link and you can register through the team page! You can also register to be a virtual walker. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining or supporting us with a donation please share this information.

## **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, crisis passed, or entry into "the heavenly host."

Irene Amato, Bernice Ashford, Raymond & Bonnie Banaszek, Jennifer Beard, 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, Mary Claire Gallagher, Gloria Green, Amy Gromel, Ron Hagenbaugh, Jennifer Helfrich, Linda Houck, Bonnie Hout, 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, Fulvio Ranalli, Kelly Wynder Rodgers, Matt Ross, the Rugh family, Dorothy Rugh, Donna Salerno, Maverick Schwanzenburg, 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 for members and friends of our church in need of our prayers and concern.

*Welcome Myla! Myla Lee was born on September 4<sup>th</sup> weighing 6lbs 14oz, 18 ½ inches to Jessica and John Ciechoski and big sister Bryn.*