



The Highlander

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY OCTOBER 2nd** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in October's newsletter!*

More details on page 5!

~GREEN TEAM SIGN-UPS~

Be sure to check the calendar on the bulletin board outside the Memorial Parlor to volunteer to mow the garden lawn and/or water the flowers! Stop down any time during your week (weather-dependent)

THANK YOU to all our WORSHIP volunteers!

Have a question, or would you like to volunteer to help with some part of worship?
Contact either Chairperson Roberta Dinsmore or the office!

****We NEED more volunteers for screen and sound on Sundays!****
It's as simple as coming to worship and clicking a button on a laptop!
There is even an instruction sheet!
Please contact the office or ask a current screen volunteer
for more information.

DATE	SEPTEMBER 2	SEPTEMBER 9 Rally Day & Luncheon	SEPTEMBER 16
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Bruce Shannon	Rev. Dr. Don Wilson	Alyson Wilson
LITURGIST	Madilyn Fye	^	^
**SCREEN & SOUND			
ACOLYTE			
NURSERY			
FLOWERS	Kathi Cessna	Jean Hughes	Jennifer Gaston
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett
DATE	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 30	
PASTOR/LEADER	Ben Fitzgerald-Fye	Dennis Ferguson	
LITURGIST	^	^	
**SCREEN & SOUND			
ACOLYTE			
NURSERY			
FLOWERS	Carole Haire	Melissa Polczynski	
USHERS	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie	

^The liturgist schedule is being prepared by the Worship Committee
and will be updated when available

*Since some of our supply ministers do not choose
hymns, we would like to use YOUR favorites!*

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*If you have a hymn that you would like to sing in
church or at a hymn sing, please let Nancy know.
You can email her at npearce@hotmail.com or
write the name and give it to her at church.*

FINANCE & GENEROSITY

Thank you for donating funds, time, and energy to PCOP!

Date	Attendance in worship	Weekly offering	% to Current Fund
August 5	39	\$4,380.00	93.61%
August 12	not counted	\$3,319.00	97.38%
August 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
August 26	48	\$7,684.49	88.61%

AUGUST 2018 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2018 Total Budget
Receipts	\$15,383.89	\$107,067.27	\$163,584.00
Expenses	\$10,870.70	\$76,345.80	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$4,513.19	\$30,721.47	

The Season of Peace begins on Sunday, September 2, and includes the **Peace & Global Witness special offering** received on **World Communion Sunday** (October 7). By supporting this offering, the congregation joins “in sharing the peace of Christ by promoting ministries of reconciliation and peace within cultures of violence and conflict.” (Presbyterian Mission Agency)

The donations received as part of this special offering are used in three ways:

25% is retained by the congregation to invest in local responses to injustice and violence, and connect with the global witness to Christ’s peace.

25% goes to Mid Council peace initiatives, linking congregations in ministries of peace and reconciliation throughout presbyteries and synods.

50% goes to advocating for peacemaking and justice through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

**Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
Season of
Peace—
Peace & Global
Witness Special
Offering**

Some of these initiatives include programs working to eliminate human trafficking, HIV/AIDS awareness and support programs, the Freedom Rising Initiative (a General Assembly Initiative), civilian re-entry and education assistance for veterans, and PCUSA mission work.

More information on the Peace & Global Witness special offering can be found in the two bulletin inserts shared on September 23 and 30, or at PresbyterianMission.org/Peace-Global.

MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!

Please remember to contact the office if you have any changes in mailing address, email address, or phone number to ensure you are still receiving PCOP updates!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...



Those Needing Our Prayers

Arianna Aires	Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr
Betty Cessna	Evelyn Chambers	Gillen Geary
The Graham Family	Jacob Hielman	John Hughes
Martha Irvin	Dorothy Jenks	Marie Jenks
Kathy Kopp	Geraldine VanWhy	The Ward Family
	The White Family	

September 3	Richard Fetterman
September 5	Barry Eyler
September 7	Emma White
September 10	Andrew Philliber
September 16	Emily Eyler
September 20	Patricia Chambers
September 21	Dee Blose Chris Fezell
September 26	Doug Harrold Gabriella Suntheimer
September 27	Kellan Cessna
September 28	Ann Mumper
September 30	Roberta Dinsmore

SESSION & THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Keeping up with the committees and officers of PCOP!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be:
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9th
9:30 a.m.
Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)
will be:
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24th
7:00 p.m.
Lester Seminar Room

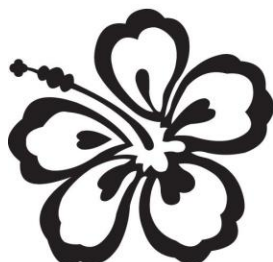
Annual Rally Day Worship Service & Luncheon Sunday, September 9th

It's that time of year again! RALLY DAY will feature worship led by Rev. Dr. Don Wilson, music with our Chancel Choir, and food and fellowship at the traditional luncheon hosted by the Board of Deacons! Please join together in the dining room following worship for a picnic-style luncheon of hotdogs and plenty of sides.

A reminder from the Finances & Giving Committee:

If you are turning in a receipt for purchases you made for something here at PCOP (Community Meal, Sunday school, etc.) please attach a note or write somewhere on the receipt what the purchases were for.

Thank you!



Beautify the sanctuary with flowers

Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:

September 2, 9, 16, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28



MISSION & OUTREACH

A "Choose Your Own Adventure" to get more involved at PCOP!

Prayer Chain

Our email prayer chain is up and running and we are now accepting prayer requests. Simply email your request to:

pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com

If you don't have an email account, you can also call the church office.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. To sign up, simply send an email with your name to the same email address. You can also write down your name and email address and hand them to Rex Lettie at church.

Contact Rex Lettie, Mission Chair, with any questions.

Volunteers are always welcome to help at the next First Tuesday Community Meal!



Hometown Pizzaburgers

Mac-Slaw

Fluffy Fruit Salad

Carrot Cake

Recipes and sign-up sheets for food, kitchen help, serving, and clean-up are located on the bulletin board outside the Memorial Parlor

Crosstown Ministries Food Pantry
Woodland Avenue United Methodist Church
203 Woodland Ave.
September 17th @ 5:30 P.M.

Volunteers are always needed throughout the month to: donate food, unload the food truck, prepare boxes for the distribution, and distribute the boxes to those who need them

Please contact Pastor Clint Phillips @ (814) 938-8160 for more information

FELLOWSHIP

Have fun and spend time with your PCOP family!



Saturday, September 22nd
@ 8 A.M.

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes or Rex Lettie
Men's Breakfast meets 4th Saturday of every month!
(unless otherwise noted)

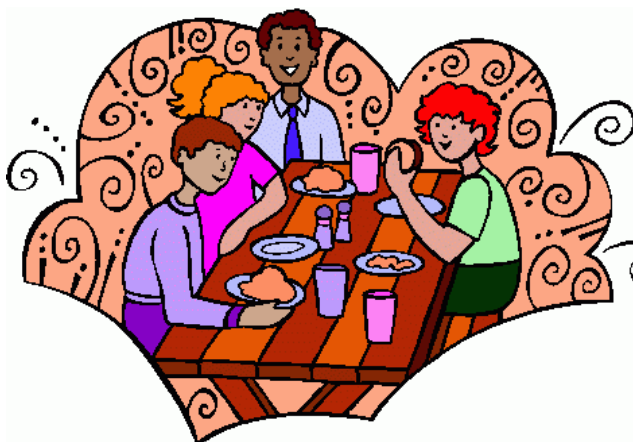
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

Saturday, September 15th
@ 11:45 A.M.

Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant
(no reservations!)

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper
Saturday Friends Out meets 3rd Saturday of every month!



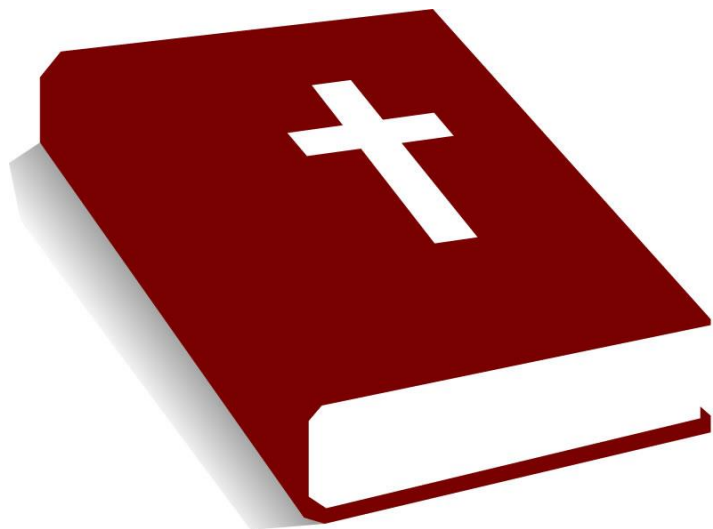
Thursday, September 13
6:00 P.M.

*The Choir and members of the
Worship Planning Committee are
invited to a picnic at the home of
Tim and Nancy Pearce*

708 Woodland Ave., Punxsutawney PA
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YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How to love God, share the gospel, and live as Disciples of Christ



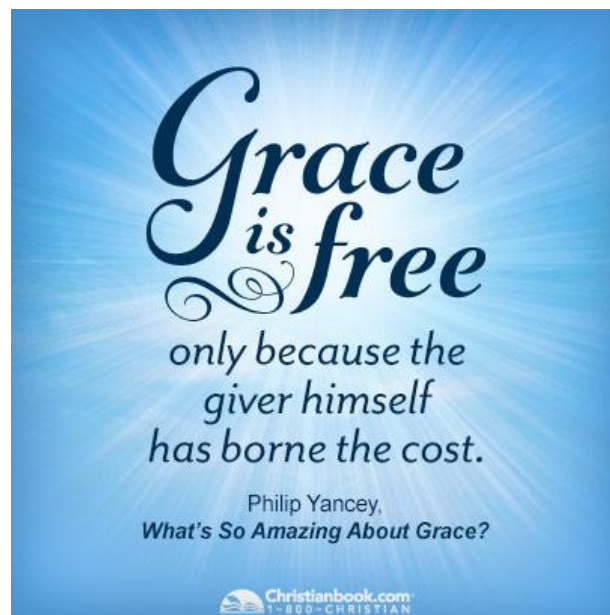
Tuesdays @ 10 is taking a brief hiatus and should resume in the fall

Please check future editions of *The Highlander* for more information

Adult Sunday School

Video study beginning September 23rd:
What's So Amazing About Grace?
by Philip Yancey

Offered Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
in the Lester Seminar Room
All are welcome to participate



WHO DO I CONTACT?

“I have a question about . . .”

Schedules, quarterly financial statement, newsletter, ordering flowers, bulletin information, ordering church supplies, using church facilities, etc. <i>And anything else!</i>	Keri in PCOP office
Hospitalizations, Emergencies, Member Care	Keri in PCOP Office Board of Deacons
Worship information, pulpit supply	Worship Committee Chair Roberta Dinsmore
Baptisms & Weddings	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Funerals & Memorial Services	Keri in PCOP Office Funeral Director
Mission Opportunities	Mission Chair Rex Lettie
Youth Group & Children's Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—Janey London
Finances & Giving	Finance Chair Richard Fetterman
New Members (Joining PCOP)	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Choir & Music	Music Director Nancy Pearce
First Tuesday Community Meal	Donna Anderson
Current Members of Session	Richard Fetterman, Keith Hughes, George West, Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie
Current Board of Deacons	Jennifer Gaston, Carole Haire, Melissa Polczynski, Greg Gaston, Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes

SEPTEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups!</i></p> <p><i>Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i></p>						<p>1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</p>
<p>2 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Season of Peace begins</p>	<p>3 Labor Day -- Office is closed</p>	<p>4 10 A.M. Tues @ 10 5 P.M. Community Meal</p>	5	6	7	8
<p>9 Rally Day & Luncheon 9:30 A.M. Deacons Meeting</p>	10	<p>11 10 A.M. Tues @ 10</p>	12	13	14	<p>15 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's</p>
<p>16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>17 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry</p>	<p>18 10 A.M. Tues @ 10</p>	19	20	<p>21 International Day of Peace</p>	<p>22 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Evangelism Sunday</p>	<p>24 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting</p>	<p>25 10 A.M. Tues @ 10</p>	26	27	28	29
<p>30 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	Oct 1	<p>2 October newsletter info deadline</p>	3	4	5	6

~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

9:45 A.M. Adult Sunday School in Lester Seminar Room

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship

No Youth Sunday School or Time for Young Worshippers during summer



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Rally Day

****Chancel Choir Notice****

The Choir will practice on
Sunday, September 9,
at 10:30 in the choir room,
and sing in church that day