



The Highlander

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 - info on page 5!
****Please see page 6 for a very important fundraising mission this fall!****

*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY OCTOBER 1st** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in October's newsletter!*

~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!

*A pastor from Rwanda will be at the Plum Creek Presbyterian Church
in Willet on Friday, September 6, 2019 for dinner and a worship service
to which all are welcome.*

Dinner is at 5 p.m. and worship service at 6:30 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish to share if coming for dinner.

Church is at 7214 Five Points Road, Creekside.

Any questions call the Rev. Katelyn Hendrickson, 814-939-9305

DATE	SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 8 Rally Day	SEPTEMBER 15
PASTOR/LEADER	Nancy Lightcap	Rev. Paul Doriani	James Whited
LITURGIST	Donna Kengersky	PCOP Youth Group	Dana Hartman
NURSERY			
FLOWERS	Carole Haire		Pam Hogan
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 22	SEPTEMBER 29	
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Steve Hendrickson	Roberta Dinsmore	
LITURGIST		Debra Dinsmore	
NURSERY			
FLOWERS	Kay Nesbitt	Lee Blose	
USHERS	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	

*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 General Fund
August 4	N/A	\$7,179.00	95.84%
August 11	60		
August 18	44	\$3,297.00	97.51%
August 25	82		

AUGUST 2019 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2019 Total Budget
Receipts	\$10,476.75	\$109,598.01	\$163,003.00
Expenses	\$17,053.16	\$78,465.25	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$6,576.41	\$31,132.76	

The **Peace & Global Witness special offering** draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. The Season of Peace begins this year on Sunday, September 1, and culminates on **World Communion Sunday (October 6)** when the special offering is received.

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.

Some of these initiatives include programs 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 22 and 29, or at PresbyterianMission.org/Peace-Global

**Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
Peace & Global
Witness Special
Offering**

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

Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr	Betty Cessna
Jane Crawford	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
Martha Irvin	Dorothy Jenks	Kathy Kopp
The Ward Family	The Kevin Young Family	

*Please contact the **office** to add a name to the newsletter/bulletin "Needing Our Prayers" list. Please contact **Rex Lettie** at pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com to join or to add a name to the PCOP Prayer Chain.*

September 3	Richard Fetterman
September 7	Emma White
September 10	Andrew Philliber
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

Our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Marie Jenks, who entered into rest on Thursday, August 1, 2019.

I very greatly appreciate all the emails, telephone calls, and cards sent to me from the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney. My heart is filled with grateful thanks. I am feeling better and will try to be on the move by October.

- Rev. Dr. Clair Lundberg

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 8th
9:30 a.m.
Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)
will be:
MONDAY OCTOBER 14th
7:00 p.m.
Lester Seminar Room

Annual Rally Day Worship Service & Luncheon **Sunday, September 8th following worship**

***Grilled Hotdogs ~ Macaroni Salad ~ Potato Salad
Deviled Eggs ~ Baked Beans ~ Desserts ~ Punch & Iced Tea***

**It's that time of year again! RALLY DAY will feature
worship led by our new pastor Rev. Paul Doriani,
music with our Chancel Choir, and food and fellowship
with our PCOP family at the Board of Deacons luncheon**



Beautify the sanctuary with flowers
Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo
line (\$25) and call the office to place
your order. Available dates:
September 8, 15, 29
October 6, 13, 20, 27



MISSION & OUTREACH

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

****FUNDRAISING ALERT****

PCOP needs YOUR help this fall to update the appliances in the kitchen!

Your donations will help us secure a new cooler, stove/oven, and dishwasher for our church luncheons, funeral lunches and dinners, and the First Tuesday Community Meal program— and more!

These new appliances will be installed this fall (date TBD)

Questions? See Dana Hartman

Thank You to all who participated in our spring Goodwill clothing drive! We raised **\$375.90** for the First Tuesday Community Meal program!

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



Chicken Broccoli n Rice Bake

Napa Cabbage Salad

Moist n Sweet Cornbread

Orange Pineapple Landscape 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 19th @ 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 28th
@ 8 A.M.**

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

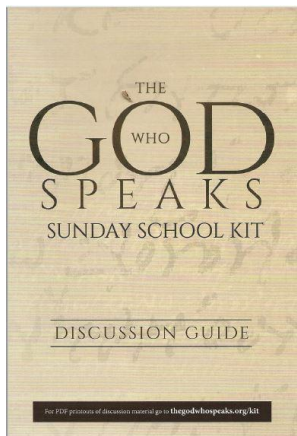
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

**Saturday, September 21st
@ 11:45 A.M.**

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

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



The Adult Sunday School class will resume on September 8th at 9:45 a.m. in the Lester Seminar Room. We will begin an 8-week video study entitled *The God Who Speaks*, which explores the topics of biblical authority and reliability. All are welcome.

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
PCOP Property & Grounds, maintenance requests	Property Co-Chairs Dana Hartman & William Cooper
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 & Fellowship Opportunities	Mission & Outreach Chair—Rex Lettie Fellowship Chair—Barbara Burkett
Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—
Finances & Giving	Finance/Stewardship Chair Nick Suntheimer
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	Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie, Barbara Burkett, Deborah Elder, Nick Suntheimer
Current Board of Deacons	Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes, Debra Dinsmore, Carole Haire

SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 LABOR DAY - Office is closed	3 5 P.M. Community Meal	4	5 6 P.M. Choir Picnic	6	7
8 Rally Day & Luncheon 9:30 A.M. Deacons meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	17	18	19	20	21 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
22 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	23	24	25	26	27	28 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
29 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	Oct 1 5 P.M. Community Meal October newsletter info deadline	<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>			

~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

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

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

During worship: A Time for Young Worshippers

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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Choir Picnic

The choir picnic will be held at the home of Tim and Nancy Pearce on **Thursday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m.**

All choir members, Worship Committee members, their families, and anyone interested in singing in the choir are welcome