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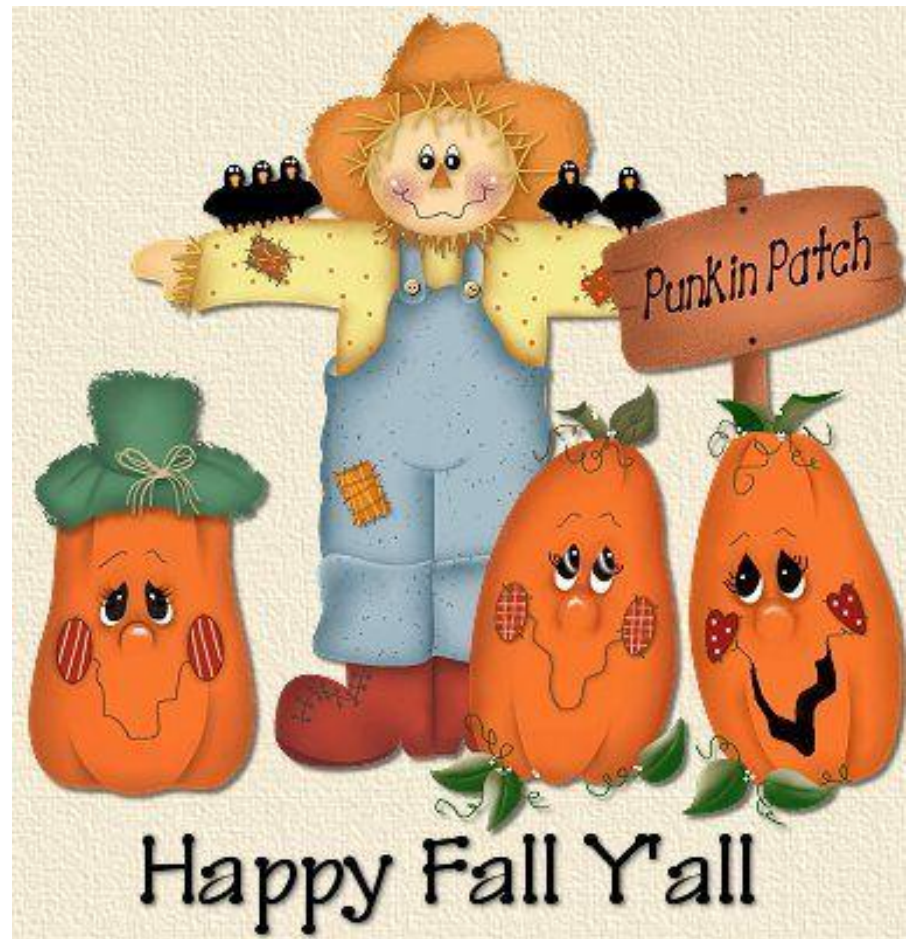
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October 2019

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*Please stop in, call or email the office by **TUESDAY OCTOBER 29th** with any information, announcements, updates, etc. that you would like to see in November's newsletter!*



Please join us for worship and fellowship opportunities this October!

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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!

~~~ Homebound Communion Reminder ~~~

Any trained Elder or Deacon, regardless of whether you are currently on Session or the Board of Deacons, can serve Homebound Communion to our members who are unable to join us in worship on World Communion Sunday (October 6).

Please see Homebound Communion Coordinator
Kathi Cessna to volunteer!

DATE	OCTOBER 6 World Communion Sunday	OCTOBER 13
PASTOR/LEADER	Jef Dinsmore	Roberta Dinsmore
LITURGIST*	Jef Dinsmore	Debra Dinsmore
NURSERY	Dee Blose	Deb Himes
FLOWERS	Kathi Cessna	Jean Hughes
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27 Reformation Sunday
PASTOR/LEADER	Rev. Paul Doriani	Rev. Paul Doriani
LITURGIST*	Lee Blose	Barbara Burkett
NURSERY	Debby Elder	Joyce Cooper
FLOWERS	Debra Dinsmore	
USHERS	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie

*Liturgists will be scheduled on a month-to-month basis until otherwise noted

*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
September 1	no count	\$3,020.90	85.74%
September 8	no count	\$2,812.00	87.84%
September 15	40	\$3,467.00	99.08%
September 22	no count	\$4,173.00	19.89%
September 29	37	\$1,740.00	92.24%

SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2019 Total Budget
Receipts	\$15,213.61	\$124,811.62	\$163,003.00
Expenses	\$9,068.64	\$87,533.89	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$6,144.97	\$37,277.73	



PCOP is collecting donations to purchase a **water buffalo** in coordination with the charity Heifer International.

This was chosen because water buffalo allow families in third-world countries to plant four times as many crops as they are able to by hand. The additional crops can be sold, and the money used to buy food, clothing, or medicine. Water buffalo are also a source of milk and fertilizer.

Those wishing to donate toward this effort can mail a donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. Please write “water buffalo” on your check or envelope. *We will collect donations through Sunday, October 13th.*

For more information, please see Mission & Outreach Committee Chair Rex Lettie, or find the information cards located at the Union Street sanctuary entrance.

For more opportunities to donate animals and supplies through Heifer International, please find the donation envelopes located at the Union Street sanctuary entrance.

**Monthly Giving
Spotlight:
Heifer
International
Water Buffalo
Mission
Fundraiser**

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...



- October 8 Kristi Anderson
- October 9 Pamela Hogan
- October 14 Robert Hanley
- October 22 Muriel Grube

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 16, 2019

"Thank you so much for your kindness, and for being such a beautiful reminder of God's love."



Thank you for the lovely lunch that was served after the funeral service for Marie Jenks a few weeks ago. We all truly appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness expressed by the members of the Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney. Please accept the enclosed donation for the church in Marie's memory and also as a thank you to the folks that took the time and effort to prepare and serve the lunch.

Winston, Tricia, Kevin & Tim Jenks



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 OCTOBER 13th
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

Homebound Communion ~ Sunday, October 6 (following worship)

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, the Board of Deacons of The Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney would like to celebrate The Lord's Supper with our homebound members following worship. Friends and family are welcome to participate if they desire. Alternative opportunities to partake in communion can be scheduled if a homebound member is unable to participate on Sunday, October 6.

If you or a loved one would like to receive homebound communion in the future, please contact the office and Kathi Cessna, Homebound Communion Coordinator.



Beautifully the sanctuary with flowers
Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:
October 6, 13, 27
November 3, 10, 17



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

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



Baked Spaghetti w/Meatballs

Tuscan Romaine Salad

Bread & Butter

Pumpkin Crumble Dessert

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.
October 21st @ 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, October 26th
@ 8 A.M.**

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

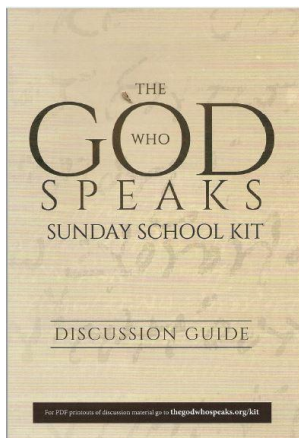
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday Friends Out

**Saturday, October 19th
@ 11:45 A.M.**

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

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



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

8-week video study entitled *The God Who Speaks*, which explores the topics of biblical authority and reliability

FELLOWSHIP

Have fun and spend time with your PCOP family!

The Carol Teti Memorial Organ Scholarship Committee
invites you to

An Evening of Organ and Brass

Keith Ferguson, organ
Kirk Ferguson, trombone

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Calvary Presbyterian Church
Seventh and Church Streets,
Indiana, Pennsylvania

Free admission
Reception following the concert



“Entertaining! A not-to-be-missed evening!” say those who have already heard this father-son duo perform! Keith Ferguson is Dean of the Indiana Chapter, American Guild of Organists and the Organist at the Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney and Mt. Zion Lutheran Church at Trade City. Kirk Ferguson, a graduate of Duquesne University and the Juilliard School, is currently assistant principal trombonist with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Since its establishment in 1993, the Carol Teti Memorial Organ Scholarship Committee has worked to overcome the continually growing trend of fewer organists both locally and throughout the nation. To combat “the vanishing organist,” the Committee raises scholarship money through fall and spring recitals and other fundraising events to support Indiana University of Pennsylvania students who wish to study organ and church music. The committee has awarded over \$87,000 in scholarships to fifty-seven students.

You can make a difference through your tax-deductible donation to the scholarship fund, which is gratefully accepted. Your gift helps to ensure that deserving students have the opportunity to study organ at IUP and thereby helps to keep organ music alive in our recital halls and churches for future generations.



Checks may be made payable to Foundation for IUP, Account 5215.
Please mail to: Foundation for IUP, Sutton Hall G-1, 1011 South Drive, Indiana, PA 15705.

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

OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups! Everyone loves cookies and coffee!		1 5 P.M. Community Meal	2	3	4	5
6 World Communion Sunday & Peace & Global Witness Special Offering Homebound Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 A.M. Board of Deacons meeting	14 Columbus Day 7 P.M. Session Meeting	15	16 World Food Day	17	18	19 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
20 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	22 7 P.M. Ferguson Concert	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
27 Reformation Sunday	28	29 November newsletter info deadline	30	31 Halloween		

~ 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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The office has found an Army National Guard Total Victory Team medal and pin in a black case among church items.

These medals are awarded to post-9/11 deployed National Guard troops and/or their civilian employers.

If you have any information about this medal and where and/or who it came from, please contact the office so it can be returned or archived properly!