



Mark your Calendar

JUNE 2019

- 6-1 Used Book & Cake Sale –
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 6-2 Communion
- 6-9 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 6-16 Father's Day/Friends & Family
Sunday
- 6-23 Fellowship
- 6-26 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 6-30 Fellowship

JULY 2019

- 7-7 Communion
- 7-14 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
(tentative)
- 7-21 Friends & Family Sunday
- 7-24 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.
(Tentative)
- 7-28 Fellowship

AUGUST 2019

- 8-4 Communion
- 8-11 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
(tentative) /Hosting IHN
- 8-18 Friends & Family Sunday
- 8-25 Fellowship
- 8-28 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.
(Tentative)

Thoughts from Pastor Scott

Who do we follow? What do we follow? What do we do now? These are the questions of our day. With the election cycle in full swing, our society floundering under uncertainty and cultural tensions over what is right or wrong; we're caught in a whirlwind of issues, ideas and personalities. So, where do we turn to find truth and know how to walk forward?

When life, and the world, is chaotic we need to look for the foundation we can stand on regardless of the winds swirling around us. God, the church and faith are common places where we look but we also turn to government and the ordering of our society for the answers. We look to God to "fix" everything and make it all right again. We look to the church to be "right" and give us the things we need and our faith often is built on the church's beliefs. Government is suppose to be for us and we get ambivalence from partisan politics and our elected officials toward us. So where do we turn?

I believe government, even though it is to be of and for the people, cannot be there for us in the way we want and was never designed to be our "fix it" group. So I am left with God, faith and the church. So, the question of who and what we follow takes on special significance in our chaotic times as it relates to the church and our faith. I believe we must look at what kind of church we are and what is the focus of our church family. Are we Presbyterians first, are we an institution first, or are we the Church of Jesus Christ first? May seem to be an easy question on the surface but it is extremely important in how we respond to the concerns of our lives and the world.

I am a follower of Jesus, FIRST! I believe we sometimes lose sight of this as we "do" church. I don't serve the denomination first; I serve Jesus and share His message of love first and all else follows. If we can keep our focus on who and what we serve clearly in our minds I know we can find the hope and peace we seek. We will always have problems any time two or more human beings get involved together but we will find and be what we seek when we follow the author of our faith first and foremost. That is a strong foundation!!!!

But don't forget even though society is in chaos we do have baseball!!!!

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UPDATES

Session Update

Regular June Session Meeting

Wednesday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular July Session Meeting - tentative

Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular August Session Meeting - tentative

Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Note: Summer Session and Deacon Meetings are held if needed

Deacon Update

Regular June Meeting

Sunday, June 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular July Meeting - tentative

Sunday, July 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular August Meeting - tentative

Sunday, August 11 at 11:30 a.m.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is in the hands of God.

Please keep our Armed forces in your prayers.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JUNE

JUNE 2, 2019 – Communion

Assisting Elder Vicki Stevens Greeters The Austin Family
 Assisting Deacon Kate Harris
 Servers Jeff & Lori Indyk, Bonnie Wismer, Ray Lalley

JUNE 9, 2019 -

Assisting Elder Rick Cornely Assisting Deacon Rich Fehr
 Greeters The Salter Family

JUNE 16, 2019 – Father's Day/Friends & Family Sunday

Assisting Elder Nancy Baumgartner Assisting Deacon Gail Bragin
 Greeters Cheryl Edison

JUNE 23, 2019 –

Assisting Elder Dave Swanson Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn
 Greeters Gentle Family

JUNE 30, 2019 –

Assisting Elder Nancy Farley Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley
 Greeters Jeri Lynn Flynn

JULY

JULY 7, 2019 – Communion

Assisting Elder Karen Rose Assisting Deacon Suzanne Swanson
 Greeters Cindy Radaskiewicz
 Servers Cheryl Edison, Carol Keiper, Rich Fehr, Dave Swanson

JULY 14, 2019 -

Assisting Elder John Ehasz Asst Deacon Nancy Baumgartner
 Greeters The Haschak Family

JULY 21, 2019 - Friends & Family Sunday

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley
 Greeters Loyce & Dick Johnson

JULY 28, 2019

Assisting Elder Nancy Ehasz Assisting Deacon Kate Harris
 Greeters Bev & Ray Lalley

AUGUST

AUGUST 4, 2019 – Communion

Assisting Elder Niki Carr Assisting Deacon Sue Gentle
 Greeters Bragin Family
 Servers Bev & Ray Lalley, Bonnie Wismer, Rick Cornely

AUGUST 11, 2019 –

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn
 Greeters The Colucci Family

AUGUST 18, 2019 - Friends & Family Sunday

Assisting Elder Kate Harris Assisting Deacon Rich Fehr
 Greeters The Carr Family

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)

AUGUST 25, 2018 -

*Assisting Elder Barbara Esposito
Greeters The Indyk Family*

Assisting Deacon Karen Rose

Usher Schedule

June 2	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
June 9	Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Rose Bohr, Nancy Baumgartner
June 16	Rich and Betty Salter, Joe & Cathy Haschak
June 23	Lori & Jeff Indyk, Rich & JoAnn Fehr
June 30	Ruth Skirbst, Ray Lalley, Lori Frankenfield, Lynn Ehrhardt
July 7	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
July 14	Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Rose Bohr, Nancy Baumgartner
July 21	Rich and Betty Salter, Joe & Cathy Haschak
July 28	Lori & Jeff Indyk, Rich & JoAnn Fehr
August 4	Communion Servers will be the Ushers
August 11	Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Rose Bohr, Nancy Baumgartner
August 18	Rich and Betty Salter, Joe & Cathy Haschak
August 25	Lori & Jeff Indyk, Rich & JoAnn Fehr

SUMMER DONATIONS

Summer is a fun time, but it is also a time when traditionally it is more difficult to meet the budget. Please help your church by mailing in your offering if you are going to be away. We need each of you to fulfill your obligation so that the church can continue to fulfill its own obligations. Thanks.

USED BOOK SALE AND CAKE SALE

Time to spring clean those crowded book shelves at home including magazines. Also, all bakers are welcome to donate baked goods. This book sale and cake sale will be held on **Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** The purpose of this event will be to add to our organ fund. Books and magazines of all kinds will be accepted. Please box your books and bring them to church or call the church office. Thanks and hope to see you at the book sale!

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Joe Vliet, husband of Sandy Vliet, who returned to his Lord on April 6, 2019.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY

Remember the FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. As you come to worship, please place your nonperishable food items in the baskets located in the downstairs hallway. Poverty and hunger, like God, do not take a vacation. The summer can be more difficult for parents as their children are home all day and cannot take advantage of federal school breakfast and lunch programs

PASTOR DEANE HIGGS UPDATE

Pastor Deane fell recently and broke his hip and is currently in rehab and is having a rough time. He would love to receive phone calls, texts and e-mails from all. His phone number is 908-319-0976 and his e-mail is deane1949@outlook.com. Let's show him the love from Harmony and keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

David Au, Kristin Bartakovits, Joan Barry, Christine Basai, Jean Beaton, Lt. Connor Bednarzyk, Kate Beers, Michael Beers, Shirley Beers, Beth Bell, Chris Bohr, Grayson Bohr, Tammy Burrows, Chloe, Judy Castro, Don & Gret Christian, Mary Collins, Sheila Constanza, George Costello, Kim Crane, Rachel Crane, Charlie Cummins, Pete Cymerman, Kathy & Kayla Dotomma, Glenn David, Flo Dondarski, Jean Dutt, Marilyn Elmendorf, Clay Flyte, Carla Forgione, Kelly Fox, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Frank Gentle, Melissa Gentle, Jennifer Giliberto, Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, Robert Hartung, Sr., George Heyer, Pastor Deane Higgs, Matthew Hohmann, Betty Holod, Jessica Hutton, Dick Johnson, Cecelia King, Ernie Kirchgaessner, Rex LaBarre, Robert LoPresti, Sam Marino, Maria Massaro, Martin Matina, Nicole Matlock, Veronica Matus, Bill McEwen, Bobby Morgan, Jace Nikoden, Donna Perper, Irma Cook Petersen, Tom Pointer, Michele Preisser, Cindy Radaskiewicz, Betty Salter, Amy Sandlin, Russell Scott, Brent Seguine, Amy Shandor, Jean Simmons, Henry Skirbst, Ruth Skirbst, Matt Skyler, Janet Slaughter, Aaron Smith, Smith Family, Earl Steele, Sr., baby Trent, Sandy Vliet & family, Diane Wilkinson, Danny Wismer, Debbie Wittschiebe

THANKS FOR TONER/INK CARTRIDGES

Thank you to **all** who have turned in ink and toner cartridges. We receive \$2 for each one turned back into Staples. We have received many rebate checks and have really saved on our office supply orders from Staples. Every little bit helps and we appreciate your support. ***Please keep them coming!!***

MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Our Harmony Church has been active in the Phillipsburg Meals on Wheels program for many years, delivering meals at homes to those who are not able to be up and about. Those of us who have participated have given an hour or so one day a month, picking up the meals at a designated location, working in pairs with one driving and the other knocking on doors. We pick up at approximately 10:40 and usually finish up in an hour or less, following careful directions given to us for the various routes.

We could use at least two more volunteers or perhaps three or four to cover necessary absences. If you are interested in joining our group, talk to one of these folks and call Lola Shepherd at 908-474-2924. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the church office at 908-859-0355 or send e-mail to tomcat507@verizon.net. Please note that the birthday and anniversary lists will be no longer appear in the Tower but will be available on our website tpcnh.org.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Do you want to remember a loved one? Or would you like to honor a special person or day, such as a birth, anniversary, marriage or birthday. Chancel flowers are only \$30 for two vases. You can take the flowers with you after the service or the Board of Deacons will see that they are distributed to a church member who is ill or shut-in. A sign-up chart is located on the door to Fellowship Hall. Please place your donation in the offering plate and make the envelope "flower fund." If you have any questions or if you can't come in to sign the chart please call the church office.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

Our Children's Day Program was presented on May 19. We wish to thank all the children and their teachers for a wonderful, meaningful program. Thanks to Sandy Vliet for her assistance with this program.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The following graduates were honored during worship on May 19, 2019: Middle School: Taylor Green, High School: Biagio Fischer, College: Edward P Bell – Business Administration, Lauren Baumgartner – Juris Doctorate, Chad Salter – Engineering Management. We congratulate them and wish them the best on their next journey..

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will resume on September 15th. Kids can register for Church School at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 8.

DOOR WILL BE LOCKED

For the safety of our children in Church School please note that the side door – parking lot side – will be locked on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you arrive after 10:00 a.m. please use the front doors. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY

Friends and Family Sunday will be held every 3rd Sunday. Please bring friends and family to our worship service.

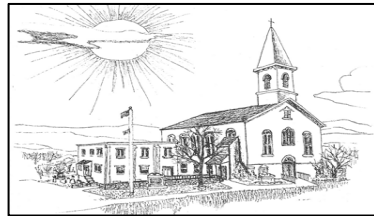
Thought for the day!

*God doesn't give us what we can handle,
God helps us handle what we are given.
See you in Church on Sunday!*

*In an attempt to save postage costs, the newsletter will be on the church website. **If you would be interested in not receiving a copy in the mail – please notify the church office.** Thank you.*

CALENDAR REMINDER: CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 16th**



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