

THE NEXUS

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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

I find it hard to believe that this will be my last newsletter article as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of East Stroudsburg. People have been asking me how it feels to be retiring. My answer is: weird. I accepted my first position in the Church when I was eighteen as a student pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin Pennsylvania. I was a student at Westminster College at the time, soon to declare my major in the Religion and Philosophy department. I am sixty-six now. That's a long time.

What impressed me about the people of the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin was their strong faith, dependability and incredible kindness. It was a strong encouragement to me as I wrestled with my call to pastoral ministry. How wonderfully blessed I am to have that same sense of the people of the Presbyterian Church of East Stroudsburg as I conclude my full-time pastoral ministry.

You are a people of strong Christian faith in the Presbyterian tradition.

You are a most dependable, high-commitment Church.

You are incredibly kind and generous; a genuine Church family.

I have no doubt about your continuing faithful service as you follow Jesus Christ. Similarly I know you will receive your next pastor with the same grace and support with which you received me. In the interim until that next pastor is called, I am delighted that you will be served by my

dear friends and colleagues, Elder Nicole Vogel and your moderator, the Rev. Beth Utley of First Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg. They are truly wonderful servants of Jesus Christ!

So, as I ride off into the sunset (or roll down the hill to S. Kistler Street), I thank you for the privilege of having been your pastor, and for the love and support Deborah and I have experienced here. I wish you all of God's blessings and I will hold you in my prayers and always in my heart.

Faithfully,

Rev. Ed Freeborn

Sponsor

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Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the August issue is Monday, **July 23rd.**



JOIN US FOR A
FAREWELL BRUNCH

Farewell Brunch

Please join us after worship on Sunday, July 8th for a farewell brunch for Pastor Freeborn. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please let us know what you can bring.



Big Month for the Emerys!!

The Slate Belt Heritage Center recently recognized three outstanding local citizens for their annual Preservation Awards. Each was recognized for their work in preserving an element of local history.

One was our own **Walter Emery**. Walt was recognized for his continued work compiling an extensive postcard collection depicting different sites throughout the Slate Belt and old photographs of area one-room schools.

Also, **MaryAnne Emery** got engaged!!! MaryAnne and Doug Gilbert became engaged on June 23rd. Congratulations to the happy couple!!

Cancer Support Group

The Caring Cancer Community support group that meets on **Tuesdays from 10:30-12:00**, will take the summer off. The group will resume in September. See you then!

Sing With the Summer Choir

For those of you who like to sing, please consider singing in the summer choir. Rehearsals are after church on July 1 and July 29. Performances are July 22, August 5 and August 19. Attend as many rehearsals as you can. Perform as often as you can. No experience needed. Come....have fun....and sing to the Lord!



Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **July**:

Bill and Sue Ellis
Walter and Wendy Emery



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **July**:

Wendy Lichty, Emma Menio, Michael Delaney, Bianca Nava, Mano Miller, Albert Menio, Sharon Laverdure, Kyle Kintz, Barbara Braithwaite, Ann Mae West, Bill Ellis, Kathy Mattern and Sheryl Krach



Happy Fourth of July!

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons who served in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were farmers and plantation owners. All were men of means and well-educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence, knowing that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

So, while you are enjoying the festivities of the July 4th holiday, take a few minutes and silently thank these patriots for their heroic contributions. It is not too much to ask for the price they paid. Freedom is never free.

taken from Ann Landers column

**The Church will be closed on
Wednesday, July 4th**

New Cross Out Front!

You may have noticed the new cross going up out front. Stayed tuned for more changes, courtesy of Lucas Swanson and the Eagle Scouts!

Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through May 31, 2018

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| Income | \$102,206.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 99,844.00 |
| Net | \$ 2362.00 |

Year-to-Date Giving:

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| Pledge Giving: | \$ 62,714.00 |
| Non-Pledge: | \$ 2,395.00 |

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Wishing Rev. Freeborn a very happy retirement and much fun with his family. Thank you for serving us and being our leader and friend!

July 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am Worship, 10:00 am | 2 | 3 | 4 Church Closed | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Worship, 10:00 am Pastor Ed's last day preaching/ Farewell Brunch! | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Pastor Ed Retiring |
| 15 Worship, 10:00 am Mission Committee mtg., 11:15 Finance Committee mtg., 11:15 Tim Swanson preaching | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Worship, 10:00 am Christine Kass preaching Choir performing | 23 Nexus Deadline | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Temple Reading Class starts 8-5:00 pm |
| 29 Worship, 10:00 am Tillie Chase preaching Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 am Deacon's Coffee Hour, 11:15 am | 30 | 31 | | | | |