

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

In the words of a good ole' hymn "It is well, it is well with my soul". As I write this, I am still on a high from the ordination and installation service. Everyone with whom I have talked and the comments on Facebook posts, note one similar theme, the presence of the Spirit. Even those who were unchurched, and even both atheists who attended, exclaimed a vibe that made them want to participate. The Spirit can do amazing things and I anticipate it continuing here as we officially embark on this church's new ministry to the East Stroudsburg community. This congregation left an impression of being a spirit-filled group. Let's continue with that Spiritual feeling in all that we do so that we all can say "it is well, it is well with my soul".

Pastor Nicki

Good Friday Service

Pastor Nicki has agreed to be involved in leading the Community Good Friday Service. Our choir and congregation are also invited to participate in this ecumenical service. If you are available please join us.....

Community Good Friday Service

7pm on April 19, 2019

*First Presbyterian Church 575 Main Street,
Stroudsburg*

A Mass Choir will perform Colors of Grace:

Lessons for Lent

By Joseph M. Martin with

narration by Pamela Martin

Plenty of free parking on the parking deck behind the church. Participating churches are East Stroudsburg Presbyterian, East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Stroudsburg, St. John's Lutheran, Zion UCC

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 14th ~ **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Thursday, April 18th ~ **Maundy Thursday** services are at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19th ~ **Good Friday** service is at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Stroudsburg.

Sunday, April 21st ~ **Easter Sunday** service is at 10:00 a.m.

Please note that the church will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22nd.

Nexus Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by Horace and Sonya Cole. If you are interested in sponsoring a future Nexus issue, please call Jen in the church office at 570-421-5821. The cost is \$35.00.

Thank You!

The words 'thank you' seems so arbitrary and unable to express the appreciation my family and I want to share with you for your going above and beyond by making my ordination and installation a huge, worshipful, spirit-filled, meaningful experience for us and all who attended.

Thank you to the committee members: Sandy Rydell, Lisa Menio, Linda Schaller, Sharon Laverdure, Barbara Braithwaite, Judy Shreck, Cindy Schrick, Bob Huffman, Becca Sanker and Bonnie Miller.

Particularly, I'd like to thank Greg Menio for MCing the reception and the people who came from some of the groups in our church and helped with parking. I also want to thank the wonderful staff who, without their help, this could not have happened: To Linda Schaller, who not only played the organ wonderfully, but also chose the most perfect musical selection for both the choir and bell choir. To Jen, who had to manage all the details regarding RSVP's, communications and the little unnoticed things. To Mike, who set up the sanctuary and dealt with me changing my mind and last minute details.

I'd like to thank all of those who participated in the ordination itself. Those who served communion, those who served as ushers, those who served as greeters, those who presented gifts and those who spoke at both the ordination and reception.

I am truly blessed by all of this congregation's warmth, kindness and reception. May God bless you all for blessing me.

Pastor Nicki

Pastor Nicki has a new email address!
You can still reach her through the church email (espresbyterian@gmail.com) but you can also reach her at pastornickiv@gmail.com



Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us on Sunday, April 14th for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will meet in the lounge, following worship, for lunch and then head outside for the hunt. There will be three age groups this year. Please sign up on the green bulletin board in the Narthex if you would like to participate. Don't forget to ask your neighbors and grandchildren...and bring your baskets!!!

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, **April 9th** at noon in the lounge.

Men's Lunch

There will be **NO** Men's lunch group during the month of April.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the May issue is Monday, **April 29th**.

Anniversaries

Those celebrating an anniversary in April are:
Ron and Brenda Bruce

Birthdays

Those celebrating birthdays in April are:

Lisa Swanson, Jen Carmella, Cole Wasylyk, Will Charpentier, Greg Menio, Kelley Stuetz, Mike Silvoy, Elda McCoy Erbe, Carole Emery, Debbie Prince, Walter Emery and Nicole Vogel.

Community Opportunities

Some of you may know this already, but I believe in being very ecumenical. I would encourage this congregation to be as involved in supporting your community as you can. I know many of you are already very involved. However, sometimes, our lack of involvement comes from lack of awareness. I have added a Community Opportunities section to the Nexus. Feel free to share with Jen, or me, anything that you have been made aware of and we will do our best to get the word out in the newsletter and on the community bulletin board found next to the offices.

Pastor Nicki



Geranium Sale

Time to Paint the Town Red with Geraniums

One of the annual Mission Committee's fundraisers is for the Women's Resources of Monroe County. Beginning this Sunday, March 31 through April 12, you will be able to sign up for the beautiful and hearty red geranium plants in the Narthex before and after church. Cost per plant is \$5.00; \$4.50 for three or more; and \$54.00 for a flat of twelve plants. They will be delivered on May 10. For more than 38 years, Women's Resources of Monroe County has provided free and confidential services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Monroe County. They provide direct services for women, children and men and education to the community. Your support makes a huge difference in the lives of the survivors.

Lenten Soup Suppers

The Lenten Soup Suppers will continue through April 10th. We start at 6:00 p.m. in the lounge. Enjoy great soups, fellowship with others and Bible Study with Pastor Nicki.

One Great Hour of Sharing

This year marks the 70th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing. It is still as relevant today as it was when it began in 1949, four years after WWII. It brought aid to people suffering from the destruction of the war. Today, churches in the United States and around the world come together to raise money for those affected by disasters, food for the hungry and support self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

On March 31 and April 7 the Mission Minute will focus on the three areas of One Great Hour of Sharing—the Presbyterian Disaster Relief, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People.

Our church has always given generously to OGHS through the special offering and the fish banks. We will be receiving your donations on Palm Sunday (April 14). Special OGHS envelopes are provided in the pews. Thank you for your support.



Treasurer and Stewardship Report through February 28, 2019

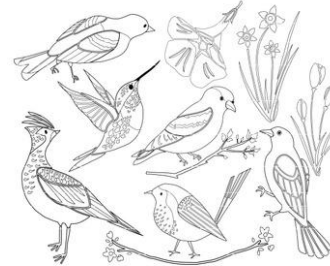
Income:	\$33,957.43
Expenses:	\$36,455.64
Net	\$ -2498.21
Year-to-Date Giving:	
Pledge Giving:	\$ 16,318.00
Non-Pledge Giving:	\$ 516.00



Thank You!

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, well-wishes and concern from Pastor Nicki and the congregation for Horace during his recent surgery.

~Sonya



Yard Sale News

Our annual Indoor Mission Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11. We are now collecting items for sale. Let's see if once again we can come up with a wonderful selection of items to delight our yard sale buyers. Let's find some treasures to offer, the kinds that keep people looking forward to our sale and coming back year after year.

Here are some ideas for donations: house wares, jewelry, home and holiday decor, antiques, furniture, sporting goods, tools, garden and yard items, toys, games, books, records, baby and children's items. Clothing will be accepted the week of the sale. Items should be CLEAN and ready for sale.

If you have books or large furniture items, please drop them off downstairs. Smaller boxes of items can be dropped off at the main entrance.

Please note that we do **NOT** want car seats, TV's (except like-new flat screen), computer equipment, ski equipment, textbooks, encyclopedias, old National Geographic's, and things that don't work.

We need lots of help with pricing, setting up, and working at the sale. To volunteer, please contact Ellie Buff at 570-424-0820. Proceeds from the sale support local missions, and all leftovers are donated to worthy causes.

*Hippty hop, tweet-el dee-dee
Everywhere- we can see
Snowy winter did disappear
Springtime is finally here!*

*Bunny and Birdie- happy, indeed
Knowing spring's what they all need.
Come along, let's go tell everyone
The cold, cold winter is now done.*

*Hurry, we shall look all around
Check out trees, shrubs and ground.
Blossoms of yellow, blue and white
Bringing us such a beautiful sight.*

*The squirrels high up in the tree-
Has anyone seen butterfly or bee?
Groundhog is basking in the sun
Everyone is having lots of fun.*

*This is that special time- each year
Knowing Easter is soon; so very near
Lillies, love 'n baskets filled to the brim
Come, come along and worship Him.*

~Kathryn Forbes

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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 P.M.	4	5	6
7 5 th Sunday in Lent Worship, 10:00 Communion Deacon's meeting, 11:15 a.m.	8	9 Women's Circle, noon	10 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00 P.M.	11	12	13
14 Palm Sunday Worship, 10:00 OGHS Collection Easter Egg Hunt and lunch, following worship	15	16	17	18 Maundy Thursday Services at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.	19 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. service at First Presbyterian Church, Stroudsburg	20
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