

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Lately, it seems that, for many of us, there are constantly new things being thrown at us: new routines, new challenges, changes in our lives and more. Hopefully, in these times, we can recall that God's presence is a constant. My family and I know, as well as this church family, as we embark on this new church and school year, the planning and anxiety can sometimes get the best of me. All the planning and organizing can leave me exhausted and weary before the routines even begin. Yet, I recall God's words spoken through the prophet Isaiah "they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength...they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31 ESV). These words remind me that my strength comes from my focus on our Lord and Savior. For if I trust in Christ and have faith in God's promises, then I can rest assured that if I wait on the Lord to do His work, my strength will be renewed. Furthermore, I can faithfully trust that the plans will come to fruition in God's timing, not mine. I can be confident to have the strength to carry through any tasks, routines, challenges that come with life, if I stay focused on waiting for God's timing, not mine. As we embark together on this new programming year, new school year, new way of life etc...I pray that when we feel overwhelmed by the passing challenges, routines and new beginnings of our personal and communal lives, we recall the words of Isaiah, reminding us to wait on the Lord to renew our strength.

Blessings,
Pastor Nicki

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Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, September 10th at noon in the Lounge. We will be doing lesson 3 in our study guide, 'God's Promise'. All women are welcome to attend. Please bring your lunch.

Camp Kirkwood

Coming up soon Camp Kirkwood events. The camp will be having a **Youth Day** on Saturday, September 28th. This is for 4th – 6th graders. Other opportunities will take place in November and December. Please check the bulletin boards in the Narthex for more information.

Anniversaries

Those celebrating an anniversary in **September** are:

Cort and Amy Huffman
Richard and Sharon Laverdure
Donald and Sheila Hopkins



Birthdays

Those celebrating birthdays in **September** are:

Nancy Creveling, Jackie Flynn, Lisa Elliott, Cindy Schrick, Anna Dressel, Reese Wasylyk, Rebecca Sanker, Ellie Buff, Hayden Huffman, Dale Pedersen, Bob Elliott, John Charpentier, Sheila Hopkins, Gavin Vogel and Mary Lou Huber.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through July 31, 2019

Income:	\$141,271.69
Expenses:	\$142,741.89
Net	\$ -1,470.20
Year-to-Date Giving:	
Pledge Giving:	\$ 78,343.00
Non-Pledge Giving:	\$ 4,451.00

Emergency Contacts

We would like to have an emergency contact for each member or family here at ESPC. In September we will be putting inserts in the bulletins. Please make sure you fill it out and return it to us. This will help us keep tabs on everyone and know who to contact if we can't reach you.

Church Women United

Church Women United of Monroe County will be having a 60th Anniversary Luncheon on Friday, October 18th at Stroudsmoor Country Inn at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$25 per person. All women of the church are invited to the Celebration.

Lunch choices are: Chicken Bianco Vino or Poached Salmon with caper cream. All entrees include soup, salad and home baked bread. Checks and food selection should be sent **ASAP** to:

Church Women United
70 Jonathan's Way
Henryville, PA 18332

Choir Info

As summer draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the performers who displayed their talents during our Sunday service. Thank you to Rick Sanker, Kylee Vogel, Carole and MaryAnne Emery, Lucas Swanson, Ron Charpentier and finally, the Choir. Your performances added so much to the service. God has given you a special talent.

September 8 is the start of the regular Sunday morning choir rehearsals. Singers are needed. Anyone from High School on up can join. No musical experience necessary. If you love to sing, I would love to have you in the choir. Hope to see you Sunday, September 8 at 8:50 am in the sanctuary.

Linda Schaller

The Garden of Giving

GOG will be celebrating their 10-year anniversary on September 14th, 2019! The celebration will be held from 4-7pm and includes a five-course meal, prepared by Chef Mike Abate of The Pocono Supper Club. The event will benefit *The Garden of Giving* and their mission to help feed people in Monroe County with nourishing food choices. A

flyer is posted in the Narthex with more information on the event.



Community Opportunities

We received a thank you note from Tammy Graeber of *The Garden of Giving* thanking us for having her speak on behalf of her organization last month. *The Garden of Giving* continues to advance its mission of providing fresh quality eggs and vegetables to help nourish those in need. If anyone is interested in donating or volunteering for this group, please call 570-402-1282.

The First Presbyterian Church in Stroudsburg is having their annual **Chicken Pot Pie sale**. The 9” pies sell for \$10.00 each. Orders are due in by September 22nd and will be ready for pick up on September 28th. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Family Promise

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Have you considered volunteering to help with Family Promise but are not sure what is involved? Family Promise will be holding a training session for prospective volunteers or for anyone wishing a refresher. It is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on September 13th at the Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, 831 Ann Street in Stroudsburg. To inquire or register, please call the Family Promise office at 570-420-8589.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the October issue is Monday, **September 23rd**.

Triennium Experience

Last month, Pastor Nicki, Callie Falzone and Lucas Swanson attended Triennium. If you were in church the week they talked about it, you know how much they enjoyed it. If you weren't there, here are some thoughts from Callie and Lucas.

Triennium, overall, was an amazing experience and one that I will never forget. Not only worship, but also the people I met and were around, were so uplifting. Each day we came into worship and I just felt amazing energy and the room was always filled with kindness and joy. Every worship touched my heart in a special way, but my favorite part by far was meeting all of the people from across the world and making new friends. It was just so great to see how genuine, honest and kind people truly were in their hearts. The whole trip was just so memorable and I could never forget it. -*Callie*

Thank you all for your wonderful support to help send Callie and I to Presbyterian Youth Triennium! It was an amazing experience that has changed my thinking and mindset towards how I live my life. I grew tremendously, both mentally and spiritually, all while having fun with kids from all across the country. I am so fortunate to have such a supportive and generous church family, and I couldn't be more grateful. -*Lucas*



The ESPC Youth Group has been infesting yards all over with flamingos. We thank all of you who were willing to be infested, as well as all of those who purchased the special flamingo insurance!! Also, we would like to thank the anonymous donor who purchased the flamingos for the youth to use

and reuse year to year. So far, the youth has raised \$740.00!!

Church Rally Day Picnic!!!

Join us Sunday, September 8th, following worship service for our annual Church Picnic to help celebrate Rally Day . . . the beginning of Church School. The church will provide drinks. We ask that you sign up to bring a covered dish or dessert. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Adult Bible Study Class

Join teacher Tim Swanson and the class as we continue to study the Bible in historical context. We will again use a series from "Focus on the Family" created by Ray Vanderbilt Laan, which uses a DVD of the areas being discussed and a study guide.

This series is entitled "Walk as Jesus Walked", and will be taught in 10 meetings from late September until Advent. We will meet each Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Senior High room of our church. OLDER YOUTH and all ADULTS are invited. There will be 5 topics in the study. They are:

1. Run!—The Passion of Elijah
2. Learning to Walk Like Jesus—Paul's Journey to Rome
3. An Unlikely Disciple
4. Why Christians Suffer—The Weight of Gethsemane
5. Don't Forget Us

Please join Tim and the class at 9:00 am each Sunday for these stimulating and informative sessions. The exact date of our first class is to be announced.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class is for students in 7th – 8th grade. This year's confirmation classes will be different than years passed. The great news is we will be holding a joint confirmation class with our sister church, Stroudsburg Presbyterian. Classes begin September 15th and will run until December 15th. They are held every Sunday after church from 11:30 - 1:00. We will be meeting at ESPC in September and November and at First Stroudsburg in October and December.

Is God calling you? Volunteers needed for confirmation class:

Love to support the Youth...well here is an easy way to do so. This year's confirmation class is meeting on Sundays and will need lunch provided on the weeks they meet. We are looking for volunteers to provide meals on Sundays in September and November at our church. Additionally, we are looking for people interested in being adult leaders in the class. This commitment can be a few times, as fits your schedule, or can be the entire course of the class. If you can help or are interested in helping, but want to know more, please contact Pastor Nicki.

Tractor for Sale

The Church is selling their old riding John Deere mower. If you are interested in purchasing it, please contact Jen, in the church office at 570-421-5821.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship every Sunday @10:00 am Fellowship Hour, following worship Communion	2 Labor Day Church Closed!	3	4	5	6	7
8 Choir Rehearsal, 8:50 Rally Day Picnic! TOALC Kickoff, 3:00	9	10 Women's Circle, noon Dinner honoring Frank Lanterman, 5:00 @ Elks	11	12	13 Family Promise Training, 6:00 p.m.	14 Garden of Giving Event, 4-7 p.m.
15 Sunday School starts Fellowship Hour Confirmation Class, 11:30- 1:00 Youth Group, 11:30	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Fellowship Hour, following worship Confirmation Class, 11:30- 1:00	23 Nexus Deadline	24	25	26	27	28 Camp Kirkwood Youth Day
29 Deacon's Coffee Hour, following worship Confirmation Class, 11:30- 1:00	30					

