

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear friends and members,

Back in October you might recall we did a worship service where everyone was invited to wear costumes and other fun outfits to church. It was a fun Sunday worship, enjoying God's blessings and offering our praise up to God. Since then, I learned the story on how dressing up for church came about. Early in U.S. history in churches, the wealthy would purchase pews to help fund paying for big elaborate churches. Eventually the church would reject this because it created a separation between the wealthy and the middle and lower classes. As such, they did away with the purchasing of pews. The wealthy still wanted to be distinguished, so they dressed up in fancy clothes that the other classes would be unable to afford. When I heard this, I thought how often do we think something has always been that way, but the truth reveals the opposite. As we continue moving forward and future ministry is decided upon, it's important to remember that things we think might be a tradition, may not be as good or work towards kingdom growth as we once thought. We will need to let go of some things that do not meet our mission and vision to be the hands and voice of God in our community and beyond, so we can shine like the city on a hill. Let us prepare ourselves to be able to let go of some things allowing us to embrace the new things God is doing.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Sponsor

This month's issue is being sponsored by Frank Lanterman. If you are interested in sponsoring an issue, the cost is \$35.00. Please notify Jen, in the church office, or sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the August issue is Monday, July 25th.



Walk and Talk

This time of walk and talk has been very successful. If you or anyone including friends, family, or members of community who would like to join to walk and talk together on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1:00, you are invited to do so. The place we walk is determined by the group after the conclusion of each walk. We try to stick to paths that are mostly flat and easy. If it is bad weather, we will reschedule. The pastor will announce where each walk would take place if you missed the last walk, or you can call the office and ask. If you are planning on coming, please let the office or pastor know this way you can get a call with any changes. For July, our walks will be July 6th and 20th.

Inspirarity Dialogue

Inspirarity Dialogue- You have a chance to meet your neighbors of differing faiths through conversations with them. This dialogue time is one hour and each month a different topic is chosen for the next month's discussion. Each person is to bring their faith traditions or own personal beliefs take on the chosen topic. Currently we are still doing this remotely on Zoom, but the hope is to do it in person in the future. The group is made up of many differing traditions that are fascinating from which to learn. Zoom info will be coming soon and you can find links and more info on our church website and Facebook page as it becomes available. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this group, please send Pastor Nicki an email at pastornickiv@gmail.com and she will add you to the list. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81144599578?pwd=bjZmb3UwWEdHWkxWcUIUNHlpbmhFUT09>

Meeting ID: 811 4459 9578
Passcode: 621686

Next meeting is Sunday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m.



Volunteers for writing!!!

Calling all who are willing to share! I am looking for people willing to write a paragraph answering the question, "How has my life changed by my involvement in this church?" If you are willing to write a brief paragraph, it would be greatly appreciated. I will be compiling them and sharing aspects, or maybe even full ones, with the author's permission in a future sermon.

For Ukraine

We are collecting money to be donated to those who are on the ground in Ukraine and other countries, helping those who are fleeing for safety, shelter, and food. If you would like to donate, you can give it in many ways, online, in the offering plate with its designation for Ukraine written on check or envelope, or simply drop off at the offices during normal office hours. So far, we have collected over \$3400.00.

5-7 Year Planning Commission

The next meetings of the 5-7 Year Planning Commission will be Tuesday, July 5th, Monday, July 11th and Monday, July 25th at 4:15 p.m.

Outdoor Service

Coming up...on August 28th, we will be having a special outdoor service. We will be inviting any children to bring in their backpack to receive a blessing over them. Additionally, we are looking to provide some backpacks for students in need. More details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, share this information with the families and children you know in our community.



Outdoor Worship Service

For Help in Our Area

There is a new phone number to call for lots of information in Monroe County. If you dial **570-517-3954**, it will assist you with all the services available to you in our area.

Celebrations:

Celebrating **Birthdays** in **July** are:

Wendy Lichty, Emma Menio, Soomie Santana, Michael Delaney, Bianca Nave, Mano Miller, Albert Menio, Sharon Laverdure, Kyle Kintz, Barbara Braithwaite, Anna Mae West, Bill Ellis and Kathy Mattern

Celebrating an **Anniversary** in **July** are:

Bill and Sue Ellis

Brown Bag Lunch Book Club

June 23, July 28, August 25 in the Fellowship Hall at noon at the **First Presbyterian Church**, 575 Main Street, Stroudsburg. Bring your lunch and join the discussion! This book is an easy, story-filled read that will help us think creatively about the future of the church. Drinks and desserts provided. All are welcome.

June Book: [Resurrecting Church: Where Justice and Diversity Meet Radical Welcome and Healing Hope](#) by John Cleghorn

Books (both kindle and paper versions) can be purchased for less than \$5 on Amazon, or you may contact the office by June 8 to purchase through the church. 570-421-7751.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88269088647?pwd=c0U3TFRxU1EyWTMxL3luelhYeHQ3dz09>

Humor Corner



July Meetings:

Finance & Property Committee meeting,
Sunday, July 3rd at 11:00

Session meeting,
Sunday, July 10th, following worship

Inspirarity Dialogues,
Sunday, July 10th at 7:00 pm

5-7 Year Planning Commission meeting,
Tuesday, July 5th at 4:15, Monday, July 11th
at 4:15 and Monday, July 25th at 4:15

Walk & Talk
Wednesdays, July 6th & 20th at 1:00 pm

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July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship, 10:00 Property & Finance Committee meeting, 11:00	4 Independence Day Church Closed	5 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 pm	6 Walk & Talk, 1:00 pm	7	8	9
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