

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear friends and members,

In our recent 5–7-year planning commission meeting, one member shared that it appears much of the congregation is unaware of, or understands, this commissions job. Others don't know who is on the commission. I thought it be best to share more about this commission, which is a group of volunteers who agreed to serve and discern this church's way forward, for the next 5-7 years. This commission's job is to think outside the box, figure out how we live into our mission and vision in new ways that are relevant to today's society around us. If you have ideas that are outside the box, and would like to share them, please do so with any of the following who serve on the commission: Rich Laverdure, Theresa Lawrence, Sandy Rydell, Rick Sanker, Judy Schreck, Tim Swanson, and ex-facto Pastor Nicki.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Sponsor

This month's issue is being sponsored by **Sonya Cole**. We are looking for sponsors for our future Nexus issues in 2022. 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.



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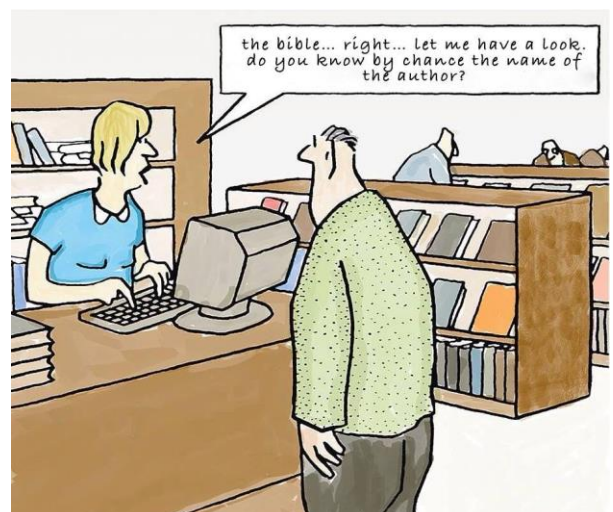
Report through September 30, 2021

HOPE Fund Income	\$7,650.00
HOPE Fund Disbursements	\$5,337.76
Yearly Pledges	\$144,880.00
Pledge Giving to Date	\$103,096.00

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the December issue is Monday, November 22nd.

Humor Corner



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

Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries in **November** are:
Robert & Diane Huffman
David and Barbara Braithwaite
Greg & Lisa Menio



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **November** are:
Chris Vogel, Lisa Finelli, Stacey Mattern,
Tim Swanson, Kathy Kauderer, Allan Erbe,
Sandy Gordon, Christy Pedersen, Donald Hopkins
and Linda Schaller.



Community Memorial Thanksgiving Service

Please join us Sunday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. for a Community Thanksgiving Memorial Service here at ESPC. This is a collaborative service, organized by the Clergy group of the Stroudsburgs and the Monroe County United Common Grounds group. Because of the pandemic preventing us from meeting last year, and preventing so many people from having an opportunity to be remembered, the organizing group was asked to create an opportunity to do this as part of our service. We are asking that if you would like to attend, either in person or virtually and would like to have a name of someone who died since March of 2020, please call the church office to share that name. Being present in this ecumenical service shows support to those in our community who lost loved ones and who want to move forward in thanksgiving for the lives they lived.

Reminders

*Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, November 7th.
Please remember to turn your clocks **back** one hour.*

*There will be a **congregation meeting** on Sunday, November 14th, following worship service.*

Also, the Church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

In September, a couple of us delivered canned goods to the **East Stroudsburg High School North's food pantry**. The coordinator of the pantry asked if we could help provide food for Thanksgiving. So, as the Beacon on the Hill, one of our missions is to serve others in need. The food drive will run from **November 1 to November 14**. If you would like to support the food pantry, there are a few options on how to help.

1. Purchase a turkey (fresh or frozen), vegetables (fresh, frozen or canned), stuffing, jellied or whole cranberry sauce or any other Thanksgiving food related items.
2. Make a monetary donation. Make check payable to ESPC with Food Drive on the notation line.
3. A gift card to Giant or Price Chopper.

Let's make this Thanksgiving special for the families that the ESHS-North Food Pantry serves. Thank you for your continuing support for our Mission ministries.



Confirmation Class

Like last time, the confirmation program this year will be done with other confirmands from local Presbyterian churches. This year, though, we will be gathering between 4 churches. Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt, Delaware Water Gap Church on the Mount, Shawnee Presbyterian Church, and ours will all participate together. The first gathering will be on November 21 at 1:00pm at Church on the Mount in Delaware Water Gap. If you haven't already been in contact with Pastor Nicki, and know someone who would like to be confirmed, who can meet at least once a month from Jan-June, who is 8th grade or above, please contact Pastor Nicki or the church office.

Taizé

Five Mondays in November

Join us for a time of music, silence and wisdom from many holy traditions. The monastery in Taizé, France encourages a way of life committed to living in a spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation. The Taizé service explores a spirituality of listening and commitment. You are invited to be part of a broad spiritual community setting aside time for the holy. More Information? Email us at bethutley@ptd.net or bobriday@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 All Saints Day Communion Session Mtg. Deacon's Mtg.	8 5-7 Year Planning Committee meeting, 5:30 pm	9 Women's Circle, 12:30 Mission Committee Mtg. 2:00	10	11	12	13
14 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Congregational meeting, following worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 pm	22 Nexus Deadline	23	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving! Church Closed	26 Church Closed	27
28 Adult Ed. 9:00 Worship, 10:00	29	30				