

# THE NEXUS

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## **Nicki's News**

Dear friends and members,

Just yesterday, I was having a discussion about the high rates of single parent homes in our area and in many areas. This indicates that there are increasing separations between parents, or lack of one parent's involvement. I wondered and turned to prayer about resources or ways that Christians can help in this area that affects our communities. I heard of one a year ago that is national, but also has a local program call Pocono Dad Project. This church had hosted one of the courses and may host again in the future. They work with fathers who meet and learn ways to be the best father they can be. Then, I recently met with a lawyer by the name of Josh Kershenbaum, who shared about mediation that is available, but most people struggling with separation rarely know about. Mediation's goal is to go through a neutral third-party, to come to a positive agreement without having to go through an adversarial court battle or drag kids into parental issues. It's not easy when couples, with children, struggle. As Christians, if we know of family, friends or someone close whose struggling with this, we can point them to these types of organizations that are in line with God's ways of peaceful living. If you are interested in learning more about either option, you can email [kennygc8@gmail.com](mailto:kennygc8@gmail.com) about Pocono Dad Project or [josh@jjrlawfirm.com](mailto:josh@jjrlawfirm.com) about mediation.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

## **Nexus Sponsor**

This month's issue is being sponsored by Wendy Lichty. 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 November issue is Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.



## **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, you are invited to do so. The place we walk is determined by the group after the conclusion of each walk. 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 October, our walks will be Wednesdays October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Stewardship Campaign 2023

We are introducing a new way to explore being good stewards of our blessings this upcoming stewardship season. We invite you to pray and meditate on your blessings throughout your life, and what that might mean for you now, and in the future. In this “light” we are challenged to determine how we can “fuel” our beacon in innovative and exciting ways. To this end, this stewardship season has a fun twist. You each have the opportunity and challenge to have some fun solving this year’s Stewardship theme by solving this abbreviation, “**BOAH PPF.**”

Reviewing your blessings will aid you in finding the correct solution. If you believe you have determined the theme, share your solution by writing it on a slip of paper and depositing the paper in the “solution box” on the table in the Narthex. If your answer is correct, we will announce the theme early. This year’s stewardship season begins October 16 and will conclude with a special celebratory pledge Sunday service on **November 6**. Please prayerfully consider how you can add “fuel” to God’s light through the sharing of your time, talents, and treasures.



## Hope Fund

Our HOPE Fund is a fund we began in response to the needs of our community, that can help people struggling with financial constraints. This fund has helped many congregants, or any person identified as in need, pay for electric, heating, rent assistance, glasses, car repairs and more. As the cost of living is going up, we are seeing increased needs and use of this fund. If you would like, you can donate to this fund at any time. Additionally, if you know someone in need, you can direct them to us and we will do what we can to assist them. Please note “Hope Fund” on your check memo line.

## 5-7 Year Planning Commission

The next meetings of the 5-7 Year Planning Commission will be Mondays, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

## Celebrations:

Celebrating **Birthdays in October** are:

Rich Laverdure, Charlotte Currie, Janice Delaney, Rylee Mehringer, Sienna Mehringer and Phil Lawrence

Celebrating an **Anniversary in October** are:

Felix and Margie Staffaroni  
Rick and Rebecca Sanker  
Jim and Carol Hall  
Kyle and Daisha Kintz

## Looking Ahead in November...

Advent wreath making at Christ Presbyterian Church of Slate Belt, Saturday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>** in the morning. Time TBD.

Annual Interfaith Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at St. John’s Church on Sunday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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.

Meeting ID: 811 4459 9578  
Passcode: 621686

**Next meeting is Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**



## Calling All Youth

We are excited to announce that we are going to be joining with youth from several area Presbyterian Churches to come together for times of sharing and fellowship with one another. The first gathering is scheduled for October 23 from 2-4pm at Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church, 150 Pilgrim Way, Brodheadsville. As part of the afternoon activities, we will be having an ice cream social, and each youth are invited to bring their favorite topping along. The plan is to meet at different churches on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 2-4pm. If any adults are interested in being adult helpers, we would greatly appreciate it. You do not need to be a parent to be a helper, but you will need to have clearances if you do not have them already. They are simple and free to obtain.

## Peace & Global Witness Special Offering

Thank you to all for your support in our Peace and Global Witness Offering. We were able to collect \$

## Men's Lunch

Men's Luncheon series resumes on Wednesday, October 12th at 12:00 in the Lounge. Please join is for soup and sandwiches. We will engage in a lively discussion about imaging Heaven.

## October Meetings:

- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Deacon's meeting, following worship  
~ Finance meeting, following worship
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Session meeting, following worship  
~ Inspararity Dialogues, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 pm
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 pm  
~ Women's Circle, 2:00 pm
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Men's Luncheon, noon
- Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Youth Gathering, 2:00 pm
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 5-7 Year Planning Commission, 4:15 pm

## Living Into Our Mission

Here are ways we have brought God's light to our community in recent months:

1. We have helped someone move into a new apartment with furniture and home furnishings they needed.
2. We have provided meals for Family Promise members in need.
3. We have supplied food to individuals and have also taken lots of food to the North Timberwolf Pantry.
4. We have provided temporary room and board for people traveling through our area.
5. We supplied, blessed and delivered backpacks to kids in need in our area and donated more up north.
6. We provided practice space for a summer choir.
7. We baptized a baby!
8. We completed and are starting a new TOALC session.
9. We have had several Walk & Talks.
10. We have helped in giving rides, meals and visits to our congregants.
11. We have donated money to Ukraine.
12. We donated funds to Common Threads, Angels & Dragonflies, Angel's Closet, Meals On Wheels, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming Thrift Shop and Timberwolf Pantry.
13. We contributed to One Great Hour of Sharing.

## Halloween Fellowship

Please join us for a special **SPOOKTACULAR** time of Fellowship on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, after worship. All are invited to bring their favorite Halloween themed food, snack, or treat to share! Costumes optional, but welcome!



## Congratulations!

Rhea Jane, was born on September 8, 2022. She weighed 7 lbs, 11 ounces. She is the daughter of Maddie Reece and Tommy Ho. She is the fourth great grandchild for Tom and Bobbie Long!



## Operation Shoebox

This October, ESPC will begin collecting shoebox items and funds to support Operation Christmas Child. We want boys and girls around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy, now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each shoebox that is packed is filled with school supplies, hygiene items, toys and Bible teachings in the child's target language. Last year our 34 boxes were distributed to children in Lesotho and Dominican Republic! If you would like to support OCC, we encourage you to choose from one of the following options:

1. Pack your own shoebox by following guidelines listed at [samaritanaspurse.com](http://samaritanaspurse.com). Bring your packed shoebox to church, or call the church office for pick-up service, by October 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Make a monetary donation. Write a check to ESPC, with "Operation Christmas Child" written in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you! \$25 will cover the cost of shipping, plus filling a shoebox.
3. Pray for the children who will be blessed by Operation Christmas Child. If you have questions regarding any aspect of this outreach project, please call Lisa at 570-688-1093.



## Humor Corner



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9 Worship, 10:00 Session Mtg. Inspararity Dialogues, 7:00	10 5-7 Year Planning Commission 4:15 pm	11 Mission Comm. Mtg., 1:00 Women's Circle, 2:00	12 Men's Lunch, noon	13	14	15
16 Worship, 10:00 Stewardship Sunday	17	18	19 Walk & Talk, 1:00 pm	20	21	22
23 Worship, 10:00 Youth Gathering, 2-4	24 5-7 Year Planning Commission 4:15 pm Nexus Deadline	25	26	27	28	29
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Worship, 10:00 Spooktacular Fellowship Gathering	Happy Halloween!					