

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear Church Family,

You may have heard me mention before that I follow my seminary friend's blog. Often what she writes strikes me and I recognize God speaking through her to me. A week ago, or so, she posted this wonderful short prayer. I identified with it instantly and wanted to share it with you.

Yesterday, I asked God:

"Just how many times are you going to save me from myself?"

*God's response seemed suited to a different inquiry:
"I already have."*

Seeing as God knows me so well,

I didn't feel the need to respond with grace:

"What the heck does that mean?"

God smiled broadly and winked when he told me:

"My dear one,

when I died on that tree

I saved you for all eternity."

It's very easy to fall into sin and not so easy to remember that we have been forgiven. We must try to recall our forgiveness in these times so that we can offer that same forgiveness to others.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the November issue is Monday, **October 26th**.

Youth Group- Zoom meeting

Join us again this month for our youth group zoom meeting. We have moved the meetings to Sunday evenings to accommodate schedules. Our next meeting is Sunday October 18th. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84058169182> and the Meeting ID is 840 5816 9182. This information is emailed to the youth and families. If you know of others in the community or beyond who might like to join our youth zoom meetings, which are open to any youth in grades 8th-12th, let the office know their email so they can be added to the list or simply forward the email to them. We hope to start planning some socially distanced safe activities for upcoming months if you have ideas please share.

Keep in mind zoom is now requiring either password or waiting room so if a screen pops up that says waiting for host, just wait and your entrance into the group will be approved.



Nexus Sponsor

This month's issue is sponsored by Frank Lanterman. If you are interested in sponsoring a future Nexus issue, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex (next to the flower sign-up sheet). The cost is \$35.00.

Anniversaries

Celebrating anniversaries in **October** are:

Felix and Margie Staffaroni

Mike and Norene Rosso

Rick and Becca Sanker

Jim and Carol Hall

Horace and Sonya Cole

Bob and Lisa Elliott

Kyle and Daisha Kintz



Parking Lot Service

The drive-in service for October will be held on Sunday, October 4th at 10:00. This will be World Communion Sunday. Please be sure to tune your radio dial into 93.9 FM.



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in **October** are:

Rich Laverdure, Charlotte Currie, Horace Cole,

Janice Delaney, Rylee Mehringer, Sienna

Mehringer, Emily Cecchini and Phil Lawrence

Free Couch!

Check out the picture on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Call Jenny Collins if interested at 570-424-8761.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report through August 31, 2020

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| Income: | \$175,445.48 |
| Expenses: | \$179,688.13 |
| Net | \$ -4,242.65 |
| Year-to-Date Giving: | |
| Pledge Giving: | \$108,939.00 |
| Non-Pledge Giving: | \$ 2,664.00 |

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers during these last few weeks. My mom, Aline (pronounced AL-Lean) Schrick, passed away on Wednesday, Sept 2, at the age of 100. Cindy and I, my sister and her husband, were able to visit with her before she died. She is now with the Lord, re-united with my dad. They were married for 72 years.

Thank you,

Karl

Special Offerings

Yes, things have changed in the world. However, the call to help people in need has not and has become even more important than ever. We, as servants of the Lord, are encouraged to take action. Through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), **One Great Hour of Sharing and the Peace & Global Witness** special offering campaigns provide an opportunity for our church family to help individuals locally and internationally. We ask for your consideration in donating to one or both of these special Presbyterian programs. Please make check(s) payable to ESPC and indicate on the memo line the special offering and return your donation to the church by October 4, 2020. Thank you in advance for your support and donation.

Suggestions and/or Questions

In times such as we are experiencing, there are often suggestions or questions that arise. I would invite you to share them if you feel comfortable doing so. Perhaps, you have a question that a sermon could answer, or a suggestion for how we might do something better. No matter what it is, we would love to have your input. Simply email, call, or drop a note off for the pastor. Her email is pastornickiv@gmail.com.

Children's Sunday School

We are excited to announce that, although we cannot have in-person Sunday school at this time, there will still be opportunity to learn from the Bible in a new way. The Christian Ed committee is working hard to provide in-home lessons that will be delivered monthly to anyone with children who would like to participate. The kits will include a story and all the necessary items to do suggested crafts and activities. There is also a designated page <https://www.espresbyterian.com/worship/children-youth/> on our website where links to the stories and more will be posted for you to use at your convenience. If you, or someone else, you know would like to receive these kits, please contact church office.



Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due in by **October 11th**. If you have questions regarding any aspect of this outreach project, please call Lucas or Lisa Swanson at 570-688-1093.

Adult Sunday School Class

After contacting members of the Adult Sunday School class, the majority of members indicated that they would like to delay the start of class this fall. Therefore, it is our hope to begin class sometime in November. Stay tuned for more information about the beginning of class and our next course of study.

Best,

Tim Swanson

United Way Presents . . .

Getting Ahead. Getting ahead is a free 20 week program open to Monroe County residents who are income eligible. Registration is now open! Due to COVID-19, all classes will be virtual.

Our Getting Ahead program is a 20 session workshop to help people stabilize their situations and build resources to improve their lives. The Getting Ahead program guides participants through the process of assessing their own resources and how to build those resources as part of their move to self-sufficiency.

For more information, please contact Misozi (CC'd) at 570-517-3956 or use this form <https://tinyurl.com/Getting-Ahead-PMUW> to register. Also, check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



A wedding!

Bobbie and Tom Long are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Mallory Goodman to Curt Hoffart on August 8th, 2020. They were married on the grounds of the iconic T.A. Moulton Barn in the Grand Teton National Park, Moose, Wyoming. The Grand Tetons were a beautiful backdrop to their lovely, intimate, wedding.

Support Small Business!

In this season of the pandemic, we've been encouraged to support small businesses which are the base of our economic system. Did you know that we have several small business owners in our congregation? A few have been brought to our attention and are listed below. If you know of more, let Jen, in the office, know so we can share them.

Yenchi & Steve Online Store

Yenchi & Steve (Y&S) is an online store named after my mom and dad. My mom's middle name being Yenchi and my dad's first name, Stephen. So you could say it's call Mom and Dad. A few of the product in the store include vitamins, antioxidants and several other nutritional supplements, skincare and beauty products, as well as other essential products like detergents, cleaners oral care, etc. These items are not tested on animals and each comes with a 6-month money-back guarantee.

I started this business to give my parents as much support as I can for all the sacrifices they made for me, to be a blessing to the needy by supporting food pantries/drives in areas affected by hurricanes, fires and the pandemic. It gives me a great sense of satisfaction and purpose, that, though I only launched about a month ago, I am inspired and challenged by the need to serve people even more.

I'd like to personally invite you to stop and check out Y & S. If you need help, directions or more information, feel free to reach me at email: cherubim3rene@yahoo.fr or call at 1-334-498-9086. I will be happy to walk you through so, together, we can meet your needs.

***Massage By Rebecca @Free Flow
Acupuncture
435 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18302
484-336-0477***

Rebecca Sanker is a licensed massage therapist in Pennsylvania. She offers customized massages, based on individual needs with a personal

consultation during each session. She was educated at Health Options Institute of Massage in Bethlehem, PA and received her license in May of 2015. Rebecca is proficient in Therapeutic Massage, which includes Deep Tissue, Prenatal, Relaxation and Reflexology. Rebecca has taken additional courses in Oncology Massage and Cancer, Presence and Touch. She enjoys meeting new clients and tailoring each massage to the individual needs of the client. When she is not doing massage, Rebecca can be found supporting her husband, teaching students Colorguard at East Stroudsburg North High School, doing community service with the East Stroudsburg South High School Key Club, as well as working with the youth at East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church.

Karkut Entertainment Group LLC

While you may know Keith as the guy that does the outdoor drive-in service, it is just one part of his business. He is the owner/operator of Karkut Entertainment Group LLC, which he started in 1985. Karkut Entertainment is a full service entertainment business which has provided family entertainment for Pocono families and Resorts for years. DJ, Karaoke, Game Shows, Magic Shows, Bounce Houses, Outdoor Movies, Event Planning and Decorating and much more. Keith also is a professional Hypnotist, who travels the country performing his Alcohol Awareness Program, Hypnotic Intoxication, at hundreds of colleges in 46 states to date.

In 2017, Keith opened Karkut Travel which is a full service Travel Agency which specializes in Family and Group Cruises and Disney Trips. His latest venture, Karkut Media, was started in 2018 to guide the media needs of his many ventures, but since the Covid-19 crisis it has expanded into Live Streaming services and Social Media Consulting. Keith will soon be launching his new Youtube Channel, "Family Friendly Channel", which will focus on everything Family! Watch for its launch in October. Contact Keith for all your family entertainment needs at 570-460=8619.

Christian Education Committee

With Sunday school opportunities currently “on hold”, our church would like to give the congregation alternative educational opportunities for spiritual growth. Christian books and booklets have been purchased that we are making available to you for free. Seven different books/booklets will be available in the Narthex each month during October-December.

October’s selection include the following:

- NIV Bibles
- 365 Read Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories
- “What on Earth am I Here For?”- Rick Warren
- “Bible Promises for You”
- “Winning Your Spiritual Battles”- Tony Evans
- “ Less Fret, More Faith”- Max Lucado
- “Prayers to Start Your Day”

The materials will be available beginning Sunday, October 4th. For those who are unable to come to church in person to pick up materials, please let the church know and we will deliver these free selections to you.

God bless you,

The Christian Education Committee

Church Officer on-line Training

October 7th

Have you been called or are considering whether to serve as a Ruling Elder or Deacon for your congregation and you are not quite sure what your role is? Or you have been serving for years and could use a reminder why you said yes?

This training is for you. Elected officers are too important to the life of a church to not be properly equipped for the work they are called by God through the Holy Spirit to do.

Some of the topics this training will cover are instruction on the Constitution, foundations and structure of the Presbyterian Church (USA); as well as an examination of the meaning and purpose of the Constitutional Questions asked during ordination and installation. You will learn a bit about our Book of Order, Reformed theology and the connectional nature of our denomination.

You will leave with a more complete sense of what it means to be Presbyterian, as well as specifics on the responsibilities of being a Ruling Elder or Deacon.

Join us on October 7th. Call the church office for the link to register.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 World Communion Outdoor service, 10:00 am Deacon's Meeting, 11:00 a.m. | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Mission Committee meeting, 1:30 p.m. | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Worship, 10:00 a.m. Session meeting, 11:00 a.m. | | Women's Circle meeting at 1:00 in the pavilion | | | | |
| 18 Worship, 10:00 a.m. Youth Zoom meeting, 6:00 p.m. | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Worship, 10:00 a.m. | 26 Nexus deadline | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Happy Halloween!! |