

THE NEXUS

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Nicki's News

Dear Church Family,

This week I was reading an email that had me thinking about the stories relating to boats and Jesus in the Bible. In one of those stories, Jesus is in the boat when a storm hits and he is called upon by His disciples to calm the storm. The sermon lessons on this are often focused on remembering that we can trust in Jesus, who is in our boat. However, this email suggested we think of it differently if looking through the lens of Psalm 46 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." From this lens we can see Jesus isn't just in our boat, Jesus IS THE BOAT! What a wonderful thought to have. God is our refuge, strength and help in the storms of life. This reminds us that we can trust in Him who is not only in our boat, He **is** our boat. May this reminder help us to find Christ peace in these trying times.

In His Peace,

Pastor Nicki

Nexus Sponsor

This month's issue is sponsored by Ann and Steve Healy. 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.

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the December issue is Monday, November 23rd.

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 November 15th at 6:30pm. **Please note the time has changed to accommodate schedules.** The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806488270> and the Meeting ID is 858 0648 8270 . 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.



Thank You

A sincere thank you to my congregation family for all of the cards and prayers that came my way. I'm on the mend and doing better every day. May God continue to help me heal and may he keep you all safe.

Linda Schaller

Humor Corner

A pastor received a letter from a congregant. It had only one word written on it – *FOOL*. “Well,” said the pastor, “the sender signed the letter, but didn’t write anything else!”

Anniversaries

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

Treasurer and Stewardship

Report through September 30, 2020

HOPE Fund Income	\$8375.00
HOPE Fund Disbursements	\$4022.23
OGHS Income	\$1970.00
OGHS Sent	\$1970.00
Peace & Global Witness Income	\$1085.00
Peace & Global Witness Sent	\$ 813.75
(We keep 25% for our use \$271.25)	
Yearly Pledges	\$144,632.00
Pledge Giving to Date	\$116,215.00

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.



Church Women United

Christmas Stockings

Our ESPC Women’s Circle normally meets once a month for bible study and fellowship. Thanks to Elda McCoy and Glydia McKeegan, we also participate in some of the ministries of Monroe County Church Women United. One of our usual projects is providing Christmas stockings to be given to local homeless or nursing home residents. This year, because of COVID, our Circle will not fill stockings, but we will donate funds and anything we have already collected to be added to the stockings to be filled by Church Women United. We usually fill the stockings with toiletries, small items of clothing (socks, scarves, gloves, etc), and other useful or fun items for either men, women or children. If you have any such items that you would like to contribute, we would be happy to add them to our donation. We give only new items. The deadline for donations is November 15. Items can be brought to the church office for the Church Women United’s Christmas Stocking project.

Christian Education Committee

As November begins, our church will continue to offer educational opportunities for spiritual growth. A new set of free Christian books and booklets will be available in the Narthex. The materials offered this month include:

NIV Bibles

“Bible Promises for You”

“Explore”- A reading/workbook exploring topics such as “Is there a God?” and “Is this Life all there Is?”

“The Case for Christ” by Lee Strobel. The booklet answers the 20 most asked questions about the Christian faith.

“How to Pray” by John Wesley

“Is God Speaking to Me?”

“199 Promises of God”

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.

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School class will begin to meet on Sunday, November 22nd at 9:00 AM. We will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, so you may enter the building through the lower parking lot door. Please wear your mask and prepare to social distance.

This Fall’s class will answer a series of nine questions that focus on the destiny that is ours in Jesus Christ. Highlight questions include:

1. How special are human beings?
2. What is the nature of death?
3. What is life and how is it received?
4. What role does faith play in our relationship with God?
5. What does God seek to do in us now?

We hope to see you on the 22nd!

Support Small Business!

Healthy Living Services LLC
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In 2007 Mary Lou Huber established Healthy Living Service LLC in order to provide the community with the gifts God has instilled in her. She graduated in 2000 from Health Options Institute in Bethlehem as a licensed massage therapist and specializes in medical massage therapy. Whether you have been involved in an auto accident, had a recent injury due to a fall or a strain from a work related or sport injury, she is qualified to help with your individual needs and creates a session just for you. She can also provide you with a relaxing therapeutic massage, hot stone massage, shiatsu massage, cranial sacral massage, lymphatic drainage, deep tissue, prenatal massage and facial cupping, to help reduce wrinkles and reflexology.

Mary Lou Huber is also a Licensed Practical Nurse who does private duty care and is willing to provide nursing, companion or respite care for your loved one in your home. She is also a CPR instructor and is the owner/operator of Huber’s Heroes CPR. She can certify you for the first time or recertify you in Basic Life Support CPR, Health Saver CPR, Pediatric CPR, First Aid and AED. You can be certified at her training site or as a group or business at your facility.

She is also a licensed notary and provides a traveling notary services for your convenience. She can be reached at 570-801-1240.

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November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Worship, 10:00 am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 All Saints Day Worship, 10:00 am Congregational Meeting Worship Comm. Mtg. 10:45	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15 Pledge Sunday Worship, 10:00 am Session Mtg. 11:00 am Youth Group Zoom meeting, 6:00	16	17 Mission Committee meeting, 1:00 in the lounge	18	19	20	21
22 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 am	23 Nexus Deadline	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Church Closed	27 Church Closed	28
29 1 st Sunday in Advent Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 am	30					