



# The Exciter

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## THE IMPACT OF CHURCH CAMP

One of my favorite memories growing up was attending Camp Lambec. This camp is a mission of six area Presbyteries. For one week, I was completely surrounded by youth who loved God as much as I did. We were swept away from our busy summer lives and swept up in the love of Christ. It is where I first accepted the Lord as my Savior, where I grew in my faith and my knowledge of the Bible, and where I made long-lasting friendships.

As an adult, I continue to attend Camp Lambec, now as a counselor. I want to invite the youth of our church (and the community) to attend camp with me this summer. There are camps for varying interests, ages and purposes:

- Wet 'n Wild: June 25-30, Grades 3-6
- Wetter 'n Wilder: June 25-30, Grades 7-12
- Music Camp: July 9-14, Grades 4-College Freshman
- Family Camp A: July 16-21, All ages
- Family Camp B: July 23-28, All ages
- Family Camp C: July 30-August 4, All ages

Also, there are scholarships available for interested families!

Please consider fitting Camp Lambec into your summer plans. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, the church office, or the camping website ([www.camplambec.org](http://www.camplambec.org)).

In Him,  
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## WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Beginning on June 4, our 8:30 A.M and 11:00 A.M. worship services will change to one service at 10:30 A.M. We will continue this single, combined worship service throughout the summer and for the duration. Please note Sunday School will be on hiatus from May 28 until September.



## THE PRAYER CHAIN

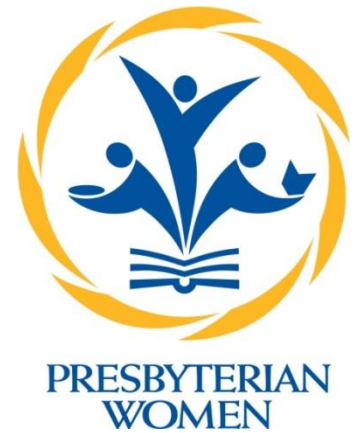
IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST, speak with Pastor Gregg, call Patti in the church office (814-725-8641), or email our prayer chain ([jlivingston@neo.rr.com](mailto:jlivingston@neo.rr.com) OR [office@fpcne.org](mailto:office@fpcne.org)). Email us if you'd like to be added to our email prayer chain.



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# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Presbyterian Women have a long tradition of caring for others and helping those in need. Ever since Hallie Paxson Winsborough, in 1922 challenged each member of the Women's Auxiliary of the PCUS to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift" for Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Japan, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve the lives of women and children around the world. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others in order to continue funding mission projects like the ones selected for 2017.



In 2017, we will answer the call to show Jesus' love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to three projects that support the critical need for shelter, health care and water in the areas they serve:

1. First-Hand Aid's Rural Clinic Development Initiative serving rural communities in Cuba
2. Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence, South Carolina
3. The Paper for Water Navajo Water Project

Please join us for a Birthday Tea and Luncheon on May 7, 2017, immediately after the 11 A.M. worship service. Remember if you are a woman and attend our church you are invited. Bring your offering in the denomination you wish to give, equal in number to your age or more! Thank you so much. See you there!

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## ELMWOOD GARDENS AUXILIARY ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The month of May not only brings the beautiful flowers into bloom, but it also means another year has passed since the last membership drive for the Elmwood Gardens Auxiliary.

The purpose of the Auxiliary is to enrich the lives of those who reside at Elmwood Gardens. We aim to brighten their days by providing a monthly birthday party; special parties each month with entertainment, including special holiday parties, cakes on Mother's Day and Father's Day; a gift for everyone for Christmas; a summer picnic; and a special luncheon in September. We provide transportation through the LIFT program for shopping and lunches

out. We arrange for the weekly church service, provide the daily newspaper and spend time with the residents.

Our support comes through the May Membership Drive, bake sales, and basket raffles. The membership fee of the Auxiliary is \$10. Any amount you are able to give will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in the Assembly Room at the church. Please return your envelope to the church office or Charlene Baird.

Thank you.

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## PW Book Club

Attention book lovers: The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, May 11 at 2 P.M. in the conference room next to the Pastor's study. Come prepared to discuss *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.



## MISSION COMMITTEE



Would you like to support our church's mission team to rural West Virginia this summer? Have you been meaning to declutter or simplify your belongings? Consider donating your new or gently used items for our yard sale.

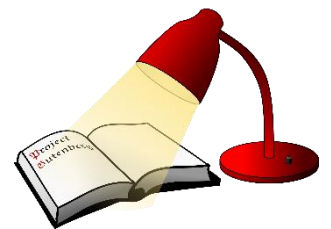
Our church will be participating in the North East Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 13th (only) for the express purpose of raising money for our annual World Vision mission trip. Please bring any items to the church and put them in the far southwest basement stairwell. Please pre-price your items to ease the workload on our volunteers. Please note we are not accepting large furniture.

If you would like to help with the sale or have questions, see Scott Connors, Ashley Connors, or Steve Seymour. Thank you for your support as our mission team seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus in their service to the poor.

## LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Start your summer reading early! Here are some reading suggestions from our church library.

1. *Praying the Bible* by Donald S. Whitney. This is a simple, practical and Biblical approach to prayer. Recommended by Pastor Gregg.
2. *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. This is a novel about King David's life.
3. *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. This is a true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice.
4. *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Eight teens from the University of Washington quest for gold at the 1939 Berlin Olympic Games. This is an emotional and true story of determination and bonds built by teamwork.
5. *Arnold Palmer: A Life Well Played* by Arnold Palmer. This book offers advice, guidance and personal stories that gave meaning to the author's life.



\*A friendly reminder to all patrons of the library: When you are leaving a donated book, please include your name. Thank you!

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## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



Applications for the Holmes and Burrows Scholarship Funds are now available in the church office. Traditional and/or adult students who have completed at least one year of post-high school studies may qualify. Completed applications, including an essay and copy of grade transcripts, must be returned to the church office or to Sue Moore by June 1. Please contact Sue at 725-9391 for questions.

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**“LIKE” US ON FACEBOOK AND KEEP UP ON THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.** We post important news and church happenings and upload lots of great photos and videos. Have something you'd like to share? Send it to Patti in the church office at [office@fpcne.org](mailto:office@fpcne.org) and we'll post it for you. Or feel free to post to our wall.

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# NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY



Welcome and congratulations!

*Penelope Lochlyn Drab*

February 16, 2017

Daughter of Jason & Heather Drab  
Granddaughter of Dennis & Sandy Drab

To my church family,

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for all of the prayers lifting me up for healing when I fell on New Year's Day, the visits made to me, for all the cards, gifts, and beautiful flowers received, the food lovingly cooked and delivered to our home, phone calls checking up on me, Facebook messages posted, and emails received. I especially want to thank Pastor Gregg for his visits and prayers. It was very humbling to me knowing so many, many people, not just from my church family, but from other churches in North East and surrounding communities were praying for me. There is truly power in prayer! Thank you so much!



I am also very grateful to my loving husband and my family for all of their love and support during the past few months. I couldn't have gotten through it without them. Love them so much!

In Christ's Love,  
Sally Murray

## SERVICE SCHEDULES

DATE:	USHERS:	READER:	NURSERY:
7-May	Dave Meehl, John Wilcox, Roger Meehl, Dianne Tyler, Sophie Tyler	Marcia Regan	Evelyn Daughrity and Makayla Albney
14-May	Bob & Sandy Nelson, Ron Blosser, Al Mohnkern	Beth Seymour	<i>vacant</i>
21-May	Vern & Kitty Hurlburt, Joe & Sue Spacht, Garrett Connors	Jessica Albney	Cathy, Tom and Jenn McClure
28-May	Kathy & Lynn Peterson, Barb Blount, Steve Seymour, Cole Elkin	Tom McClure	Dave & Kristen Streeper
4-June	Dave Meehl, John Wilcox, Roger Meehl, Dianne Tyler, Sophie Tyler	TBD	Donna Banks
11-June	Bob & Sandy Nelson, Ron Blosser, Al Mohnkern	TBD	Steve & Beth Seymour
18-June	Vern & Kitty Hurlburt, Joe & Sue Spacht, Garrett Connors	TBD	Judy Schenker and Kitty Hurlburt
25-June	Kathy & Lynn Peterson, Barb Blount, Steve Seymour, Cole Elkin	TBD	Beth & David Poor



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