



The Exciter

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH EAST
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No. 575

November 2018

FREE!



Clothing Giveaway

- ✓ **Children**
- ✓ **Teens**
- ✓ **Men**
- ✓ **Women**
- ✓ **All Sizes**
- ✓ **All Seasons**

ONE DAY ONLY!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 from

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

For Anyone and Everyone

First Presbyterian Church of North East, Lower Level



Pastor Gregg D. Townsend

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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

There are many ways to get involved in the FPCNE Music Ministry.

Sing with the Chancel Choir for Christmas

We recently began rehearsing for our special worship services for Advent and Christmas. The Chancel Choir will be offering a special Christmas cantata during the 10:30 A.M. service on December 23. We are especially in need of basses and sopranos. We have practice CDs, and this year's cantata is fun and simple to learn. Singing at Christmas time is a great way to sing with the choir if you cannot commit throughout the whole year. Speak with Jane Livingston for more information. Choir rehearsal is on Thursday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

Join the Bell Choir

Bell Choir rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. We need more ringers to help fill out our octaves, so we hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us this year. We typically only ring once per month and on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. We welcome our youth (grades 7 and up) and adults to join, and there is no experience needed. If you've never rung in a bell choir, we'll train you, and start you out on the easy bells! (Yes, there are easy bells!) Speak with Jane if you have questions.

We Are Looking for More Worship Leaders/Liturgists

Being a worship leader / liturgist consists of leading the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon. Pastor Gregg will review the readings with you ahead of time and walk you through the process. Plus, we'll send you a copy of the bulletin, so you can practice. The schedule is done in advance, so you can plan accordingly. If you are interested in joining our team and serving as a Worship Leader / Liturgist, please speak with Jane Livingston or Pastor Gregg.

Join the Worship Band

We need to rebuild our Worship Band, and we are recruiting for members who play drums, bass and guitars. The Worship Band usually practices on Sunday mornings at 9:30 A.M. Speak with Jane for more information or if you know someone who plays band instruments.

Join the Sound/Media: Help Needed

We are looking to add a few more folks to the Sound/Media Team to help run slides and sound on Sunday mornings. If you are familiar with PowerPoint, you can do this! It's a great way to serve, and you are typically only scheduled once per month. We invite men and women, age 16 and older, to join our team. We will provide all the training, and Jane will run through the service with you each week so there's no guess-work. It really is easier than you think. Please prayerfully consider helping. Please speak with Jane Livingston for details.

2018 ANNUAL FAMILY ADVENT DINNER

As you are planning your Christmas holiday schedule, mark your calendar and plan to attend our annual Family Advent Program and Dinner on Sunday, December 2 following the Advent Program at 4:00 P.M. Please bring a large dish to share and your own place settings. Drinks will be provided. More details to come. See you there!



SCRIPTURE VERSUS PERTAINING TO THANKSGIVING



Take time this month to meditate on these Bible passages:

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| 1 Chronicles 16:34 | 2 Corinthians 4:15 |
| 2 Chronicles 5:13 | 2 Corinthians 9:11 |
| Psalms 9:1 | Philippians 4:6-7 |
| Psalms 95:2-3 | Colossians 3:16-17 |
| Psalms 107:8-9 | 1 Thessalonians 5:18 |
| Isaiah 12:4 | 1 Timothy 4:4-5 |



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MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

CARING FOR THE HOMELESS & HUNGRY

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR THE HOMELESS? Help prepare and/or serve a homecooked, hot meal for those who have nothing and no one. Our congregation is providing dinner for the homeless overflow shelter on Thursday, November 29 at the Church of the Covenant. Sign-up sheets are in the Assembly room starting in November, and there is a wide variety of tasks to choose from.

YOU CAN HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL INTERNATIONALLY

You can support Rev. Josh Heikkila's ministry at the following link:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E200353/>

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BOXES The holiday season is the time of year when our thoughts become focused on those in our community who are in need. The long-standing ministry of the "Community Christmas Boxes" provides many families with food during the Christmas season. Last year, over 150 families were cared for. It is our hope and prayer that despite the growing economic challenges that many are facing, our community and churches will rise to the occasion, working together to help those in need.

This year, FPCNE is leading the "Community Christmas Box" project. Many volunteers will be needed to assemble, pack and deliver food boxes to needy families in our community. Please take a look at the schedule of events below and choose when you and/or your family can sign up to help.

All events below will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of North East, 25 West Main Street.

Wednesday, November 7	7:00 PM	Informational Meeting for Volunteers
Sunday, December 9	6:30 PM	Assembly of Boxes
Friday, December 14	8:00 AM – Noon	Packing Boxes
Saturday, December 15	7:00 AM	Perishable Food Arrives
	8:00 – 9:00 AM	Packing Perishables into Boxes
	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Pick-Up & Delivery of Boxes



PLEASE DONATE APPLESAUCE!

In addition to leading the project, our congregation is also asked to provide 200 jars of applesauce. Bring your donations anytime now through Wednesday, December 12. Thank you!

Do you need a Christmas Box? Or, does someone you know struggle to make ends meet? If so, please clip and fill out the form on the next page. Return it to the church before December 3.

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 OR office@fpcne.org). Email us if you'd like to be added to our email prayer chain.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BOX APPLICATION FORM:

North East Community Christmas Boxes

Dear Pastor:

I would like to submit the following as a recipient for a Christmas box:

Name: _____

Complete Street Address: _____

Cell or Home Telephone: _____

Borough Resident

Township Resident

Number of persons in the household: _____

	Age	Names
# of Adults:		
# of Children:		

Please check here if there is a diabetic in the home

Please write in any food allergy: _____

The following information is a must!

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

Church: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

Forms must be completed & returned to your church office no later than Monday, December 3.

★ Please pick up your box from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 15, at First Presbyterian Church of North East. If you cannot pick up your box, please designate someone to pick it up for you.

★ To make a financial contribution, please make your check payable to "Community Christmas Boxes" and place it in the offering plate or mail it directly to:

Anne Bardol
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
51 West Main Street
North East, PA 16428

★ To volunteer with this project or for additional information please contact Cindy Lilly, Jerry Weinheimer or Patti Kuna at 725-8641.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Our Mission Committee is once again promoting and participating in Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. The campaign has already started and will end Thursday, November 15, 2018. As we approach the Advent season, the committee encourages you to give, as you are able, to the less fortunate in the world, many of whom are children.

Last year our congregation provided about 90 boxes. This year the goal is just five more. We would like to get 95 boxes. Won't you help? The boxes, pamphlets, instructions and name tags are in the

Assembly room on the bell cabinet.

This year, there are a few wrinkles to the program. **NO toothpaste and NO candy** will be allowed due to customs regulations. Also, new this year are plastic boxes to pack, although the festive cardboard boxes are still an option.

Please join your church family in blessing a child with the hope and love of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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PW BOOK CLUB



The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 8 at 2:00 P.M. in the conference room. They will be discussing *A Thread of Grace* by Mary Doria Russell.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TRUSTEES



We will be replacing the Baker Run Creek retaining wall this fall. This construction will be completed in November/December. Engineering and permits are in process right now. When the construction begins, the back portion of the church driveway and parking spaces will be closed. You will not be able to drive around the church. Trustees will keep the congregation informed as to when the construction will begin. It should be closed for only 1 – 2 weeks. If you have any questions, please talk to one of your Trustees. Thank you!

- FPCNE Board of Trustees

2019 PER CAPITA ESTABLISHED

The total apportionment per church member will be \$31.50 beginning in 2019. It is broken down as follows:

\$20.25	Presbytery
\$ 2.30	Synod of the Trinity
\$ 8.95	General Assembly

Simplify Your Church Giving

Make your church giving consistent and easy by setting up direct deposit. You can choose your own frequency of giving: monthly or some other interval. And, you can stop anytime if necessary. If you are interested, please speak with Jean Bahm, our Financial Secretary. She will set you up quickly and easily!



**BE SURE TO "FALL BACK" AT 2:00 A.M.
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4.**



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**Gifts to the Capital Campaign Fund
have been made in loving memory of:**

*Don Campbell
James Meehl
James Meehl
Sibyl Hinman
Sibyl Hinman
Tom Kraut
Sandy Wright
Charlotte & Harold Weinheimer in honor of their wonderful legacy
Our parents: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laing
Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Brostmeyer
Charles Burlingame
Ila Burlingame
Jon Burlingame
My father (Elder of the church) and my sister
Bob and Lois Norris
Meryl and Sara Bemiss
Martha Randall
Martha Randall
Dan Reese*

And in honor of:

Al and Bev Walz

SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	USHERS	NURSERY
4-Nov	Dave Meehl, John Wilcox, Roger Meehl, Dianne Tyler, Sophie Tyler	Paul and Barb Zorzie
11-Nov	Ron Blosser, Al Mohnkern	Jenny and Pete Hirneisen
18-Nov	Vern & Kitty Hurlburt, Joe & Sue Spacht, Garrett Connors	Jean, Ali and Brendan Bahm
25-Nov	Kathy & Lynn Peterson, Steve Seymour, Cole Elkin	Ashley Connors and Terri Andrews
2-Dec	Dave Meehl, John Wilcox, Roger Meehl, Dianne Tyler, Sophie Tyler	Lisa Kelly and Marissa
9-Dec	Ron Blosser, Al Mohnkern	Marcia and Tom Regan
16-Dec	Vern & Kitty Hurlburt, Joe & Sue Spacht, Garrett Connors	Selina and Dave Uglow
24-Dec	Kathy & Lynn Peterson, Steve Seymour, Cole Elkin	Bob and Mary Ann Reid-Boyd
25-Dec	NA	NA
31-Dec	Jerry Weinheimer, Bob Murray, Tom Schenker	Nancy Weinheimer

THANK YOU FOR SERVING YOUR CHURCH!



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