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**Reaching Up to God,
Reaching Out to People**

The Christian Message IS hope

I have been a part of a good number of conversations over the past few weeks about how green the lawns are for this time of year. In each individual conversation, I have said, "I can't tell you what lawns should look like at this time of year, but I know this is NOT it!"

Our grass this year is both lush and amazingly rich in color. The amount of rain has been the factor. The sustained mild weather has kept all frost away.

As I look out at this summer-like lawn, the idea of the church's Christmas tree lighting at the end of November keeps coming to mind.

I get it! I get it! Most of us don't want to be thinking about Christmas, especially with our lawns so beautiful and fertile. So many of us long for summer to last longer. For those who don't completely identify themselves as fans of summertime, almost all of us do appreciate the mild weather that autumn brings. Snow means cold. Ice means dangerous roads. Long, dreary nights can be depressing.

This is why I am thinking of the Christmas tree we will be lighting on Sunday, November 28th. The theme this year around the tree is hope. I just texted someone and shared that the Christian message has always been about hope. Christ lights our world. As the newborn... wait, I'll get to that message of light into darkness next month. Now I want to share what has been at the core of every Christian. It is hope. It is hope in tomorrow. It is hope in what will come. It is hope that no matter how cold, how icy, or how depressing life can be, we Christians have hope.

As importantly, we Christians *share* hope. **Hope is who we are. Hope is what we do.**

No one walks through life without some hurt and hardship. It's what we do with the hurt and hardship that separates the Christian from the world. But it doesn't end there. As a people of hope, we see beyond immediate circumstances. We know our God is with us through our trials and troubles. This knowledge not only changes the situation, but also this knowledge changes us. As we are changed, we naturally advocate or instill change in others.

You're right. October is not the month to be talking about the Christmas tree lighting, at least directly. But lighting others with the light Christ gives us happens all the time. Regardless of the season, we give because we have been given. What we give? That's hope.

At the fall festival this year, I met a young mom whose husband passed away recently. She is now a single mother of a three-year-old. This story is as sad as can be. It's crushing.

But there's hope. There in front of the tub of corn her toddler loved playing in (and the corn was flying!), we talked about God's proximity. She said, "My boy knows where his daddy is."

What the fall festival gives is the opportunity for all of us to not just talk about hope, but live it, lean into it, and share it so obviously that hope is not a theory but an actuality. Love is not just an idea. It's real.

I think about that little boy a lot. He is the age of my youngest. Without hope, I couldn't stand near that boy. With hope, we can all stand and support that boy and his mom and all others who come casually or specifically to this church. Events like the fall festival enable God to be seen, heard, and known to our wider community. I get it. Hope flickers

We're coming to a house near you.

We are coming to your house, too!



A deacon and I are inviting ourselves into your home and the homes of your neighbors so that we, as deacons, can be more present to you. We move with Christ's love and hear the call to be nearer to you so that we can hear how you're doing. We will offer prayer. We will also offer communion when we visit. Some of us really like our alone time. Our homes are our sanctuaries, our retreats. We get this. Certainly, we don't mean anything other than a short, comfortable time to sit and connect with you.

Judy has been busy setting up visits for me and a deacon. We will not stay long. Our goal is to simply hear how you're doing and offer love, encouragement, hope and peace. Maybe a laugh. Maybe a tear. But fellowship? Christian friendship? This is what we are about during this time with you.

If you can suggest anyone for Judy to contact, please do so. If you'd like a visit yourself, get in touch with Judy as well. If you'd like a visit with just me as your pastor, please let Judy know. Her number at the office is 570-434-2260.

Dear Lord,

We can detach. We can get lonely. We can feel blue, or, with a smile, we can welcome the time to chat with our church pastor and a deacon. Help us respond to this time of connection and care.

In the presence of the Community of Believers we say in Your name, Amen.

Gone But Not Forgotten

**Flossie Forsyth
Betty Owens
Alice Watkins**

memories

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**Patricia
Forsyth**

Holy Grounds Cafe

Open Sunday 9:30-10:00 am

Fellowship to follow

Come help yourself & enjoy some light refreshments and beverages!



Come join us for a time of

Fellowship

complete with coffee, juice and light snacks.

The children join us after Sunday School.

This is a great opportunity to chat

with old friends and meet our young families and welcome them to their new church home!



Pet Blessing

Saturday

November 6, 2021

9:00-11:00



Our New Members

Wendy Phillips Mentor	Peg Empet	Nicole Bernosky Mentor	James Bernosky, Sr.	James Bernosky, Jr.	Sharon Frantz	Betty Lou Bennett Mentor	Will Hagenbuch Pastor
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Here is the Income and Expenses for August 2021 and YTD

September 2021	General Fund year to Date for 2021
Income: \$ 8,738.83	Income: \$88,731.28
Expenses: \$12,985.09	Expense: \$98,497.90
Total: -\$4,246.26	Total: -\$ 9,766.62

Took \$10,309.62 from other programs to pay the bills.

Christian Education Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2021

Attending: Charleene Martens, Kay Gow, Holli Chichester, Kandy Wellman, Abby Toolan, Becci Warren, Ashley Parsons

Opened in Prayer: Holli

Curriculum: Holli called Davis C. Cook regarding the CDs for each class. Apparently the CDs are no longer included and the music can be accessed via a link. Holli will pass the link to each teacher to download onto a laptop, tablet or phone.

The Winter curriculum has arrived. Holli will keep it until we get closer to the winter quarter. The CD music codes for winter aren't yet available.

Classrooms: The nursery class is bursting at the seams. They have had seven children and need a different type of table. A semi-circle table would be best. They will need one to start and another if the growth continues. We will look into getting a table and extra chairs for this class. (problem solved)

Halloween: Next Sunday is October 31, 2021, Halloween. Some of the children were wanting Halloween crafts. All teachers will be given a pumpkin craft with a Christian poem to accompany it. Each class can decide to use it or not but no other Halloween craft will be done. Karen Jones will help prepare the craft.

Communion: Communion will be discussed one/quarter and additionally if needed. The Children completing second grade (and this year all children through the 4-5-6 class) will receive a special communion in church in the spring. These children will be recognized and a certificate will be given. Each year children completing second grade and those in higher grades that haven't had the special communion will have this special day in the spring.

Bibles: Bibles have not be given to children for some years. All children that have completed the third grade will receive a Bible in church. The Bible has not been selected yet but there was much discussion about selecting a Bible that could be used by children and continued to be used as they mature. Perhaps a teen NIV Bible. Several Bibles will be brought in for further discussion.

Holidays: We will not have Sunday School December 26, 2021 and January 2, 2022. Sunday School will resume January 9, 2022. Flyers will be sent home with the children after Thanksgiving.

Christmas: Christian Education is planning a Christmas Pageant. We are hoping to have a Youth Sunday December 19, 2021 and include all children and youth in the telling of the birth of Jesus Christ. We will begin practicing during Sunday School time December 5 and 12, 2021. We will have refreshments after the service on December 19, 2021.

Next meeting will be after Christmas as needed.

Teen time and talk. Christian Education for Junior/ Senior High students



They come each Sunday morning. And I don't know about you, but waking a teen in the morning? Yep. That is mission impossible.

But they do come. The teen Sunday school class that meets in my office faithfully learns about the scripture that will be presented later in church. We discuss the text through the lenses the teens experience in their lives today. These conversations are real and honest, touching and inspiring.

This class is also learning things that a confirmation class covers. Recent discussion includes Christology (who is Christ and what is Christ?), communion, and what it means to be a part of a body of believers. For example, when we say, "I'm a Christian," what does that mean?

We answer this.

Each student will be invited to join the church as a member in the spring of this year. Some will say yes. Others may say, "Not yet." If this isn't the time for the student to join in full membership, this same opportunity will happen in the spring of 2023 and every year thereafter—unless we change who and how we are to do God's work among our teens.

I'll share that the round table in my office has been completely full more times than not. They are coming. What excites us as a group is how the scripture is real, applicable, and relevant.

In addition to all of our CE programming, teachers and students, please hold these teens in your prayers. Thank you.

Attention Snow Birds and Travelers!!!

If you have two residences that you inhabit during the year, I have a simple request for you. Would you please let the church office know when you will be moving from one home to the other home?



We are charged \$.78 for having the incorrect address and having to have the mail article returned. The Spire is mailed the end of the month, if you might be returning home or going away around the end of a month it would be very appreciated if you could let the office be aware of where you will be living. Thanks ever so much, Judy

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Deacons

10-18-2021

Attending: Will Hagenbuch, Leanne Colwell, Missy Clarkson, Holli Chichester and Teresa Lamberson via Zoom.

Visitation: Why Deacons? Communion should be given in community.

Deacons are responsible for the care of the congregation

Visitation is made more comfortable in teams

With the change from Christian Education of moving the Confirmation Class to the Sunday School time frame of 9:00-9:45, the early afternoon is now available (11:30-1:30). Judy Mitchell will arrange the visits for 15 minutes with 15 minutes transportation time between visits. If a person needs additional time with Will, he will schedule that visit alone.

Each person visited will be asked if they would like Communion and it will be given using the travel communion set and written liturgy. After introductions and brief conversation, the person will be asked if they would prefer time alone with Will and if they do, the Deacon will wait in the car. If not, they will continue to visit.

Four visits will be planned per Sunday with Deacons rotating days on a schedule. If a person requests an alternate day and time, those Deacons that are unable to visit Sunday can be rotated in to the schedule based on their availability.

Communion: The UCC has an "Open Table" policy. That means all who come to the Table are welcome to partake of the elements. Children are also welcome at the table with the parent's permission and hopefully their instruction as to what is happening.

The Christian Education Committee is striving to education our children about the sacrament of Communion and Pastor Will is planning to continue to add his instruction periodically at the opening of Sunday School.

The specifics of children and Communion are being passed to the Christian Education Committee for discussion and implementation. It is hoped that our CE committee can implement a milestone program for our children's growth and understanding of Communion, the Bible and their faith. A spring date for the Communion milestone will be suggested.

All Saints Day: The day is set for October 31, 2021. Judy will send out an E-prayer message asking for the names of those we will mention during the service and a picture to accompany the name if desired.

New Members Class: the new member class went very well with the changes implemented (co-teaching, visitors from different groups in the congregation, lunch). Areas for improvement: specific discussion about Communion in the UCC, Baptism in the UCC.

The next New Member Class will begin March 6 and end April 3 with joining date of Palm Sunday

Bibles: Children have not received personal Bibles for quite a few years. Deacons will partner with the CE committee to purchase Bibles for all children finishing 3rd grade and up through the 12th grade. The Christian Education committee will be asked if they would like to select the Bibles to be given. An end of Sunday School date will be suggested.

The next Deacon Meeting will be November 22, 2021 at 6:00.

Next Council Meeting will be December 2, 2021

Missionary Minutes

10-19-2021

Attending: Priscilla Allen, Karen Jones, Laurie Grant, Maureen Warren, Wendy Phillips, Ginny Ahearn, Sharon Decker, Holli Chichester

Opened with Prayer – Priscilla Allen

Minutes Read and Accepted

Treasurers Report: Starting: \$695.91

+	25.50
-	11.00 Postage
-	75.00 Daily Bread
+	9.00 least coin
+	5.00 dues
+	2388.13 yard sale
+	168 .yard sale

Total: \$3125.54

Least Coin: 2019 Malaysia Elder Care Place with love, care and faith

Correspondence In: Joyce Berish

Out: Ellen Holdredge, Norma Carey, Paula Adams

Operation Christmas Child: 58 boxes given out

Boxes to be returned Oct 31, 2021

November 3, 2021 at 9:00am sort and check boxes

November 16 2021 at 4:00 take boxes to South New Milford Baptist Church

Fall Festival: October 23, 2021 at 3:30-6:00 Goody Bags

Help with Hot Dogs: Charlie Ahearn Goody Bags: Ginny Ahearn

Face Painting: Karen Jones and daughter Heather

Soup Ministry: We made 48 quarts of soup (Chicken Vegetable and Hamburger Vegetable)

Delivered soup to Liz Grant, Gus and George, Grace Allen

Discussed asking the congregation for canned vegetables for the next soup making day, after Christmas.

Election Day Bake Sale: November 2, 2021 at 7:00-5:00

Will research Native American Charities and Susquehanna County Children Services for Donations.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2021 at 1:00

**Annual Reports are due to Judy no later than
December 22, 2021**

Stewardship Minutes

9-30-2021

Attending: Peg Empet, Craig Stout, Michelle Estabrook, Nancy Burris, Wendy Phillips, Julia Gardner, Shirley Masters, Ellen Holdredge, Will Hagenbuch, Kay Gow

Plans were finalized for the Stewardship Campaign to start October 10, 2021.

The Time and Talent Sheet was revised to group items under general categories. Judy will be asked to update the Time and Talent Sheet for distribution.

The church presentation will focus on costs required to keep the church open in categories: Office, Programs, Property Maintenance and Staff and Personnel. Julia will give monthly and yearly totals. These totals will be displayed during the presentation. The "paddle" word of the day will be incorporated into the presentation (Compassion, Wisdom, Love, Christ, Courage).

Discussed where money would come from to pay the bills for the rest of the year. Suggestions: Memorial Fund and the Equitrust Fund Interest.

Next Meeting 10-21-2021 at 6:30.

Stewardship Minutes

10-21-2021

Attending: Peg Empet, Michelle Estabrook, Wendy Phillips, Craig Stout, Julia Gardner, Shirley Masters, Kay Gow, Ellen Holdredge, Will Hagenbuch

Julia Gardner reviewed the August- September financial reports and handed out information to be used during the Stewardship Message in church.

We worked on the budget.

Bob Deluca asked if the church might want a Christmas program done by the Endless Mountain Theater. We are interested.

Ellen, Peg, Shirley and Kay plan to attend the Fall Festival.

HVA Fall Party November 14, 2021 at 2:00. Plan to have Donut Holes, Cheese, Crackers, Fruit, coffee and games (Hangman, Pictionary). Plan to have prizes.

Next meeting November 11, 2021 at 6:30

Choir: Practicing

Church Cupboard: 1 family

Cradle Roll: 1 newborn

Historian: an average of 52/service

Willing Workers: 2 funeral Dinner

Next meeting November 3, 2021 at 7:00

Old Business: David will order the Defibrillator and schedule training

Annual meeting: January 30, 2022

**Trustee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021**

Attending: Gary Housel, Rich Masters, Bill Chichester, Irv Needham, Kandy Wellman and Rick Masters

Old Business:

- The carpets in the hallway of the rear entrance of the church building are scheduled to be cleaned on Nov. 10th by All Clean Services.
- Gary offered his portable air conditioner the next time there is an event in which the kitchen of the Lecture Hall becomes so hot that it is uncomfortable.
- Benedict Construction will not complete the concrete work on the driveway/ parking area this year. We will be on the schedule for spring.

New Business:

- It was brought to the attention of the Trustees that the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) would like to hold a ceremony for Wreaths Across America in the cemetery on Dec. 18th. It was determined that this would mainly be a question for the Cemetery Association as neither the Trustees nor the Church have any authority over the cemetery. Church Council may need to advise as it pertains to the potential use of the Church parking lot/facilities if needed on the 18th.
- Bill and Gary pressure washed the side of the Education building and around the doors last week.
- Gary contacted Carl Oakley about removing a skunk from underneath the Lecture Hall. So far only an Opossum has been caught.
- Flood lights on the back of the church were no longer positioned correctly. Upon further inspection, Gary and Bill found the cover of the electrical box of the light was damaged. After removing the flood light Gary fixed the damaged box and purchased a new bulb, however, it is too heavy for one person on a ladder to safely reinstall. It was agreed to hire Spectrum Electrical to reinstall the light safely.
- Trustees discussed the need to replace the deck of the porch of the Lecture Hall sometime next year. Once the porch is off for repairs it may be a good time to inspect the foundation of the Lecture Hall and seal off any holes that animals may use to go under the lecture hall.
- Kandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Irv.

Respectfully Submitted, Rick Masters

Attention

All Knitters and Crocheters

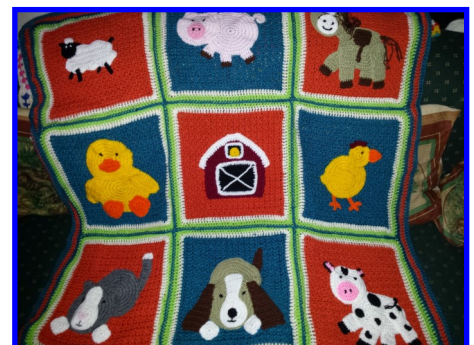
**We have depleted our reserve of baby blankets
for the Cradle Roll.**

Please Call or text

Holli Chichester

**if you have blankets that you
would be willing to donate!**

Holli 301-643-1775





Harford First Congregational Church - UCC
Sunday School Registration Form
2021-2022

Please Use one Form per Child

Child's Name: _____

Name of Parent (s) or Guardian (s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

(Most Communication will be via email)

Grade: _____ Age of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Allergies: _____

Information Regarding Your Child We Should Know: _____

Child's Interests: _____

Parent/Guardian Volunteer Information

(Check if Willing to Help)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Pageant Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute for Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Events Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Helper |

Harford First Congregational Church's Sunday School periodically uses photographs of students to publicize this church and events. Please sign below to indicate that you agree that a photo of your child may be utilized in this manner (Closed Facebook, Website, Flyers). I agree to allow Harford First Congregational Church to use my child _____'s photograph for publicity purposes as described above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Dear Congregation,

With household hardships, deep hurts, and hard losses everywhere, we all know what it feels like to go up the creek without a paddle.

Do others have to feel this way, too?

Here in Harford, we know the answer is “No!” Christ calls His church here to care for others.

Since we’ve all experienced truly rough waters, we know what it’s like to be equipped for better and brighter days ahead. By this, I mean we know of and have received the love of Christ. This love—His love—enables us to move through any troubled water.

Christ does more than help us through troubled water. He helps us help others through troubled water, too. The Son of God calls us into the care of those who have any need. He blesses all we give to those in need. He blesses us, too.

Guided by Christ’s compassion, we welcome the lonely. We equip the downtrodden. We touch the lives of those bruised or broken. We respond to the grumbling. We reach out to the grieving.

With a variety of new and well-established programs such as the soup ministry, Operation Christmas Child, Ugly Quilts, the Weinberg Food Pantry, GAME ON, Sunday school, the Summer Lunch Box Program, Interfaith, blankets and books for babies, baptisms, funerals, and community-wide events such as the upcoming Fall Festival, we provide love, education, inspiration, fellowship and care for the community that is literally nearby—and sometimes not nearby.

We do this outreach—this paddling—because you are with us. The Stewardship Committee wants to thank you for the active care you’ve shown in the past. We ask that you continue being a part of the ministry here.

In order for us to continue to provide care in the name of Christ, we need your ongoing support. Help us help others.

Our annual operating costs are over \$150,000.00. This amount of money spent each year convinces me of the vital ministries we are doing here at Harford First Congregational-UCC. We are hearing the needs of our community and are reaching out to God to meet those needs in beneficial, engaging and cost effective ways.

You are a part of this vital, ongoing ministry. As we have learned from the servant girl in the second part of the Stewardship sermon series, we say yes when we can serve God.

Again, the Stewardship Committee and I thank you for how you’ve shown Christ’s compassion in the past. After prayer with Christ now that you’ve read this letter, we ask that you pray over and continue to share your care into the next year.

Christ calms all waters. With your care financially, prayerfully and purposefully, we help our church family and others get to this place of calm.

In the love of our Savior,

Will

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Harford First Congregational Church-UCC

2022

Commitment Card

“But when he saw the wind, (Peter) was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.-Matthew 14:30-32, ESV

In the next calendar year (2022) the church will receive a contribution of

\$_____ per (Week) (Month) (Year) (Please circle one)

Please apply the pledge above as follows:

- \$_____ General budget
\$_____ for Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM)
\$_____ for Capital Fund (Property & Large Maintenance & Improvement)
\$_____ Other
\$_____ Other
\$_____ Other

Name(s)_____

Signature_____

Date_____

Return this side to the financial secretary, or mail to the office, or deposit in the collection plate by November 7, 2021

Thank you very much.

Do you desire a box of pledge envelopes for each Sunday?-Yes/No



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Signature_____

Date_____

Please detach and retain this copy for your records

2022-Time and Talents

Christian Education

Candle Lighting_____

Sunday School Helper_____

Church Program

9:30 Monday meeting_____

Committee-serve

Deacons (member only)_____

Stewardship(anyone)_____

Trustee (Member only)_____

Deacons

Altar Flowers Provide_____

Bible Study_____

Coffee Hour Help_____

Greeter at doors_____

Read on Sundays_____

Usher_____

Visit shut-ins_____

Missionary

Donate to Disaster Kits_____

Donate to Shoe Box_____

Soup Ministry_____

Music

Bell Choir_____

Choir_____

Outreach

Cocoa-donate_____

Drive folks-appointments_____

Golf Tournament_____

Peanut Butter-donate_____

Pick up folks for service_____

Spire Sponsor_____

Ugly Quilts-help_____

Weinberg-Help_____

Name_____

Telephone_____

E-mail_____

**PLEASE RETURN BY
NOVEMBER 7, 2021
THANK YOU**

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Name_____

Telephone_____

E-mail_____

Keep for your records

FALL FESTIVAL



A big Thank you to the Boy Scouts for the awesome fire pits on a cold day!



A big Thank you to the Dairy Ambassadors and the Dairy maids for the wonderful ice cream Sundaes!!





A big Thank you to the Empet Family for setting up the Fall Festival and for the hay rides!!



A big Thank you to Karen Jones and her daughter Heather for fantastic face painting!!



Bible Study

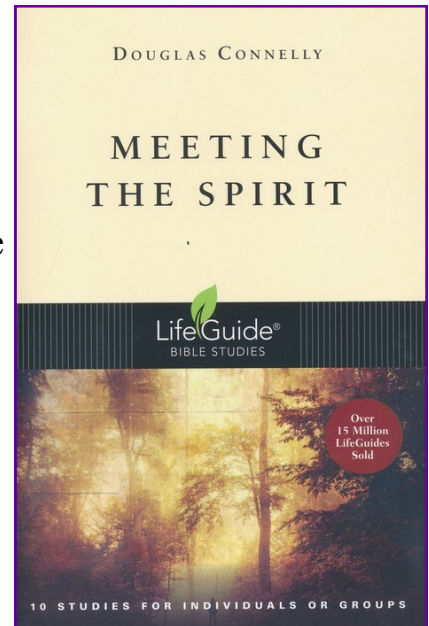
Meeting the Spirit — Bible Study

Have you realized that the Holy Spirit promised by God is available to you?

Have you heard that having the Holy Spirit in your life can make a difference in your life?

Would you like to see if you can encounter the Spirit in a life changing way?

Join us in the church office workroom as we gather around the table and dive into scripture and discussion about various Scriptures in the New Testament.



We look forward to seeing you! Sundays at 9:00.

Contact Judy in the office or call Craig direct at 570-396-7080 to let us know you'll be joining us!

Bell Choir Starting Back Up!!!!

Would you like to hear the sounds of the handbell choir again?

We're in need of some new ringers. No experience necessary.

Some ability to read music is helpful but if you can count to 4,
you can ring handbells.



Please contact the director,

Bob DeLuca

at 570-498-7090 to join!



Tree of Hope

**Come join us in
celebrating the
Christmas spirit
by hanging an
ornament of hope on
our
"Tree of Hope"**

**Sunday,
November 28, 2021**

6:00 P.M.



Attention!

We are fully open for worship at 10:00 am each Sunday!

We have been eager to worship together again. We are now open!!! Our ushers and greeters will be present during the service and we now have a time of fellowship from 9:30-10:00 each Sunday.



Our Sunday School (9:00-9:45) is now open with five classes: Birth to 3 years, Pre-K to Kindergarten, 1-2-3 grades, 4-5-6 grades and a teen meeting class for grades 7-12.

Hymnals and Bibles may be utilized but all text will be available via our new monitors in the sanctuary. We would like to invite those who do not feel ready to worship in groups to watch our livestreaming worship at 10:00 am.

RADA Knife Sale



There will be a Rada Catalog Christmas knife sale beginning 11-1-21 thru 12-4-21. Please stop in the office to browse through a catalog or contact Kandy at 570-561-8835 beginning November 1st.

Kandy will be posting pictures of the catalog pages by the end of October for you to view on Facebook.

Here is a link to download the catalog:

<https://linksharing.samsungcloud.com/rc7NHkIMNpso>



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**In Memory of
Scott Klenk**

From His Siblings

Correspondence:

Dear Members of Harford First Church,

Thank you all for your support and Prayers at the arrival of Elizabeth Jean.

We are so grateful to have a great Church family like you.

In Love,

Jackie, David, Sallie and Elizabeth Schulte

Dear Harford First Congregational Church,

Our hearts are filled to overflowing by the prayers, support, and offers of help we've received since our church building burned.

We are grateful for the contact from Tammy Stout who asked us if there was anything you could do to help. Thank you.

At this time, all our physical needs are met. As we rebuild, we ask that you keep us in your prayers-that through this time our hearts and minds stay focused on Christ Jesus.

God bless you. The Congregation of South Montrose Community Church September 2021

To the First Church Family,

Thank you so much for the calls, visits, and especially the delicious soup and cookies I received after my recent spinal surgery.

It is very much appreciated and your thoughtfulness means a great deal to me.

I am on the road to recovery, and hope to be back on my feet before too long!

Thanks again. Sincerely, George Lotter



Celebrate the joys in life!

Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, births, graduations and let us celebrate with you!

Contact Tammy at 570-396-7081

for more information or to request your celebration sign.

Problems or Issues regarding First Congregational Church?

Pastoral Relations is the group that handles all concerns, issues and difficulties that can not be resolved directly. These meetings are confidential. Contact the office if you find that you need to meet with Pastoral Relations at **570-434-2260**.

Home Bound



Lynola Carey

Barbara Pease

Martha Jenkins

Dorothy Greene

Joanne Connolly

Norma Carey

Helen Foster

Prayer Concerns

-We pray for our nation to be blessed and that our nation seeks its blessings

-We pray for our national and local leaders

-All school districts—this includes school board members, administration, faculty, staff, parents and students

-Craig Stout and Family

-for those with medical issues large and small

-for those affected in anyway by the COVID virus

-David and Brandy and family

-Those with Alzheimer's and their families

-those experiencing financial pressures

-those fighting addiction

-Lois Gibson and all those in nursing homes along with their families

-Will's five foster kids

-Evan Clarkson, Bob Schulte, Andrew Kazmierczak and all those faithfully serving in the military

-MaryJane Genneken

-Sandy Zupanovich

-Mark Gregory

- health or loss of family pets

- Connie Schulte's son Phil

- Andy Granick

-Gregg Symuleski and family

-Nancy Marr

-Family of Howard Poxon

-Walter Poxon's sister Angelika

-Paula Adams

-Family of Bob Orner

-Kandy's father and his wife

-Betty Montavalo

-Lois Terrace

-Gina Yarrish's daughter Missy

-Small businesses struggling

-Patrick Simons

-Harry Gardner

-Tiffany's employee with throat cancer

-Sal Armetta and family

-Steve Holtsmaster

-Karen Jones relative

-Kristin Potter

-Lola and John Zimmerman

-Lynn Hernandez

-Braxton MacDowell

-Pastor Tim and his church

- Dave Kurosky

-friend of Lauri Demark

-Makel Silfee

-Karen Doolittle

-Earl Gow

-George Lotter

-Bonnie Appleman

-Sydney Ann Mead

-Buddy Green

-Kathy Shelansky

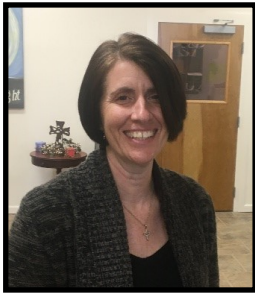
- Lynn Franklin

-Family of Joan Benson

-Celia Warner

-friend of Aubrey Lillian that lost her husband





Weinberg Food Bank

Harford First Congregational Church



Please contact Tammy if you have registered but do not plan to pick up.

Next distributions November 19, 2021 from 4:30-5:30

Any income can apply, complete the form online firstchurchharford.com or call Tammy @ 570-396-7081.



Day of Distribution please bring with you a photo ID and a current household bill with your current Susquehanna County address.



Attention!!!!

Carpets will be shampooed on November 10 . Please avoid walking on the carpeted area of the Gathering Room and hall area on November 10.



Directory Update

Walter Poxon
Suite 410
8350 Commonwealth Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344



Nancy Marr
4466 State Route 547
Harford
PA 18823

Margaret Anne Maza
620 Quaker Ridge Terrace
Easton, PA 18042

Fall Meeting of PNEC
November 6, 2021 9:00-4:00

In Allentown, PA

Theme: Grief: Let Go to Move Forward

Register online: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/4175536>



Soup Ministry

Know someone that is shut-in or feeling down or sick? Take them a quart of home-made soup. It's in the large freezer by the church mailboxes. Just sign the paper on the door to let us know who received the soup.



Soup Sale !!!!

Kingsley Willing Workers

Kingsley Willing Workers will be offering a soup sale on November 21, 2021 after worship service.

The sale of the soup will be by **pre-order only**.

Order by November 14, 2021. Cost will be \$8.00 a quart.

The following soups will be offered at our November 21 soup sale.

Vegetarian Soup

Chicken vegetable

Creamy loaded potato

Hot sausage tortellini

Taco soup

Please email Judy or call Judy at 570-434-2716 or 570-396-8184

jmm@nep.net with your order.

If you live semi close to Harford we would offer to deliver.



Men's Breakfast

November 9, 2021

at 7:30am

at Bingham's Restaurant.



The second Tuesday of each month.



Calling All Gardeners

The Memorial Garden has been adopted by

Dick and Delores Berish! Thank you!!!

The front landscaping around the church still needs love!

Please call the office if you are willing to

help beautify our Church Grounds. 570-434-2260

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 2 Evan Clarkson
November 4 George Lotter
Coe Masters
November 6 Benjamin Doolittle
Rich Masters
Sue Needham
November 9 David Allen
November 10 Twila Williams
November 11 Kari Lynn (Zupanovich) Zeshonski
November 14 Peggy Smith
November 16 Julie Kesten
November 18 Cody Nolan
November 20 Vivian Rutherford
Robert Schulte
November 21 Brian Tyler



November 25 Tatiana (Lamberson) McDowell
November 26 Damien Cook
November 27 Irv and Sue Needham
November 29 Paula Adams (90 years young this year) see address below

Paula Adams
211 Willow Valley Square, C-212
Lancaster
PA 17602

November Greeters and Ushers

Nov 7th	Sherry Decker (greeter)	Alyssa Nolan (usher)
Nov 14th	Linda Robinson (greeter)	Loren Robinson (usher)
Nov 21	Shirley Masters (greeter)	Leanne Colwell (usher)
Nov 28	Susan Green (greeter)	Buddy Green (usher)

The Website is up and running.

We have worked hard, but we realize that important things may not have been included. We are still adding and changing things so if you have suggestions, please email Holli Chichester at hollischichester@gmail.com

or call 301-643-1775.

Please check it out at

www.firstchurchharford.com





Emails

It has come to our attention that some of you may not be receiving our email prayer lists.

This is an oversight that we would like to correct.

Please call or email Judy and let her know that you are not receiving the emails.

Tel.570-434-2260
Email: firstch@nep.net

Spire Sponsors

We **need Sponsors** to help us cover the cost of printing and mailing the Spire. Please let us know if you can help. The sponsorship can be in Memory or in Honor of someone or just a donation.

Mailing costs approximately \$75/month. Please send to: Harford First Congregational Church—UCC

PO Box 217

Harford, PA 18823

Notice: Please send all material for December to be included in the Spire to:
Firstchurchspire@gmail.com

by the 15th of November 2021!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Memorial Plaque Information

Are you interested in having a plaque attached to the memorial stone in the memorial garden? One may have a plaque ordered by doing the following:

Cost---\$25.00

Send check (made out to First Congregational-UCC) along with name of person and the year of birth and the year they passed away to the office.

The office will then proceed to order the plaque and have it placed on the stone. Thank you.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



I would like to order:

_____ Red poinsettia plants at \$8.00==\$(total price)

_____ White poinsettia plants at \$8.00==\$(total price)

_____ Pink poinsettia plants at \$8.00==\$(total price)

I would like to donate my poinsettias to a shut-in

Yes No

Given By: Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

“DEADLINE December 05, 2021

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Honor of _____

Other _____

Mail order and payment to: First Congregational-UCC P. O. Box 217 Harford, PA 18823

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November 2021

December 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30am Quarterback mtg (PO) 6:00pm Choir 7:30pm Harford Fair mtg	ELECTION DAY 7:00am Bake Sale (fire) 7:00am Election (fire) 9:30am Ugly Quilts (LH) 4:00pm Clifford Meth	7:00pm WW qtrly mtg	10:00am Pastor in office		Daylight savings time ends 9:00am PET BLESSING (parking lot)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7:30am Fire Co. 9:00am SS (LH) 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Service 7:00pm Boy Scouts (LH)	9:30am Quarterback mtg (PO) 7:00pm Trustees (PO)	7:30am Men's Breakfast (Binghams) 9:30am Ugly Quilts (LH) 6:00pm Choir	CARPETS CLEANED	10:00am Pastor in office 6:30pm Stewardship		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00am SS (LH) 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Service 11:15am Deacons (LH) 2:00pm HVA event?	9:30am Quarterback mtg (PO) 12:00pm Ladies lunch (Binghams)	NO Missionary 9:30am Ugly Quilts (LH) 6:00pm Choir		10:00am Pastor in office 6:00pm council (LH)	4:30pm Weinberg	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pastor Will vacation 9:00am SS (LH) 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Service 11:00am Soup Sale	NO Quarterback mtg Pastor Will vacation 6:00pm Deacons	Pastor Will Vacation 9:30am Ugly Quilts (LH) 6:00pm Choir	Pastor Will-vacation	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! Pastor Will Vacation	Pastor Will Vacation	Pastor Will Vacation
28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4
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.....the people in darkness have seen a great light

Isaiah 9:2

Join Us Each Sunday!!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MAIL

PLEASE DO NOT DELAY



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Home Phone: 570-434-7729
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Office Hours: Thurs. 10-12:00

Judy Mitchell –Sec
Hours: Tuesday 1:00-5:00
Friday 1:00-5:00