

**Our
Spire
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**Reaching Up to God,
Reaching out to People**

We are not a church *of* the past, we are a church *with* a past



Remember, I marry people. Okay, the actual term is “officiate weddings”, but officiating weddings sounds stuffy to me. It’s too intellectualized, sterilized. I marry people. When I marry a couple, the question I always ask when we begin our time of marriage counseling is this: how did you two meet? So, it is with us. How did we, this congregation, begin? This matters.

Let’s begin with a time we cannot imagine. No church existed in Susquehanna County. We can’t imagine what it is like to live in an area that didn’t have a church—anywhere.

Now we can imagine what it would take to build one. In 1800, on the property where the church stands now, a log cabin structure met the needs at the time. Why add more? Why do more? The Nine Partners and their families did exactly what our 2022 Stewardship Campaign calls us to do today. They took a leap of faith.

They took a leap of faith and built a building, a community, made connections and built hope. We, like the Nine Partners, are called to build faith. Specifically, we are called to build a faith in God with each other *and* with those around us.

We take leaps of faith! We gather, connect, pray and grow when we take leaps of faith. Each get-together, each worship, each meeting, each “by chance” parking lot encounter we experience asks us to do one thing, take a leap of faith.

We are not a church *of* the past. We are a church *with* a past. Our past tells of our devotion to God, and God’s devotion to us. And our past directs us in the present. Like the Nine Partners, we, too, are pioneers in the passion of Christ. Do we have it all? No. Do we know it all? No. But we have Jesus, and this is all we need to know.

As the Stewardship Campaign closes, our actions begin. Our leaps *in* faith begin. Continue gathering, connecting, praying, growing and giving to our God by way of His Son through the Holy Spirit on that hill in Harford.



Matthew 16:18 does not necessarily speak of one “Peter.” Today, I hear Matthew 16:18 speak of all the “Peters” —those past and those present.

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” —Matthew 16:18.

STEWARDSHIP: Yes, the past does speak to the present and the future

Dear Congregation,

The following 5 readings were shared from the pulpit over the 5 Sundays in October. These were moments of reflection from the Stewardship Committee. These moments followed the historical writings of voices from this congregation's past.

The Stewardship Campaign is designed to help us as a church plan the year of ministry ahead. How we serve God and our community is dependent on the gifts we receive.

As we move to future plans and goals in 2023, we ask that you pray for the budget as it is set this November. We factor in the gifts we have received to this point so that we can wisely move ahead under God's guidance and care.

As always, your gifts of all kinds are always welcome and are gratefully received.

Our God is good! Our gifts to Him are great!

Find below where God speaks to you. One, two or more of these moments will speak to your heart, resonate with your soul, and allow you to connect and contribute with joy to our God at work in this congregation.

May God bless your gifts to this church, His church.

Thank you! Your 2022 Stewardship Committee

Our October 2nd Moment of Stewardship, by Charleene Martins

Miss Chapman describes the step of faith—or, actually, the steps of faith—taken by the very ones who pioneered the church where we gather today. Remember her entry. Miss Chapman said, “I left Mr. Tyler's house thinking about what the future holds for this endeavor.”

We have the gift of, not only thinking about, but also participating in, the future endeavor of this church. We have the gift of paving a future for this church just as those pioneers did 222 years ago.

What does this gift first ask of us? It asks—no, it requires—us to take a step of faith.

Pastor Will has titled each sermon this month from a phrase he heard in each of the five writings that will be shared on the monitors over the five Sundays we have this month. Today, Will has titled our sermon, “A Step of Faith.”

The Stewardship Campaign this year is called “A Leap of Faith.” Each of us here today have been blessed by the tremendous, inspiring, generous and faith-forward giving from these church pioneers. Each of us has also been blessed by the tremendous, inspiring, generous and faith-forward giving of those that followed them. For this church to continue, we must bless others with our tremendous, inspiring, generous and faith-forward giving.

The operating costs of this church keep ministry in the name of Jesus Christ vital to our immediate and surrounding areas, including those who participate with us. Our website costs. Our online ministry costs. Our programming costs. Our organized and far-reaching outreach costs. For us to remain a hub of Christian love, growth and activity here in Harford for the world, we must first receive the gift those pioneers gave us. In turn, we can gently and generously gift forward for pioneers of faith tomorrow.

Our October 9th Moment of Stewardship, by Wendy Phillips

Mary R. Tyler's entry includes these two words: destitute places. Together, let's pause for a moment on those words, destitute places. I invite you to give time and attention to what comes to your mind, as painful as this may be. You may be thinking destitute places. Painful places. Underserved places. Neglected places. Systemically suppressed places.

What may come to your mind is the awareness of the poverty levels here in Susquehanna County. Teachers in our nearest schools speak regularly of students who come from homes with financial needs. The needs of our elderly are nowhere near being met. In the town of Harford, some of the scenes are as beautiful as ever. Some of the scenes need great care.

Maybe we glide past those two words "destitute places". Maybe we think that somehow, at some time, something will be made better—from someone else. To care for a community? Us? Yes. Us. Our church is a beacon on a hill. Our church is a light shining from God.

Our church is also a resource. This congregation is a place of care and compassion not in a vague sense, but in the Good Samaritan sense. We put action behind love for our neighbors, not just words.

If we are to continue our ministry here—if we are to step further into our ministry here, then it is time for us to rally. It is time for us to do more than sit, or wonder.

In today's scripture, the Apostle Paul says, "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory."

The salvation of Christ, with eternal glory, is not someone else's job. It is yours. It is mine. It is ours together. Let's unite in this United Church of Christ church. To do so, I invite you, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee, to fill out your pledge forms and contribute to this ministry in this town.

Here's the passion behind why I am standing here. Christ's eternal glory meets the destitute places when we give to Harford through this church.

Let's not just live toward eternal glory. Let's give for eternal glory. Thank you.

Our October 16th Moment of Stewardship, by Lynnette Millard

Our moment for Stewardship today is as straightforward as Hosea Tiffany's action. This Nine Partner, my ancestor, gave his most valuable possession, his choice property, to the church. Stand in the parking lot behind me, or at some high points in the cemetery and you'll see how choice is this gift to all of us. The all-around views are not just beautiful throughout the seasons of the year; these beautiful views are Godly throughout the seasons of the year. The north, west, east and west slopes from where you are seated make this church's prominent location specular.

Hosea Tiffany gave his most valuable possession. The Stewardship Committee is asking you to do the same. Give your most valuable possession. Maybe God will have you open your heart for a meal like John Carpenter gave. Maybe God will invite you to serve in a committee. Maybe God will speak to you and this will be the year you pledge. If you do not pledge, maybe God will invite you to make a more conscientious decision to give through all the seasons of the year, not just on the Sundays you are here. Give your most valuable possession because you have received the most valuable gift, Jesus Christ.

May Jesus' gift of love, fairness, equality and service inspire you to give. Yes, give so that others know Jesus' name and His justice-seeking ways through His church on this hill in Harford.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I thank you.

Our October 23rd Moment of Stewardship, by Ellen Holdredge

In 1840, Clara Clark helps us understand how this church filled an important place in the lives of those in the town of Harford. Hear again some of her words. “In the early days of the church, the seats (in the balcony) were always full.”

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, the gifting arm of this church, let’s do more than remember a time when seats in the church were always full. Let’s do something now to make seats full again.

Let’s be. Let’s do. Let’s reach. Let’s care.

The verbs I just used—being, doing, reaching and caring—not only describe this church in Harford; they define this church in Harford. To make the seats full again, we have to fill hearts again and again.

I am one of many volunteers who help with free food distribution through the Weinberg Food Bank. As most of you know, or perhaps all of you know, this distribution takes place once a month. By no means is this an easy undertaking. This effort is just that—effort! It takes planning, patience, people to volunteer, and prayer!

Here in Harford, we don’t just aim to fill seats. We don’t just aim to fill the hearts I just spoke of, either. We also fill the lunch and dinner plates of our nearby neighbors who experience financial strain, or stare down the very real fear of food scarcity.

The Weinberg Food Bank brings souls together, too. The benefits of the distribution don’t just help those who receive food. The distribution also helps those who unload the truck and then pack the many, many boxes that leave here later in the day.

The Ugly Quilting group that meets here on Tuesdays also brings souls together. This group that I am also a part of, fills seats in the Lecture Hall. The Ugly Quilts we make help those who are homeless and in great need by providing those who are often turned away with a moveable, comfortable and practical place to sleep.

There’s more. Those who gather to quilt are filled with love and gentle, informal, and casual time to sit, talk, and share in God’s care for others.

The verbs I used—being, doing, reaching and caring—are going to fill more seats and more souls through generous hearts like yours. The Weinberg Food Bank and the Ugly Quilts are two ways we fill our call to serve our God. There are more ways. And there will be still more.

The Holy Spirit is filling your heart now. Be. Do. Reach. Care.

I close with this. What is true in 1840 is true today: when we listen to God and care for His people, His heart is full.

Spire Sponsors

We **really, really 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

Our October 30th Moment of Stewardship, by Kay Gow

You heard from Melissa Tiffany, secretary of the Ladies Benevolent Society. 1852 was a busy year! A new pulpit—that is this pulpit—new seating, a new steeple, a new finish, painting, trimmings, carpets, chairs, mats and spread for the table? How ambitious!

All this work reminds me of the Roast Beef Dinner we recently had. And who can forget the Harford Fair dinner, or the September yard sale, or the Missionary Society bake sales?

This isn't all we do, of course. There are other ways we contribute as a church, but busy! This church is busy!

Let's celebrate that. Let's celebrate how God has moved His people through the 220 years since we began as a Meeting House here on what became the foundation of this 200-year-old church building.

So much has changed. When I think of the word foundation, I think of how unchanging we are because of our foundation in Jesus Christ.

Reverend Moses Thatcher said, "Please excuse my apparent weakness," in the sermon of his that Melissa mentions. Moses spoke of his childhood and his youth spent here in Harford. I invite you now to think of your childhood and youth.

Were you busy as a child? Of course you were! But that foundation in you—Christ in you—grew like a mustard seed.

It still grows.

I pray children today—and children tomorrow—will grow with Christ inside them because of what you're doing for this church today.

I am not the secretary of the Ladies Benevolent Society, though I imagine I would have enjoyed that position. I am the current chairperson of the Stewardship Committee however, and, on behalf of the committee, I want to be emotional like Moses was in his sermon and thank you for your contributions to the Stewardship Campaign this year. While I haven't priced mustard seeds lately, I do know the prices of almost everything has gone up this year. How you, the congregation, have stepped up this year means a lot to me and to the Stewardship Committee. To work with a busy congregation, that works so hard to serve our God who grows our faith in us so well, is a beautiful gift in and of itself.

In September, Will spoke of the joy in being the third longest standing pastor in this church's history. I speak now with joy at the gifts we are giving, and continue to give. How great it is we have a faithful God who, in turn, calls us to be faithful to Him. I pray that we continue to plant the seeds of faith and grow more and more faithful children and adults with benevolent, Christian hearts here in His church in Harford.

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 \$.99 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 much appreciated if you could let the office be aware of where you will be living. Thanks ever so much, Judy



Income and Expenses

September 2021	September 2022	YTD 2022
Income: \$19,048.45	Income: \$7,173.20	Income: \$145,011.31
Expenses: \$12,431.83	Expenses: \$12,656.32	Expenses: \$97,688.75
Total: \$ 6,616.62	Total: -\$5,483.12	Total: \$47,322.56

Other Council Minutes

Financial Secretary: Report given and accepted.

Treasurer: Our Building insurance is increasing by %25 next year.

We reviewed accounts that are duplicated in the "Other " Category and also a budget line. It was decided to pay bills from "Other "accounts containing funds first and then draw on the budget line.

Dave Oakley has set up our office computers at great expenses of his time and energy. He has refused personal payment for his time. It was voted to send payment to his church, South New Milford Baptist Church in his name.

Julia reports what a joy it has been this year to manage our church finances when the congregation has given so generously of their money, time and talents. It has been very stressful managing our finances when funds do not cover expenses. She commends the congregation and offers her sincere thank you!

ARC: Animal Resource Center. 1 bag of cat food has been purchased. Laurie Demark has been invited to attend the November 5, 2022 Pet Blessing.

Choir: Continues to practice.

Church Cupboard: Serving 1 family

Cradle Roll: Serving 2 families with Christian books.

Clerk: 1 Baptism

Pastor Relations: meeting November 15, 2022

Next Meeting: Thursday December 1, 2022 6:00pm

Christian Education: 10-25-22

Fun in the Sun – Trick or Treat: Oct, 30, 2022 from 2:00-3:00. Treat givers come at 1:30 to get ready. Kay and Holli plan to decorate after church Oct 30, 2022. No scary or gory costumes are encouraged. Will and Holli will be the last station the children visit. Christian flashlights (Shine with the Light of Jesus) will be given out along with the church's bifold information sheet and "Becoming a Child of God "coloring book. Flyers have been taken to Mountainview School and sent to the Rt 11 Ministerium.

Children's Nativity Play will be December 18, 2022. The play will be the sermon for the day. All will be invited to have light refreshments after the service hosted by the Deacons.

Curriculum: We plan to continue the Simply Loved curriculum from Group Publishing.

Holli Chichester will assume the Christian Education Director position.

Deacons -10-16-22

Baptism: At each Baptism, a Deacon will preside and read a short letter to the child. After the Baptism the parents will receive the baptism Certificate and a copy of the letter.

All Saints Day: Oct 30, 2022. Only a few names and pictures have arrived. The deadline is Oct 23, 2022.

Hymn Dedication: The first hymn of the service will be the Hymn Dedication Hymn. The person that is being honored or memorialized will be mentioned in the Bulletin and on the overhead screens. Judy Mitchell and Will plan to check the list weekly. Kay will also oversee this process.

Children's Hymn: this will take place after the Children's Message when appropriate and while the children are still up front. Christian Education will give a list of songs to Will to be paired with the Children's Message.

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Bulletins: There was a discussion about the bifold bulletin vs the informational sheet bulleting. It was brought out that the reformatting necessary to print the Bi-fold adds extra work and time for Holli and Judy and may not offer benefits to warrant the extra work. It was decided to add a picture to the front page to make the bulletin more attractive. The Scripture and the sermon notes will be on the last page along with the prayer lists and contact information. The congregational bulletin will highlight the service flow and include the responsive readings.

Christmas Tree Lighting: November 27, 2022. Kay made invitations for all the church groups and community groups. Holli has made an informational insert to be placed in the invitation. The invitations will be given out at council and mailed to community groups the first week of November.

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served. The Event will start in the lecture hall with Christmas Carols and group recognition. The event will conclude with the lighting and placement of ornaments by all. We will purchase satin finish multi-colored shatterproof ornaments to put the names of each group. We will need an MC for the event. Scouts will be asked if they will do the bonfires. Groups: Summer Lunch Box, Scouts, Harford Fire Co., School Board and Principals of MountainView and Blue Ridge, Lenox VFW, 4H, Fair Board, State Police, Sheriff Dept, Historical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, County Commissioners, all church groups.

Christmas: The Deacons will host a Christmas refreshment time after church on December 18, 2022. The children are having their Nativity that Sunday.

Plan to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas after the November 20, 2022 service. A small tree will also be decorated in the Gathering Room.

Advent: A Deacon and a child/children will light the Advent Wreath. The lay reader will read the Advent Lighting reading each week.

Week 1 (November 27): Gail and Hunter

Week 2 (December 4): Hopefully Becci Warren and boys with Sharon

Week 3 (December 11): Nancy and Sereena

Week 4 (December 18): Linda and 3 grandchildren

Week 5 (December 24): Will and kids and nieces

Next Meeting: November 20 after church. We will help decorate the church first.

Missionary 10-18-22

Opening: Priscilla Allen opened with prayer

Treasurer: Maureen Warren

Paid for the Church Daily Bread Subscription \$75

Paid \$130 to the Least Coin Program (Collected from Missionary and Willing Worker)

We voted to support the Christmas Fund at Interfaith with a \$500 donation.

Total: \$7,178.48

Correspondence: In: Thank you from Gwenn Diaz
Information from Trehab about Feed a Friend

Out: 3 Notes

Soup Ministry: We have about 12 soups left. Encourage the congregation to take soup to those that are sick or shut-in. Sign the paper on the freezer door so we know where the soup is taken.

Bake Sale: November 8, 2022 Election Day at the Fire Hall

Workers: 7-11 Priscilla and Karen

11-2 Maureen and Peg

2-Gone Wendy and Gary

Sign-Up Sheet is in the Gathering Room for the Congregation to assist baking.

Operation Christmas Child: Ellen will present October 16

Kay will present October 23

Karen will man the OCC station October 30 (Collection Sunday)

Holli will purchase Tracking Labels for all the boxes using the donated shipping money set in with the Shoeboxes. Any unpaid shipping will be covered by Missionary.

We will meet November 1, 2022 at 1:00 to sort, check and label the shoeboxes.

Sherry, Priscilla and Karen will take the OCC shoeboxes to South New Milford Baptist Church on November 15, 2022 at 10:30.

Least Coin: Wendy Phillips

The Least Coin programs are starting up again after the Pandemic

Sri Lanka: LEADS program is dedicated to creating a safe place and opportunities for children

Christmas Tree Lighting: November 27, 2022 at 6:00. Deacons are inviting a representative from each group to come and place an ornament of Hope on the Christmas Tree, Peg Empet will represent Missionary.

Next Meeting: December 20, 2022 Party bring Cookies



Stewardship Meeting - October 19, 2022

The meeting was opened in prayer by Kay Gow at 6:00 p.m.

Kay has asked for feedback on the readings for the stewardship campaign. The feedback has been favorable. Pastor Will has some pieces to add to the next 2 readings. The campaign wraps up on November 6. Kay wrote a piece that Joe will read that Sunday.

Julia Gardner gave an update on our year-to-date budget.

Total income:	\$145,011.30
Expenses:	\$ 97,688.74
	\$ 41,322.55

We are looking at ways to recognize the people who give to the needs in the congregation – (i.e. peanut butter, cocoa, vbs, dinners, ect.).

Tech support is in the budget and also under “other”. Do we keep it in both? Or take out of other and just keep under the budget. Christian Ed is also in both sections.

We will be doing the budget for next year at our first next meeting.

The 2023 Stewardship Campaign will be “Open the door to your heart to keep ours open”.

Joe asked about having a chart in the Gathering Room showing what we have collected – peanut butter, cocoa, etc.

Pastor Will closed the meeting with prayer at 7:15 p.m.

Our next meeting will be November 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Other Council Minutes

Old Business: Still working on purchasing a Defibrillator

New Business: Cub Scouts are wanting to have Pack meetings at the church. Dave Schulte and Will are working on the details. Council is pleased that the Cub Scouts are starting back up.



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In memory
of
Norman J. Maza**

**From a Loving
Family**

Trustee Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022

Old Business:

Windows in the Sanctuary are still leaking. Harry, with the help of Mark Page and Connor Freytag believe they have finally found the issue and have a solution.

Gary placed reflectors along the driveway to prevent drivers from driving over the edge.

The Pew has been removed. Bare spots need to be painted.

Survey Pin has been permanently placed.

Harry fixed the bathroom door in the lecture hall.

Internet has been run into the office.

New Business:

Security Camera batteries need regular recharging. One camera needs to be replaced as well as a couple batteries. There is a possibility of adding small solar panels to keep the batteries charged. Need one new camera and one new battery.

Integrated Security and Safety Systems, our current fire monitoring system providers business has been assumed by Sentry Alarms. Sentry Alarms will continue to monitor with no changes at this time.

The pew that was removed from the Sanctuary is currently stored in the Lecture Hall. Trustees discussed that it should be saved, but where?

The Trustees are recommending that Council creates a committee comprised of representatives from different groups to determine what should become of all of the clutter that tends to be stored in different areas of the church, lecture hall, attic, etc. such as decorations, crutches and wheel chairs, play props etc. to make sure we are not collecting unnecessary things that continue to accumulate.

Willing Worker: The Roast Beef Dinner made a profit of \$2,264.36! Thank you to all that sold tickets, bought tickets, and prepared and served the food!!



Soup Sale

Kingsley Willing Workers will have a soup sale on November 13, deadline for ordering will be November 6.

Choices will be: Chicken Noodle
 Taco
 Pasta Fagioli
 Broccoli Cheese
 Mushroom Leek



Contact Judy by November 6.

jmm@nep.net

570-434-2716

The **Weinberg Food Program** at Harford First Congregational Church needs clean plastic bags for food distribution. Please take them to the church kitchen.

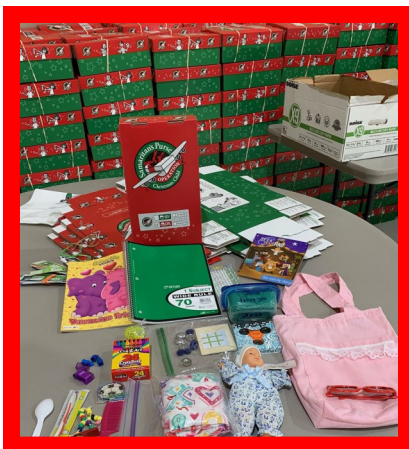


Operation Christmas Child



Missionary Group is sending 59 Operation Christmas Boxes this year! All the boxes will have a tracking label so we can know where the boxes were distributed.

Thank you all for your participation!!!!



Pet Blessing

Harford First Congregational Church-UCC

November 5, 2022

9:00-11:00 am in the church parking lot



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

by the 15th of November 2022!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ARC-Animal Resource Center

ARC is a help to those who may not be able to properly care for their animals. ARC had been supplying cat and dog food to people who pick up Weinberg food.



They purchase between 25-30 pounds of food each month and divide it up between three families who receive Weinberg. They were originally providing cat and dog food however the families who received dog food no longer come to Weinberg.

Lauri Demark has been working with one of the Weinberg families to try to get their feral cat population under control. She has made two visits to Kindred Spirits to get cats spayed/neutered. She plans to continue to work with this family and take more cats each month. Kindred Spirits charged for the first visit and ARC also sent a small donation. The second visit was covered by donations.

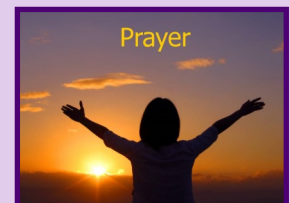
ARC gladly will accept any donations. Put your money in the collection plate (marked for ARC) or send a donation to the office. These donations will be greatly welcomed.

Thank you. Harford First Congregational Church-UCC
PO Box 217
Harford, PA 18823

Problems or Issues regarding Harford First Congregational Church—UCC?

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**.

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.





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

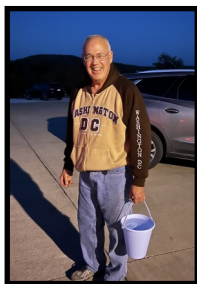
Send check (made out to Harford First Congregational Church -UCC) along with name of person and the year of birth and the year they passed away to the office.

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

Thank you.



Memorial Garden



Dick planted a fig tree in the Memorial Garden on the evening of October 11. Thank you Dick and Delores Berish for maintaining our Memorial Garden. Please come and enjoy the peace and beauty of the Garden at any time of the year.

Hymn Dedication

Dedicate the first Hymn of any Sunday Service in Honor or in Memory of someone. There is a sign up sheet in the Hallway next to the Flower sign-up sheet or place a card in the collection plate with the hymn and the name of the individual to whom you wish to honor.



Pet Blessing

Harford First

Congregational Church-UCC

November 5, 2022

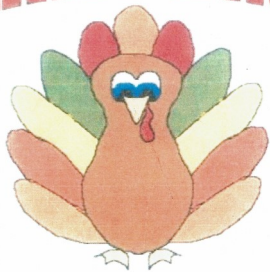
9:00-11:00 am in the church parking lot

All welcome!



HOP BOTTOM HOSE COMPANY'S

TURKEY BINGO



Saturday November 12th
Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Bingo starts at 7:00 pm
Located at Hop Bottom Fire Hall

**Baked Goods, Raffle Prizes
And Much, Much More!**



**Spaghetti
Dinner**

November 11, 2022

5 pm - 7 pm

Gibson United Methodist Church

46 Church Road

New Milford, PA 18834

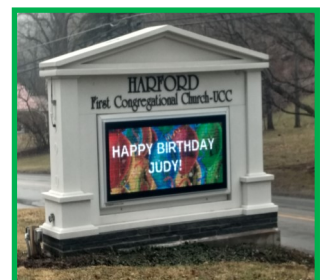
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Celebrate the joys in life!

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

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Correspondence

Dear Congregation, Thank you so much for the cards and words of encouragement after the passing of my mother-in-law, Roberta Chichester. Your love and care means so much to Bill and me. Thank you, Bill and Holli Chichester

November Birthdays and Anniversaries



November 2	Evan Clarkson
November 4	George Lotter Coe Masters
November 5	Benjamin Doolittle Rich Masters Sue Needham
November 9	David Allen
November 10	Emma Hagenbuch Twila Williams
November 11	Mark & Pam Lewis Kari Lynn 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 McDowell
November 26	Damien Cook
November 27	Irv & Sue Needham
November 29	Paula Adams



Flower Sponsorship

Here's a new way to serve in your congregation and add beauty to our worship experience!

Sponsor Altar flowers!! All you need to do is take a pew envelope, place cash or check for \$20, put your name on the envelope with the date you wish to sponsor and who/what the flowers honor or commemorate. The Deacons will then purchase and arrange the flowers for you. You may also sponsor a week yourself by signing up on the purple altar flower sheet in the hallway. If you have your own flowers at home. No money involved, just bring the flowers and sign the sheet.

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.

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.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmQ-Xr0lE5xwdZS0yVs7dtg>



Men's Breakfast

November 8, 2022 at 7:30am

at Bingham's Restaurant.
The second Tuesday of each month.



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



Weinberg Food Bank

Harford First Congregational Church
Please contact Tammy if you have registered but do not plan to pick up.

Next distributions Friday, November 18, 2022 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.

Home Bound



Lynola Carey
Joanne Connolly

Martha Jenkins
Dorothy Greene
Lou and John Zimmerman

Norma Carey
Barbara Pease

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
- for those with medical issues large and small
- 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 kids
- Evan Clarkson, Andrew Kazmierczak, Robert Schulte and all those serving in the military
- Sandy Zupanovich
- Gregg Symuleski and family
- Nancy Marr
- law enforcement officers & EMS
- hospital workers and fire personnel
- George Lotter
- Lori Masters Yashino
- Rita
- Carol Lyman Biondo
- Block Party for Youth in Hallstead
- Truck drivers & farmers
- Small businesses struggling
- Patrick Simons
- Linda Lindsey
- Ruth Ann Batzel
- Sal Armetta and family
- Steve Holtsmaster
- Karen Jones relative
- Lola and John Zimmerman
- Lynn Hernandez
- Karen Doolittle
- Earl Gow
- Paula Adams
- Chris (Paula Smith's brother)
- Ginny and Charlie Ahearn
- Gift of Life Program (Organ Donation)
- Andy Granick
- Margaret Frederick
- JoAnn Titus
- Joanne Zick
- War in Ukraine
- Dorothy Greene
- Vivian Rutherford
- Amy Kittle
- Meals-on-Wheels Program
- Millie Tingley
- Dorothy Hagenbuch
- Cheryl Augustine
- Kandy Wellman
- Julie Kesten
- Dr. Scott Poxon
- All those battling cancer

Women's Lunch

3rd Monday of each month

12:00 at Bingham's

All Welcome!

Bring a Friend



Greeters and Ushers

Nov. 6 - Judy Mitchell & Emma (Greeter/Usher)
Charlene Moser (Usher)

Nov. 13- Linda Robinson (Greeter/Usher)
Loren Robinson (Usher)

Nov. 20- Peggy Empet (Greeter/Usher)
Linda Lindsey (Usher)

Nov. 27- Karen Jones (Greeter/Usher)
Gary Phillips (Usher)



October Lay Readers

Nov. 6th - Alice Archer

Nov. 13th - Gail Batzel

Nov. 20th - Sue Needham

Nov. 27th - Ellen Holdredge



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.

Tree of Hope

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

**Sunday,
November 27, 2022**

6:00 P.M.

**Harford First
Congregational
Church
Lecture Hall and
Front Lawn
Refreshments Served**





Route 11 Ministerium's
"Giving Gifts
of Thanks"

November 16, 2022 at 6:00pm

First Universalist Church

Brooklyn PA

Hope to see you there!

A freewill offering will be taken to replenish the Ministerium fund that is used to aid families in the Rt 11 corridor.

Refreshments will be provided.

Pastor Will is preaching and Laura Kincaid is doing the children's message.

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 17, 2022** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Susquehanna County Daughters of the
American Revolution

Invites you to Honor the Veterans
in the Harford Cemetery on
December 17, 2022 at 12:00



#FindAWay2022

Sponsor a Wreath Today



FOR THE NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

www.wreathscrossamerica.org

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____



DO WE HAVE PERMISSION TO PUBLICIZE YOUR NAME?

_____ YES _____ NO, I WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS

★ Sorry, we are unable to accept grave specific requests through the Maine office ★

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Individual - 1 wreath	\$15.00		
Family - 5 wreaths	\$75.00		
Small Business - 10 wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate - 100 wreaths	\$1500.00		
GRAND TOTAL:			

Checks payable to **Susquehanna County Chapter DAR (SCCDAR)**

GROUP ID: 169062 LOCATION ID: 169469

National Wreaths Across America Day DECEMBER 17, 2022

REMEMBER · HONOR · TEACH

Susan Dyson
199 Stark Rd.
Nicholson, PA 18446



2022 Poinsettia Orders

I would like to order (number) _____ white, _____ red, _____ pink
(please specify color and number) poinsettias at \$8.00 each =\$ _____

(Please enclose money with order)

Offering red, pink or white poinsettias.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Other _____

Deadline December 1, 2022

Ordered by (Name) _____

Telephone or email _____

Thank you



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Thank you

November 2022

December 2022

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2022

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27	28	29	30			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5
9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Worship	9:30am Ugly Quilts 1:00pm Missionary mtg (LH) 7:00pm Choir	1:00pm Qtrly WW mtg 6:00pm Ministerium mtg	10:00am Pastor in office	10:00am Pastor in office	5:00pm Gibson Spaghetti supper (Gibson church)	9:00am Pet Blessing (Parking lot)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Worship	9:30am Quarter back (PO) 7:00pm Choir (MR) 7:30pm Harford Fair mtg (LH)	ELECTION DAY 7:30am Men's Breakfast 8:00am Bake Sale (Fire) 9:30am Ugly Quilts 4:00pm Clifford Meth.	10:00am Pastor in office	10:00am Pastor in office	5:00pm Gibson Spaghetti supper (Gibson church)	6:00pm turkey Bingo (Hop Bottom firehall)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Worship	9:30am Quarter back (PO) 3:00pm Girl Scouts (LH) 7:00pm Trustees	NO missionary mtg 9:00am Pastoral Relations mtg (PO) 9:30am Ugly Quilts 7:00pm Choir	6:00pm RT 11/81 Ministerium service (Brooklyn Universal)	10:00am Pastor in office	4:30pm Weinberg distribution	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Worship 11:00am Decorate for 1:00pm Deacons after	9:30am Quarter back (PO) 12:00pm Ladies Lunch	NO Ugly Quilts 7:00pm Choir	HAPPY THANKSGIVING 10:00am Pastor NOT in office			
27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Christmas Tree lighting	9:30am Quarter back (PO)	NO Ugly Quilts 7:00pm Choir				



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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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Judy Mitchell –Sec
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Friday 1:00-5:00