

Pastor's Page: A nation divided, a church united

Our recent national news is truly heartbreaking. All of us are affected, or should be affected on some level. Many are profoundly angry on race issues and/or the reopening of our lives in this new norm of a profoundly deadly virus that may be present to us for a long while. There's more. Some think the news is false, or extremely biased.

I am an expert on none of the things I just mentioned. I am, however, finding scripture to be so amazingly guiding for each of us. The Word is a lamp onto our feet (Psalm 119:105)! We have been following the lectionary since mid-March. This will continue until the next sermon series comes our way well after we are all clear to return to church safely.

Each week, the assigned texts offer so much direction, inspiration, guidance and peace. Sermons continue to shape who and how we are to be. Period. This is not complicated. This is not overwhelming. This is also not divisive. As too many are polarizing by position, I continue to hear God sending the strong, repetitious message that even—or especially—as the nation is divided, we, as the church, MUST remain united.

Recall the sermon where I suggest we drop our political affiliations. I have said (and then repeated the following Sunday), what is true: leopards don't change their spots. I'm not suggesting you drop your political position or location; that may likely never happen. I am, however, strongly encouraging you to identify yourself as not a Republican or Democrat, but as a Christian first and foremost. No more wood needs to be placed on an already national fire burning too hot. While it's been said that religion and politics cannot (or should not?) be discussed at the dinner table, I think half of this old saying is true. Religion SHOULD be talked about—especially now. If you're a Christian, then you know religion is love of God and religion is also love of others, including your neighbor and your enemy. This love should be talked about over and over and over around countless dining tables not once in a while, but always. Again, this is not complicated. This is not divisive. If anything, it is incredibly inclusive.

Return to Abraham in Genesis 18. He was out in the noonday sun—an uncomfortable place to be given the time of day and the weather. Because of his location out there front and center, he was able to meet and entertain strangers. These strangers, as you remember the sermon, were actually divine. One was God. The other two were angels. The message Abraham received from God that day was the one both he and Sarah longed to hear for too many years. They would be parents at last!

Because Abraham was out and available to the world of pain and suffering, he was able to hear God. As we are out and available to the world of pain and suffering today, because the church is in motion through each of us, we, too, are able to hear God. We, too, receive divine messages.

As I shared from the pulpit, Abraham wasn't indoors in front of what would have been the equivalent in the day of a super-sized flatscreen TV with surround sound watching a heart-jarring national event for the umpteenth time; he was out there. More so, he was generous in providing respite care for three traveling strangers. I can't imagine our call to strangers—and to the world—is any different than Abraham's. Respite care in so many forms is needed today. We who are out there can provide just that kind of care.

In another sermon based on a Genesis passage, Genesis 21, we hear of Hagar who is tossed to the desert with her son. Both are far too close to death. Like Abraham, they, too, are out there in the noonday sun, only these two are in critical need of respite. As we know from the scripture, God provides just that—respite. As God gave Abraham and Sarah a son, God gives Hagar a vision. This vision sustains her through her most troubling time. Certainly, God can and will sustain us in and through this troubling time.

The vision I see from God may likely be yours, too. The church is united. More so, the church is uniting. Even without a flatscreen TV, you, like me, must have seen or experienced too many divides recently. Where we can each find needed respite care for ourselves and our world is in the church, the holy place we make in our lives either online or in person in a pew. Let us continue to be vigilant in our call of uniting the world in love by being out there for those passing by.

Amen.

Letter from Bonnie Bates (President of Penn Northeast Conference)

It's June! The usual time for graduations, picnics, Father's Day barbeques, Flag Day parades, hiking and beach going....that was before COVID 19 and the pandemic. We are all anxious to return to "normal" but I am afraid what we viewed as "normal" is not coming back. I don't usually seem so pessimistic, and I am not really. What I am is realistic. Even when Pennsylvania moves completely into the "Green" phase, we are being called to use social distancing, masks, gather in groups smaller than 100, safely interact with one another, not sing, not shake hands or hug. This will not feel normal, but may be how we live with one another for months to come.

We may find ourselves getting used to distance, to nodding our heads or bumping our elbows in greeting, and wearing masks in public settings. It may be challenging for some of us – especially we folks who like to hug, who like to touch, who want to be close. These have been and are challenging days.

My realistic and practical self is reminding us to make a plan for reentry into our church buildings, to follow the CDC and Department of Health Guidelines, to be care-filled and careful. Please, even though we might like to pretend this is just like the summer of 2019, it is not. The health challenges are serious. More than 115,000 people dead is serious.

And yet, we are making progress. The spread of the virus is flattening in some places. People are learning to be cautious and to share spaces in ways that promote and preserve health. We are livestreaming and zooming worship in new ways, sharing music and hymns in new ways, offering pastoral care in new ways. And we are the church; we are still the church. I shared a reading on our Penn Northeast Facebook page this week, by Margaret Weiss. It is called *The Church Has Left the Building*. I share it with you here, in case you are not a Facebook subscriber.

The church is not a place; it is a people. The church is not only a steeple above the tree-line, streets, and cars. Rather, it is a people proclaiming to the world that we are here for the work of healing and of justice. The church is not walls built stone upon stone, held together by mortar but rather person, linked with person, linked with person: all ages and genders and abilities a community built on the foundation of reason, faith, and love. The church is not just a set of doors open on Sunday morning, but the commitment day after day, and moment after moment, of our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome to the possibility of new experience and radical welcome. The church is not simply a building, a steeple, a pew. The church is the gathering together of all the people, and experiences, and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts; gathering, however we can, to say to the world: welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and love.

For the church is us—each and every one of us—together, a beacon of hope to this world that so sorely needs it.

My friends, we are the church. We remain the church, even as we move into a new sense of what "normal" is and can be. Be blessed and a blessing. ~Bonnie

Dear Congregation,

Attention! The worship service will be livestreamed live at 10:00 am each Sunday.

We have been eager to worship together again. Our council met in June to discuss how we can safely begin this process. We are now able to meet in groups with masks, distance, and additional sanitizing.

We would like invite those who feel ready to worship in groups to come to the livestreaming of our worship at 10:00 am. Masks are mandatory. We must keep our distance. We will not use the hymnals and Bibles or have bulletins. All needed text will be projected for you. We will enter and exit through the glass double doors.

For those who feel it is best to stay at home and continue online worship, which, at the moment, seems to be the majority of us, please know our council supports and appreciates your

participation as it has been. Safety first is a key to our wellbeing.

We look forward to worshiping with you online or in person each Sunday at 10 am.



"In Honor and with Appreciation to all essential workers"
- Lynn Butler -













Council Minutes

5-28-2020

Attending: Teresa Lamberson, Kay Gow, Maureen Warren, David Schulte Craig Stout, Wendy Phillips, Holli Chichester, Ellen Holdredge, Wil Hagenbuch, Kandy Wellman

(by phone Betty Lou Bennett, Dottie Hagenbuch, Judy Mitchell)

There was a discussion about the Pennsylvania Code Yellow guidelines. Many expressed the desire to continue with the worship online. Some have expressed an interest in returning to worship in the Sanctuary.

It was decided that worship would be live-streamed Sunday mornings at 10:00am beginning on the first Sunday of June. We would follow the guidelines listed:

Attendees will wear a face mask

Hand Sanitizer will be available at each entrance to the sanctuary

The double glass doors will be the only doors unlocked for in/out

Bibles and Hymnals will not be used. All text will be projected on the wall behind the pulpit

All attendees will sit 6 feet apart at designated locations throughout the sanctuary

No Choir

Limited Singing

Attendees will be limited to less than 25 people. Attendees will notify Holli Chichester via phone, text or email of plans to attend

Families can sit together

Finances: It looks like we are doing OK

Fair: Fair Board will decide July 15th if the fair will be held

Clifford Picnic: cancelled

Church 220-year anniversary is June 15 along with Children's Day

Golf Tournament: Rescheduled for June 12, 2021 at Tall Pines Golf Course

Next Meeting: June 25, 2020 at 6:30

Council Minutes

6-25-2020

Attending: David Schulte, Maureen Warren, Kay Gow, Holli Chichester, Ellen Holdredge, Julie Gardner, Harry Gardner Will Hagenbuch (By Phone Betty Lou Bennett)

Will opened with Prayer.

Minutes from the May meeting read. Kay motioned to accept, Ellen seconded, they were approved.

Financial Secretary: no report

Treasurer: To make expense every month in general (electric, payroll, programs, etc.) we need 412,597.92/month to meet the 2020 Budget.

May 2019 May 2020

Income \$9,993.26 Income \$9,325.00

Expense \$9,980.09 Expense \$11,869.06

Total \$13.17 Total -\$2,543.56

Year to Date 2020

Income: \$65,711.01

Expenses: \$51,726.87

Total: \$13,984.14

Will motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, Kay seconded, approved.

Christian Education: Bonnie and Payton present an online Sunday School Lesson every week. Kandy presents an online Christian story daily.

Choir: Robert Fisher would like more volunteers to share their talent during worship. Please let him know if you have a song or poem to share.

Church Cupboard: not operating currently. People contact Kay Gow for food needs.

Clerk: Ellie Miller passed

Cradle Roll: none

Deacon: meeting via Zoom. Working on how to be present to the community during quarantine.

GameOn: None
Historian: None

Missionary Group: None

Pastor Relations: Will working on vacation times.

Stewardship: None

Trustees:

- -Tightened the railing in the gathering room
- -Cameras for the security system will be installed
- -Weather stripping was placed on the alley door
- -light pole broken and will be repaired
- -need a Tablet for Judy to view the security cameras because the system needs to be hooked to WIFI and on while she is using the computer
- -The Fire Alarm System will be replaced by Integrated Security and Safety Systems for a total of \$1438. The old box will be removed and replaced, the rotary call box will be replaced with a digital call system, the old sensors will be used while replacing any that aren't working. The monthly monitoring cost will be \$40. The money will be taken from the building fund.

Ellen motioned to accept the above Fire Alarm System, Maureen seconded, approved.

-The Sunday morning worship service is projecting the hymns and the scripture text on the wall. The words are difficult to see online because it is very bright in the sanctuary. Recommend replacing the hail damaged shades.

Kay motioned to accept replacing the blinds and cap the expense at \$1000. Julie seconded, approved.

Willing Workers: The quarterly meeting of the large group of Willing Workers was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 1:00PM in the Lecture Hall. There had been no meeting in May due to the pandemic. Kay Gow called the socially distanced meeting to order. Others present were Sherry Decker, Holli Chichester, Wendy Phillips, Sharon Kinney, Karen Jones, Kandy Wellman, Ivie Simons, Ellen Holdredge. Ivie Simons made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and both sets of minutes (February 12 and March 4).

Most of the meeting dealt with planning for the Harford Fair. At this point in time, the fair is a possibility but there is a lot of conjecture. There was a discussion on paying the rent for our spaces and then not participating this year. Some people are reluctant to help. It was decided that we won't cancel. We will leave that decision to the Fair.

Because the Fair is a possibility, plans need to be made so we are prepared. Kandy had a number of thoughts:

- 1. Attic treasures—before people bring them in, we need to know if there will be a fair. Until then, people will be asked to collect their treasures at home until we know for sure.
- 2. Protective items—Kandy to order some hand sanitizer for workers and people coming in, masks, disposable gloves for money handlers, etc.
- 3. Fudge case is problematic. Scrap, trash days, sell on marketplace, leave beside the road with a free sign? Kandy to take picture and list on line.
- 4. Fudge and cookies-would it be ok to make them and sell them.
- 5. Kandy wants to plan out the space with shelves, metal brackets, maybe tarps or screens to put up and down for bad weather or sun, or signs to go across the front of one side.

Ellen made a motion to allow Kandy to purchase fans, shelves, whatever is needed for the space at the Fair. 2nd by Kay. Passed.

Side note: After the meeting Kandy and Holli went to the Fair grounds to look at the new building. They discovered that the two 12x12 spaces we thought we had are actually 10x10. They will go back on Wednesday to talk to Cindy, who is in charge of spaces at the Fair.

Ivie made a motion for Kandy to buy tables of the size needed for the space. 2nd by Sharon K. Passed.

6. Kandy is waiting on purchasing dishcloths until we know for sure as we do have a small supply.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00PM unless another meeting is needed sooner.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15. Ellen Holdredge, Secretary

Pastor's Report:

- -Visited Ellis Miller prior to death.
- -Met with Ellie Miller's family. Funeral will be June 29 at 11:00am.
- -Jesse/Corbin wedding will be August 29, 2020
- -Doctorate graduation will be in September
- -Writing a daily message via email and calling on people

New Business: Yoga and the Boy Scouts have requested to begin meeting in the church again. The recommended restrictions are too extensive at this time. We will revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Will continue to live stream the worship service and invite those that feel ready to attend. Masks will be required and we will keep a six-foot distance. The double glass doors will be open for in/out and all doors will be open to eliminate touching. All text will be projected on the wall behind the pulpit to eliminate the need to touch hymnals and pew Bibles.



Summer Lunch Box Program

We're getting back to our roots! When we first began this program, volunteers would pre-pack orders for families. Of course, we've moved from several dozen kids in only 1 school district to 540 students in three school districts. We serve MountainView, Montrose in two locations (VFW and Choconut) and Elk Lake. We couldn't do it without the support of this amazing community we live in and all the wonderful churches that have come together to feed our kids!



Harford First Congregational Church is now collecting jelly since we met our goal of 450 jars of peanut butter!!!











The need for food has grown so large that we are at capacity and in need of funds to buy food. All of our fund raisers are at the end of the summer or in the fall. Please give if you are able.





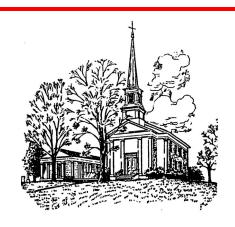
SUMMER LUNCH BOX P.O. BOX 74 HOP BOTTOM, PA 18824

Entity: #84-2249142

Celebrating the 220 year of

Harford First Congregational Church—UCC

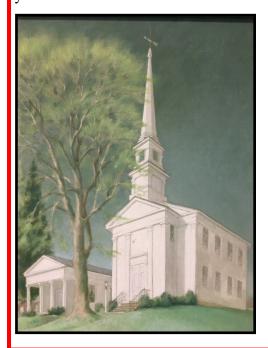
Our History



Nine families from Attleboro, Massachusetts settled in this area in 1790. On Sunday June 15, 1800, the First Congregational Society met to establish the first church here. The first church was built in 1822. The Lecture Hall was built and completed by 1845. After several renovations the sanctuary as we see it now was finished in 1888. The Congregational Society joined the United Church of Christ in 1967 and is part of the Penn-North East Conference.

Harford First Congregational Church is the oldest church in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania and was organized in 1800. The current church was built on land donated by Hosea Tiffany, one of the Nine Partners who settled here in 1790. An old meetinghouses style building originally occupied this site in front of the current church built in 1822, the Lecture Hall was built in 1844, and the spire was raised above the belfry in 1851. Interior changes have taken place, chiefly in 1851 and 1950, when the Church's 150th anniversary inspired a major restoration, which sought to approximate the original conception. During its long and distinguished history, the church has had twenty-eight pastors.

Prayer: As we celebrate the 220th year of the founding of our beautiful, historic church we pray for the congregation and nation a healing of wounds, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. We as a congregational church always seek to be open-minded and look at whatever is happening from another's point of view. May you continue to guide us in the path you've set before us. Keep us ever mindful of your unfailing love for all humankind. Help us to continue to be a beacon of hope and light not only for our community, but for the nation so torn by hatred. Let us bind the wounds of those affected by the unrest and injustice around them. Hold us and those we love in your arms safe and secure in the knowledge you are with us for another 220 years and until your return to take us to our heavenly home. All these things we ask in your name. Amen







Seniors, As your final year of high school or college comes to a close, we the congregation of Harford First Congregational Church-UCC, want you to know that we, along with your parents and loved ones, are proud of you. We congratulate you on your accomplishments!

You will encounter many new circumstances in your life and with a steadfast will and determination, they will not be insurmountable. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will accomplish great things. Our prayers go with you as you continue either in higher education pursuits or as you enter the work force.

Love in Christ, Deacons and the Congregation

High School

Ainsley Allen



Peter Abashian

Oregon Railroad Engineering



Kailey Bridgeman valedictorian at Scranton Prep

MIT/Mathematics



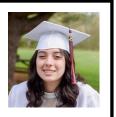
Wyatt Brozonis

Kings College/Business



Mackenzie Doolittle

Service undetermined branch



Jacob Housel

Penn State-Scranton

Business.



Joseph Kuhar

Mohawk Valley Community

College - Aviation Mechanic

and Drone Operator



Evan Resseguie

Auto Body



Kathryn Tracy

MIllersville University

Journalism and Communications



Jack Allen College Graduate



Zeb Feduchak
College Graduate



Stephen Jesse
Business Economics
SUNY Oneonta.

Karlee Weida
Kutztown University
Bachelors degree
Business Administration/ Marketing



minor in public relations

It's Jelly collection time!!!.

North Harford Willing Workers are collecting **Jelly** for the Summer Lunch Program Food Distribution. There will be an increased need for food as there are just under 500 children signed up to receive food this summer!! The collection container is in the Gathering Room and will be placed outside the Double Glass Doors every Wednesday for drive by donations!!

Peanut butter collection is finished ...we collected 450 jars.

Thank You!!

Notice: Please send all material for September to be included in the Spire to

Firstchurchspire@gmail.com by the 15th of August 2020!



Weinberg Food Bank is coming to Harford First Congregational Church

The 4th Friday of each month Next distribution June 26, 2020 3:30-5:30

Any income can apply
Preregistration is required:
See attached application or
complete the form online <u>firstchurchharford.com</u>
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



Weinberg Food Bank:

May: We served 123 families this month. Thank you to all that help unload, repack and distribute!

June: We served 115 families this month.

Weinberg Food Bank Prep and Distribution















Penn Northeast Conference

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



June 1, 2020

Dear Members, Church Leaders and Pastors,

Bonnie L. Bates Conference Minister Bonnieß@preclorg We have enclosed for your church a hand signed Thank You from the Board of Directors for your generous gifts to OCWM this past year for the ministry of the Penn Northeast Conference.

Gilberto Garcia-Rodriquez Associate Conf. Minister for Outreach & New Crurch Starts Gilberto R Spreeding

> Christian B. Crayer Search & Cell Associate ChristianC ≱pnecorg

Barbara J. Jennings Five Ass. for the Cont. Minister and Conf. Bookkeeper Barbara! Spired org

Patty Jo Rehrig Admin. Asst. Hagistrar, Profits. Sont. Communication PartyR Spines ong While we were not able to achieve our budgeted goal for OCWM, we were able to pay all our expenses, commitments, and missional giving for 2019. This is a testimony to your generosity to PNEC. For the year, OCWM was 79% of our budgeted goal as compared to 90% in 2018. Total revenue came in at 92% of budget as compared to 88% in 2018. Expenses for 2019 were 88% of budget and in 2018 they were 93%. Ministry shortfall for 2019 was \$31,860 and in 2018 it was \$19,745. These trends are of great concern and we wanted you to be aware of the continued financial challenges we face, however, we also wanted to offer each of you a gracious "Thank You" for your generosity.

We covenant to support one another and that is what many churches have been doing in the PNEC. It costs approximately \$10,000 for a pastoral search and many of our smaller churches do not have the resources to cover that expense, so we hope you see where some of your OCWM goes to support your brothers and sisters in ministry. Also, your gifts enable many educational opportunities as well as trainings for authorized clergy as it pertains to boundaries, anti-racism, and diversity.

We look forward to a blessed 2020 as we continue to work together and individually to spread the love of Christ in our communities and in the world.

(/ 60 () 00

Yours in faith and with gratitude,

Rev. Martin E Nuscher

Treasurer, PNEC

/Lank Ton

431 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071-1908 • Phone: (610) 826-3113 • Fax: (610) 826-5464 • www.pnec.

Thank You!

To the members of

First UCC, Harford

For your 2019 contribution of

\$3,966.00

For Basic Support of

Our Church's Wider Mission

General Minister and Prosident United Church of Christ

Conference Minister

NOTICE!!

EVERYONE who wishes to continue to receive the food bank services will be required to re-register for the next year before July 18th.

You may do this one of two ways..

- 1) Go to
 www.firstchurchharford.com
 Click on Weinberg Food Bank
 Fill out Application
- 2) Call Tammy @ 570-396-7081

Next distribution is July 24th 3:30-5:30

*Please bring proof of residency with you to July distribution

Home Bound

The Carey Family

Barbara Pease

Dorothy Greene

Joan Benson



Prayer Concerns

Bill Estabrook family

Craig Stout

Kailey Bridgeman

Comfort for Kailey Bridgeman's family

Businesses under stress and those opening

Nicholas (Great Grandson of the Weidemans)

Patrick Simons

Scott Klenk

Heather Warren

Christian Kuhar

Mary Jane Genneken

Sandy Paolucci

Brandi & Dave

Larry Herbert

Nancy Burris

JoAnn Titus

Gary and Wendy Phillips

Family of Ellie Miller

Pastor Will's new Family

Jack, has covid-19

Fathers and father-figures

Graduates

Those affected by COVID-19

Sandy Zupanovich

Evan Clarkson

Greg Symuleski

Rock Estabrook

our nation under God

our government

Corinne Chichester and job search

Our country dealing with racial issues

Sharon Frantz

Weinberg Food Bank

The Summer Lunch Box Program

Lois Gibson

Joan Benson

Those in nursing homes

Linda Lindsey's cousin Naomi

Lois Gonzalez

Audrey Shay

Fred Williams

Barb Pompey

The Jesse/Corbin Wedding

Mason Mitchell

Barbie Parsons and family

Tim Graff

Leanne, Brian and Jim Colwell

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

Correspondence

Thanks to everyone that remembered Helen Booth Foster on her 91st birthday. She enjoyed her birthday and special cake from her children. We just heard that she has been identified as having asymptomatic Covid-19. Prayers would be appreciated as she recovers from this illness at Susquehanna Nursing Facility, Barnes Kasson Hospital.

Christian Education

Our two intrepid, beautiful, and caring teachers are still doing a fantastic job of recording and posting lessons for all of God's children no matter what age we are.

Miss Bonnie oftentimes has Miss Payton with her, also she has animal friends with her. Another thing she is posting are Douglas Talks which have been well received. Miss Kandy always has many wonderful insights about what she posts.

Thank you Miss Bonnie, Payton, and Kandy for keeping all of us aware of God's love and concern for all mankind.

Respectively submitted, Kay Gow, Secretary

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.

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.



Dear Friends,

Two months ago in the middle of the pandemic, I sent you a letter letting you know what was going on at Interfaith. The season looked bleak, everything was shut down, people needed help and the world was dark, cold and unsafe. Interfaith was able to continue to be a light ... to help those who needed heat, lights, water, food and shelter.

Here is the rest of the story, because of <u>your generosity</u>, gifts through the Community foundation of the Endless Mountains and a grant through the Scranton Community Foundation, Interfaith has been able to continue to be a light in the community, to offer hope and encouragement and to make sure that there was heat, lights running water to wash hands, a home to stay in or go to and many other things...

In addition, we were able to apply and receive the payroll protection program through the Small Business Administration so that we could bring back our staff. Given the volatile economic outlook and the increased needs in our community, as well as, the additional requirements for businesses from the Department of Health, Department of Labor and the CDC our board felt that we would be able to provide the community the highest quality service and be the best stewards of the funds that are entrusted to us by moving into our forever home now rather than after renovations are complete.

So we are moving! Where? To the former Montrose Methodist Church (526 Church Street, Montrose). Our plans were to have a capital campaign that would be invested in the renovations and the preservation of this beautiful landmark building. But God has other plans...

Things you need to know:

- 1. None of the funds given to help families or individuals will be used for moving
- Our plan is to have everything moved and the store ready to re-open by July1. After that, we will be accepting donations by appointment only.
- If you are interesting in helping with the moving or would like to be involved in the renovations

 please email <u>director@interfaithsc.org</u>, text 570-396-0642 or call 570-278-1776.
- If you or your church, business or organization would like to do something bring us flowers @—we would like to make the outside appealing and planting flowers would go a long way towards helping with that.
- God has already provided \$50,000 towards the refreshment of the new to us building! We hope to be able share in the future of the many ways he will provide.

Thank you – we are so very grateful for your partnership, and the encouragement that your caring notes, prayers, and gifts made in families lives over the past months.

Thank you for pailtnering with us,

Cindy Beeman

Executive Director

Susquehanna County Interfaith

July Birthdays



August Birthdays

July 01	Kandy Wellman		
July 02	Pat Gallan	August 02	Julia Gardner
July 04	Michelle Estabrook	August 03	Craig Stout
July 05	Heidi Millard	August 04	Nancy Marr
	Bruce and Eleanor Meyer	August 06	Jean Bonham
	Connie and David Schulte		Patrick and Kate Simons
July 10	Brandy Lindsey Gebo	August 07	Ellen Holdredge
July 11	Kathy Brown	August 08	Joe Metzler
	Ellen and Jud Holdredge	August 09	Ilse Lohrey
	Marianne Kraft		Connie Schulte
	John Zimmerman		Tanner Stout
	Nicholas Beach	August 10	Becky and Brendan Herbert
July 12	Avery Urda	August 12	Lynn Butler
July 14	Corinne Chichester	August 16	Mark Lewis
July 15	Gail Batzel	August 21	Josh Urda
July 16	Eli Titus		Nancy Tyler
	Melissa Yarrish	August 22	Ray Frederick
July 17	Peg and Dale Empet		Sarah Gardner Key
July 18	Patrick Lamberson	August 23	Jeri Watson
July 20	Jim Batzel	August 25	Dorothy Hagenbuch
July 24	Elizabeth Masters		Charles Ahearn
	Kara Batzel	August 27	Barbara Pease (103 in 2020)
July 27	Scott and Despina Mitchell	August 28	Mark Beach
July 28	Bruce Meyer		
July 31	Bill and Holli Chichester		

Chicken BBQ, Bake Sale & Chinese Auction

Chicken BBQ



Saturday, August 29, 2020

Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Location:

VFW Post 8488 Kingsley, PA

\$11.00 per Dinner

Benefits

Summer Lunch Box

We will notify via email when tickets are available. Also, we will need baked goods and baskets for raffle. Please let Holli Chichester know if you can help 570-851-5109 (home), 301-643-1775(cell) or hollischichester@gmail.com



Non-Profit Organization

US Postage Paid

PERMIT-#20

Montrose, PA 18801

Harford First Congregational Church –UCC

5016 Creek Road

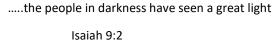
PO Box217

Harford, PA 18823

Tel.570-434-2260

Email: firstch@nep.net

Spire email: firstchurchspire@gmail.com Web URL: www.firstchurchharford.com



Join Us Each Sunday!!



Harford First Congregational Church—UCC

Rev. William Hagenbuch –Pastor Home Phone: 570-434-7729

Email: wrh@nep.net

Office Hours: Mon. 4-5:30 pm

Judy Mitchell -Sec

Hours: Tuesday 1:00-5:00 Friday 1:00-5:00