

# Pres Clippings

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Dear Friends in Christ,

*This Sunday, October 1, is World Communion Sunday.*

*World Communion Sunday was first celebrated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA in 1933. At first the idea spread slowly among Presbyterian Churches. It was adopted as a practice for all Presbyterians in 1936. During the WWII, the idea caught on in other denominations and began spreading quickly.*

*I don't ever remember not celebrating World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. As world events change and crises come and go, the need to experience Holy Communion as that which unifies us with people around the world remains the same.*

*This coming Sunday will be a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church and our unity with one another in him. We will remember and celebrate that we are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, in a storefront, or among the ruins left by natural disasters or war, Christians around the world will proclaim in word and deed that we are one in the Spirit and one in the Lord.*

*On World Communion Sunday, we remind the world what it often forgets: we have a lot in common. We also show the world what unity across cultures, languages, and time zones looks like.*

*I invite you to join your fellow Christians around the world in this global witness. See you Sunday.*

*Blessings, love and peace,  
Betsey*

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### Please Remember!

**“FEED MY SHEEP”**

**October 1st:**

**CANNED PASTAS  
&  
PORK-N-BEANS**

### **THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE**

**October 1, 2017 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**World Communion Sunday**

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the sanctuary. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **John** and **Judy Arikian**, **Harry Fitzsimmons**, and **Ron Rehner**. The Lay Reader will be **Joanne Tunison**. The Sunday School leaders will be **Joanne Tunison** and **Kera Stanley**. The Deacons preparing Communion will be **Barb Cacciotti**, **Nan Peterson**, and **Sue Kruckow**. The Elders serving Communion will be **Stacia Kruckow**, **Greg Lamb**, **Connie LaVere**, **Joanne Tunison**, **John** and **Kera Stanley**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Dottie Tholfsen**. The Fellowship Hour will be hosted by **Carole Wereski**. Childcare will be available. All are welcome to attend!

### **NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE**

**October 8, 2017 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the sanctuary. The **Chancel Choir** will sing. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Mike Crimmins**, **Sherry Green**, **Charlene McCarthy**, and **Carole Wereski**. The Lay Reader will be **Rich Buchheimer**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Anne** and **Greg Lamb**. Childcare will be available. All are welcome to attend!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Sunday worship service on September 24...the **Chancel Choir** for singing...**Jim Barr**, **Dottie Tholfsen**, **Mike Crimmins**, and **Warren McGee** for

Greeting and Ushering...**Stacia Kruckow** and **Joanne Tunison** for giving the Minutes for Mission...**Barb Fitzsimmons** for Lay Reading...**Joanne Tunison** and **Kera Stanley** for leading the Sunday School activities during worship.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COOL!**

It's time to come to Sunday School!! Sunday School for all youth will take place during the worship service at approximately **10:45 a.m.** Children will be dismissed from worship to Sunday school class immediately after the children's sermon to a multi-age curriculum. Please come and join us!

### **FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

***"OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS,  
TOGETHER MAKING A DIFFERENCE"***

Greg Lamb, Stewardship Chair

Just as a heads up, this year's Fall Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 8 through October 29. There will be an Early Bird Program as in previous years. We ask you please begin your prayerful consideration to this critical annual event in the life of our church. Anyone wishing to join the Stewardship Committee to help out, please contact Greg Lamb at (607) 562-3134 or via email at [lambge@gmail.com](mailto:lambge@gmail.com) Thanks in advance for your continued support.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Adult Sunday School class invites you to join them at **9:30 a.m.** in the parlor area. The class will be discussing the lectionary readings for each Sunday. The lectionary readings for **Sunday, October 1st**: Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.



### CHURCH FAMILY



Our prayers of healing extend to God on behalf of **Susan Panyla** who is currently a patient at Strong Memorial Hospital.

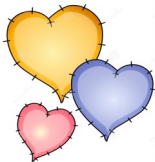
**Sharon and Joe Gublo** have moved to a new home and would like to share their new address: 65 Ugiladi Ct, Brevard, NC 28712.

“Blest be the tie that binds us in Christian love even over the miles.”

### HELP WANTED!

Our church is looking for Nursery Care Givers and a Nursery Director. These are paid positions. The time is Sunday mornings, approximately 9:30 to noon. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please send a resume and cover letter to the church. Anyone 14 years (with working papers) and older is welcomed to apply. Also, please help us get the word out about these open positions. Please mention it to someone you know who might be interested. Thank you.

### CALLING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE A SERVANT HEART



The Mission Committee of FPC is looking for anyone who would like to be a part of changing lives and increasing participation within our First Pres family and beyond. By joining the Mission Committee, you are not signing up to participate in specific mission trips, although you may wish to do so. You are only agreeing to help organize mission opportunities locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Experience is not necessary, nor is physical strength. We welcome teens through senior citizens. Please be watching Pres Clips for the date of the next meeting or contact Joanne Tunison at 739-8474 or lalocat@aol.com.

### JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

The Chancel Choir has rehearsals on **Thursday evenings** at **7:15 p.m.** in the Betschen Music Room beginning September 7th. **Sunday morning** rehearsals are at **9:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary beginning September 10th. Have you been thinking about joining the Chancel Choir? Then this is the time to do it! Speak to Melissa Moore for further information: 607-426-8208.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, September 28th**

**1 - 6 p.m. ~ Hoffman Great Room**

When was the last time you thought about donating blood? A momentary inconvenience can save a life! There is a great need for blood in our area. Walk-ins are welcome at any time. You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RedCross or by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



### COLONY PARK BIBLE STUDY

**GROUP** will meet on **Friday, September 29th** from **1 - 2 p.m.** in the Community Room at Colony Park Apartments, 1210 West Water St., Elmira.

The **CIRCLE OF WOMEN** will have their next meeting on **Monday, October 2nd** at **10:30 a.m.** in the Hoffman Great Room. All women are invited to come

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!  
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP!!  
Saturday, September 30, 2017**

By Greg Lamb

I am scheduling another clean up for Saturday, September 30th. But I need your HELP. As time has moved on several members of our “core” group have had to stop their assistance. So we sure could use some new folks to join in. We have two-2 mile stretches on Route 352, but we only plan to tackle one stretch on a given Saturday. If we can get 8 people, then the 2 miles can be divided into 8 sections of ½ mile each. Historically a 2 mile stretch has taken about 1 hour to 1.25 hours. As there are new requirements all volunteers must report to the church first, to obtain equipment, refresh safety procedures and sign into the daily event sheet. As usual I will be at the church at 8:30 a.m. to get our gear ready and have out the safety briefing and the form to sign. As people arrive I can assign sections to clean so those who want to start earlier can do so. If you are looking for some fresh air, fun and to do stewardship for our Earth please either phone Greg Lamb at 562-3134 or e-mail him at [lambge@gmail.com](mailto:lambge@gmail.com). **I would really appreciate a call or an e-mail so I can have an idea of how many folks can be expected.** Thanks in advance for your support!

**GRIEFSHARE**

**Mondays ~ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

GriefShare is a thirteen week video-based Christian seminar and support group for those who have lost a spouse, a parent, a child, a family member or friend. It is a place where you can be around people who

understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you’ll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. The next GriefShare meeting is on **Monday, October 1st.** GriefShare leaders are Meredith Tiff, Barb Squires, and Patricia Kapusta. The only cost is \$15 for the workbook. For more information, call the church office at 734-1614.

**VOLUNTEER AT THE FOOD BANK!**

Volunteers are needed to support the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. We have committed to the Food Bank to work a 6 -8 p.m. shift on the **2nd Thursday** of each month. The next volunteer time is on **October 12th.**

If you are able and interested in helping our First Pres group help the Food Bank we would love to have you join us. If you would like to get a better idea about what the Food Bank of the Southern Tier does you can go to their website at [www.foodbankst.org](http://www.foodbankst.org)

**KNITTING4PEACE SEWING DAY!**

The Peace Pod will be having a Sewing Day on **Saturday, October 14th,** from **9 a.m. —12 noon,** with set-up at 8:30 a.m. We invite everyone, even if you cannot sew. There are many areas to help in...pressing, pinning, cutting, etc. So please come and help!

Our Peace Pod meets every **Tuesday,** from **3 – 4:30 p.m.** in the Genesis room. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, please drop in. There’s always someone there who can help you. If you can’t make meetings, you are welcomed to knit or crochet at home. Hope to see you there!



**HARMONIC BRASS IN CONCERT!**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017**  
**7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**  
**6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper**

The ever delightful, always entertaining Harmonic Brass will appear in concert at our church on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Based in Munich, Germany, this brass ensemble is made up of four of the nicest gentlemen and a charming lady who are world class musicians. Mark your calendars. This concert is a must see! A free will offering will be taken.

The concert will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to dine with the five members of the Harmonic Brass as they join in the Pot Luck Supper. Please bring a dish to pass. If you can't make it exactly at 6.00, come when you can. Think about it: dinner with a chance to talk with world class musicians! What an opportunity!

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**SHEEP CART...**  
**CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE?**

We are looking for a series of individuals who would be willing to take turns delivering the weekly collection of food to the food pantry at North Presbyterian Church for the upcoming months of November and December. If you can help, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet located on a table in the missionary lobby. Thank you.



Are you trying to pare down in your closet? Use my twin sister's rule. She has a set number of hangers and will not add more. The rule is that you must take something out if you get something new that needs a hanger. Not so hard and you are using the same hanger! This helps you keep the same number of items in your closet and the outfit that lost its hanger can come to the rummage sale. We will have more information soon with all the particulars of drop-off time, hours of the sale, the member sale etc. Thank you-The Rummage Sale Committee.

**RUMMAGE SALE 2017**

Has everyone noticed that it has become cooler? Time to start switching up our clothes, right? Doing this one finds that some of those clothes do not fit at all. Too big or too small? Need some new clothes and don't have room in the drawer? Well you are in luck as our annual Rummage Sale is coming up-the week of November 5-11th. It should be quite easy to make a pile and at the same time, organize this pile with a label saying men's, women's, or children. That would help us so much in setting things up.

**AUGUST 2017**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Type	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Pledges	\$119,550.28	\$126,880.00
Other		
Contributions	\$14,437.81	\$22,087.21
Total		
Contributions	\$133,988.09	\$148,967.21
Total Income	\$213,952.36	\$228,475.81
Total Expenses	\$204,923.81	\$229,792.40



## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**



*“Great acts are made up of small deeds.”*

*~ Lao Tzu*

The Rev. Dr. Betsey R. Crimmins, Pastor

Felix Perez, Outreach & Service Specialist

Barbara Squires, Clerk of Session

Gary Tucker, Organist

Melissa Moore, Music Director

Scott Kelley, Instrumental Director

James Stewart, Sr., Church Sexton

Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary

Susan Weaver, Financial Secretary

Fred Betschen, Church Treasurer

Paul Kingsbury, Assistant Church Treasurer

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