

June 2026

NEWSLETTER

HONEY BROOK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4331 HORSESHOE PIKE



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Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 5, 2026
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Honey Brook Presbyterian Church
4331 Horseshoe Pike
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Face Painting for Children

Hot Dog and Barbecue Sandwiches
plus
Strawberries, Cake and
Ice Cream

Donation Only!



The Strawberry Festival is just days away. We are so excited to welcome our community for an evening of great food and fellowship. Face Painting is also available for the children.

If you have not already signed up to help, it is not too late. Check the signup sheet outside of Fellowship Hall or talk with Eileen Dillow.

Invite your friends and family to join you for this special event sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. All are welcome!

HONEY BROOK DAY CAMP

The Honey Brook Day Camp will be opening its doors to the children of the community on Monday, June 22. We are so excited for this new adventure. Prior to the start, they will be getting all of the rooms prepared. The camp is also planning on using the Old Fellowship Hall as an indoor play and art project area.

All of you have worked so hard to help this camp become a reality but a few more things are still needed:

- old newspapers to cover the tables for art projects
- used games, puzzles, and art supplies in good condition (no missing pieces)

They may need some part time help (few hours here and there). Kim will be sending us a Signup Genius once they figure out their needs.



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DAY CAMP

LITTLE MATES PRESCHOOL

Little Mates' last day of school is June 5. They have removed many of their things from the building earlier this year but will fully move out the week of June 8th. We wish them the best as they move into their newly renovated building, which will house the Pre-K Counts Program. When God closes one door, he opens another. We are thankful for his providence.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:19

From the Pastor's Desk...

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life.

1. **QUIT WORRYING** - Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?
2. **PUT IT ON THE LIST** - Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. And although my to-do list is long, I am after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things that you never even realize.
3. **TRUST ME** - Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of your needs, your problems, your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on my list. Problem with finances? Put it on my list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For my sake, put it on my list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.
4. **LEAVE IT ALONE** - Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.
5. **TALK TO ME** - I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.
6. **HAVE FAITH** - I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?
7. **SHARE** - You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.
8. **BE PATIENT** - I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.
9. **BE KIND** - Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know that I love each of your differences.
10. **LOVE YOURSELF** - As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only – to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

With all my heart I love you,
GOD

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Narda

LECTIONARY READINGS (week of . . .)

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Genesis 12:1-9	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 21:8-21	Genesis 22:1-14
Psalms 33:1-12	Psalms 116:1, 10-17	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17	Psalms 13
Romans 4:13-25	Romans 5:1-8	Romans 6:1b-11	Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Matthew 9:35-10:8	Matthew 10:24-39	Matthew 10:40-42

Liturgists		Greeters	
Tom Richards	June 7	Bob and Ruth Snader	June 7
Sue Welsh	June 14	Logan Emery	June 14
Karen DeAscentiis	June 21	Logan Emery	June 21
Carolyn Tate	June 28	Helmut Bartel	June 28

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We invite the congregation to continue praying for wisdom and discernment for the PNC. We remain confident that God is sovereign over this search, and we trust Him to provide the right leader in His perfect timing.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastors Bruce and Narda are in Honey Brook on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 2:00. You are welcome to connect with them during this time. Call ahead to confirm their schedule for the day. Narda's phone number is 717-994-4614 and Bruce's phone number is 717-830-2515.

FELLOWSHIP HALL CALENDAR

Please add all events (with times and rooms) to the Fellowship Hall calendar. This central hub prevents double-booking and ensures your event is included in the newsletter.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mark Your Calendars:

- The Strawberry Festival is Friday, June 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- The Annual Women's Picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 pm at the home of Sue Welsh located at 914 Reservoir Road, Honey Brook. Details will follow.



Environmental and Sustainability Tips for June: Energy and Cooling

- **Optimize your A/C:** Lower energy consumption by drawing your curtains or blinds during peak sunny hours to block out heat..
- **Leverage natural ventilation:** Keep windows closed during the hot day and open them at night to cycle in cool air. Use ceiling or box fans instead of blasting the air conditioner.
- **Line dry your laundry:** Take advantage of the long, warm June days to air-dry your clothes rather than running an energy-heavy electric dryer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class continues its study of biblical narratives exploring God's engagement with those outside the Jewish nation. All are welcome to join us each Sunday morning from 9-10! Light refreshments are served. All children are welcome to come and take part in our Children's Sunday School Class taught by Ruthann Kistler.

These pictures were taken during Sunday School on Mother's Day, where Elli and Via poured their hearts into creating a beautiful gift for their mom.



SHEPHERD'S KITCHEN



We had perfect weather and a great turnout for May's Shepherd' Kitchen! Serving one of the most requested dinners, Shepherd's Pie, we again saw new faces as well as a new volunteer, David.

No Shepherd's Kitchen the next 2 months due to Strawberry Festival and July 4th week. Meals will return on August 6 for our picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad, chips, pickles watermelon, ice cream and all the fixings too! Come out for the food and fellowship!

We serve from 4:30-6:30 but can always use volunteers to prepare and serve. Contact Lynn Klumpp (610-761-2606), if you are able to assist.

OPEN MIC NIGHT



May's Open Mic brought out twenty-five people on an amazing night in the 90s! We had three new performers with a gang from Strasburg! Fourteen performers entertained us throughout the evening.

Join us for a fun night of entertainment at our next Open Mic on June 15 (3rd Monday) from 7-9:30 p.m. Signups are 6:30 for those who will be playing. Please come out and enjoy the fun! Light refreshments are available. For more information, contact Lynn Klumpp at 610-761-2606.



ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Using the directory on Realm gives us contact information on our church family so we can encourage each other through cards, calls, and email. If you have a valid email address in Realm and a mobile device/PC, you can access the online directory, if you have a Realm logon. See Karen DeAscentiis on how to do this using an app or web browser. She is more than happy to assist you with this helpful tool.

New information is continually being added to Realm as new people are coming to church. So, keep checking Realm for these updates.



Spotlight on... *Helmut Bartel and Carolyn Tate*



Carolyn Tate was born and raised in Holmes County, Ohio, which is home to the largest Amish community in the world. One of five children, she grew up with three brothers and one sister, and her family was active in the Methodist Church.

After high school, Carolyn earned a business degree from Ashland College. Because it was difficult for women to enter the business field at that time, she continued her education at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where she received her Master's in Social Administration.

Carolyn's career has been diverse. She spent ten years in child welfare and family counseling in Cleveland before moving to Philadelphia in 1970 to experience life in a larger city. There, she continued her work in child welfare with Children's Aid and the Episcopal Diocese. In 1980, she transitioned into public relations and fundraising at the Scheie Eye Institute. Later, she became the Vice President of Public Relations and Development for Inglis House for eight years. Inglis House is a specialized skilled nursing and long-term care community in Philadelphia, dedicated to adults with severe

physical disabilities and neurodegenerative conditions. After her time there, Carolyn spent ten years working for the Visiting Nurse Association, where she was instrumental in raising money for a program providing hospice care for children.

Helmut Bartel was born on a grain farm near Drake, a small town in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada. He was the oldest of seven children and remembers beginning to work on the farm at age six. Helmut's father, a German living in Poland, emigrated to Canada during Hitler's time as the Führer and Chancellor of Germany. The family belonged to the Mennonite faith and were pacifists.

Helmut has valued education throughout his adult life, both as a student and a teacher. After high school, he attended the Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, earning a Bachelor of Christian Education and Theology. He continued his education in the United States, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Sciences and Philosophy from Bethel College in Newton, Kansas, and a Bachelor of Divinity from the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

While taking classes at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, Helmut preached at various Evangelical United Brethren churches. He then spent three years working with a Congregational Church in Elkhart as Christian Education Manager and Pastor. His formal schooling culminated at Indiana University, where he received his PhD in Psychology, Philosophy, and Educational Psychology.

In 1969, Helmut moved to Philadelphia to teach educational psychology at the University of Pennsylvania. After one year he continued his career with Temple University, where he taught educational psychology in the graduate school for over 30 years.

Carolyn and Helmut met at the Tabernacle Church (Presbyterian and UCC) on the University of Pennsylvania campus, where they both attended. They were married in 1989 at the Bigelow Chapel in Holmes County, Ohio, and moved to Honey Brook in 2000. After the move, Carolyn did some consulting work, and Helmut semi-retired from teaching in July 2000 to help care for his parents in Canada. He became a United States citizen in 2014.

Helmut and Carolyn share a mission-oriented heart, always ready to help the underserved and those in need. They traveled to Mississippi four sequential winters beginning in 2006 to assist those deeply affected by Hurricane Katrina, sometimes staying for a month at a time. Both have served as elders and deacons of the church; Helmut has also served as a trustee, and Carolyn has been involved with the Presbyterian Women. Additionally, they have served on various other committees.

Helmut and Carolyn have two children: Roxanne, a medical doctor and psychiatrist, and Michael, an artist who creates kits for model trains. They also have two grandsons, Matt and Isaac.

COMMON CENTS (AND DOLLARS) FINANCIAL REPORT

2026 per capita is \$39.00

- General Assembly—\$9.35 per member
- Synod of the Trinity—\$2.40 per member
- Donegal Presbytery—\$27.25

If you are able, please consider paying your per capita. At this time, we have received \$593.00. Our total commitment to Presbytery for 2026 is \$2,300.00. Any contributions towards this obligation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Honey Brook Presbyterian Church 2026 Statement of Activities

Date Range: Apr 1st 2026 - Apr 30th 2026

Accounts	Actual Apr 01, 2026 - Apr 30, 2026	Budget Apr 01, 2026 - Apr 30, 2026	Budget Over/Under Apr 01, 2026 - Apr 30, 2026	Actual This Year Year to Date	Budget This Year Year to Date	Budget Over/Under This Year Year to Date	Annual Budget This Year Year
Revenues							
Unrestricted	7,746.18	9,166.67	(1,420.49)	36,801.04	36,666.68	134.36	110,000.00
Designated Funds	768.90	225.00	543.90	1,244.60	900.00	344.60	2,700.00
Donor Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
Pass Thru	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	6,569.00	333.32	6,235.68	27,000.00
Interest, Dividend, Cap Gains,	552.20	573.33	(21.13)	9,296.02	9,598.32	(302.30)	23,500.00
Redemptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00
Building Lease	1,565.00	0.00	1,565.00	4,695.00	0.00	4,695.00	14,000.00
Miscellaneous	370.00	216.67	153.33	720.00	866.68	(146.68)	2,600.00
Total Revenues	\$ 11,002.28	\$ 10,265.00	\$ 737.28	\$ 59,325.66	\$ 48,365.00	\$ 10,960.66	\$ 199,400.00
Expenses							
Senior Pastor	4,218.94	7,916.67	3,697.73	17,865.51	31,666.68	13,801.17	95,000.00
Staff Salaries	2,105.99	1,895.99	(210.00)	7,247.96	7,583.96	336.00	22,752.00
Employer Expenses	161.11	132.67	(28.44)	554.49	530.68	(23.81)	1,592.00
Administrative Expense	707.91	750.00	42.09	3,143.89	3,000.00	(143.89)	9,000.00
Designated Funds	39.18	125.00	85.82	280.99	500.00	219.01	1,500.00
Worship	500.00	791.67	291.67	2,200.00	3,166.68	966.68	9,500.00
Christian Education	0.00	62.50	62.50	0.00	250.00	250.00	750.00
Church & Community	0.00	75.00	75.00	406.92	300.00	(106.92)	900.00
Building & Grounds	1,469.59	4,333.33	2,863.74	16,011.14	17,333.32	1,322.18	52,000.00
Pastor Search (PNC)	0.00	416.67	416.67	826.00	1,666.68	840.68	5,000.00
Pass Thru	0.00	66.67	66.67	5,000.00	266.68	(4,733.32)	800.00
Reserve	0.00	50.50	50.50	0.00	202.00	202.00	606.00
Total Expenses	\$ 9,202.72	\$ 16,616.67	\$ 7,413.95	\$ 53,536.90	\$ 66,466.68	\$ 12,929.78	\$ 199,400.00
Net Total	\$ 1,799.56	(\$ 6,351.67)	\$ 8,151.23	\$ 5,788.76	(\$ 18,101.68)	\$ 23,890.44	\$ 0.00

FINANCIAL REPORT EXPLANATIONS

- Actual income is greater than actual expense YTD.
- Actual expense is well under budget YTD.

CHARITY FUND

The Charity Fund is designed for donors to give to congregationally-connected families in need of assistance. Some are known to you, some are not. If you wish to give to this fund, over and above your regular giving, please make sure that your check is made out to the church but the notation is for Charity Fund. Opportunities for assistance and questions may be directed to Tom Richards or Peg Dombach.

June Birthdays:

June 1 Anabel Masterson
June 7 Susan Massey
June 12 Winfield Hess
June 16 Rosalie Plank
June 19 Keith Dombach
June 20 Ethel Weidman
June 22 Robert Snader
June 23 Logan Emery
June 23 Narda Druckenmiller
June 24 Aurora Cannon



Congratulations to Grace VanDerLinden on her graduation from Grove City College with a degree in elementary Education. Grace is the daughter of Michael and Lorri Mantz VanDerLinden, and granddaughter of **Dave and Norma Mantz**. Grace will live in Boston after her marriage in August.



Juniper Spirko, daughter of Josh and Loren and granddaughter of **Tom and Barb**, was baptized on May 17. What a special day for all of us. Juniper and family live in England but we can prayerfully support them from HBPC.



Anna Newlin, daughter of Nathaniel and Sara and granddaughter of Dave and Norma, graduated from the University of North Carolina School for the Arts with a bachelor's degree in Wig and Makeup Design. She currently, for her second year, is running the wig and makeup department for this summer's Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University. From September through December, she will be working on a Disney cruise ship.

Baptism



June Anniversaries:

June 6 Nathaniel and Sara Newlin (1998)
June 11 John and Barbara McDonald (1961)
June 12 Don and Libbie Means (1970)
June 23 Bruce and Narda Druckenmiller (1979)

Congratulations to **Sam Cannon**, son of Aurora, who graduated from Garden Spot High School on May 29th. Sam is looking forward to some time to relax, study coding, and join a Game Jam where he can show off his skills as a game designer. Wishing you all the best, Sam!



Congratulations to Natalie Snader, granddaughter of **Bob and Ruth Snader**, who will be graduating from Cocalico High School on Tuesday, June 9. Congratulations, Natalie! We wish you well in your future endeavors.

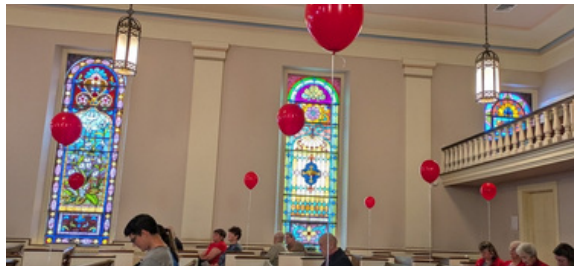
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Event	Time
Every Sunday	Sunday School for all ages	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Worship of God in Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
Every Sunday	Coffee Hour in Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	Following worship
Every Tuesday as needed	PNC meets – Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	AA Meeting – Old Fellowship Hall	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Bell Choir Practice – Sanctuary (not meeting in summer)	6:30 p.m.
June 5	Strawberry Festival —Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:30 p.m.
June 7	Communion during the Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
June 10	Honey Brook Women's Club – Epp. Fell. Hall	6:30-8:00 p.m.
June 15	Open Mic Night – Old Fellowship Hall	6:30-9:30 p.m.
June 22-July 31	Honey Brook Day Camp (using both buildings)	7:30 a.m - 6:00 p.m.



Pentecost Celebration

Thank you, Pastors Bruce and Narda, for leading us in celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.



LEADERSHIP

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For concerns, contact the appropriate member to assist you.