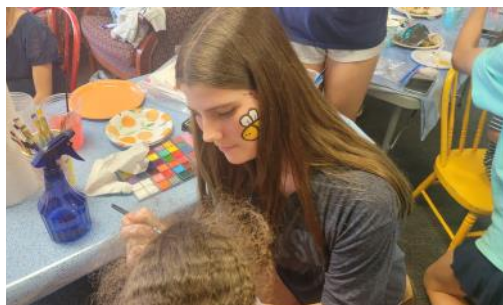




Strawberry Festival Fun

The Presbyterian Women thank all of you for your help in making the Strawberry Festival a **HUGE** success. A special thank you to our face painters, Annabel Masterson and her friends, who delighted the children with the unique designs. Proceeds from the Festival of **\$1,277.00** allow the Presbyterian Women to support Mission opportunities throughout the coming year, sharing God's gifts with our community, Presbytery, and Synod.



From the Pastor's Desk...

As we slip into Summer many things in our lives may slow down and take on a more leisurely pace. That is true of some parts of the life of our church. Others, however, continue, including the maintenance of the buildings, outreach to the community, and, of course, worship.

I have been your interim pastor for six months and will now be stepping away for the Summer, though not completely. I will be in the pulpit on July 13th, August 3rd and September 7th leading worship, administering Communion, and moderating Session. On the other weeks worship will be led by some wonderful preachers who are well worth hearing. Each one will work hard to prepare a very good message.

We continue to pray for a new pastor to emerge from the search process, and we hope it can happen by the Fall. If it doesn't I will return in October in the same capacity as the interim until the end of the year or the calling of an installed pastor, whichever comes first.

Much of the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee needs to be done confidentially for good reasons. I can tell you, though, that they are working very, very hard and very faithfully to find a leader for our future. They are looking as far and wide as is possible, utilizing traditional and creative means. It's a difficult task, however, more difficult than in years past. They have many challenges facing them, but they also know they have many prayers supporting them.

People from our Presbytery are there to help as well. Honey Brook is not the only church facing those challenges and as time goes on it has gotten tougher and tougher for smaller churches, so they are working to adapt and find new ways to mitigate the struggles we all are facing in these changing times.

In the meantime, we continue to hope and pray and work hard. You never know what effort or what connection might lead to success. Even with all the networks and systems at the committee's disposal sometimes it might be something like word of mouth that brings the right person to us.

We will have several guest preachers this Summer and if they each experience Honey Brook Presbyterian at its best, with a full congregation and the joy that I have experienced from worshipping with you, then, who knows, word just might get out that this is a great place for a pastor looking for a special congregation with growth potential.

As I look forward to an enjoyable Summer, I also look forward to the weeks that I will be with you. May God bless us and keep us all safe and bless the work of the PNC.

Pastor Ed

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

PNC UPDATE

The PNC is continuing their journey to find a new pastor and speaking with more candidates in the near future. Thank you for your continued prayers for the members of the committee. They are cautiously optimistic.



LECTIONARY READINGS (week of . . .)

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10
Psalms 30	Psalms 82	Psalms 52	Psalms 85
Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13

August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Hosea 11:1-11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isaiah 5:1-7	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalms 107:1-9, 43	Psalms 50:1-8, 23-24	Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18	Psalms 71:1-6	Psalms 81:1, 10-16
Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Liturgists

Carolyn Tate	July 6
Beth Ventrone	July 13
Lynn Klumpp	July 20
Sue Welsh	July 27
Pat Hartz	August 3
Chris Masterson	August 10
Tom Richards	August 17
Karen DeAscentiis	August 24
Barbara McDonald	August 31

Greeters

Helmut Bartel and Logan Emery	July 6
Chris Martin and Pat Longabaugh	July 13
Bob and Ruth Snader	July 20
Barb Spirko	July 27
Ruthann Kistler and Naomi Miller	August 3
Sarah, Sidney, and Annabel Masterson	August 10
Marty Ruser	August 17
Chris Martin and Pat Longabaugh	August 24
John McDonald and Barb Spirko	August 31

OPEN MIC NIGHT—"The Back Door"



We had a good turnout at June's Open Mic. Ten people performed with 18 in attendance. We welcomed a new pianist—Ruth Snader, who was a wonderful performer. We are looking forward to big crowds for our next Open Mic Nights on July 21 and August 18 (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.



SHEPHERD'S KITCHEN



Thursday, August 7th is our next Shepherd's Kitchen meal. This will be our picnic meal with hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad, beans, watermelon, pickles, chips, ice cream, and all of the fixings. We can always use volunteers. Contact Lynn Klumpp (610-761-2606), if you are able to assist. Come for the fun and fellowship!

HEARTS IN HANDS SUMMER CAMPS

Thank you for your contributions to the Hearts in Hands Summer camps for youth. **\$900 has been donated to send children to camp.** The last two weeks of camp are the weeks of July 7-10, and July 14-17.

We can still help by..

- Overseeing the children during their camp day as they go through their activities
- Providing snacks for approximately 50 children

Please contact Peg Dombach at 484-888-6351, if you can assist.



HONEY BROOK FOOD PANTRY SEEKING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Honey Brook Food Pantry is seeking school supplies and backpacks to get the children of their clients ready for school this fall. Items needed are listed below. There will be a tub outside of Fellowship Hall to drop off your donations. **All donations are needed by Monday, July 14.** Backpacks will be put together on July 16 and will be distributed on July 23 and August 13.

Elementary school

Erasers
Low odor dry erase markers
Scissor's – Fiskars' kids
Colored pencils
Highlighters
Pocket folders 3-4
Pencil box or zippered large pouch

Middle school

Pencil pouch (not box)
Erasers
Posts-it notes
Composition book
Expo Markers
3 -4 pocket folders
Highlighters
Colored pencils
Blue or black pens
Spiral notebooks
Ruler

High school

Mechanical pencils
Pencil pouch (not box)
Ballpoint pens
Colored pencils
Pocket folders
Spiral notebooks
Composition books
Highlighters
Index cards
Ruled paper
Pencils

All Ages

Backpacks



SUNDAY SCHOOL—"They Walked With God"

During the month of July we will continue using the book entitled, "They Walked With God: 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us" for our lesson each week. The people we will study in July are listed below. **There will be no Sunday School for the month of August.** Sunday School is from 9-10 a.m. each Sunday! Light refreshments are served. All children are welcome to come and take part in our Children's Sunday School Class taught by Ruthann Kistler.

July 6—Jesus' Brothers (Mark 3:35; Acts 1:12, 14; Galatians 1:19; I Corinthians 9:5)

July 13—Job (Job 1:1-3; 2:6-8; 40:1-4)

July 20—John (John 20:2-8)

July 27—Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)

In the children's Sunday School class, they have been learning about the Fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Even though Elli and Olivia don't like to eat fruit, they enjoyed learning about the Fruit of the Spirit.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

P.W. Mission

During the summer months, we will display the hotline number for victims of Domestic Violence on the electronic sign. Many victims suffer in silence. On Sunday, July 6th, we will have special music in honor of those victims.

Women's Picnic

PICNIC



All women in our congregation are invited. Bring a friend and a dish to pass. We will be providing hot dogs, barbecue, and beverage.

When: Tuesday, July 15 at 6 p.m.

Where: Home of Sue Welsh—914 Reservoir Rd, Honey Brook (610-823-7585)

Join us for good food, conversation, and relaxation!



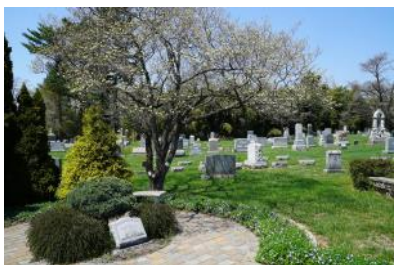
Sustainability Our Environment:

Protect the outdoors during travel and camping:

- Properly dispose of trash
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of others
- Leave areas as you found it
- Stay hydrated and have fun!

CEMETERY FUND UPDATE

We continue to receive gifts towards the \$12,000 the



committee is attempting to raise for this year's care of the cemetery grounds. With funds pledged and your help we believe we will accomplish our goal.

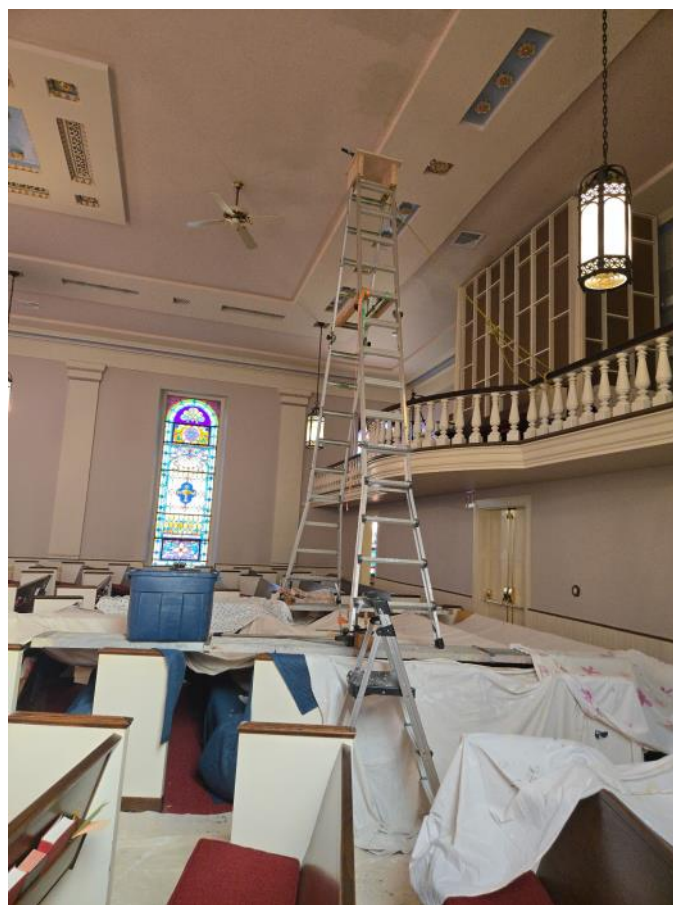
ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Using the directory on Realm gives us contact information on our church family so we can also encourage them 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 login. 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.

SANCTUARY PATCHING AND PAINTING



Now that we have a new church roof, **Bill Klumpp** has been busily working on patching and painting the water damaged ceiling in the sanctuary. As you can see from this photo, that is no easy task!

Thank you, Bill, for all of your hard work on this project, as well as all of the other maintenance in the buildings. We appreciate your dedication to keeping our church functioning well and looking nice.

July Birthdays:

July 2 —Frank Newlin
July 14—Nancy Supplee
July 23—Janet Brinton
July 23—Corey Klumpp
July 26—Tom Richards



July Anniversaries:

NO July Anniversaries

August Anniversaries:

August 19—Helmut Bartel & Carolyn Tate (1989)

August Birthdays:

August 2—Barbara Spirko
August 5—Sidney Masterson
August 17—Jonathan Bachman
August 21—Tracy Webster

*Please send to Peg Dombach
(pdombach@ptd.net) any joys, achievements,
milestones, etc. for anyone in your family,
and we will include them in the monthly
newsletters.*

Please contact Karen DeAscentiis
(kdeascentiis@verizon.net) with your
relevant dates and other information.

Congratulations!

Mason and Madzie Kistler were married on May 24 at Chickies Rock County Park in Columbia, PA. They are currently living in Hershey with their five year old daughter, Paisley. Congratulations Mason and Madzie. We pray that God will richly bless your marriage.



Bumpsy Hess was surprised at the Friday Breakfast club for his 95th birthday at the Windmill Restaurant on June 13th! Friends and Family started to arrive with balloons, cards, and an amazing cake made out of donuts from Auchenbach's Bakery.

Congratulations on this incredible milestone! God has blessed you with good health, a loving family, and great friends. May you continue to find joy, health and happiness in your 96th year.

Joshua Logan Emery, grandson of Logan Emery, graduated 4th in his class from Schuylkill Valley High School, on June 5. He had the highest GPA for a male and for a person playing two sports. He was a well-rounded student involved in track, concert band, world affairs, marching band, golf, mock trial, musical theater, NHS, and Debate Club. He will be entering West Chester University in the Fall. Congratulations, Joshua!



COMMON CENTS (AND DOLLARS) FINANCIAL REPORT

2025 per capita is \$38 (the same as 2024)

We owe \$38 per capita for each member listed as 'Active' in our church. The breakdown is:

- Donegal Presbytery - \$26.75
- Synod of the Trinity - \$2.40
- General Assembly - \$8.85

If you are able, please consider paying your per capita. Thank you!

Honey Brook Presbyterian Church 2025 Statement of Activities

Date Range: May 1st 2025 - May 31st 2025

Accounts	Actual May 01, 2025 - May 31, 2025	Budget May 01, 2025 - May 31, 2025	Budget Over/Under May 01, 2025 - May 31, 2025	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	7,103.93	10,944.17	(3,840.24)	52,959.71	54,720.85	(1,761.14)	131,330.00
Designated Funds	100.00	225.00	(125.00)	560.00	1,125.00	(565.00)	2,700.00
Donor Restricted	2,310.00	125.00	2,185.00	3,235.00	625.00	2,610.00	1,500.00
Pass Thru	176.00	108.34	67.66	20,542.00	541.70	20,000.30	1,300.00
Interest, Dividend, Cap Gains,	4,134.23	1,834.16	2,300.07	12,993.72	9,170.80	3,822.92	22,010.00
Redemptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,612.00
Building Lease	10,350.00	3,950.00	6,400.00	14,300.00	15,800.00	(1,500.00)	39,500.00
Miscellaneous	480.00	216.67	263.33	880.00	1,083.35	(203.35)	2,600.00
Total Revenues	\$ 24,654.16	\$ 17,403.34	\$ 7,250.82	\$ 105,470.43	\$ 83,066.70	\$ 22,403.73	\$ 234,552.00
Expenses							
Senior Pastor	4,789.84	5,366.99	577.15	18,123.20	26,834.95	8,711.75	102,900.00
Staff Salaries	812.66	812.66	0.00	10,563.30	10,563.30	0.00	22,752.00
Employer Expenses	62.17	175.00	112.83	310.85	875.00	564.15	2,100.00
Administrative Expense	543.10	1,000.00	456.90	3,680.42	5,000.00	1,319.58	12,000.00
Designated Funds	39.13	125.00	85.87	262.67	625.00	362.33	1,500.00
Worship	250.00	816.67	566.67	2,250.00	4,083.35	1,833.35	9,800.00
Christian Education	0.00	12.50	12.50	360.00	362.50	2.50	750.00
Church & Community	0.00	83.34	83.34	162.93	416.70	253.77	1,000.00
Building & Grounds	2,587.02	5,541.67	2,954.65	78,665.95	29,308.35	(49,357.60)	68,600.00
Pastor Search (PNC)	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	83.57	5,000.00	4,916.43	12,000.00
Reserve	0.00	95.83	95.83	0.00	479.15	479.15	1,150.00
Total Expenses	\$ 9,083.92	\$ 15,029.66	\$ 5,945.74	\$ 114,462.89	\$ 83,548.30	(\$ 30,914.59)	\$ 234,552.00
Net Total	\$ 15,570.24	\$ 2,373.68	\$ 13,196.56	(\$ 8,992.46)	(\$ 481.60)	(\$ 8,510.86)	\$ 0.00

FINANCIAL REPORT EXPLANATIONS:

- Envelope Income is nearly \$3800 under budget for the month of May, but only \$1357 under for the year. YTD total income is \$22K greater than budget.
- YTD expense is \$31K over budget. It will show a large negative for the rest of the year due to the roof replacement cost.
- YTD expense is \$8500 greater than YTD income.

CHARITY FUND

The elders of our church have agreed to create a Charity Fund 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.

Schedule of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Every Sunday	Sunday School for all ages (NO AUGUST SUN. SCH.)	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	6:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday	AA Meeting—Old Fellowship Hall	6:00—9:00 p.m.
July 3	NO SHEPHERD'S KITCHEN THIS MONTH	
July 12	Baby Shower	
July 13	Communion during Worship	10:30 a.m.
July 13	Session Meeting—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	12 noon
August 3	Communion during Worship	10:30 a.m.
August 3	Session Meeting—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	12 noon
August 7	Shepherd's Kitchen—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:30 p.m.
August 18	Open Mic Night—"The Back Door"—Old Fellow. Hall	7:00—9:30 p.m.
August 23	Life Line Screening—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	All Day
August 25	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR LITTLE MATES	8:30 a.m—2:30 p.m.

Thank You...

Once again, I need to thank my church family for their prayers, texts, calls and over all support of me as I recover from my stroke. It was quite a surprise but could have been much worse. It only affected my left arm and leg and after two weeks in rehab and two weeks at my daughter's home, I am home and continuing therapy. This church family has been supporting my family for a number of years through many ups and downs, I love being part of this church.

God Bless you.

Eileen Dillow



Want to know who is in charge of what when you can't reach Pastor Ed? Contact the following officer for each area:

Clerk of Session—Gwynne Sweatlock

- (gsweatlock@gmail.com)

Building and Grounds—Bill Klumpp

- (honeybrookhandyman@gmail.com)
- (for emergencies text 610-463-4144)

Caring and Fellowship Ministry—Lynn Klumpp

- (lynnklumpp@yahoo.com)

Education and Spiritual Formation—Chris Masterson

- (masterson.chris@gmail.com)

Mission and Community Relations—Keith and Peg Dombach

- (pdombach@ptd.net, kdombach@yahoo.com)

Personnel and Administration—Paul Sweatlock

- (psweatlock@gmail.com)

Worship and Welcome—Norma Mantz

- (mantznorma@yahoo.com)

Comptroller, Realm Admin and General Inquiries —Karen DeAscentiis

- (kdeascentiis@verizon.net)