

HONEY BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2025



PO Box 276, Honey Brook, PA 19344

610-273-2848 or 717-205-6943

www.honeybrookpres.org

HARMONY DAY UPDATE

The Harmony Day yard sale was a success. The food income was \$463.50, selling 140 hot dogs and 175 pretzels, along with drinks! The space rental earned another \$325. Vendors we spoke to were very pleased with their sales and 12 have already asked to go on a list to be contacted next year! Proceeds from the sale benefitted the Cemetery Fund. Thank you to all who helped.



VETERANS COLLECTION

Thank you so much for your generous donations for the hospitalized veterans being served by the Coatesville VA Medical Center. Your donations of body wash, shampoo and men's deodorant are being gathered and will be delivered in October. We appreciate your kindness in providing some personal care items for our veterans.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Holidays are approaching! **Operation Christmas Child will be the mission focus in October.** Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collects and delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 170 countries, aiming to share the message of Jesus Christ and bring joy to children who might not otherwise receive gifts.

To get the best bargains possible, Chris Martin has been shopping year-round for the best price points on the items for the boxes. After Christmas sales, back to school, end of summer clearance, and Wal-Mart discount aisles, have all been a great place to find the items needed! With inflation, The Dollar Tree is now pricing most items at \$1.75, but Chris has found many items under \$1 to make up for

the increase on the items not on sale. We have 25 boxes left from last year, as she ordered for two years to save on the shipping. All that is left to do is pack, ship, and pray for the children who will be receiving the boxes.

Boxes will be packed during Sunday School on October 26, as the national collection starts on November 17th. Chris will deliver the boxes to the shipping hub in the following days.

Shipping has increased to \$10/box. We have 25 boxes again this year, so our goal is to collect \$250 to cover the shipping. **Donations can be made through the month of October.** A box for donations can be found in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your continued support with this outreach project and a special thank you to Chris Martin for her leadership with this ministry to children!



LECTIONARY READINGS (week of . . .)

October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Lamentations 1:1-6	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Joel 2:23-32
Lamentations 3:19-26	Psalms 66:1-11	Psalms 119:97-104	Psalms 65
2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14

Liturgists

Tom Richards	October 5
Chris Masterson	October 12
Barbara McDonald	October 19
Eileen Dillow	October 26

Greeters

Sue Welsh and Naomi Miller	October 5
Sarah, Sidney and Annabel Masterson	October 12
John McDonald and Marty Ruser	October 19
Pat Longabaugh	October 26

Thank You...

Thank you so much for your sponsorship of the Honey Brook Community Partnership Sweetwater Run. Your sponsorship will assist the Partnership in fulfilling its mission to enhance the community in ways such as supporting groups assisting families in need, providing scholarships to deserving Twin Valley seniors, and working on projects and events that benefit the community as a whole.

Julie Funk, Chair
Honey Brook Community Partnership

OPEN MIC NIGHT—"The Back Door"



September Open Mic was similar to August with nine performers. Four performers were new and nine people came to listen. We welcomed back Gina Miller who was out for awhile with open heart surgery! ❤️

Our next Open Mic Night is October 20 (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



September's Shepherd Kitchen had 50+ in attendance with a lot of new faces, too! We had eleven volunteers, three of which were church members. Three church members also came to dine on Sloppy Joes and salad.

On October 2, we will serve vegetable chili, regular chili, and salad! Come out and join us! We can always use volunteers. Contact Lynn Klumpp (610-761-2606), if you are able to assist.

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' " Matthew 5:37-40

BELL CHOIR



Bell Choir practice takes place on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The Choir plans to play one Sunday each month from October through May. If you would like to play in the Bell Choir as a regular ringer or as a substitute, please reach out to Aurora Cannon at 484-571-9158. We welcome anyone who is interested. You don't need to know how to ring bells. We will teach you.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—"They Walked With God"

Along with our lessons from "They Walked With God: 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us", we will also be making teddy bears out of washcloths to put into the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes that will be packed the last Sunday of the month. 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.

October 5—Mary Magdalene

October 12—Mary, Mother of Jesus

October 19—Matthew

October 26—Pack Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



WELCOMING NEW RESIDENTS



In an attempt to reach out to new families in our community, and tell them about our church, we are sending brochures to new home owners in the area. Please help by keeping your eyes open for any "For Sale" signs that are marked as "Sold". You can pass the address, or even area, onto Linda Jackaway, or Norma Mantz. Linda can find the name of the person to personalize the mailing.

PNC CONTINUES THE SEARCH

The PNC continues to ask for your prayers as they review resumes and interview potential candidates.

- Pray for the committee members to have wisdom in evaluating candidates and the strength and stamina to persevere through the challenges of the search.
- Pray for patience from the congregation as the committee seeks the right candidate, and that they will trust in God's timing.



October Birthdays:

October 13 —Beth Ventrone
October 14—Gail Kohler
October 19—Naomi Miller
October 20—Marilyn Vertigan
October 21—Jacob Bachman
October 25—Frederick Newlin
October 25—Libbie Means



October Anniversaries:

October 1—Ruthann and DJ Kistler (1994)
October 7—Dave and Patty Hackett (1978)
October 10—Jim and Stephanie Kohler (1998)
October 11—Charlie and Fran Fetterhoff (1958)

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

Congratulations!

Elli Lambert, received a children's Bible from our church family on Sunday, September 21. Our church awards a children's Bible to all of our children as they enter kindergarten.

Elli, we want you to treasure God's Word and to know how much Jesus loves you. Enjoy sharing this special gift with your family!



Ryan Klumpp turned three on September 1st.. As part of his celebration, he got to enjoy this special cake. Ryan, I think this cake is almost as big as you are. We hope that you had a great birthday!



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.

COMMON CENTS (AND DOLLARS) FINANCIAL REPORT

2025 per capita is \$38

Per capita through August

- income - \$569
- paid out - \$1875

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

Honey Brook Presbyterian Church

2025 Statement of Activities

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

Accounts	Actual Aug 01, 2025 - Aug 31, 2025	Budget Aug 01, 2025 - Aug 31, 2025	Budget Over/Under Aug 01, 2025 - Aug 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	3,984.43	10,944.17	(6,959.74)	83,489.89	87,553.36	(4,063.47)	131,330.00
Designated Funds	130.00	225.00	(95.00)	1,590.00	1,800.00	(210.00)	2,700.00
Donor Restricted	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	4,445.00	1,000.00	3,445.00	1,500.00
Pass Thru	0.00	108.34	(108.34)	20,694.00	866.72	19,827.28	1,300.00
Interest, Dividend, Cap Gains,	0.02	1,834.16	(1,834.14)	17,673.16	14,673.28	2,999.88	22,010.00
Redemptions	0.00	4,462.00	(4,462.00)	0.00	11,412.00	(11,412.00)	33,612.00
Building Lease	0.00	3,950.00	(3,950.00)	17,750.00	19,750.00	(2,000.00)	39,500.00
Miscellaneous	175.00	216.67	(41.67)	1,630.00	1,733.36	(103.36)	2,600.00
Total Revenues	\$ 4,289.45	\$ 21,865.34	(\$ 17,575.89)	\$ 147,272.05	\$ 138,788.72	\$ 8,483.33	\$ 234,552.00
Expenses							
Senior Pastor	0.00	11,782.99	11,782.99	22,039.14	55,767.92	33,728.78	102,900.00
Staff Salaries	1,312.66	7,312.66	6,000.00	14,251.28	19,501.28	5,250.00	22,752.00
Employer Expenses	62.17	175.00	112.83	497.36	1,400.00	902.64	2,100.00
Administrative Expense	359.50	1,000.00	640.50	5,755.75	8,000.00	2,244.25	12,000.00
Designated Funds	0.00	125.00	125.00	1,362.67	1,000.00	(362.67)	1,500.00
Worship	1,925.00	816.67	(1,108.33)	6,732.00	6,533.36	(198.64)	9,800.00
Christian Education	0.00	12.50	12.50	360.00	400.00	40.00	750.00
Church & Community	0.00	83.34	83.34	385.66	666.72	281.06	1,000.00
Building & Grounds	1,849.62	5,441.67	3,592.05	86,209.32	45,633.36	(40,575.96)	68,600.00
Pastor Search (PNC)	31.82	1,000.00	968.18	129.06	8,000.00	7,870.94	12,000.00
Pass Thru	0.00	0.00	0.00	390.00	0.00	(390.00)	0.00
Reserve	0.00	95.83	95.83	0.00	766.64	766.64	1,150.00
Total Expenses	\$ 5,540.77	\$ 27,845.66	\$ 22,304.89	\$ 138,112.24	\$ 147,669.28	\$ 9,557.04	\$ 234,552.00
Net Total	(\$ 1,251.32)	(\$ 5,980.32)	\$ 4,729.00	\$ 9,159.81	(\$ 8,880.56)	\$ 18,040.37	\$ 0.00

FINANCIAL REPORT EXPLANATIONS:

- YTD expense is \$9.5K under budget
- YTD income is \$8.5K over budget
- YTD income is \$9K greater than YTD expense

Session

The session is in the process of finding a replacement solution for the income lost due the departure of Little Mates by the end of 2025. Ideas and prayers are always appreciated.

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	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	6:30 p.m.
October 2	Shepherd's Kitchen—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:30 p.m.
October 5	Communion during Worship	10:30 a.m.
October 8	Honey Brook Women's Club—Eppihimer Fell. Hall	6:30 p.m.
October 11	Private party in Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	11:00 am—7:00 pm
October 12	Session Meeting—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	12 noon
October 20	Open Mic Night—Old Fellowship Hall	6:30 pm—9:30 pm

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Fall Gathering

We look forward to the Donegal PW Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 11th at Oxford Presbyterian Church. The program speaker will be a representative from "Solid Rock," a mission located in Quarryville creating programs for youth. See Carolyn Tate or Sue Welsh for more information



Sustainability Tips:

1. Rethink wrapping paper: Use butcher paper, newspaper (Comics are a great alternative);
2. Retire your dryer and use a drying rack.
3. Switch to led bulbs and rechargeable batteries.

NOTE: Every small effort HELPS. With fall activities coming be aware of the importance of proper lighting and safety while crossing the street.

Our verse for October: Bless the Lord, O my soul, The Lord is merciful and gracious. Psalm 103:1a, 8a



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)