

HONEY BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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The mission of the Honey Brook Community Partnership is to bring together borough and township partners to facilitate communication, share resources, and work together to enhance our community.

Harmony Day, planned by the HB Community Partnership, will be held on Saturday, September 20 with activities in the Borough and the Township. Our church family will be hosting yard sales and food. Come and support their efforts. Listed below are some of the many activities that will be taking place throughout the day.





HONEY BROOK SWEETWATER 5K Walk and Run & 1 Mile Kids Run

Presented by Honey Brook Community Partnership

At Lanchester Reclamation and Recycling Center (LLARC)

Where nature and sustainability meet

Saturday, September 20th at 2 PM \$30 per adult, kids free T-Shirts for 5K Runners and Walkers, Ribbons for Kids

Help your community by running or walking with us.

Whether you're a serious runner, want to run or walk for fun, or are looking for a new experience with your kids, you will be helping to support those in need while finding out the treasures that await you at the LLARC including a scenic and challenging run or walk through gravel roads, wooded trails, grassy paths, segments of the Lanchester Nature Trail and a panoramic view of the surrounding valley from the eastern overlook.

Details and Event Sign Up at https://runsignup.com/sweetwaterrun

For more information visit us at: www.honeybrookpartnership.com.





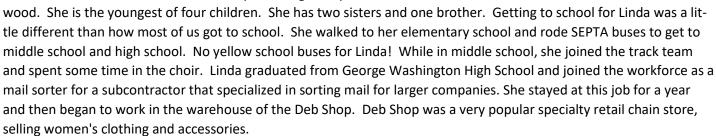
- HB Community Partnership sponsoring Sweetwater 5K Walk/Run at LLARC (landfill—details on flyer below)
- Honey Brook Hardware—Yard sales, fun and food at the new location
- Honey Brook Community Library—Book sale and yard sales
- Howell Lodge—Masons will have a chicken BBQ and toilet facilities
- Honey Brook Presbyterian Church—yard sales, food, and toilet facilities
- American Legion—pancake breakfast and car wash
- Honey Brook Baptist Church—Bluegrass concert and BBQ from 12pm until 5 pm
- State Farm Insurance—free paper shredding from 9am to 11 am
- Skate Jam at Umble Park from 12pm to 5pm
- Pickleball competition at the HB Borough Park from 9am to 11 am
- Honeybrook Golf Club yard sale event in the pavilion, coffee lovers can purchase from Mane Brew, 20% discount at the Greenside Grill from 11am until 2pm.

Community Yard Sales throughout town



...Linda Jackaway, a new worshipper in our congregation. Linda began attending our church in April and has fit right in, volunteering and supporting us in many ways. I sat down with Linda to get to know her a little better.

Linda was born in Far Northeast Philadelphia and grew up there in an area called Park-



Then in 1986, Linda made a career shift and started working in the IT field with a company that took paper copies of documents and put them on microfilm. This company then moved on to scanning documents and saving them on optical discs. From age 21-29, Linda traveled up and down the East Coast scanning and saving documents for many companies until this repetitive job caused damage to a nerve.

In 2002, Linda started working in the construction industry, first as an Office Manager for a small roofing company, then moved on to a Contract Administrator for a larger roofing company and now as a Project Accountant, on the financial side of the industry.

Also as a side gig, Linda has been flipping Mobile Homes since 1994, when she had discovered her love for Interior Decorating, which helped stage the homes for sale.

Linda's work experiences have given her the ability to focus in on a project to see how it could be improved, and then make suggestions. We are looking forward to having Linda use her "super powers" here at Honey Brook Presbyterian Church.

Linda's move to the Honey Brook area, was, in a way, like coming home for her. As a child, her family spent every summer at the Honey Brook Family Campground, making many wonderful memories there.

We are very thankful to have Linda as part of our church family.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

PNC UPDATE

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

- Pray for the committee members to have wisdom in evaluating candidates and the strength 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.



LECTIONARY READINGS (week of . . .)

September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalm 14	Psalm 79:1-9	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31

Liturgists Greeters

Lynn Klumpp	September 7	Bill Klumpp and Linda Jackaway	September 7
Carolyn Tate	September 14	Helmut Bartel and Logan Emery	September 14
Pat Hartz	September 21	Bob and Ruth Snader	September 21
Beth Ventrone	September 28	Barb Spirko and Marie Sole	September 28

Thank you...

I want to thank everyone who has helped me during my health journey. My church family is the best. I could not have done it alone. God bless you all!

Thanks again! Marie Sole

Bill and I would like to thank our church family for the support we were given during his fall last month! We appreciate your kindnesses.

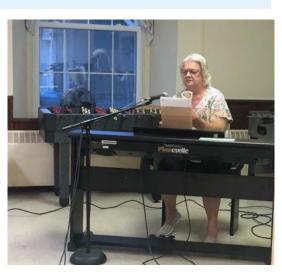
Lynn Klumpp

OPEN MIC NIGHT—"The Back Door"



July's Open Mic Night was cancelled due to Bill's fall. On August 18, we had eighteen in attendance with eight performers. People trickled in throughout the evening. Our next Open Mic Night is September 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.



SHEPHERD'S KITCHEN



After a 2 month hiatus, our August picnic dinner had an excellent turn out! We also had 14 volunteers that included 8 church members.

Our September Shepherd's Kitchen will be held on Thursday September 4th when we will have Sloppy Joes and salad.

Come and join us for the fellowship with the community! We can always use volunteers. Contact Lynn Klumpp (610-761-2606), if you are able to assist.

VETERANS COLLECTION

In order to spread out our mission projects throughout the year, we will be collecting early for veterans being served by

the Coatesville VA Medical Center. **Donations can be made during the month of September.** All items given, will be delivered to the VA Medical Center to be used by the hospitalized veterans. The Center for Development and Civic Engagement director has indicated that the greatest needs at this time are the following personal care items:

- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Men's deodorant

Place your donations in the bin located outside of the Fellowship Hall. Let's honor our hospitalized veterans by helping to provide for their personal needs.



BELL CHOIR



Bell Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm and continues on each Wednesday evening. The Choir plans to play one Sunday each month from September 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.

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 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—"They Walked With God"

We are continuing through our study on "They Walked With God: 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us" for our lesson each week. The people we will study in September are listed below. 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.

September 7—Josiah

September 14—Lazarus

September 21—Mary and Martha

September 28—Mary Magdalene

the parables. Enjoy the pictures below of some of their activities to help them understand these lessons.

The Parable of the

Over the summer, the children learned about the Armor of God and some of



The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant







PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women's Picnic

Our annual PW Picnic was held on Tuesday, August 5th at the home of Sue Welsh with 22 attending. It was a beautiful summer evening with great food, music and fellowship.















Save the Date:

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. Registration information will be available later in September. Contact Carolyn Tate or Sue Welsh for more information.

Sustainability Tip:

To protect your water quality, don't put anything except water down storm drains, which carry storm water to local waterways. That means no motor oil, detergents, litter, or fertilizers.

CEMETERY FUND UPDATE

Several months ago we indicated that we had set a goal of raising \$13,000 to cover expenses for this years mowing and caring for our cemetery. This would allow us to avoid drawing down endowment funds and even allow that fund to grow.

We are deeply grateful to all who have contributed. We now have received just over \$13,000 to cover all the costs this year. We are very encouraged that we will, even in a year of wet weather, cover all expenses and be solvent to begin next year. The committee is most thankful for those who made this possible.



September Birthdays:

September 1 —Carolyn Tate

September 2—Gwynne Sweatlock

September 4—Mary Cline

September 6—Karen DeAscentiis

September 10—Chuck Bachman

September 12—Valerie Bachman

September 24—Ruthann Kistler

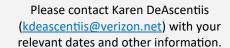
September 27—Sam Massey

September 28—Charlie Fetterhoff

September Anniversaries:

September 3—Keith and Peg Dombach (1977) September 6—Dave and Norma Mantz (1969)

September 16—Jon and Pam Bachman (2006)



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.



Elliana Lambert, daughter of Tara and Tomas and granddaughter of Dave and Patty Hackett, is excited to be starting kindergarten this fall. Please congratulate Elli and encourage her as she begins her school years.

Elli and her sister Olivia have been faithful attendees of our Sunday School since Elli was three. Our church awards a children's Bible to all of our children as they enter kindergarten. Elli will be receiving her Bible during a Worship Service this fall.



LITTLE MATES

Children will begin their new school year on Monday, August 25. Pray for a great year for the staff and students. Please keep the following rules in mind to ensure the safety of all:

- Keep doors locked when you enter the building.
- If the doorbell rings when Little Mates are in the building and the person is not a church member, let Little Mates' staff answer the door.
- Refrain from using the Fellowship Hall from 11:00—1:00 each day. This is their lunch time.
- Clean up after yourselves when using shared spaces.

LITTLE MATES UPDATE

The state agency that provides funding and oversight for the Pre K Counts (PKC) program run by Little Mates at the Church has expressed concerns regarding the low enrollment numbers. The allocation of funds at this location, along with the associated expenses in getting started, does not align with the actual number of children being served. Due to declining enrollment and limitations to providing wrap-around care hours, several current child slots will be relocated to Tel Hai and plans are underway to consolidate services at an expanded Morgantown site by early 2026. In the interim, Little Mates will continue to run the PKC program at the Church on a month-to-month lease extension at a reduced rent rate thus ensuring resources are effectively supporting the intended grant structure. Throughout this transition, the Little Mates team remains committed to transparency, compliance, and maintaining a positive partnership with the church.

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: Jul 1st 2025 - Jul 31st 2025

	Actual Jul 01, 2025 -	Budget Jul 01, 2025 -	Budget Over/Under Jul 01, 2025 -	Actual This Year	Budget This Year	Budget Over/Under This Year	Annual Budget This Year
Accounts	Jul 31, 2025	Jul 31, 2025	Jul 31, 2025	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year
Revenues							
Unrestricted	9,296.36	10,944.17	(1,647.81)	79,505.46	76,609.19	2,896.27	131,330.00
Designated Funds	0.00	225.00	(225.00)	1,460.00	1,575.00	(115.00)	2,700.00
Donor Restricted	260.00	125.00	135.00	4,445.00	875.00	3,570.00	1,500.00
Pass Thru	152.00	108.34	43.66	20,694.00	758.38	19,935.62	1,300.00
Interest, Dividend, Cap Gains,	4,679.35	1,834.16	2,845.19	17,673.14	12,839.12	4,834.02	22,010.00
Redemptions	0.00	5,550.00	(5,550.00)	0.00	6,950.00	(6,950.00)	33,612.00
Building Lease	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,750.00	15,800.00	1,950.00	39,500.00
Miscellaneous	125.00	216.67	(91.67)	1,455.00	1,516.69	(61.69)	2,600.00
Total Revenues	\$ 14,512.71	\$ 19,003.34	(\$4,490.63)	\$ 142,982.60	\$ 116,923.38	\$26,059.22	\$234,552.00
Expenses							
Senior Pastor	291.30	11,782.99	11,491.69	22,039.14	43,984.93	21,945.79	102,900.00
Staff Salaries	2,108.66	812.66	(1,296.00)	12,938.62	12,188.62	(750.00)	22,752.00
Employer Expenses	103.94	175.00	71.06	435.19	1,225.00	789.81	2,100.00
Administrative Expense	714.04	1,000.00	285.96	5,396.25	7,000.00	1,603.75	12,000.00
Designated Funds	1,100.00	125.00	(975.00)	1,362.67	875.00	(487.67)	1,500.00
Worship	1,807.00	816.67	(990.33)	4,807.00	5,716.69	909.69	9,800.00
Christian Education	0.00	12.50	12.50	360.00	387.50	27.50	750.00
Church & Community	34.99	83.34	48.35	385.66	583.38	197.72	1,000.00
Building & Grounds	2,580.33	5,441.67	2,861.34	84,359.70	40,191.69	(44,168.01)	68,600.00
Pastor Search (PNC)	13.67	1,000.00	986.33	97.24	7,000.00	6,902.76	12,000.00
Pass Thru	390.00	0.00	(390.00)	390.00	0.00	(390.00)	0.00
Reserve	0.00	95.83	95.83	0.00	670.81	670.81	1,150.00
Total Expenses	\$ 9,143.93	\$ 21,345.66	\$ 12,201.73	\$ 132,571.47	\$ 119,823.62	(\$12,747.85)	\$ 234,552.00
Net Total	\$ 5,368.78	(\$2,342.32)	\$7,711.10	\$ 10,411.13	(\$2,900.24)	\$13,311.37	\$ 0.00

FINANCIAL REPORT EXPLANATIONS:

- Actual income for July was \$5K greater than actual July expense
- Actual income YTD is \$10K greater than YTD expense
- Income YTD is \$26K over budget thanks to a \$20K bequest received early this year
- Expense YTD is still over budget but the overage is down to \$12K

Session

The session will begin 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.

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.	
September 4	Shepherd's Kitchen—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:30 p.m.	
September 7	Communion during Worship	10:30 a.m.	
September 7	Session Meeting—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	12 noon	
September 10	Honey Brook Women's Club—Eppihimer Fell. Hall 6:30 p.m.		
September 20	Harmony Day on the church grounds and throughout town		
September 23	Girl Scouts—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall	6:00—7:30 p.m.	
September 27	Emery Family Event—Eppihimer Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m		

A LOOK BACK FROM ONE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ruth Dentel Snader and her husband, Bob, have been attending our church for the past couple of years. Ruth grew up in this church, attending our Sunday School, Youth Group, and church services. Ruth had some health issues as a teenager and was reminiscing about how her family supported her through this and stayed faithful to their commitment to the church. Below are some of Ruth's remembrances of this time. We are glad to have her worshipping with us again.

When the Dentel family attended the church many years ago, John and Jo Dentel were regular tithers every Sunday. I want to re-thank you for all the prayers given to me by the congregation. My parents, John and Jo Dentel paid all my medical bills when I was a teenager.

I did marry in the Honey Brook Presbyterian Church on November 13, 1976, on my birthday. Reverend Jackman was the pastor at the time, who married Bob and me. Now we tithe our offering regularly here at the church since we came back to Honey Brook.



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

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Personnel and Administration—Paul Sweatlock

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