

# SOUNDINGS

## November 2016

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Nov. 6** *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*  
Karen Nickels, preaching  
Rich Linnell, liturgist
- Nov. 13** Sue Bennetch, preaching  
Kim Runnion, liturgist
- Nov. 20** *Thanksgiving and Christ the King Sunday*  
John Heinsohn, preaching  
Phyllis Finger, liturgist
- Nov. 27** *First Sunday of Advent*  
*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*  
Karen Nickels, preaching  
Jim Middendorf, liturgist

### PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Coffee & Conversations with the PNC in late August. Your views are already playing an important role in our search process. As we announced earlier this fall, the search for a pastor is similar to online dating. We fill out a profile, pastoral candidates fill out a profile, and a computer system makes appropriate matches (though each party can search on their own as well.) This system is most successful when the church's profile (The Ministry Information Form or MIF) gives as complete a picture of the congregation as possible, and between your input and our committee's prayerful work, we have done just that.

As of October 18, our MIF has been approved by both the Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. We are now in the process of making it available online. Once it has been uploaded, we will

begin receiving information from candidates, bringing us one step closer to calling a full time pastor.


To some, this process may seem like a lot of bureaucratic red tape, but as 1 Timothy 5:22 reminds us, "Do not ordain anyone hastily..." We are not hiring a McDonald's manager – we are hiring a spiritual leader, and this process ensures that we are careful and diligent, always asking for God's guidance and oversight.

For information on the PNC and the search process, visit <http://eastonfpc.org/pnc/>.

Please continue to keep the PNC in your prayers!

- Kimberlee Runnion, PNC Chair

---

 **CHANGE YOUR  
Clocks** **DON'T FORGET TO "FALL  
BACK"** next Sunday (unless you want to be really early for church!) Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, so set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed and arrive at church refreshed by that extra hour of sleep!

### FELLOWSHIP AND GROWTH

**REFORMATION WORSHIP** The Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, is leading a live-streamed Reformation worship service on **Wednesday, November 2**. "Write the Vision – Reclaim the Call" is the theme of the church-wide Reformation worship. "This is an opportunity in this Reformation season to call for a reform within the Presbyterian Church," said Nelson. The service coincides with Reformation Sunday, October 30, and reminds us that 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

The worship service begins at **10:45 a.m.** and can be viewed live at [oga.pcusa.org](http://oga.pcusa.org). A video of the service will be posted for later viewing.

**THE SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on **Monday, November 7, from 1-2:30 p.m.** in the Brainerd Gathering Area. Bring a project to work on and share ideas. Call Fran Dean, 610-829-1475, for info.

**THE BRUNCH BUNCH** will lunch at Marianna's Pizza Café, 224 Stockton Street, Phillipsburg on **Sunday, November 13.** Meet in Legacy Hall following worship to carpool or for driving directions. For information about the Brunch Bunch, contact Ruthann Arras at 315-870-0200 or [ruthann.arras@gmail.com](mailto:ruthann.arras@gmail.com).

**THE BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Monday, November 21,** at 1:00 p.m. in the Millheim Room to discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.

In December the Book Club will meet for lunch and in January they will be reading Salt to the Sea by Ruta Septys. Book Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Millheim Room. Everyone is welcome to join them to listen or participate in their lively discussions, even if you haven't read the book. Come and join them! Contact Nancy Pruitt, 610-258-1677, for more information.

**CHAUTAUQUA AT THE FORKS OF THE DELAWARE** is sponsoring a book discussion on November 10, 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 330 Ferry Street in Easton. They will discuss *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. DuBois and everyone is welcome to participate in this important conversation across racial lines. Our church is one of the sponsors of this event. Dr. Wendy Wilson-Fall, Associate Professor and Chair of the Africana Studies Program at Lafayette College, will start the evening with an overview of the historical context of which DuBois writes.



- 2 Kate Farrell
- 7 Nancy Pruitt
- 9 Sofia DeMotte-McGloughlin
- 10 Luke DeMotte-McGloughlin, Carol Freebairn, Dorothy Wheelen
- 12 David Rister

- 14 Briahni Bridges
- 15 Kylie Lalonde
- 22 Peter Becker, Bernice Wortman
- 25 Kelsey Dicker



**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** was October 9, and many church members returned their 2017 pledge cards at that time. **If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.** Pledge cards are located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary and on the table in Legacy Hall. Pledge information can also be emailed or called in to the Church Office, [office@eastonfpc.org](mailto:office@eastonfpc.org) or 610-253-3579.

---

## TECH TEAM UPDATE

We have a brand new website! While this website snapshot of our church is for visitors and community members, it is also designed to be a resource for the congregation. Check out [www.eastonfpc.org](http://www.eastonfpc.org) to see announcements, download the newsletter Soundings, and even learn what it means to be a Presbyterian. If you have any updates, please send them to our webmaster (Kimberlee Runnion) at [kcrunnion@hotmail.com](mailto:kcrunnion@hotmail.com).

**Team Leaders:** We are working on a page to highlight our Leadership Teams. Please contact Kimberlee Runnion with the following information:

1. Who is the chair of your Team? Are there any officers?
2. Who is on your team?
3. Give a brief description of your team's responsibilities and activities.
4. When is a good time for Kimberlee to take a selfie-style photo of your Team? It can be at your next meeting or after church on a day the majority of you are there.

## MUSICAL NOTES

**INTERFAITH CHORAL FESTIVAL** – The Chancel Choir will again be participating in the Easton area Interfaith Choral Festival on **Sunday, November 20, 2016**. The event will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2115 Washington Blvd. in Wilson Borough, and the program begins at 3:00 p.m.

**THE EASTON PEACE CANDLE LIGHTING** will be on Saturday, November 26. Elizabeth Campbell is making arrangements for a concert in our sanctuary, late in the afternoon that day. She has a group of string performers and possibly a small choir of young performers planned. There will be a small reception afterwards.

**Volunteers are needed** to open the building and cookie and cider donations would be appreciated. Final details will be in Sunday bulletins.

## SHARING AND SERVICE

**SAFE HARBOR MEALS** - Thanks to everyone who has signed up to provide Dinner for Safe Harbor, but we are still in need of help. **December, January, March, May and July are still open for 2016/2017!** Gather a few friends and sign up. Check out the bulletin board for the list and instructions for these dinners. Contact Nancy Udut (610.253.5455) for more information.

**EASTON AREA COMMUNITY CENTER** - The Center, which is located at 9<sup>th</sup> & Washington St., is looking for volunteers with a desire to tutor kids, even if only 1x/week or a homework helper. The timeline for homework is usually 4:30-5:30 pm at the center. They are also looking for drivers for their shuttle van, which transports kids unable to be bused to the Community Center and the timeline for that is 3-4 pm.

Please contact Sahr Mbriwa, Program Director at the Center via phone 610-253-8271 (11 am-7 pm) or email [saints1@ptd.net](mailto:saints1@ptd.net) if you have questions for would like to volunteer.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS** - In honor of Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting “packable” items for the Troops serving overseas. A decorated box is in Legacy Hall for your donation plus cards to be signed for the troops. The box and cards will remain until Sunday,

November 20<sup>th</sup>. All items are given to Valerie and Blair Ferguson for their non-profit 501 (3) (c) organization called “*Support the Troops, Inc.*”, which sends packages to our troops year round.

The following are a few items that are needed:

### **#1 item need is tooth brushes**

- Individually wrapped hard candy, gum
- Sun screen, insect repellent
- Peanut butter crackers
- Beef jerky
- Dry drink mixes to add to water
- Granola bars, raisins, dried fruits, etc.
- Travel sized personal items
- Gold Bond foot powder

See more items on the donation box in Legacy Hall.

No pork products, glass or crushable items. Also, if possible items should be fragrance free. Think packable. Thanking you in advance for supporting our troops and remember to keep them in your prayers.

**THE MISSION TEAM** shares a prayer from the **Lehigh Presbytery Worldwide Ministries Monthly Prayer Guide:**

First Presbyterian Church, Allentown:

*“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”* Romans 12:13

The church’s Knitting Ministry makes hats for each first grade student at a local elementary school.

Pray for:

- the children who live in your community that they may experience the love of those around them.
- all families who live in your community that they may experience the support of those around them.
- those who use their time to love and support the children and families who live in the heart of your community.

**PROJECT of EASTON** – Thanks to all who remain faithful in your giving to the ProJeCt Food Pantry on the first Sunday of each month. We are happy to report that in October we delivered **94 boxes/cans** pasta to ProJeCt! Our next opportunity to donate either boxed, canned or microwave pasta will be **Sunday, November 6**. Please help us reach our goal of at least 50 items per month.



**ADVENT LUNCHEON AND CAROL SING** We will celebrate Advent and the coming Christmas season on Sunday, December 4, with our annual Advent luncheon. The luncheon will conclude with the singing of carols of the season.

Come enjoy a good time of food and fellowship. More details will be in the Sunday bulletins.

**ANGEL TREE** The Deacons will again be sponsoring the Angel Tree project. This project matches the Christmas gift wishes of a family or organization with donors from the congregation. The tree will be in the hallway outside the church office in mid-November and gifts will need to be brought to church by December 4.

---

### **BOSCOV'S "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS"**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's *Friends Helping Friends* event at Boscov's. We raised \$300! Thanks for your support.

---

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

First Presbyterian Church has a prayer list which is updated and printed weekly. Prayer lists are available on Sunday morning on the back table in the sanctuary, or on the Deacons' information table in Legacy Hall. You may also receive this prayer list weekly by email. Call the Church Office to have a name added to the list. Names will be automatically removed after six weeks unless the office is notified otherwise.

**Sanctuary Flowers** - The 2016 Flower Chart is posted in Legacy Hall. If you wish to sponsor flowers, please sign the chart or call the church office. For two arrangements the cost is \$35 or more depending on the size of the arrangement. We will take care of placing an order with our florist, *Bloomies*, and the florist will bill you directly for the cost of the arrangements. The flowers enhance the beauty of our worship and are then delivered by the Deacons to the sick and shut-ins.

If you have any questions, please call the Church Office, 610-253-3579.

### **SCRIP Program**

The "Scrip" gift card program allows you to order gift cards for many merchants in the area, and the church will receive a contribution for every card sold. (Lavona Baatz, program coordinator, submits orders on the first day of each month, and you will receive your gift cards approximately two (2) weeks later. You may place orders on Sunday mornings during coffee hour in Legacy Hall - either see Lavona, or stop by the table where you now purchase Giant gift cards.

You may also mail orders to Lavona at 3782 Orchard Road, Macungie 18062. This is a way to buy gift cards and help the church, too. *Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Easton.*

### **Cash For Causes**

We continue to participate in the Giant Food Stores "Cash for Causes" gift card program. Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. You can buy them on Sunday during Coffee Hour in Legacy Hall, or during the week from Nancy Penman in the church office. Pay with cash or by check made out to the church with "Giant gift card" in the memo line. The church earns 5%. Let's all participate!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – The deadline for the December Soundings is Monday, November 21.