

# THE NEXUS

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## November 2017

### From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

The word is evangelism. The word calls us to be evangelists. Now I can imagine how some of you might be reacting to this. There is always a concern about the “E” word, evangelism. As another recently noted, “We Presbyterians are better known for our casserole skills than our gifts of evangelism”. Let’s begin by noting what evangelism isn’t. It isn’t bullying. It isn’t strong arming. It isn’t rude or boorish. That style of behavior isn’t congruent with who Jesus Christ is and in evangelism we are representing Him.

- \*Evangelism is relational, knowing the other and listening, listening, listening.
- \*Evangelism is sharing your personal story about your journey in faith.
- \*Evangelism is welcoming and hospitable.
- \*Evangelism begins with loving acceptance and belonging. Then the behavior emerges.

The simple truth is Jesus Christ calls us to be his witnesses and evangelists and to be such in ways congruent with His love and grace. So go out into the world and share with others!

Peace,

Rev. Ed Freeborn

### ESPC’s YouTube channel:

<https://m.youtube.com/user/ESPresbyterian>

### Sponsor

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### Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through September 30, 2017

Income	\$173,371.00
Expenses	\$179,811.00
Net	\$ -6,440.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving:	\$105,900.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 12,286.00

### Communion Dates for 2017

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	December 3, 2017
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2017

### Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the December issue is **Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**.

## Koinonea

The Koinonea group will meet on Wednesdays, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



## Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **November:**

**Dave Heller, Lisa Finelli, Stacey Mattern,  
Tim Swanson, Kathy Kauderer, Allan Erbe,  
Sandy Gordon, Donald Hopkins and  
Linda Schaller**



## Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **November:**

**Robert and Diane Huffman  
David and Barbara Braithwaite  
Greg and Lisa Menio**

## Coffee Hours

The second Sunday Coffee Hour will be Sunday, **November 12th**, after worship. It will be hosted by the Adult Sunday School class.

## Movie & Theology

Please join Student Pastor, Nicole, for Movie and Theology on **Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 10:00-12:00. We will be viewing *A Dry White Season* – a movie about the South African apartheid, followed by a theological discussion on the movie and its relation to racism.

## Men's Lunch

The Men's lunch will be held on Wednesday, **November 8<sup>th</sup>** at noon in the church lounge. All men are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided.



## Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>** at noon. All women are welcome. Please bring your lunch.

## By the Grace of God

We are wrapping up our Stewardship Pledge Campaign for next year. **November 12<sup>th</sup>** is Pledge Sunday. We ask that after your prayerful consideration you turn in your pledge form. Again, returning pledge forms helps the finance committee determine budgeting for this Church's mission to be carried out. Please submit a form even if you have chosen not to pledge financially this year.

Thank you for putting on Christ by giving your time, talent and financial support to, by God's grace, further the mission of the East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church. We continue to grow and bear witness to the power of the Lord as we serve joyfully as stewards of God's many gracious gifts.

## Thank you....

Many thanks to everyone for your support during my recent illness. The prayers, cards and words of encouragement helped make a difficult time a lot easier and were much appreciated.

Diane Huffman



## Last month.....

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (ESU) and Lehigh Valley Hospital–Pocono (LVH–Pocono) hosted the **17th annual Pink Light Walk** on Thursday, October 5 at 5 p.m. In collaboration with LVH–Pocono’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center, the American Cancer Society and Prime Time Health of Monroe County’s Area Agency on Aging, the walk is held each year to increase awareness for breast cancer during the month of October.

Prior to the walk, a speech was given by breast cancer survivor and honorary chair of this year’s committee, **Bobbie Long**. Long was diagnosed with breast cancer two years ago. After receiving all her treatments at the Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center, she decided to become a volunteer with the support group Creative Expressions. “I hand out paper butterflies to patients,” Long said. “It’s an ice breaker, it gets them to open up. It’s also a symbol of hope.” “If there’s one thing I learned,” she said, “it’s that we, patients and survivors, do better together.”



Don’t forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. We don’t want you to be late for church!!



## Congratulations!

Carver James Lichty was born on September 25<sup>th</sup>, weighing 7 lbs, 2oz and 21 inches long to Adam and Natasha Lichty. Proud grandparents are Wendy and Mark Lichty! Everyone says Carver looks just like his dad!



## Brighter Christmas

It does not seem possible but the holidays are rapidly approaching. Once again, the Mission Committee is hoping to provide a “**Brighter Christmas**” for several local East Stroudsburg families. In the past, we have had an excellent and generous response from our congregation and we are hopeful that this tradition will continue this year.

We will be given the age, sex and a list of suggested gifts for the children of our local families. Sign-up sheets will be available beginning Sunday, November 19. Your wrapped gifts should be delivered to the church by Sunday, December 10, this allows for delivery of the gifts to the families before Christmas.

As always, your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Week!</b> Choir Rehearsal, 8:50  Adult Education, 9:00			1	2 Movie/Bible Study, 10:00- 12:00 with Nicole	3	4
5 Worship, 10:00  Deacon's Meeting, 11:15  Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood  Daylight Savings Time	6	7	8 Men's lunch, noon  K-Group, 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Worship, 10:00  Mission Committee meeting, 11:15  Bell Choir, 11:00  Coffee Hour, 11:15  Pledge Sunday	13	14 Women's Circle, noon	15	16	17	18
19 Worship, 10:00  Bell Choir, 11:00  Congregational Meeting, following worship	20	21	22 K-Group, 7:00 pm	23 Thanksgiving!  Church Closed	24 Church closed	25
26 Worship, 10:00  Bell Choir, 11:00  Deacon's Coffee, 11:15	27 Nexus Deadline	28	29	30		