

THE NEXUS

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From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

A recent article in Presbyterians Today asked, "How Religious is Your State?" The Presbyterian Research Center shared the criteria of positive responses to the statements, "Religion is very important in my life". "I attend worship services at least weekly". "I pray daily". "I believe in God with absolute certainty".

The top 10 states were: Alabama (77%), Mississippi (77%), Tennessee (73%), Louisiana (71%), Arkansas (70%), South Carolina (70%), West Virginia (69%), Georgia (66%), Oklahoma (66%) and North Carolina (65%).

Pennsylvania was 27th with (53%). It seems that we Pennsylvanians would benefit from some religion revival.

So tell me, what would be your responses to the aforementioned?

Peace,

Rev. Ed Freeborn

Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by **Dick and Jo McNally**. We thank you for your support. Please let the church office know if you are interested in sponsoring a future issue of the Nexus. We need sponsors for the remainder of this year.

Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through August 31, 2017

Income	\$157,906.00
Expenses	\$160,151.00
Net	\$ -2,245.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

Pledge Giving:	\$ 97,131.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 11,876.00

Communion Dates for 2017

World Communion Sunday	October 1, 2017
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2017

Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the November issue is **Monday, October 30th**.

ESPC's YouTube Channel

Yes, ESPC has a YouTube channel so that anyone can see our sermons! Just go to <https://m.youtube.com/user/ESPresbyterian> and view latest sermons and even some from the past 2 years!

Fall Stewardship Campaign

“By the Grace of God”

is the theme of this year’s fall pledge campaign.

God has indeed blessed us abundantly this year. As we review all that has happened here at East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church in 2017, our hearts are challenged as we envision what God has in store for us in 2018.

All around us, we have witnessed disaster and human tragedy from hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and forest fires. These events have called upon us to provide missions in support of recovery from these events. By the grace of God, let us put on Christ and *“serve humbly as the voice and hands of God in our church family, in our community and in our world.”*

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We are entering into our annual stewardship campaign entitled, “By the Grace of God.” We will explore how we can use our time, talents and financial resources to fulfill our stated mission at East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church and serve God. In mid-October, you will receive a letter and a pledge form. Please give your pledge of financial support for next year prayerful consideration. If you can increase it over this year’s pledge, please consider it.

We are grateful that you are a part of God’s family here at East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church and for your participation in this year’s stewardship emphasis. If you have any questions about this year’s program, please feel free to contact anyone on the Stewardship Committee. We would be glad to answer your questions and share with you about how God continues to provide for this ministry through the generous giving of His people.

*From the church Mission Statement

Koinonea

The Koinonea group will meet on Wednesdays, October 11th and 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunity

Starting Sunday Oct 1, at 9:00a.m., join Tim Swanson as our adult bible study class explores

Paul’s second missionary trip to Philippi and Thessalonica using a study guide and DVD entitled “A Clash of Kingdoms”. This is a dynamic series that allows us to experience the bible in historical context created by Ray Vander Laan. As we explore the ruins of Philippi and Thessalonica you will be able to visualize Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy as they face the great challenges of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Roman world.

Operation Christmas Child

During the month of October, the church’s youth will be collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts for children all over the world for **Operation Christmas Child**. Please join us in bringing the good news of Christmas to a child in need of hope through shoe boxes filled with surprises! Here are some of the ways you can be a part of Operation Christmas Child:

1. Pack a shoe box of gifts at home and bring it to the church by October 29th. (Please note the cost of shipping and processing each shoe box is \$7.00)
2. Add gift items to our collection box in the Narthex. We will post a list of needed items.
3. Provide a donation to help with shipping costs. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to **ESPC** only and note **O.C.C.** in the memo line.
4. Pray for the children who will be receiving our gifts.



Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **October:**

Rich Laverdure, Jen Henshue, Charlotte Currie, Horace Cole, Janice Delaney, Deborah Freeborn, Rylee Mehringer, Sienna Mehringer and Philip Lawrence.



Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **October:**

**Ed & Deborah Freeborn
Rick and Rebecca Sanker
Felix and Margie Staffaroni
Mike and Norene Rosso
Jim and Carol Hall
Horace and Sonya Cole
Kyle and Daisha Kintz**

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, October 10th at noon. We will continue with our study of "Who is Jesus?" All women are welcome.



Men's Lunch

The Men's Lunch group will **not** meet in October. They will meet every other month. The next luncheon will be on **November 8th** at noon. All men are invited to attend.

Coffee Hours

The second Sunday Coffee Hour will be Sunday, October 8th, after worship. It will be hosted by the Women's Circle.

Congratulations!

The East Stroudsburg Elks Lodge and the Monroe County Bar Association recently presented Sharon S. Laverdure with the 11th annual A. Mitchell Palmer Award at a dinner held in her honor. The award is named after A. Mitchell Palmer who was a local resident who had a successful career in law, banking and the newspaper industry. The award recognizes a community leader who has greatly contributed to community service or law enforcement.

Mrs. Laverdure has been involved in over 20 community based organizations such as Pocono Services for Families and Children, East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Elder, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, YMCA, Pocono Alliance and Joey's Angels.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 World Communion Deacon's Mtg., 11:15	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Mission Comm. Mtg., 11:15 Coffee Hour, 11:15	9	10 Women's Circle, noon	11 K-Group, 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Youth Parent's Mtg., 11:15 am	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Youth Fellowship Finance Mtg., 11:15 am	23	24	25 K-Group, 7:00 pm	26	27	28
29 Adult Ed. Class, 9:00 Worship, 10:00 Deacon's Coffee, 11:15 Session Mtg., 11:15 Reformation Sunday	30 Nexus Deadline	31 Happy Halloween!				