

MISSION: “The energy of the Holy Spirit equips us to reach out joyfully in Jesus’ name to meet human needs in the community and in the world.
VISION: “We will nurture people physically and spiritually, showing them the transforming love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Minister: Rev.Sarah A. Kneier
Director of Music: Rebecca Lauver
Organist Emeritus: MaryAnn Ober
Administrative Assistant: Barbara O’Neal
Treasurer: Deborah Hoffman

Elders

Barbara O’Neal/Marilyn Pomroy -- Music and Worship
Joy Bouchard -- Christian Education & Nurture
Marilyn Pomroy -- Stewardship & Finance
Meagan Nolt - Membership & Mission
Tom Paul - Property
Sandy Homsher – Fellowship
Barbara O’Neal -- Clerk of Session

Deacons

Nancy Duquette -- Moderator, Ushers, Prayer
Lonnie Nolt -- Flowers, Food Bank
Dee Albert – Transportation
Kari Nolt -- Secretary, Nursery
Laura Weber -- Treasurer, Contacts
Karen Paul -- Cards, Coffee Hour

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The First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy was organized on December 1, 1839 but began holding services in the Mount Joy vicinity as early as 1746. This church is a thoroughly evangelical church in the historic sense of that word and our basic purposes are to bring people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, to build them in the Christian faith and life, and to enlarge missionary participation to the extent that all may come to hear of and believe in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Friend and stranger, to such a church as this you are welcome.

NEWS OF THE WEEK
ASK US/TELL US/GIVE US GOOD NEWS
September 8, 2019

MOUNT JOY CHANBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORIES

There are several Directories in Fellowship Hall. These are a great free resource showing information about Mount Joy and the businesses and offices in Mount Joy. Feel free to take one.

DAILY BREAD

The Daily Bread booklets are at the back of the church on the Ushers’ tables and in Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the booklet but we place a donation box is at each of these places. Our treasurer collects the donations and sends a check to the Daily Bread organization every few months.

BOOK OF ORDER

New editions of the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions are available to order. Deb will take the orders and money. They are \$9.00 each. Make the checks out to First Presbyterian Church. There is also a PDF version to download for free. Just email the office or Pastor Sarah for the link. Information is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

CHANGE IN DIRECTORY
Dennis and Joy Bouchard
1967 Gunstocok Dr.
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

Dennis said the trip to Georgia was uneventful and the only problem they had when they landed was getting from the airport to the car. He said it was like Hershey Park on a busy day! They would love to hear from us at any time!!

CONTACT THE PASTOR

Email: sarahfpmj@gmail.com Please be wary of emails asking for information or favors. Check the email address of origin. If it is not the above address, it is a scam. Phone: 717.653.4636 (non-emergencies only) In case of urgent matters or emergencies, use mobile phone number in the directory. Office Hours: By appointment.

OUR SYMPATHIES and PRAYERS GO OUT TO

Jonathen and Angela (Sharp) Leggore on the death of their daughter, Dianna Ruby Leggore. A memorial service was held at Buch Funeral Home on August 10, 2019.

Renie and Ed Becker in the death of Renie's sister, Peggy Risbon, who passed away on July 12, 2019, after a lengthy illness. A memorial service was held at Sheetz Funeral Home in Mount Joy on July 18th at 11:00 am. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

A WORD OF THANKS from Gerry Bowman: Gerry wishes to express her thanks for all of the notes and kindness she received at the death of her husband, "Buzz" Bowman. Gerry reports that she is blessed with many friends and a great family.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Today we are beginning to put fresh flower bouquets at the front of the church. If you are interested in dedicating flowers for Sunday services, please contact Lonnie Nolt at 717-278-5475. The flowers are \$40 for two bouquets and can be distributed as you wish.

NEWS FROM SESSION -- Our roof is in need of repair and a contractor will soon begin the process of repairing and replacing slate roof tiles. This repair is expected to stop water from coming in and causing damage to our sanctuary ceiling. It will also lengthen the lifespan of our roof so we have time to prepare for a more costly total roof replacement. Session is requesting that we consider donating to the roofing fund with the hopes of covering the cost of the current roof repair that will soon take place. The total cost of the roof repair is expected to not exceed \$5500. Any surplus in this fund would be used towards the cost of a more extensive complete roof replacement to take place down the road in maybe 10 years or so. Thank you for considering donating to this important project!" (Please write "Roof Repair" on your donations).

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES -- We fill and send out the shoeboxes for Samaritan's purse in November but now is the time to buy school supplies while all the stores have sales. There is a box marked for this purpose in Fellowship Hall. Thanks from Joy and Gail. They will also be buying items if you want to donate instead. Mark the check "First Presbyterian Church-Shoebox"

MOUNT JOY FOOD BANK -- There is a basket in Fellowship Hall for donations of Food and paper products. The Food Bank not only asks for food but also things like soap, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.

FURNITURE BANK REQUEST --The furniture bank is in need of the following: Microwaves, Pots and pans, Crock pots, Toasters, Blenders, Mixers, Fans, Air conditioners, Twin box springs with mattresses, and Dressers. Please call to arrange for your donations. To contact the Furniture Bank, please call Pat Paules at 717-653-4607.

PRESBYTERIAN PLANNING CALENDARS

If you ordered a calendar and are wondering where they are, the word is they won't be out until early this month.

CHURCH CALENDAR

AA meets every Wednesday at 8:00 pm in the Thrift Store
Choir – Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 10:30 am
Bible Study – Sunday at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall
Girl Scouts – 6:30 – 8:30 m – Third Sunday of each month
Faith Homes of Donegal – 6:30 – Usually the First Monday of each month

TODAY -
Bible Study – 9:45 am
Worship begins at 11:00 am
Deacons meet at 12:00 pm
Session meets at 12:30 pm

September 9 – Faith Homes of Donegal meeting in Fellowship Hall

September 22 – Coffee Hour

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In memory of Buzz and my
70th wedding anniversary

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Ushers for October – Deb Hoffman and Nancy Duquette

Nursery for September 8 – Deacons
Kylie and Kayla Bowman

Counters for September 8 – Meagan Nolt and Barb O'Neal
Counters for September 15 – Marilyn Pomroy and Deb Hoffman

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