

Harmony Happenings

News of the People Who Are Harmony Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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*Harmony Evangelical Presbyterian
Church exists to boldly lead others to
become followers of Jesus Christ.*

From Pastor Jeff ...



People, Look East by Eleanor Farjeon

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth, and set the table.

People, look east, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:

Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east, and sing today:
Love, the Rose is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen
He for fledgling – time has chosen.

People, look east, and sing today:
Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,

Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east, and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
him who cometh from the east.

Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word the Lord is coming.

People, look east, and sing today:
Love, the Lord is on the way.

Focus on Missions

Supporting the Ministry of...

Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard



November Statistics: Total Family Members~
Families: 78, Adults: 56, Children: 27, Seniors: 144
New Families: 1

Thanksgiving Distribution: Families – 103, Total family members – 223
Adults – 98, Children – 60, Seniors – 65.

Thank you to one and all for your generous support. We could not help our friends and neighbors without you.

CCO Ministry at Grove City College - Josh Hayes



As you can see, we have done a fair bit of rock climbing this semester. We took 2 trips to McConnells Mill. A number of freshman joined us for each trip. A few of them are likely to join our leadership team.

Last weekend, 8 leadership team members, 1 prospective member, and I blitzed the New River Gorge. It was a refreshing day out with the team. I am incredibly grateful for them (especially when they catch me when I fall).

Above, Arie (sophomore) enjoys a cozy view while belaying. Left, Abbey and Ken (sophomores) practice rappel skills during an Impact training session.

Next, Wake (junior) and Sarah (senior) coach and support a participant on our first weekend session to "the Mill".

Below, Lauren (freshman) hangs out on the climb Daisey Cutter during our New River Gorge trip. Lauren is one of the prospective members for our leadership team.

Nearly every weekend is booked this fall. There is more ground to cover! Thank you for making this ministry possible.

2021 Mission Offering Schedule

Mission Offering will be collected on the second Sunday of each month excluding the months of Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas when Special Holiday Offerings will be collected.

The deadline for the weekly bulletin is Thursday at 5:00 pm. The newsletter deadline for the February/ March issue of the *Harmony Happenings* is Wednesday, January 27. Thank you notes, articles, and information for the "News of the People" column need to be submitted in writing to the office or sent as an attachment to harmonyepc@zoominternet.net.

Christmas Offering
is scheduled for
Sunday, December
19. This is a special
offering that will be
designated by the
Mission Committee
to help those in need
in our congregation,
our community, and
our extended
network of friends in
Christ.

Greeters Schedule



If you wish to serve as a greeter before and after worship, please call the church office and your name will be added to the schedule. If you are scheduled to greet and you cannot, notify the church office two weeks in advance; please call 724-735-2854 or you may also send an email to harmonyepc@zoominternet.net. Thank you!

Greeter Schedule

Greeters may stand at the elevator entrance or the back of the sanctuary from 10:45am – 11:00am and at the close of worship. Greeters may be singles, couples, or families.

Greeters will need to welcome people with love even while maintaining social distancing. They will need to direct guests to appropriate seating, approximately every other pew. We want everyone to be safe and to feel safe.

December

- 12 Jerry and Harriet Grossman
- 19 Becky Miller
- 26 Ralph and Maggie Oakes

January

- 2 Dane and Carol Sloan
- 9 Pastor Jeff, Pam, & Family
- 16 Jerry and Harriet Grossman
- 23 John and Marge Elmer
- 30 Ron and Mary Lou Phipps

February

- 6 Becky Miller
- 13 Dane and Carol Sloan
- 20 Joe and Patty Ridley
- 27 Ralph and Maggie Oakes

March

- 6 Pastor Jeff, Pam, and Family
- 13 Ron and Mary Lou Phipps
- 20 Jon and Becky Miller
- 27 Dane and Carol Sloan

Thank you to all who serve as greeters!

Board Meetings

Deacons meet on the **Second Thursday** @ 7:30pm

Session meets on the **Third Monday** @ 7:00pm.

Trustees meet on the **Fourth Monday** @ 7:00pm.

Birthdays in December and January

Happy Birthday!

December Birthdays: 5th – Pauline Pearson; 6th – Maggie Oakes & Mike Norcross; 10th – Michelle Flynn; 18th – Carolyn McCandless; 21st – Ellen Arnold; 23rd – Veronica Norcross; 27th – Erma Burrows

January Birthdays: 5th – John Elmer; 13th – Trilby Grivas; 23rd – Jon Miller; 29th – Diane Hyatt; 31st – Jonette Isacco

Please let us know if we missed your birthday. If you want to be added to the list, call the church office at 724-735-2854. Thank you.

Upcoming Events in December

See weekly bulletin for more details.

December 19 – Carol Sing during morning worship
Christmas Offering

December 24 – Christmas eve Service - 7:30 pm
Emily Hayes, Harp music

December 25 – Jesus's Birthday!
Merry Christmas!

January 1, 2022 – Happy New Years!!!

Expressions of Gratitude

Thank you so much for donating the quilts to the Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard.
Our clients look forward to the possibility of being chosen to have one of these beautiful quilts.
Your work and time is very much appreciated.

Gratefully yours,
Shirley Osborn, Secretary

Thank you so much for your donations of blessing bags, food and money to the Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard.

Your donations will help us to respond to the needy families in this area.

Gratefully yours,
Shirley Osborn, Secretary

Pam and I would like to thank our Harmony Church family. Your kindness and compassion, your generosity and prayers, have lightened our burden in a time of grief. You have made a difference. Thank you. We love you.

Pastor Jeff & Pam Jones

To our Church Family,

Your generous gift was greatly appreciated. We want to express our sincere thanks to all of you.

In Him,
Todd & Deb Frampton – Ruth 1:8

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, I want to thank you for your involvement in Seneca Hills. Each year God provides supporters like you who have been impacted by Seneca Hills and want to give of their time, talent and treasure to sustain Seneca Hills. It is your generous support that enables us to minister to the next generation.

From the beginning Seneca Hills has focused on evangelism and discipleship. While much has changed in our world since 1936, our commitment to evangelism and discipleship has not. Our commitment to proclaiming Christ as the hope of the world and providing a place for youth and adults to unplug their devices and connect with one another is our focus.

This summer we had over 70 high school and college student share their summer serving at Seneca Hills. Whether it was stewarding our grounds, preparing the meals, or capturing memories on film, their most important job was sharing the gospel and their lives with the campers and each other.

In this season of thankfulness, I ask that you would partner with Seneca Hills. Your financial gifts support campers and staff with the opportunity to disconnect from their devices, study Scripture, make lifelong friendships, have a ton of fun all while enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel.

In HIS Service,
Lindon Fowler – Executive Director

January Activities

January 9 – Installation of Officers & Recognition & Celebration of Volunteers

*January 26 – Wednesday – Fellowship Pot-luck Supper at 6:15 pm
Congregational Meeting, Part 2 following.*

January 28 – Friday – Soup Supper – 4:30 – 6:30

January 29 – Saturday – Wild Game Dinner

January 30 – Sunday – Soup Luncheon

*.....LOOKING AHEAD SWEETHEARTS.....
Save Another Date*

What December at Harmony wouldn't be real Harmony without Jazz Nite? Answer: This one!! This December 2021!

And why is that? Because "all that Jazz" is happening a nite in Valentine's Weekend in the year 2022.

Give your Sweetie a gift to remember by taking her to Jazz Nite on February 11, 2022. It comes with all the usual goodies you've come to look forward to like fabulous finger foods, Geno's Cappuccino, enjoyable conversation, mellifluous music, and...ALL.. THAT... JAZZ! That invitation might be the VERY gift to put under her tree this year!!

Save That Date – February 11, 2022 – Now that's a Date to Save – One with her and one on your 2022 calendar

This recipe was submitted by Erma McKnight from her Grandmother Coulter and goes back seven generations. Lard was used in the original recipe but was replaced by Crisco at the end of the 20th century. The best molasses to use is Sorghum and can be found at the Cheese House in New Wilmington and at Leahmans in Kidron, OH. The tradition associated with the recipe was that a girl couldn't consider marrying into the family until she could adeptly make these irresistibly delicious cookies. Erma passed the test very well!

Grandmother Coulter's Molasses Cookies

Use a heavy duty mixer if you have one. Use your hands if you don't.

Mix ½ cup Crisco with 2 cups white sugar

Add ½ cup molasses (Sorghum if you can get it)

Add 2 beat eggs and mix really well

Put DRY ingredients in a separate bowl and mix with a fork

4 ½ cups of flour

1 tablespoon of ginger

4 tablespoons of Baking soda

1 tablespoon of cinnamon

¾ tablespoons of ground cloves

1 tablespoon of salt

MIX dry ingredients slowly into sugar mixture

Roll dough into balls bigger than a walnut

Roll in sugar and lay on baking sheet (parchment paper works well)

Press cookies lightly with palm of hand

Bake in 350 degree oven about 12 minutes. DO NOT OVERBAKE.

They will crackle and turn a light golden brown. Leave them on the cookie sheet for 10 minutes after they come out of the oven.

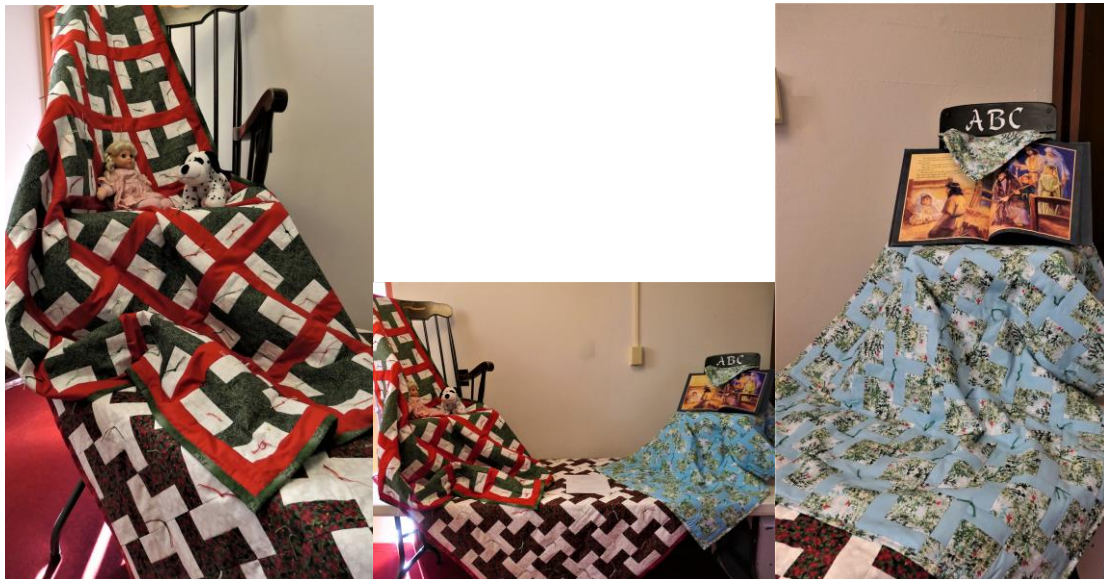
Transfer to let cool. Store in an air tight jar if you have any left after sampling.

Harmony's Life in Pictures

Soup Supper is BACK!!



Christmas Quilts made by the Quilting Circle



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Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Jones, Pastor

Come & Worship With Us!

9:45 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

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A Brief History of the Origins of Christmas Carols

I gathered this information from several sources so I am fairly confident it is accurate. Hoping you learn something new!!! Becky S

The first known Christmas hymns may be traced to 4th-century Rome. In the 13th century, in France, Germany, and particularly, Italy, under the influence of Francis of Assisi a strong tradition of popular Christmas songs in regional native languages developed. Christmas carols in English first appear in a 1426 work of John Awdlay, a Shropshire chaplain, who lists twenty five "caroles of Cristemas", probably sung by groups of 'wassailers', who went from house to house. Carols gained in popularity after the Reformation (1517) in the countries where Protestant churches gained prominence (as well-known Reformers like Martin Luther authored carols and encouraged their use in worship). This was a consequence of the fact that the Lutheran reformation warmly welcomed music. Almost all the well-known carols were not sung in church until the second half of the 19th century. Hymns Ancient and Modern 1861–1874 included several carols. Isaac Watts, the "father of English hymnody", composed "Joy to the World" (1719), which has become a popular Christmas carol even though it is widely believed that Watts did not write it to be sung only at Christmas. Charles Wesley wrote texts for at least three Christmas carols, of which the best known was originally entitled "Hark! How All the Welkin Rings", later edited to "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (1739). A tune from a cantata, *Festgesang*, by Felix Mendelssohn in 1840 was adapted by William H. Cummings to fit Wesley's words. This combination first appeared in "Hymns Ancient and Modern" in 1861. "Silent Night" comes from Austria. The carol was first performed in the Nikolaus-Kirche (Church of St. Nicholas) in Oberndorf, Austria on December 24, 1818. Mohr had composed the words much earlier, in 1816, but on Christmas Eve brought them to Gruber and asked him to compose a melody and guitar accompaniment for the church service. The first English translation was in 1871 where it was published in a Methodist hymnal.