

# PRESBY PRESS

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## Sunday Brunch Season Kicks Off!

Sunday brunches will begin again in September on the 3rd Sundays. Mark your calendars for Sept 16th to bring your favorite dish to share or a scrumptious dessert. Let's have a big crowd to fellowship with our new interim pastor, Dan Callahan and his wife Nancy!

## SEPTEMBER

**Team Leader**— Mary Ann Borland

**Liturgist**— by committee

### Forward Communion

1. Holly McCully
2. Elizabeth Smith
3. Randy Smith
4. John Greco
- 5.

### Ushers

1. Debbie Smith
2. John Smith
- 3.
- 4.

### Our Community of Faith In Nursing Homes

Linda Clark @ St Lukes; Dorothy Morrow @ St Lukes; Sarah Smith @ Community Care Center (Alliance)

### Homebound

Louise Clark, Mary Francis, Bruce & Ardella Geiger, Harvey & Bernice Geiger, Bob & JoAnn Kohl, Margene Krall, Kathryn Tarbet, Marilyn Tarbet, Carl Schmidt

## Thank You!

A huge “Thank you” to Debbie and Doug Hosterman and their family for hosting our church picnic on August 5th. Forty attended the Worship service on the veranda ranging in age of 4 months to 102 years. Following the service by Pastor Dan Callahan, was a delicious luncheon, then swimming in the pool, and horse back riding. Thank you to Katie DeLane family for the three beautiful horses for riding, all on a sunny warm day. Again thank you Hosterman Family!

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## Sunday School Begins

Sunday school will begin September 23rd. Signup sheets will soon become available for volunteers to lead the classes.

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## Days for Girls

Presbyterian Women will be hosting Days For Girls sew-a-thon October 20, 2018, 10am to 5pm. This project is more than sewing; i.e. cutting fabric and ribbon, ironing fabric, putting kits together—lots of things to do. Last year we had a great turn out. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate.



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## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will re-group September 27, 2018, in the church lounge, at 1:00 P.M. Julie Conrad will provide dessert.

## Senior Center Dinner

Presbyterians meet one Thursday of each month at the Senior Center for dinner. The cost of the meal is \$6; payment to be made at the dinner. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can let them know how many to expect.



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## Knitting Group Resumes

Knitting will resume October 9th at 1:00 P.M. in the church lounge. Bring yarn and knitting needles. We will be knitting scarves to tie on the lamp post downtown on Market Street on the day of the Christmas parade. Come and try, knitting is something you can do when watching television.

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## Nominating Committee

Nominating committee is meeting to discuss nominations to fill a position on session starting a 3 year term January 2019. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve “your” church if you are contacted by a committee member. Or if you feel a calling to serve, let a committee member know. During this transition between full time pastors, session looks forward to having Dan Callahan as our shepherd to keep us moving forward. The committee will also be looking for nominees for the 2019 Nominating Committee. Thank you!



Members: Judy Libbey, Mike Moran, Colleen Kelly, Randy Smith & Joy Yacklin

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## Mission Ramp Project Update

The last of the pending technical details have been taken care of by Tim Hetrick of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, and construction of the ramp can now move forward.



Beth Gray and Don LeBeau plan to go to the site again to give it a final looking-over before buying materials. The plan is to build/install the ramp Tuesday, September 4th.

# Session Report - August 2018

Meeting began promptly at 7:00 P.M. with a reading and prayer by Interim Pastor Dan Callahan.

- I. All Elders were present: Lynn Butterworth, Beth Gray, Jenny Greco, Sondra Jenkins, Holly McCully, Charles Stoller, and Joy Yacklin. A quorum verified.
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Treasurer's report – Reminder for team leaders, upcoming 2019 budget preparation. Hope to have approval late November. Per recommendation from Kathy Kettlewell, this year's budget will not result in a "deficit" condition. Ms. Kettlewell is treasurer for Muskingum Valley Presbytery.
- IV. Approval of minutes of June 20, 2018.
- V. Clerk reported Communion was received by 37 July 1, 2018, and 39 August 5, 2018.
- VI. Pastor's report approved. Pastor Dan will be on vacation October 14, 2018.
- VII. Ministry Team Reports:
  - a) Gather as Servants – Mission team met with three members present.
  - b) Guide as Stewards – Will be seeking another person to mow lawn next season. Does the church van get enough usage compared to costs? Insurance \$634.00 annually, license \$55.00 annually. Checking on the increased amount on electric billing for 6-15 to 07-17<sup>th</sup>.
- VIII. Ministry team structure/re-structure. Discussed and tabled until next meeting.
- IX. Accepted with regrets the resignation of Karla Dennis as Youth Director.
- X. Holly McCully and Jenny Greco will attend Presbytery Meeting September 8, 2018, at Muskingum University. Holly will be Commissioner.
- XI. Next Session meeting will be September 19, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in Social Hall.
- XII. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:00 P.M.

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## Change to Church By-Laws

The Session is recommending that Section V (Nominations) of the church's by-laws be revised. The congregation will vote on these changes at the congregational meeting to be held on September 23, 2018, following morning worship. **NOTE: Words to be removed have a strike through and the words to replace or add are in parenthesis.**

### Section V Nominations

- A. There shall be a representative nominating committee chosen in accordance with the Form of Government, i.e., ~~2 elders, 5 members and 2 alternates from the congregation.~~ **(to be replaced with: at least 1 active elder and 3 active members from the congregation.)** The committee shall bring to the congregational meeting ~~in September~~ **(to be replaced with: in the fall)** nominations of one eligible person only for each office to be filled: elders, **(insert and)** Nominating Committee's at-large members ~~and alternates~~. Additional nominations of qualified persons may be made from the floor by any eligible voter, having received consent of the person as to his/her willingness to serve if elected. Vacancies on the session may be filled at a special meeting of the congregation or at an annual meeting as the session may determine.

## Pastor Dan's Availability

Pastor Dan is available for emergencies 24/7 by calling 724-814-1540.

In addition to Sunday mornings he is available on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-4:30.

He is also available, by appointment only, on Monday evenings from 6-8.

It would be best if you called first to make an appointment, as he will not always be in the office, but may be out on visitations.



### September Special Offering and Food Collection

**Food Collection:** Boxed Potatoes

**Special offering:** East Side Ministries



### Session Material Inclusion Deadline

All items to be included for the session packet is due by noon on Friday, September 14th. Please send all information to Pastor Dan at [revd1c@comcast.net](mailto:revd1c@comcast.net).

Thank you!

### Article Deadline

The deadline for articles to be submitted for inclusion in the October edition of the Presby Press is Friday, September 21st. Please try to have all material to the Church office by then.

## September Dates

### September 8

**MVP Stated Meeting:** 10am

### September 14

**Session material inclusion deadline**

### September 16

**Sunday Brunch:** 10:45am

### September 19

**Session Meeting:** 7-9pm

### September 23

**Congregational Meeting:**  
10:30am  
**Sunday School Begins**

### September 28

**Food Distribution:** 8:30am  
@ St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## *“COFFEE with the PASTOR”*

September, 2018

This is my first newsletter article since the session called me as your interim Pastor.

I want, first of all, to say how pleased I am to be at the FPC Minerva, and although I am still learning some names, and learning my way around town, I have already discovered the “comfortable feeling” that often surrounds a small to mid-sized community. Minerva is a unique Village with a great potential for reaching out to others in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I am aware of the socio-economic make-up of the Village, and I am still learning and assessing the resources available in the community and within the church that might enable the church to have an effective ministry to those who are lonely, living in poverty, hungry or just searching for happiness within their life. This is the mission of Christ, to come alongside the lonely, to assist those in need, to feed the hungry, not only with physical food but, most importantly, to also nourish others with the Bread of Life, and to help turn the negatives into positives for Christ. It is my believe that the best approach to this mission is to just love others as God has loved us. To do unto others as we would like to have done to us. To establish relationships of trust, through the display of genuine caring and concern for another’s well-being. This is, of course, not just the task of the church, but of every believer. “The harvest is plentiful,” Jesus said, “but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matt. 9:37-38 NRSV) As we think about Labor Day on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, may we reflect upon the idea that we ( you and I ) just might be the answer to the prayer of many people. Minerva is ripe and now is the time to harvest for Christ’s sake.

I also want to share a little with you about my personal ministry to you. I am available in Minerva Sunday morning for worship, Monday – Wednesday from 9-5, Monday evening (by appointment) and ANYTIME you are in need of pastoral guidance. It would be advantageous to call first to make sure I am in the office, and not out on visitations, or at the hospital, before you just “drop in,” although, if I am in the office, please feel free to do so. I would also like to know if you are contemplating going into the hospital for surgery, or if you are ill, or in need of any kind. I’d like to visit with you prior to any surgery you may need and pray with and for you throughout your recovery time. However, I cannot visit you in the hospital, or pray with or for you, or help you with others concerns, if I am not made aware of them.

Anything you ask me to keep to myself will remain confidential, (I don’t even share confidential information with my wife) and I will only release information that you have given me permission to release. Please call me at the church, or call my personal cell phone number at 724-814-1540. Please do keep in mind that I do make appointments, so if you foresee the need to have need of prayer or help, give me as much notice as you are able to give, and I will do my best to be there for you.

Why is my Newsletter titled: Coffee with the Pastor? Because you are always welcome to come in and chat over a cup of decaf or high test....

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Dan*

*P.S. Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your prayers*

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:00 am Yoga
<b>2</b> 9:30 am Worship	<b>3</b> <b>Labor Day</b> 6:00 pm TOPS	<b>4</b> 7:00 am Bible Study 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Yoga	<b>6</b> 2:00 pm Delay the Disease-Parkinsons Exercise Class	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Yoga 10:00 am Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery
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<b>23</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Congregational Meeting 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm TOPS	<b>25</b> 7:00 am Bible Study 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Yoga	<b>27</b> 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting 2:00 pm Delay the Disease-Parkinsons Exercise Class	<b>28</b> 8:30 am Food Distribution @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Yoga
<b>30</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School						

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