



BAKERSTOWN CONNECTIONS

NOVEMBER 2018

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of BAKERSTOWN

Join us on the Journey!

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Praise Worship Service
10:00 - 10:50 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Choral Worship Service

The Café is open from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Pastor - Paul Becker
Pastor - Jeremy Collins
Director of Christian Education - Sandy Floyd
Church Music Coach - Matt Montgomery
Accompanist - Hyun Joo Park
Youth Ministry Asst. - Lee Haney, Jr.
Business Manager - Sandy Bizon
Financial Assistant - Kelly Ganter
Program Assistant - Leslie Ward
Office Assistant - Linda Smith
Hospitality Coordinator - Brenda Clifford
Housekeeper - Lisa Wood
Custodian - Mike Risk

Pastor Emeritus - Richard A. Morledge

Deadline for Dec./Jan. Newsletter: Nov. 10

A Glimpse at the Calendar

Nov. 4, Annual Congregational Meeting
Nov. 4, Fellowship at Valencia Woods
Nov. 4, 11, 18, Honduras meds collected
Nov. 11, Jeremy Casella coming to FPCB
Nov. 11, TEAM
Nov. 18, Communion
Nov. 18, "Family & Friends Hymn Sing"
at the Arbors Chapel
Nov. 22, 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day
Service
Nov. 25, Jingle Elves Sing at St. Barnabas
Village
Nov. 25 & Dec. 2, Lighthouse Toy
Collection
Dec. 2, WOB Christmas Tea featuring the
Greater Harmony Chorus

*See bulletins, call the church office, or visit
www.fpcb.org for details.*

Dear Friends,

*Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is good, and his faithful
love endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations.
(Psalm 100:4b-5)*

I have two things for you this month: An invitation and a Thanksgiving prayer.

An Invitation: On Sunday, November 11th, the Session invites you to worship at 8:45 or 11 a.m., a 10 a.m. seminar, and a 7 p.m. concert and hymn sing. Christian musician and songwriter Jeremy Casella will be with us that morning and evening to lead us in praise to the Lord. At 10 a.m., he will present a seminar called *Why We Still Need Hymns*. There is a movement among worship leaders that is reviving a return to the singing and composition of hymns that carry biblical truths about the person and character of God. For our church, hymns can be a uniting element of our two different worship services. I hope that you take a cue from your elders and make this day a priority for yourself and for our church family.

A Thanksgiving Prayer:

Lord, as I sit down at a Thanksgiving table once again, I want to thank you for your goodness to me.

Thank you for meeting my needs every day—for food and shelter and clothing, and for the many extras you provide that I so often take for granted.

Thank you for family and friends who make my life complete. Thank you that even when we are miles apart, we are bound by the cords of your love.

Thank you that I live in a country where I am free to worship you and to read your Word.

Most of all, I thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the "light of the world." When I turned to him, he flooded the darkness of my soul with the light of your love.

Thank you that he not only died for my sins, but that he is alive today at your side—hearing my prayers and preparing a home for me in Heaven.

Thank you that Jesus came into this world and took up residence in my life as Savior, Lord, and God.

Thank you for all that you have given me as a Christian: the Holy Spirit who is your presence in my life, the Bible that is a light to my pathway, and Christian friends who encourage and help me with a challenge to live and love my neighbor.

Thank you that I can face tomorrow with hope because Jesus is living for me.

O, Lord, how truly rich I am! Thank you. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Paul

Follow Jesus ... Grow Together ... Make Disciples

No Café or Adult Education on November 4 so all can attend...

The 147th Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 4
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The purpose of the meetings is to:

- Act on the 2018 Nominating Committee recommendations for Session, Deacons, and Auditor.
- Receive the 2019 Ministry Budget.

Please plan to attend.

Advent
A Season of Hope & Expectation

Advent Devotionals
 for all ages will be available
 at the end of the month.

Set aside some time to contemplate the
 real reason for the season!

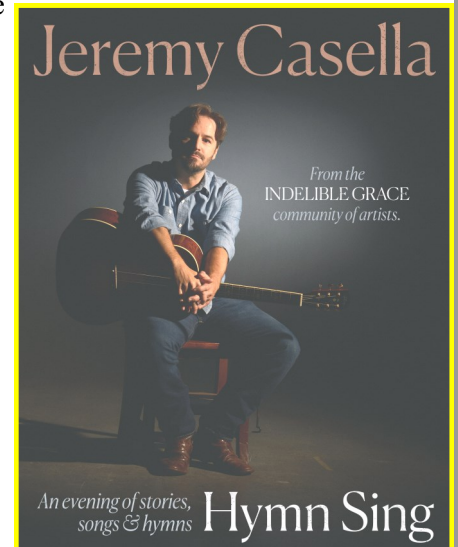
Exciting announcement ...

Jeremy Casella
is coming to FPCB
on November 11

Jeremy Casella is a Nashville-based performing songwriter who writes music that guides people towards a deeper relationship with God. Drawing from scripture and his own life experience, Jeremy has toured throughout the United States and Europe for over 16 years, sharing his songs and stories in churches, colleges and anywhere else people are gathered.

On November 11, Jeremy will be involved in both worship services, lead a seminar between services on "Why We Still Need Hymns" and present a concert at 7:00 p.m. Tell your friends and family!

(Childcare for infants and toddlers if requested in advance.)



Adult Education: 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

November 18 and 25 - "Word-Share-Prayer"

Word-Share-Prayer is a format for a Bible study and reflection in a small group or meeting setting. This downloadable resource from Vital Churches Institute is free and contains 80 suggestions for Bible studies along with handouts to guide each discussion. <http://vitalchurchesinstitute.com/pages/word-share-prayer>.

The texts for this study and reflection are a bit short so that those with limited time can still "be the people of God before doing the work of the people of God." For small group meetings, a longer section of text may be used or just more time spent discussing each segment.

1. Give every person 5-7 minutes to work on it in silence.
2. Spend another 7 minutes or so asking people to briefly share one insight from their paper. If the group is larger than 14, you can have them break into 4's to save time.
3. Ask for one-sentence prayer requests. Spend more time on this if someone in the group is in real distress about something. Otherwise, just a sentence or so per person as we want to lift one another up but haven't the time for more sharing... unless we are willing. Teams are often willing to spend more time in this Bible study portion of the meeting simply because we will work to be more efficient in the rest of the meeting.

Pray for one another out loud by name, giving everyone the complete freedom to pray in silence if they prefer.

In November, we will be learning to use this Bible study and reflection technique. Join us at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Church Family News

Contact the church office with news to share!

Born:

- Cameron Christopher Manderfield, son of Kelly & Christopher Manderfield, grandson of June & Pat Manderfield, on October 18 in Cleveland, OH.
- Jackson Gage Ehrenfried, son of Brandy Lee Gillen, grandson of Susan & Terry Ehrenfried, on October 22.

Baptized on October 28:

- Drake David Yeany, son of Colleen Schmoyer Yeany & David L. Yeany II.

In Memoriam:

- Robert J. Bozzone ... October 12, 2018
- Norma A. Seibert ... October 18, 2018

Our Prayers Go Out To:

- Debbie Lawler and family in the death of her mother-in-law LaVerne Lawler on October 11.
- Joe Krepin and Kim Schaerer in the death of their father Ray Krepin on October 18.

"Pastors and Staff, Thank you for caring during a difficult time of grief. The letters, booklet, and Linda's help all helped. In Christian love, Sally Carlson and Family"

In Our Mailbox

"Our family arrived in 1969 to a new home in Gibsonia and began searching for a new home church, one that preaches and teaches from the Word of God. We are grateful and blessed that we found the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, for it is such a church. Our words fall far short in expressing our sincere thanks for your cards, prayers, and well-wishes. Nancy and Harry Duncan"

Pastoral Care Concerns. Please notify the church office immediately of hospitalizations, illnesses, a death in the family, and so on - we appreciate it!

Please help us keep our records up-to-date. Moving? Changing a phone number or e-mail? Please contact the church office to let us know.

To Publicize Church Events.

- **Newsletters** Please submit articles by the *10th*
- **Bulletins** Please submit announcements by *Tuesday*

**Unified Worship Services**

Services begin at 10:00 a.m.

- December 23 Christmas Sunday
- December 30 New Year's Sunday

It will be a joy to worship together with our entire church family on these occasions! Remember, when there are unified worship services, there are no Sunday School Classes (adult & children) and the Bakerstown Café is not open. Childcare offered up through age 4/Pre-K.

Centering Prayer. Martha Balkey invites the FPCB church family to participate in Centering Prayer, which is held on Sundays from 1-2 p.m. at the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh, 3526 Bakerstown Road, Bakerstown. For more information, call Martha at 724-449-8449.

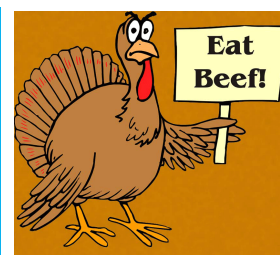
Thanksgiving Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10:00 a.m.

Gather with our church family for a casual 45-minute service of gratitude for blessings; songs; a reflection.



The **Thanksgiving Offering** will be divided three ways: The Lighthouse Foundation, Hosanna Industries, and the Local Needs Fund (Please make checks payable to FPCB, marked Thanksgiving Offering.)





Recent FOR events are making an impact!

When a church is FOR the community & deeply desires to introduce them to the love of their Heavenly Father, they become a community partner in a beautiful way.

Pay it Backwards

Gibsonia Starbucks & Wendy's Drive Throughs

People have been surprised and delighted - and frequently "paid it backwards" themselves - after hearing that their orders were paid for by the car in front of them in line.

On Facebook - "Thank you to the person who paid for my Starbucks this morning in Gibsonia! It was definitely a surprise. I had a really good day because of your act of kindness. I hope you had a good day as well ... I do go there often so I will definitely pay it forward. Thank you again."

Blankets for Veterans with "Fleece Connection"

Blankets were made on two occasions:

- October 23, 6:30 p.m. at Thomas Village (Hosted by Thomas Village Bible Study)
- October 24, 6:30 p.m. at FPCB in Fellowship Hall (Hosted by Middle School Youth Group)

Worship at Valencia Woods

85 Charity Place, Valencia

This is an on-going opportunity, so if you missed the hymn sing on October 25, you can come on November 15 & December 20 at 1:30 p.m. Sing hymns and hear a brief devotional from Pastor Paul. Come meet a friendly new face as we join in worship. Help elderly residents turn pages, and sing along with them. Plan to come early and stay late!

Honduras Medical Supplies - November 4, 11, 18

Medical items may be placed in the donation box in the entry way. (See the list of needed supplies on page 7.) Then come out on Sunday evening, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to work together to consolidate all the meds in order to prepare them for the trip to Honduras.

Get involved! Keep up with what is happening through regular attendance on Sunday mornings and by checking www.fpcb.org.

Join the *Jingle Elves* for a Christmas Carol Sing-Along!

Sunday, November 25 at 3 p.m.

Village of St. Barnabas, Hilltop Hall
(lower level of center building A)
5850 Meridian Road, Gibsonia, PA

Provided: Elf Hats, Jingle Bells,
Song Sheets

Contact: Bev Weston, 724-816-3449



This is equally fun
for the
residents and for
the singers!

Women of Bakerstown

Women of Bakerstown

**Cordially invite you to
share a very special afternoon of
sweet treats and more.**



Sunday, December 2, 2:30 p.m.

Program: Greater Harmony Chapter

All welcome! Invite friends, neighbors and family.

Babysitting provided upon request.

Angel Gifts for Hosanna Industries collected.

Reservations not necessary, but would be appreciated.

The Hosanna Angel Gift list is available for anyone interested in participating. Upon receiving an individual's name or a family, you purchase a gift for that person or family. Return the gifts wrapped and labeled with the name (and ID # tag) to Fellowship Hall by **December 2**. Representatives from Hosanna will be at the Tea to collect the gifts for distribution through their Gift Distribution event. Contacts: Melinda Brown, Linda Smith. See Linda Smith in the church office for the Angel Gifts.

Welcome back, Hyun Joo!

The Chancel Choir is absolutely delighted that Hyun Joo Park has received her Visa and is able to return to the U.S. from Korea! We look forward to her warm personality and phenomenal piano artistry in the near future.

In the meantime, the Bakerstown Chancel Choir invites new singers to join us in singing through the theological works of R.C. Sproul, featuring music by Jeff Lippencott, entitled "Saints of Zion". Before too long, beautiful Christmas music will be rehearsed as well. The choir meets Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Music Room. You are encouraged to speak with Matt Montgomery on Sunday morning or call him at 724-730-0227. Or, just come on Thursday evening!

"Sing to the LORD a new song; Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day." Psalm 96:1-2

Men's Ministry

Monthly Men's Breakfast with Pastor Paul

Next: November 10, 7:45-9:30 a.m.

Attend the **Big C** Men's Fellowship Breakfast, which meets the 2nd Saturday of each month through May 11. Enjoy a fresh-made breakfast, praise & worship, fellowship, and inspiring speakers.

Location: Northway Christian Church, 12121 Perry Hwy, Wexford. No childcare. Email Paul (becker@fpcb.org) with your interest so he can RSVP for the group. Drive directly to the site or meet at FPCB to carpool (leaves at 7:30).

BROKEN NOT DEFEATED

Men's Conference - Saturday, November 17

8:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:30) to 2:45 p.m.

Christ Church at Grove Farm

Broken Not Defeated is a one-day conference for men. Men face many issues personally, in marriage, in families, and in the workplace. Special speakers and worship leaders will create a powerful, inspirational experience. \$42. Continental breakfast, Chick-fil-A lunch provided. **Register at CCGF.ORG/BROKEN.**

"Family & Friends Hymn Sing Open to All!"

November 18 at 2:00 p.m.

The Arbors Chapel at St. Barnabas
85 Charity Place, Valencia, PA 16059

Organized & led by Dick Morledge, Gail Henry, Harry Campbell, Paul Becker, Donn & Amy Ed, Tom Henry, Bill & Joan Ewart, Bill & Vail Jackson, Karen Slusser, Matt Schellhaas



Stephen Ministry

Hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. They say this is the best time of year to give thanks. With all the things we do to prepare for the holiday season, we must remember to be grateful for everything we have and remember where all our blessings come from. The word grateful sounds and looks like the word grace. Sometimes it takes a lot of grace to be grateful. Giving thanks can be difficult. Just saying it may not be hard, but meaning it is another story. Sometimes situations cause resentments and hard feelings. Have you ever had to thank someone or be nice to someone who was not so nice to you? Hard, isn't it? The best thing to do is say a little prayer, swallow your pride, and say thanks. It may be difficult, but see how much better you feel. Soon it becomes second nature. Someone holds the door for you and you say thanks. A stranger picks up a paper you drop and you say thanks. When you say thanks, someone else may say it in turn. Being kind to others is a gracious quality we can use every day. The thankfulness we share will come back to us many times. Our Stephen Ministers are here if you need us. The program is confidential. What is said to a Stephen Minister stays with God, you, and the Stephen Minister. Call Bob Joyce at 412-737-1481 or talk to the pastors.

"Dear Jesus, help me to be more sharing with my thanks so I can help others understand the importance of being thankful."

Your friend in Christ, Pat Eversole

The Bakerstown Praise Band will present a

Coming to Christmas Concert

FOR Our Neighbors

on Thursday, November 29 from 6-8 p.m.
at the Treesdale Community Center,
1 Treesdale Commons, Gibsonia



Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Women's Choice Network

Children's Ministry**Third Grade Bible Presentation: October**

28. The following 3rd graders received their New Adventure Bibles:

- ♦ Abigail L. Laychak
- ♦ Sage C. Mahan
- ♦ Torrin L. O'Leary
- ♦ Kaylee E. Stillwagon
- ♦ Jack W. Williams
- ♦ Lucy R. Wynn

Fellowship at Valencia Woods: Nov. 4,

Feb. 3, March 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Come as a family to serve! Interested in having a good time while putting a smile on someone else's face? Then join us as we visit our friends at **Valencia Woods**, 85 Charity Place in Valencia. We meet at FPCB at 1:30 p.m., then head over to Valencia Woods to party with the residents. Each visit is a new opportunity to enhance the lives of the wonderful people who live there. It is also an opportunity for us to grow in our understanding that we are all part of God's family by reaching out to the community, sharing our faith, and serving others.

TEAM (Teacher Enrichment Appreciation Motivation) Meetings: Nov. 11, Feb. 10, and May 5. 12:30 p.m. Colonial Room.

Your help is needed in Children's Ministry

1. Do you have a heart for our Sunday morning teachers? If so, we need you to visit classrooms following the early service until 11:10 a.m. See if there is anything they need and act on the need.

2. Do you enjoy spending time with some of our younger children and sharing Bible stories? We have a need for teachers, Age 2 – 4/Pre-K. Time to serve: 9:50 – 11:00 a.m. four times/quarter. Curriculum provided. Contact: Gerri Shoup or Sandy Floyd, floyd@fpcb.org.

2018 Fall Quarter Lessons

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Age 2 - Grade 5

**UNIT 27: JESUS THE RISEN KING**

Big Picture Question: What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

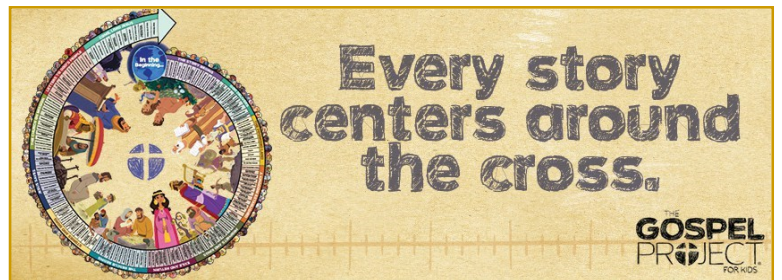
One of the activities during Specials at both services is Missions.

This is a time to talk about why we serve others and do a project, too! Some of our mission projects include: decorating lunch bags for Meals on Wheels; making cards for shut-ins; organizing classroom supplies; collecting stickers for children in Honduras; preparing a gift for Valencia Wood residents; and preparing fruit baskets and Thanksgiving Dinner boxes for Lighthouse Foodbank families.

During the month of November we will be making Fruit Baskets/ Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes for the Lighthouse Foodbank.

- Age 2 – 4/Pre-K are asked to bring in fruit for the Fruit Baskets. They prepare the baskets in class.
- Kindergarten – grade 5 are asked to bring in non-perishables items for a Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving Dinner Box will be decorated and a coupon for a turkey will be added to the box dinner. Be looking for information that will be coming home with your child. **These projects will be completed on November 18.**

Gospel Project take home papers. Parents and grandparents, be sure to ask your children/grandchildren what they learned during the 10 a.m. hour every Sunday. Each child receives a weekly Gospel Project take home activity paper during class. After you have reviewed it with your child/grandchild, sign it and have your child return it to class. Each student will have their own folder to keep their papers. *Ask your child how they can earn a special prize.*



Summer's Best Two Weeks (SB2W): June 13-21, 2019

Registrations are due now!

Go to <http://sb2w.org/> to register today!

Save the dates! We start recruiting in early 2019. The number of Crew Leaders serving determines how many children can attend.

Summer Blast 2019

Age 4 - Grade 5, July 8-12, 2019 . . . Summer Blast Sunday, July 14, 2019

Youth that have completed 6th grade and adults are encouraged to serve at Summer Blast Camp

Needed: Crew leader ... Station leader ... Kitchen crew ... Childcare ... PowerPoint ... Registration ... Behind the scenes ... Decorating

Contact: Sandy Floyd, 724-443-1555, floyd@fpcb.org.

Honduras Hope Mission**Honduras Hope Mission Team**

**(Collection Dates for Medical Items:
November 4, 11 & 18)**

The Honduras Hope Mission Team needs the help of the congregation as we prepare for our February 2-10, 2019 Mission Trip. Items may be placed in the donation box at the church entrance on the following Sundays: November 4, 11 & 18. During the week, they can be dropped off in the office.

Needed: Acetaminophen (Tylenol or any brand); Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil, etc.); Calcium supplements; 81 mg. Aspirin; Benadryl (adult or children); Antacid tablets of any kind; Prenatal vitamins; Iron supplements; Antibiotic creams (such as Neosporin); Antifungal creams (such as Clotrimazole); Hydrocortisone cream; Cough or cold remedies; Soap; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes (individually packaged); Mouthwash (travel size bottles); Dental picks/dental floss; Shampoo; Band-Aids (any and all sizes); Washcloths; Canes (any type & size); Ace wraps (2", 3", or 4" size); Athletic tape (1" or 2" adhesive tape); Wrist supports (especially for right hand); Ankle supports (elastic or cloth supports; no immobilizers or cast boots); Knee supports (no immobilizers).

THEN plan to come to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. and work together to consolidate all the meds and supplies to prepare them for the trip to Honduras!

Contact: Pastor Gary Weston

Your help is greatly appreciated!



Fellowship Opportunities. See bulletins for details.

- ♦ **Water Color Painting.** Meets Mondays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Westminster Room. Marg Brown, Ann Martin.
- ♦ **TOPS.** Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Colonial Room. Lisa Wood.
- ♦ **Flying Solo, a Ministry for Single Women.** Usually meets the 2nd Sunday. Next: November 11. Linda Smith.
- ♦ **Papercrafting.** November 18, 1-4 p.m. Westminster Room. Lori Demas.

Bakerstown Presbyterian Children's Center (BPCC)

Apple Tree Sunday was wonderful!

A big *Thank You* from the BPCC staff and families for your generosity and helping to make this so successful. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and will help enhance the Christian learning experience for those children in our program!

Wendy Sondej, Director
724-443-5330
bpccmail@yahoo.com



Coming up ...

Hosanna Industries

Festival of Trees
November 15 - 17 at Quality Gardens
409 Rt. 228, Valencia, PA

A fun annual event!

For events, times, and details,
call Hosanna Industries at 724-770-0262
or contact Becky Hetzer at rjhetzer@gmail.com

FLEECE CONNECTION

On October 23, some of our volunteers and friends from Thomas Village got together to make blankets for veterans. It was fantastic to work together for a need of someone in our community.

**Lighthouse Toy Collection!**

Collection Dates:
November 25 & December 2



Needed: New Toys for Children: boys and girls, infants to age 16! Please leave UNWRAPPED TOYS in the box in the Narthex.

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10:00 — 10:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 — 12:00 p.m. Choral Worship Service

The Café is open from 9:45-10:45 a.m.



Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

Thanks

Teens -

Great meal on
October 7th!

It was enjoyed by
one and all!



Youth Retreats at Laurelville:

- ♦ Nov. 2 - 4, M.S.
- ♦ Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, H.S.

Teens, Come to Youth Group!

- ♦ H.S. Sundays 6-8 p.m.
- ♦ M.S. Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.

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