



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PRESBY PRESS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

Greg Gillispie will be our next installed pastor

The Presbytery of Lake Erie on April 30 approved the *final step* to approve Greg Gillispie to become this congregation's next installed pastor. Greg has served us part-time on a transitional basis since March 2017. He will continue two-thirds time, commuting from Oil City, until late summer as his sons head to college. His start date for the full-time will be announced, as will the date for the formal installation ceremony by the regional presbytery.

In the Presbyterian system, **transitional** pastors ("temporary supply pastors") are contracted by the local session and approved by the Committee on Ministry for the eight-county presbytery. **Installed** pastors are elected by the congregation, based upon the recommendation of the local pastor nominating committee. That form of pastorate also requires endorsement by the presbytery's COM. Our situation required one additional step. Presbyterian rules recently changed allowing temporary pastors to be candidates for installed positions. However, those PNCs must conduct a full and fair search before nominating someone currently with that congregation, and the full presbytery must also approve it.

We are grateful for God's good timing, and for the faithful and diligent work of the nine-member pastor nominating committee. Those who led our mission-study process and conducted the search process were Sarah Jay, Hannah Stancliff, Doug Roberts, Milly Williams, Michael Hobbs, Dianna Markiewicz, Heather Zimmerman, Brian Johnson and Jan Schulz.



Dear Friends and Family of First,

When I reflect on the 30 ½ years as church secretary, it brings a smile to my face and joy to my heart. It has been a wonderful gift working with all of you. So many fond memories we shared will remain with me always. I appreciate the friendships made and your support over the many years. I have always admired the bonding, caring and love our congregation shows to all.

I may not be sitting at the church office desk, but Alfred and I continue to look forward to the many more years ahead worshipping together with you and Pastor Greg.

May our faith continue to strengthen and our hearts be filled with God's love.

Grace and Peace,
Karen Dore'



The Garden of Edin

The Garden is again partnering with Levi Yoder, a local Amish greenhouse grower. On Saturdays, **May 4 & 11 from 10:00 am - Noon** you will find him under our Picnic Pavilion behind the Church selling a variety of healthy veggie starts (tomato, pepper, broccoli, cabbage), herbs, and beautiful annual flowers on both May mornings. Mother's Day can be celebrated with vegetables, flowers or both!

High School & College Graduates

We would like to list all members and friends of our congregation who have finished high school or a college degree this spring in our church bulletin. Before May 15th, please call the church office or email: office@edinboropresby.org with the information as well as plans for the future.



Take part in this summer's Mission Trip



Each summer congregations across the Presbytery of Lake Erie provide a combined mission trip experience. From June 23 through June 29 our group will be heading to the Kinston, N.C., area to aid in ongoing Hurricane Recovery efforts. Adults and teens ages 14 and up are encouraged to join us. No previous experience required! Just bring a heart and hands willing to serve! Space is limited to 22 participants, and spots are filling up. Sign up now with a \$75 non-refundable deposit. Cost is \$375 per person which includes meals, housing, transportation, and work materials. (Check with your local church for some of those funds.) Please contact Rev. Jamie Fowler ASAP with questions or to register, 814-673-0874 OR fowler676@gmail.com.

From the Pastor

An overlap of multiple new chapters

Change is a constant in the gospel.

The entire Biblical story is the record of journeys from one place to another, from one situation to another. The Hebrew slaves moved from Egypt to an “in between” time in the wilderness to a land flowing with milk and honey. (The Promised Land, in turn, didn’t stay the same for very long at a time.) The prophets’ voices called God’s people to transform – returning to their history while simultaneously acting into a faithful future. Jesus often said “you have heard it said, but I say to you...” Salvation itself changes us from one status to a new one.

We Edinboro-based Presbyterians are in the midst of such transformation. There is such anticipation of the upcoming “transition” from me being your transitional pastor to becoming the installed pastor here. It certainly has seemed like one of those very long in-between times, but I am convinced that God’s timing has become evident. This summer is the better occasion for me to begin full-time work with our members and leaders. I am grateful that the transitional season had its many signs of fruitful and meaningful ministry.

I have said – and will continue to say – that we clergy are ALL ‘interim’ pastors, some of us for a year or two and some maybe a decade or more. Congregations outlast us all. One unique way to consider this reality is the number of pastors who have come and gone during Karen Doré’s tenure managing our church office. Pastors come and go, but Karen has been a wonderful constant for us. As she retires this month, we have much for which to be thankful, even as we enter a new and different future.

I have said – and will continue to say – that there is a special and delightful neighborhood in Heaven which good church secretaries will someday inherit. We’ve truly been blessed by her ministry in our midst. In my relatively brief tenure here, I have relied on Karen’s wisdom, guidance and insight. She ministers to our members in a way that clergy do not and cannot. She handles a multitude of tasks and responsibilities which have fostered good mission. She is a great ambassador for this congregation and for God’s Realm. With a part-time and commuting-in pastor, I personally have counted on Karen’s good work here to enable my ministry.

Her successor will have big shoes to fill, but that chapter will bring its own forms of blessings. In the meantime, we’ll take these next few weeks to give thanks to God for the way Karen has lived her faith through 30+ years in this vital role. I thank her for all that. I also am grateful that Karen and her husband Al will continue to be “in the neighborhood”. Even as she steps back from her weekday work here, they will remain beloved members of First United Presbyterian Church.

Wishing you Jesus’ Peace & Easter Joy!

Greg

**The 10:00 A.M. Summer Worship Service
will begin on Sunday, June 2nd.
We will resume to the 11:00 A.M. service in September.**

Summer Special Music: The Chancel Choir will be taking a well-deserved summer break beginning in June. We are inviting people to volunteer their musical talents on selected Sundays for our worship services. You may call the church office or email office@edinboropresby.org or see the calendar posted in the music room. Thank you!

MEMORIAL DAY VESPERS SERVICE



SUNDAY, 26 MAY 7:00PM
EDINBORO CEMETERY

(rain site: First United Presbyterian Church, 4281 Rte 6N, Edinboro)

Speaker:

The Reverend Ronald Freebourn
Trinity Lutheran Church McKean

Music by:

THE CONCERT BAND OF NORTHWEST PA., MR. JOHN FLEMING, DIRECTOR
POSTING OF THE COLORS
FIRING OF THE GUNS SALUTE

Sponsored by:

The Edinboro Churches
The Concert Band of Northwest PA
Edinboro-McKean V.F.W. POST #740
Edinboro American Legion POST #439

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## **Birthdays in May...**

James Rummel-1  
Michael Walker-2  
Jason Lebair-2  
Duffy Schruers-3  
Gail Dylewski-3  
Scarlett Rummel-5  
Lenny Averitt - 8  
Josh Troutman-10  
Craig Mehlenbacher-11  
J. R. Rummel-12  
Dorothy Iovino-12  
Alice Carnes-13  
Art Crawford-16  
Emily Markiewicz-16  
Wendy Ward-16  
Chad Walker-19  
Aidan Shuman-24  
Dan Walker-26

Sue Walker-26  
Greg Will-26  
Jamie Roberts-28  
Anthony Honeycutt, (1) – 30  
Kelsey Ward-31  
Tom Hover-31



## **Anniversaries in May...**

Brian & Carol Johnson-3  
Randy & Debbie Mehlenbacher-7  
Art & Harriet Smaltz – 8  
Dean & Tracy Johnson-16  
Matt & Lauren Falco-17  
Dale & Sue Johnson-18  
John & Gena Shirley-19  
Abbey & Lenny Averitt - 21  
Buzz & Mary Walker-28  
Dan & Hannah Crosby-28



**Becky Aiken**

**Isabelle Anderson**

(Friend of Wanita Kennedy)

**Bev Andrews**

(Friend of Marilee)

**Cheryl Andrews**

**Judy Baer**

(Daughter of Art & Harriet  
Smaltz)

**Shari Bufalino**

**Diane Beusch**

(Sister In-law of Sue Payne)

**Taylor Bowen**

(Friend of Gail Dylewski)

**Tammy Bower**

(Co-worker of Shari Gould)

**Linda Brice**

**Emma Burkell**

**Sam Cain**

(Friend of Makayla Jay)

**Alice Carnes**

**Carolyn Crawford**

**Karen Culver**

(Sister of Lorraine Hayes)

**Seth Davis**

(Niece's husband of  
Gail & Bob Dylewski)

**Ethan Dietz**

**Everitt Dershem**

**John Duvall**

(Brother-in-law of Wanita  
Kennedy)

**Gail Dylewski**

**Jeanne Edwards**

(Friends of Kraus family)

**Carrie Fiske**

(Niece of Becky Veith)

**Gail Giacomelli**

(Secretary/ Elmwood Ch)

**Joye Gillispie**

**Ruth Hazlett**

(Sister of Sue Payne)

**Becky Hover**

**Randy Hunsberger**

(Friend of Pete Kraus)

**Todd Jay**

**Cindy Jenkins**

(Niece of Sue Walker)

**Dennis & Mary Johnson**

**Betty Jolly**

(Friend of Dorothy Iovino)

**David Kushner**

**John Kutz**

**Betty Lewis**

**Paul Martinson**

**Joanne McDonald**

(friend/neighbor of Cliff & Joni  
Cox)

**Christine McGee**

(Cousin of Doug Roberts)

**Shirley McKay**

**Francy McLallen**

(Friend of Lorraine Hayes)

**Kelcey Meeker**

(Niece of Mike & Becky  
Meeker)

**Bonnie Minel**

(Friend of Marilee)

**James Moyer**

**Julie Osborn**

(Sister of Bob Dylewski)

**Mirana Ormsy**

(Granddaughter of Art &  
Harriet Smaltz)

**Sue Pesta**

(Mother of Sandy Fiscus)

**Nelson & Evelyn Porter**

(Friends of Ed & Sue Payne)

**Pat Ptasick**

(Friend of Marilee)

**Sue Ralph**

(Friend of Marilee)

**Jenny Rene**

(Friend of Lorraine Hayes)

**David Roberts**

**Eileen Roberts**

(Mother of Doug)

**Michelle Ruland**

(Friend of Sue Walker)

**Sue Schweichler**

(Friend of Pauline Kraus)

**Brooklyn Shambaugh &**

**family** (daughter of high school  
friend of Dianna Markiewicz)

**Katie Staynoff**

**Karen Teed**

**Perry Thomas**

**Dan Walker**

**Ian Welden**

(Nephew of Pete Kraus)

**Phyllis Welden**

(Sister of Pete Kraus)

**Art Williams**

**Joyce Woods**

**Jim & Carol Zeart**

(Brother-in-law of Jan)

**Our military & their families:**

**Brent Carlson** (nephew of Jan)

**Jheri Davis** (US Air Force

Whiteman, AFB Missouri)

Each monthly newsletter we list family members & friends who have been asked to be included in our prayers. On a rotation system we list the same names in our Sunday bulletins. When a person has been on the list for more than year, we remove that name, unless we are asked to have prayers continued. Please help update this list when new or renewed concerns arise as God answers our prayers.



## “CALLING ALL COMFORT FOOD MAKERS!”

"When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." (Matt. 14.15-16) If you would like to provide a cooked meal for someone in a "deserted place," please let us know. We would also appreciate if you could help us identify individuals who may benefit due to a birth, death in the family, illness, injury, or other reason. Please contact the church office.

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If you have news you would like to share with your friends at church, call the office at 734-3511 or email message to: [office@edinboropresby.org](mailto:office@edinboropresby.org)

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**...please call the church office (734-3511) if you would like to have flowers in the sanctuary on a certain Sunday in honor or in memory of someone, or in celebration of a special occasion. *Thank you to Thelma Pascaran for sharing her beautiful home-grown orchids with us each Sunday!*

## Photos, photos, photos

### Help us tell our story visually

We need some of the photos you take of First Presbyterian's activities and projects. We can share these in our promotion to members and friends, and add a visual zest to our efforts to reach out to others. Please e-mail your church-related photos to Karen Doré.

Do you use **Facebook** on a regular basis? If so, please "like" the EdinboroPresby page, so that we can increase our online outreach.

**Church Keys:** If you have keys to the outside &/or inside doors to the church we ask that you to please return them to Karen in the church office if no longer needed. Thank you!

## RECORDED DVD'S OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Please contact the church office if you would like a recorded DVD of all or a certain church worship service. The Deacons will be happy to deliver to your home! Copies are available in the church office if you'd like to pick up a copy. Please complete the sign-out sheet posted in the office.

## GRIEF-SHARE: Workshops, personal guidance, and a support group

Anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend can find help and encouragement from a program and support group which meets weekly in Edinboro. The national "Grief-Share" process has a network of 12,000+ congregations. Meetings are led by individuals who have experienced their own personal grief, as well as using video seminars, gently encouraging conversation, and an individualized workbook. The local gatherings happen Mondays at noon and Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Visit with Pastor Greg Gillispie to find out more, or directly contact group leaders Carrie Piccinini or Roger Scarlett at (814) 734-1907.

## Share a ride to church events

Some people may need a ride to worship, once in a while or on a more frequent basis. This could include our members and friends with mobility limitations, those who no longer drive, or perhaps even college students who are in Edinboro without a car. If you can offer a ride (occasionally or more often), please let the pastor or one of the deacons know. If you would like to carpool here on Sunday mornings or for another event, please do let us know.

**Initial "Per capita" gift:** At the start of each year, the leaders of this congregation encourage members to make a one-time gift to support the work of the wider church. This contribution can equal the "per capita" amount which provides our annual support of regional, national and worldwide mission. **The requested amount for 2019 is \$31.50 per member.** That is the amount which provides leadership training, our Ghana partnership, youth events, support for pastors and for congregations in transition and much more ministry. If you would like to participate, please mark your check or envelop with "initial gift" or "per capita."

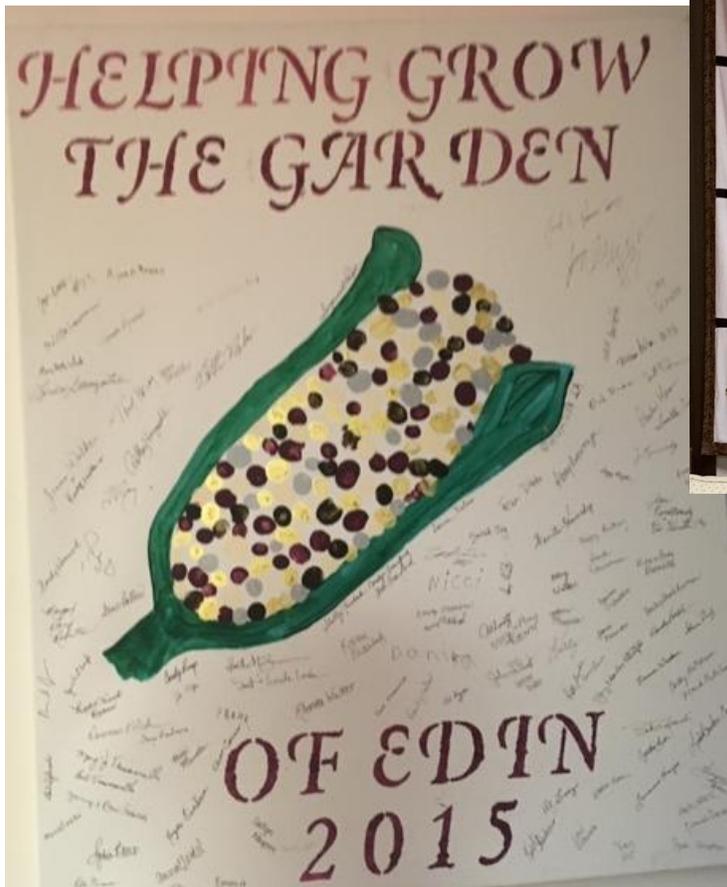


*“Thank you to Talon Frick and Abby Walker for sharing the various pictures taken in our church!”  
Great photography!*

Going back several years, the Youth Room wall was painted with its inspirational theme by our Sunday school Teachers and students.

The Wall hanging in the Youth Room is enjoyed by all for its craftsmanship and creativity!

We look forward to our “Garden of Edin” Mission Project flourishing again this year!





Our window painting in the narthex brings joyfulness to all who enter !

Be sure to watch for exciting updates in the Mission Hallway!

The beautiful nativity scene is displayed all year round as God's love is with us always!





**Summer outdoor ministry brings great spiritual value — and great fun**  
 Summer 2019 registration is now open for the Summer 2019 camping season. Young people can attend a week at the Music Camp, Mission Camp, or “Wet and Wild.” Three Family Camps are scheduled in which children, teens, parents and grandparents can share a cabin and share the experience. There truly is something for everyone.

Visit the website at [CampLambec.net](http://CampLambec.net). You will see photos, descriptions, schedules and the registration forms.

**Summer camp and other outdoor experiences have consistently across the decades been described by a majority of adult Presbyterians surveyed as the #1 spiritual-awareness experience of their lives. Consider exploring this opportunity for yourself and your household. Anyone wanting to support others who would go to summer Christian camps can contribute through their local congregation.**



Dates have been set for the **Community-wide Vacation Bible School** we share with several other congregations in Edinboro. Please include **July 15 - 19** on all of your calendars. This is a wonderful service to children and families inside and beyond the church. You can help by inviting friends and neighbors, as well as volunteering for one or more days. More details will be on the way.

**Pastor:** Rev. Greg Gillispie

**Music Director:** Mr. Mark Brice

**Accompanist:** Mrs. Gena Shirley

**Bell Choir Director:** Mr. Randy Mehlenbacher

**Financial Secretary:** Mrs. Sue Walker

**Secretary:** Mrs. Karen Dore'

**Treasurer:** Mr. Tom Hover

**Custodian:** Mr. Art Crawford

**Sunday Worship Service:** 11AM

**(June, July, Aug. Summer Worship Services: 10:00AM)**

**Sunday School:** Sunday mornings, 11:15AM  
 (No classes held in June, July, Aug.)

**Bell Practice:** Mon. at 7:30PM  
 (No practices in June, July, Aug.)

**Choir Practice:** Wed. 7:30PM & Sun. 10:15AM  
 (No Wed. practices in June, July, Aug.)

**Church Office Hours:** Mon.-Thurs., 9AM – 3PM  
 (June, July, Aug. 9AM-1PM)



### MISSION STATEMENT

First United Presbyterian Church of Edinboro, Pennsylvania

*As children of God, we worship to renew our faith through the Word, prayer, music, and fellowship.*

*As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors with compassion, offering hope and healing.*

*As heirs of the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all with love to enjoy God's grace.*

The Presbytery of Lake Erie funded the purchase of seven **new motorbikes** for the Upper Northern Presbytery (UNP) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana. The motorbikes were presented by the Rev. Vincent Dagadu, Moderator of the UNP, to the following Districts for the use of the Pastors and Church Agents in reaching out to members of their congregations and communities. April 2019



**Bimbila, Bolagatanga, Saboba, Wapuli, WA, and Yendi Districts**