



# Newsletter Update

## May/June 2023

### FUPC Welcomes Interim Pastor - Rev. Jim McCormack



Pastor Jim, as most call him, is the husband of Jule (married 55 years) and father of two daughters (Jennifer and Janelle, grandfather of three (Chelsey, Brianna, and Jamie, aka Lloyd), and currently tries to keep up with a very lively Sheltie named Zoom.

He was educated at Penn State (Bachelor of Arts), Princeton Seminary (Master of Divinity.), and Columbia Seminary (Doctor of Ministry). An intern year in Syracuse, N.Y., and a post graduate Fellowship in Tübingen, Germany, significantly broadened and enriched his world view.

Jim started a Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Erie, PA, a CROP Walk, and was very involved in Koinonia and Kairos (spiritual renewal events for those “on the street” and those “behind bars”).

He volunteered as well with Living Waters for the World in the Dominican Republic, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, International Leadership Academy in Belarus, plus work camps and mission trips which took him to many places in the U.S.A., Hungary, and South Korea.

Pastor Jim pastored three Presbyterian USA churches, one in New Castle, PA (Shenango) and two in Erie, PA (Westminster and Church of the Cross) during his 37 years of ministry.

He spends the winter months in The Villages, FL, enjoys reading, golf, and time with family and friends.

As a part-time interim (20 hours a week) he will lead in worship and attend to pastoral concerns as needed. He welcomes the opportunity to be in this role, having attended Edinboro UP shortly after retiring in 2009. \*

\*(Taken from his new book, Parson to Person: 17 Years of Letters to my Church Family)

Pastor Jim will begin preaching at Edinboro FUPC on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Please join us for **FIRST WEDNESDAY, May 3rd...**

Supper and fellowship begin at 6pm. Ministry Teams meet from 6:30 – 7:30pm. The First Wednesday Suppers and Team Meetings are open to everyone. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome. Any of these teams could use your help to do the work of the congregation. Please consider where your talents could fit into the life of the church. Teams include: Fellowship, Children & Youth Ministry, Business/Finance Team, Stewardship, Worship, Mission, Facilities, Personnel, Technology/Social Media.

## Help us celebrate the **Class of 2023**



Help us to celebrate the accomplishments of the college and high school graduates connected to this congregation. If you or someone in your household will be graduating this spring, please be sure that we have all the names and details. Call or e-mail the church office, so that we know any special honors and future plans. Those will be published soon and honored in a Sunday worship service.

FUPC's Witherspoon Scholarship provides **\$\$\$** assistance for further education.

Thanks to a gift made by an FUPC member decades ago, this congregation is able to offer a small scholarship to members who are pursuing higher education. Anyone who is attending a post-high school program can apply for the Witherspoon Scholarships. Although these often are awarded to incoming first-year students, you also may apply for any year of school heading toward a bachelor's or master's degree, vocational certificate, seminary or other eligible schooling.

Each person may receive these funds one time only, so if you have not been given a Witherspoon Scholarship in a previous year, consider applying for 2023-2024. The **application deadline is May 15th** this year. If you know of a college student or a college-bound student who might be interested, please encourage them to get the simple application from the church office soon.

**May Mission of the Month: Fill the Backpacks**

**June Mission of the Month: Lake Erie Presbytery**

*Attention Church Members*

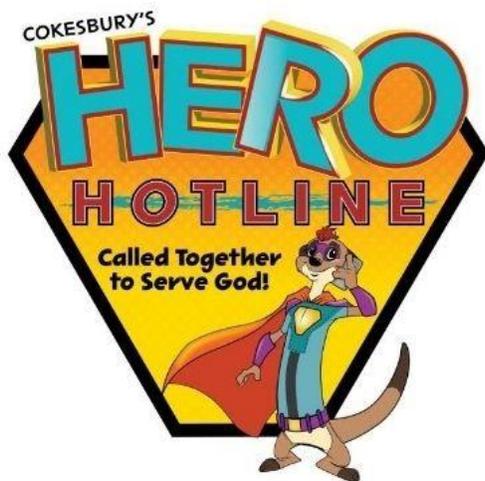
Are you interested in being considered for serving on the **Pastor Nominating Committee**? If so, please speak to Sue Payne, or call her at 814-720-9562, or Jan Zeart @ 814-881-2285, or drop a note in the offering plate.



FUPC is looking for a **VOLUNTEER** to help mow the church lawn this summer. Anyone interested please contact the church office at 814-734-3511, or speak with Art Crawford.

**June 4 – September 3, 2023 – Sunday Summer Worship @ 10 am**

**11 am worship resumes on September 10<sup>th</sup>.**



**Edinboro Area  
Vacation Bible School**

**July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Our Lady of the Lake - 128 Sunset Drive*

<https://hero-hotline-edinboro-vbs-2023.cheddarup.com/>

Questions – email: [edinborovbs@gmail.com](mailto:edinborovbs@gmail.com)

## **SENIOR AND CARE GIVER SEMINAR**

**The First Presbyterian Church of Edinboro is hosting a Three-Part Seminar on  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023.**

### **THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ALL**

This is in response to concerns we have received and is open to ALL AGES. You are welcome to attend one segment or all three as you feel the need. Those who will be heading each of these segments are professionals from our area and they have offered their services to help anyone who has questions or concerns as indicated below. This seminar is for Seniors as well as those who assist anyone attempting to find answers for an elderly person.

#### **12:00 – 1:00 pm:**

James Erdman – Bereavement Councilor Coordinator

Cathy Mackenzie – Volunteer Coordinator Great Lakes Hospice

James and Cathy will discuss services available to help with: Depression, Anxiety or Grief after the loss of a loved one and will answer questions.

#### **1:30 – 2:45 pm:**

Melissa Porter – VP Sales and Marketing Wesbury United Methodist Retirement Community

Melissa will discuss Retirement, Short- & Long-Term Care, and Home Health Care.

Kayla Daily – Health Insurance Agent

Kayla will discuss and offer answers to your questions on Medicare and Health Care.

Kristie Matheis – Director of Constituent Services, Congressman Mike Kelly's office.

Kristie will be available for Personal Problem-Solving Assistance following a 10-minute informational talk.

#### **3:15 – 4:15 pm:**

Kenzie Ryback - Associate at Knox Law Firm

Kenzie will discuss and offer answers to your questions on Legal Forms, Wills, and Power of Attorney.

**Snacks will be offered in the Fellowship Hall during the breaks.**



# SAVE THE DATE!

Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery  
Spring Gathering - Saturday May 20th  
10:00 am - 1:30 pm (registration starts at 9:00)  
Irvine Presbyterian Church

## “The Power of One – You!”

*“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” Luke 1:45*

Keynote speaker - Historian Joanne Oviatt will give a first-person historian account in the form of Aunt Emily and will relate the Sarah Duncan Irvine story revealing her “power of one” example. Sarah longed for a Church in this remote area inspiring her husband to build the Irvine Church known as “the Church that LOVE built.”



Irvine Presbyterian Church



Irvine Church Outdoor Chapel

In addition to hearing the very interesting history of Irvine church, you may enjoy the following highlights during the gathering: a continental breakfast starting at 9:00 am, Presbyterian women's business meeting, singing beautiful hymns, prayer, fellowship with women from all over our presbytery, a delicious lunch served by the PW of Irvine and a visit to the Wilder Museum which is only a few blocks away. (You are welcome to drive or walk to the museum after lunch.) The Wilder Museum of Warren County History houses thousands of artifacts in 17 exhibit rooms including the Irvine/Newbold exhibition, Seneca Nation, Oil, Lumber, Victorian Era, Military, History, Medicine, Agriculture, Railroad, Furniture, National Forge, and much more! It is a true gem for history lovers!

\*\*\*\*\* **You will not want to miss this outstanding program!!** \*\*\*\*\*

Come enjoy a day of history and uplifting conversation on the “power of one”. Hear about women listening to God’s call and how what one person does can add up to so much more.

To support mission work - The Irvine Church is asking all women that attend to bring non-perishable items for the Youngsville Ministerial Assoc. Foodbank. Reservations may be made to Peggy Teconchuk 814-779-8582 or Linda Gutknecht 814-730-2283 or [gmacoco@atlanticbb.net](mailto:gmacoco@atlanticbb.net) or [loulou061651@gmail.com](mailto:loulou061651@gmail.com) **Hope to see you there!**



## 2023 Camp Lambec Summer Camps

June 18-23	Mission Disciple Week
June 25-30	Wet-n-Wild Wet-n-Wilder
July 2-7	Sports & Adventure
July 9-14	Music Camp
July 16-21	Family Camp A Highlands Family Camp
July 23-28	Family Camp B
July 30 — August 4	Family Camp C

### Our Mission

**A Place Apart to explore God's love!**

### Our Core Values

**Wonder:** An Invitation to encounter and be transformed by the majesty of God in creation, worship, and each other.

**Expansive Community:** Discovering a new community where all are loved as Christ has loved us.

**Compassion:** To be touched and moved to action by the needs of others.

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<https://camplambec.com/>



## July 10 – 12, 2023 SYNOD OF THE TRINITY PW GATHERING

### 'DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE'

Make plans to join us now!

Come to this lovely venue where you can make new friends and visit with old friends to share new ideas, learn Bible study hints, sing praises, relax with meditation and yoga, visit displays, eat and walk around the hotel's extensive grounds. Be sure to make time for a trip to The Penn State Berkey Creamery before you go home.

Free drawing for all attendees:

One year subscription to the PW Horizons Magazine

Silent Auction Baskets

Proceeds will support the 2023 Mission Project - Welcome Home SIS.

## Registration Deadline is May 31, 2023

For more information and registration contact:

- Registrar Alcinda James at [alcindaj@netzero.net](mailto:alcindaj@netzero.net)
- PW Synod of the Trinity web page at <https://www.syntrinity.org/synod-pw/>
- Or, your Presbytery PW Moderator

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**THE PENN STATER HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**

215 Innovation Blvd

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<https://thepennstaterhotel.psu.edu/>

# His Power

By Diane Head

When we consider creation, we can't help but wonder about the omnipotence of the God who brought it into being. All we see and know of his creation was called into existence by his word. He created substance from nothing.

Our God hasn't changed. The God of creation is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His power hasn't diminished.

It blesses my heart to know I belong to a God such as this! But because I am human...and busy...and have a mind occupied with four dozen other things at any given moment – I forget about his power.

I forget what he can do for *me*. I forget he has the power to change those areas in my life that desperately need his touch.

Sometimes I think my life is like cleaning a linen closet – constantly in need of cleaning, discarding, rearranging, and straightening.

There are always a few undesirables that need to be discarded – gossip, yelling, gluttony, complaining, bitterness, fretting, jealousy, worry, pride, uncommitted struggles, impatience – all jammed way back in the corners (*shudder*).

Unfortunately, linen closets never straighten or clean themselves. Likewise, we can't – *by our own power* – change our lives. To bring about a permanent change of heart we need more power than our tired, human selves can muster.

When we open the door and allow God's life-changing power to enter in...step by step, moment by moment...he begins a good work in us. Deadwood is cut out. Discipline is applied. Priorities rearranged. In some areas he works quickly. In others, painfully slow. But his timing is perfect.

Let's swing wide open those "closet doors" to our hearts and let *El-Shaddai* exert his resurrection power, tenderly cleaning and straightening our lives.

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