

FOOTHILLS

Worship Center

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STARTING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



FIRST

9:00AM

Worship

On September 21st Pastor Brad will start offering TWO WORSHIP TIMES!

The 10am traditional service will continue without any format changes!

The new 9am service called **“First Worship”** will be more contemporary in style as we will be singing the CCLI top 15 most popular songs in USA. It is a 45-minute service with a similar shorter message as 10am service. **Come check it out and bring others! We look forward to seeing you, Sun!**

Where Does it All Go?

In the last newsletter, we told you about our two spending accounts. It was said, in the next newsletter we would explain what the two spending accounts are specifically used for. So, here we are & just to recap, we have a General Account & a Trustee's Account. I will breakdown what the Trustee's Account is used for next time & focus on the General Account this time which is where all our monthly expenses get paid out of & where all our fundraising money, your tithing & the "rent" money we receive from Greater Grace, Office for the Aging, & Head Start is deposited. One of the largest expenses of course are the salaries for each of our four employees, Pastor Brad, Lynné the Office Manager, Malcolm the Choir Director & Lisa our Custodian. Each month we pay for health insurance for Pastor Brad (& Lynné as his wife). In addition, we have to pay employee insurance costs such as Unemployment, Workman's Compensation & NYS Disability. National Grid, Spectrum internet (both at church & the parsonage), County Waste garbage pickup, Century Linen for the floor mats, Derby/Canon for our office printer/copier, the FWC website, business email fees, as well as our music CCLI license & WENT Faith Breaks to advertise must be paid. In addition to our monthly expenses, we also have the water & sewer charges, Upper Room devotional resource & special holiday advertisement in the Leader Herold. Speaking of holidays, ice melt, snow plowing & snow removal are big expenses in the winter months. The list goes on. There are cleaning supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels & soap that all come out of the General Account too. On Sunday mornings when we are sitting in church enjoying the announcements & the slides Pastor Brad uses to illustrate his sermon, (Continued below)

A close-up photograph of a church altar. The altar is made of light-colored wood and has three red candles in the center. A white rectangular text box is overlaid on the altar, containing the text: "We pray for the safety of all kids, and their ability to learn & grow."

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(Continued) well, that computer program that runs our worship services costs money as well. Not to mention the computer & antivirus programs that we need to keep the office going, like Word, Excel & PowerPoint. We pay total about \$15,000 monthly for these bills.

There are a couple bills that are paid for by members. For example, Linda Flint has paid for one of our insurances for years as part of her contributions to the church. Lynné Chesebro pays the phone bill including the security camera monitoring system, monthly, & Tim Johnson never submits receipts for gas money when he mows the lawns (parsonage included) or uses the tractor as a snowplow. This saves us money. So, here's an idea; if you've ever thought about how you might be able to help the church, perhaps you may consider "Adopting a Bill". I know we all have financial obligations as it is, but think about it & if you have questions about any of this or would like to contribute to a specific expense, see Joni Dennie our Treasurer or ask Lynné in the office.



From The Food Pantry



The church's largest mission, is the Food Pantry. We are open Monday thru Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm, serving approximately 500 individuals per month, from Fulton County. Our numbers have grown exponentially and they continue to rise as we serve new families daily. Due to the high demand, our needs have also increased. Any form of donations would be greatly appreciated, including food, gift cards (Aldi's, Dollar Store, Walmart), or monetary. There is a list of commonly used food on the door to the food pantry with a crate below to leave the food. We are also always in search for more volunteers, particularly someone with basic computer knowledge. We will train you to learn our simple computer program.

Twice a month, on Fridays, we stock our shelves with food, often paid for through limited grant money. Help is always needed to pick up the order in Gloversville and deliver it to the church. All-in-all it takes between 1-2 hours of your day. Anyone with a truck or that is feeling strong, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. We would gladly welcome anyone who has three hours, once a week to volunteer their time working in the pantry and becoming part of this very satisfying and rewarding experience. If interested, please contact Janet Findlay or Linda String.

Missions Moments

Many thanks to all who made Teddy Bear Sweaters this summer. We now have 70 to send to the Double H Camp, in Lake Luzerne. August was supposed to be hats and mittens month but you all were enjoying making the sweaters so much, it rolled over into August.

You can always mix it up and work both of these projects or any of the missions really...whatever keeps your hands busy. We just feature a mission each month. There is no rule on what or when we accept your gifts.

We have so much yarn in the Missions room, should you need it. Please help yourself but keep it tidy as there have been many hours spent to organize the bins.

We will be working on a few different missions in September. One will be continuing to support our Penelope Pairs mission, So, if



you haven't already, please bring in your used eyeglasses to send to the organization, **They Will See God.** They send the donated glasses to people in third world countries who cannot afford them on their own. Just think, someone will be able to see his/her loved one in focus because of your gift.

Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we will be making supplies for the Comfort Bags at the oncology centers we mentioned in the last newsletter. Two knitting and crocheting items will be included in each bag, fingerless mittens and a hat.

In September and October, we will also be making Izzy and Baby dolls for our Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Please see our Mission Board in the hall by the lounge for patterns or ask Cindy VanAllen.



New Learn to Knit or Crochet Class
will begin on Monday, September 15th from 10 – 12pm.

Bring your own needles and yarn or if you need them, we have some to share.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for September and October



Terry Sweet	9/04	Jayne & Bruce Erhardt	9/9
Chris & Deb Johnson	9/11	Jordon, Pelky	9/16
Linda & Steve String	9/20	Heather Raffas	9/22
Deborah & Jim Hopkins	10/04	Cathy & Jim Catucci	10/20
Tabitha & Jeff Nicosia	10/20	Joni & Calvin Dennie	10/22

Wood, Vera	9/1
Nilsen, Ronald	9/2
Johnson, Deb	9/8
Diefendorf, Sharon	9/15
Harrington, Sandra	9/16
Baxter, Kathleen	9/17
Hopkins, James	9/21
Deweese, Patricia	9/22
Nicosia, Owen	9/22
Bronk, Robert	9/23
Rhodes, Duane	9/30

Speaking of Birthdays! Do You Enjoy Singing?

Beginning September 14th



Will be at 8:30 A.M.

Sacerio, Sandy	10/03
Ernst, Clayton	10/05
Sweet, Terry	10/05
Deweese, Jack	10/06
Falzarine, Barbara	10/07
Austin, Janet	10/10
Warnick, Marylou	10/10
Catucci, Cari	10/13
Landrio, Bernard	10/25
Flint, Linda	10/26
Findlay, Janet	10/28
Simmons, Beverly	10/28
Fassett, Kay	10/30
Thompson, Doris	10/31

Upcoming Events

We have several events coming up in September and October. Starting with a Fall, Sturgess BBQ Fundraiser fast approaching and then the following day our First Friday Feast dinner has returned for Hot Dogs, French Fries, Corn on the Cob and of course DESSERT! Unfortunately, the Car Show that was planned for September 20 has been cancelled due to a conflicting schedule with another car show. At FWC, when we have an event, we want to do it well rather than just throw an event together and hope for the best. I know Carlton Catucci is excited to have a show here at FWC and we are looking forward to having it here too. Now, as so many of you know, Sandy Harrington has planned a leaf peeping bus trip to Old Forge. A few seats remain open so contact the office if you would like to go. We are starting to collect candy for our Indoor Trick or Treating Event. Please keep us in mind when shopping to pick up a bag of wrapped candy for all the ghosts and goblins that will be here. Malcolm is working on offering a concert of some-sort so stay tuned for more information on that! Don't forget you can always check Facebook, and our website for the most recent updates!

- Sept. 4 - Sturgess BBQ 2-6 pm
- Sept. 5 - 1st Friday Feast 4-6 pm
- Sept. 7 - Sunday School Starts
- Sept. 14 - Choir Begins
- Sept 21 - 1st Worship
Contemporary Service 9 am
- Sept. 27 - Leaf Peeping Trip
- Oct. 13 - Closed, Columbus Day
- Oct. 17 - United Women in Faith
Officers Meeting 5 pm
- Oct. 18 - United Women in Faith
Meeting 8:30 -2 pm
- Oct. 26 - Organ Recital TBA
- Oct. 30 - Indoor Trick or Treat