



The Visitor

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The newsletter of the Presbyterian Church of Kane

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Facebook has, for better or worse, entrapped almost all of us in its web.

Baited with features designed by algorithms to ensnare us, we are then enlightened by news, ideas and entertainment - while being poisoned with anger, rumors and lies.

Many of us use Facebook regularly, some only occasionally. But only a few of us understand all the features for protecting our privacy, the intricacies of instant messaging, friending and de-friending, and on and on. It is a complex piece of software!

Join our computer guru Will Keesler on Monday, October 27th at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall. Following up on his program on how to live with an iPhone, Will will walk us through an introduction to Facebook, before we share ice cream and Halloween candy.

Come for the information. Come for the treats. Come for the fun.



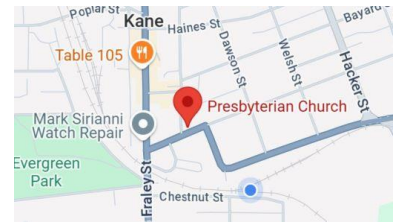
LET THE AIR BE FILLED WITH ...
(EVEN MORE) MUSIC!

BELL CHOIR First rehearsal - Tuesday, October 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR - First rehearsal Wednesday, October 22 @ 6:00 p.m.
First participation in worship – October 26th

How I (We) Got Here ...

Each month a member of our faith community will share their story of how they found their way to the Presbyterian Church of Kane.



A Challenge Worth Remembering

In 1945, shortly after the atomic bombs were dropped and Japan had surrendered to end World War II, a young First Lieutenant Army Nurse was assigned to serve in Tokyo. It led to a life of world travel and humanitarian service. She passed away in 2022, aged 99.

Her name was Carolyn Coulter, better and more affectionately known to many of us as “Peg.” She was a member of our Presbyterian Church and a passionate advocate for mission.

One Sunday she offered a Minute for Mission. Recalling her own mission experience serving with her husband, Dr. “Bill” Counter, in the far reaches of the world, she challenged the congregation to each week share a cup of coffee with those in need.

She did not mean a physical cup of coffee, of course. She suggested, instead, the cost of a cup, \$2.00 at the time.

A small act: two one-dollar bills in the offering plate. The price of a cup of coffee. A small thoughtful act with a multiplying effect.

An act, like Peg, kind and practical.



With a nod to the long-time Kane Republican column

The Bird was a column which appeared in the Kane Republican years ago providing brief snippets of town news. If you have news to share, please let us know!

...Will Keesler is a forester on the ANF. He closes his personal emails with inspirational words: *"In God's wildness lies the hope of the world - the great fresh, unblighted, unredeemed wilderness."* ~ John Muir....Best wishes to Rod Fiscus, our very capable part-time custodian, as he recovers from hand surgery....and thanks to Karen Benson who is stepping in to join Linda Schul to cover for him....Greetings to

Patty Webb who has found a welcome at PCK....The magnificent color of our fall leaves has been beautifully complimented by spectacular mums planted in our church yard, thanks to Lori Fiscus, and Sara and Garen Smith...And thanks to Curt Hartman and his helpers for preparing Fellowship Hall for the waterproofing work...The thanks continue: to Lynda Karger, director of the Chancel Choir, and Betsey Davis, director of the Bell Choir...The music of those two choirs enhances our worship, and enriches the fellowship of those who attend the rehearsals. Doubt it? Join in and find out. All are welcome and they will teach you all you need to know...The Girl Scouts return for another program year. They will meet on Sunday evenings in Fellowship Hall.

Northern Pennsylvania Regional College Continues Use of Fellowship Hall

Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC) continues to hold Homesteading classes in our Fellowship Hall. The successful series of monthly programs is part of an ongoing vision to devote that part of our church building that is not in daily use to advance arts and education programs in Kane. Additional future activities are in the initial planning stages and will be announced shortly.

In the meantime, upcoming NPRC courses include:

October 29, Herbal Remedies and Natural Wellness

November 19, Homemade Cleaning Products

January 28, Budgeting and Bartering for Self-Reliance

February 25, Gardening for Beginners.

Each session is offered as a stand-alone, and there is no need to register for all sessions if you are interested in only one of the topics.

Further information is available at the NPRC website, regionalcollegepa.org, or contact Jody Larson or John Cleland.

The Presby Pedal

A fearless, faithful, and determined group from our church family gathered on a Sunday afternoon in July. Organized by Curt Hartman and with thunder still rumbling in the distance, pro-pedalist Curt led the group down the Knox & Kane Rail Trail with expert cyclist Bill Ryding keeping a watchful eye from the rear.

As the clouds dissipated, the laughter and smiles grew. After a fun filled 5 miles, the group pulled over for a chat and then set off on the return trip back to the high school parking lot. A fall ride to admire the leaves may be in the works! All are welcome to join in, stay tuned!



Fearless Cyclists (left to right): Will Keesler, Curt Hartman, Bill Keesler, Bill Ryding, Carol Sharp

In the Community



October 9th United Church Women meet at 10:00 am at Grace Bible Church. The Kane Area School String Ensemble will be the program. All women are welcome.

October 29th Herbal Remedies and Natural Wellness 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College. Explore the basics of herbal wellness, including how to safely use common herbs to make teas, tinctures, and salves. Learn home remedies for cold and flu season and create a simple healing salve or herbal tea blend to take home.



Kane Area Food Pantry



Please continue to remember the Kane Area Food Pantry. The October distribution date is October 24th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm.

The economic situation is challenging for all of us and especially for those whose income barely meets monthly expenses. As food costs rise, there are more people in need of help. The Food Pantry is always in need of canned proteins such as chicken and tuna. As soon as the Food Pantry provides their specific list of needs for October the information will be shared with you.

Coming in November The Kane Area Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church. Lynda Karger will be forming a community choir to sing an anthem for this service. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this service, or better yet, invite them to come and sing in the community choir!