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Sunday, October 29th ...

BABY SHOWER

for the Mustard Seed



The Deacons will be sponsoring their annual baby shower for the layette project at the Mustard Seed following the worship service on October 29th. For over twenty years, the Mustard Seed has prepared layettes, at no charge, for new moms. Each layette contains new articles of clothing for newborns, lotion, baby soap, wipes, diapers and blankets. Most of the clothing we distribute to our clients is used clothing, but we always put new items in our layettes. It has been a popular project and new moms seem very appreciative of this special gift. The lovely baby items that this church donates help relieve the Mustard Seed of some expenses. Some suggestions for needed items are as follows: warm crib blankets, snap&play outfits, onesies, receiving blankets, and newborn diapers. All donated items are greatly appreciated!

Harriett Northey
Chairman of Layette Project of the Mustard Seed

You can bring your items in at any time -
just drop them off in the church office.

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Sunday Worship

*Church
School*
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.



To the women of First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg:

You have become members of Presbyterian Women. Welcome! To qualify for membership, you must be a woman and attend First Presbyterian Church. We have a board which helps organize our activities. The board meets about four times a year to take care of church and Presbytery business. One of our largest responsibilities in the church is the planning of the seven Lenten Luncheons, which we hold annually.

Our next board meeting is Monday, October 16, at noon in the parlor. You are all welcome to attend. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please talk with Carole Wilburn or Harriett Northey.



Fall Festival

**Sunday,
October 22nd
4 to 6**

The First Presbyterian Church welcomes the community to our Eleventh Annual Fall Festival. The event is free and open to the public. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors and come out for a good time.

Activities will include kids' crafts, games, face painting, free hot dog dinner, s'mores and more.

Fall Vespers Service



**Sunday,
October 1st
5:00**

Hot dogs, fixings, and drinks will be provided.

We ask members of the church to bring a side dish or salad to accompany the meal.

Annual Congregational Meeting



**Sunday,
October 29th
after worship service
to elect new officers**

Wednesday Night Bible Class

Join us on Wednesday nights with Pastor John. We gather at 6 for social time, with a lesson beginning at 6:30. Currently we are studying the book of Mark.



McClelland-Parlor Class
The McClelland/Parlor Class invites you to attend Sunday School Class taught by Wayne Northey on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We spend a little time in fellowship with the lesson starting at 9:45 and continuing until 10:30. Currently we are studying the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

Monday Morning Prayer Group

We invite you to join us at 10:00 to a relaxed and friendly meeting to lift up the prayers and praises of our church and our members, their families and friends, our community, and ourselves.

Presbyterian Women
**will meet on
October 16th.**



Celebrate!
WITH US

Marj Faris Sunday

Sunday, October 15th

Marj will be honored for her many years of service here at the First Presbyterian Church followed by a special reception.

Please join us to share in the joy as this will be a very special day for the church as well as for Marj.

Cards for Marj would be appreciated.

Worship Schedule for October

OCTOBER 1st: 17th Sunday after Pentecost (World Communion Sunday)

SCRIPTURES: Exodus 17:1-7 *Romans 8:18-27

SERMON TITLE: ðVictory Over Sufferingö

THEME: Even in the midst of suffering, a Christian has great reason to hope.

OCTOBER 8th: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURES: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-16 *Romans 8:28-39

SERMON TITLE: ðWhen Bad Things Turn Goodö

THEME: Christians cannot escape suffering, but we know that God has the power and the will and the love to bring good out of the worst things that can happen to us.

OCTOBER 15th: 19th Sunday After Pentecost

SCRIPTURES: Exodus 32:1-14 *Romans 9:1-29

SERMON TITLE: ðGod's Choice Is Youö

THEME: Salvation depends not on our desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

OCTOBER 22th: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURES: Exodus 33:12-23 *Romans 9:30-10:21

SERMON TITLE: ðFaith Comes Through Hearingö

THEME: As disciples we are urged to consider how we came to faith, to tell our story so that others may also come to faith.

OCTOBER 29th: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 *Romans 12:1-8

SERMON TITLE: ðLiving Sacrificesö

THEME: Even though we tend to partition our lives into segments, work, home, kids, worship, God calls us to give our whole lives into his service.

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NURSERY ATTENDANT

Isabella Keller

Activities & Meetings for October

FALL VESPERS ó Sunday, October 1st at 5:00.

DEACONS ó Tuesday, October 10th at 5:30.

MARJ FARIS SUNDAY ó Sunday, October 15th

WORSHIP & MUSIC ó Sunday, October 15th at noon.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ó Sunday, October 15th at noon.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Board Meeting ó Monday, October 16th

PROPERTY COMMITTEE ó Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00

SESSION ó Tuesday, October 17th at 5:30

FALL FESTIVAL ó Sunday, October 22nd from 4-6

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY ó Sunday, October 22nd

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ó Sunday, October 29th

DEACON BABY SHOWER ó Sunday, October 29th

PRAYER GROUP ó Mondays Mornings at 10:00

BIBLE STUDY ó Wednesdays at 6:30

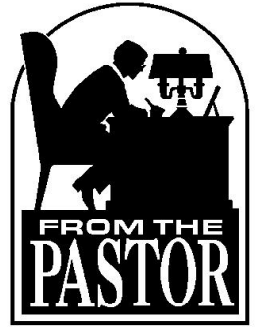


Treasurer's Report

NET CASH FLOW - AUG	2016	2017
INCOME	\$92,333	\$109,071
EXPENSES	\$115,895	\$114,618
NET INCOME	-\$23,562	-\$5,547

Pastor John's Jottings . . .

Sabbath Keeping



Where are we modern Christians on Sabbath Keeping? After all, it is one of the big ten, no, not the sports conference, the commandments! The fourth commandment is: *Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.* (Exodus 20:8-11)

Yes, but we are under grace, not under law. Doesn't that change things?

It does in the sense that we are not earning our salvation by keeping the ten commandments and the other laws of the Old Testament. Nevertheless, the law was given to us as a good gift from God. The law was given to us for our guidance and our help. We seek to live in ways that are pleasing to God as a way of saying thank you for the gift of salvation. We also follow God's laws because they guide us in a way of living that is deeper, fuller, and more joyful.

Yes, but Sunday is the holy day for us, not Saturday. How did that come about anyway?

The early Christian church decided that since Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, that Sunday should be our holy day. The church was also motivated by wanting to give God the first day of the week instead of the last day. Nevertheless, the church has always striven to maintain a special day of the week, in our case Sunday, as a day holy to the Lord. On Sunday we are to take time away from our busy schedules to focus on God. (For those who must work on Sunday such as police officers and doctors/nurses, another day of the week might be selected as holy.)

Yes, but didn't Jesus say that the Sabbath was made for people and not the other way around? So doesn't that mean that Sunday is a day that I can use however I want?

In Mark 2:27 Jesus does say, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." Jesus was not saying that Sabbath keeping was out. He was talking about the abuse of Sabbath rules in such a way that it was life-destroying instead of being life-giving. For example, Jesus saw the pharisees' refusal to allow someone to be healed on the Sabbath as an abuse of God's law. Nevertheless Jesus indicated that we do need a Sabbath day.

So what does sabbath keeping mean and why is it important?

I am so glad you asked! First of all, like every other loving relationship in our lives, our relationship with God requires large amounts of time. If you have a boyfriend or girlfriend who is only willing to give you a couple of stolen seconds here and there, that relationship is already dead. Add to that, God really wants to spend time with us. As amazing as that may seem, God longs to spend quality and quantity time with the likes of you and me!

Secondly, we need a holy day to keep our priorities straight. We all have a limited amount of time and truly we simply can't do everything we would like to do. Nevertheless, we do take time/make time for the things or people we consider really important. There are always exceptions to this rule, but the overall pattern of how we use our time is telling. We may tell ourselves that God is of first priority in our lives, but looking at our calendar may reveal that we literally have no time for God. When that happens, our relationship with God is dying.

Thirdly, the more time we spend with God and with God's people, the easier and more meaningful it gets. Spending time with God means experiencing God's love and nothing is more wonderful than that!

I could go on, but one last point. God gave us a day of rest because we need it. Going full out all the time, burns us out. 100 years ago, people needed rest from the physical labors they engaged in during the week. Now most of us need time out of the busy chaos of our lives. We need time to rest, to reflect, to regroup, and to recenter our lives. Jesus himself set the example for us in going apart to pray often. Bad things happen to us when we don't take time out. As has been wisely said, "Those who refuse to go apart, come apart."

Hope and Confidence,

Pastor John

First Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 ~ 5:30 p.m.

- We are considering changing insurance carriers. David Allman has been doing some research for us and it looks like we might be able to get the same coverage for less money.
- We are still searching for a choir director.
- Renewed agreement for Suzi Heger to list the empty lot we are trying to sell.
- Important upcoming dates:
 - October 1 -World Communion Sunday & Peacemaking offering
- Picnic and Vespers @ 5 pm
 - October 15 -Marj Faris Sunday
 - October 22 - Pastor appreciation day
-Fall Festival 4 to 6 pm
 - October 29 -Congregational meeting to elect officers after church.
-Mustard Seed Baby shower after Church
 - November 12 -Stewardship Dedication Sunday
 - December 3 -Advent workshop
- We will be requesting a trash can from the city to be placed on our green space.
- Granted permission to Andrea Myberg to plant two rose bushes in green space.
- Set date for new officer's training and session retreat for November 4th.
- Designated 25% of our peacemaking offering to go to H.O.P.E.
- We will be handing out free chocolate at the Christmas parade

Pastor's Report:

Hospital Visits: 3 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 9

Baptisms: none **Weddings:** none

Funerals: none

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2017

Month	Request	Completed	Pledged	Disbursed
January	12	10	\$548.77	\$478.77
February	15	13	\$831.77	\$711.77
March	16	14	\$971.99	\$851.99
April	9	6	\$506.59	\$336.59
May	26	26	\$1,441.73	\$1,441.73
June	18	18	\$1,189.80	\$1,189.80
July	8	6	\$468.63	\$338.63
August	24	22	\$1,310.58	\$1,200.58
September	9	6	\$464.00	\$294.00
Total	135	120	\$7,733.14	\$6,853.14

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is running low on resources. This fund goes to local area residents in need, primarily through utility and housing assistance, and continues to be an opportunity for our church to assist local area residents. Please support our efforts in making your pledge.



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- October - 1 Pam Mitchell
- October - 8 Beckie Alvaro
- October - 15 Maria Morrison
- October - 22 Dawn Woodburn
- October - 29 Amy Strange

WORSHIP LEADERS

- October - 1 Harriett Northey
- October - 8 Suzi Heger
- October - 15 Buddy King
- October - 22 Doris Holt
- October - 29 Dick Ogden

DEACON GREETERS

- October - 1 Ginger Delawder
- October - 8 Chad & Ashley Montgomery
- October - 15 Micah & Maria Morrison
- October - 22 Harriett Northey
- October - 29 Janet Wilson

ACOLYTES

- October - 1 Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini
- October - 8 Hannah Burnett and Molly Hughes
- October - 15 Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell
- October - 22 Bradley Burnett and Anthony Corsini
- October - 29 Ashleigh and Hannah Burnett



Reredos Flowers

Dates available:

November 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
and

December 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st



- 1 - Jennifer Wetzel
- 2 - Jackson L. Anderson
- 2 - Patricia Glaser Johnson
- 3 - Donna Smith
- 3 - Karen Nickerson
- 4 - Joshua Weist
- 6 - Joyce King
- 8 - Karoline Colucci
- 8 - Braden Tustin
- 9 - Cameron Mann
- 9 - Sally Ogden
- 10 - Steve Maxwell
- 13 - Sam Weaver
- 13 - Amy Garrett
- 13 - Jeremy Troyer
- 19 - Jeanne Lynch
- 20 - Matthew Strange
- 21 - Jan Williams
- 21 - Sean Langley
- 21 - Judy Kennedy
- 21 - Isabella Rinehart
- 21 - Rebekah Rinehart
- 22 - Kristy Vander Decker
- 22 - Bryanna Moore
- 26 - Brian Tustin
- 28 - Suzi Heger
- 29 - Sandi Nuzum



In Special Care Facilities:

- Roberta Davis
- Marj Faris
- Amy Garrett
- Sara Graham
- Joyce King
- Barbara Morris
- Lois Nelson
- Carrie Waters

*IN OUR THOUGHTS
& PRAYERS...*

- ADKINS, Charles
- GAINER, Hugh
- GAINER, Michael Ann
- KESLER, Lee
- KING, Buddy
- KUHENS, Eric
- MCCAMMON, Kyle
- MORGAN, Misty & Todd
- MORRISON, Barbara
- MUMMERT, George
- NELSON, Lois
- OLDAKER, Kenneth
- OLDAKER, Wilma
- POSEY, Lisa
- PRESTON-TONKIN, Betty
- RECKTENWALD, Wayne
- SHIFFRA, Donna
- SHIFFRA, Everett