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Meeting House News

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Pastor's Corner



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THINK SOUP!!!

EXTENDED MARKET SEASON

The Session recently approved a request by Farmers on the Square Market to extend their season into December. During November & December, Wed. market hours will be 3-6 PM.

Can't make it to church? Listen to weekly sermons and keep abreast of all church events at: www.firstprescarlisle.org



Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

Like many of you, I've been watching a very active storm season in the Caribbean and the southeastern coast of our nation. There has been much devastation and there is still much suffering. Thankfully, all those associated with First Church, either through family or friends, are safe and working to recover their losses.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey the Deacons discussed how they could respond. After much discussion they decided to hold a fundraiser to support the work of Church World Service, an inter-denominational group that responds to disasters not just in this country but throughout the world. Money has been collected throughout the month of September and the Deacons will match all contributions up to \$1,000.

There is additional information in this newsletter about the fundraising project and the gathering that will take place on October 22 following worship to pack these supplies. I invite you to support this work and to stay for lunch that Sunday as we put together hygiene kits and clean-up buckets to be delivered to Church World Service. Every little bit helps!

So often in situations like what we are seeing in Texas, Florida, and parts of the Caribbean, we feel distant and unsure of how to help. Truthfully, I often feel this way in other parts of life and I think you probably do too. These situations are overwhelming and it is hard to know even where to begin.

In these and all situations prayer is the most important response. Pray for the people who are living this as a daily reality. Pray for public officials and volunteers and utility workers who are working to assist those in need. Pray for the federal agencies, non-profits, and churches (such as our own Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) who are coordinating relief efforts.

But don't stop with prayer. The Deacons' fundraiser is only one way you can help. Church World Service and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance also welcome monetary donations. As the situation on the ground is assessed, our own 'Lend-a-Hand' from the Presbytery of Carlisle will be scheduling trips to the affected areas and offering many of us a chance to go and contribute to the healing process first-hand.

There's always a temptation to think we can't make a difference in huge disasters, but that's not what God asks us to do. We are called to be faithful and to make a difference in individual lives and communities. We may not be able to fix everything, but we can make the lives of some people better and ease their suffering.

So I invite you to help in any way that you can. Everyone can pray! Others can pack buckets and kits! Some may even be able to go work first-hand. In each case your contribution is incredibly valuable and God will use it for the greater good! So don't ever think that your gift is too small, God uses them all.

Yours very truly in Christ,
Pastor Tony



Come to Sunday School

Age 3-K	Barb Crum & Lynne Hofferica	"Great Stories of the Bible"
1st thru 5th graders	Bob Davis	"God's Word, My Voice"
Youth (not yet confirmed)	Rita Beck & Debby Madden	"100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation"
Youth (already confirmed)	Team JJ & Jen; Team John & Elizabeth; Team Matt & Megan; Team Joe & Heather	"NOOMA" DVD Series (teen topics)
Adults	Pastor Tony & various adults	"Reformed Questions, Reformed Answers"

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY — OCT. 1st
Worship on October 1 includes the Sacrament of Communion, as well as the receipt of the annual PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering. (Read more below.)



Deacons are continuing to raise funds for their many local missions by selling beautiful note cards and cell phone sticky cleaners. Specific sale dates are Oct. 29, Nov. 19 & Dec. 17 (in Fellowship Hall), but you can obtain them anytime by calling Deb Richcreek.

YOUTH (already confirmed) CLASS LEADERS IN OCT. ARE:

Oct. 1: JJ & Jen Patterson
Oct. 8: Matt & Megan Crum
Oct. 15: JJ & Jen Patterson
Oct. 22: Matt & Megan Crum
Oct. 29: John & Elizabeth Martin

Confirmed teens are invited to view & discuss a "NOOMA" video series on teen topics.



HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion will be served to our shut-in's on the afternoon of October 1st. Deacons, Elders, Pastor Tony and Debby Madden will serve members of our church community who cannot be present in worship. Please keep all in your prayers.

ADULT CLASS LEADERS IN OCTOBER ARE:

Oct. 1: Dick Sommers
Oct. 8: Bill Beck
Oct. 15: Bill Beck
Oct. 22: Pastor Tony
Oct. 29: Pastor Tony

Adults are invited to the Gathering Room to discuss "Reformed Questions, Reformed Answers."

2017 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

"So he came and proclaimed peace to those who were far off and peace to those who were near." (Ephesians 2:17)

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a peace that is universal. While the earthly ministry of Jesus happened in a specific age and place, the peace he shared is limited by neither time nor geography. As followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. It is a demanding call, but it's one that Presbyterians at all levels of the church are seeking to follow.

Giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering is one way we can be faithful to Christ's call to pursue peace at home and around the world. Our gifts will support peace efforts in South Sudan even as interethnic fighting has pushed thousands of South Sudanese people into refugee camps across the border in Uganda. 25% of this offering stays with our church to build up peace in our community; 25% expands our witness throughout the region supporting ministries of peace and reconciliation in Presbyterian mid-councils, and 50% supports the global witness to Christ's peace through the Presbyterian Peacemaking program and the reconciliation work of the Presbyterian World Mission.

Prayer: We pray for courage to join with Christ to work for a world of peace and plenty. AMEN

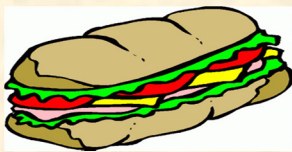


“Bucket Brigade”

After a very successful campaign to raise funds to support those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the Deacons are asking for your help to fill the clean-up buckets and hygiene kits! Volunteers will assemble these items after worship on **October 22**. By that date, Deacons will have used your donations (and their matching \$1,000) to purchase all the materials, and will set up an assembly line for maximum efficiency. Remember that many hands make light work! Hope to see you there!

DEACONS FUNDRAISER — SUB SALE

The Deacons will be taking orders for subs thru Oct. 8th. Subs will be from Southside Deli at the cost of \$6 each. Choices are: ham & cheese, turkey & cheese, or Italian. Subs will be available for pick-up Sunday, Oct. 22, just in time for your lunch before participating in the “Bucket Brigade” event — or to take home to enjoy. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall or you can sign up online. The Parish Life Committee will furnish drinks, chips and desserts.



UPCOMING BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 PM at the church. The **October** selection is The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. This historical fiction novel tells the story of two sisters, just coming of age in France on the eve of WW II, and their struggle to survive and resist the German occupation of France. **On November 9th**, we will discuss two selections, both by Madelyn L'Engle: A Circle of Quiet and A Wrinkle in Time. A Circle of Quiet describes life at the author's family's old country farmhouse and shares observations on nature, writing, and the human community. (*A children's classic*). A Wrinkle in Time is the story of a high-school-aged girl who is transported on an adventure thru time and space with her younger brother and her friend to rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the evil forces that hold him prisoner on another planet. (*A soon-to-be-made Disney film*)

At the **December 7** meeting, we will make book selections for 2018. Please know that you do not need to commit to being a regular member. You may join in as time permits, and are always welcome.

Debby Madden

FINANCE NOTES

(Stewardship & Finance Committee)

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Gen'l Fund	\$ 17,192	\$ 163,422
Invest. Income	\$ —	\$ 10,602
Other	\$ 118	\$ 1,538
Expenses	\$(21,436)	\$(191,404)

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PER CAPITA

Every church is apportioned a share of expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. Based on church members, this is a “regular expense” payable by each church. If able, please help by paying your 2017 individual apportionment of \$25.58 by year's end. Thank you to those who have already paid.

“BOOKS FOR BABIES”

Winter is coming & soon everyone will need a new book to read, either when it is too cold to go outside or a snowstorm is upon us! Books are needed for our *Books for Babies* mission. Why not make room on your bookshelves now for the books you will receive as Christmas gifts? Bring your gently used books to Fellowship Hall and place them under the book table. Also, **BABY HAT KNITTERS ARE NEEDED!**

PRAYER COMMUNITY

The Prayer Community will meet on Sunday, Oct. 15th, after worship. Please send prayer requests to any member of the community, the church office, or staff. You are welcome to join in this ministry of care and prayer. *Debby Madden*



“Space for God” Small-Study Group

“Space for God” will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of October and November to read/discuss Why the Reformation Still Matters, by M. Reeves & T. Chester.

As people of the Reformed Faith celebrate Martin Luther's 500th Anniversary of the 95 Theses in Wittenberg, it is important to remember why we continue to be “Reformed, Always Reforming.” See you there!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women welcome you to “Faith Circle” the 4th Monday of each month, at 2 PM, in Fellowship Hall. They will study Prayer—An Adventure with God by David Healey. This book guides readers on topics such as: Conversing with God; Discovering God's Will; Answered Prayer; Being Honest with God; and Praying with Confidence. If these topics interest you and you can set aside one Monday afternoon per month, we hope you'll give it a try on Sep. 25th!



An article titled “Ten Things Churches Should Stop Saying” was shared by Pastor Tony with the Session and proved to be a good source for discussion. Perhaps you’d also like to ponder these topics and consider positive responses to them:

- ◇ **We are an aging congregation.**
- ◇ **Children are the future of our church.**
- ◇ **People come to our church because of the outstanding music.**
- ◇ **The best thing about our church is the choir.**
- ◇ **People are on fixed incomes. They can’t give any more.**
- ◇ **We need a minister who will attract younger families.**
- ◇ **Why don’t our children/grandchildren go to church?**
- ◇ **I don’t like...**
- ◇ **We can’t do that. People might leave.**
- ◇ **Numbers don’t matter.**

Can you think of more?

Source: <http://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/ten-things-churches-should-stop-saying>



PROJECT SHARE GLEANNING CONTINUES

Apple picking is underway. If you want to help with this gleanning project, meet on Mondays at 5:30 in the lobby of Project SHARE HQs on N. Orange Street.

“TRACING YOUR FAMILY THRU CHURCH RECORDS”

A conference will be held Oct. 20-22 at the nearby Comfort Suites Hotel. Presentations on Oct. 22 include:

12:30 PM: “Gems from Local Church Records” (Jeff Wood, local historian & Prof. of American Studies, Dickinson)

1:00 PM: Panel (David Koch & Charlene Peacock, Presby. Historical Society, Phila; Milton Loyer, Susq. Conf. of the United Methodist Church; and Rev. Marilyn Hubbard, Bethel AME Church, Carlisle)

2:00-4:00 PM: Facilities open for research

A Message from Mission Co-workers John & Gwenda Fletcher, Democratic Republic of the Congo

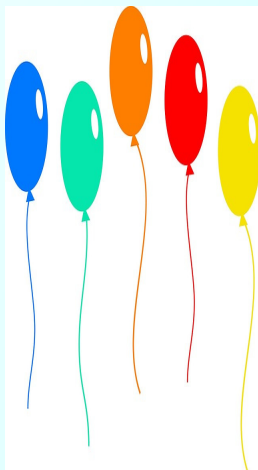
“We thank you for your support of, and prayers for, the PC (USA) Mission Network in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and for us specifically. In light of the current season of instability in the Congo, please consider increasing your support for PC World Mission in the Congo, and please continue to remember the Congo in your prayers. Special prayers are needed for a program that the Presbyterian Community of Congo evangelism department has developed to witness and minister to those child militia/child soldiers who have seen—and in certain cases been participants in—terrible atrocities. We pray that funding for this important program will be found and that these children will be touched by God’s love.”

Blessings in Christ,
John & Gwenda Fletcher

(You may connect directly by email to:
john.fletcher@pcusa.org; or gwenda.fletcher@pcusa.org)

October Birthdays

- 1 David Sheperd
2 Robert Winters
3 Emma Weiser
4 Grace Hofferica
6 Dirk Madison
7 Brian Metzger
9 Jeff Shull
Matthew Wenner
16 Evan Henry
Margaret Negley
Megan Crum
20 Michael Gojoj
21 Katie Thomas
Helen Thompson
23 Laurie Longwell
Brianna Metzger
Carlton Walker
25 Charlie Thompson
26 Bob Read
Janet Sternbergh
Alice Zimmerman



~ ~ Happy Birthday! ~ ~

OCTOBER WORSHIP HELPERS

Readers

Oct. 1: Dennis Rydberg
Oct. 8: Lou Anne Stamey
Oct. 15: Ray Thomas
Oct. 22: Melissa Sheperd
Oct. 29: Dick Darr

Ushers

Oct. 1: Tom & Melissa Sheperd; Terry Shull; Pat Grabey
Oct. 8: Frank & Susan Meehan; Ray Thomas;
Michael Gogoj
Oct. 15: Mike & Lou Anne Stamey; Nancy Augustine;
Lynne Hofferica
Oct. 22: Ryan & Laura Crim; Earlene Heckendorn;
Rick Line
Oct. 29: Vicki McLaughlin; Kathy Romberger;
Barb Allen; Bob Davis

Counters

Oct. 1: Richard & Nancy Tritt; Terry Shull
Oct. 8: Bruce & Trudy Bailey; Mary Jane Blosser
Oct. 15: Ann Gottlieb; Mike Gogoj; Melissa Sheperd
Oct. 22: Dick & Ellen Darr; Lynne Hofferica
Oct. 29: Bruce & Kathy Mulvey; Barb Allen

Fellowship Hosts

Oct. 1: Dick & Sue Hammann
Oct. 8: Barb Allen
Oct. 15: Bob & Judie Read
Oct. 22: (None needed, sub sale)
Oct. 29: ??

Flowers

Mary Jane Blosser (ch); Barbara Rebert; Elizabeth Valle

Service Recorder

Ray Thomas

Communion—Oct 1 (Intinction)

Preparers: Peggy McKeehen; Alice Zimmerman
Servers: Ellen Darr; Nancy Tritt; Ann Gottlieb

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If you cannot serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and give the name(s) to the church secretary as soon as known.

Thank you for serving!

Join the Choir!

Choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, in the 2nd floor choir room (elevator-accessible).



Save your **GIANT** receipts Oct 1-31. **GIANT** will donate \$1 to Project **SHARE** for every receipt up to \$5,000.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 AM: Prayer 9:30: Education Hour 10:45: Worship After: Fellowship Afternoon: Home Communion	2 7 PM: Deacons	3	4 7 PM: Choir	5	6	7
8 9:15 AM: Prayer 9:30: Education Hour 10:45: Worship After: Fellowship (Deacons' sub sale orders end; delivery is Oct. 22)	9 7 PM: Space for God	10 6:30 PM: Bible Study	11 1:30 PM: Property Committee 7 PM: Choir	12 7 PM: Book Club	13	14
15 9:15 AM: Prayer 9:30: Education Hour 10:45: Worship After: Fellowship After: Prayer Community	16 8:30 AM: New camera and key pad installed	17 7 PM: Session	18 7 PM: Choir NOTE: Newsletter items due to office	19 7:30 AM: Men's Breakfast	20	21
22 9:15 AM: Prayer 9:30: Education Hour 10:45: Worship After: "Bucket Brigade" (pick up subs sold by Deacons)	23 2 PM: Faith Circle 7 PM: Space for God	24 6:30 PM: Bible Study	25 7 PM: Choir	26	27	28
29 9:15 AM: Prayer 9:30: Education Hour 10:45: Worship After: Fellowship	30	31	1 7 PM: Choir	<div> <p>~~ COMING IN NOVEMBER ~~</p> <p>November 12th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Congregational meeting (close of worship) – 4:30 PM—?: Family Game Night. The Christian Ed Committee invites you to bring board, card or other games to enjoy. Pizza will be provided if you wish to share dinner. All ages are welcome. Mark your calendars for this fun event! <p>November 26th: Christ the King Sunday (Last Sunday before Advent)</p> </div>		