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THE COLUMNS

**October 2023, Volume 61, Issue 10**

“Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.”

***Anthony G. Oettinger,***

***dry wit and expert on Machine Translation***

It doesn't seem that long ago I interviewed with the session to become your Interim pastor, and yet, so very much has happened, it also seems like a very long time indeed. Time is funny that way - speeding up and slowing down, flying as fast and true as an arrow, then seeming to stand still. Of course, time isn't really that plastic - it tick, tick, ticks away with mathematical precision. It's our *perception* that turns hours into seconds, and minutes into lifetimes.

Perception is so fundamentally important to our lives as relational beings that it is a bit surprising to me how little we question it, how rarely we examine what is behind it, what influences it, where it originates. It's easy to assume what we see and hear and experience is simply *how it is,* without considering how that experience is affected by our assumptions, limitations, preferences and prejudices. This is something that years of transitional ministry has brought home to me: how you perceive the time between pastorates has a great deal of influence on how that transition prepares you for the future; it can even be a determining factor, for better or worse, in what comes next.

We have come to the last act of the transition process here at FPC. Representatives of the session met with the Committee on Pastoral Transition and received the go ahead to form a search committee to find your next pastoral leader. This is the culmination of all the thoughtful discussions in which you have participated, the hard work the session has undertaken, and your willingness as a congregation to perceive these past few years not as an *obstacle* but an *opportunity* - a time to really think about the future, not just in terms of wishes, but in terms of practical plans that take into account both our limitations and God's boundless grace.

I commend you for your openness, and pray you will see the search process as a new opportunity to discern the amazing things God is doing in the world, and in our midst. Good hunting!

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**Music Notes for October**

Autumn is upon us, and with cooler temperatures and slanting sunshine, we celebrate the glories of the season and bask in the warmth of God’s love.

October opens with World Communion Sunday, and we will mark the global occasion by singing music that amplifies the message. The opening hymn will be *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*, also known as HOLY MANNA, and the closing hymn will be *Loaves Were Broken,* known by the tune name BEACH SPRING. The anthem will be *In Remembrance of Me,* with text by Ragan Courtney (b. 1941) and music by Buryl Red (1936-2013). It is a musical setting of Jesus’ charge to his disciples at the Last Supper: heal the sick, feed the hungry and pray for the time that God’s will is done.

One of the Scripture readings for the third Sunday of October is Psalm 23. Scores of pieces have been written on the comforting text, including the hymns *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* and *The King of Love My Shepherd Is,* both of which are based on folk tunes.

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* is set to the tune *St. Columba,* named for the Irish saint who brought Irish Christianity to Scotland. The melody was one of many Irish tunes collected by George Petrie (1789-1866) and included in various publications, such as *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1868 and *The English Hymnal* of 1906. *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* comes from an anonymous Appalachian melody. The tune, initially known as *Hopewell,* first appeared in 1828 in *The Beauties of Harmony.* A few years later, the tune was renamed *Resignation* for the 1832 publication *Genuine Church Music.*

We are delighted to welcome Diane Kingsbury on 22 October. Diane has, on numerous occasions, made her talents and pleasant demeanor available to us on Sunday mornings when Roger and Kimberlea are away.

Finally, Roger will play his 33rd (!) First Friday program on 6 October. The free concert at 12:15 will be followed by a light luncheon. We are so grateful to FPC for supporting this community endeavor!

Blessings –

Roger and Kimberlea

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**MISSION/OUTREACH AUGUST 2023**

* Ordered and received food from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank August 15, 22 and 30. An extra order was required because of the volume. Volunteers assembled 20 pantry boxes for each order.
* Maintained temperature logs for refrigerators and freezers.
* Food Bank August 3, 10, 17 and 24.
* Purchased eggs, bread, margarine for Food Bank weekly.
* Updated weekly shopping list for extra options. Completed schedule for Sept./Oct
* Completed pantry inventory and report: Served 173 individuals and 58 households.
* Disciples’ Kitchen: Served 85 meals August 28.
* Waynesboro High School active again – requested 6 more pre-packaged boxes.
* WHS Beta Club will host pop-up Hygiene Event at FPC September 21.
* CROP Walk and Fellowship Lunch September 24.
* August: Collected individually wrapped toothbrushes for hygiene kits and shampoo and school supplies for Food Bank.
* August: Still collecting toothbrushes for hygiene kits. Collecting shampoo for Food Bank.
* September: Collecting chicken noodle soup for Food Bank. --Cynthia Hoover, Mission Chair

**SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER MISSION ITEMS:**

**FOOD BANK – CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP and**

**SPAGHETTI. (dry pasta)**

**HYGIENE KITS – Individually Wrapped TOOTHBRUSHES**

We have been informed that Quality Roofing is ready to start the replacement of the roof.

Starting at the Education/Preschool area, they will work around to the back of the church and finishing at the front of the Sanctuary. Snow guard fencing will be provided to ensure safety. We will have entrance and exit ways marked.

This project will be quick moving not to disrupt daily activities.

October will be tons of FUN in

PRESCHOOL!!

The preschool has been busy in class learning all about shapes, colors, numbers, and letters. Our first month has gone by fast. We have had Ms. Renee volunteering to do reading with our children on Tuesday mornings as well as Bible class on Wednesday mornings, the children love having her visit with them and teach them all about the bible. Ms. Lynda has music class on Thursday mornings with the children as well.

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FUN DATES!!

**October 26thA group of children playing with colorful plastic objects

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**A child playing on a playground

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**A pumpkin with text on it

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**REV. PETTIT’S WORK SCHEDULE**

Monday – work at home

Tuesday and Thursday– onsite First Pres

Wednesday – visitation

Friday – off

October 6 Jeannie Curry October 17 Susan Elder

Mary Ann Maupin

October 10 Charles Simpkins October 21 Kevin Henkel

October 11 Shirley Straka October 22 Kimberlea Daggy

October 15 Lorain Kent (100) October 26 Mark Henderson

October 30 Anne Wood



October 16 Paul & Phyllis Poluito

**OCTOBER LITURGISTS**

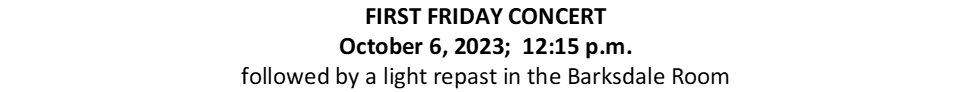
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29 Joan Berry



**WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE**

Part 4

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is distinctly a confessional and a connection church, distinguished by the representation of elders in the government.

What’s Presbyterian Worship Like

Worship in a Presbyterian congregation, in its shape and content, is determined by the church and the session, the church’s governing body. It generally includes prayer, music, Bible reading and a sermon based upon Scripture, prayers of intercession, personal response/offering, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

The Constitution of the PC(USA) suggests that worship be ordered in terms of four major actions centered in the revelation of Jesus Christ: Gathering, Word, Sacrament and Sending.

**Prayer**

“Prayer is at the heart of worship. It is a gift from God, who desires dialogue and relationship with us. It is a posture of faith and a way of living in the world. Prayer is also the primary way in which we participate in worship. Christian prayer is offered through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Faithful prayer is shaped by God’s word in Scripture and inspires us to join God’s work in the world.

There are many kinds of prayer—adoration, thanksgiving, confession, supplication, intercession, dedication. There are many ways to pray—listening and waiting for God, remembering God’s gracious acts, crying out to God for help, or offering oneself to God. Prayer may be spoken, silent, sung, or enacted in physical ways.” (W-2.0202)

**Music**

“The singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs is a vital and ancient form of prayer. Singing engages the whole person and helps to unite the body of Christ in common worship. The congregation itself is the primary choir; the purpose of rehearsed choirs and other musicians is to lead the support the congregation in the singing of prayer. Special songs, anthems, and instrumental music may also serve to interpret the Word and enhance the congregation’s prayer. Furthermore, many of the elements of worship may be sung. Music in worship is always to be an offering to God, not merely an artistic display, source of entertainment, or cover for silence.” (W-2.0202)

(*What Makes Us Unique* to be continued.)

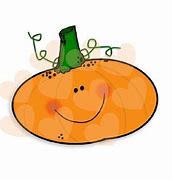


**Harvest Lunch**

**following worship on Sunday, October 29, 2023,**

**in the Barksdale Room**







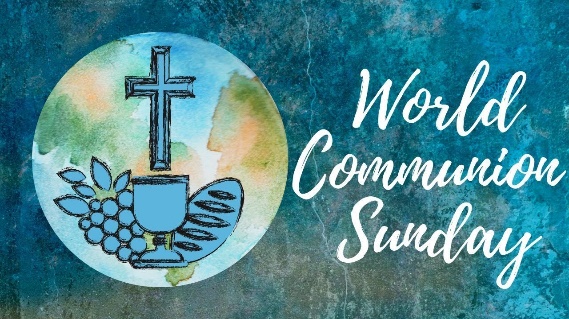
***BETTER TOGETHER* BIBLE STUDIES**

**Mondays 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

John Tindall, DCE at Westminster Presbyterian Church, is leading a Bible Study featuring the exploration of the great stories and themes of the Bible. The first study was held on September 11, beginning with the book of Genesis.

The site of these first Monday studies rotate: Smyrna (1st Monday), Second (2nd), Hermitage (3rd), Finley Memorial (4th) and First (5th)

Come, learn, and discuss with fellow Presbyterians. Attend regularly or when you can. Seasoned or beginner Bible studiers welcome!



World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.[1] It focuses on an observance of the eucharist. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. According to Presbyterian Outlook:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.[2]

It was then adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936[1] and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.[1]

**Sunday, October 1**

11 AM Worship Service

**Tuesday, October 3**

5-10PM Symphony Sanctuary Practice

**Thursday, October 5**

6-7:30 PM Food Bank

**Friday, October 6**

12:15 PM First Friday Organ Concert with Lite Lunch

**Sunday, October 8**

11 AM Worship Service

**Tuesday, October 10**

2:30 PM Session Meeting, Room 212

6-10 PM Symphony Practice Sanctuary

**Thursday, October 12**

9-12 AMFishburne Natl Honor Practice

2-4 PM Food Bank

**Friday, October 13**

9-1 AM Natl Honor Installation

**Sunday, October 15**

11 AM Worship Service

3 PM Symphony Concert

**Thursday, October 19**

6-7:30 PM Food Bank

**Fris/Sat, October 20/21**

Bishop Installation Lutheran Synod

**Sunday, October 22**

11 AM Worship Service

**Tuesday, October 24**

6-10 PM Symphony Sanctuary

**Thursday, October 26**

**10:45 AM** Preschool Trick or Treat

2-4 PM Food Bank

**Sunday, October 29**

11 AM Worship Services

12PM Potluck Harvest Lunch

**Tuesday, October 31**

6-10 PM Symphony Fellowship

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