



Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska SEPTEMBER 2021



Rev. Dr. Gary Eller

From the Pulpit: “Post-Denominational America”

We live in what many scholars call a “post-denominational” era. By that, they mean that historic denominational ties are not what they once were. Fewer Christians identify with a particular type or brand of their faith. And many, including this author, have belonged to more than one in their lifetimes.

Recently a Presbyterian elder and good friend wrote these thirteen reasons to choose to be, or to remain, a member of a PCUSA congregation. I am condensing his article for you.

1. We are a denomination that studies the Bible and tries to discern its meaning for our lives.
2. We are a denomination that affirms the Reformation tenet of the priesthood of all believers.
3. We corporately and individually confess our individual and collective sins in worship.
4. We affirm Philippians 2:12-13, that we must “work out our salvation with fear and trembling.”
5. We welcome women to positions of authority and ministry at all levels of the church.
6. We invite all of God’s people into congregational life and leadership.
7. We ordain elders and clergy (both men and women) to share equally in providing pastoral services to congregations and the broader church.
8. We care deeply about our youth.
9. We seek to address social inequalities in the name of Jesus Christ.
10. We are a missional church at home and abroad.
11. We believe in the connectedness of our congregations as a symbol of the Body of Christ.
12. We have a rich history and long held traditions but are continually reforming ourselves.
13. We require an educated and trained clergy.

These are some of the key characteristics of the PCUSA of which we are a part. Together they shape our witness to Jesus Christ in the world.

Grace and peace,
Gary

A Message from...
The Spiritual Leadership Team

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT PEACE 9:30AM IN-PERSON

The Spiritual Leadership Team is hard at work to make our worship services available to everyone! In addition to the live services each week, the links to on-line videos puts our services just a click away. You can replay any recorded service, or watch it for the first time if you were unable to attend in person. We have had great reviews from folks who have made use of the videos. There is a link published each week in Flocknote that should take you directly to the most current worship video. If you select the link and are prompted to download the video, then you can choose to watch it at that time or at a time that is more convenient for you. Videos of past services are also available. The Team hopes that, until we are all comfortable being together in person, these videos will serve as a way to keep us connected in worship.

IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

Due to recent changes in CDC guidance, combined with increasing transmission and hospitalization rates in Douglas county, the use of masks while at church is recommended but not required for all attendees, regardless of vaccination status.

As a reminder, the Spiritual Leadership team reviews CDC guidance and local data on a regular basis and will adjust practices when needed with the goal of continuing to provide in-person worship safely and responsibly. The team recently agreed to follow Elkhorn Public Schools mitigation practices in respect to Sunday School procedures.

Please direct questions to Elder Ken Bunnell or Elder Jane King.



Welcome back to Sunday School!
All ages will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:15am on September 12, in person, for registration. We will have whole group music, a Bible story, craft, and snack options! We can't wait to see you there! We will also have coffee and donuts for caregivers as we're looking forward to seeing you as well!! Registration forms will be available on the foyer name tag table on Sunday, or it can be completed on September 12. Come join us for fun and learn about God's word together! Invite your friends! Everyone is welcome!!

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HELPING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS



As a Session-approved project, the Presbyterian Women have an exciting opportunity for you to help the homeless in our community! During September, October and November we will be collecting the following items to be distributed to those in need: Soap or shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Full size are preferred, but travel size are welcome. There is a brown woven basket by the name tag table in the foyer to

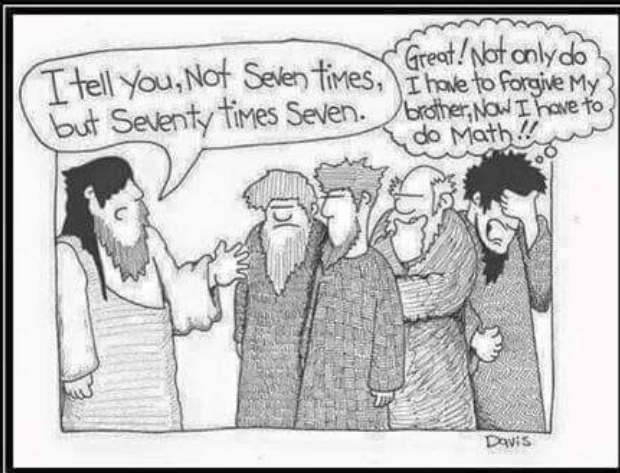
collect your donations. These will be distributed to those in need in our community in December. Thank you for your support. It means so much to those who have so little.

- Liz Baker, PW Mission Chair

BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL SEPTEMBER DAY!

BIRTHDAYS: Sept 1 William Abrahams, Abby Thompson; 3 Pat Seals; 4 Janice Fritsch, Duncan Whisinand; 6 Karen Fulton, Jyl Hopkins; 7 Jessica Shepherd; 9 Ed Risley; 10 Jim Weaver; 11 Barb Sladek; 14 Rob King; 15 Marin Tartaglia; 16 Bert Peckham; 18 Graycen Wentworth; 19 Emily Molnar, Kenley Wamsat; 20 Adam Vance; 21 Craig Dreibelbis; 23 Sloan Wamsat; 24 Jean Clanton; 27 Chloe Hazzard

ANNIVERSARIES: Sept 4 Craig & Robbin Dreibelbis; 7 Dick & Roberta Todd; 22 Tom & Barb Sladek
28 Bert & Donna Peckham



FORGIVE

Because it's easier than math. Math is hard.



Don't miss these planned activities!
See Jane, Mary or Brian with questions!

September - Tri Faith Tour Activity (TBD)

October 10 - Tailgate Grill Out/Yard Games in Church parking lot

November 7 - Mission related to Veterans at Church

December 12 - Caroling and Christmas Cards at Church



A very special, heart-felt thank you to our church family for your love and support following our surgeries and health issues. Your calls, cards and emails were a great comfort to us as we recovered. We are grateful to be back with you at church!

- Dick & Roberta Todd

GARAGE SALE

The Work of God Goes On



Thank You

