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Fall Festival

**Sunday,
October 21st
5 to 7**

The First Presbyterian Church welcomes the community to our Twelfth 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.

KICK-OFF for Christmas Canata- The choir will practice on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 am ó 1:00pm. There will be a light lunch around 11:30. Anyone who would like to join us in this endeavor is welcome. Narrators will be necessary as well.

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**Sunday
Worship**

*Church
School
9:30 a.m.*

*Worship
10:45 a.m.*

Sunday, October 21st ...

BABY SHOWER for the Mustard Seed

The annual Deacon sponsored baby shower for the Mustard Seed Layette Project is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 2018 during the Fellowship Hour. Each layette contains several items of clothing, diapers and supplies needed for newborn care and is gender specific. All items are new to provide for safety and sanitation. Layettes are free to all Mom's who register at the Mustard Seed.

The following items are especially needed:
Crib blankets (approx 30x40), lotion, shampoo, baby wash, (no powder, please), and hooded bath towels. Your support in the past has been wonderful and is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Harriett Northey, Layette Chairman



Worship Schedule for October

OCTOBER 7th: 20th Sunday after Pentecost (World Communion)
SCRIPTURES: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 *Mark 11:12-25
SERMON TITLE: ðThe Withered Fig Treeö
THEME: This is the only recorded miracle that is destructive in nature. It speaks to the coming judgement that all will face and the necessit of bearing good fruit.

OCTOBER 14th: 21st Sunday after Pentecost
PASTOR ON VACATION- MARY BETH PALETTA PREACHING

OCTOBER 21st: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
SCRIPTURES: Job 38:1-7 John 21: 1-14
SERMON TITLE: ðJesus Returns from the Dead & The Great Catch of Fishö
THEME: The disciples came very close to ðthrowing in the towelö and quitting, but then Jesus returns from the dead to give them new hope and new purpose. What difference does the resurrection of Christ and your own future resurrection make in the way you live your life today?

OCTOBER 28th: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
SCRIPTURES: Philippians 2:1-11 *Mark 10:35-45
SERMON TITLE: ðWill You Drink the Cup That I Drinkö
THEME: Jesus not only teaches about true servanthood, he lives it. Those in the kingdom who want to be great are to be the servants of all. This is a direct contradiction to the kind of upward mobility most of the world is seeking.

*Indicates main text for the sermon.

Activities & Meetings for

DEACON MEETING ó October 9th @ 5:00
 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ó Tuesday, October 16th at 5:00
 SESSION MEETING ó Tuesday, October 16th at 5:30
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / WORSHIP COMMITTEEó Sunday, October 21st
 PRAYER GROUP ó Monday Mornings at 10:00
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER CHURCH OCTOBER 28TH
 BIBLE STUDY ó Wednesdays at 6:30

Office Hours

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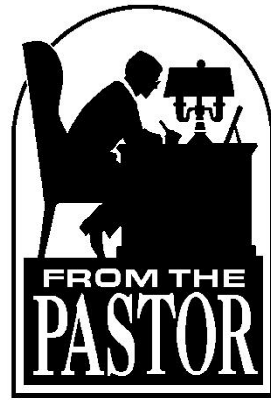
Isabella Keller



Treasurer's Report

NET CASH FLOW - SEPT	2017	2018
INCOME	\$109,071	\$
EXPENSES	\$114,618	\$
NET INCOME	\$-5,547	\$

Pastor John's Jottings . . .



I recently read a story about a man named Charley Boswell. He was blinded in World War II while rescuing a buddy from a burning tank. He had always been a great athlete so after the war, he took up golf. He was surprisingly good at it. Charley Boswell won the National Blind Golf Championship 16 times, once shooting a score of 81.

In 1958, Charley challenged Ben Hogan to a game of golf. I don't follow golf myself, but Ben Hogan was a golfing legend. Hogan agreed to play a round of golf with Boswell.

Charley said, "Would you like to pay for money?"

Hogan said, "That wouldn't be fair!"

Charley said, "Come on, Mr. Hogan, are you afraid to play a blind golfer?"

Hogan was pretty competitive so he said, "Okay, I'll play for money. How much?"

Charley said, "\$1,000 a hole."

Hogan said, "That a lot. How many strokes do you want me to give you?"

Charley said, "No strokes. I'll play you heads up."

Hogan said, "Charley, I can't do it. What would people think of me taking advantage of a blind man?"

Charley smiled and said, "Don't worry, Mr. Hogan, our tee time is tonight at midnight."

(Dynamic Preaching, October 2018, pg. 19)

I imagine that Hogan said something like, "Oh, that's different!" Knowing the details can make all the difference in the world.

Sometimes God asks us to do things that just seem too difficult. What we are missing is the details. If we knew what God knows, we would say, "Oh, that's different!" Yet, for his own reasons, God often does not share these details with us. He simply asks us to trust him and to follow in faith.

If we could see for ourselves, it wouldn't be called faith.

So the next time you find yourself thinking that following God in some particular area of your life is just too difficult, remember- you don't have all the details. God does. "Oh, that's different!"

Hope and Confidence,

Pastor John

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 different Christian denominations.

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.

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

First Presbyterian Church

Session Highlights

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 5:30 p.m.

-Received new members William and Jillian Mick

-Choir will begin singing regularly on Sept. 23rd.

-Choir practice will be after church each Sunday from noon to 1 p.m.

-Increased hours of janitor from 3 to 4 per week.

-Designated 25% of Peacemaking offering to local cause, H.O.P.E.

-Water fountain drain replaced.

-Screens placed on inside and outside of bell tower have taken care of pigeon problem.

-transferred Joyce King to The Church Triumphant with prayer.

-approved recommendation to congregation the sale of vacant lot given to the church for best possible price. We currently have reached an agreement with Timothy Gentilozzi. He is willing to pay \$27,500 for the lot on the condition that he is able to obtain the neighboring property from bankruptcy court. The session judges this to be a good price.

-Pastor will be on vacation week of 8-14, Oct. 14th is the Sunday.

Pastor's Report:

hospital visits: 6 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 14

Funerals: 8-28-18 Joyce Bastin Fowler King, burial at Flora Hills Memorial Gardens.

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on Sept. 2 and served to 38 people.

Home communion was served this month with the help of elder Connie Leuliette to 12 people.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2018

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
January	11	11	\$ 691.03	\$ 691.03
February	9	9	\$ 765.60	\$ 765.60
March	13	13	\$ 900.22	\$ 900.22
April	13	13	\$ 888.65	\$ 888.65
May	19	19	\$ 1,118.81	\$ 1,181.81
June	17	17	\$ 1,001.85	\$ 1,001.85
July	7	7	\$ 477.42	\$ 477.42
August	8	8	\$ 508.00	\$ 508.00



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- October - 7 Terra Burnett
- October - 14 Jeanne Harris
- October -21 Maria Morrison
- October -28 Janet Wilson

WORSHIP LEADERS

- October - 7 Ginger Delawder
- October -14 Hank Lawrence
- October -21 Connie Leuliette
- October -28 Susie Saunders

DEACON GREETERS

- October - 7
- October -14 Harriett Northey
- October -21 Ginger Delawder
- October -28 Harriett Northey

ACOLYTES

- October - 7
- October -14 Ashleigh Burnett and Hannah Burnett
- October -21 Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell
- October -28 Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini



Reredos Flowers

Dates available:

***October 7th, 14th
November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th***



- 1 - Jennifer Wetzel
- 2 - Jackson L. Anderson
- 2 - Patricia Glaser Johnson
- 3 - Donna Smith
- 3 - Karen Nickerson
- 4 - Joshua Weist
- 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 Unger
- 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 - Linda Faust



In Special Care Facilities:

- Roberta Davis
- Marj Faris
- Carrie Waters
- Sara Graham



*IN OUR THOUGHTS
& PRAYERS...*

- ADKINS, Charles
- FOWLER, Angie
- GAINER, Hugh
- HEGER, Suzi
- HOLT, Jack
- HOOD, Robbie
- KING, Buddy
- KESLING, Lee
- KUHENS, Eric
- LYNCH, Jeanne
- MCCAMMON, Kyle
- MORGAN, Misty & Todd
- MUMMERT, George
- OLDAKER, Kenneth
- OLDAKER, Wilma
- SHIFFRA, Donna
- SHIFFRA, Everett
- SMITH, Donna
- STROMBERG, Rosemary

Pastorø Emergency Fund

For many years First Church-Clarksburg has provided its pastors a separate fund for assisting needy members of the community with food, utility and clothing assistance. This worthy extension of our ministry continues with Pastor John determining how best to disburse available funds. Approved requests are forwarded to the church treasurer and checks are disbursed directly to the utility company, grocery store, etc.

If you wish to contribute to the Pastorø Emergency Fund, you are welcomed to include your check in the offering plate. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark õPastorø Fundö in the memo section.

One Check (if you prefer)

Members are reminded that payments to the church may be combined on one check. For instance, you may consolidate your pledge with a gift to the Deacons or the Pastorø Emergency Fund. Or two weekly pledges may be included on one check. Simply indicate how much is to go to each fund.

Donor Statements

Donations to the church are recorded continuously and are easy to retrieve. If you wish to have a printed copy of your year-to-date contributions or wish to know where you stand on your pledge, please contact church treasurer Wayne Northey or the church office.

Finances Looking Good

It is refreshing to report the church finances are looking very favorable thus far in 2018. Donations are stronger than this time last year; it must be noted some giving units contributed their entire yearly pledge earlier this year than last. Expenses are also down when compared to this time last year. The bottom line: Revenue has exceeded disbursements by \$21,722 through August 31. Although this level of excess is not expected at year-end, a favorable balance is anticipated. Thank you to all for your commitment to First Church.

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>Jan-Aug.2018</u>	<u>Jan-Aug,2017</u>
Income	109,071	125,785
Expenses	<u>114,618</u>	<u>104,063</u>
Excess Revenue over disbursements	21,722	(5,537)