



# Presbyterian Press



Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped clean the church. It sparkles and shines.

Save the date "Saturday, December 4".

Winterfest is coming to Clarksburg, and area churches will have the chance to show off their decorations and maybe provide some entertainment for

visitors. Festivities will kick off on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> with a winter market at Jackson Square at 4 PM. There will be a parade at 6 followed by a tree lighting at the green space across from the Huntington Bank.



## WHAT'S COMING UP

- Oct 3- World Communion Sunday
- Oct 10- Pastor Appreciation Day
- Oct 11- Columbus Day
- Oct 16- World Food Day
- Oct 17- Children's Sabbath
- Oct 31- Halloween
- Oct 31- Reformation Sunday



Bible study  
Wednesday at 3:30



Prayer group Mondays at 10:00AM

I have openings for flowers  
for the reredos  
October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

**The Deacons are having a fundraiser!** Orders will be taken for Rada cutlery. This is fantastic cutlery at a very affordable price. You can obtain a catalog from one of the Deacons or from the office. Order forms are in the catalog. You can also log on to <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=6113941.74fb07> to peruse catalogs and place orders. Copy and paste this link to insure that Deacons of First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg is the recipient of the proceeds. These would make great Christmas gifts.



# October Scriptures and Sermons



## **October 3 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (World Communion Sunday)**

Scriptures: \*Job 1:1, 2:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Sermon Title: “Holding On Is Hard”

Theme: Most of us will not go through what Job went through, but some of us may come close. When there is not enough rope left to even tie a knot, how do we hold on?

## **October 10 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures: \*Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
\*Mark 10:17-31

Sermon Title: “Not My Favorite Verse”

Theme: Jesus asks a rich young ruler to sell all of his possessions, give the money to the poor, and come follow him. Most of us don’t consider ourselves rich, but measured against most of the world, we are rich. What do we do with this challenging passage? Do we pretend that it doesn’t actually apply to us? Do we just hope that Jesus never actually asks us to give up all our possessions? Do we insist that the passage doesn’t really say what it says? How can we be faithful with challenging passages like this?

## **October 17 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures: Psalm 91  
Mark 10:35-45

Sermon Title: “The Price of Glory”

Theme: James and John wanted to be leaders in the kingdom. They wanted the place of honor at Jesus’ right and left side. Jesus asks them if they are willing to pay the price. We have to admire them in that James and John said they were willing. Are we willing to pay the price for Glory?

## **October 24 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:1-8  
\*Mark 10:46-52

Sermon Title: “Bartimaeus’ Story”

Theme: This will be an embodiment of the blind beggar, Bartimaeus. We are not all physically blind, but we all have our weaknesses, our disadvantages. What can we learn from Bartimaeus and the healing that he received from Jesus?

## **October 31 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures: \*Ruth 1:1-18  
Mark 12:28-34

Sermon Title: “Like a Bridge over Troubled Water”

Theme: One of the world’s greatest love stories is between a widow named Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth. Her love was not, “I’ll love you for what I can get in return.” It was not, “I’ll love you as long as it is convenient.” It was, “I’ll love you always and I’ll stick with you no matter what.”

# First Presbyterian Church Session



Wednesday, September 15, 2021 5:30 p.m.

## **Report of Treasurer:**

Received the treasurer's report showing our income to date is \$26,287 over budget for the year.

**Work Camp Implementation Task Force:** We have received a request for us to host a work camp the summer of 2022. We are still looking for a work camp coordinator.

**Report of Board of Deacons:** Minutes for the Deacon meeting on September 13, 2021 were received as information.

## **Committee and Task Force Reports:**

### **1. Worship and Music/Christian Education**

- A. The date for the 2022 Scottish Heritage Sunday will be May 1. Rev. Peter Vial will be our guest preacher that day.
- B. The C.E., Worship & Music committee will consider applications for college and professional degree students for multiple years.

### **2. Mission Interpretation and Stewardship**

- A. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to send \$1,500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for help with Hurricane Ida. Money to be taken from interest from the R.C. Wilson fund.
- B. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to send \$1,500 to the Clarksburg Mission from R.C. Wilson fund interest.

### **3. Property Committee.**

- A. Update was given on a number of projects the property committee is working on.
- B. We will look into replacing the Chinese Dogwood tree in front of the church. The tree was originally given in memory of Anne Davis' father. Anne has graciously volunteered to pay for a replacement tree.

### **4. Task Force for Laundromat Ministry**

Ministry is going well. We will need to recruit a couple of more teams to fill out the month.

### **5. Report of the Clerk:**

**Minutes:** Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on August 18 and Special meeting on September 2, 2021.

**Active Roll:** Sara Jean Malone Graham was removed from the active membership roll and transferred to the church triumphant with prayer.

**Pastor's Report:**

**hospital visits:** 2 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 33 most by phone

**Funeral:** Sept. 11, 2021 Sara "Sadie" Malone Graham (d.o.d. 8-31-21)

**Sacrament of Communion:** Was celebrated on September 5 and served to 29 people.  
**Home communion** was served to 4 people with the help of elder Connie Leuliette.

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2021 -**

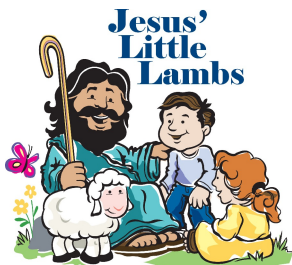
Month	Number	Pledged	Paid	Total
July	8	8	\$806.43	\$806.43
August	17	17	\$1700.00	\$1700.00
			Total	\$4367.65

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Kassandra Todd and Michael Hunt want to have their wedding reception in Westminster Hall on Saturday, November 6. Harriett Northey will be present in the kitchen to help them find things.
2. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Pastor's benefits with the Board of Pensions, including dental and vision, to remain the same as last year.



Little Lambs Closet children's consignment sale is holding their fall/ winter sale on October 1 & 2 in the gymnasium at Heritage Christian School. Little Lambs Closet is a win-win-win ministry. The young families who consign "win" as they find a new home for their gently used baby items. The young families who shop "win" as they find great deals on expensive baby gear and have a chance to purchase name brand items at a discount. The ministries in north central WV who receive cash donations "win" as we encourage them in their ministries that benefit the larger community. The ministries who receive physical donations in the form of clothing, shoes, toys, and baby gear "win" as they are able to distribute those items to our neediest families. And Heritage Christian School "wins" as they engage their students and families in serving the greater community. Proceeds go to the school as we implement Life Changing Education where the Word is taught and students are prayed over.

# Pastor John's Jottings



*In this world you will have trouble, But take heart; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)*

Jesus told his disciples, “. . .you will have trouble.” He didn’t say that you may have some inconveniences, not you may have a spot of sorrow now and then. He said, “You will have trouble.”

This comes for our Wednesday afternoon Bible Study lesson. The lesson points out that we hear bad news from all kinds of places. Some hear it in the doctor’s office. Some hear it from the bank. Some hear it in the courtroom. Some hear it in a phone call in the middle of the night. Some hear it in the media.

There are troubles all around us and some of it is very personal to us. What are we to do with the troubles we encounter in life?

We start by accepting that troubles are a part of life. We can’t escape trouble by being a Christian or by living a good life. Encountering trouble in life does not mean that God is out to get you or that God is abandoning you. It is part of life and living.

Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble . . .” But then he continued, “. . . But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Jesus spoke these words to the disciples near the end of his earthly life. These early disciples had plenty of trouble. Some were imprisoned. Some were killed. Many lost their property and were rejected by their communities and family. The disciples made no effort to deny the reality of these troubles. But their focus was not on their troubles, it was on the one who overcame the world.

As our lesson so aptly puts it, “They did not say, ‘Look what the world has come to!’ rather they said, ‘Look at what has come to the world!’”

The good news is not that God will keep all trouble away from our doors. The promise is that God will carry us through those troubles. Our troubles will not defeat us, for we trust in Jesus Christ, the one who has overcome the world.

Someone has pointed out that in the Book of Daniel, chapter 3, we read about Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego being thrown into the fiery furnace. God did not snatch them back out of the furnace, instead he sent an angel to be with them in the furnace so that they were not burned up. God does not carry us around troubles. God carries us through our troubles.

Whatever trouble you are facing this day, remember that the one we serve is stronger than the world. Christ is stronger than all our troubles.  
Hope and Confidence and Peace,

Pastor John





# VOLUNTEERS

## USHERS



I would like to recognize the Ushers who show us to our seats and tend to our needs every Sunday. Thank you Lance Kuhens, Denver Atkinson, Dave Allman, Jason Burnett, Carole Wilburn, Andrea Myerberg, and Hank Lawrence.



October 3 -Jeanne Lynch  
October 10-Pam Mitchell  
October 17-Loria Cavallo  
October 24-Courtney & Sandy Nuzum  
October 31-

Deacon Greeters



October 3-Dawn Woodburn  
October 10-Maria Morrison  
October 17-Jeanne Harris  
October 24-Kandy Atkinson  
October 31-Courtney Nuzum

Children's Moments

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

October 3-Jeep Wilson  
October 10- Hank Lawrence  
October 17- Jeff Mitchell  
October 24-Loria Cavallo  
October 31- Suzi Heger

Worship Leaders



October 3-Hannah Burnett & Noelle Woodburn  
October 10-Amelia & Kierra Harris  
October 17-Hannah Burnett & Molly Hugus  
October 24-Hannah Burnett & Gia Corsini  
October 31-Bradley Burnett & Anthony Corsini

Acolytes



Jennifer Wetzel	Oct 1
Patricia Johnson	Oct 2
Karen Nickerson	Oct 3
Braden Tustin	Oct 8
Sally Ogden	Oct 9
Stephen Maxwell	Oct 10
Amy Garrett	Oct 13
Jeanne Lynch	Oct 19
Loria Cavallo	Oct 20
Matthew Strange	Oct 20
Judy Kennedy	Oct 21
Sean Langley	Oct 21
Isabella Rinehart	Oct 21
Rebekah Rinehart	Oct 21
Janet Williams	Oct 21
Bryanna Moore	Oct 22
Linda Faust	Oct 26
Brian Tustin	Oct 26
Suzi Heger	Oct 28
Sandi Nuzum	Oct 29



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Jim and Kim Sabo*

*Oct. 30*

### OFFICE HOURS

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### Sunday Worship

Church School 9:30 AM

Worship 10:45

Live on WPDX Radio, 109.4 FM or 750 A