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What's Coming Up

Small Church Conference- Oct. 1st

World Communion Sunday- Oct. 2nd

Fall Festival-October 9th

Columbus Day- October 10th

Pastor John out for continuing
education - Oct. 10-16

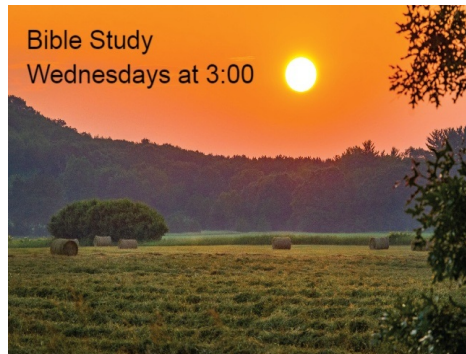
All Souls Day- Oct. 30

Reformation Sunday-Oct. 30

Halloween- Oct. 31st



Bible Study
Wednesdays at 3:00



Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 10:00



Sunday Worship 10:45

Church School 9:30 AM

WPDX Radio, 104.9 FM & 750 AM

(A message from Dolores)- Our particular needs now are mac & cheese, peanut butter, pasta & sauce, soap, toothpaste, and deodorant. Four hundred and thirty-four families received food help during July; 2252 since January 1. Many families ask to share our cleaning & hygiene products. Please leave donations only if someone is there to receive them. Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday we are there from 11 AM until 3 PM. To make an appointment, call any of our volunteers or Dolores at 304-624-6077.



Church Secretary Needed!

Cathy has regretfully resigned as our church secretary in order for her to move to Arizona. We are thankful for her great work for our church and wish her all the best in her move.

Cathy's last day with us will be October 13th. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Pastor John for the job description and application. The job is currently part-time, three days a week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are praying that God will send us the right person for this important job.

October 2 17th Sunday after Pentecost
(World Communion Sunday)

Scriptures: * Psalm 137
Luke 17:5-10



October Scriptures and Sermons

Sermon Title: “Increase Our Faith”

Theme: In our lesson for today, the disciples ask Jesus to “increase our faith.” When we see the miracles of Jesus and of the great saints, we long to have a similar faith. But how does one go about getting increased faith?

October 9 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Children lead worship

Fall Festival after lunch

October 16 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures:

Sermon Title: Pastor on Continuing Education Leave. Pastor James A. Harris will be preaching.

Theme:

October 23 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Joel 2:23-32

*Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Title: “At Leasters & Sinners”

Theme: We may be tempted to say things like, “I am not perfect, but at least I’m not as bad as some others.” The parable that Jesus tells today reminds us that we are all sinners. And that Jesus came to save sinners, only sinners.

October 30 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

*Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Title: “The Chair”

Theme: Zachaeus’ found himself out on a limb somewhere, looking for Jesus. He was looking for something different in his life than the sin that was making him miserable. Jesus saw him and gave him much more than he could ever have asked for. If you are out on a limb today, Jesus sees you too.



First Presbyterian Church Session

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 5:30 p.m.



- We will have a volunteer recognition on Sunday on Nov. 6. We will not be recognizing any individuals by name. This will just be a general thank you and recognition for all of our volunteers. We will plan for a special fellowship time for volunteer recognition after the service.
- Choir started practice again on September 18.
- Fall festival with kids leading worship will be on Oct. 9th.
- Bell choir plans to play on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- Adult Sunday School will be restarting on Sept. 25th.
- Christmas parade and hot chocolate will be on December 2nd this year. Thanks to Jeep and Janet for coordinating this.
- Staff reviews complete
- Cathy is resigning as our church secretary. She is moving to Arizona. We are happy for her, but sad to see her go. She has done great work for us and we are very thankful for all she has done!
- The personnel committee has been authorized to search for and hire a new secretary. Applications will be available in the church office.
- Feedback on legacy workshop was generally favorable.
- We will have Stewardship dedication on Sunday, Nov. 6.
- Voted to designate 25% of peacemaking offering to H.O.P.E. Inc. HOPE works for the prevention of domestic violence and the care and protection of those who are its victims.
- Voted to sent \$2,000 in mission funds to Transylvania Presbytery, Lexington, KY for help rebuilding churches in the area that were damaged by floods last month.
- Voted to sent \$2,000 in mission funds to be used for hurricane relief help in Puerto Rico. The money will be sent through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Accepted a bid from Strickly Service for the installation of two new pumps and motors for boilers. The cost will be around \$10,000.
- The chairlift on the back stairs does not work. We are in the process of getting it repaired.
- We are also in the process of getting the ice-maker in the kitchen repaired or replaced.
- Presbytery Report on the August 18th electronic Presbytery meeting was given by Harriett.
- Plans are in place for hosting the Presbytery's Small Church Conference on October 1.
- Approved the Daniel Davisson Chapter NSDAR to rent the church hall on Saturday July 29, 2023 for the entire day for their WV Central District DAR Meeting.
- Set the date for the congregational meeting for the election of officers on October 23 after church.
- Ginger and Bryon will be our commissioners to the Presbytery Meeting on November 12, 2022 at Davis & Elkins College, Elkins.

Pastor's Report:

hospital visits: 1 Other significant Pastoral visits: 23 most by phone

Sacrament of Communion:

Was celebrated on September 3 and served to 38 people.

Home communion was served to 2 people with the help of elder Connie Leuliette. Communion was celebrated at the Palace Bible Study and served to 5 people there.

Pastor John's Jottings



Luke 17:5 “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’”

Here is a trivia question for you. What is the oldest known prosthetic or artificial body part?

If you guessed George Washington’s wooden teeth (which, by the way, were not actually made out of wood), you are not even close. Peg legs used by pirates or Captain Hook’s prosthetic hand are also not in the running. Several years ago, archeologists in Cairo, Egypt, were excavating the tomb of an Egyptian noblewoman who lived about 3,000 years ago. They discovered that her body was fitted with a prosthetic toe made of wood with a leather strap that connected it to her foot. Historians refer to it as the Cairo Toe. So now you know!

An article I read in Dynamic Preaching Magazine got me to thinking about how prosthetic limbs relate to faith. A prosthetic limb is something not natural to the body that is added to help the person cope better with life. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were asking for something beyond their natural abilities. They were asking for supernatural help.

Our natural faith and abilities are often not enough to get us through the difficulties we encounter. We need outside help. People often misuse 1 Corinthians 10:13 to say that “God will not give me more than I can handle.” The verse actually says, “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

The emphasis is not on how strong we are, but on the goodness and strength of God. God will provide a way out or a way through. We cannot increase our faith or “faith harder” by closing our eyes and clenching our muscles. But we can tap into the power of God through prayer.

There are many temptations and circumstances that are beyond our strength to handle. God knows that we are not that strong. But there is no temptation or circumstance greater than God.

When Daniel’s friends Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar, they did not survive on their own. God sent an angel to walk with them through the fire, so that they were not harmed. (See Daniel 3:19-30) It is worth noting that God did not simply snatch them out of the fire, God left them in the fire, but also provided them a way through it.

There is an old prayer that says it best. “God, help me to remember: There is nothing that I will encounter this day that together you and I cannot handle.” Amen!

Hope and Confidence,
Pastor John

VOLUNTEER



October 2 -Amy Strange
October 9-Connie Leuliette
October 16-Beckie Alvaro
October 23-Sandy & Courtney Nudum
October 30-Pam Mitchell

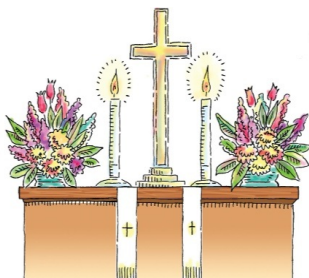
Children's Moment



October 2-Dawn Woodburn
October 9-Beckie Alvaro
October 16-Jeanne Harris
October 23-Courtney Nuzum
October 30-Janet Wilson

WORSHIP Leaders

October 2-Connie Leuliette
October 9-Youth Leader
October 16-Kandi Atkinson
October 23-Terra Burnett
October 30-Denver Atkinson



Acolytes

October 2-
October 9-
October 16-
October 23-
October 30-



Laundromat Duty



October 6th-James & Jeanne October 13th- Cathy & Sally
October 20th- John & Charla, October 27th- Wayne & Harriett



Jim and Kim Sabo October 30th



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

Fall is here, and you might want to start baking for the holidays. Or maybe you just want a nice soup or bread recipe to help keep you warm. We have all of the above in the church cookbook.

"Manna and Memories A Third Helping" is now available at a new low price of \$12. This is down from the original price of \$20. They also make great gifts for someone who is starting a new home or away at school. Call or stop in to the office for you copy today.



Lynn Sherlock will be teaching a training class after church on November 13th on CPR and using the Automatic Emergency Defibrillator. You will not be able to get a CPR certification card from this class, but it is still good information to have.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2022 -

Month	Requests	Completed	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Dispersed
January	14	14	\$1,485.82	\$1,485.82
February	6	6	\$600.00	\$600.00
March	9	9	\$900.00	\$900.00
April	5	5	\$500.00	\$500.00
May	6	6	\$600.00	\$600.00
June	0	0	0	0
July	4	4	\$412.24	\$412.24
August	9	9	\$900.00	\$900.00

There was a balance of \$1880.41 at month's end. To date, we have assisted with \$5398.06.

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We have been asking people to fill out slips and let us know what their favorite hymns are. The ones with dates beside them are hymns we have sung recently. Here are the ones we have received so far.

HYMN FAVORITES COLLECTED 2022

- Morning Has Broken 9-14-22
- Here I Am Lord (3)
- My Jesus I Love Thee
- When the Roll is Called Up Yonder 9-18-22
- Abide With Me
- Seek Ye First 9-25-22
- Blessed Assurance
- Amazing Grace (3) 9-18-22
- How Great Thou Art (2)
- Because He Lives
- He Hideth My Soul
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness 9-4-22
- Every Time I Feel the Spirit
- Fill My Cup Lord
- Holy, Holy, Holy (This was chosen by Kierra)
Wow!
- Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary
- Love Lifted Me
- Be Thou My Vision 9-4-22
- For the Beauty of the Earth
- Fairest Lord Jesus
- Heavenly Sunlight
- Victory in Jesus 10-2/22
- In the Garden (2)
- The Old Rugged Cross (2)
- There's Power in the Blood (2) 9-25-22
- Tell Me the Story of Jesus
- Praise to the Lord the Almighty
- It Is Well With My Soul (2)