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Food Collection

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Ecumenical Board of the Mustard Seed, I would like to thank Terra and the children who attended VBS for choosing the Mustard Seed as a recipient of food donations during VBS and a few weeks beyond. Many thanks to our generous and caring congregation for all food you have donated. All of the area food pantries have seen a deluge of food orders and are struggling to keep their shelves stocked. So, your help is needed and appreciated.

-Harriett Northey

**Sunday,
September 8th
At 9:30 a.m.**



RALLY DAY

Join us for our annual Rally Day Celebration, as we come together for a special breakfast and renewing of our energy for the common purpose of growing in trust and obedience to Jesus Christ.

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Sunday Worship

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Live on WPDX Radio,
109.4 FM



WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

A DAY THAT BEGINS AND ENDS IN PRAYER SELDOM UNRAVELS

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP is a great way to start your week. We meet in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m. for sharing praises, concerns, needs for healing and prayers for our church and community. The format is informal and friendly as we form a collective prayer ending with the Lord's Prayer. Attend weekly or whenever your schedule permits.

If you have prayer concerns you would like us to address, call the church office at 304-622-6831, leave a note in the offering plate or email me at wayneharriett@frontier.com.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." -Philippians 4: 6-7

Yours in Christ,
Harriett

The Deacons did not meet formally in June or August. They continued their several year pattern of providing meals for four nights of VBS in July and of course, preparing Holy Communion every month.



Their next meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 4:30 in the Parlor. The annual baby shower for the Mustard Seed is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 after church.

Thanks to all of you who support the Deacons in their work.

THE CHOIR DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Well, it's official – CHOIR HAS STARTED BACK AGAIN!

If there is anyone interested in joining the choir we would LOVE to have you. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity for ministry. We practice from 9:30 - 10:30 in the choir room and could certainly use your talent. Sitting in the congregation, I hear some wonderful voices and would be happy to have them as part of our little group.

We will be doing a Christmas cantata once again and would also like to invite those who cannot commit to every week to join us once or twice a month just to work on the cantata - we will need readers/actors as well. We ask for prayers for our ministry and your encouragement is also appreciated.

LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!



Kroger Community Rewards

The Deacons have learned that our program with the Kroger Community Rewards is active and working well. During the first quarter we have received \$56.84 in donations from Kroger Co. A big THANK YOU to the eleven households that have registered. Our goal now is to get more households registered. Instruction sheets for registration are located on the bulletin board in the gym and on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We can help with any questions or problems. The Kroger stores are unable to help with the registration process. We encourage you to help us by registering yourself, and encouraging your family members, neighbors, etc. to link their Kroger rewards card to our church.

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>



Grandparents' Day

September 8, 2019

Many of us think that Grandparents' Day is another holiday created by greeting card companies, but we are wrong. A West Virginia woman named Marian McQuade saw the importance of sharing heritage and traditions, and she lobbied for the creation of Grandparents' Day as a day to connect generations. McQuade envisioned grandparents and grandchildren spending a day together to celebrate one another and share stories. She suggested that if a person doesn't have living grandparents, then they should adopt surrogate grandparents, and not just for one day, but for a lifetime.

Not only did Marian McQuade not want Grandparents' Day to be commercialized, but she went so far as to refuse payments from greeting card companies. Her desire was for people to spend time together and learn from one another.

This Grandparents' Day, I challenge younger generations to make time to visit with elderly relatives, friends, or neighbors. Listen to their stories, and take delight in the fellowship. I also challenge grandparents to enjoy the day with your grandchildren, and tell them stories from your childhood. Talk them about how things were when you were a kid. There is so much we can learn from one another.



Grandparents' Day was first celebrated in West Virginia in 1973. In 1978 Jimmy Carter proclaimed Grandparents' Day a national holiday, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1 12th Sunday After Pentecost (Communion)

SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 2:4-13
*I John 4:7-21

SERMON TITLE: "God's Love and Ours"

THEME: John returns to the theme of love. He uses the word love 27 times in this brief passage. God himself is love.

September 8, 13th Sunday After Pentecost

YOUTH SUNDAY - Youth and children lead worship

September 15, 14th Sunday After Pentecost (3rd grade Bibles)

SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
*I John 5:1-12

SERMON TITLE: "Faith in the Son of God"

THEME: John wants us to understand that faith in Jesus Christ is at the very foundation of what it means to be a Christian. Nothing less will do.

September 22, 15th Sunday After Pentecost

SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
*I John 5:13-21

SERMON TITLE: "Assurances for the Congregation"

THEME: John ends this first letter with a list of assurances for the congregation. They do have eternal life. God does hear and answer their prayers. God will keep them safe from a life of habitual sin. They are indeed children of God. They do, indeed, know the truth.

September 29, 16th Sunday After Pentecost

SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
*2 John 1-13

SERMON TITLE: "No Hospitality for False Prophets"

THEME: John explains how some so-called missionaries are really false prophets and thus do not deserve, nor should they be given, hospitality.

TREASURERS REPORT



Net Cash Flow-August	2018	2019
Income	\$116,204	\$104,965
Expenses	\$ 97,832	\$100,568
Net Income	\$ 18,373	\$ 4,397

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PASTOR JOHN'S JOTTINGS

There is a story about a wealthy businessman who was vacationing on a South Pacific island. While walking down the beach, he happened upon a young man sitting in the shade of a tree while fishing. The businessman struck up a conversation with the islander. "If you are serious about fishing, I can show you how to make a lot more money."

"How would I do that?" asked the young man.

"I can lend you some money so that you can buy a fishing boat and get out there where the fish are. If you work hard at it, in a few years, you can borrow some more money and have a whole fleet of fishing boats."

"And then, what would I do?"

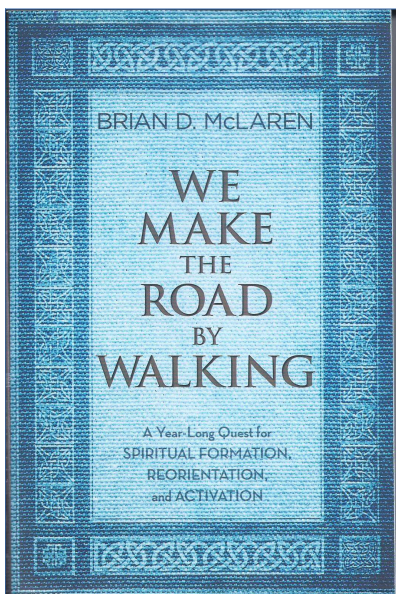
"Well, after many years of hard work you could make enough money to retire and live comfortably. And then if you wanted to, you could come to the beach, relax under a tree and fish all day."

The young man thought for a moment then said, "But I am already doing that now."

It occurs to me that many people long for a deeper relationship with God. But they think that relationship is going to have to wait until they have more time; until they are more secure in their job; until the kids are through sports...

The reality is that we need not wait. The opportunity for a deeper relationship with God is what we can be building right now. True, we may have to give up some of the things that we are currently doing. But if the deepest desire of our hearts is a deeper relationship with God, then why wait?

If you missed the start of our new Wednesday night study on August 28th, it is not too late to join us. The study begins each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. I think you will find this study is a great way to work on spiritual formation and deepen your relationship with God.



This book's fifty-two (plus a few) readings offer everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. Organized around the traditional church year, these readings give an over view of the whole Bible and guide an individual or a group of friends through a year of rich study, interactive learning, and personal growth.

If you're seeking a fresh way to experience and practice your faith, if you're a long-term Christian seeking new vitality, or if you feel out of place in traditional church circles, this book will inspire and activate you in your spiritual journey.

Dare to venture off old maps into new, uncharted territory and discover how we make the road by walking.

Put this on your calendar and plan to be there. I look forward to learning with you!

Hope and Confidence,

John

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Session Highlights

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 5:30 p.m.

- Received new member Gary Mitchell into the membership of the church.
- Approve use of L.I.F.T. curriculum for Sunday School.
- Approved the following dates: Rally Day and youth led worship on Sept.8; Mustard Seed Baby shower and Fall Fest on October 13.
- Heard report from Personnel committee and affirmed their decision to hire Noel Wiseman as our church secretary.
- Heard report on The Change Initiative’s plan for cold weather shelters next winter.
- Jenna Bennett will be our commissioner to the August 24, 2019 Presbytery Meeting at Bluestone Camp & Retreat, Hinton.
- Transferred Dr. Bob Davis to the church triumphant with prayer.
- Affirmed the decision of Beckie and Buddy to approve Jeanne Harris’ request for the use of the church for a wedding on August 3rd at 2 p.m. with Rev. James Harris officiating. The couple is Matthew Werry and Jordan Jenson.
- Affirmed the decision of Beckie and Buddy to approved a request from F. Lee West, Church of Our Savior for use of our big candelabras for a wedding on August 17th.
- Approved the baptism of Alexandria Mitchell, daughter of Robbie and Sarah Mitchell on Sunday, October 20th.
- Approved the request of The Harrison County Historical Society to provide a place for an AmeriCorps work team to sleep while they work on the Historical Society’s building just down the street from us. They will need floor space to sleep on, the use of our kitchen and showers. There will be 10-12 members in the work group. They will be here from May 14 through May 29 - next spring. We will only be responsible for providing a place for them to stay.
- Endorsed Jeep Wilson as a candidate to be the ruling elder commissioner from West Virginia Presbytery to General Assembly.
- Agreed to participate in The Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregations program from the Board of Pensions.
- Approved, same as last year, the “Employer Agreement” with Board of Pensions.
- Set the date for the congregational meeting to elect new officers for Sunday after church on October 27th.

Pastor’s Report:

Hospital visits: 5 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 35

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on July 14 served to 65 people and on August 4th it was served to 54 people.

Home communion was served on July 11th by Pastor John with the help of elder Suzi Heger to 4 people. Home communion was served on August 7 to 7 people with the help of elder Connie Leuliette.

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund 2019

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
June	9	9	\$ 1,109.27	\$ 1,109.27
July	18	16	\$ 1,449.29	\$ 1,349.29
August	8	7	\$ 738.24	\$ 646.13
TOTALS	63	60	\$ 5,401.07	\$ 5,208.96



Children's Moments

- September 1st – Terra Burnett
- September 8th – NONE
- September 15th – Cassie Delawder
- September 22nd – Kandy Atkinson
- September 29th – Beckie Alvaro

- 1 - Jeep Wilson
- 1 - Lisa Leiberling
- 2 - David Allman
- 4 - Jackie Corsini
- 4 - Graylee Sophia Linville
- 7 - Jason Burnett
- 10 - Ginger Delawder
- 11 - John Boggess
- 16 - Chip Corsini
- 18 - Courtney Nuzum
- 22 - Jeff Mitchell
- 22 - Brian Nickerson
- 25 - Treytin Tustin
- 27 - Beckie Alvaro
- 28 - Brooks Thomas King
- 28 - Roberta Davis

- Charles Adkins
- Sarah Arnold
- Dottie Burkhammer
- Eddie Cox
- Jeremy F Cox
- Angie Fowler
- Derek Hardman
- Bob & Janice Hardman
- Jack Holt
- Robbie Hood
- Eric Kuhens
- Doug Linton
- Nora McClean
- John Michome
- Jillian Mick
- Gary Mitchell
- Linda & George Mummert
- Nickolas Nardone
- Kenneth Oldaker
- Wilma Oldaker
- Susan Orr (Carole's Sister)
- Amy Pack
- Delores Preston
- Joey Rogers
- Susie Saunders
- Everett Shiffra
- Melanie Simmons
- Bonnie Smith
- Chuck Smith
- Donna Smith
- John Wamsley
- Jennifer Wetzel

Worship Leaders

- September 1st – Maria Alvaro
- September 8th – Children & Youth
- September 15th – Suzi Heiger
- September 22nd – Jennifer Wetzel
- September 29th – Carrie Malone

Deacon Greeters

- September 1st – Susie Saunders
- September 8th – Jeanne Lynch
- September 15th – Dottie Rinehart
- September 22nd – Harriett Northey
- September 29th – Ginger Delawder

Acolytes

- September 1st – Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini
- September 8th – Hannah Burnett and Molly Hugus
- September 15th – Amelia Harris and Kierra Harris
- September 22nd – Bradley Burnett and Anthony Corsini
- September 29th – Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini



REREDOS FLOWERS

Dates Available:

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

October 6, 13, 20, 27