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OCTOBER 6

Adult Study - 9:00 AM
K-6th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
Confirmation Class - 9:00 AM
Worship (Comm)- 10:30 AM
Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
Faith Development - 11:45 AM
Hospitality - 11:45 AM
Hayride @ Oakridge Prairie (Griffith) - 5:00 PM

OCTOBER 13

Adult Study - 9:00 AM
K-6th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
Confirmation Class - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:30 AM
Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
Shine the Light Committee - 11:45 AM
W & M - 11:45 AM

OCTOBER 20

Adult Study - 9:00 AM
K-6th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
Confirmation Class - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:30
Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
Youth Group - 12 to 2 PM

OCTOBER 27

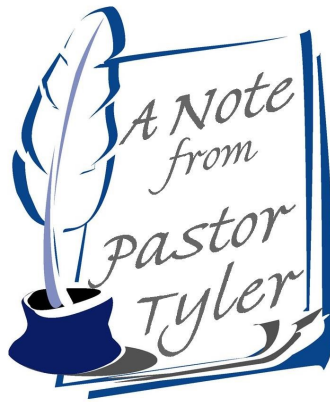
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is to be
the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ*



Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! When I think about October, the overarching theme is change. This is the month in which we most sharply feel the changes of the autumnal season, with temperatures dropping and frost appearing. This is the month in which we most vividly see the changing colors of the trees, with greens becoming reds, oranges, yellows, and browns. This is the month in which we most loudly hear the changing habitats of migratory birds, with their V formations honking overhead. This is the month in which we most potently smell the changing fragrances of the great outdoors, with the smells of freshness giving way to the smells of harvest. I will always be a farm boy at heart, and so no matter where I may be in the world these changes fill my imagination and soul for October.

As I write this letter, I am reminded that exactly one year ago in October I was officially called by you all to be the pastor of this Spirit-filled community of the faithful. Wow! How time flies! This has certainly been a year of change and growth for me, as I have come to know ministry in this specific context for such a time as this. I know that it has also been a year of change for all of you. There is always a process of adjustment, compromise, and challenge when a new pastor comes to town. Not only do you have to get used to a different personality, but you also have to get used to changes in theological teaching, worship design, preaching methods, pastoral care, and leadership style.

Autumnal transformation makes it clear that change processes are not always easy. Along with the beauty mentioned above, this season in our yearly cycle is also marked by death and decay. Fallen leaves and harvested crops have reached the end of their lives, and all the land prepares itself for the dormancy of winter. I am fully aware that the changes we have gone through together likewise have not always been easy. We have navigated loss and grief. We have had difficult conversations about the world today. We have seen congregational trends of membership and stewardship that can feel concerning. I am sure that there have also been some hard truths or questions raised by changes that I am not even aware of.

Through all of this change, both beautiful and painful, I encourage us to remember that the autumnal season lays the foundations for new life, as winter seals in the fertilizing nutrients of the leaves and the chaff. As the people of the Resurrection, may we always live into this truth and take heart!

In Christ,

Rev. Tyler Orem

SESSION SHORTS

- Session approved a project presented by Hayden LaFlech (Sharon's grandson) who is working toward his Eagle Scout badge. He is going to build a Blessing Box (or Little Free Pantry) which is a box that will be located outside our church where non-perishable goods, school supplies, gloves, etc. can be brought or used for those who are in need.
- Lois Fozkos was elected to be the elder commissioner at the Presbytery meeting this month. (The meeting was on September 17th at Geneva Center.)
- Our Family & Fellowship @ First event and pancake breakfast on September 8th was enjoyed by all. Session gave thanks for everyone who worked at the event and attended.
- Faith Development is planning a hayride/bonfire on October 6th at 5 pm at Oakridge Prairie. This will be an intergenerational event. Please use the sign-up sheets so plans can be made for the food.
- On October 16th from 9 – 11 am, we will be hosting a Meet and Greet Rev. Tyler continental breakfast. Other pastors from Highland, town and school officials and our mission partners will be invited as well as our elders, trustees and deacons. The purpose of this is to introduce Rev. Tyler and network with other community leaders.
- Debbie Catania, secretary of the Trustees, reported on the projects that they have been working on to keep our church building and property in good repair. Session thanks the Trustees for all their work.
- The new Shine the Light Committee continues to find ways to publicize the ways in which our church is the Heart, Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ. Remember that FPCH is on the web at fpchighland.org and also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of
August 31, 2019

	Month of August	Monthly Budget	Year to Date
Operating Revenue	\$9,675.64	\$10,087.00	\$78,946.03
Operating Expenses	10,307.26	12,679.00	91,302.90
Excess (Deficit)	(\$631.62)		(\$12,356.87)



Endowment Fund
Committee

Gifts given in the months of August and September to the Endowment Fund include:

In Memory of: Donald & Phyllis Auld, Art Calvin, Ede Corten, Wanda Cullum,
Arlene Diekman, Don Johnston, Jesse Kikkert's mother

These gifts were given by the following donors:

Bob & Charlotte Abernethy, The Cullum family, Bill & Anettia Holmes,
Eric Johnston, The Kikkert Family, Arletta Schaefer, Jay & Jean Smith,
Dr. & Mrs. Lowell Steen, Jay & Jean Smith

In Honor of: Family Birthdays, given by Lois Fozkos





The trustees would like to introduce Vicky Brann as our church's IT consultant. Vicky has worked in IT for 32 years. She is an independent consultant and is CISCO certified (CCNA) - a highly sought-after certification in the IT industry.

Vicky started consulting for our church in January when Pastor Tyler's computer was running slow. We asked Vicky to determine if we needed to replace the 7-year-old computer. Vicky's analysis was that she could save his computer by wiping it clean and reinstalling the operating system and adding additional memory. By doing this we could get an additional few years out of it instead of replacing the computer at significant cost.

Vicky's next project for us was to do a feasibility study to get WIFI throughout our facility. You might remember an article in the Larger View about this project which was completed earlier this year.

Another big project Vicky tackled was to move our email server from GoDaddy, which hosts our website, to Microsoft Office 365. This move stabilized our email system, gave us access to hundreds of additional email accounts, and allows us to use the cloud to store documents.

Vicky was also consulted in replacing our copier when the lease expired in July and pointed us to a local Office Supply company that could compete in quality with our existing copier while reducing our cost significantly.

Vicky has helped to troubleshoot computer issues as they've occurred. For example, recently Kristen's computer was making a strange sound. Vicky determined the noise was from the fan inside the computer and replaced the fan housing.

We are very happy to have Vicky's expertise to maintain our computer equipment, to be our knowledge base and technical guru for all IT related issues, and to guide us in the continually changing world of IT.

FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP @ FIRST

On September 8th, members enjoyed a pancake breakfast to kick off the 2019-2020 Sunday School year. Each ministry had a table highlighting aspects of their ministry. Participants could play with kinetic sand, ring the choir bells or make a bank. Adult Sunday School materials were on display. It was an informal hour of socializing and information collecting.

Thanks to everyone that helped..



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JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT FPCH FOR AN “OLD FASHIONED” HAYRIDE



WHEN: Sunday, October 6, 2019

WHERE: Oak Ridge Prairie Park, Griffith, IN

TIME: 5:00 – We will meet at the church at 4:30 and share rides.

After the hayride, there will be a bonfire to roast hot dogs and marshmallows. This activity is open to all ages. Seats on the wagon are limited so sign up after September 1st in fellowship hall. You may sign up only for the meal or for both. Come revisit your youth or make memories for your future.

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the words of encouragement and prayers to start off my new position with the church. I feel like God has been preparing me for this position for a long time, and I am so excited for this opportunity to serve our faith community! Both before and since I had my own kids, I volunteered with the various churches we've been a part of while moving around the country as a military family. Even when I wasn't actively looking for a way to get involved, God put opportunities right in front of me to be active and do more than just sit in a pew on Sunday mornings. Little by little it became clearer that He was calling me to serve Him through various aspects of Christian Education and Faith Formation. From painting sets for church musicals to leading a women's group, from being the VBS director to facilitating adult Sunday School classes, the Lord has helped me learn and grow in each opportunity. Even when I was nervous and uncomfortable about an area He was calling me to, I trusted my God and said "Yes." And you know what? He provided everyone and everything I have needed, and has calmed my nerves. Being able to share God's love and Word and His "amazing-ness" is truly a dream job, and it is SO MUCH FUN! The best part of being involved with an education ministry is the expressions on kids' and adults' faces when they come to a new or deeper realization of what God means to them. I'm looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us here at FPC Highland!

~ *Heather Casiano*



September Shelter Report

We had a big crowd at the September shelter serving. A total of 55 hungry clients dined on Barbecued pork sandwiches. 16 lbs. of meat was supplied by the Episcopal Church of Griffith from their food pantry. We are always so grateful when they share some of their excess with us. The usual sides accompanied the pork: baked beans, Italian pasta salad filled with fresh vegetables, milk, hard boiled eggs, and oatmeal apple crisp. The apples again coming from the Episcopal Church

The 3 musketeers hung together and got the meal all ready for the Torens, Kaz Smailis and Cheryl to deliver and serve. It was Kaz's first time and he said he would definitely do it again. He attends our church on an occasionally basis so if you see him in worship on a Sunday, thank him for his willingness to pitch in and lend a hand.



“You are Christ’s body—that’s who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your “part” mean anything.”

1 Cor 12:27

Message of Faith: This is an invitation to become partners with the Deacons in a social responsibility to meet a growing need in our faith community.

Why: Work schedules, non drivers, and limited physical abilities of Deacons cannot meet the needs of a growing community of the elderly or disabled. Volunteers are needed to assist on an as needed basis.

Mission: The mission of this task oriented program is to provide a service for the elderly and disabled who have either limited or no realistic means of transportation to get to the grocery stores, local doctors, dentists, pharmacies, and church within the congregation of FPCH. This can be accomplished with task oriented volunteers.

How: Coordinate and maintain a roster of volunteers willing to transport or aid in the delivery of pharmaceuticals and/or provide needed transportation.

Outcome: The proposed program will allow non-driving seniors of FPCH to have available transportation available to attend to quality of life and medical needs.

“Some day you may need help with transportation. Can you help us to get this service going? If I asked you for a ride, would you help me out? I knew I could count on you.”

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help them with picking up medications and driving members to worship. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

BUY-A-BRICK

Now is your opportunity to purchase a brick for the garden path to commemorate a family member or a loved one. We'll sell bricks during the next several months and install the bricks during spring 2020, when we plan to rehabilitate the garden path.

A brick can be used to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, special people, express a thought, recognize an event or memorialize a meaningful bible verse or saying. A brick makes a special and unique birthday or Christmas gift.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BUY A BRICK PROGRAM ORDER FORM**

We have a great opportunity to improve our garden walkway and help the church raise funds for projects and mission opportunities. We are offering engraved bricks to replace the plain ones in the memorial garden walkway. Here's what's available to order:

- Engraved 4 x 8 18 characters per line with maximum of three lines at a cost of \$50.00
- Engraved 8 x 8 18 characters per line with a maximum of six lines at a cost of \$100.00

Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick(s) as follows:

ANY SYMBOL/SPACE IS COUNTED AS ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)
ALL TEXT WILL BE CAPITALIZED AND CENTERED

4 X 8 Brick

8 x 8 Brick

EXAMPLE

B	L	E	S	S	E	D		B	Y		F	A	M	I	L	Y	
W	I	L	L	I	A	M		A	N	D		S	H	A	R	O	N
					L	A	F	L	E	C	H						

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**First Presbyterian Church of Highland
P.O. Box 9219
Highland, Indiana 46322**

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____ Amount Paid: _____

TEN ORDERS WILL BE ACCUMULATED BEFORE A NEW ORDER IS PLACED WITH THE VENDOR.
If you have any questions, please call Sharon LaFlech (219) 838-3346



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a very tangible way to reach out to those around us in prayer: caring for them during a time of great pain or distress; joining them in times of joy and gratitude. It's a visible (not to mention soft and warm) reminder of the power of prayer, God's incredible love for us, and our love for each other. Volunteers are needed to make shawls for this revival ministry. Here you'll find the submission form to request a prayer shawl for someone, as well as information about volunteering/donating to the ministry. Volunteers are asked to pray for whoever may receive the shawl before and during it's making. The completed shawl will also be prayed over a final time before being delivered. Please keep this ministry in your personal prayers, that God would see fit to bless as many people as possible through the congregation of FPCH. Requests for shawls or to volunteer to make shawls can be made by completing the following form or contacting Sharon LaFlech or Peggy Fozkos.

Please Complete to Request a Shawl and/or Volunteer

Date ____/____/____

Recipient Name _____

Recipient Address _____

Reason for Request _____

Special Notes: Please let us know if you would like to deliver this gift yourself or have any other information that would be helpful. _____

Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____

Your Email Address _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER/SERVE IN THIS MINISTRY BY:

_____ Crocheting or Learning How to Crochet _____ Donating Yarn _____ Donating Monatarily for yarn



Knit, Crochet, Pray

Get involved in FPCH Prayer Shawl Ministry. We will meet on October 9th 1:00 PM in the Youth Room. Please consider joining us on this ministry. Questions may be directed to Sharon LaFlech 838-3346 or Peggy Fozkos 924-0875

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They're secure and simple to set up, so you can grow your earnings. In fact, families who pay online earn 45% more than families who don't.



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- Set up your account in a matter of minutes
- Create a unique PIN to keep your account safe
- \$0.15 fee on each transaction

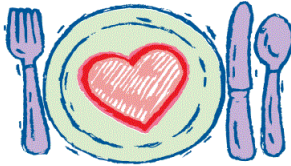
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GLADYS' TABLE

The next meal will be Saturday, October 26th from 12 to 1 PM



THE BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 17th at 2:00 PM at the home of Jean Smith to discuss the book "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein.



Vince & Debbie Catania

885 Clearwater Cove East
Crown Point, IN 46307



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Cheryl Steen
- 13 Nolan Severson
- 15 Bob Abernethy
Marlys Furnas
- 17 Lois Fozkos
Pam Porter
Eric Severson
- 19 Carol Callaway
- 22 Emily Graves
- 23 Dennis Van Kooten
- 24 Lana Sendejas



Notes

Thank you for all the prayers and well wishes. Much needed and greatly appreciated.

Sharon LaFlech

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Thank you so much for the gift of the prayer shawl, all of your get well cards, meals on wheels and assistance this summer during my convalescence from a broken ankle. I am truly grateful for all of you!

Laura Jones

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Thank you for all the prayers and cards upon the death of my mother, Wanda Cullum.

Anettia and Bill Holmes

Prayers of Christian Sympathy to:



- Anettia & Bill Holmes and their family on the death of Anettia’s mother, Wanda Cullum.



Ongoing Prayers



The Prayer Circle prays for the people on this list, and for all other concerns named at that time. Please include the persons listed here in your daily devotional time. Thank you.

- Debbie Abernethy
- Anthony - Suzanne Gruoner’s son
- Alaina (Callaway)
- Marge Ashton
- Bapst Family (Callaway)
- Sonny Buono
- Ina Chappell
- I Sun Chong (Oprea)
- Marian Clayton (Morton)
- Ruth Dekker
- Barb Dye
- Gerry Elman
- Gracie Helmer
- Bill Holmes
- Willie Key
- Daniel Litwicki (Catania)
- Murray Faris
- Marlys Furnas
- Jennifer (Reed-Daughter of friend)
- Laura Jones
- Linda Kubiak (L. Fozkos)
- Mary Ann (Perryman)
- Bonita Sutton (Nolen)
- Dr. Lowell Steen
- Steve & Melinda
- Gary Studer
- Dennis VanKooten

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 Due to federal regulations about privacy, ***we are no longer called by hospitals*** about patient admissions. Even if they ask you for your church affiliation when checking in, they do not call. If you or your loved one would like a visit while hospitalized, or would like a home visit, please call the church office at 219-838-6850.
 Thank you!
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- We pray for those undergoing treatment for cancer, the mentally ill and their families, those recuperating, those undergoing treatments and those waiting for transplants.
- We pray for our country.
- We pray for our firemen and police who help keep us safe at home.
- We pray for our service men and women.
- We pray for the unemployed, the under employed and the homeless.

- We pray for those who are traveling.
- We pray for those we hold silently in our hearts.
- We pray for all children in the world.
- We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit within the life of FPCH and within each of us, that we may indeed be and make disciples in each new day.
- We pray for our home-bound.

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In order to keep the prayer list current, we need your input. If there are people you would like to have added or if there is someone who can be taken off the list, please call the Church Office (838-6850).



USHER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 6

John & Judy Toren
Winnie Owen

OCTOBER 13

Rodney & Peggy Fozkos
Cheryl Steen

OCTOBER 20

Carolyn Ham
Jamie & Savannah Ham

OCTOBER 27

Vince & Debbie Catania
Anettia Holmes

LITURGISTS

OCTOBER 6

Tracy Oprea

OCTOBER 13

Vince Catania

OCTOBER 20

Bonnie Perryman

OCTOBER 27

John Toren

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

10/6: J. Smith/G. Churitch

10/13: L. Fozkos/P. Fozkos

10/20: H. Casiano/C. Abernethy

10/27: H. Kikkert/D. Catania

COMMUNION: October 6

Peter Churitch

Lois Fozkos

Tracy Oprea

Rev. Tyler Orem

Cheryl Steen

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 6

OPEN

OCTOBER 13

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OCTOBER 20

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OCTOBER 27

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