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OUR CONSTITUTION

When we hear the words, "Our Constitution" our minds might immediately jump to these words, "**We the People** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility ..." because most of us have studied the U.S. Constitution. However, did you know that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) has its own Constitution?! Yes, we have our own Constitution, and it consists of two parts, The Book of Confessions, and the Book of Order.

We are a confessional church - which does not just mean that we confess our sins to God every Sunday, although we do do that (and hopefully not just on Sunday mornings!). It means that over the centuries we have written down both our Church's interpretation of the Bible and how that interpretation should apply to our lives as Presbyterians. We share some Confessions with other denominations, and others we do not. In fact, the shortest confession of all is one that all Christian churches make and it is only four words long - "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Although the PCUSA allows some "freedom of conscience" for how Scripture is interpreted, it also states that the Confessions (which are based on Scripture) are not to be taken lightly or ignored.

Here's how the Book of Confessions is described:

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) states its faith and bears witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ in the creeds and confessions in the Book of Confessions. In these statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do. These statements identify the church as a community of people known by its convictions as well as by its actions. They guide the church in its study and interpretation of the Scriptures; they summarize the essence of Reformed Christian tradition; they direct the church in maintaining sound doctrines; they equip the church for its work of proclamation. They serve to strengthen personal commitment and the life and witness of the community of believers.

That's a pretty amazing proclamation: *In these statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do.* Hopefully that statement will pique interest in having a closer look at who we declare to the world we are, what we believe, and what we resolve to do. In these modern times, it only takes the click of your finger to have the Book of Confessions magically appear on your computer screen (Link here:

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/boc2016.pdf). I'll be sending out a live link by email as well. If anyone wants a hard copy, we can order one for you, just let us know in the office.

The Book starts off with a great explanation of the history of the Confessions, how the church deals with contradictions, and so on. Be sure to read that before diving into the actual Confessions. You might find it fun to read the most modern ones first, before diving into the older ones. Either way, it is a labor of love for the church to at least try to become familiar with some of these, and it is also an important responsibility. May you be blessed in your readings!

Doug and Johanna Russell continue their Mission Work in Columbia.

“One of the beautiful churches in Colombia, this is in the city of Jardin.
At night, it lights up entirely and white. It’s absolutely beautiful.”





November Birthdays

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| 02 – Doug Russell | 22 – Suzanne Mills |
| 08 – Marge Calkins | 23 – Wanda Wachob |
| 09 – Helen Roe | 24 – Patrick Smith |
| 17 – Charlotte Pennock | 28 – Lori Crawford |
| 19 – Quinn Gruppe | 29 – Andy Brussel |
| 21 – Cathy Mocyk | 30 – Bob Brussel |

November Anniversaries

19 – Rush & Marty Pond – 35 years!

Add your or a loved one’s birthday or anniversary date to our list by contacting the church office.



Session/Deacons Joint Meeting

The Session and the Deacons were able to break bread together as officers of the church on Tuesday the 24th. They enjoyed a very plentiful potluck dinner and then had a combined meeting in which they learned a bit more about each other’s work. The Deacons were able to share the very important work they have been doing with ministering to our members who are not able to come to church. Individual Deacons are assigned to various members of the congregation and serve by visiting with them, sending them cards, celebrating birthdays and keeping them in touch with the church. The Session was able to cover items such as the financial health of the church and the formation of a Mission Committee. They also celebrated the new Presbyterian Book of Order – as they each received a copy and quickly put it to good use in a rousing game of *Book of Order Jeopardy*.

2023 Session Elders

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| Tricia Adams | Kathy Bowen | Andy Brussel |
| Mark Chamberlin | Jamie Gruppe | Victor Jenkins |
| Doug Russell | Stephanie Stine* | |

**Clerk of Session*



Church Fall Clean-Up to be held on Saturday, November 4th at 9am. A rain date is planned for Sunday, November 5th after church.

Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

2023 Board of Deacons

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| Shane Adams* | Bea Boak | Peg Brussel |
| Marge Calkins | Andrea Ducharme | Tom Eckrote |
| Heidi Henderson | Marty Pond* | Nancy Runyans |
| Martha Stevens | Barb Winegard | |

**Co-Moderators*



The November Calendar

Sundays

9:15 – Choir practice in the Choir Room
 10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary

Mondays

4:30 – Village Singers practice in the Choir Room
 6:30 – Bell practice in the Choir Room

Saturday, Nov. 4

9:00 – Fall Clean-up Day

Sunday, Nov. 5

10:00 – Worship & Communion
 Remembrance Day
 11:30 – Gospel of John Bible Study
 11:30 – Clean-up rain date
 2:00 – Worship & Communion at Buckley Landing

Mon., Nov. 6

10:30 – Worship & Music, Media Center

Tues., Nov. 7 – Election Day

1:00 – Book Club, Media Center

Sat., Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day

Tues., Nov. 14

7:00 – Session

Thurs., Nov. 16

4 – 5:15 – Community Dinner

Sat., Nov. 18

12:30 – 3:00 – Volunteer at the Samaritan Center

Thurs., Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Day -the church office is closed.

Fri., Nov. 24

The church office is closed.

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence,

♡ GRIEVING

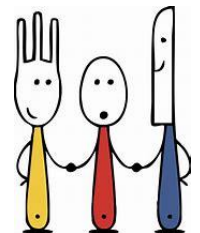
Marty Pond and her family upon the loss of brother-in-law, Richard Moran

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Generally, names remain on the prayer list for one month. Please let the church office know if you wish otherwise.

November 5 – Matthew 23:1-12
November 12 – Matthew 25:1-13
November 19 – Matthew 25:14-30
November 26 – Matthew 25:31-46

Community Dinners



Effective this month, our church will alternate Community Dinners with St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. We will host the dinner on odd months; St. Mark’s will host even months. All dinners will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month and are free of charge.

In an effort to spread the word to community members who are in need of a square meal or socialization, we publicize the dinner at PEACE, the Food Pantry, St. Mary’s Apartments, Canton Woods and Conifer Village.

On Thursday, November 16, we will serve Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans with Bacon and Onions, Applesauce, Zucchini Bread and Pumpkin Pie. We encourage people to sit in our dining room and enjoy their meal while socializing with others. Members of our congregation are encouraged to attend! Take-outs are also available. If you would like to have a meal delivered, please call the church office.

Ham Dinner Results

The 2023 Ham Dinner was a huge success! We served 390 dinners (up from 340 last year). Many hands were needed to pull off this drive-thru dinner. Thank you to everyone who cooked vegetables, sliced hams, peeled potatoes, cut pies and bread, worked in the parking lot, filled food containers, ran meals to the cars, and helped with cleanup – especially the challenging scalloped potato pans! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 5, 2024 for the next annual Ham Dinner.





Nursery School News!

November brings Thanksgiving and here at the nursery school we will be learning and celebrating. In our classrooms we focus on the themes of sharing and cooperating with each other. The 3 and 4 year old classes join together for a special "feast."

During October we welcomed Dad's (and special guys) to school for a special night. The 3 year old class made a picture frame with their Dad to hold a picture from that night and the 4 year old class decorated pumpkins. It was a fun time for everyone!

-Jessica Newcomb, Director, PNS

Diaper Awareness Month

We were able to donate 1,517 diapers to the CNY Diaper Bank because of so many generous people at the church. This gift will assist parents who need a little help. Thank you to everyone who donated and thank you to Andrea Ducharme for coordinating this effort!



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Pastor-----Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
 Administrative Assistant-----Elizabeth Bayer
 Clerk of Session-----Stephanie Stine
 Deacon Co-Moderator-----Marty Pond
 Deacon Co-Moderator-----Shane Adams
 Director of Music & Choir-----Rheta Jenks
 Organist -----Lee Johnston
 Nursery School Director-----Jessica Newcomb

Happy Thanksgiving!