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October Bookends of Grace and Hope

Two important celebrations for Christian unity and the origins of Reformed tradition bookend the month of October.

World Communion Sunday is celebrated Oct. 2. World Communion Sunday has long been celebrated in October to express Christian unity as all Christians around the world celebrate the Lord's Supper on this day, reminding us that Paul teaches us to "discern the body" when we celebrate Holy Communion, being mindful of our relationship with all our brothers and sisters in Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:29).

But recently I was asked when did Christians begin doing this? The answer is to highlight Presbyterians seeking the unity of the Body of Christ, the church.

The first World Communion Sunday was celebrated in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA when Reverend Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr served as pastor. "Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another," according to the Shadyside Presbyterian Church website and The National Council of Churches website.

The celebration of World Communion Sunday, according to the PCUSA website, was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it was not until 1940, when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to churches around the world, that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, transcending boundaries of denomination, geography, and language to reclaim our oneness in Christ.

World Communion Sunday begins October and Reformation Sunday ends October. Reformation Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of October and is celebrated to affirm the tradition that grounds our faith. We celebrate Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday of October because that is when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the doors of the Wittenberg Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517.



Luther was not trying to start a new Christian denomination rather he was trying to get the medieval church reform itself and return to the scripture as the basis for church practices. Luther was not the first person to try and get the church to reform its practices, but he was the one who was supported by the German princes in opposition to the Pope and the Vatican. Luther's actions and his teaching inspire other reformers such as Huldrych Zwingli, John Calvin and Guillaume Farel in Switzerland, who were more independent of German Reformed movement. John Calvin is the prominent voice of the Presbyterian Reformed tradition through his writings, his teachings, his sermons, and his leadership guiding the people in Geneva, Switzerland to live their faith, notably by creating schools for boys and girls and creating a water and sewer system to promote public health. Both of these have been hallmarks of Presbyterians who have created schools and universities as well as hospitals.

The Protestant watchwords of Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone, Christ alone, and God's glory alone have been the foundation for the Presbyterian Church and remind us that the reformers wanted to return to the early church and the biblical witness of the early church, returning to Christianity's roots.

We should also remember that the reformers sought to teach the church to embrace change with the phrase, "Reformed always being reformed, according to the Word of God."

This is, according to the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) website, "what Presbyterians believe: that the Word of God is present and active in the world, making "all things new" in and through Jesus Christ (Rev. 21:5). We ourselves, as individuals and as the church, are being ever-transformed by this Word, even as we share its good news with the world. And part of the good news is this: God is not finished yet.

Changes for the better are promised and are under way. We have reason for hope, even in the face of disappointments and suffering, even though we might look foolish for doing so. Our reason is, simply, our conviction that God is faithful and will see us through (Heb. 10:23).

Our role is not to wait, at least not in any passive sense, for God to craft the new heavens and the new earth. It is to jump right into the work God is doing in this world; to discern what God is saying, and to participate in this hope."

May October prove to be a time for unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ and a time to celebrate our identity as Presbyterians, who are looking forward into the future with hope and joy for the new things God is doing in our midst.

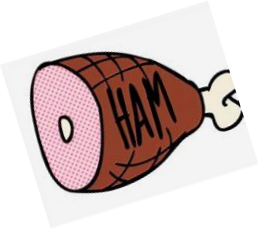
Peace,
Pastor Carson



Identity Statement

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

Ham Dinner Drive-Thru

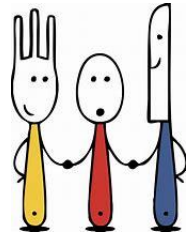


The 2022 Ham Dinner is almost here! We have done a lot of advertising and are hoping for a good turnout. The dinner is a Drive-Thru with no indoor seating. To the people who have volunteered to help, thank

you! Everyone else's assignment is to spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. And be sure to drive through our parking lot on Saturday, October 8 and give your order to Vic Jenkins or Shane Adams. Let us do the cooking for you: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Hubbard Squash, Peas, Banana Bread and Pumpkin Pie. Price is \$12 per meal. Enter the parking lot from Elizabeth Street WESTbound (do not enter from Oswego Street as we usually do). We will have a traffic director on Oswego Street to help cars exit the parking lot. See you soon!

Community Dinner

Due to the timing of our Ham Drive-Thru, there will be no Community Dinner in October, the next being on November 3rd. We will serve Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Cheesy Spinach Bake, Applesauce, Rolls and Assorted Desserts. Please contact Barb Winegard if you would like to help.



October Birthdays

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| 04 – Mary Anne Luke | 16 – Stephanie Stine |
| 04 – Lillian Olsen | 16 – Bill Wachob |
| 08 – Martha Stevens | 18 – Marty Pond |
| 09 – Mark Chamberlin | 23 – Lynn Pohl |
| 12 – George Sollish | 26 – Stephen Adams |
| 13 – Jack Burton | 29 – Pam Keckison |

We do not have any known anniversaries to celebrate in the month of October.

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

From the Deacon's Desk



- Bee-full- please continue your generosity by supporting this project- now that school has started. We will take food as well as Aldi gift cards! Don't want to go shopping? Let Marty Pond do your shopping for you!
- Our next community dinner is Thursday, November 3rd, as mentioned.
- We will be serving lunch at The Samaritan Center on Saturday, November 5th. The Deacons support this project by paying for the food. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Please reach out to Kathy Bowen to volunteer.
- We will be sponsoring the Angel Tree this year during Advent- watch for more information!

2022 Board of Deacons

Peg Brussel	Pam Keckison	Martha Stevens
Marge Calkins	Matt McGivney	Peggy Suddaby
Mark Chamberlin	Marty Pond*	Barb Winegard
Heidi Henderson	Joanne Rodriguez	
	<i>*Moderator</i>	

Thank you, Ginny!

Ginny Smith has been a wonderful blessing to our Congregation. As Ginny and her husband, Richard, move into retirement, we thank them and wish them much happiness. If you would like to send good wishes, their new address is:



Ginny Smith
1203 Kirkland Village Circle
Bethlehem, PA 18017

The October Calendar

Sundays 10 am

Worship in the sanctuary

Mondays

6:30 p.m. - Bell practice in the Sanctuary
7-9:00 p.m. - Scouts in the Fellowship Hall

Sun., Oct. 2

10:00 a.m. - Worship and Communion

Mon., Oct. 3

10:00 a.m. - Music & Worship Committee in the Media Center
11:00 a.m. - Acts of the Apostles Bible Study in the Media Center (every Monday this month)
5:45 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 60735, Media Ctr

Tues., Oct. 4

10:00 a.m. - Book Club in the Media Center

Weds., Oct. 5

5:45 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop 60867, Room #6

Sat., Oct. 8

4-5:30 p.m. - Ham Dinner Drive-Thru

Mon., Oct. 10

The Church Office is closed in recognition of Columbus Day

Tues., Oct. 11

7:00 p.m. - Session, Media Center

Weds., Oct. 12

2:00 - Parkinson's Support Group, Media Ctr.

Weds., Oct. 19

7:00 - Deacons, Media Center

Sun., Oct. 30

10:00 a.m. - We welcome Karen Chamis to lead worship this morning

Oct. 2 - Luke 17:5-10
Oct. 9 - Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 16 - Luke 18:1-8
Oct. 23 - Luke 18:9-14
Oct. 30 - Luke 19:1-10

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence,

since our last newsletter

- ♡ GRIEVING
Ron & Stephanie Stine, upon the loss of Ron's sister, Carolyn Kay Campbell
 - ♡ HEALTH CHALLENGES
Barry Bullis
Nancy Dobbins
Anthonia Todd
 - ♡ RECOVERING
Mimi Dundon - temporary address
Syracuse Home, Rehabilitation Unit,
7740 Meigs Road, Room 308,
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
- Stephanie Stine

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

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS!



Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 4 at 10 a.m. We have chosen to read Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Kristin is an attorney turned author who lives with her husband in the northwestern U.S. She has written several novels and Nightingale, written in 2015, is one of her most notable. The novel is about two sisters in German occupied France during WW2. Although they are tested in many ways, the work displays the human ability to overcome obstacles. We look forward to seeing you! Questions or conflicts, please email Victor Jenkins at victor.lee.jenkins@gmail.com

“One to One Program”



The “One to One” program is sponsored by InterFaith Works and has been created to increase joy for residents living in long-term care through the power of volunteers who

boost socialization. One to One is looking for friendly volunteers interested in visiting a nursing home resident to develop a meaningful and lasting friendship. Please read the following story by Ruby Lopez.

Ron K. and Cathy V.

Ron is one of our incredible One to One residents. He loves to share about his life, is bold about his faith and has a competitive nature and displays intentionality in all he does!

Ron was first matched with One to One volunteer Cathy – she is one of our most committed volunteers, who has been with us since our program launched. All throughout, they have shared quality time, life stories, and played many rounds of Scrabble.

When Cathy and Ron first met, they discovered they had a lot in common. They both care deeply for others, have sharp minds, and love the city of Syracuse. They both love to serve and let others feel appreciated– the type of people who continuously display their gratitude.

After a recent Apple Pie social event at Sedgwick Heights, I had the opportunity to sit in during their weekly visit. I greeted Cathy and she welcomed me to join her and Ron and to no surprise, were very engaged in a close game of Scrabble. Cathy let me know that Ron was once again coming in with the higher score during this round – as a spoiler Ron did in fact win all 3 rounds!

With the opportunity, I learned about Ron’s upbringing in Delaware, his endeavors in life that led him to his new home of Syracuse, NY, his love for Scrabble, and about is Scrabble dictionary collection.

Ron also shared about his values and how he chooses to live out life and he said, “it is

important to be a good person to everyone always, how you treat people matters and that’s part of being a good person.”

From joining Ron and Cathy’s visit I took away and experienced more than just watching a competitive game of Scrabble, I got to sit in on something so special, hearing him expressing gratitude for Cathy and their time together continues to remind me of the impact our program has in the lives of others.

For more information, please contact Ruby Lopez at rlopez@ifwcny.org or 315-449-3552 ext. 297.

H.E.L.P Project

- Household Essentials for Living
- Pantry

The Baldwinsville Volunteer Center has established the H.E.L.P. Project to assist our local food pantry in obtaining daily basic household supplies such as personal care items, paper items, cleaning products and baby items. The Deacons voted to support this project by collecting personal care items in the month of November. Personal care items include: 2/1 shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, lotion and hand soap. Watch for special boxes in the Sanctuary and in the Church Office. Please help support this local project!

“The cobwebs in my house just became my decorations!”
 – Unknown

Happy Halloween!

Lions Clubs International



Lions Club International is the largest non for- profit service club in the world. It is always one of the first on the scene to assist in a natural disaster.

The Lions Motto: Where there is a need, there is a Lion.

Lions stands for: Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services.

There are two opportunities to serve: Baldwinsville Lions meet 7 p.m., the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Lions Community Park. Secondly, the Syracuse Host Club meets the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month at 12:15 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel E. Genesee Street Syracuse

Like your Church, Lions become another family.

For more information on either location, contact Doug or Johana Russell at 315-952-2136.

From the Mailbox

My thanks to all for cards and calls on my 95th birthday! I had most of my family here and they gave me a super party. I miss being with you all.
-Mary Hamilton

Thank you to our church family for thinking of us during this difficult time on the passing of my brother, Robert Becker, and Uncle Bob to his nieces. Your cards and sympathies have been sincerely appreciated. Bob worshipped here over the years and many of you remembered the musical gifts he shared when playing the piano. Your words of comfort have meant a great deal to me and my daughters.
-Doris Hildebrandt and family

Presbyterian Church- Thank you so much for your incredible generosity this summer for BeeFull Food Pantry. The food and Aldi gift cards have been a true blessing for the BeeFull families. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!
-Bee Full Food Pantry

Worship Opportunity!

Please call the church office (315-635-9964) if you are available to be a Sunday liturgist. Since you know your personal schedule, it seems more efficient for each person to select a convenient date, rather than have me ask for volunteers when I see you. Being a liturgist is very rewarding to connect with the heart of worship. Thanks to all who have served as liturgists and to all who volunteer for the future.

-Rheta Jenks



As mentioned in the Deacon's Desk, we will be serving a meal at the Samaritan Center on Saturday, November 5. The Deacons will finance the meal—we do not need to bring any food. We need volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. Please join us! Contact Kathy Bowen if you would like to participate. 315-638-8749 or kharp1626@gmail.com.

Grounds Clean-up!



Grounds Clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, November 6 after Church. Pizza and refreshments will be served after. A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, November 12 at 9 a.m. Come get some fresh air and exercise with your Church friends!



Do you have extra sewing material that you would like to donate to make Walker Bags? Our own Nancy Landon has offered to make bags for individuals that utilize walkers. Please drop off any material to the church office. Thank you!

A Few Notes About Music

Until we have enough singers to make a choir in our church, our current members will continue to rehearse at Liverpool Presbyterian Church. As we did last year we will record anthems with the Liverpool choir and make CD recordings to play for worship. If you wish to join our choir, please let me know or just attend a Thursday practice at 7pm in Liverpool. Our choir members are very capable, but the number is not viable for the music we want to share. Please consider joining us to make music for the glory of the Lord.



-Rheta Jenks, music coordinator
 (phone 315-635-3291 or email Bvillercj@gmail.com)

First Annual PresB'Ville Potluck Picnic



On September 18 the Congregation enjoyed a Potluck Picnic! Pastor Carson cooked hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers for all! Everyone brought a salad or a dessert to share. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and it was a lovely day!



The Greater Syracuse Crop Hunger Walk is scheduled for October 16, 2022. There are two options to participate this year: Walking together at Onondaga Park or the Virtual Option, where walkers can walk in any location they choose on any day before October 16. Donation envelopes are available in the church office.

Six local agencies will benefit from funds raised from this year's walk.

- Atonement Lutheran Church Ministries
- Samaritan Center
- In My Father's Kitchen
- Baldwinsville Food Pantry
- Interreligious Food Consortium
- Immaculate Heart of Mary



From the Resource Presbyter

Poor Hamlet.

Shakespeare's famous soliloquy features the Prince of Denmark contemplating death and suicide. He compares the nobility of hanging in there as opposed to a quick (merciful?) death. His quandary is due in part to not being certain of what happens after death*. Regardless, he sees the option as either one thing or the other. To be, or not to be. That, he believes, is the question.

Either black or white. Either death now, or death later.

As congregations see a steady drop in membership and a steady rise in the average age of members, Hamlet's question is whispered in coffee hour and in the parking lot after Session.

To be? Or not to be? It's a false dichotomy. Let me fix it:

To be, or not to be ... *or to become.*

As people of the Resurrected Christ our options are never limited to death now or later. As those who worship the One who destroyed the sting of death itself, the question cannot be one of when to die, but rather how we chose to live.

Churches DO close their doors. However, there is a difference in whether a congregation simply waits out the inevitable or chooses a legacy that continues the gift of that congregation. The difference isn't just semantics. It's intent.

Consider the following examples:

Saints Preserved Presbyterian intends to continue "to be" and has focused all its energy on their building and the care of the existing congregation. They have partnered with a childcare center that will provide much needed funds to pay their bill. They will continue in this fashion until the last member turns off the light.

Saints Alive Presbyterian intends to become a new creation. They have decided to work with the presbytery to sell the building to a group that will provide an entrepreneurial kitchen for folks in the community as well as an adult day care facility. Following the sale of the building, Members have agreed to meet monthly for coffee but also to channel their energy into other local congregations.

Both churches close their doors. In the second example, the church and congregation are not dead but rather live on in a new way, and with new purpose. They have become a new creation.

Everyone dies in Hamlet. Only Horatio lives to tell the story. In the first Act (and in apparent contrast to the black and white philosophy offered by Hamlet in his great soliloquy) Hamlet says to Horatio: "There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

Where is the church headed? God only knows. Fortunately, we believe that there are more things in heaven and earth than we can begin to imagine as God creates a new creation in our midst. Our work is to discern how God is calling us to partner in that work.

Blessings,
Karen

*Shakespeare may be commenting on the Reformation here – does purgatory exist, or do the reformers have it right? his interaction with Ghost (his father?) suggests the former, but as a student at Wittenberg he was likely taught Protestant theology. Do you love trying to read stuff in context? (Yes, I am a geek).