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What in the World are We Doing?

I've been in Baldwinsville long enough now that the odds are getting pretty good that if I go to a local grocery store, I'll bump into someone from the congregation (or run into one of the other local faith leaders). Having grown up in the small town of East Moriches, NY, this is familiar territory. When I'm back there, people will still come up to me, many years since I moved away from "Emo" and say, "You're Reverend Dickson's daughter." And if something eventful happens to someone from my hometown, I'll no doubt hear about it. People in communities tend to know what other folks are up to, and in many ways that is a good thing. So, what goes on with the greater community of Presbyterians in this world? What are we doing in the world?

One way to learn more about Presbyterian global activities is to visit the PCUSA website. There you will learn about the work that our denomination does in partnership with others throughout the world. There they state, "We believe that doing mission in partnership broadens our awareness of how interconnectional God's mission is at the local, national, and global levels. The one table around which we gather is God's table and the one mission to which we are called is God's mission." They go on to say, "Together with our global partners, PC(USA) mission co-workers engage in life-transforming ministries in 80 countries and help us understand issues of ministry across the world. Despair, poverty, and violence are being overcome in the name of Jesus Christ." (You can read more about our global partnerships here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/>)

The site also offers prayer cards for missionaries. One such card talks about David and Sue Hudson who were "invited by the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ) as liaisons for Japan Mission and Yodogawa Christian Hospital in mission partnership with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Yodogawa Christian Hospital was established by Japan Mission in a disadvantaged area of Osaka in 1955 with seed money provided by Presbyterian Women in the U.S. ... Over the years it has grown to become one of the larger hospitals in the region and a pioneer in providing healing of the whole person in the name of Jesus Christ. It also has the largest chaplaincy program of any hospital in Japan and is a pioneer in the hospice movement and medical innovation." (See prayer cards here: https://www.presbyterianmission.org/?s=Prayer+Card&post_type=resources)

That's just the tip of the iceberg. If you take the time to noodle around on the PCUSA website, you can also learn about young adult volunteers; read letters from missionaries, see which countries we have missionaries in, and so much more!
(for example, the Africa link is here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/programs-services/africa/>)

Prayers for two members of our own congregation, Doug and Johana Russell who are soon embarking on a mission trip to Central and South America. They will be providing vision tests and giving out prescription glasses to those who can't otherwise afford them. I am excited for their far-reaching mission efforts and ask that the congregation keep them in prayer as they go out into the world to help those in need. Continued prayers for a safe and fulfilling mission trip for Doug and Johana!

Blessings,
Pastor Kirsty

Identity Statement

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



October Birthdays

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| 02 – Bryan Bayer | 16 – Stephanie Stine |
| 04 – Mary Anne Luke | 16 – Bill Wachob |
| 08 – Martha Stevens | 18 – Marty Pond |
| 09 – Mark Chamberlin | 23 – Lynn Pohl |
| 12 – George Sollish | 26 – Stephen Adams |

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

Highlights from Session

Childcare Services in the Nursery

Plans are moving along quickly to provide **Childcare Services** for children ages 6 months to 5 years of age. The **Nursery**, located on the second floor of the church, is getting a “Redo” and many are busy fixing, cleaning, and planning for a reopening within the next couple of months. If we get a big response from the congregation, we will need others to volunteer their time which will help us with a rotating schedule to always have two adults present to care for our children. We are hoping this will enable more church members to enjoy Sunday Worship and for their children to have fun upstairs playing, listening to music, discovering faith, or enjoying some great books as told by our volunteers.

Giving Season and Stewardship

Are we caring for all that God has given us as His Stewards of the Earth? Giving to others is not really at a certain time, but happens every day with the many things you do. It encompasses words, prayers, thoughtful gestures and encouragement, and also the means to provide financial stability. The time to estimate what we can give to the church to support the many programs it offers begins in October with the initial **Giving Letter**. This letter will ask for an estimate of your ability to give for the 2024 fiscal year. As you walk as a Steward of God, caring for this earth, think of the many who have touched your life and made it better.

Administrative-leeeee.....

Committees have been busy reviewing policies and procedures for mandatory training for all employees, volunteers, and facilitators of programs offered through the FPC. It is the goal to ensure we have a safe and secure environment for everyone. Background checks, confidentiality training, to name only two, are necessary to ensure a secure environment is part of our church culture.

-Stephanie Stine, Clerk of Session

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*



Our annual **Ham Dinner** is only a few days away! Be sure to drive through our parking lot on Saturday, October 7, 4:00-5:30 and pick up a dinner or two. The price is \$12.00 per meal and includes Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Hubbard Squash, Peas, Banana Bread and Pumpkin Pie. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. This fund-raiser helps support our free Community Dinners as well as other mission projects. Hope to see you there!

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Thank you to the Congregation!



Co-moderators of Deacons, Marty Pond & Shane Adams, recognized the congregation with a "thank you" for helping Amy Miller after the passing of her Aunt Lillian Olsen. A cake was served at coffee hour and special recognition with flowers and a gift card were given to Heidi Henderson & Nancy Runyans for their unwavering day-to-day support to Amy.

On Sunday, October 1st, Worldwide Communion Sunday, we will start with our "traditional way" of serving communion when your Deacon serves the bread, there will also be a "disposable juice & Cracker" container on the plate.

If you would prefer the disposable juice & cracker, please take it at this time and then partake when we all do together!

2023 Board of Deacons

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 October 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

Sunday, Oct. 1

- 10:00 – Worship & Communion
- 2:00 – Worship & Communion at Buckley Landing

Mon., Oct. 2

- 10:30 – Worship & Music, Media Center

Tues., Oct. 3

- 1:00 – Book Club, Media Center

Sat., Oct. 7

- 4:00 – 5:30 – Ham Dinner Drive-Thru

Tues., Oct. 17

- 6:00 – Session/Deacons Joint Meeting and Potluck Dinner, Fireside Room

From the Deacon's Desk



- Now that school is back in session, we will collect food as well as Aldi gift cards for the Bee-Full program at Baker High School.
- Back to "Traditional Serving of Communion starts Sunday 1st.
- We encourage every member of our church family to think about someone who they think could use a "little extra love". Please let Marty or Shane know of your concern.

**Remember in Your Prayers
& Correspondence,**

♡ HEALTH CHALLENGES

Nancy Dobbins
Linda McMahon

♡ GRIEVING

Tom Rogers and his family upon the loss of his father

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

- October 1 – Matthew 21:23-32**
- October 8 – Matthew 21:33-46**
- October 15 – Matthew 22:1-14**
- October 22 – Matthew 22:15-22**
- October 29 – Matthew 22:34-46**



**Library Books Delivered
to Your Home!**

The library's new **Reading to Go** delivery service is for the residents of the Baldwinsville Central School District who have difficulty leaving their homes. They will deliver books to your home! Contact the Baldwinsville Public Library for information and an application: 315-635-5631 or info@bville.lib.ny.us.



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



Nursery School News!

The school year is off to a good start. The kids are beginning to settle in and adjust to the routine at school. We are learning all about apples, sunflowers and many other fall themed things.

A special THANK YOU to Rush Pond for organizing our playground clean-up day and to all of the volunteers who helped!! Many hands make light work and we couldn't have done it without the help.

-Jessica Newcomb, Director, PNS

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