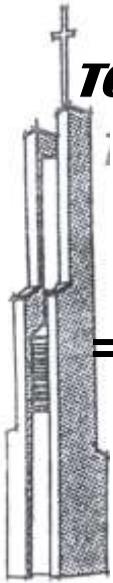


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TOWER TOPICS

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DATED MATERIAL

October 1, 2018



"Grieving and Making Faithful Decisions for the End of Life for Those Who are Still Young"

What: Workshop aimed at those 21 years and older, especially those with dependent children.

When: October 14, 21, 28 and November 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

For the past month my every spare moment has been taken up with acorns, it seems. We have several oak trees around our house and this year they are trying to outperform last year's record amounts of acorns. They sound like rain on the roof and knocking off the patio furniture. They fill the gutters and flower beds and even get wedged in the space between the windshield and the hood of my van. I have picked up thousands of them – trash can after trash can. But that is the way of trees. To propagate the species, they throw out as many seedlings as they can. Fling those acorns far enough, wide enough, or just enough and some might stick. Some might go to seed. Some of those seeds might survive and become trees.

I have seen evangelism done in that way. I have seen people stand on street corners and shout messages or hand out tracts to anyone passing by. Nothing personal, nothing custom-made. Just throw out as many seedlings as you can and maybe, just maybe, one will stick. Use a bullhorn and get the message flung even farther. Use social media and throw it out even farther still. But like the oak tree casting down acorns, evangelism becomes about quantity. And as Presbyterians, this is what we think of when we think of evangelism.

But evangelism is not just about throwing the Word of God out as many times as you can. St. Francis of Assisi wrote that all friars should “preach by their deeds.” In other words, we let our actions confirm our faith and the words we speak. This becomes our highest form of evangelism. For the past several weeks in church we have been reading from the book of James. Martin Luther called it a book of straw because it lacked, in his opinion, the strong theology of Paul's letters and other New Testament writings. I disagree with the venerable Brother Martin. I think there is a lot of theology to James' instruction. The theology is practical in nature but it is still theology and can be boiled down, I think, to this: let your life attract people to Jesus Christ by living like Jesus Christ. It is what I would call evangelism.

Maybe you don't like the idea of pulling out a soap box and bullhorn to “preach” the Gospel. Fine. How about pulling out some patience with a frazzled store clerk? What about holding your tongue when you would like to lash out? How about showing kindness and compassion to a stranger in need? How about not judging people so harshly for their decisions in life? Every time we speak we have the chance to evangelize. What if we had to wear a pin that said, “I believe in Jesus” everywhere we went. Would people look at us and say, “I can see that”? Or would they say, “Really, because it doesn't seem like it”? Evangelism isn't like tossing acorns out by the thousands. Rather, it is like planting a tulip bulb deep in the ground, one bulb at a time.

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Treasurer's Report:

General Operating Fund

Beginning Balance	8/1/2018	\$46,399.90
Receipts		\$14,976.23
Disbursements		<u>\$20,027.21</u>
Ending Balance	8/31/2018	<u>\$41,348.92</u>

Building Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance	8/1/2018	\$56,098.33
Receipts		\$ 58.00
Disbursements		\$ 0.00
Interest		<u>\$ 4.75</u>
Ending Balance	8/31/2018	<u>\$56,161.08</u>

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**The Peace and Global Witness offering will be collected on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **SHALOM SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

On September 4, 2018, First Presbyterian had 10 volunteers serving at the Soup Kitchen. We served 66 adults and 22 children a nutritious dinner of: Pork roast, sweet corn, rice, salad, beef soup, sandwiches, cupcakes, peaches, coffee, milk and water. Lots of smiles and thank you's were given.

We will be serving again on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. If you would like to make the soup, make cupcakes, or serve, please sign up on the form in the Narthex. Thank you all for supporting this worthy and appreciated local mission.

**Our next Deacon's meeting is Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

There are 6 weeks left until collection week. Our church has prepared over 1000 boxes in the past 7 years. Ever wondered what happens once the box leaves the church? What about the child who receives your box? Does it really matter? Get your questions answered on Friday October 19th. The Mission and Fellowship Teams will be sponsoring a Full Circle Recipient, Yves Dushime. Yves was 11 years old and living in Togo when he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. He saw his favorite item, a scarf, as a promise from God that He would deliver his family from their life as refugees. Yves now lives in upstate New York and uses his scarf often. Through Operation Christmas Child, he realized God is able to use simple gifts to plant seeds of hope. To hear about God's faithfulness in his life, and to hear how Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes transformed his entire community, please join us for a special time of Yves sharing his testimony.

Thank you to all who have contributed items for our packing party this year. Our packing party needs: washcloths, toothbrushes, soap, underwear, socks, and hairbrushes.
Dates to remember:

October 19th: Evening with Yves Dushime

November 11th: Packing Party

November 12th -19th – Collection Week

DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

OCTOBER 2018

- Oct 1** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; Hos. 2:2-15; Acts 20:17-38; Luke 5:1-11
- Oct 2** – Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; Hos. 2:16-23; Acts 21:1-14; Luke 5:12-26
- Oct 3** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; Hos. 3:1-5; Acts 21:15-26; Luke 5:27-39
- Oct 4** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; Hos. 4:1-10; Acts 21:27-36; Luke 6:1-11
- Oct 5** – Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; Hos. 4:11-19; Acts 21:37-22:16; Luke 6:12-26
- Oct 6** – Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; Hos. 5:1-7; Acts 22:17-29; Luke 6:27-38
- Oct 7** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; Hos. 5:8-6:6; 1 Cor. 2:6-16; Matt. 14:1-12
- Oct 8** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Hos. 6:7-7:7; Acts 22:30-23:11; Luke 6:39-49
- Oct 9** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; Hos. 7:8-16; Acts 23:12-24; Luke 7:1-17
- Oct 10** – Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; Hos. 8:1-14; Acts 23:23-35; Luke 7:18-35
- Oct 11** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; Hos. 9:1-9; Acts 24:1-23; Luke 7:36-50
- Oct 12** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; Hos. 9:10-17; Acts 24:24-25:12; Luke 8:1-15
- Oct 13** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Hos. 10:1-15; Acts 25:13-27; Luke 8:16-25
- Oct 14** – Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; Hos. 11:1-11; 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Matt. 15:21-28
- Oct 15** – Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; Hos. 11:12-12:1; Acts 26:1-23; Luke 8:26-39
- Oct 16** – Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; Hos. 12:2-14; Acts 26:24-27:8; Luke 8:40-56
- Oct 17** – Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; Hos. 13:1-3; Acts 27:9-26; Luke 9:1-17
- Oct 18** – Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; Hos. 13:4-8; Acts 27:27-44; Luke 9:18-27
- Oct 19** – Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; Hos. 13:9-16; Acts 28:1-16; Luke 9:28-36
- Oct 20** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; Hos. 14:1-9; Acts 28:17-31; Luke 9:37-50
- Oct 21** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; Micah 1:1-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Matt. 16:13-20
- Oct 22** – Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; Micah 2:1-13; Rev. 7:1-8; Luke 9:51-62
- Oct 23** – Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; Micah 3:1-8; Rev. 7:9-17; Luke 10:1-16
- Oct 24** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Micah 3:9-4:5; Rev. 8:1-13; Luke 10:17-24
- Oct 25** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Micah 5:1-4, 10-15; Rev. 9:1-12; Luke 10:25-37
- Oct 26** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Micah 6:1-8; Rev. 9:13-21; Luke 10:38-42
- Oct 27** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; Micah 7:1-7; Rev. 10:1-11; Luke 11:1-13
- Oct 28** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; Jonah 1:1-17a; 1 Cor. 10:15-24; Matt. 18:15-20
- Oct 29** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; Jonah 1:17-2:10; Rev. 11:1-14; Luke 11:14-26
- Oct 30** – Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; Jonah 3:1-4:11; Rev. 11:14-19; Luke 11:27-36
- Oct 31** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; Nahum 1:1-14; Rev. 12:1-6; Luke 11:37-52

FIRESIDE FRIENDS

Fireside Friends will meet on Tuesday, October 9th in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. With the Thanksgiving season fast approaching, we will be reminded and take time out to think about gratitude. For what are you most grateful? Family? Health? Friends? Job? We will take some time to write and share our thoughts. If you have questions, contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio. All are welcome to gather with us at any time or any meeting.

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will meet on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All knitters and crocheters are welcome!

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SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **SOUP KITCHEN**

On Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, our congregation is helping prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those in need at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. New volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

## **GARDEN UPDATE**

Thanks to all of you who have made our church garden a productive mission project again this year! We have raised about \$600 so far this year on Sundays, and have taken produce to the Shalom Center 10 trips, so far, and to God's Kitchen once.

But our season is not finished yet. We still have tomatoes, peppers, green beans, carrots, some kale and mustard greens, herbs (parsley, basil, dill), some squash, and potatoes (need to wait till upper plant part turns brown before digging these up). So DON'T give up on us yet. Thank you waterers for keeping up your task!! We are out of pickers, however. SO – I will pick on Sundays that I can get to church and during the week for Shalom Center. BUT – also please feel free to get out there in the garden and HELP YOURSELF! (Garden map is on Fellowship bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall). Especially pick tomatoes and beans, which are so good but don't last forever. Please wait on potatoes until plant part is no longer green, but has turned brown. That is when potatoes taste the best.

Also – our goal was \$1200 for the Presbyterian Giving Farm Bundle (this year's price hiked to \$1300). So we are only half way there. There are other smaller options, but feel free to donate generously to help us reach our goal, as this is a nice comprehensive package.

Thank you again to our many helpers and supporters. Hope you have enjoyed God's healthy blessings this summer.

Sandy Billingsley

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MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night will be Friday, October 26th. Join us for pizza, popcorn, and soda starting at 6:00 p.m. The movie "Goosebumps" will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Narthex or in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Happy Autumn! Cooler temperatures, fresh breezes, colorful leaves on the way—what's not to like about this season. Shhh, all you heat-loving people, you had your turn and we're moving on. Autumn is a favorite time for many of us—it's that lovely season between sweating and shoveling. Enjoy and give thanks...for all the seasons with which we've been blessed.

We're going to try something different with the blood drive this fall. We are having a "mini-drive" here in the Fellowship Hall. The hours will be a little shorter, and the Blood Center is looking for a smaller turnout. The date hasn't been finalized, but it will likely be in late October or early November. Please consider donating—the need is great. Your hour of time and pint of blood can save as many as three lives. Look for more information in the bulletins as details are determined.

I promised more about sleep, and, courtesy of National Geographic magazine, here is some interesting information:

- Most Americans sleep less than seven hours a night. This is about two hours less than a century ago. We live with much more light around us 24/7, from our nightlights, street lights, neon signs, TVs, and electronic devices. Many of us view sleep as an adversary, not realizing that many problems arise from chronic sleeplessness. Everything learned about sleep emphasizes its importance to both mental and physical health. We all have a molecular "clock" inside our cells that aims to keep us in sync with the day and night patterns of our spinning planet. When this circadian rhythm breaks down, research shows we are at increased risk for illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease, and dementia.
- Thomas Edison once said that "sleep is an absurdity, a bad habit", and he believed that we would eventually do away with it. (Of course, remember this is the same man who gave us the light bulb!)
- When we fall asleep we move four or five times through several stages of sleep, each with different qualities and purposes. More about this next month...stay tuned.

Remember...move it or lose it! Get out of that chair and do some walking!

Blessings and good health to all.

Karen Sorenson, Parish Nurse

JAM MINISTRY FALLING FORWARD

It's that time of year called autumn – or “fall” in the US – “Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” as John Keats wrote in his poem “To Autumn”. Lots about fruit in that poem (look it up!), and plenty of apples and grapes in the stores. Plenty of jams on the Jam Table, too, of course, with the richness of the summer fruit like strawberries and raspberries. Soon it will be time for apple butter and caramel pear butter, so clear out those almost empty jars and bring them back to be refilled. (Just rinse and dry everything; we'll take care of removing labels and performing the triage of tops and bands.)

We enter the last quarter of the year having received about \$3,000 in donations (as well as the gifts of fruit, jars, and pectin -- and work by several!). Thanks to those who have helped in various ways and to the church at large that puts up with the presence of a jam table demanding attention!

We have no news from the Madagascar front, but our gifts last year for South Sudan are still having their impact. This is taken from the description of her visit to South Sudan from one of the people with Presbyterian Mission:

“[Leisa Wagstaff](#), our Presbyterian mission co-worker in Juba who works to support the PCOSS schools, took us to visit the “school at the end of the runway.” After several classes welcomed us with singing and dancing, the young head teacher told us that their students’ fathers are mostly members of the military, but they haven’t been paid for months. So the families can’t afford to pay school fees. This means that most of the teachers have not been paid for a long time. They do it for the love of the children, and out of hope that if they are educated, there will be hope for their future. Many of the teachers spend their days volunteering in the PCOSS schools, and work overtime in other jobs to make enough money to live and support their own families. Such dedication was humbling to witness.” (Michelle Lori, *Mission Matters*, 9/18)



Leisa Wagstaff, co-worker in South Sudan

CHECK IT OUT by Sheryl Becker

There are three new books in the library for your consideration. I think anyone from teens to seniors will enjoy A Disappearance in Damascus. Written by reporter Deborah Campbell, it tells the story of Ahlam, a refugee from Iraq working as a "fixer" - providing Western media with trustworthy information and contacts to help get the news out. The two become close friends and then Ahlam gets kidnapped. In the months that follow, Campbell tries to find Ahlam, all the while fearing she could be next. I met Ahlam when our book club discussed the book and one of our members invited her to speak. I've never met anyone with such courage and humility as Ahlam! If you take this book out, be sure to look inside the front cover where Ahlam signed the book.

Sara Miles contributed the book, Giving - Philanthropy for Everyone, which aims to provide insights and information that you can practice now to help ensure that your legacy thrives now and into the future.

Sara also donated Where Did I Come From?, a guide for parents on science, evolution, human origins, and the Christian faith.

All of these books are on the new book cart. If you want to take one out, please take out the card on the inside of the front cover, sign it, and put it in the wooden box on the cart.

Happy reading, happy fall!

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;

Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism, and service;

Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.

We welcome all to our community of faith.



## October Birthdays

6<sup>th</sup> .....David Pisecki  
 9<sup>th</sup> .....Laryssa LeFebve  
           .....Dave Misun  
 10<sup>th</sup> .....David Thompson  
 11<sup>th</sup> .....Ryan Rasmussen  
 13<sup>th</sup> .....Matt Gohr  
 15<sup>th</sup> .....Marcy Piehl  
           .....Mary Jane Misamore  
 20<sup>th</sup> .....Bill Misamore  
 21<sup>st</sup> .....Don Mandry  
 24<sup>th</sup> .....Karl Koesser  
 25<sup>th</sup> .....Jourene Frederick  
 26<sup>th</sup> .....Alyssa Emerick  
 30<sup>th</sup> .....Lynda Brodjeski  
           .....Rod Rasmussen

### DEACONS

Tana Baldwin, Lori Barnes, Sherry Craig, Jane Frost, Lisa Hawley, Penny Ingraham\*, Brenda Langerman, Nancy McGovern, Carole Serpe

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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| September 2    | 106 |
| September 9    | 135 |
| September 16   | 121 |
| September 23   | 144 |
| September 30   | 149 |
| Sunday Average | 131 |

### SESSION

Gary Anderson (Fellowship, Memorial)  
 Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*, Nominating\*)  
 Scott Barnes (Building & Grounds)  
 Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education\*, Mission\*)  
 Mark Bourque (Building & Grounds\*)  
 Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds, Nominating)  
 Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance\*)  
 Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel, Memorial)  
 Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission, Memorial)  
 Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*)  
 Bill Misamore (Stewardship & Finance)  
 Leslie Pottorff (Mission, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)

( ) indicates committee assignments; \*indicates Team Leaders

## OFFICE HOURS

Jenny's office hours have changed. She will now be in the office Monday – Thursday from **8:00-11:30 a.m.**



# **OCTOBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Jourene Frederick

## **October 7<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Tana Baldwin  
Greeters: Teddi Griffin  
Reader: Volunteer Needed  
Sound System: Todd Kotten  
Counters: Ann King  
Darlene Doil  
Nursery Helper: Markie Peroutka  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **October 14<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Sherry Craig  
Greeters: Roberta Galley  
Reader: John Miles  
Sound System: Don Mandry  
Counters: Ann King  
Darlene Doil  
Nursery Helper: Kortnie Ruth  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **October 21<sup>st</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Carole Serpe  
Greeters: Matt Gohr & Muriel  
Cunningham  
Reader: Julia Robinson  
Sound System: Tyler Peroutka  
Counters: Ann King  
Darlene Doil  
Nursery Helper: Deb Kovachik  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **October 28<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Nancy McGovern  
Greeters: The Frosts  
Reader: Todd Kotten  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Ann King  
Darlene Doil  
Nursery Helper: Linda Putrow  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**