

October



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

October 2015

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Sundays in October

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **October 4th** •

World Communion
Deacon & Food Shelf Offering



• **October 11th** •

8:15 a.m. - B.A.D. Guys Breakfast



• **October 18th** •

Name Tag Sunday
Youth Group (See page 11)



• **October 25th** •

Handbell Sunday
Reformation Sunday



Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Claire Babich.....Church Secretary
Lisa Gardner.....Choir Director
Michael Walters.....Handbell Choir Director
Barbara Burdick... Director of Christian Education
Diane Ladison..... Treasurer
Laura Toland.....Organist
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Tom Dildine.....Web Master
Linda Potter..... Newsletter Editor

The Church Office Hours are
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Annual Church Bazaar

Our Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, October 24th** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.. This is a busy day with plenty to do for everyone. Now is the time to be thinking about **how you would like to help**. If you have ideas for something different let us know.

White Elephant – Attic treasures & elegant junk. Knick-knacks, kitchen ware and collectables.

Hand Crafted – Goods made with yarn or fabric as well as other “crafty” creations.



Baked Goods – Breads, cookies, pies, preserves.....what is your specialty?

Candy – Fudge, peanut brittle, buck-eyes, haystacks, caramels, popcorn balls.

Plants & Harvest – Plants, dried flower arrangements and bulbs as well as fall crops.

Books – Romances, best sellers, mysteries, DIY's and children's books as well as CD's, DVD's & videos.

Jewelry – Check through your glitter and bring us watches, chains, pendants,

Luncheon – Kitchen and wait staff needed. Food donations will be needed.

Many hands make light work and it is great fun besides! **Volunteers? Questions?** Call **Marilyn Coir** (386-4361) or **Beth Hayes** (244-7902).

Family News

We rejoice with **Pat** and **Jean McGuire** on the birth of their triplet grandkids born in September: Grady Joseph 4 lb-14 oz ; Griffin Ian weighed 4 lb-11 oz and Adalynn Marie weighed in at 2 lb-12oz. Children and mom are doing well and Pat and Jean are beaming with pride and joy.

Congratulations to Steve Aldous, son of **Vern & Arvilla**, married in Omaha in September.

Congratulations to **Bev** and **Gerry Findley** on the birth of their great-granddaughter Letty Marie, born in September.

Congratulations to **Ed Pierce** who, October 3rd, took part in "Honor Flight" which flew him and daughter Wendylee to Washington DC where he was honored as a WWII veteran and part of the greatest generation.

We join in celebrating the birthday of **Whitney Irish**, who turned 100 years of age on September 23rd. Cards may be sent to him at: Canton Nursing Home/Maplewood, 205 State St. Road, Canton NY, 13617.

Prayers for **Tim Fuller** and his family on the death of his mother Alameda (cards may be sent to 242 Pink School House Road, Canton); and for **Maggie Brizendine** whose daughter, Martha, lost her courageous battle against cancer (1095 Pinellas Point Drive, South #416, St. Petersburg FL 33705).

Prayers for Nathaniel and Liz Vose (living in California) who are expecting a baby soon; grandparents to be **John** and **Georgia Vose** are very excited.

Prayers for Jaron Janack in Casper, WY, who fell off a trampoline and fractured vertebrae; Jaron is the grandson of **Ellen Janack**.

Prayers for Chloe Bonaguide, granddaughter of **Larry** and **Ellen Compeau**, facing medical issues; **Tyke Miller** convalescing at home; **Susan Ward** and **David Hornung** for healing.

Family News - cont.

Prayers for **Shirley Seeley** now living in the Highland Nursing Home in Massena. Cards and notes would be greatly appreciated and may be sent to her at Room 317, Highland Nursing Home, 182 Highland Road, Massena, NY 13662. If you are up in Massena she would greatly appreciate a visit.

Prayers for those in the nursing home: **Neil Coir**, **Jack Klemens**, **Whitney Irish** (now in the skilled nursing part of Maplewood Nursing Home) and **Nellie Locy**. Prayers for those who don't get out so much: **Dolly** and **Wayne Miller**, **Ed Pierce** and **Mickey Williams**.

News to share from the **Miller family**: On Route 12 going South just before Clayton is a huge roadside billboard with a copy of an oil painting by **John Miller, III**. It advertises the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY and will remain there until late Spring 2016. On Tyke's birthday, September 11th, daughter **Holly Miller** was in Brooklyn, NY attending her 40th reunion of graduating from Long Island Hospital School of Nursing.

Yes, she really did graduate on Tyke's birthday.

Also, this year on Tyke's birthday, grandson **P.J. Miller** pro-

posed marriage to his lady love, Amanda Lester. And of course she said YES! A late August 2016 wedding is planned.

And **Lynn** is recovering slowly from major oral surgery in late June. She is doing better but still has a long way to go.

So after a difficult spring and summer and with God's help, the family is doing better. The family gives thanks for your thoughts and prayers.



Presbyterian Women

• Postscript •

Postscript Club will meet on **October 12th** at the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. **Betsy Robinson** is in charge of devotions. Program to be announced later and refreshments will be served.

• Women's Circle •

Women's Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at **7:30 p.m.** for connection and conversation. The next circle will be on **October 14th** at the home of **Betsy Robinson**, 69 Riverside Drive (2nd house after the footbridge. Park in the drive or on the grass or across the street. Please use the side entrance.) The topic is "**Mindfulness**".

Fair Trade Coffee Project

Our church is proud to be part of the **Equal Exchange/Presbyterian Coffee Project**. Fair trade coffee purchased through this program is now being served at coffee hour. Proceeds from this project, which last year totaled **\$16,113**, support the **Presbyterian Hunger Program's** essential relief and development work around the world.

Buying fair trade through the Presbyterian Coffee Project ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the **hardworking farmers** who actually grow it. We believe that this is **good coffee for a good cause**. Let us know how you like it. If you want to learn more or order Equal Exchange coffee or other products for your use at home, check out the **Presbyterian Coffee Project**.



Afternoon Book Group

The Afternoon Book Group will meet Tuesday, **October 20th** at 1:00 p.m. at the home of **Pat Mace** 1757 Old De Kalb Rd. for a discussion of **The Long Way Home** by Louise Penny, to be led by **Georgia Vose**.

Evening Book Group

The evening book discussion group meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month** at **7:30 p.m.** The October book is **Upstairs at the White House: My Life with the First Ladies** by J.B. West with the discussion to be held at the home of Arvilla Aldous, 6171 US Highway 11, on Tuesday, **October 27th**.

Upcoming Books:

November 24th- *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin; Host: Linda Potter

January 26th- *Home Before Morning: The Story of an Army Nurse in Vietnam* by Lynda Van Devanter; Host: **Vicki McLain**

February 23rd- *The Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff; Host: **Pat Mace**

March 22nd - All Church Read - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith; Host: **Wanda Renick**

April 26th- *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; Host: **Donna Doig**

May 24th- *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum; Host: **Ellen Grayson**

Love Our Volunteers!

Many thanks to our very efficient September newsletter assemblers. **Shirley Norton, Jean McGuire, Janet Stitt, Karen Parker, Jessie Manitta** and **Marilyn Rodee**, your efforts are appreciated!

Church Attendance

	Worship	CS
August 30	51	No CS
September 6	53	No CS
September 13	79	15

Average Worship Attendance 61

Average CS Attendance 15

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
August 23	\$1,884.00	\$143.00
August 30	\$2,048.00	\$ 29.00
September 6	\$3,007.00	\$207.00
September 13	\$2,251.00	\$217.00
Total	\$9,190.00	\$596.00

Sunday School News

Fifteen children came to church on **September 13th**, our opening day this fall. We had a grand time getting to know each other, playing the **Magic Penny game** and discovering that there were **three sets of twins** - and it was even more fun to discover that the story for the day was about the twins, too: **Jacob and Esau!**

We made and presented **shadow puppet plays** with the help of **Martha Cole**, and **Barry Walch** helped to prepare small pieces of wood so that we could make **Jacob's Ladder toys** that each child could keep.

There will definitely be a need for teachers this coming school year, so if you feel you can do so, please let **Miss Barbara** know what dates you are available and what types of activities you can lead.



Officers & Committees

Elders

To strengthen and nurture the faith and the life of the congregation.

Jane Fernandes	Kristine Potter	Georgia Vose
Barry Walch	Mark Erickson	Diane Ladison
Lew Shepard	Vicki McLain	Beth Hayes
Fred Pollard		Armond Spencer
Sarah Melville & Wanda Renick, Co-Clerks		

Deacons

Ministering to the sick, those in need, the friendless, and those in distress.

Betsy Robinson	Ray Erickson	J.J. Jockel
Patience Boswell	Faye Bartley	Marilyn Rodee
Barbara Garrett	Marcy Bennett	Ellen Compeau
Ann Spencer	Arvilla Aldous	

Committees

Resources

Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Facilities

Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

Fellowship

Responsible for all fellowship events.

FUNDraising

Responsible for organizing fund & fun raising events.

Education

Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship

With pastor, responsible for worship.

C.A.R.E.

Care, Attention, Renewal & Evangelism.

Stewardship

Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Mission

Helping our church, community & world.

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurers - Bill & Lorna Webb

Financial Secretary

Mike Frazer
& Barry Walch

Church & Community

Jane Fernandes & Janet Stitt

Communion

Vicki McLain & Jane Fernandes

Chairs

Mark Brackett

Lew Shepard

Chair TBD

Beth Hayes

Beth Hayes

Kristine Potter

Arvilla Aldous

Pastor Donna, Liaison

Mark Erickson

Mark Erickson

Diane Ladison

Mike Frazer

Andy Loeffler,

The Pastor's Report

Howdy,

Frost on the pumpkin, the smell of hot cider, and little ghosts & goblins soon to be canvassing the streets! I love October! Crisp, cool days, football games & the explosion of color on the trees. This is the month I always get the notion it is time to take seriously the winter which is to come.

Fall is a time of change. The past few weeks I've been marking the passing of time as I pick out one or two of my favorite trees in the park across from the manse and notice, each day, the subtle changes in color and the increasingly fewer leaves on the branches. I can't help but wonder if for some this isn't the way our church is viewed? Over the past few years we've lost some of our most colorful leaves off of the tree which is this church. And among the many leaves still on our trees, dramatic changes are taking place as friends retire, or move, or simply stop doing some of the things they once had done. Although we have increasingly more young families, in many respects ours still continues to be an aging congregation. Whereas one might be tempted to see this as a concern for a church that wants to grow, I would instead encourage us to see our congregation's relative age as an asset to strengthen us.

In the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Apocryphal book Wisdom of Solomon we find "wisdom" portrayed as a creative attribute of God, and a gift of God through whose virtues one is able to live well; both succeeding and counseling success.

A gift of God given by virtue of which one is able to live well and both succeed and counsel success - that is what we have here in the collective wisdom of our congregation. In our church on the Park we have a tremendous amount of accumulated knowledge, experience and wisdom - literally centuries worth. Only by fostering these virtues can we fashion our future in a way that allows to both "succeed and counsel success."

What I would ask this month, is that if you are on the wiser side of things you step in and lend a hand or word of advice on how or why things can be done a certain way. If you are on the less wise side of things (i.e., a whipper-snapper) give a pause to soak up "what's what" from those that have gone before. This is the season of the harvest, of gathering in the fruits from the bountiful season of growth. We have a bumper crop of wisdom here in our congregation, let's not forget to harvest the fruits of many year's living, and this gift of God to us.

***Although she is but one,
wisdom can do all things,
and while remaining in herself,
she renews all things;
in every generation
she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God,
and prophets;
for God loves nothing so much
as the person
who lives with wisdom.***

- Wisdom of Solomon 7:27

By Grace, and surrounded by a whole lot of wise souls, - Rev. Mike.

New Copy Machine

The session has approved the purchase of a new copy machine to be funded through the **Memorial Fund** at a cost of **\$5,555**. The old machine had produced over **1,000,000,000 copies** and was old enough that some spare parts, if needed, would **no longer be available**. Also, due to the age of the machine, the **service contract** (repair and maintenance) was costing us **\$1,500** a year.

The new service contract has been locked in for the next **five years** at a cost of **\$853** a year for a **savings of \$3,253**. The new copier and service contract also includes toner and parts for additional cost savings. Further, the new machine will function as a **scanner** so we can begin to generate **electronic copies of church documents**, and print orders may be sent **directly from a computer** without having to first run off a hard copy on the laser printer; removing a step and **saving wear and tear** on the printer.

The old machine was removed without any disposal costs and any extra toner on hand for the old machine was **refunded**. Not only was this a **wise financial decision** and a **boost to efficiency**, the new machine arrived five days after the old one gave up the ghost.

Come & Ring The Bells!

The Handbell Choir is putting out a call for **new members** to join them. It is fun and they will teach you all you need to know to ring with ease. New members are welcome to stop by on **Saturdays** during the Handbell practice at **9:30 a.m.** at the church. C'mon! **Try something new and find a new way to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.**



October Lectionary Readings

October 4

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 11

Job 23:1-9; 16-17
Psalm 22: 1-15
Hebrews 4: 12-16
Mark 10:17-31



October 18

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

Welcome Lisa!

It is with great joy and excitement that we welcome **Lisa Gardner** to the church staff as our **new Choir Director!** Lisa lives in Lisbon, and is recently retired as a **music educator** after **24 years** of teaching (primarily in the Heuvelton and Lisbon School Districts). Lisa has also taught **private voice and piano lessons** for **40 years**.



A certified **Tea Specialist** to boot, Lisa enjoys a small business enterprise selling her teas at local Farmers' Markets and other venues. We are delighted that Lisa has come to our church to share her **talents, gifts and experience**. Please take a moment to greet Lisa and **welcome her to the Church on the Park!**

Birthdays This Month

October Birthdays

- 1 Richard Fisher, Fred Rexford,
Andrew Loeffler,
Armond Spencer
- 2 Mark St. Hilaire
- 4 Diane Ladison,
Tiffany Conn-Soricelli
- 8 Beverly Oliver
- 13 Charles Dean, Barbara Klemens
- 14 Aggrey Wasike
- 15 Bonnie Russell, Steven DeSantis
- 17 Jeanne Stone, Maggie Smith
- 23 Meagan Brady, Al Ostrander
- 24 Philip Royce
- 25 Darcy Aldous
- 26 Kelly Davis
- 30 Judy DeSantis

Anniversaries This Month

October Anniversaries

- 1 Vernon & Arvilla Aldous
- 7 Stephen & Martha Cole,
Glenn & Martha Pierce
- 8 Scott & Chris Sutherland
- 9 Patrick & Heidi Ames
- 19 Fred & Sandra Pollard
- 24 Richard & Jeanne Stone

Contact the church office with your birthday so we can keep our list current!

Saving Grace

May your heart stay as active and young
as your mind.

May your kindness to others
be returned ten-fold, in kind.

May life's adversities be light, and easy to bear.

May joy and peace quickly dry up each tiny tear.

May you always be able to count
on one good friend.

May God's Grace light up your road,
to the very end.

- Thomas K. Hyland, Jr.

Prayer Warriors

Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join **the church Prayer Chain** to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need. If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, call **Rev. Mike** at 386-2570 or **Wanda Renick** at 386-3474.

To put yourself or anyone on the chain for prayers, contact **Rev.**

Mike or any member:

Wanda Renick 386-3474,

Arvilla Aldous 386-8327,

Ellen Grayson 322-5669,

Janet Stitt 714-2253,

Nona Fisher 386-3247,

Marilyn Rodee 386-8447

(January Snowbird), **Joyce Bell** 386-8789,

Georgia Vose 386-8687, **Ellen Compeau**

386-8369, **Bev Findley** 323-2064, **Jane**

Fernandes 322-2441, **Sandy Pollard**

386-3916, **Barb King** 386-8304, **Ellen**

Janack 386-3124, **Toni Roller, Karen**

Parker 714-2312, **Beth Hayes** 265-8026,

Betsy Robinson 386-2904, **Pat Mace**

585-350-9529, **Donna Doig** 386-3785 and

Debby Nikkari 265-2983.



Prayer Network

A prayer network of those who want to receive **email notices** about those who need prayers is being put together. You will receive periodic emails about prayer needs in the church. **All you**

need to do is add these concerns to your daily prayers.

To become part of this new network, call

Wanda Renick at 386-

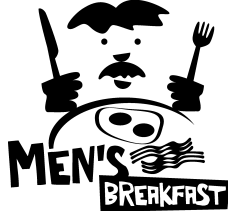
3474 or email her at wrenick@twcny.rr.-com.



You Will Be Blessed.

B.A.D. Guys

Our **B.A.D. Guys' breakfast** (Breakfast And Devotions) will be on **October 11th**. The Breakfast is held on the **2nd Sunday of the month** at **8:15 am** in Fellowship Hall. All the men & boys of the church are invited to come share a devotion, enjoy the spirited fellowship, and a savory morning meal. For more information, contact **Andy Loeffler**, "chief BAD Guy", at the church office.



Congregational Resources

Please remember that the monthly copies of "**These Days**" and "**Alive**" are available to you on the table outside of sanctuary in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick up a copy for yourself or family. Copies of the **Revised Common Lectionary**, on which we base our Liturgy are in the monthly newsletter. Also, the latest editions of "**Horizons**" and "**Presbyterian Today**" can at times be found in the Narthex. Please take a look and return them when you are done so others may enjoy them.

Presbyterian Worship

Partridge Knoll services will resume on **November 4th** and will continue through the winter on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.**



We Need You!

To sign up as a **greeter** or to **host coffee hour** for any Sunday, contact the church office at 386-2570.

Like Us On Facebook!

The Church On The Park has a **Facebook page** which changes regularly - <http://www.facebook.com/TheFirstPresbyterianChurchonthePark>

Church Website



Our Website is updated each month and is a great way to stay a part of the life of the church. If you have questions about, or contributions for the website please email our Webmaster Tom Dildine: **dildine@stlawu.edu**

The Church's email address: **Office@ChurchOnThePark.org**
Reverend Mike's email address: **RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org**

Sermon Podcasts

The weekly sermon is posted by Thursday and is available for down load or listening. An archive of past sermons is also available.

<http://churchonthepark.org/sermons/>

Deacon's CD Ministry

The Deacons CD ministry **provides our homebound friends & members with a CD of each week's worship service**. CDs are then delivered to homes the following week, and CD players are provided if necessary.

If you'd like to receive a CD of the service, or help deliver CDs, please call the church office (386-2570).

Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

Please submit articles (emailed preferably) to the church office, or directly to the Newsletter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

Nautilus@twcny.rr.com

Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **October 18th**.

Come early to church and make your own name tag.
Get to know your neighbor.

Church & Community

At the **Church & Community Program Annual Meeting** on September 8th, the following were elected as the **new officers**: **President, Sharon White**, St. Mary's RC; **Vice-President, Pat Alden**, Unitarian Universalist; **Secretary, Jane Fernandes**, First Presbyterian; **Treasurer, David Geleta**, St. Mary's RC; **Assitant Treasurer, Elaine Noble**, United Methodist.

It was reported by the Director that **230 households (700 individuals)** had received **10,260 meals** in August. Pat Sibbitts reported that **85 families (195 students)** had been assisted by the distribution of **school supplies** on August 30th. **Hair cuts** and **dental supplies** were also offered this year.

At the Annual Meeting, the past president, **Janet Stitt**, expressed appreciation to, and regret that, **Anne Richey** and **Andrea Smith** of the Unitarian Universalist church had resigned from the Board. She thanked all of the board members for their **leadership** of committees and **faithful attendance** at board meetings. **Carol Linn** was cited for her management of the Thrift Shop and increasing income from sales. The director, **Ray Crosby** was thanked for his pursuit of the Walmart grant and the supervision of the makeover.

Those in attendance were reminded that **memorial donations** are gladly received (envelopes for that purpose are available) and are used to bolster the **emergency fund** used to provide immediate assistance when it is sought.

John & Judy Turcotte received the **Richard Morrow Humanitarian Award** for their volunteer work with the **Giving Tree** (Christmas program) and also the weekly transportation of food given by Walmart in Potsdam.



C&CP - cont.

Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country received the first **Community Award** in appreciation of their provision of a van, staff and clients from one of their residential facilities to assist with the transport of food from WalMart, of Potsdam.

Your continuing donations of peas, corn, carrots and other non-perishable foods are appreciated. New volunteers would be warmly welcomed!

Session Report

The Session met on **August 24th**. **Thank you notes** from the Daily Ridge Church for our continued support and Unity Church Student Ministry for hosting them during the summer were shared. Rev. Mike officiated at **Gordon Theisen & Michelle Roach** and **Elliott Rodee & Mary Basford's weddings**. **Pastor Donna** felt grateful for having the energy to preach at **Brick Chapel** during the summer. **Rev. Mike** was also grateful that he was able to spend time with his family on their **cross-country trip** this summer. Positive feedback was heard about **Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix's** replacement of Rev. Mike this summer.



Consensus was reached on purchasing a **new copier/scanner** up to \$6,000 for the office. The old one is 10 years old and parts are no longer available for it. **Prayers** were offered for those grieving, in hospital, nursing home, and planned surgeries. Elders were urged to meet and greet any **new folks** that come to church. The use of alcohol in the park for the St. Lawrence International Film Festival was **unanimously denied**. The **bazaar** is scheduled for **October 24th**. The **church band** will suspend performances this year. **Our next meeting is September 28th**.

Church Photos



Thanks was expressed for the entire choir and organist **Laura Toland**. Special gratitude was noted for **Bob Duda** who led them with joy and creativity this past summer.



The first day of Sunday School was started with a Blessing of the Children by Rev. Mike.

Rummage Sale Report

Our Fall Rummage Sale earned our church **\$1,569.91**. On behalf of **Pat Mace**, and **Jane Fernandes**, I would like to thank all who donated and worked the week previous to the sale.

The Rummage Sale is a **physically taxing** endeavor for us aging organizers. The reward is the knowledge that **clean, gently used clothing** and **household items** are being sold at **greatly reduced prices** to those that need them. It is a pleasure to see families come in who are **grateful** for the things they find on our tables.

Pat, Jane and I treat every person who comes in with **respect and dignity** and our workers are always **friendly and helpful**. It is truly a **wonderful uplifting experience**. A special thanks to **Barb Brown** who took eight men's suits to Clarkson University for their **Lending Closet** – suits that will be used by young men for interviews.

A big "Thank You" to **Marilyn Rodee, Marilyn Coir, Carolyn O'Connor, Janet Stitt, Janice Tibbitts, Bill & Lorna Webb, Linda Potter, Arlo & Tucker Catanzaro, Ann Spencer, Arvilla & Vern Aldous, Bill Parker, Rich Grayson, Christa Lyon, Sarah Melville, Marcy Bennett, Martha Cole, Barb Brown, Edith Frazer, Jean McGuire, Jessie Manitta** and **Janice Reynolds**. On Saturday, eight young women from **KDS Sorority** helped clean up and bag up left over clothing...a huge boon. **Also, a big thank you for all those who donated clothing and household goods.**

With Gratitude,
Ellen Grayson, Co-Chair



*Thanks,
Everyone!*

Turn Your Clock Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends at **2 a.m.**, in the early hours of **Sunday, November 1st**. So **turn your clock back an hour** before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st **so you can make it to the church on time!**

Reformation Sunday

Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that **grounds their faith** on Reformation Sunday. Held on the last Sunday in October, it marks the occasion in 1517 when **Martin Luther** posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

This year, the **Presbyterian Historical Society** is commemorating the life and death of **Czech reformer Jan Hus**. More than a century before the start of the Protestant Reformation, Jan Hus paid for his beliefs with his life. Hus taught that the **Bible was the source of all truth**—not popes or other church leaders.

In **1410**, Pope Alexander V attempted to silence Jan Hus by declaring chapels unfit places for preaching. Hus appealed and continued to preach to **huge crowds**, even after his excommunication. When Alexander's successor, Pope John XXIII, banned all religious services in Prague, Hus took refuge in the Bohemian countryside where he continued to **write and preach**.

In 1414, authorities arrested Hus on the Pope's order. Hus said he would recant if the Council could show him where he had erred according to the Bible.

On July 6, 1415, the Council found Jan Hus **guilty of heresy** and sentenced him to death. He was burned at the stake. On his head was a tall, paper hat with an inscription labeling him the leader of a heretical movement. Hus died defending his belief that calls for reform **could be God's will**, even if they challenged powerful religious men.

At The First Presbyterian Church On The Park In Canton



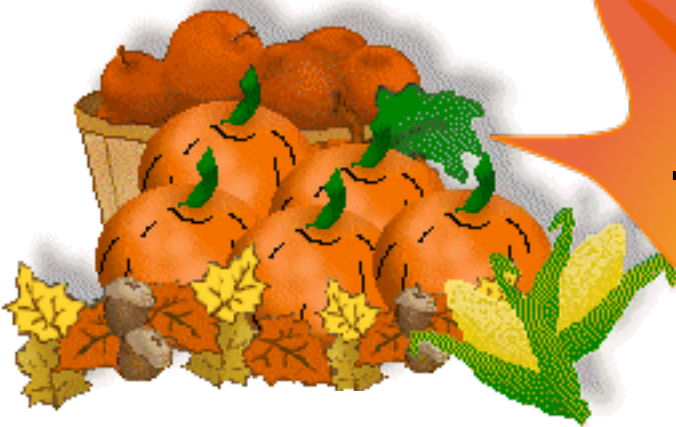
FALL BAZAAR

October 24, 2015

9:00 a.m.
Until
2:00 p.m.



Lunch Served
11:00 a.m.
to 1:00 p.m.



**Handmade Gifts, Jewelry, Candy, Baked Goods, Plants,
Fall Harvest Items, Elegant Junk, Books/Videos**

Stewardship Just Around The Corner

October is upon us with all the preparation for changing seasons that are suggested by that simple statement! I am harvesting the last of the garden; still have the 'sprouts to go, but most of the root crops are in the cellar, and I hope they will get me through the winter. Does that sound like something familiar? I hope so, because it is very much on the mind of the Session, most farmers, and all who look forward to Thanksgiving.

Before that, we have to get past Halloween – trick or treat – mistreatment of pumpkins and other incidents either of largess, or of sharing the bounty, depending on the way one looks at it. So what does that mean for The-Church-On-The-Park? Will it be trick or treat? October 31 is sure to be followed by All Saints Day – November 1, the first Sunday in November!! That's what the Session sees in headlights because this year all the stars cross on that weekend. **"Pledge" or Stewardship Sunday** is Nov. 1.

As Stewardship Chairman, I have to navigate this confluence of seasonal giving and taking with appropriate political discretion, but perhaps you see how difficult that can become. Any misspoken word may impact someone thus altering the harvest and the future of our budget for 2016. I become anxious just thinking about the colossal impact that one day will have on the quality of the life of our Church through the next several months. This is more immediate than the need for endowment that I spoke of last month. This is the here and the now; we are setting the table for 2016.

All I can say is that this Church, which is you all, is a most amazing, thoughtful and generous collection of North Country folk who have brought in the harvest and have shared their harvest, even in the most challenging of times, with those in need. Please know that this year will be another that asks much from us in support of our Church. We have undergone attrition once again, but we have grown as well. Every pledge on Stewardship Sunday has great impact on the year ahead for our Church. Over the next few weeks we will talk about how. For now, I ask that you just give thought to that future and what part you can play in it.

And Happy Halloween.

Mark Erickson, Stewardship Chair

New Youth Group!

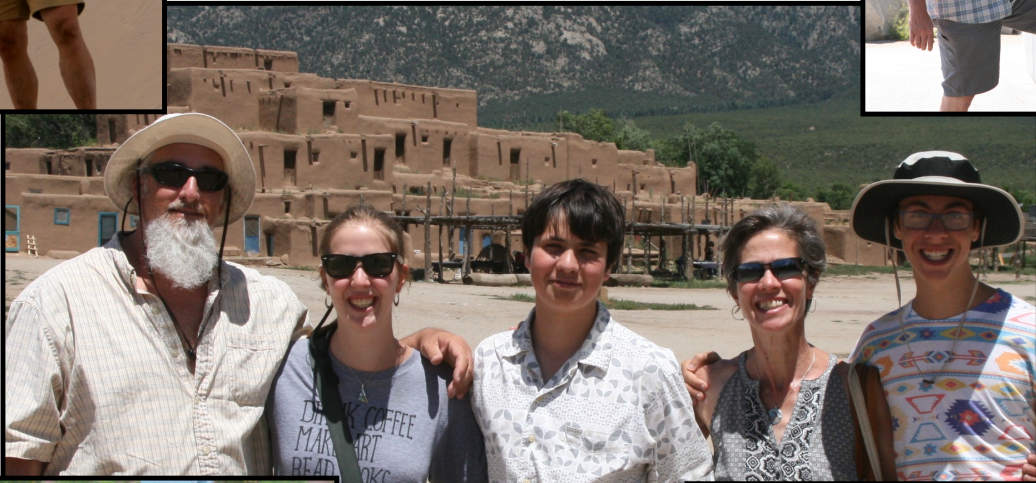
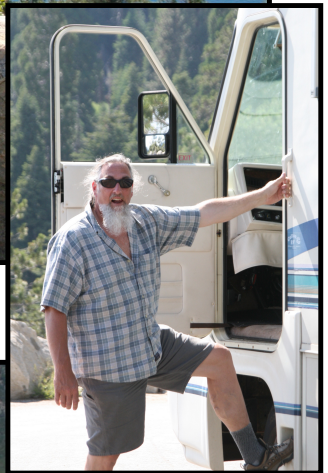
Youth in **grades 7 and up** are invited to the **first meeting** of our newly organized Youth Group. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 18th** during the worship service. **Snacks** will be provided and a **game plan** will be developed. **THIS IS YOUR YOUTH GROUP.** Bring your friends – **all in grades 7 and up are invited!** Hope to see you then.



Thanks To All Of You For This Once In A Life-Time Opportunity!



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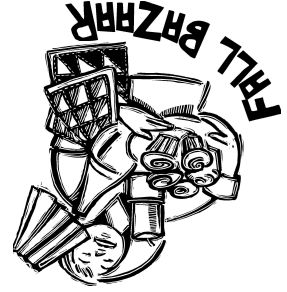


October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Bring A Friend To Church Handbell Sunday	28 7:00 PM Session	29	30 11:00 AM Bible Study	1 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
4 World Communion Sunday Deacon & Food Offering	5	6 11:00 AM Bible Study	7	8 7:00 PM Choir Practice	9	10 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
11 8:15 AM BAD Guys B-Fast	12 7:00 PM Postscript	13	14 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:30 PM Women's Circle	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16	17 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
18 Name Tag Sunday	19	20 1:00 PM Afternoon Book Group	21 11:00 AM Bible Study	22 7:00 PM Choir Practice	23	24 9:00 AM Church Bazaar 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice
25 Handbell Sunday Reformation Sunday	26 7:00 PM Session	27 7:30 PM Evening Book Group	28 6:30 PM Deacons	29 7:00 PM Choir Practice	30	31 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Practice

The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Canton to reach out to all people and welcome them in celebrating truly the joys, freedoms and responsibilities that come with our faith in God, Christ's unconditional love for us, and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our world. Through this nurturing Christian Community we will fully recognize the value of each believer, humbly forgive ourselves and others, and lovingly embrace God's Grace.

Annual Church Bazaar - October 24th
World Communion Sunday
Fair Trade Coffee
New Youth Group
B.A.D. Guys Resume
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Welcome Lisa!
Fall Rummage Sale Report



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