

Joys and Concerns

Week of October 1, 2017

Joys and Thanksgivings

It is a joy to welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time. May you experience God's presence and blessing in this gathering of believers.

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for World Communion Sunday and the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for Unity Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Indiana.

Continue to be in prayer for our Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee as they work to find the right person to lead our congregation.

Please continue in prayer for all in our congregation and community who are experiencing home, health, family and financial concerns.

The PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness

Offering will be received this weekend and next.

Offering envelopes are available in the pews in the Sanctuary and on the table in the Chapel

The 25% of the offering that stays with our congregation will be used to provide Bibles and Celtic cross necklaces for patients at the VA medical Center in Louisville, to be distributed through the Chaplain's Department.



Calendar

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Saturday

8:30AM PC(USA) Administrative Personnel Association Meeting

5:00PM Worship *Rev. Nancy Waters Preaching*

Sunday

World Communion Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for Adults (No Youth Classes)

10:45AM Worship *Rev. Nancy Waters Preaching*

11:30AM World Communion Service at Wall Street

2:00PM Home Communion Visits

5:00PM Community Blessing of the Animals

Monday

6:00PM Presbyterian Women in Agape Room

6:00PM Budget & Finance Meeting

7:30PM Al-Anon in Taggart Hall

Tuesday

9:30AM Quilters

Wednesday

5:10PM Dinner in Taggart Hall

5:50PM Evening Prayer in the Chapel

Mission Focus Speaker—Tavi Wallace,

Young Adult Volunteers & Journey to Seminary

6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Saturday

5:00PM Worship *Courtney Bowen Preaching*

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday School for Adults (No Youth Classes)

10:45AM Worship *Courtney Bowen Preaching*

2:30PM Book Discussion Group



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Monday through Friday

Guest Preacher—Rev. Nancy Waters

Student Pastor—Courtney Bowen

Choir Director—Steve Inman Organist—Judy Diekhoff

Bell Choir Director—Trish Read

Saturday Night Music Director—Brian Herald

Sunday Sound & Technology Engineer—Keith Noe

Saturday Projection Crew—Alecia Simonis & Keith Noe

Church Administrator—Becky Herald

Church Custodian—Mindy Inman

Clerk of Session—Mary Ruth Phares

Hope Chest Gifts for October Support the Center for Lay Ministries

Please donate:

Tuna Peanut Butter

Soup Canned Beans

Crackers (e.g. kidney or pinto)



*Please leave your in-kind contributions in the Hope Chest,
located in the Atrium.*

Gift cards/cash donations may be left in the church office.

Also, for those who forget or prefer not to shop,
“Hope Chest” donation envelopes are available in
the pew racks and from the table in the chapel.



Attendance on Sunday, September 24
was 88. There were 16 at the Saturday
evening service. Attendance at Wednesday’s
service was 26.

Transition Update

I want to give you an update on the progress of our
TPNC, (Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee).
This week we completed our third week of committee
meetings under the guidance of Deborah Fortel, our
Session’s moderator. We have been work-
ing on what is called our MIF, (Ministry
Information Form), which describes the
characteristics we are looking for in an **In-
terim Pastor** and our own congregation’s
characteristics. As we have learned on the commit-
tee, these characteristics are different from those of
an **Installed Pastor**. We will be looking for someone,
as our Presbytery requires, “that has experience as a
pastor and has special training to be an **Interim Pas-
tor**”. We will be deliberate and prayerful in our ac-
tions that will hopefully help us find a candidate
whose characteristics match those of our MIF. Please
keep our committee in your prayers as we work
through this process.—Roger Emily TPNC Member



The Church Ladies



will be going to Stream
Cliff Farms on October 21st. We will leave church
at 10:00 and, eat lunch around 11:00. The plants
are always beautiful this time of year! Let
Sharon Rudd know if you would like to go.

The Rose Island Playhouse Community Theater
will present the comedy “Two Witches, No Waiting”
in October. We will go on a Sunday after church—
October 15th or 22nd. Let Sharon know if you are
interested and which date you would prefer.

We will set a date and time soon to make goodies for the
Bazaar.

Last of all, plans are being made to go to Science Hill
during the Christmas Season. We will need to get
reservations in soon. Please let me know if you are
interested in going. We will set a date soon and will
need an estimate of how many would like to go.

The Young Adults' Sunday School will be discussing *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now* by Walter



Brueggemann. You can buy a copy from Amazon or at Carmichael's Bookstore on Frankfort Avenue in Louisville. Questions? Contact Courtney Bowen at (205) 332.4705 or studentpastor@1stprez.org.

World Communion Sunday . . .

This Sunday, October 1 we will be joining other downtown congregations for an outdoor celebration of the Lord's Supper on the lawn of Wall Street UMC.



We will begin our worship in the sanctuary then walk down the street to join our sister churches in an 11:30 a.m. Communion liturgy, jointly led by the clergy of the participating congregations.

Presbyterian Women will have their monthly meeting on Monday, October 2, at 6:00 in the Agape Room. All women of the church are invited.



Speak with Beth Snyder if you have any questions.

October 17, Tuesday, 6:30 pm Presbyterian Women will be hosting a Celebrate the Pumpkin! gathering at St. Elizabeth's women's shelter in New Albany. If women would like to party please contact Beth Snyder, 812-569-4857.

The Book Group is meeting Sunday, October 8, at 2:30 in the Meriwether Room. They will be discussing chapter six of *Reconstruction* by Eric Foner.

The group gets together the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested, contact Rodney Smithey at rodwsm@gmail.com or 812-406-9654.



Welcome to First Prez...

Visitors — We welcome you! If there is any assistance we can provide, or if there are any questions we can answer for you, please speak to a greeter or usher, a neighbor next to you or the pastor. We'll be happy to do what we can to help you feel at home.

Ministry of friendship sheets are in the folders at the end of the pews on Sunday and on the table with the bulletins on Saturday night. Please leave a record of your attendance by signing in.

*Give thanks to God for our animals
and rejoice in God's creation.*

Community Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1, 2017
5:00 p.m.



**First Presbyterian Church
of Jeffersonville**

(at the playground, if the weather is fair;
in the gym, if the weather is not)

Animals must be on leashes or in cages.

*Bug juice and animal crackers
will be served afterwards*

The Prayer Lunch group will gather on Wednesday, October 11, at 11:30 a.m. in the Agape Room. Lunch is provided.



Winter Coat Collection...

We are again collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts and other warm winter clothing items for adults and children. We have had great success in the past and have helped many people who needed warm clothes to get them through the winter. Donations will be distributed by Exit 0 and the Center for Lay Ministries.



Please help out by leaving your donations in the box in the Atrium. If you have any questions, speak with Virgil Hertling.

Walk to Bethlehem...

Our imaginary journey to Bethlehem begins Sunday, October 1. Sign-up sheets, packets, and passports to track mileage will be available in the Meriwether Room beginning on Saturday, September 30th. Questions? Contact Kathy Bixler at 812-987-6060 or knbixler@gmail.com.



The Adult Sunday School is making its way through an eight-Session video-based Bible Study. Andy Stanley takes small groups on a journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow.



Halloween Care Packages

We will be sending Halloween care packages to **church members between the ages of 18 and 25** who are in college or in the military and living away from home. We need names and current addresses.

If you would like to donate items, we need snacks, pens & pencils, movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, etc. Please have them in by October 22. Speak with Kathy Bixler or Sandy Locke if you have questions.

This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Pam Spellman, Gail Peterson, and Ray & Pat Stone.

Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters are Pat & Ray Stone, Jerid Inman, and Conner & Cole Christopher..

In the Nursery this Sunday is Carol Sharp. Next Sunday is Alecia Simonis. There is no Kidz Church this Sunday because of World Communion. Next Sunday Shirley Rice is leading Kidz Church.

Hurricane relief through PDA and CASI

With hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires causing destruction, we have a couple of ways that we can support with recovery.

First of all, we are helping with Community Action of Southern Indiana's collection of supplies. Suggested donations include Hand Sanitizer, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Baby Wipes, Bug Spray, Sunscreen, Toilet Paper, Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Work Gloves, Flashlights, Batteries, Manual Can Openers, Feminine Hygiene Products, Paper Towels, Baby Formula, Towels, Washcloths, Baby Diapers, Adult Diapers, Bottled Water, Light Bulbs, and Locking Lid Storage Containers (medium size), and may be left in the Hope Chest.



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OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Secondly, you can give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by donating online or by writing a check to the church and designating it for PDA.

Mission-Focus Month...

At our Wednesday evening services in October, we'll be welcoming a series of guests representing mission projects we support and/or are involved in. This week Tavi Wallace will be here to talk about the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program, and her journey to becoming a first year seminary student. Come learn more about the good work we're a part of!

