

# Presbyterian News



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# OCTOBER



This is an early reminder that you and your child can begin now to collect items that will fit in a shoebox. This month, as you're out shopping, pick up one or two items at a time and gradually fill up your shoebox. Gear gifts for each box to a boy or girl. Ages per shoebox are 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. There are brochures on the Stone Street table which give you ideas what to put in your shoebox, and what are items that you can't put in. This is the best time of year to pick up school supplies, as they are all on sale. This year we have an anonymous donor who will pay shipping for the boxes. If you decide that you still wish to pay postage, it is \$7, put it in the box, and put a sticky note on the outside of the box saying the postage is inside.

We will have OCC shoeboxes available in the board room, over by the coffee pot, and there will be new brochures on the Stone Street table very soon. If you use a regular shoebox, wrapping is not necessary; however, do put a label (found on the back of the OCC brochure) denoting boy or girl and age on the shoebox and put a strong rubber band around the box. If you wish to wrap the box in brightly colored paper, please wrap the top and bottom of the box separately and put the label on it denoting boy or girl and age with a rubber band around it. Don't include breakable items, liquid items, chocolate, perishable items or toy weapons, etc.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:



And just like that..... summer is gone. The older I get it seems like the seasons go by so quickly. Fall, however, is one of my favorite seasons. I long for the cooler air, the pumpkin spice iced coffee at Dunkin, relaxing in the warmth of fires in the fireplace, picking apples and going to SU football games. Mostly, however, I like to pause and just look out into the horizon and marvel at the majesty of God's artful creation as I see the leaves turning the magnificent colors of red, gold, and orange.

As I reflect on my first year as your pastor, I can see the changes of our own seasons as reflected in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace".*

Together we have shared individual and congregational mixtures of joy and sadness, harmonies and struggles, new births, and deaths. In our own personal lives as well as our church we inherently go through a variety of seasons on our path of life. Sometimes we go through an autumn of the beauty of the colors. Other times it might seem more like the dried leaf that has fallen to the ground. I understand. Be mindful that through it all, our sovereign God remains steadfast and in control. He will make everything beautiful in its time.

If it has been a while since you have worshipped with us, perhaps you will consider looking to your church once again for inspiration, hope and fellowship. During the new season of autumn, may we all gain a better perspective by walking more closely with our Father God, and counting more blessings than ever before.

**Through each season of life, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.**

Blessings,

**Pastor Mike**



# Festival of Christmas 2022

Saturday, November 19  
9am -3pm

## **Booth and Booth Chairpersons:**

**Bake Shoppe** -Cathy Opperman 315-361-4106, Amanda Burdick  
Needs pies and breads

**Candy Shoppe** - Chrissy Thompson 315-363-7201, Stephanie Thompson  
Needs fudge and your favorite candy

**Cookie Walk** - Becky Williams 315-280-0284  
Needs cookies, sign-up sheet coming soon

**Christmas Cottage** - Sarah Owens 315-886-2123, Deb Owens  
Needs Christmas flowers-poinsettias, green(ery) garland, and mini  
figurines for example Christmas village people/santa, etc (Don't need mini trees)

**Harriet's Boutique** - Becky Ewen - 315-363-1678  
Needs hats, purses, items that kids can buy or want

**Kitchen/Luncheon** - Frank and Janet Sarensky 315-363-4365  
Volunteer sign-up sheets coming soon

**Pins & Needles** - Laura Reckentine 315-495-7019, Sue Kordziel  
Needs sewing, crocheting and knitting items

**Polly's Pantry** - Kathy Nichols 315-525-8690  
Needs jams, jellies, pickles, spices, rubs, salsa, etc.

## **Drawing**

**Quilt** - "Sweater Weather" (Laura Reckentine, Sue Kordziel, Chrissy Thompson)

**Painting** – "November Storm" (Tom Donegan)

Tickets available from Rachel Mancarella starting September 18th.

If you interested in volunteering for one of the booths, or would like to contribute to the items being sold at the festival, please contact the person in charge of the booth that is listed above.





## LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

*For the month of October 2022*

Steve Blair (friend of Ginny Pendleton)	Horace Keller
Richard Carrier Jr.	Jean Kowalik
Pam Carrigan	Esther Ladd (Friend of the Church)
Scott Colvin	Maribeth Matthews
Peggy Eastman	Jason Maycock (Sandy Glynn's brother)
Maria Erdo	Sam Messina
John Ferguson	Tom Panasci
Jillian Felt	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	David Rice
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Doug Rosekrans
Becky Grasso	Judy Sweet
Wendy Holtz	Jim Thorpe
Joyce Helms	Jan Whiting
Millie Johnson	Bill VanValkenberg (Friend of the Church)
Victor Johnson	Milicent Vidal
Victor Johnson III	Bill Young
	Nancy (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)
	Brittany (Friend of Chrissy Thompson)

**Thank you for your prayers. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590.**

## SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERN

Abby Bartell

Jerry DeRuby

If you have a prayer need, there are cards in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an usher. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590. Please let us know also when they are healed and can be taken off the prayer list.



The Deacons will be sending care packages to college students from the congregation this year. They are asking for donations to add to these packages. If you would like to help the Deacons are looking for; Shoe boxes or shoe box size containers, trinkets, non perishable snacks, cards, notepads, pencils, stuffed animals, pens, socks, gift cards, wall chargers, and whatever else you might think a college student of 2022 might need. Please put the items in the boardroom with a note marked "college care package". You can bring them in during office hours or before and after service on Sunday. We will be sending out the care packages the week of October 16th. The Deacons thank you in advance.



## ELDERS

### CLASS OF 2022

Donna Ausman  
Kim DeRuby  
Carol Miller  
Becky Williams

### CLASS OF 2023

Paul Mancarella  
Nancy Rinehard  
Dave Schellhase  
Jan Whiting  
Cathy Opperman

### CLASS OF 2024

Randy Bonville  
Frank Kordziel  
Lucille Merriman  
Michael Merriman  
Pat Thorpe

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:**

Jessie Mayne (Stephanie Gwilt's Grandmother)

## **SPECIAL CONCERNS:**

All first responders and health care providers who are on the front line during this global pandemic.  
The citizens of Ukraine

## **MISSION EMPHASIS:**

South Trenton Presbyterian Church, South Trenton  
First Presbyterian Church, Springfield  
Presbyterian Peace Fellowship of the PC(USA)  
First Presbyterian Church, Utica  
Three Voices; Cochran Memorial, Oneida Castle; Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Vernon, First Presbyterian Church, Verona

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:** Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones: Stephen Cafalone, Jack Sharkey, Mark Sia, Peter Thompson, Howard Bantle, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Michael McMahon, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Nate Borchardt, Michelle Ludwig, Colin Whitcombe

Those currently serving in a combat zone:

Dylan McClelland (Poland)

## DEACONS

### CLASS OF 2022

Sue Kordziel  
Rose Lockwood  
Doug Lockwood  
Kathy Nichols  
Chrissy Thompson

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John Merritt  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Communion	3	4 6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings	5 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	6	7	8
9 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship	10	11 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women's meeting	12 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	13	14	15
16 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11:15a.m. Deacons Mtg.	17	18	19 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	20 7 p.m. Prayer Vigil	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23/30 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship	24/31	25 7 p.m. Session Meeting	26 3 p.m. Connection 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	27	28	29

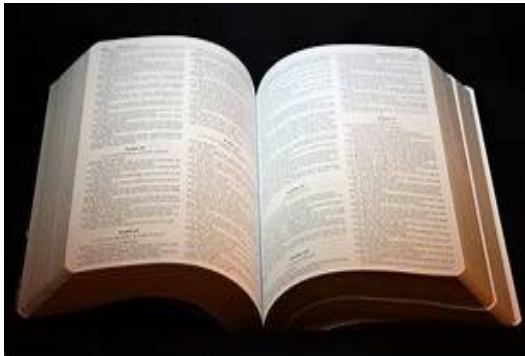


## *Birthdays*

Oct. 3	<i>Matt Jennings</i>
Oct. 9	<i>Doug Lippert</i>
Oct. 11	<i>Maribeth Matthews</i>
	<i>Traci Todd</i>
Oct. 12	<i>Mike Oot</i>
Oct. 15	<i>Bob Heller</i>
Oct. 16	<i>Jim Hotaling</i>
Oct. 17	<i>Don Kingsley</i>
Oct. 21	<i>Sarina Archer</i>
Oct. 23	<i>Shannon DuChene</i>
	<i>Caroline Hood</i>
	<i>Amanda Burdick</i>
	<i>Khloe Musgrove</i>
Oct. 25	<i>Jessica Fox</i>
Oct. 29	<i>Timothy Butler, Skylar Archer</i>
Oct. 30	<i>Matthew Bonville</i>
Oct. 31	<i>Carmen Joslyn, Sara Vrooman</i>

## *Anniversaries*

Oct. 5	<i>Kim and Jerry DeRuby</i>
Oct. 12	<i>Frank and Janet Sarensky</i>



### *Scripture Readers for October*

October 2nd—Jen Colvin

October 9th - Doug Lippert

October 16th - Andy Williams

October 23rd - Scott Colvin

October 30th-Becky Williams



### *Coffee Servers for October*

October 2nd – Phyllis Little

October 9th — Trish Vrooman and Andy Froass

October 16th — Dave Schellhase and Sherry Russell

October 23rd — Jim and Dorothy Hotaling

October 30th—David Scribner and Barbara Schwartz

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER  
NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 24TH**

