

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

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OCTOBER

October jumps in with a whirl of golden leaves and the glow of yellow chrysanthemums and goldenrod. Over the hills of evening rises a huge pumpkin-colored moon, and down the street on a very special night, small children masquerading carry jack-o-lanterns with shining yellow eyes. October gold!

Life, too, has its golden autumn with thoughts and memories like precious treasure.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Psalm 19:1

Be glad when the flowers have faded?
Be glad when the trees are bare?
When the fog lies thick
on the fields and moors,
And the frost is in the air?
When all around is a desert,
And the clouds obscure the light,
When there are no songs
for the darkest day,
No stars for the longest night?
Ah, yes, for the truest gladness
Is not in ease or mirth;
It has its home in the heart of God,
Not in the loves of earth.
God's love is the same forever,
If the skies are bright or dim,
And the joy of the morning lasts all day
When the heart is glad in Him.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 10:00 a.m.

WORLD WIDE Holy Communion Celebrated

Holy Communion (World Wide) will be celebrated on October 6, 2023. The Elders serving will be Ryan Rhodes, Linda Markey, John Harler, and Tammy Harler

Loose Offering

The loose offering collected during the worship service on Sunday, October 13 will be given to the Deacons to help with their projects.

Deacons

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, October 13 immediately following worship.

Session

The Session will meet immediately following worship on Sunday, October 20.

Reformation Sunday (October 27, 2024)

Each year, the Church celebrates Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday of October, commemorating a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. It was on October 31, 1517. that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg.

At First Presbyterian Church, it also becomes a time to remember the great reformer and Father of Presbyterianism, John Calvin. His *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, helped shape the Presbyterian Church as it still exists.

Luther and Calvin, as two of the key Reformers, felt the church should be renewed and refocused on scripture, the sacraments, and the discipline in the church. Said most basically, they thought the Church in that time had lost its way and needed to change – to renew our life together. So, in obedience to Jesus Christ, we maintain those “reforming” principles, affirming *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei*, that is, “The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God” in the power of the Spirit.

John Knox brought Presbyterianism to Scotland, and it flourished. So Reformation Sunday for us at First Presbyterian is also a celebration of our Scottish roots.

Congregational Meeting/Dinner

There will be a Congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, Oct. 27. There will be a dinner following the meeting. The menu has not been determined as of yet. More information will be given in the bulletin at a later date.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women and Men will be collecting sugar during the month of October for the Feeding Body and Soul Soup Kitchen.

Custodian off

The custodian will be on medical leave from Tuesday, October 22 through Sunday, December 1. He will return on Monday, December 2.

Minister's Vacation

Rev. Jeffries will be on vacation from Monday, October 28 through Monday, November 11. He will return to the office on Tuesday, November 12.

Bible Study

There will be No Bible Study on the following Mondays: October 28, November 4, and November 11 due to Rev. Jeffries vacation and Veterans Day.

Opus Practice

The Opus Music Club will hold their practices in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

There is a Light inside of me,
as strong and constant as can be.
Through night and day, it shines as bright
as when God first created light.

It is the Light that shone to all
within a tiny manger stall.
It glowed above disciples' heads.
The Spirit burned. The bright Light
spread!

Each time I share the gospel light,
it grows and glows ever more bright.
Where Jesus dwells, the bright light
shines.

He truly is this Light of mine!