

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2023

FALLING BACK INTO THE HABIT:

Dear friends,

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” I know what you’re thinking.... “She’s a little early for Christmas...” Nah! It’s fall—autumn! The most wonderful time of the year: the leaves are turning color, marching bands are strutting their stuff, football is back, and there’s a new crop of apples!!! School has started and households are back in the habit of early mornings, afternoon activities and sports, and evening homework and rehearsals.

This is the perfect time to fall back into the habit of going to church. October 1st is World Communion Sunday with one worship service at 10AM followed by First Sunday Luncheon hosted by our Deacons’ Community Life Crew. On October 8th, we will resume early worship at 8:30AM. Programming for all ages is underway and there is something for everyone!

I am excited to announce that we will host a series of short-term studies that will feature various books — both fiction and nonfiction — and Bible studies. The study will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30PM - 7:45PM and Tuesday mornings from 10:30AM - 11:45AM. We will begin on Monday, October 2nd and Tuesday, October 3rd. Our first book will be a novel by Cindy Maddox, “*In the Neighborhood of Normal*,” which chronicles the adventures of an 80-year-old woman who is determined to live every moment to the fullest. Join us!

My friends, this truly is the most wonderful time of the year when we can fall back into the habit of worship, fellowship, and study with our church family.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Ruth

DEVOTIONAL:

All Hallows’ Eve is a time for reflecting on our mortal state, for acknowledging our natural fear of mortality and for remembering the various monsters and spooks that have given concrete shape to these fears across the centuries.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:

There will be one service on October 1st as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. This will also coincide with CPC “1st Sunday”. This month there will be a Church family

luncheon immediately following the 10AM service which will be various sandwiches, chips and cookies. **The following months 1st Sunday lunch will be a potluck with the main dish provided.**

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:

Sunday, October 1, 2023, The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

SPECIAL GRIEFSHARE SESSION (SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS):

This will be a one-time GriefShare session on Monday, November 20, 2023, from 6PM to 8PM. It is called Surviving the Holidays. It is for anyone who has lost a loved one or friend and desires insights into making it through the especially difficult times of Thanksgiving and Christmas. One does not have to already be attending regular GriefShare meetings. Carolyn Collins, Beth Bedwell and Howard Wharram will be facilitators. We'll have a supper, workbooks, a video and discussion. We are requesting \$10 to cover costs of the workbook and video, but there is money available for those that cannot afford this. If you are interested talk to Beth Bedwell, Carolyn Collins or Howie Wharram and let them know you will be attending.

The regular GriefShare meetings will continue on Wednesday evenings from 6PM – 8PM now through December 6th.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY:

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, Oct. 21st from 6:30PM - 8:30PM

*We need volunteers to pass out treats! Sign up in the Narthex or contact Jencpctoledo@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY:

We are expanding our Children's Choir to include youth to meet a number of needs in our congregation. So, beginning on Sunday, September 24th, our new Youth Choir (children K and up and youth) will begin. The music sung will reflect this and be appealing to both youth and children. Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 11:15AM (after the children/youth have had an opportunity to participate in "coffee hour"). The plan is

that we will sing at the service on the following Sunday, October 1st. (There will not be rehearsal that day at 11:15AM due to the Church Family Luncheon). Questions? Please contact Mark Mathias.

Both our Handbell and Chancel Choirs NEED more singers and ringers! Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:15PM and 7:15PM respectively. If you enjoy good fellowship, meeting new people, and expressing yourself creatively, consider trying us out. If you can carry a tune (singers) and are able to read music at a beginner's level (ringers), you'd fit right in. An introduction to ringing handbells is available for new ringers. For more information, contact Mark Mathias.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

October 8 th	Help Squad 11:30AM – 4PM
October 15 th	Breakfast Bunch & Worship 8:45AM – 11AM (Youth Room)
October 21 st	Trunk or Treat 6:30 – 8:30PM. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. or contact Jen Juhasz. We need volunteers to pass out treats!
October 29 th	Halloween Party/Hayride at Jen's farm from 2PM – 5PM
October 30 th	Youth at The Corner: 3PM – 6:30PM

We are looking for volunteers for our Youth Ministry. If you would like to build relationships with our youth, contact Jencpctoledo@gmail.com to apply.

COFFEE HOUR:

Thanks so much to all of you who have agreed to host Coffee Hour following Sunday Worship. There are still a few Sundays for which we need hosts in November and December with sign-up sheets in the narthex and in Scott Hall.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

Total Income (August)	\$23,147.60
Total Expenses	<u>47,482.97</u>
Net Income	(\$24,335.37)

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES:

We need your help! The church is collecting the following items for care packages for our college student ministry:

- Hot cocoa mix, candy, gum and mints, sweet and salty snacks like pretzels, granola bars, crackers, fruit chews.
- Microwaveable foods like popcorn packets, mug cake mixes, macaroni and cheese, instant oatmeal.
- Stress squeezers, sticky notes and other fun office supplies.

- Window markers, Christmas socks and hats, Holiday décor, stickers, window/mirror clings, string lights, adult coloring books, puzzle books, colored pencils or markers for brain breaks.
- Gift cards to local eateries, online shopping or food delivery services.

Please give gift cards and monetary donations to Jen or Amalya.

Items can be dropped off at the church Monday – Thursday or Sunday mornings in the Narthex. Boxes will be packed on November 5th after worship.

DEBORAH CIRCLE:

Deborah Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30PM. The theme this year is “Sacred Encounters” and will be a study of The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in the Bible books of Luke and Acts. Please join us!

SOUL FEAST:

Soul Feast will meet on October 14th at 9AM in the Hospitality Room and on Zoom. We will be discussing the following: Chapter 8 – Companions of the Journey: The Gifts of Spiritual Direction. Meeting ID: 292 628 0893 Pass code: soul

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine Crumley at uriah3192@gmail.com or Sandy Townsend at sltown@bex.net.

CARE AND CONCERN:

Homebound:

Derrill Beat, Sally Rose, Connie Terry, Leland Floyd, Mary Garrison, Sally Bales, Ellen Cochran, Mildred Harrison, Jama Roman and Harry Tubbs.

On Going Medical Concerns:

Dave McClellan, Derrill Beat, Harry Tubbs, Dave MacPherson, Mildred Harrison, Sherry Gilbert, Barbara & Richard Brownlee, Don & Sandy Townsend, Joelyn & Millard Stone, Margie Olson, Linda Bell, Don Gildemeister, Jean Oldham, Katie Wharram and Jim & Sandra Findley

Deaths:

Mike Ploegstra, uncle of Tina Bossenbroek, died on September 18, 2023

Nell McIntosh, sister of Hattie Kate Howell died on September 11, 2023

Relatives & Friends:

People of Lehaina, Hawaii

Dan Gaietto, Amy Huffman’s brother

Lora Stone, daughter of Millard Stone

Mary Lee Fankhauser & Ken Fankhauser

Aunt Kathy, Aunt of Makayla & MaKenzie Slater

Mr. Giobadia, friend of Comfort Ofori-Akyeah
Jim Agenbroad, nephew of Hattie Kate Howell
Theresa, faithful donor to The Corner/Manager at House of Meats
Helen & Ken Kinderman, cousins of Hattie Kate Howell
Jay Harris, cousin of Richard Springman
Sister Janet Marie Smith, friend of CPC
Kathy Burk, sister of Dee Tilley-Mira
Percy Ahene, friend of Comfort Ofori
Leslie Carl Lindgren & Jess, cousins of Kate Backoff
Sandy & Bob Brennan, aunt and uncle of Kate Backoff
David Harman, friend of CPC
Barb & Sheryl Little, friends of Richard Springman
Michael Dale and Anu Apamaka, friends of Tyson Fankhauser
Kristen Pethick, cousin of Susan Burklow
LaTeisha Fonseca, friend of CPC
Aaron Grizaniuk, son of former CPC members Pat & Tony Grizaniuk
Jim Jordan, friend of Bill Drake
Rick Drake, brother of Bill Drake

If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Team or need information, call Amy Huffman at 567-408-8045 or email amylhuffman88@gmail.com.

CLOSING PRAYER:

“Lord Jesus, we come before You today with a broken and contrite heart full of repentance. Please forgive me all my sins. Today, I surrender my life to You, I believe that Jesus is Lord and I confess it with my mouth. Jesus, come into my life and save my soul from eternal destruction in hellfire in Jesus’ name, I pray.”

