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Today More Than Ever. Let Your Light Shine!

October 11 is Inspiration Sunday (formerly Stewardship Sunday)

October 18 is Gratitude Sunday (formerly Commitment Sunday)

(Pledge cards to be returned to the church as part of our worship.)

Let Your Light Shine

Love is lifting others up.
Joy comes to those who give it away.

Peace comes through putting God first.

Patience greatly improves outcomes.

Kindness is the key to opening hearts.

Goodness is the light in us.

Faithfulness is shining even in the rain.

Today, with the rapid pace of change and instability in the world around us, where can we find peace of mind? Where do we go to get a changeless message? We need love, hope, and peace beyond the world's ability to give. Christ's message is as timely now as it was when we were first shown the way to salvation. So today more than ever let your light shine everywhere and for everyone. Together we can make a difference.

*Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matt 5:16*

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is **October 4th**. The Annual Peace Offering will be taken that day. It provides peacemaking programs within the lives of individuals, in families, in churches, in communities, in the nation, and in the world. One-fourth is retained for our own local programs. A brochure envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Blessing of Animals - October 4th at 1:00 p.m.

The "Blessing of the Animals" is a worship service designed to remind us of the sacredness of all life and to provide us with the opportunity to celebrate the animals who share our lives. It gives us pause to reflect upon the positive impact animals have on our emotional and spiritual well-being. The service is conducted in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), Patron Saint of Animals, whose love for all God's creatures, great and small, is legendary. Francis, whose Feast Day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town and even allowed himself to be displaced by a donkey, moving himself to a small hovel. You are invited to bring your companion animals--dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, horses, sheep, hamsters, rabbits, fish, turtles, or any other well-tethered, well-behaved creature--on leashes, in cages, in bowls--to receive their Creator's blessing of "Shalom" (life, health, wholeness, and peace). The service will be celebrated outside, at 1:00, on the front lawn by the main entrance to the Sanctuary.





Youth Sunday October 18

Our youth will be participating at the 10:30 worship service **October 18**, Gratitude Sunday. AND we are very grateful for our children, youth, and our youth programs!

Faith Building

Schedule (every Sunday - 9:30-10:15 am):

9:15 Refreshments *Coat-rack area*

Children (age 3 through 6th grade)

9:30 **Gathering** *Fellowship Hall*,

9:40 children go class;

Youth (7th & 8th - *Jr. High – Conference Rm.*),
(9th-12th – *Sr. High – Youth Rm.*), &

Adults (*Bible Seekers – Parlor*) &
(*Flock of Ages – Green Rm. Blue Hall*)

9:30 **Meet** in assigned rooms.

Parents, bring your children, (**nursery available for 2-&-under**) and stay for an adult class. Don't forget about our attendance awards!

Bible Presentation

A **Children's Bible** will be given to the 3-year-olds in honor of their first year of Faith Building during the 10:30 service on **October 25**. The following is a list of three-year-olds (please let the office know if we have missed anyone): Tyler Bogenrife, Kyle Clemmons, Olivia Seaburn, and Joseph West.

Message from the Treasurer

If our offerings do not return to the healthy giving of earlier in the year, we can expect the Current Fund deficit for September to exceed (\$8,000.00) in the red. The Stewardship Committee asks everyone to make a renewed effort

to keep pledges and gifts up-to-date and to please keep our church and its mission in your prayers.

GENERAL FUND REPORT (Aug.)

Receipts	\$ 26,038.22
Expenses	28,800.41
Balance	\$ (4,647.17)

DEBT REDUCTION REPORT (Aug.)

Receipts	\$ 3,846.00
Payments	190.95
Balance	\$ 13,616.15

Fellowship Hour & Blood Pressure Screenings

October 18, will be the next Fellowship Hour and Blood Pressure Screening. The Faith Building Staff is in charge of fellowship after the **10:30** worship. Nurses of our congregation do blood pressure checks after the 8:30 service in the Parlor & after the 10:30 service in the Conference Rm.

Thank you to Marianne Toops and Mary Peart, who took blood pressures in September.

Diaconate & Session meet **Oct. 11** and **Nov. 8** at 6:30 and 7:30 pm respectively.

These Days a daily devotional guide for October, November, and December is available on the table in the Narthex across from the Parlor doors.

Pipe Organ Fund

September = \$1,304.50 YTD = \$15,688.36

RECYCLE: Paper, Laser & Ink Cartridges, & Cell Phones The profits benefit the Pipe Organ Fund. (*for info contact Tom Lloyd or office*)

All Saints' Sunday - November 1st

Since the seventh century the church has officially celebrated All Saints' Day on November 1st, or on the nearest Sunday. On this day we Christians celebrate the witness of all who have gone before us in the faith. On November 1st we shall remember especially those members of our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past twelve months:

Ruth Young

December 2, 2008

77 years of membership

Mildred Rea

January 15, 2009

67 years of membership

Robert Dillion, Deacon

February 12, 2009

61 years of membership

Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Presbyterian Women News

The Gathering

Please join PW Tuesday, **October 13th** at 7 pm. Bible Study (lesson 2) *A Leader Is Called*, Joshua 1:2-18; 24:1-15. Bring a friend. The study will be first, then refreshments, with the meeting to follow. Women of the church are invited to come for part or all of the meeting. (*Next meeting November 10.*)



Entertainment Books 2010

The Presbyterian Women are selling the 2010 Entertainment Books in the Narthex after both services and in the church office. Books contain hundreds of 2-for-1 and up-to-50%-off discount offers for restaurants, hotels, and resorts, entertainment venues and much more. At only \$20 per book, it could pay for itself after only one or two uses! Out-of-town books can also be ordered and shipped directly to you or the recipient. Prices range from \$25-\$45 including shipping. The proceeds go toward the Women's mission projects.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe box gifts give millions of children the chance to discover the true meaning of Christmas. We will again be participating in this program. "How-to" brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. The shoe boxes are due **November 15**. Questions, contact the church office or Marsha at 852-3040.

Suggested Gifts for your Shoe Box

- Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.
- School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.
- Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.
- Other:** hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball



caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry sets, hair-clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

Do NOT include the following items:

- Toy guns, knives, or other war-related items
- Chocolate or perishable items
- Liquids of any kind (shampoo, lotion, bubbles, etc.)
- Used items
- Medicines of any kind (vitamins, cough drops, etc.)

PW ALUMINUM CANS: 22 lbs. @ \$.46 = \$10.12 for Presbyterian Women mission projects.

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Potluck—November 15

Thank Offering—November 22

Church Choirs

ALL choir rehearsals **Thursdays**.

You are invited to come and join one of our choirs.

Times for rehearsals:

7:00 Cherub Choir (4 yrs old thru 2nd grade), Westminster Choir (3rd thru 8th grade), & Calvin Choir (high school age & older); 7:15 Bell Choir (high school age & older); *8:00 Men's Ensemble; *8:30 Sanctuary Choir (high school age & older). *Men's Ensemble is rehearsing for a special performance on October 18th - Sanctuary Choir will return to its regular 8pm starting October 22nd.

Sing to the Lord - Join a choir!

Food Thru Faith

During the month of August, Food thru Faith provided food to 82 families. This included 141 adults and 96 children for a total of 237 individuals. Each individual received 3 meals for 3 days, plus other available food items. If interested in volunteering call George Alexander 852-3942.

Soup Kitchens

Volunteers and food are needed for both.



Welcome Table is October 15. Contact Vickie Heinlein 852-3519 for more info.

Loving Kindness Kitchen is November 16
Contact Kelly Becke 604-1094 for more info.
*Sign-up sheets posted outside church office.

Kids In Christ

First Presbyterian Youth Newsletter September 2009



KIC EVENT—Grades 7-12

An extreme all night, adrenaline-pumping, non-stop student event! Thousands attend each year! Incredible sporting events, "controlled and chaotic" youth rallies, pizza everywhere plus all night activities like bowling and GamesWorks! Christ is preached in a clear Gospel message and an invitation is extended. The date for this Columbus event is Friday-Saturday November 13-14th. We will meet at the church at 5:30. We will stop at Mcdonalds/ Wendys at SR 42 and I-70 for a quick bite...or eat before you come! Then, we will attend the Blue Jackets vs. Mighty ducks hockey game at Nationwide Arena. After that...ALL Night FUN! There will be pizza and pop at midnight; any other food and drink will be at your own cost. Your parents **MUST** fill out the permission form located on the youth board in order to attend. There will be a **\$25 charge per family**. This money needs to be turned in to Missy or the church office no later than **October 18th**. This is important because after the deadline your cost will go up! Friends are invited, **ONLY** with parental permission form completed and money turned in by the due date! **Please note that even if permission forms were filled out for the campout, new ones MUST be completed!**

KIC It Up! October 4th 11:30am-1pm



KICKers EVENT--Grades 3-6 — October 10th — Junior Jam

A one-day, high-energy, event that includes music, videos, games, hands-on activities, lunch, and one-on-one time with Cedarville University students. All of these activities converge to encourage kids to show forgiveness & kindness to the folk in their lives and not cause a Roof-Raisin' Ruckus! During the event, students will be walking between buildings and participating in athletic type activities so they should wear comfortable clothes and shoes. The cost is **\$25 per family**; which includes lunch, t-shirt and all activities. **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ANY REGISTRATIONS is OCTOBER 1st**. We will meet at the church on Saturday morning at 9 am and return around 4:45pm. Please eat breakfast before you come. We will not have breakfast together.

KIC Fundraiser for PYT 2010: KIC will be selling discount cards for \$10 in order to raise funds for the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Please purchase yours in the Narthex or from any youth grades 8-12. Some of the great discounts include "FREE drink with a buffet purchase at CiCi's in Springfield", "6 FREE wings with purchase of 12 wings at Buffalo Wild Wings in Hilliard" and "FREE breadsticks with purchase of large pan pizza at London Pizza Hut". Cards are good through 10-01-10.

Thanks for supporting KIC!



THANK YOU TO ALL SUPPORTERS OF OUR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM!

We are thrilled to report, that through your continued and renewed support, that we have received a donation of over \$2,200 from Kroger for our first quarter earnings! This is about triple the normal donation from our previous Kroger gift card method! We still have many, many members who are not registered! The instructions are on the youth board and if you need assistance, please contact Missy 937-545-7373 or Marsha 852-1215 and we will get you signed up. This money is important because we can help cover the cost of events, such as those above, at a lower cost to families. It is also a great beginning to our youth van/bus fund! Our mission projects will benefit, as well!

Presbyterian Child Center

Part-time kitchen position available. If interested come to the center to get an application, or if you have questions contact Cindy or Anna at 740 852-3190.

Preschool: There is still space available in our **Preschool program**. Classes began Sept. 2nd 8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:30. Monthly fee 3's = \$120. Please contact the center to register.

Toy Drive: The daycare is raising money for the **London Fire Fighter Toy Fund**. Cindy Clifton is a huge Michigan fan. She has agreed to dress up as a Buckeye fan if they reach a \$500 goal. A donation jar is in the church office.

PCC Christian Education Corner

We are having a lot of fun in Kids for Christ Club. The toddlers have been singing songs and moving to the music. We have been singing Jesus Loves Me, This Little Light of Mine, Joy, Joy, the Dog Song, and I Just Wanna Be A Sheep. We have been learning a new song: My God Is So Great. I play my guitar with some of the songs and use puppets with CD songs. Kids get a heart stamp on their hand to remind them that God and Jesus are up in heaven and in our hearts.

The 3s and 4s are learning a Christian character word. We call it our password. We have to say it before we start Kids for Christ Club. The password helps us build good Christian character.

This month our password is Respect. We have a Bible verse to remember: *God saw all that he had made and it was very good.* (Genesis 1:31)

We sing it to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb. We pass a heart to one another before we start. When they pass the heart it reminds us of God's love. We read Bible stories and say our prayer at the end of Bible time. The 3s sing their prayer and the 4s say the Lord's Prayer. We have been working on our kindness trees. There is a lot of kindnesses on our trees.

The school-age also have the same password and pass the heart. They are memorizing the same Bible verse but they are singing it to an army chant. We go to the sanctuary at 7:30am-8:00am

each Tuesday and Thursday. We also sing songs and do Bible games. One Bible game we did was about Creation. I told the kids to pretend they were God and create a creature that has never been on earth before. There were a lot of creative creatures! We had sqines (half squid and marshmallow and flour), fire monkeys, flying stars, drafdofin (half giraffe and dolphin) and lots more. We have been busy learning about God and how to show others kindness, respect, and being thoughtful. The kindness trees are across from Cindy's office. The 3s, 4s, and school-age will get to take their kindness apples home at the end of the month. They get a prize for saying their Bible verse and being kind for the month of September.

Ms. Valerie, Christian Ed. Instructor

We rejoice!!

In the baptism of:

Ella Jade, daughter of Todd and Carly (Long) Geyer on September 13th



In the birth of:

Jennifer Ann born September 22nd, daughter of John and Sheila (Hibbs) Yerian

Thanks You

John Lloyd is in rehab at the Arbors after his recent back surgery and thanks all for their cards, flowers, and good wishes. His recovery is progressing well. He asks for no visitors.

Popcorn Sale

Boy Scout Troop 102 is selling the ever popular Trails End popcorn once again. If you would like to place an order, locate a Boy Scout or see Michael Wilhoit at the table in the Narthex. The sale runs through November 15th.

Welsh Hymn Sing

Welsh Hymn Sing Sunday, **October 18th**, at 2:30pm at Central College Presbyterian Church in Westerville. Our church's Men's Ensemble will perform with organ and harp accompaniment under the direction of Thomas Lloyd.

Health Ministry

The Madison County/London City Health District

will be offering Seasonal flu and pneumonia shots at the following locations this year: **10/5**-Hurt-Battelle Memorial Library-West Jeff 12:00-2:00 pm. 270 Lilly Chapel Road, West Jefferson; **10/8**-Health Dept. 1:30pm-4:00pm 306 Lafayette Street; **10/16**-London High School- 10:00-1:00; **10/19**-Health Dept. 1:30pm-4:00pm 306 Lafayette Street; **10/20**-Health Dept. 4:30pm-6:30pm 306 Lafayette Street. No appointment is necessary. Please remember to wear short sleeve shirts and to bring your Medicare (part B), Aetna Medicare, MediGold or Medicaid card with you. If you are not covered by these, the cost for the flu vaccine is \$23.00 and the cost for the pneumonia vaccine is \$45.00. ***No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.*** If you have any questions call the health district at (740)852-3065.



Next Blood Drive December 2nd, 1-7pm

Presbytery Mission Work Trip, October 17 – 24, 2009

Adults ages 18 and over are invited to be part of 60 Presbyterians who will travel to Gulfport, Mississippi to continue hurricane recovery work. For further information and an application form, go to psvonline.org or call 800-244-7207.

Recycling Totals

(all for Pipe Organ Fund except as noted)

	<u>2008 Total</u>	<u>2009 Total</u>
Cans: PW (10 mo.)	\$415.05	\$225.37
Organ (2 mo.)	\$258.12	\$42.24
Ink Jet Cartridges	\$161.85	\$66.10
Laser Cartridges (lg.)	—	
Cell Phones	\$25.25	\$8.00
Paper (new in 2005)	\$175.70	\$100.49
Totals	\$1,035.97	\$442.20

Tons of paper recycled in 2009 = 18.14

Community Events

H.E.L.P. House “Winter Coat Drive” Collecting new and clean, gently used winter coats to be distributed to area children in need, now through October 28. Drop off at 122 E. Center St. Monday 11-7pm, Tuesday 8:30-11:30am, Wednesday 9-12pm, or Saturday 9-11am. We need volunteers to wash coats as needed and to assist with coat distribution **Saturday October 31** 8:30-12pm. For questions call 740 825-1980 or email HELPHouse@hotmail.com.

LUTHERFEST October 3rd 10am-10pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 380 Keny Blvd. Motorcycle show, games for kids of all ages, hot dog eating contest, craft vendors, face painting, prizes, music entertainment all day. German food including brats, beer, hotdogs, pork and sauerkraut, hamburgers, German potato salad, baked beans, slaw, German chocolate cake, apple dumplings, and assorted desserts. Join them for fun food, fellowship.

2009 Bike-A-Thon or Walk-A-Thon

October 17 8-12noon, starting at Senior Center Bike Trail. 100% of donations go to homeless mothers with children. There is a \$5 individual (includes T-shirt) registration fee or \$10 family (includes 2 T-shirts) Ride or walk for donations. Prizes will be given to the one with the most donations in three different age groups! For more information about the ministry go to www.visionsofhopeministry.org There will be food, fun, and fellowship! Collection envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex or contact Bob Rea or Ann Slanker 852-2177.

Keep Informed! Notify the church office with **change of address** - especially all you **snow-birds** and **college students**. We would like to keep the newsletter coming to you.

Daylight Savings Time ends

November 1st

Please remember to turn your
clocks back one hour

Saturday, October 31st.



**TURN YOUR
CLOCKS
BACK!**

October & November Anniversaries & Birthdays



<p>1 Joseph Studebaker, Lucas Gladman, Shad Good, Dylan Follrod Steve and Cherie Watters</p> <p>2 Phyllis Hibbs, Nate Emrich</p> <p>3 Doris Cordle Jim and Laura Shade</p> <p>4 Trace Geyer Bill and Peggy Link</p> <p>5 Abigail Ames, Bonnie Frame, Hailey Dunn, Richard Geib</p> <p>6 Crystal Schrock, Gailyn Whipple, Justin Domingus, Shirley Mouser</p> <p>7 Jennifer Holder</p> <p>8 Rick Ballard</p> <p>10 Ann Gladman, Tricia Farrell</p> <p>11 Clark M and Frances Marshall Richard Gerard</p> <p>12 Mike Alexander, Ryan Bobo</p> <p>13 Marilyn Green</p> <p>14 Brian and Ashley Wheeler Miller Kronk</p> <p>15 Christopher Ansel Jim and Marianne Money</p> <p>16 Brittiney Jordan, Marshall Geib, Zachary Newman</p> <p>17 Jackie Potts</p> <p>18 Ginger Kronk, Nathaniel Marshall</p> <p>19 Erin Cremeens Larry and Wendy Bobo</p> <p>21 Ashton Carabin, Marietta Geyer, Matt Taylor, James Green Brian and Julane Walker</p> <p>22 Alexis Powell, Kim LeGault, Alyssa Hisey, Ronald Schellhaas, Caitlin Martin</p> <p>23 Anne Slanker, Emily Peart, Jared Long, Joshua Jacob, Taylor Sollars</p> <p>24 Connie Dwyer, Rhonda Miller</p> <p>25 Bryce Wessel, Ann Martin, Julane Walker</p> <p>26 Marjorie Daniels</p> <p>27 Darren Scott, Levi Kimley</p> <p>28 Shawn Runyon</p> <p>29 Cora Burks</p> <p>30 Ashton Anders, Crew Wheeler, Keith Miller, Dustin Huddleston, Janice Riggle, Joshua (Bujan) Ramkissoon</p> <p>31 Bill Link</p>	<p>November</p> <p>1 Brian Wheeler</p> <p>2 Jane Herman, Maggie Johnston Steve and Holly Murry</p> <p>3 Dolores Fischer, Laura Madden</p> <p>4 Kirsten Kimley, Melissa Glover</p> <p>6 Judi Borders, Kaylin Domingus, Kyle Seaburn, Linda Shoemaker, Nancy Hughes</p> <p>7 Jeffrey and Cheryl Baltzer Shirley Miller</p> <p>8 Bob Duncan, Bob Fischer David and Maria Hill Sean and Melanie McSeveney</p> <p>9 Lia Ferguson</p> <p>10 Donna Hetrick</p> <p>11 Barry and Kristen Trimble James T. Smith</p> <p>12 Cynthia Wallis, Mason Murry, Tom Yost Matt and Sandy Taylor</p> <p>13 Alice Elswick</p> <p>14 Corabeth Morris, Kathy Zimmerman</p> <p>16 Cassady Chadwell, Sandy Ballard, Farren Ali-Parr</p> <p>17 Grace Yerian</p> <p>18 Bruce Yerian, Helen Studebaker, Nancy Clemmons</p> <p>20 Jeffery Jacob, Jim Myers Doug & Milissa Deaver</p> <p>21 Jesse Beery, Riley Cremeens</p> <p>22 Brett Kimmet</p> <p>23 Grant Schmidt</p> <p>24 Douglas Dennewitz, Joshua Duffey</p> <p>25 Pat John, Robin Cordle</p> <p>26 Seth and Lisa Reay</p> <p>27 Jack Altman, Matt Wallis</p> <p>28 Brady Wells, Tracy Wallis</p> <p>29 Christine Yost, Marilyn Otis, Nicholas Sollars Timothy and Pamela Reay</p> <p>30 Mary Locke, Wilma Pernod, Jenny Carns Neil and Helen Studebaker Craig and Kelly Becke</p>
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Sunday Morning Lectionary Readings				
10/4	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
10/11	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
10/18	Job 38:1-7 (34-41)	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
10/25	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
11-01	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
11/08	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17	Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44