



Dear Church Family,

As the weather has been getting cooler, my excitement has been increasing. I love the fall, and along with the fall comes one of my favorite holidays—Halloween. Halloween might seem like a strange holiday for a pastor to love, but I really enjoy watching little children in cute costumes have so much fun. This year Devin is debating whether he is too old to go Trick or Treating, but I really hope that we get one more year of going out with him. It is so much fun to watch.

Many Christians oppose celebrating Halloween, which has always struck me as a little strange because the holiday has Christian roots. In fact, I was recently in a conversation where one of the participants thought that Christians should take over Halloween, just as we have done with Christmas and other pagan holidays. I said that there is no need because Halloween is already a Christian holiday.

Presbyterians might be interested to know that the word “Halloween” comes from a Scottish variant of “All Hallows’ Eve.” All Hallows’ Day, which we now call All Saints’ Day, falls on November 1st. On this day, we remember all the saints who have come before us, especially those who have died in the last year. In the past, there were worship services both on All Hallows’ Eve and on All Hallows’ Day. Our Presbyterian calendar still shows that we have the option of holding a worship service on All Saints’ Day. In this church, we celebrate All Saints’ Day on the first Sunday in November (instead of coming to church on Tuesday, November 1).

In the superstitious past, many people believed that the souls of the people who died during the last year wandered the earth until All Hallows’ Eve, when they would finally have a chance to take vengeance on their enemies before going to heaven. The Christians, who would be out at night as they traveled to an evening

mass to pray for the souls of their friends, would dress up in costumes to disguise themselves, just in case angry souls wanted to carry out vengeance upon them.

Now, the costumes are mostly relegated to little children, but I am glad that the candy is not. I have to admit that I have a weakness for candy corn. The candy is why I am so excited about two events happening at our church on Friday, October 28. First, the PCC children will go Trick or Treating in all of the church employees’ offices. Then, from 4:30 to 6:30 that same day, our church will host a Trunk or Treat event in the front parking lot. I really hope that you will bring your car and join us! Contact Hope Smith (see the article later in this newsletter) to participate.

One of the most fun parts of Halloween is not fattening, though—carving pumpkins. Back in the old days in Scotland, Christians would carve turnips into lanterns as a way of remembering the souls being held in purgatory. Because Presbyterians do not believe in purgatory, pumpkin carving is just plain fun. I admit that I am not very good at carving jack-o-lanterns, but if you are, I would love to see your efforts! What my family really enjoys, though, are the roasted pumpkin seeds that we make after carving the pumpkins. If you have any great pumpkin or pumpkin seed recipes, please share them with us.

I pray that each of you has a great Halloween this year! Although I do not anticipate an angry soul seeking vengeance upon any of you, I do hope that you spend some time remembering the saints of our church who have died in this past year—Nancy Dexter and Sandy McSeveney. We will be honoring both of these wonderful women on November 6th.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Désirée





PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed.

If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

We are very blessed that our mission vision of reaching seven countries in west Africa has been accomplished by the grace of God.

Now we are focusing on creating a new target for our mission. Please pray for guidance for us on this plan.

We are also taking in sixteen additional kids into our children homes. We are struggling to find the space, but the need is great for these children. We need help to buy books and uniforms and finding a way to pay for school. Please pray with us that a path will open up and we will be shown the way.

School is back in session! There have been a lot of transitions happening, especially for the younger children. Things have finally settled down, and the kids (& teachers) have found their groove.

One of the most exciting things that took place was Community Helpers Week, Sept. 19-23. Several volunteers from the community came in and shared their job with the kids. On Monday, a nurse and chef came in. On Tuesday, a BCI officer and a farmer were in. On Wednesday, we had a genetics farmer talk to the children. On the last day, the mayor came in and read a story to the kids.

October is shaping up to be lots of fun. The kids will get to have their pictures taken, and then the planning for the PCC Halloween parties will commence. The children will have lots of fun activities happening in their classes, along with trick or treating in their Halloween costumes around the building. It will be a spook-tacular fun time!



WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL FOR WORSHIP

Session has lifted ALL Covid guidelines. If you choose the in-person services, masks are now optional!

IMPORTANT DATES

Choir rehearsals @ 7:00 pm on Thursdays

October 2: World Communion Sunday, Deacon meeting

October 9: Blood Pressure Check, after the service, in the parlor.

October 9: Pastor Appreciation Day

October 10: The office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day

October 12: Session meeting

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is looking for one additional 'at large' member. It is a one year term. Contact either Harriet Dana or Gina Wells with any questions.

- ♦ Harriet: 614-432-2630 or rhdana@colu7mbus.rr.com
- ♦ Gina: 614-578-6214 or ginawells323@gmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT

Christian Education Committee would like to invite you and your family to the first Trunk Or Treat at the church! It will be Friday, October 28th from 4:30-6:30pm. If you would like to volunteer to pass out candy, please contact Hope or Cody Smith. Email: hopemiller1994@gmail.com

Please feel free to dress up and/or decorate your car! We are also going to invite the children from the PCC. We are hoping to have a big turn out and would love to see you there!

WELCOME TABLE MEAL

The next meal will be on October 13. Welcome Table usually feeds 50-60 people. Portions should feed 8-12 people. It is best if a disposable pan is used. All donations need to be dropped off at the St. Paul AME church on Center St. around 4:30 PM as they start serving at 5:00 PM.

- Baked Spaghetti (recipe below)
- Salad
- Little Debbies for dessert

Contact Dolly McDonley with any questions at 740-852-7553. Thank you!

BAKED SPAGHETTI RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- ♦ 1 pound ground beef
- ♦ 24 ounce jar of spaghetti sauce
- ♦ 1 pound spaghetti
- ♦ 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (Mozzarella would be better)

DIRECTIONS

- ♦ Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- ♦ Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.
- ♦ In a large skillet cook ground beef until brown. Drain off fat.
- ♦ Add spaghetti sauce into skillet.
- ♦ Reduce heat and simmer.
- ♦ Boil spaghetti for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente. Drain.
- ♦ Mix together spaghetti and meat mixture.
- ♦ Pour into a greased or sprayed 9 X 9 or 8 X 10" disposable pan.
- ♦ Top with cheese and bake covered for 30 minutes or until heated through.

MAKES ABOUT 8 SERVINGS

If you choose, this recipe can easily be doubled.

... & MORE

MARTHA GEIB MEMBORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

The online auction will be held on November 5, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please contact Stephanie Huddleston at 740-506-0012, Connie Dwyer at 740-837-0110, or Marci Bogenrife at 740-852-2180.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made out to Martha Geib Memorial Scholarship. All proceeds go towards London & Madison-Plains Seniors. Thank you for your help in supporting this.

AUGUST BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

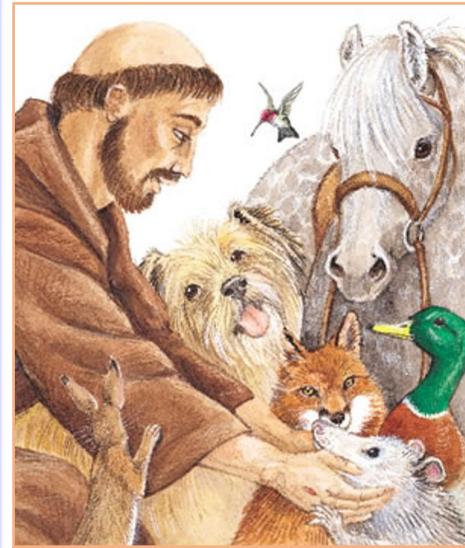
The blood drive held on August 10 was a huge success. It was held in honor of a LHS student, Sean Sabulsky, who has a rare form of cancer which requires the use of a lot of blood products.

The blood drive was held at London Correctional Institute, with the support of the First Presbyterian Church and another church in Mechanicsburg. The response was so great, that a second blood drive was done on August 12.

- ◆ The goal for August 10 was 40 people ... 48 people donated blood.
- ◆ The goal for August 12 was 25 people ... 31 people donated.
- ◆ This helped to save 240 lives!

The **Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO)** has **cancelled** this year's fall mission work trips in West Virginia that were scheduled for October 17-21 and October 24-28.

However, CNO leaders are looking into offering **Mission Workdays throughout our presbytery in 2023**. PCUSA feels this could connect churches with various social programs in our region, while connecting members in different congregations to one another. Contact Kathi Bubb, chair of CNO, kathibubb@gmail.com if you have ideas for mission workdays, and you'd be interested in helping to plan these events.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals is a beautiful annual ceremony celebrating the human-animal bond, originating from a Roman Catholic tradition as part of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

We will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 16, 2022 on the front lawn of the church, at 1:00 PM. If you cannot bring your beloved animal with you, bring a photo so they may receive their blessing.

HELP HOUSE MEAL FOR 150

The church is hosting the Help House meal on October 17th. The following donations and volunteers are needed:

13 boxes Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies (regular size), 30 cans Cream of Mushroom soup, 30 cans Cream of Celery soup (Walmart brand is the cheapest price), 6 cans green beans (institutional size), 4 SERVERS (2:00-4:30).

Please notify Debbie Blaho if you want to help (email dblaho@columbus.rr.com or call (614) 736-5126. Please have donations to the church by October 16th.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THIS WINTER! We need help in finding a snow removal company in our local area. Please call, text, or email Pam Dennewitz if you know of someone!

614-832-3872 or pdennewitz@aol.com

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you wish to provide a poinsettia for our Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve Services ... please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office (PO Box 226), **along with your check.** We are purchasing the poinsettias from London Florist. **DEADLINE for placing your order is Monday, November 14, 2022.** We will order a variety of colors for the Christmas season for those who order, to take home. Or, you may make a memorial gift to the Generation to Generation Fund.

6" Potted POINSETTIA ORDERS

Given in Honor Of:

Given in Memory Of:

to be picked up after 7:30 service: _____ # to be donated: _____

TOTAL # _____ poinsettias ordered X \$13.00 each for a total of \$ _____

Given By: _____ Phone: _____

SPECIAL GIFT FOR GENERATION TO GENERATION FUND

Given in Honor Of:

Given in Memory Of:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Given By: _____ Phone _____

**See the Raphael Tapestries at the Columbus Museum of Art
Sunday October 23, 2:00 PM**

The current big exhibition at the Columbus Museum of Art is *Raphael—The Power of Renaissance Images: The Dresden Tapestries and their Impact* on display until October 30, 2022.

"The exhibition is centered around six tapestries, woven in the 17th century, on loan from the Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister (Old Masters Picture Gallery of Dresden), Germany, one of Europe's most renowned museums. The tapestries depict scenes from the New Testament, most from the book Acts of the Apostles, focused on the lives of Peter and Paul. Their stirring themes and powerful style inspired future generations of artists for centuries to come."

Also included in the exhibit are works that influenced Raphael and numerous other works—paintings, prints, drawings—which were created by artists influenced by Raphael's designs. (By the way, one of the pieces in the exhibit is a copy of a Raphael work that hangs in the Pitti Palace in Florence. We have a print of the copy in our church office: *The Madonna of the Chair.*)

CMA is the only US venue where the tapestries will be exhibited. In fact, the tapestries haven't been on view in their home museum since 2008. Displaying them is a tremendous undertaking!

Faith groups in the Columbus area are booking special tours of the exhibit. Connie Dwyer is a Docent at CMA and would love to do a free group tour for people from our church. She would link each tapestry with the scripture that inspired it, in addition to their history, their creation, etc. The tour would be about 1 to 1.5 hours, depending upon questions and discussions.

CMA is handicapped-accessible, and a limited number of wheelchairs and strollers are available at the front desk. Parking in the museum lot is \$7.00. Free parking is available on Sundays next to the Museum, across N. Washington Ave., in the State Auto Insurance lot.

Make your reservation by emailing Connie at tchgeohist@aol.com by Wednesday, October 19, with the names and number attending. Meet Connie at the CMA front desk by 2:00, October 23. By the way, a great place for lunch after church is Schokko, the museum's on-site cafe. Your receipt from Schokko or the museum gift shop will get you a reduced parking rate.

Finding things to do in...

October

Find a pumpkin patch or an apple orchard to visit.

With the leaves changing, take a walk or bike ride at one of the Metro Parks, or at a state park (several are nearby within an easy drive).

If you like a good scare, find a haunted destination for a bit of fun. Check out Zoombezi Bay, Kings Island, and Cedar Park for a scary good time. Or discover the Haunted Hayride & Forgotten Forest in Lebanon, Ohio.

Gather family & friends for a game of touch football. Follow it up with a bonfire and hot cider/cocoa & snacks

After you carve your pumpkin(s), gather the seeds and roast them for a delicious treat.

Checkout the Circleville Pumpkin Show, Oct. 19-22.

Fall foliage train rides at Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, in Nelsonville. This is a 2.25 hour train ride, including a 30 minute stop at a reconstructed 1840's era village. In October ... Thursdays & Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays.

Visit the Short North and do the Gallery Hop.

October is a great month to visit the Columbus Zoo.

Visit the Ohio History Center & Ohio Village.

OCTOBER FUN FACTS

Draconid meteor shower will be in the late evening of October 9, and the Orionid meteor shower will happen in the predawn hours of October 21-22.

October's full moon, known as the Hunter's Moon, arrives on Sunday, October 9.

Folklore for the Season

- When deer are in a gray coat in October, expect a hard winter.
- Much rain in October, much wind in December.
- In October dung your field, and your land its wealth shall yield.
- A warm October means a cold February.

Fun Days

- Oct. 4:** International Ships-in-Bottles Day
- Oct. 6:** National Noodle Day
- Oct. 12:** National Fossil Day
- Oct. 24–Nov. 11:** World Origami Days
- Oct. 28:** Frankenstein Friday

October's zodiac signs are:

- ♦ Libra, Sept 23-Oct 22
- ♦ Scorpio, Oct 23—Nov 21

October Birth flowers

Orange Calendula/marigold (for grace) & Cosmos (for joy)

October birthstones are Tourmaline & Opal.

Why do leaves change colors?

Fall's vivid colors are actually hidden underneath summer's green.

The lack of light, not the chilly temperatures, causes the change. The green color of leaves disappears when photosynthesis slows down and the chlorophyll breaks down. Trees with a lot of direct sunlight will produce red leaves, while other trees may turn yellow, orange, or brown.

A full moon on Halloween only occurs roughly once every 19 years



"May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!"

Steve & Cherie Watters	10/1
Peggy & Bill Link	10/4
Mark E. & Oanh Johnson	10/4
Roger & Janis Hamrick	10/10
Alice & Jay Phillips	10/19
Larry & Wendy Bobo	10/19
Kevin & Stephanie Mack	10/30



October born love to make friends and are good at it. They return affection to those who give it to them easily, and treat their friends and loved ones with great importance. A conversation with an October born can be filled with jokes, dreams and strong opinions. They tend not to focus on others' impressions of them.

October born are calm and quiet. They have strong willpower, hard workers, optimistic and creative. They are friendly and kind hearted.

Harold Wright	10-1
Carolyn Garwer	10-1
Richie Geib	10-5
Prudy Goodyear	10-5
Bonnie Frame	10-5
Diane Campbell	10-5
Gailyn Whipple	10-6
Crystal Schrock	10-6
Mike Alexander	10-12
Miller Kronk	10-14
Christopher Ansel	10-15
Marshall Geib	10-16
Larry Hart	10-17

Ginger Kronk	10-18
Francis Murray	10-18
Ron Schellhaas	10-22
Rhonda Miller	10-24
Connie Dwyer	10-24
Carole Sue Ames	10-25
John Gregory	10-27
Chuck Duvall	10-28
Pat Campbell	10-29
Joshua Bujan	10-30
Keith Miller	10-30
Bill Link	10-31

OCTOBER 2022

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