



Among Friends

OCTOBER, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings!

A little boy came home from Sunday school and his father asked him about what he had learned. The boy replied, "I learned that the people of Israel were slaves in Egypt. God told a guy named Moses to lead his people to the Promised Land. As they were running away, they came to the Red Sea. Moses told the Israelites to get in the boats and hurry across. Then the Egyptian army came and they got in their boats. Moses ordered the Israeli Air Force to bomb the Egyptian boats. Bombs were going off and every Egyptian boat was sunk and all the Egyptians drowned." "Now, is that really what you learned in Sunday school," his father asked. "No," said the boy, "but if I told you what really happened, you'd never believe me!" (sermoncentral.com)

Moses led a remarkable life—one that would be hard to believe if it weren't found in the Bible. He was rescued from a basket in the Nile River by Pharaoh's daughter and she raised him as her own. He killed an Egyptian soldier and then fled to Midian. Moses witnessed the burning bush. He saw his staff turn into a snake and his hand become leprous. He was chosen by God to lead the Israelites. He witnessed the ten plagues. He parted the Red Sea. He hit a rock with his staff and water came from the rock. He met the Lord on Mt. Sinai. He was given the Ten Commandments. Moses' life was truly remarkable. Moses' life was truly blessed.

"If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you," (Exodus 33:13)

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NOVEMBER

**Newsletter
Deadline**

October 23

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)



SPECIAL DATES

- World Communion
Sunday, October 6
- Reformation Sunday,
October 27
- Reformation Day,
October 31



Deadline for
submission of

NOVEMBER
newsletter
information is

OCTOBER 23

Submit to:

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Moses wanted a deeper relationship with God. His desire was to "know God." Of all the blessings Moses had knowing God was the greatest of all. How about you? Do you desire to "know God?" As we journey through this life, we will need to "know God" in order to do what we are called to do. We aren't equipped to handle the struggles of our journey alone. At some point, we will realize that we can't do it alone. Moses needed God. The Israelites needed God. And we need God.

Folks, living the Christian life is more than accepting Jesus as your Savior. Getting through this life and into the next life isn't always easy. We must commit to God. We must be consumed by God. We must be consumed by the things of God.

Moses' prayer was to "know God." Do you know God? I mean really know God?

When your relationship with God is intimate, you will feel His presence in a mighty way and you will be blessed.

Blessings for your journey!
Diane



PASTOR

APPRECIATION MONTH

Pastor Diane Whitman

A warm thank you for all you do in the Lord's service...

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

You are indeed a reflection of God's love and we want you to know how very much we appreciate you and all you do. We praise God for bringing us together.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?



This month's **Second Saturday Concert (October 12)** will feature the music of **ROCK JAZZ**. Rock Jazz is a trio of local artists (including our own Dennis Grosky) who share their love of Jazz in many venues. Based in Slippery Rock, PA "The Rock", plays old time Jazz, Gypsy Jazz with a sprinkle of classic rock/folk covers. Featuring Violin, Guitar and Bass.

THE SATURDAY CONCERT

Come and share this evening of music and friendship.

Dessert and snacks begin at 6:30 p.m. Music starts at 7:00 p.m. Watch for the sign up sheet for providing dessert/snacks.



Join us for refreshments and settle in for the concert!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!

SERVING THIS MONTH



PREACHING

10/6	Pastor Diane Whitman
10/13	Pastor Diane Whitman
10/20	Dr. Kishore Vellody
10/27	Pastor Diane Whitman



LITURGISTS

10/6	Cindy Cross
10/13	Bill Kreuzer
10/20	Michele Lagnese
10/27	Ruth Keith



GREETERS

10/6	Joanie West
10/13	Donna and Dave Walker
10/20	Heather Datt
10/27	Evelyn Vargo



PROJECTIONISTS

10/6	Jeremy Whitehouse
10/13	Benjamin Vukson
10/20	Jeremy Whitehouse
10/27	Benjamin Vukson

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 6** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
- Worship and Communion Service,** Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- During the worship service our annual offering will be received to assist in the ministry of our missionary in India, Anne D.
- October 9** **Friendship Presbyterian Women** meeting, Community Center, 7:00 p.m. Heather and Sue Datt will be hostesses for the evening.
- October 12** **Second Saturday Concert,** Community Center, featuring the music of **Rock Jazz Trio.** Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., concert will follow at 7:00 p.m. (More info on page 3)
- October 13** **Worship Service,** Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- October 20** **Worship Service,** Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.
- October 27** **Worship Service,** Worship Center, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Diane Whitman will lead the service. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

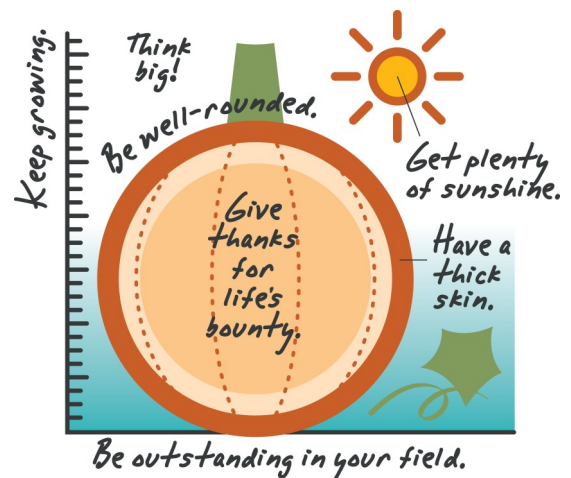
Our God is merciful. During October, we will be looking at the benefits of God's grace through the stories of Elijah and the widow Jesus healing the centurion's servant, and His blessing of the sinful woman. We will focus in on response to God's with obedient, active, humble, and grateful faith. All are welcome for this time of Bible study and discussion.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday School class is learning the different categories in the Bible, the books in eac category, and the most well-known people and their lives in the category.

Sunday School classes for adults and children begin at 10:00 a.m.

ADVICE FROM A PUMPKIN





SCHOOL KITS AND HYGIENE KITS:

Thanks to all for your generous donations. The women's group was able to pack 57 school kits and 15 hygiene kits. Dave and Donna Walker delivered the kits to the Church World Service drop-off center in Zelienople in late September. From there the kits will be transported to Church World Service in Maryland for distribution to those in need. Many of the kits go to areas dealing with extreme storm damage.



Sunday, October 13 is the last day to bring donations for the October delivery to "Dress for Success." This will be the last delivery until 2020.

Donations are always accepted for the "next" delivery...what a great way to help empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

Dress for Success Pittsburgh (Butler office) will hold an Open House on Thursday, October 10. From noon to 1:30pm, you'll have the chance to meet the team, volunteers, and tour the boutique.

Would you like to share your time and talent to make a difference in the lives of many women? Know someone who could use our support? Stop by during the Open House and find out ways to get involved!

Light refreshments provided.

Butler Branch
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Butler, PA 16001
Contact: Liz Mims
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FEED MY SHEEP FOOD CUPBOARD BENEFIT

The Olde Town Harmony Barbershop Chorus and the Friendship Presbyterian Church Second Saturday Concert series are partnering for a benefit concert for the North Butler County Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard. The November 9th concert will feature Christian and patriotic music of the barbershop genre at the Friendship Presbyterian Community Center at 886 New Castle Road, Slippery Rock.

Performing will be the Olde Town Harmony Barbershop Chorus from the Grove City area. Also performing will be 3 quartets: Shades and Special K, both from New Bethlehem, PA, and Ragged Edge which is part of the Olde Town Harmony group.

Complimentary snacks, desserts, and beverages will be served beginning at 6:30PM. The concert is from 7pm to approximately 8:30.

Voluntary monetary donations are requested. Checks should be payable to Friendship Presbyterian Church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again our **Community Center** will be a collection point for **Operation Christmas Child**. Wendi Vukson will be the chairperson and Ruth Keith will be assisting. Area churches and organizations will bring their shoeboxes to our community center where they will be packed in shipping boxes and transported to the relay center at St John's Church in Butler. Your help is needed to staff the center. Our center will be open 2-3 hours daily November 18 - 25 to receive boxes and will need 3-4 people each day to receive boxes. Watch for further details and a chance to sign up to volunteer!



Prayer List

Anne D. (Missionary to India)
Sally Alben
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Cooperstown Congregation
Kathy Reimers Cratty
Kay Curtis
Bessie Datt
Heather Datt
Dennis Dickey
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Bertha Durnell
Randy Durnell
Blanche, English
Jennifer Gilliland
Harry and Janny Graham

Donna Grossman
Rick Grossman
David Hall
John Hines
Timothy James
Jennie Jamieson
Rev. William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Lisa Leach and Family
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Kevin Michael
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen Piper
Bill and Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Helen Taggart
Joe Vivello
Seth Vogan
Donna Walker

Jeremy (God will know which one).
Our military at home and abroad
Persecuted Christians around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
The PCUSA
The Church of Jesus Christ.



*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*

THE B-I-B-L-E

I have worked at the Bible, prayed over the Bible, lived by the Bible for more than 60 years, and I tell you there is no book like the Bible. It is a miracle of literature, a perennial spring of wisdom, a wonder-book of surprises, a revelation of mystery, an infallible guide of conduct and an unspeakable source of comfort.

Give no heed to people who discredit it, for they speak without knowledge. It is the Word of God in the inspired speech of humanity. Read it for yourself. Read it thoroughly. Study it according to its own directions. Live by its principles. Believe its message. Follow its precepts.

No man is uneducated who knows the Bible, and no man is wise who is ignorant of its teachings. Every day is begun at its open page. It lies close at hand in all my work. I never go anywhere without it, and it is my chief joy.

—Samuel Chadwick



BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Vukson, 10/3
Joan West, 10/6
Beth Frampton, 10/7
Robert Lagnese, 10/13
Shirlann Finch, 10/22
Jeff Cross, 10/23
George Natili, 10/26

ANNIVERSARY

Philip and Bethann Frampton, 10/12

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

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JUST FOR FUN

BIBLE QUIZ



It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books doesn't mention autumn?

- A. Matthew
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Proverbs
- D. Jude

In response to Jesus, Zacchaeus vowed to repay people he had defrauded; by how much did he promise to do so?

- A. In full
- B. Twice the amount he had stolen
- C. Threefold
- D. Fourfold

Answer 2: D (See Luke 19:8.)

Answer 1: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)




He's Everywhere...

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested.

"Don't be scared," Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you." When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe."

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"

Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

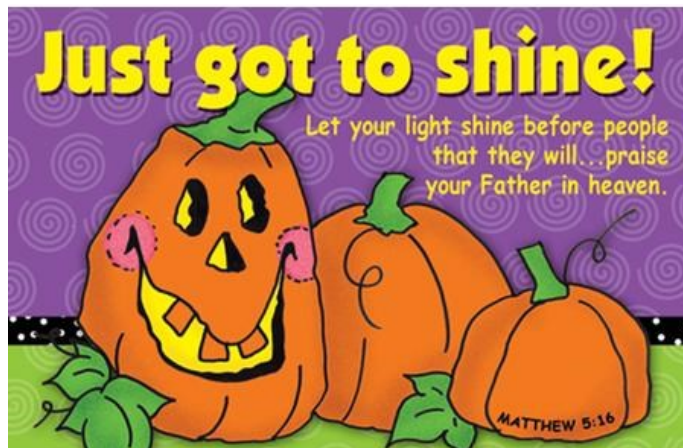
“ _____ has _____
 _____ than _____ : to _____
 one's _____ for one's _____.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV



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