



# Among Friends

OCTOBER, 2020



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings!

I just love this time of the year, the cool evenings and the warm, sunny days. God is about to paint a beautiful picture of gold and orange and red as the leaves change their colors and add beauty to the world we live in.

***The heavens declare the glory of God; the  
skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Psalm 19:1***

We all have a choice; we can see the beauty in God's creation or we can see the bad things happening around us. We can look at the changing leaves and think, 'how sad, they are dying' or we can look at them and think, 'the trees are just getting a well-earned rest from their labor of giving us shade and from cradling baby birds in their nests.' How you see it is up to you.

God has given us such a beautiful world to live in. As I recently said, "We can grumble or be grateful, but we can't do both." I hope you choose to be grateful. I hope you learn to look for the beauty in any and every situation. I hope that you can see God at work in your life.

I have spoken a lot about gratitude lately, it seems as though we have forgotten how to be grateful. And yes, there can be a lot of problems in our lives, but there is still much to be grateful for. I hope as God's chosen

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**NOVEMBER**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**October 28**

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## SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ *Pastor Appreciation Month*
- ◆ *World Communion Sunday, October 4*
- ◆ *Reformation Sunday, October 25*
- ◆ *Reformation Day, October 31*

## From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

people (you and me), that we can express our gratitude for all God has done and is doing in our lives. I challenge you to get up each morning and list the things you are grateful for. I will give you what is first on my list; the church family that God has given me. Yes, I am grateful for all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve you (and God) at Friendship!

In His love,  
***Diane***



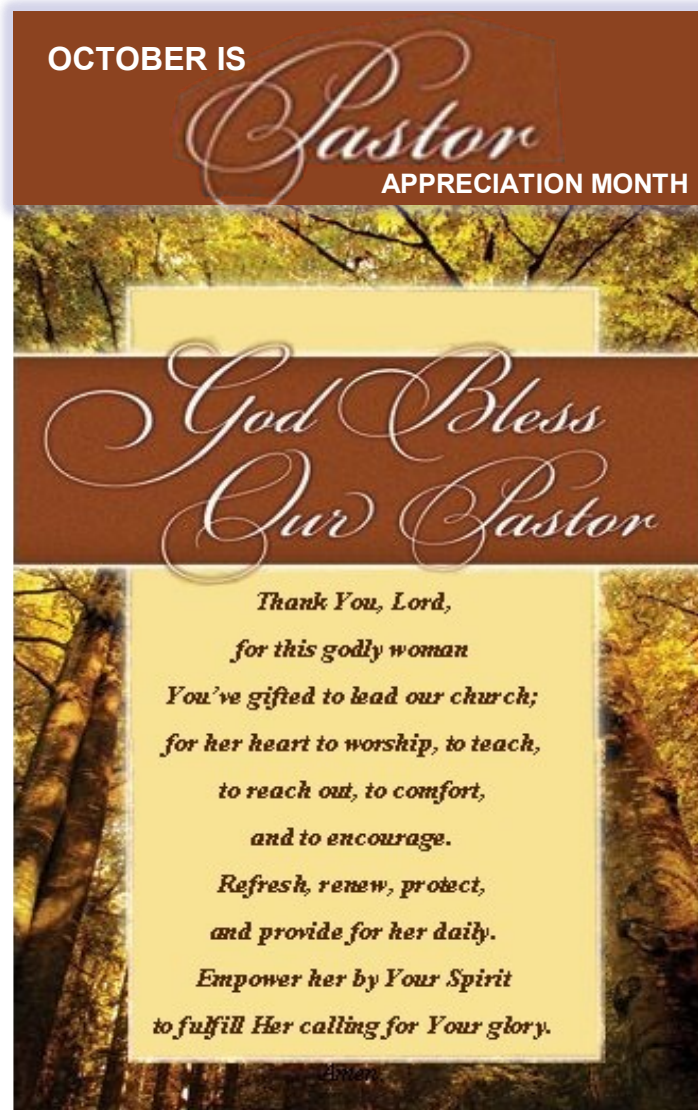
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OCTOBER IS  
*Pastor*  
APPRECIATION MONTH

*God Bless  
Our Pastor*

*Thank You, Lord,  
for this godly woman  
You've gifted to lead our church;  
for her heart to worship, to teach,  
to reach out, to comfort,  
and to encourage.  
Refresh, renew, protect,  
and provide for her daily.  
Empower her by Your Spirit  
to fulfill Her calling for Your glory.*

# MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

## MISSION UPDATES



**School Kits and Hygiene Kits:** The Presbyterian Women packed 60 school kits and 3 health kits to be shipped to World Church Service. A truck picks up kits at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Zelenople and takes them on the World Church Service in New Windsor, MD. Thank you all for your donations of school supplies and health kits.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Our church youth continue to collect items to pack in boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please place items in box in vestibule.



**DRESS FOR SUCCESS:** Our next drop off at the Butler Dress for Success will be Monday, October 26. Donations of women's clothing will be accepted up to Sunday, October 25. Clothing must be clean and suitable for working or interview attire.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** is coming up soon. Our community center will again be a drop-off site. We will be in operation November 16-23. Be watching for sign-up sheets for volunteers to man the center. Also, boxes will be available soon for you to pack your own shoebox for donation.

## ON-LINE SERVICES

We continue to have online worship which will be recorded during the worship service on Sunday morning and will be available sometime Sunday afternoon. We are providing this online service for the people who don't yet feel comfortable being in large groups and we respect your decision. Also, we ask that if you are sick, please stay home.

((( ONLINE WORSHIP )))

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## A MESSAGE FROM ANNE DAYANADAN

Dear Friends of the most appropriately named congregation,

I enjoy reading 'Among Friends' and picturing you in my mind, praying for your health and struggles. It is very kind of you to include my name in the prayer list. Thank you—it means a lot to me.

Even though I am retired, I wanted to write a letter like I used to do for this special Sunday. We have this chance to renew our spirits, together. Thank you for all that you do and most importantly, who you are—each one and as the community.

In the Sept newsletter, Pastor Diane gave meaning to F.E.A.R. forget everything and run OR face everything and rise. I introduced this to the college girls in our summer camps, and it helped them. We also used the verse you included: Mark 5:36. Don't be afraid, just believe.

They too, are a close community of friends even some years after graduating. I hear from one or another of our graduates every day, even now. I cherish them.

May God be with you, through and throughout.

Peace, Anne





## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

Submitted by Anne Dayanadan

Greetings on this special day! I am fond of this Sunday when people all over the world rejoice in our common bond while celebrating holy communion. Are you too reminded of the essence that Jesus taught us? *Love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.* (Mark 12:29-31) Jesus was quoting Deuteronomy but he added: love God with your *mind*. Can we stretch our minds to imagine the church recognizing the dignity and potential of each and every one of us, as Jesus did? Enter Matthew 25, PC(USA).

On World Communion Sunday, I feel we celebrate our differences as well as our togetherness. Maybe my feeling comes from our existence here in India as a minority people. Christians are minor in numbers, but visible. Therefore we are called to continually find ways to co-exist and to recognize what goodness we find in our neighbors.

For many reasons, I am thankful for World Communion Sunday. It's a good excuse for me to write to you and honor our connections. Being part of the Church of South India, the first union of Protestant and Anglican mission bodies (1947) seems natural to me. Scottish Presbyterians and American mission groups were pioneers in this union.

It's nice to recall that Presbyterians started World Communion Sunday--at Shadyside Church, Pittsburgh in 1933. PC(USA) continues to strive towards ecumenical cooperation on a global scale.

I was happy to recognize Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick as part of an International Consultation on Ecumenism held in Lebanon early this year. Dr. CK was our Director in World Mission when I first joined. He served as Stated Clerk for 12 years, then as President of World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), and more. Dr. Robina Winbush represented you and me on the global scene for 3 decades. And do you know that Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson is a member of the WCRC governance? Naturally, PC(USA)'s *Peace and Global Witness offering* represents my life and my passion.

Complexity is everywhere, but today we accomplish the simple act of a symbolic feast, remembering who and what holds us together—if only we can unblind our minds and see each other. And see Christ in each other—even with face masks. Eyes and brows carry our loving smiles!

*"Do this in Remembrance of Me"*

I continue to be thankful for our connections, for your loving concern, and for the ability and freedom to celebrate our togetherness as we choose.

I pray for strength and good vision for us all: stay safe, be healthy.

With much love and hope, Anne

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This six-foot banner at PC(USA) in Louisville was created to illustrate the Peacemaking Offering for World Communion Sunday on Oct 5, 1997. The design was originally drawn in oil pastels by Dorothea B. Kennedy and was translated into fabric by Gloiela Yau Dolak. As the mountains and hills rejoice, the thirsty of all nations are invited to come to the water; the hungry are invited to come to the table. Everyone is welcome.  
<https://www.shadysidepres.org/about-world-communion-sunday/>

# Prayer List

*“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*

Anne D.  
The Alben Family  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
Kayla Brundige  
Martie Cooper  
Ruth Cooper  
Cooperstown  
Congregation  
Kay Curtis  
Bessie Datt  
Heather Datt  
Winnie Davis  
Jim Dickey  
Mark Doerr  
Bertha Durnell  
Randy Durnell  
Blanche English  
Jennifer Gilliland  
Donna Grossman  
David Hall

Jay Harrison and his family  
Kimberly Harrison  
Nancy Huntington  
Timothy James  
Jennie Jamieson  
Rev. William Jamieson  
Graham Larimore  
Landry Lawson  
Lisa Leach and Family  
Ed Lind  
Joe Lowers  
Will McCoy  
Kevin Michael  
Willard Morse  
Randy Morgan  
Jessie Myers  
David Parker  
Karen Piper  
Jon Richards  
Bill & Chris Schroeder  
Micheal Scott

Helen Taggart  
Joe Vivelo  
Seth Vogan  
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  
All those who have been impacted by COVID19

## OUR COUNTRY, OUR WORLD

## THE BEST MEDICINE

*Near the end of his life, Protestant reformer Martin Luther suffered debilitating headaches. When told about a costly medicine that might offer some relief, Luther smiled and said, “My best prescription for head and heart is that God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

*That Bible verse became a refrain for Luther on his deathbed. “What Spartan saying can be compared with this wonderful brevity,” he said of John 3:16. “It is the Bible itself!” After repeating the words of that Gospel-in-a-nutshell verse three times in Latin, Luther exclaimed, “They are the best prescription for headaches and heartaches!”*



### BIRTHDAYS

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

### ANNIVERSARIES

Philip & Beth Frampton,  
10/12

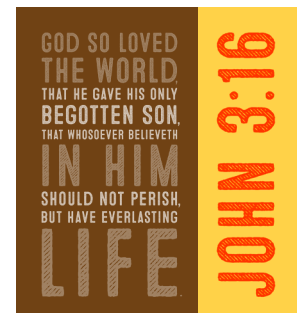
## REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & SENIOR LIVING

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



Join Us Sunday!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Continuing the theme of Love for One Another, October's lessons look at the teachings of Jesus about caring for the poor and the needy, loving and embracing the stranger, loving one another and loving our enemies. We will also explore Paul's description of love, which depicts the height of human love coming from divine love. Join us at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for a time of Bible study and discussion.

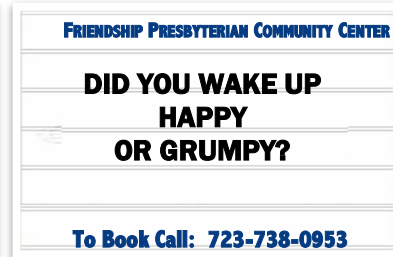
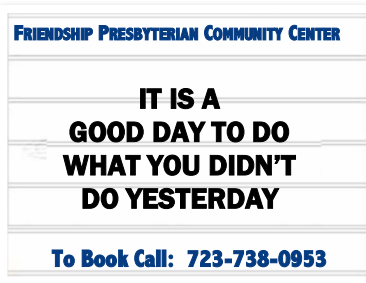
### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is beginning the study of the 4 gospels. We will be comparing the writing of these books.

## LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of encouragement.



## JUST BE — AND BE STILL

Various versions of the following sentiment are posted online: "I am a human being, not a human doing. It's okay to just be sometimes." Many of us get anxious if we think we're not doing enough, but peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh insists it's not a waste of time to just be: "To be alive, to be peaceful, to be joyful, to be loving ... is what the world needs most."

During the pandemic, when people were urged to stay home to slow the virus' spread, we had to think hard about how to continue being the church while limited in what we could go out and "do." Yet church leaders reminded us that we were actually loving our neighbors by staying home — by being less active.

It's sometimes okay — ideal, even — to just be. In quieting our bodies, minds and hearts, we may find ourselves more often in prayer, more aware of God's presence and more nourished for when the time is right to again take up more active forms of ministry, peacemaking and love. "In quietness and trust is your strength" (Isaiah 30:15, NIV).

—Heidi Mann



JUST FOR FUN

# SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



**What you need:**

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



# PUZZLE

## A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

*Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:** sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
3. To plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sharp part of a plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is harvested. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
6. To dry up and shrivel . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
7. Person who plants . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
8. The earth a plant grows in. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

“But the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> falling on good \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> n.”

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answers: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, soil





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