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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Cierra Firm 10/3	Chad Brown 10/22
William E Newbold 10/10	LaDawn Firm 10/22
Thomas Wilson 10/12	Roger Lewis 10/22
William T Newbold 10/13	Emily Bickerstaff 10/26
Abby Wilson 10/14	Karen Thompson 10/28
Sheryl Ullom 10/15	Judi Wilson 10/29
Gerald Walker 10/16	Brendan Matyas 10/30
Nicole Powley 10/18	Betty Ann Kelly 10/31
Patrick Keenan 10/21	

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**Dolores Boggs, Director of Music**

**Karen Shell, Rehearsal Organist**

### Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain please contact the office.

GIVE ONLINE: [WWW.TORONTOPRESBY.ORG](http://WWW.TORONTOPRESBY.ORG)

## October Happenings

### Sunday, Oct. 1st

- Peace & Global Witness Offering taken
- Deacons Meeting After Worship

### Thursday, Oct. 12th

- Yarn Ministry 10am

### Sunday, Oct. 15th

- Mum order deadline

### Thursday, Oct. 26th

- Yarn Ministry 10am

### Sunday, Oct. 29th

- Reformation Sunday

### Chi Rho

- All Wednesday's in October 4:00-6:30

### Choir Rehearsal

- All Wednesday's 7pm

### Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday  
 9 am - 1 pm



# FIRST NEWS OCTOBER 2017

116 N. 3rd. Street, Toronto, OH 43964  
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 Rev. Tyler J. Bayless, Pastor

## **“Please Pray for Us”**

I want to take this opportunity to let you know of something that is happening in the life of my family. Over the past six months, Molly and I have been working towards being certified foster and adoptive parents in Jefferson County and we are happy to announce that we have completed this process and are now certified to foster, and if God so leads, adopt children. This process involved classes to prepare us, making some modifications to our home, loads of paperwork and numerous home studies to assure the state that we were able to take children into our home and care for them in an appropriate manner.

This is something that we have discussed since before we were married, but up until now we never felt like we were prepared to undertake something of this magnitude. Molly and I both feel that this is something that God has called us to do. If you look throughout Scripture, time and time again, God is calling us to care for those that are unable to care for themselves. The widow, the orphan, the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the children are

just some of the people that we, as Christians, are called to reach out to and extend the love of Christ towards. This is where Molly and I have found our calling to care for children who, for whatever the reason, are unable to remain in their homes. This is also where we have found the strength to do this because we know there will be struggles in this undertaking but that God is there watching over this whole process.

As Molly, Ava and I enter into this journey we would ask that you lift us up in prayer for whatever the future might hold for our family. We would also ask that when we receive a child placed into our care that if you ask us questions and we can't answer them, that you would understand that we would really love to bring you into this journey with us but for privacy reasons sometimes we can't.

As our church family that we care deeply for, and that we know cares for us, we wanted to bring you into this journey with us. We thank you for your prayers and support for whatever the future holds for us.

Grace and Peace,  
 Pastor Tyler

Visit us on the web: [www.TorontoPresby.org](http://www.TorontoPresby.org)

### Bell Choir

If you are interested in joining the bell choir please, let us know and contact Joann Barnes.

### We Can Help!

The Mission Committee can help you with household chores; this assistance is directed to church members. Please call the office for more info.



### Lost & Found

Our lost and found box is getting full. Please check the oval table (by the gazebo entrance) starting, Sunday Oct. 1st, for any items you may have lost. The deadline to pick up the items will be Sunday, Oct 15th.



### Congratulations Connie Crawford

For being honored at the 20th Annual Community Stars Dinner on Monday, Sept. 25th, at Froehlich's Classic corner. This special evening saluted unsung heroes in our community. Connie is a leader in Special Olympics, Relay for life and in helping area youth. Thank you, Connie.



### Our Deepest Sympathy



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family on the passing of Phyllis Hagy. Visitation was Thursday, Sept. 7th, at Clarke Funeral Home and a Memorial Service on Friday, Sept. 8th, at the First Presbyterian Church. Please keep her family in your prayers.

### Fall Session of Chi Rho

**PR** Will begin on **Wednesday, October 4th, at 4pm** and will run every Wednesday until November 15th. Children are invited for an evening of prayer, fellowship, music, crafts, dinner and fun! Volunteers are welcome to attend.



Please join us on **October 29<sup>th</sup>** as we remember the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. We will recognize how this event

has changed the way we understand God, the way we worship and the way it shaped history of the church. In addition, we will also take the opportunity during worship to think about the history of our own church as we recognize those individuals who have been members of this church, whether it's been for just a year or for many decades. Please plan to stay after worship for a time of fellowship and a meal as we recognize those who have served this church faithfully for so many years.

### Notes from Session Meeting:

- Special offering for Hurricane victims to be taken Oct. 8th & 15th.
- Confirmation class to begin shortly.
- Elevator is complete, thanks to everyone who worked to make this possible.
- Nominating committee meeting scheduled for Oct. 16th at 5pm.
- Budget committee to meet in month of October.
- Letter to be sent for those who owe Per Capita.
- Approved World Communion Sunday for Oct. 1st.
- Sunday school has started and will run throughout the school year at 10am.

# Thank You

Thank you so much for the Church Camp Scholarship. This was my first church camp and I loved it so much. Thank you and bless you all.

From Caroline Scott

Thank you for your continued support of Helping Hands Food Pantry in Toronto. Your Generous donations keep us feeding those less fortunate. Whether donating food, toiletries or money it helps tremendously.

Thank you,  
Janet Holmes Treasurer

### Giving Report for the Month of August:

**Budgeted Giving:** \$11,136.00  
**Actual Giving:** \$10,903.00  
**Difference:** \$ -233.00



### Fall Mums

The Deacons are selling mums to be displayed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 29th. They may be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones. Please fill out the slip below and return it to the church office. Deadline is Sunday, October 15th & they are \$6.00 each. Checks can made out to:

“First Presbyterian Church”  
or you can order online at:

[www.torontopresby.org/deacons-mums](http://www.torontopresby.org/deacons-mums)

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