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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tammy Beswick 9/2 David Clark 9/29

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Betty Coffey 9/6

Donald Russlee 9/9

John Ramer 9/14

Leeanna Leone 9/18

George Komar 9/21

Bobbi Mclean 9/25

Patricia Rasor 9/28



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Prayer Chain

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

September Happenings

Saturday, Sept 2nd

- Pancake breakfast

Sunday, Sept 3rd

- Please join us with a special worship service on **at 11am.** We will not have our normal worship service in the sanctuary but will join with other churches for an ecumenical worship service. (Riverview parking lot)

Thursday, Sept 14th

- Yarn Ministry 10 am

Monday, Sept 18th

- Session meeting 6pm

Thursday, Sept 28

- Yarn Ministry 10am

Time change

Starting Sept 6th

Choir practice will resume at 7pm.

Beginning September

10th Sunday Worship will go back to 11am.

Sunday School 10am

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 1 pm

FIRST NEWS SEPTEMBER 2017

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“First Love, Second Love”

1 John 4:19 tells us that “We love because he first loved us.” This first love that God has extended to us is perfect. Henri Nouwen, who died in 1996, was a Dutch Catholic Priest who wrote on many topics including spirituality and leadership. When speaking at a retreat on pastoral leadership, Nouwen referenced this love that God shows to us as “first love” and the love that we show to each other as “second love.” Nouwen challenged his audience that “Knowing God’s heart means consistently, radically, and very concretely to announce and reveal that God is love and only love, and that every time fear isolation, or despair begin to invade the human soul this is not something that comes from God”

The “second love” which we try to show is not perfect like that of God. Nouwen explains this by telling us that “Behind the many expressions of this second love there is always the chance of rejection, withdrawal, punishment, blackmail, violence and even hatred.” These are the “Shadow side of the second love...that never completely leaves the human heart.”

Basically, what Nouwen is telling us is that sometimes, even with our best intentions, we mess up and get loving each other wrong. Admittedly, there are times when we feel hurt by someone that loves us and we get angry with God and cry out “Why God!?”

Nouwen recognizes this and finishes by saying “The radical good news is that the second love is only a broken reflection of the first love and that the first love is offered to us by a God in whom there are no shadows.”

In our love for others we should always, always, always strive for a “second love” that imitates the “first love” that God has shown to each of us. However, we must also recognize that the love others show towards us is not always perfect and that is when we must be willing to show forgiveness towards those that truly do love us, even when they get it wrong sometimes.

Grace and peace, Pastor Tyler

(Quotes taken from *In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership* by Henri J.M. Nouwen, 1989, The Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, NY)

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Visit us on the web: 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.



Welcome New Members

On June 25th, we welcomed 9 new members into membership.

Congratulations to Kerry Baker, Bruce Firm, Ashley Owings, Diane Boka, John Boka, Sandra Rollo, Lola Sutherin, Nada Todd, & Sheryl Ullom. Please lift them up in prayer.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Sponsored by the PWA all donations will benefit Harry & Pam Thomas who had a fire at their home in July. **Sunday, September 24th** following Worship from **12:00 - 2:00**, spaghetti, salad, bread, deserts & drinks will be available in the dinning hall. If you can not attend donations can be sent to the office made out to PWA. There will also be a Chinese gift basket auction. If you would like to volunteer to help work contact Dolores Boggs, Penny Wolter or JoAnn Barnes. We also are in need donations of gift baskets, these can be given at any point, please contact Penny Wolter (412)-327-0498.



Pancake Breakfast

Join us **Saturday, September 2nd, 8:30-11am** in the dinning hall. There will be pancakes, sausage, cinnamon rolls, gravy, biscuits and drinks for \$5.00. Ala Carte items will be available for \$1.00. Proceeds benefit Church Projects sponsored by the Men's group. Come hungry! Hope to see you then.

Our Deepest Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family on the passing of Royanne Wallace. Visitation was Tuesday, August 8th at the Clarke Funeral Home and Wednesday, August 9th at the First Presbyterian Church followed by a celebration of Royanne's life. Please keep her family in your prayers.



Invitation from Mary Stratton's Family

On **September 30, 2017 at 2pm**, we invite all of you to join us at the First Presbyterian Church to celebrate the life of Mary Mason Stratton. Known for her exuberance for life, until the day of her passing she remained upbeat & positive, always smiling & laughing. Little did the young TWA flight attendant from New Jersey know what lie ahead when she met Dohrman Stratton from a small town in Ohio. Most notably Mary was a dedicate wife of 56 years & an amazing mother & grandmother. She leaves behind a loving husband, Dohrman, Four children, Nancy, Janice, Anita, Mitchell & his wife Judy, 2 grandchildren, Megan & Brad and many grand-dogs & cats which she loved like her own. She was a loyal friend & will be dearly missed. Her smile & positive energy will remain etched in our hearts forever. Mary was an active member of the church choir, Sweet Adelines & most recently her passion for the Red Hats. She was Queen Mother of the Toronto Red Hat chapter bringing women together for outings & shenanigans. We hope you will join us at 704 Main Street following the service for an open house to celebrate, grieve, laugh & share memories. We know this is what she would have wanted. Mary always loved a good party!

Notes from Session Meeting:

- Confirmation class will begin this fall.
- Financial reports were viewed without discrepancy.
- Sunday school starts September 10th at 10am.
- Chi Rho will start October 4th and run through November 15th.
- New projector screen was delivered due to old ones deterioration.
- Thank you to all our Special music guest and fill-in preachers over the summer.
- Discussion of building projects to keep the church in good order going into the future.
- Deacon Terry Cattrell resigned due to moving to Florida.
- October 29th Reformation Sunday member recognition event approved.

\$5.00 challenge Report:

Thank you to those who have accepted the challenge of the session and have given \$5.00 extra each week. We encourage you to keep giving this little bit extra with the mission of the church. So far this year we have raised \$3,657.00

Beaver Creek Update

Another successful summer camp season at Beaver Creek Church Camp. Some new faces, some old, but the same spirit of fellowship, connecting with nature, and most of all FUN! The kids had a great time learning about God's natural world, and coming together as a community of God's children. 7 kids from our church attended this year 2 from the congregation and 5 from Chi Rho. Looking forward to next year!

Giving Report for the

Month of June:

Budgeted Giving: \$11,136.00

Actual Giving: \$9,546.00

Difference: \$ - 1,590.00

Giving Report for the

Month of July:

Budgeted Giving: \$13,920.00

Actual Giving: \$11,781.00

Difference: \$ - 2,139.00

Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends,
On behalf of the Biasi-Shuma Memorial 5k Run /Walk, thank you for your generous support of the 2017 Run/Walk. It was a great success. This years proceeds will support Trinity Health System's Cardiopulmonary Rehab Center, the United Way of Jefferson County and the Mike Shuma Scholarship Fund.

With gratitude, Michael Biasi

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
I would like to thank everyone at the church and the people at Chi Rho for selecting me for the Dr. Jane Shaffer Beaver Creek church camp memorial scholarship. I really enjoyed myself and made new friends. I also learned more about God, Jesus and nature. Thanks to Connie and Susan for taking me. Thank you for letting me go on this adventure at Beaver Creek. I hope I can go next year again too.

Your friend, Katie Vujanovich

