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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

CIERRA FIRM 10/3	PAT KEENAN 10/21
KERRY BAKER 10/5	CHAD BROWN 10/22
WILIAM NEWBOLD 10/10	LADAWN FIRM 10/22
TOM WILSON 10/12	ROGER LEWIS 10/22
ABBEY 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
ASHLEY OWINGS 10/20	

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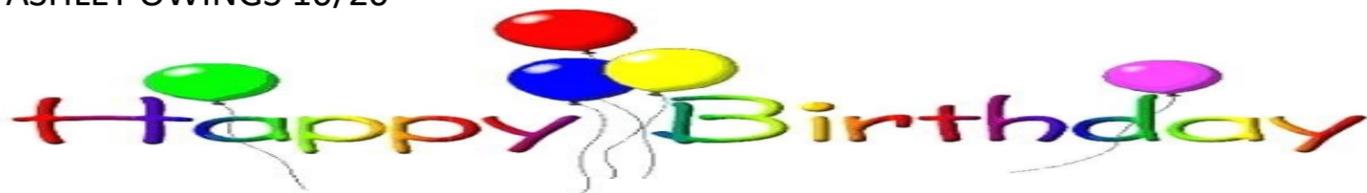
Ben Beswick, Clerk of Session

Thomas L. Wilson, Treasurer

Craig McCasland, Director of Music

Karen Shell, Rehearsal Organist

Lisa Grable, Custodian



OCTOBER Happenings:

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd

- Chi-Rho, 4pm

Thursday, Oct. 4th

- Yarn Ministry, 10am

Sunday, Oct. 7th

- World Communion Sunday
- Peace & global Witness Offering taken
- Deacon Meeting
- Mum Order Deadline

Monday, Oct. 8th

- Columbus Day

Monday, Oct. 15th

- Session Meeting, 6pm

Thursday, Oct. 18th

- Yarn Ministry, 10am

Fall Chi-Rho
 Every Wednesday
 Starting Oct.3rd

Bible Study
 Begins Tuesday,
 Oct. 9th, 7pm

Choir rehearsal
 Wednesdays, at 7pm

Sunday School
 10am

Sunday Worship
 11am

Office Hours:
 Monday- Thursday
 9 - 2pm

First News OCTOBER 2018

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“We Hate to Wait!”

Recently on the way home from one of my U.S. Air Force trips to Texas it seemed like I ran into delay after delay when dealing with the airlines and flights trying to get home. My flight out of San Antonio had a few minutes delay due to weather, but when we landed in Charlotte we had to sit on the runway for over an hour, and finally, the plane that was supposed to land in Pittsburgh shortly before midnight wasn't even able to takeoff from Charlotte until almost 1:00am.

During each of these delays, I would look around and see the tension in everyone's body language and hear the frustration in their voices. Some most definitely missed their flights, others were just annoyed that they wouldn't have enough time to go to the lounge between flights. Either way what became apparent to me is that we are not good at just waiting and doing so really does bring out the worst in some people. In this time of waiting, what also became apparent is that there was absolutely nothing any of us could do to help the airlines cut down these delays.

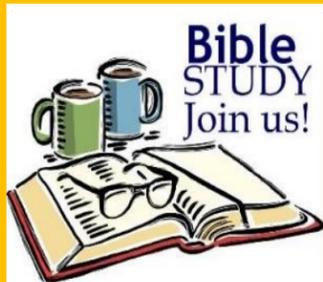
These moments of waiting remind me of our life of faith and what it means to have to wait in faith for the Lord. These times can be even more frustrating than having to wait on a delayed plane. Waiting in our life of faith is tough because it could mean waiting for God to show you the right path to take in a decision you need to

make, waiting to amend a relationship, waiting for an answer to prayer or even having an answer then hoping and praying that we get one we like better.

Psalm 33:20-21 says “Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.” In this passage we can see the psalmist is in a time of waiting but even during that time of waiting we can also see that his faith is remaining strong. We see that he recognizes the Lord as being “our help and shield” and that his heart is glad. The reason that he can have this outlook is that he has trust in the Lord. It's through this trust that this waiting can happen and not bring a huge burden and sense of frustration into this time.

Even in our waiting we can still have assurance that God is never far off and his grace is always upon us, even though we may be frustrated. The psalmist finishes off this Psalm with verse 22 that says, “Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.” This final verse is the prayer that even in times of waiting we can still pray for God's love to shower down upon us and have hope that his plans are always the rights plans, even if it means we may have to wait for some time. Let this be your prayer while waiting as well.

Grace and peace, Pastor Tyler



Bible study

On the Book of Revelation Starts on **Tuesday, October 9th**, at **7pm**, hope to see you there!

Welcome Craig McCasland

as the new Director of Music! He brings with him many years of experience singing in music groups and choirs in the area.



Join Us for Dolores's Retirement Celebration

Since September of 1976 Dolores Boggs has served as the Director of Music here at First Presbyterian Church. For the past 42 years her skills, knowledge and talent have been used to bring glory to God in worship and leadership to the church through song and music. Under her direction the choir has performed, among other things, numerous cantatas and countless anthems. Please join us as we Celebrate the Retirement of Dolores Boggs as the Director of Music. You're Invited to a reception in her honor! Sunday, October 21st, 2018. Immediately following Worship. Please RSVP at www.torontopresby.org/retirement by October 14th.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family on the passing of Nancy Beswick, who passed away on September 9, 2018. Visitation was held Thursday, September 13th at the Clarke Funeral Home, and additional visitation Friday at the First Presbyterian Church followed by a celebration of Nancy's life service at 11 A.M. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Dear Church Family,
My sincere thank you for the gorgeous arrangement of flowers Pastor Tyler presented me on your behalf and in honor of my retirement as the Director of Music. I have thoroughly enjoyed the many people who have sung in the Choir over the years and my thanks also to the congregation for your support to the Choir.

In Christian Love,
Dolores Boggs

Fall Session of Chi Rho

Will begin on **Wednesday, October 3rd, at 4 pm** and will run every Wednesday until November 7th. Children are invited for an evening of prayer, fellowship, music, crafts, dinner & fun! Volunteers are welcome. Contact Connie Crawford with any questions 740-544-5666.



Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for the following support to Special Offerings: On August 24, 2018 we received \$110.00 for the Pentecost Offering. Again, thank you for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ. You are a valued partner in mission. With gratitude to God for our shared mission. Bryce Wiebe (Director)

Dear Friends & Fellow Sponsors,
On Behalf of the Biasi-Shuma Memorial 5k Run/Walk, thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Run/Walk. It was a great success, generating \$17,000.00. This years proceeds will support Trinity Health System's Cardiopulmonary Rehab Center, the United Way of Jefferson County, and the Mike Shuma Scholarship Fund. We look forward to your continued support for the 2019 event. With gratitude,
Michael Biasi (Event Coordinator)

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
The Toronto Coalition for Revitalization very much appreciates the First Presbyterian Church for allowing us to move our summer concerts indoors in case of rain. This year, three concerts, featuring five acts were held inside. That makes seven in the last two years. We simply couldn't make up those concerts if we had to reschedule and rebook them. Our audience is always respectful of the fact that they're in church, and they appreciate that they can attend a concert for which they've planned their time. Thank you to the church leaders and the congregation for their gracious offer that is much appreciated. We hope to continue the partnership in 2019. All the best.

Jon Greiner (Concert coordinator)

Expense report for August

Expenses: \$13,637.86
Income: \$ 7,846.32
Difference: \$-5,791.54

Fall Mums

The Deacons are selling mums to be displayed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 21st. 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 October 7th & they are \$6.00 each. Checks can be made out to: "First Presbyterian Church" or you can order online at www.torontopresby.org/deacons-mums

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