



Faithful Constancy of God

Much has been said about the so called "Worship Wars" among primarily mainstream churches. This usually takes the form of "Traditional vs. Contemporary" worship. The main factor in this debate usually center around music, particularly singing of hymns vs. singing of praise songs.

I believe and have advocated for years that the dualistic "Traditional vs. Contemporary" worship debate is an adventure in missing the point. I believe rather than an "either or" argument, the best way for a church to design its worship is embracing a "both and" mindset. I embrace what the late theologian Robert Webber called an "Ancient-Future Faith."

Here is a brief definition of Ancient -Future Faith:

Ancient: We draw upon the historic, orthodox Tradition of the Christian church as testified in the Holy Scriptures, faithfully handed down by the apostles, and valiantly defended by the Church Fathers, most especially in the ancient Ecumenical Creeds (The Apostles and Nicene Creeds).

-(The Dash): In the present meantime, between Incarnation and Re-Creation, we worship the Father, through the Son, and by the Spirit as we walk out our baptisms in God's story, participating with God in God's purposes for the world.

Future: We eagerly anticipate Christ's second coming when he makes all things new, returns a restored created order back to the Father, and when the whole body of Christ feasts together as one at the great wedding supper of the Lamb.

Faith: Connecting the depth of the ancient church with the evangelical passion, we have a hunger for the renewal in worship and spirituality and believe that the Body's faith will be strengthened as we embrace classic Christian orthodoxy and practice.

Ancient faith fosters wonder and refuses to put God in a box. "Among other things this reminds us that we are part of a narrative that started in Creation and finishes with [re]New[ed] Creation.

God invites the church to improvise its missional role toward that eventual future. The best way to discern how to move forward is by immersing ourselves in our sacred past. This is what we do in liturgy.

Robert Webber wrote: "Ancient worship...does truth. All one has to do is to study the ancient liturgies to see that liturgies clearly do truth by their order and is their substance. This is why so many young people today are now adding ancient elements to their worship...This recovery of ancient practices is not the mere restoration of ritual but a deep, profound, and passionate engagement with truth-truth that forms and shapes the spiritual life into a Christlikeness that issues forth in the call to a godly and holy life and into a deep commitment to justice and to the needs of the poor."

This would be ancient, in that it invites emerging Christians into the patterns of worship of the historical church; the Christian year, lectionary readings, reading/enacting God's story through liturgy, and spiritual disciplines. This transcendent piece roots Christ-followers in the ancient story of the Scriptures and places us in continuity with the early church. This is a story bigger than just "I."

One way of understanding this is rooting the ancient treasures of the Church in a highly accessible way.

This goes beyond musical preference and a particular "style" of worship. This roots us in the story of Jesus as we enact that story in our worship.

So, if anyone asks if we should worship with hymns or praise songs, the answer is "Yes."

Let us work together as we seek to become a forward-looking movement, a church with a focus on the future. A church like this is on a mission to various peoples of post-Christendom by re-imagining the arts, social justice, spirituality, and community for the 21st century.

Peace and Good!

Tim

October Scripture Readings

October 1—Remigius—Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 87; Luke 9:51-56*

October 2—Nehemiah 2:1-8; Psalm 137:1-6; Luke 9:57-62

October 3—Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 119:1-8; Luke 10:1-12

October 4—Francis of Assisi—Baruch 1:15-21 (2 Kings 18:28-37); Psalm 79:1-9; Luke 10:13-16*

October 5—Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 (2 Kings 19:21-36); Psalm 69:34-38; Luke 10:17-24

October 6—17th Sunday after Pentecost—Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 2:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 7—John Woolman—Jonah 1:1-17, 2:10; Psalm 130; Luke 10:25-37

October 8—Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 6; Luke 10:38-42

October 9—Robert Grosseteste—Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86:1-10; Luke 11:1-4*

October 10—Vida Dutton Scudder—Malachi 3:13-4:2a; Psalm 1; Luke 11:5-13*

October 11—Philip—Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9:1-8; Luke 11:14-26*

October 12—Joel 3:12-21; Psalm 97; Luke 11:27-28

October 13—18th Sunday after Pentecost—Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 14—Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky—Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98; Luke 11:29-32*

October 15—Teresa of Avila—Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19:1-4; Luke 11:37-41*

October 16—Thomas Cranmer—Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 62:1-9; Luke 11:42-46*

October 17—Ignatius of Antioch—Romans 3:21-31; Psalm 130; Luke 11:47-54*

October 18—Luke—Isaiah 35:5-8; Psalm 147; 2 Timothy 4:5-11; Luke 4:14-21*

October 19—Jacob (James) Arminius—Romans 4:13-18; Psalm 105:5-10, 42-45; Luke 12:8-12

October 20—19th Sunday after Pentecost—Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 21—Romans 4:19-25; Psalm 89:19-29; Luke 12:13-21

October 22—Fred Pratt Green—Romans 5:6-21; Psalm 40:8-11; Luke 12:35-38*

October 23—James of Jerusalem—Acts 15:12-22a; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 13:54-58*

October 24—Sarah Crosby—Romans 6:19-23; Psalm 1; Luke 12:49-53

October 25—Romans 7:18-25a; Psalm 19:7-14; Luke 54-59

October 26—Alfred the Great—Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 13:1-9*

October 27—20th Sunday after Pentecost—Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 28—Simon and Jude—Isaiah 28:11-16; Psalm 116; Jude 17-24; John 14:18-24*

October 29—James Hannington—Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 126; Luke 13:18-21*

October 30—Romans 8:26-30; Psalm 91:9-16; Luke 13:22-30

October 31—Romans 8:31-39; Psalm 30; Luke 13:31-35

Mission Teams from Pennsylvania

We again hosted two mission teams from the Altoona Pennsylvania area the week of August 10th. Twenty three teens through adults worked in Evansville painting, building a wheelchair ramp, cutting down limbs, landscaping, replacing gutters and completely renovating a bathroom. These teams come back year after year because they love our facilities and they like Evansville. For many of them, this is their vacation. Thanks to all who donated water, snacks and nightly dinner. Thanks also to Brian Cox, Ben Kempf and Brad Marchand for working with the team at the different sites.



Thank you to all those, including Marsha Stocker's grandchildren, Ashlynn, Aiden, and Leahanna Cobb, who made special "fidget" pillows for Alzheimer patients. At this time, they have made more than 70 pillows. The pillows are on display in the Narthex this morning before being delivered to area nursing homes later in the week. The sewing group's next project will be colorful pillowcases for the local Riley Children's Hospital. If you would like to help with some of their sewing projects, call Sharon Hollon at (812) 459-2643.



Rummage Sale Update

Thanks to everyone that donated items to our rummage sale last month, especially Loretta Coulson who donated the contents of her apartment. The day was beautiful and our Family Life Center was filled with treasures. The turnout was steady all day. As a result, we made \$6,600.00. It would not have been possible without all the volunteers that helped sort, clean, price, sell and clean up. The remaining items were donated to Habitat Restore, Potters Wheel, Evansville Children's Psychiatric Center and the KY Mountain Mission. We have this down to a science now, so if you would like to chair in the future, please step up.

Money Counter Needed

We are in needed of someone to join the money counting team in December and January . This would require you to be at church each Sunday and count the offering right after worship with another experienced team member. If you can do this one or both months, please contact Gayla Kempf or Diane Walker.



If you are going out to eat after church or anytime, stop in the coffee room and pick up Scrip cards. There are a limited number of \$25 Bonefish, Logans, O'Charleys, and Zaxby cards with a **30%** give back to Centenary. Local restaurant cards available include Hacienda, Gracies, Spudz and Stuff, and Los Tres Caminos each offering a 10% give back.

Scrip cards make great gifts and are convenient to use. Amazon (2.5%), Visa (1.25%), Kohls (4%), and Walmart (2.5%) cards are great for safe online shopping. Browse the Scrip table to see the wide variety of cards available. Hope to see you there!



Family Order Form

Centenary United Methodist Church

NAME			
Clothing & Accessories	%	QTY	Total
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$
American Eagle Outfit \$25.00	10%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$
Crazy 8 \$25.00	13%		\$
Express \$25.00	10%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
Gymboree \$25.00	13%		\$
Icing \$10.00	9%		\$
Journeys Kidz \$25.00	10%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Maurices \$20.00	7%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Payless Shoes \$20.00	13%		\$
Ross Dress for Less \$25.00	8%		\$
Shoe Carnival \$25.00	5%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
Dining - Casual	%	QTY	Total
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants \$10.00	10%		\$
Bonefish Grill \$25.00	8%		\$
Bonefish Grill \$50.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8%		\$
Cheddars ® \$10.00	8%		\$
Cheddars ® \$25.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
Gracie's Chinese \$10.00	10%		\$
Logan's Roadhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Los Bravos Mexican \$20.00	10%		\$
Los Tres Caminos Mexican \$20	10%		\$
O'Charley's \$25.00	13%		\$
Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$
Olive Garden ® \$25.00	8%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$

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Dining - On The Go	%	QTY	Total
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	8%		\$
Culver's \$10	10%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$
GD Ritzys \$10.00	15%		\$
Fazoli's \$25.00	7%		\$
Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts \$10.00	8%		\$
Little Caesar's Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$
Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
SUBWAY \$10.00	6%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Wendy's \$10.00	4%		\$
Health & Beauty	%	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	13%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$
CVS Pharmacy 100.00	6%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$
Sephora \$25.00	4%		\$
ULTA \$25.00	4%		\$
Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Home Décor	%	QTY	Total
Bed Bath & Beyond \$100.00	7%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$
Crate and Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$
Pottery Barn Kids \$25.00	8%		\$

Discount Store	%	QTY	Total
Burlington Coat Factory \$25.00	8%		\$
Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$
Meijer \$10	3%		\$
Meijer \$25	3%		\$
Meijer \$50	3%		\$
Meijer \$100	3%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$250.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Electronics & Office	%	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$
EB Games \$25.00	3%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
OfficeDepot /Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Entertainment	%	QTY	Total
AMC Theatres West \$25.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$
Showplace North \$5.00	10%		\$
Gas & Auto	%	QTY	Total
AutoZone \$25.00	8%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Circle K \$100.00	1.5%		\$
Circle K \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Marathon \$100.00	3%		\$
Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$
Marathon \$250.00	3%		\$
Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$
MotoMart \$50.00	5%		\$
Shell \$25.00	2%		\$
Travel & VISA	%	QTY	Total
Disney \$1000.00	3%		\$
Princess Cruise Lines \$500.00	6%		\$
Visa Five Back \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Five Back \$250.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Five Back \$50.00	1.25%		\$

Home Improvement	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$
Home Depot \$100.00	4%		\$
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
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Menards \$100.00	3%		\$
Menards \$25.00	3%		\$
Menards \$500.00	3%		\$
The Home Depot \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Online & Catalog	%	QTY	Total
Amazon.com \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$
Harry & David \$50.00	12%		\$
iTunes® \$15.00	5%		\$
iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$
Overstock.com \$25.00	8%		\$
Shutterfly \$25.00	4%		\$
Specialty Retailer	%	QTY	Total
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$
Guitar Center \$25.00	4%		\$
Hallmark \$25.00	4%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Sporting Goods	%	QTY	Total
Academy Sports+Outdoors \$25.00	4%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9%		\$
Cabela's \$100.00	6%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$100.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Department Store	%	QTY	Total
Dillard's \$100.00	9%		\$
Dillard's \$25.00	9%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Stein Mart \$25.00	7%		\$
Grocery	%	QTY	Total
GFS-Gordon Food Service\$25.00	4%		\$
IGA Buehlers \$25.0	5%		\$
IGA Buehlers \$100.00	5%		\$
Meijer \$100.00	3%		\$
Meijer \$25.00	3%		\$

October Birthdays

2 - Leilani Swartzentruber
 2- Morgan Falconer
 3 - Loretta Gore
 4- Ben Neely
 4 - Keith Woods
 6 - Kathy Egnew
 6 - Paxton Aldridge
 7 - Corrine Schwartz
 7- Otis Ferguson
 8 - Dava Cobb
 9 - Susan Elpers
 9 - Brenda Gore
 9 - Sadie Bottoms
 11 - Felicia Bowden
 11 - Gayla Kempf
 12 - Larry Powell
 13 - Chris Haywood
 13 - Ron Johnson
 13 - Brad Smith
 15 - Craig Vieira
 17 - Mida Creekmur
 18 - Lois Unfried
 19 - OD Putler
 20 - Darrell Resler
 21- Hannah Grossman
 23 - Greta Jackson
 25 - Missy Stocker
 25 - Aaron Kaucher
 27 - Colin Falconer
 30 - Suzanne Seibert
 31 - Gina Riley

November Birthdays

3 - Luke Resler
 4 - Amanda Wahl
 7- Bea Woods
 8 - Joe Clark
 8 - Debbie Driggs
 9 - Polly Hodapp
 10- George Price III
 11- Zachary Woods
 13 - Debbie Latham
 14 - William Hewig
 14 - Kenyon Black
 15 - Zariah Green
 16 - Koa Swartzentruber
 15 - Jan Kraft
 15 - Scott Putler
 19 - Krista Jackson
 20 - Larry Neufelder
 21 - Kyndel Black
 21 - Steve Burgdorf
 22 - Nancy Brack
 22 - Darlene Powell
 23 - Stan Seibert
 24 - Darwin Martin
 25 - James Marquis
 27 - Sue Cox
 27 - David Driggs
 27 - Martha Freeman
 28 - Richard Cobb
 28 - Robert Branson
 29 - Tammy Haywood
 29 - Tionna Freeman



October Anniversaries

4- Amanda & Nicholas Wahl
 7 - Bob & Lee Crow
 8 - John & Loretta Gore
 14 - Terry & Sharron Brace
 22 - Shawn & Gina Riley
 23 - Steve & Gloria Schneider
 30 - Darrell & Janet Resler



November Anniversaries

15 - Craig & Melissa Vieira
 17 - Bob & Vernice Lindell
 26 - Jim & Ronda Fleming




A Record of Our Faithfulness

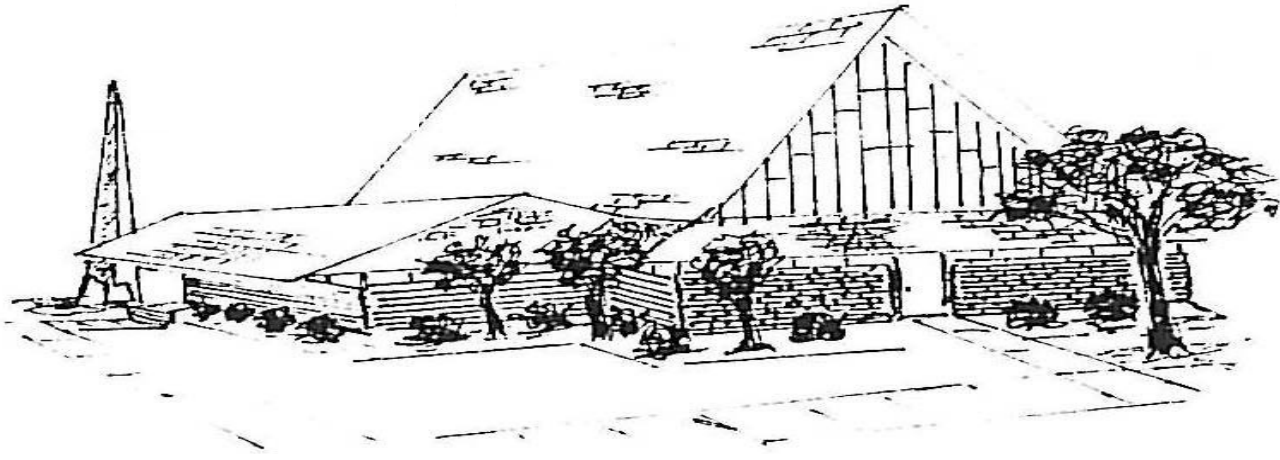
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7/28	138	4856.00
8/4	133	3090.00
8/11	178	2840.00
8/18	162	4768.00
8/25	164	3061.00
9/1	110	4950.00
9/8	112	2150.00
9/15	129	5027.00
9/22	143	

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! If you find any discrepancies in our Birthday/Anniversary listings, please call the office or email us. This would include names that are missing or misspelled, as well as wrong dates.

Prayer Concerns: Rosie Ritchie, Callie Graves, Dave Heavrin, Rosemary Rudolph, Joyce Smith, Wayne Aldridge, Joan Carnahan, Debbie Young, Jackie Arman, Cris Brunson, Mary Edmondson, Jim Fleming, Joan Davis, Bob Cuprisin, Mike Hill

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		9:00AM Exercise	9:00AM Walking	9:00AM Exercise 12:00 PM Good Neighbours (Shepherd's Pie)	9:00AM Walking	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30AM Worship 10:45AM Sun.School	9:00AM Walking 9:00AM Quilting 11:30AM Georgia's Girls/We Care	9:00AM Exercise 6:30PM Trustee's Meeting	9:00AM Walking	9:00AM Exercise 12:00 PM Good Neighbours (Meatloaf)	9:00AM Walking	7:00AM UM Men's Breakfast
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30AM Worship 10:45AM Sun.School	9:00AM Walking 9:00AM Quilting 11:30AM Georgia's Girls/We Care	9:00AM Exercise	9:00AM Walking	9:00AM Exercise 12:00 PM Good Neighbours (Kielbasa)	9:00AM Walking	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30AM Worship 10:45AM Sun.School	9:00AM Walking 9:00AM Quilting 11:30AM Georgia's Girls/We Care	9:00AM Exercise	9:00AM Walking	9:00AM Exercise 12:00 PM Good Neighbours (Beef Stroganoff)	9:00AM Walking	UM Women's Meeting
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:30AM Worship 10:45AM Sun.School	9:00AM Walking 9:00AM Quilting 11:30AM Georgia's Girls/We Care	9:00AM Exercise	9:00AM Walking	9:00AM Exercise 12:00 PM Good Neighbours (Carry-In) 		



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"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;
everything old has passed away, see,
everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5: 17

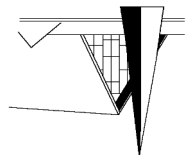
"Seeking God and God's Kingdom First"
"Seeking to Live as Disciples"

"Seeking to Be the Body of Christ, the Church"
"Seeking to Discover the Joy of God"

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