



Bethany Beeline

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 -WORLD WIDE COMMUNION –
NUT ORDERS DUE**

9 A SS, NO Chapel or SS Choirs
9:30 A Adult SS
10:45 A Worship w/intinction
 communion– with Pastor Wisser



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00 A SS, Chapel Choir, SS Choir during SS

9:30 A Adult SS

10:45 AM Worship with Pastor Wisser
Church Growth meets after worship
Joyful Noise for Blessing Bags

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9 A SS

9:30 A Adult SS

10:45 AM Worship with Pastor Wisser
Joyful Noise for Breast Cancer Awareness

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 – RUNNERS WORLD RACE

9:00 AM No SS, NO Chapel or SS Choirs

10:30 AM Joint Worship Service at St. Thomas UCC on
Macada Road



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 – REFORMATION SUNDAY – WEAR

RED

9 A SS, 9A Orchestra, SS Choir

9:30 A Adult SS

10:45 AM Worship with Pastor Wisser
Joyful Noise for Benevolence Fund
which benefits members of Bethany who might
have a special need.
Bethlehem's Halloween Parade

Every good conversation starts with good listening.

Pastor's COLUMN

In Search Of...

A few years ago my family vacationed in northern Maine. It was our first trip there, and we were up for an adventure. We had heard stories about beautiful moose in Maine, so we went with anticipation and great excitement about seeing moose in their natural habitat. But to our surprise, four days into the trip we had seen no evidence of these large and awesome animals. Even though we drove for miles with eyes wide open and cameras ready, it seemed there were no moose in Maine! (We began to joke with the locals that moose in Maine is a myth!) Finally, on day five of our trip, we decided to enlist the help of a trained guide. She knew the habits of the animals, where they went to eat, and when the best chances were of catching a glimpse of these beautiful creatures. Our guide took us 40 minutes into the hills, out on canoes, across a huge pond, and behold... we came to the place where there were beautiful, amazing moose, slipping out from the trees into the pond for their evening meal. We were in awe as we sat in the sunset and gazed at the beauty of God's creation, and we were deeply grateful for the wisdom and knowledge of our guide.

Sometimes our search for God is much like my family's search for moose. Our hearts long to experience God's presence. We want our children and grandchildren to know God because there is awe, and beauty, and hope in life lived with God. And yet, despite our searching or our good intentions, amidst the busyness of life and the chaos in our world, perhaps God seems evasive.

On our own, it is difficult to develop a sustained trust that God is always with us, especially when the terrain of daily living is rough. But life shared with others who also seek to know, to love and to serve God can help us find the way. This is one of the gifts of being part of Bethany United Church of Christ. Join us each week for worship, learning, service and fellowship with others. Come to discover and rediscover Jesus, the One who leads us in love, who blesses and guides us all in this adventure we call life. We hope to see you soon!

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



Faith Formation: Sundays at 9 a.m.
Worship: Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

October 15th – A Day to Celebrate Children!

Sunday School Choir Sings during Worship

Pumpkin Painting with the Pastor (all
ages after worship)

Bring Mon & Dad.



October 22nd – Worship at St. Thomas U.C.C. at 10:30 a.m.
with Bethlehem area U.C.C. congregations

October 27th – Trick or Treat Night with our Neighbors!



Pastor's Office Hours and Contact Information

Pastor Linda will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. Scheduled visits will be on those days after 2 p.m. Emergency pastoral care will be offered as needed. Please call the office to schedule a visit. Feel free to see me on Sunday mornings or email me directly as well.

Email: pastorlinda.bethanyucc@gmail.com

Please let her know how she can serve you.

Bethany Worship Service Digital **AUDIO RECORDINGS** are available. If interested contact Bill Rumble at wrumble@ptd.net.



BULLETIN & FLOWER CHART - The Bulletin and Flower charts for 2017 are posted on the bulletin board by the main entrance (double glass doors). Just sign your name on any available date.

Precious Petals Florists sent a letter indicating an increase in price is due to the rising cost of flowers and supplies. Delivery will continue to be no charge.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN BOLD The minimum cost for bulletins is \$10.00. **Effective August 1**, the cost for fresh flowers is **\$40.00 for two vases**. Another fresh flower option is one low **rectangular vase to be placed on the altar at a cost of \$28.50**. If you prefer this option, please sign up on the flower chart and indicate your preference by placing an R in a circle after your name for the Rectangular arrangement. I need to let the florist

know what type of flower arrangement we want, so please mark the chart. If you prefer the seasonal Silk flowers and would like your donation to go directly to Bethany, please write the word "silk" behind your name or put an (S). PLEASE NOTE The minimum cost of silk flowers is \$10.00. As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date. Thank you.

Bethany Needs Your Help

We need everyone to pitch in and help take care of our church home. We all have a little time in our busy lives to do one of the jobs listed below occasionally. If you or your group holds an event or meeting at the church, please make sure all trash is put in the furnace room and the rest rooms are stocked with toilet paper and paper towels. Be sure that floors and tables are clean.

On Sunday before you leave your pew look around and make sure all trash goes with you and all items are returned to their proper place.

If you see something that needs to be done, do it. Or bring it to the attention of someone who can address the concern.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Your Consistory, Staff, and Ministry/ Committee leadership want you to be aware of this information. We hope that it will encourage you to act.

Everyone has special talents and abilities. Sometimes we think we have little or nothing to offer. Time is often limited, but we can make time for things we care about. You are vital to Bethany United Church of Christ. Speak to any consistory member, ministry/committee leader, or staff member to offer your help. Here are just a few ideas.

- Ring the church bell prior to each service as well as any additional times requested.

- Turn off the pulpit light after the worship service.
- Clean the glass door in front of the church for all services and events.
- Keep restrooms clean always. See that soap, towels and toilet paper are replenished as needed and cups at water fountain are supplied.
- See that all rooms are tidy and set up for Sunday School.
- Collect all waste materials and put in cans in the boiler room no later than Sunday night.
- Make sure that recycling is placed outside for collection.
- Rope off pews whenever necessary per instructions.
- Place bulletins in the back of the church and the choir room early on Sunday morning.
- Be a participant on one or more of our ministries/committees
- Serve as a greeter, lay reader, usher and offering counter – just let Susan know if you want your name added to the Worship Service Schedule before the end of the year when she revises the list.
- Serve as a greeter or lay reader
- Cleaning: vacuum, dust, collect trash/recycling, clean glass on entrance doors, bathrooms, mop floors, etc.
- Count Joyful Noise offering
- Straighten pews
- “Be a nut” – help with preparation of nuts on Saturdays and/or Mondays

- Share musical talent in preludes and offertories
- Replace offering envelopes in pews
- Proofread Bulletins and/or Beelines prior to publication

Please look into your heart and help your church in its time of need. If you have any questions on where to find supplies or further instructions, please ask either a consistory member or a member of the property committee.

Thank you,

Your church

SPONSOR-A BILL Many of us are probably not aware of Bethany's ongoing expenses. The Sponsor-a-Bill initiative has been quite successful in meeting Bethany's expenses. By sponsoring a bill, you can greatly contribute to Bethany's needs. Sponsor-a-Bill encourages members to support the payment or partial payment of a specific monthly, quarterly, or annual bill.

Here is a sampling of bills that we incur regularly.

Monthly

Postage (book of 20) \$9.80

PAID

Communion wafers \$16

Copy paper \$23

Nut-making supplies \$65 (for September)

PAID

Janitorial supplies \$117

Phone/internet \$144

Copier maintenance & usage \$160

Copier lease \$162

Electricity \$279

Natural gas \$845

Quarterly

Water & sewer \$300

Annually

Light bulbs \$15 **PAID**

Office calendar \$23

Boiler cleaning & maintenance \$132 **PAID**

Kitchen health license \$31 **PAID**

Internet web hosting fee \$84

Pavilion rental fee \$95) **PAID**

Chair lift inspection \$101) **PAID**

Music copyright license \$116) **PAID**

Fire system security monitoring \$140

Fire extinguisher inspection \$175 **PAID**

Kitchen exhaust system inspection \$200

Air Conditioning Maintenance \$375 **PAID**

Garbage **PAID**

When "Sponsoring a Bill" please indicate what bill you are contributing to in the memo on your check or, if using cash, on a

separate envelope. Please be aware that your sponsorship is in addition to regular weekly offerings.

REMINDER: FH may be used for parties etc. by members for only \$50.



The season for the 2017-18 year is about to begin. Anyone interested in joining the fun and fellowship of the Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League for 2017-18, should call Bob Ackerman at 610-797-7842. All games start at 7:30 unless otherwise noted. Weekly results posted on BB in Narthex.

Quotes of the Day

Things are never quite as scary when you have a best friend. – *Bill Watterson*

Friends make you smile – best friends make you giggle ‘til you pee your pants. – *Terri Guillemets*

It is the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter. – *Marlene Dietrich*

“Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God.” – *attributed to Ronald Reagan*

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.” – *Helen Keller*

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm ... As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others. – *Audrey Hepburn*

“You must do the thing you think you cannot do” — *Eleanor Roosevelt*

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." — *Dolly Parton*



Senior Friends Programs
for 2017-2018

1st Thursday of the Month September thru May at 11:30 A.M.
West Side Moravian Church 610-865-0256
BRING A SANDWICH Beverage and Dessert is provided
Please meet at church at 11:30 for lunch before outings

All Are Welcomed!!!

Oct. 5 – power point presentation on how to make clear toy candy

Nov. 2 – Maggie Wellert will tell s about her Prague trip

Dec. 7 – TBA

1/4/18 Pastor Keith will be speaking

Feb. 1 – TBA

Mar 1 – Richard Miller with St. Paddy’s day program

Apr. 5 – Dan Dillard with presentation on burn prevention

May 3 - TBA

Oct. 4 SHOOFLY PIE SALE – DEADLINE TO ORDER OCT. 4, PICK UP DATE IS 10/10 St. Thomas UCC, Macada Rd. Cost \$8
Call 610-868-9167 to order

Oct. 5 (3 – 8 P) & Oct. 6 (7A – 4 P) 18th Annual Phoebe Allentown Basket Social

Oct. 7 12 – 3 P Neighborhood Party & Blessing of Pets- Holy Trinity-Salem Lutheran, 514 3rd Ave – face painting, music, magician, moon bounce, food and much more - FREE

October 14 – 4 to 7 PM Trinity UCC, 81 E. North St. **APPLEFEST 2017**
Basket Raffle – Bake Sale – Café’ kitchen FMI 610-691-8200

October 14 & 15 - Basket Social - Christ UCC (Schoenersville), 5050 Airport Rd., Allentown - 9Am to 2PM on October 14 & Noon to 1:30PM on October 15 - drawing at 2PM - baskets, special raffles, gift certificates - breakfast & lunch available - bake sale

October 20-21-22 Runner’s World Race –

Oct. 22 - No SS that day - 10:30 A – Combined worship service at St. Thomas UCC, Macada Rd.

October 27 – Trick or Treat night in Bethlehem

October 29 – Bethlehem Halloween Parade

October 29 – 4 – 7 P – West Side Moravian Church's Annual Halloween Party – All are Welcome! See flyer on BB in Narthex

November 22 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship at St. Thomas UCC, Macada Rd. – please bring canned goods to donate to Second Harvest Food Bank

December 2 8:30 A W The 52nd Annual Community Advent Breakfast

At Moravian Village of Bethlehem, 526 Wood St. Full Served Breakfast, Beeswax Candle Service Broughal Southside Singers and the St. John Zion AME Choir \$15 PP- see flyer on Narthex BB

December 9 & 10 –2 P Live Nativity in Bethlehem's Rose Garden – Prelude starts at 1:45 P

Don't look now, but Halloween will be here before you know it. And, in recent years, trick-or-treat night in Bethlehem has become a big night for Bethany UCC. Last year, it was estimated that nearly 350 of our favorite monsters, ghosts, goblins, and ghouls stopped into Fellowship Hall to "trick" us. Instead, they were "treated" to candy, and other food goodies that were offered for a small price. On top of that, music was playing to entertain all our guests.



This year will be no exception.

We hope this will be our biggest and best "Trick or Treat" night ever. We will also be raffling off a very nice prize at the end of the evening. So mark your calendars for Friday night, October 27. Trick or Treat night runs from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come and join the fun! This night should be a real scream!



Donations of candy will be needed for Bethany's annual Trick or Treat night. A basket will be in the Narthex for your donations.



*Gracious God, help me face
life's struggles with the love of
Christ, who strengthens me.
Amen*

Lester Albaugh
Kenneth Bender
Ruth Bowers
Amy Campbell
Lillian Connors
Lauren Fehr
Nancy John
Betty Johnson
Rod Laughlin
Joyce Macbeth
Ken Mathias
Jeffrey Mohring
Esther Nelson
Linda St. Hilaire
Karin Sparling
Brenda Stetler
Jean Thrash
Marie Wolfe
Jerome Yost



PRAYER LIST: We ask that you check this list and let us know if there are any persons that no longer need to be on this list. Also, if you know of someone that needs our prayers, you can submit their name to Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735 or the church office. Remember, because of the privacy to individuals; please be sure you have their permission before submitting their names for the prayer list.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SCRIP CARDS!

Use the cards when you shop or give them as gifts! It's soooo easy.



Church-wide Mission Project

Last year as part of our 125th Anniversary we gave out Blessing Bags in December to the men and women who utilized the overnight shelters in the area churches. We were able to give out 84 bags last year. Those of



us who delivered them found the experience to be very rewarding and humbling, as well as very much appreciated by those who received them. We would like to do this again this year with a goal of 100 bags.

We would like to start gathering the non-perishable items and then in November collect the perishable items. The most wanted item in the bags were socks. Everyone wanted a bag that had socks in it. So socks are definitely needed.

I was able to get about 50 toothbrushes and toothpaste from my personal dentist last year but am asking others in the congregation to please reach out to their own dentists this year so it will not be such a large amount for one dentist to donate.

When you travel, please think about donating the small bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion that are complimentary in many hotels, to this worthwhile project.

Items needed for each blessing bag:

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|---|---------------------|
| Gallon size storage bags | Gum |
| Gloves | Mints |
| Thermal socks | Deodorant |
| Reg. Socks | Winter hats |
| Toothbrush. | Small pack of wipes |
| Toothpaste | Beef jerky |
| Dental Floss | Pocket size tissues |
| Band-Aids | Combs |
| Pocket size Bibles | Pens |
| Small note pads | |
| Small size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, shower gel | |

Thanks,
Sharon Haines



The Music of Bethany Church has been solid and consistent throughout the summer months and during September as well. In fact, on Sunday September 24th Bethany's Orchestra, Handbells, and Chancel Choir

participated beautifully to enhance our worship service. That is the goal of Bethany's Music Ministry...week in and week out...to praise God with voices and instruments, the best we are able; and to lift up the written and spoken Word. My deepest thanks are always extended to those in our musical groups, and to those so willing to help out in any way they can. I repeat myself again when I say Bethany is blessed with great musical talent, but that means nothing if it is not shared with others...thank you for sharing.

Music highlights in the month of October include Handbells and a special song for Children's Sabbath (Sunday School Children participate) on October 15th, and Orchestra participation on October 29th for Reformation Sunday. The Chancel Choir will sing weekly anthems.

The rehearsal schedule for October is as follows:

Wed. Oct. 4 NO Handbell or Chancel Choir Wed. /Oct. 11, 18, 25 Handbells 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:45 /Sunday Oct. 1, 22 NO Chapel or Sunday School Choirs /Sunday Oct. 8, 15 9 AM Chapel Choir - Sunday School Choir/ Sunday Oct. 29 9 AM Orchestra - Sunday School Choir

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

Monetary donation in memory of Joanne Bauder by
Joyce Heydt



The month of October has come around quickly and the beautiful colors of Autumn.



October is appearing to be a very busy month for Faith Formation

- October 1 - Regular Sunday school
Rocks can still be painted
World Wide Communion
- October 8 - Rocks will be placed in the ground outside the church in the flower garden. Children can wear their favorite baseball or football team shirt.
Regular Sunday School/choir
- October 15 - Regular Sunday school/choir
After worship painting pumpkins with the Pastor and eating pumpkin pie. This is a family activity so bring mom and dad. Worship - Joyful Noise - Breast Cancer Awareness
- October 22 - NO Sunday School due to the city-wide race
Worship is at 10:30 A at St Thomas UCC, Macada Road, Bethlehem
- October 27 – Trick or treat night at Bethany – 6 – 8 P
Candy donations will be needed
- October 29 - Regular Sunday School/choir
All eligible children will receive a Bible at the church service.
Bethlehem's Halloween Parade

The children will once again acolyte and there will be children's messages. Anyone interested in doing a children's message please let me know.

If there is anyone that wants to help with the Sunday school, please let me know. Blessings,
Darlene



ANIMAL FOOD BANK

Remember our furry friends. Just drop your donation in one of the bins in the Narthex. I will deliver the items to the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley, a non-profit organization that assists people in need of help feeding their pets. Thanks again to everyone. - Brian Ziegler



PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (610-868-4441) . . .

... when a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so that visits can be made and the proper people notified. Our hospital code is 402.

... in the event of death of a family member or loved one. When tragedy happens, it will bring comfort to know your church family cares about you.

... when your group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.

... when either your home or cell phone number is changed, so the church records can be updated.

... when you are planning to move – out of town or locally.

... when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church or Sunday school member.

... when a member of your family leaves home for college, the military, or to establish a new residence.

... when you want to add a name to or delete a name from the

prayer list. Remember, because of the privacy to individuals; please be sure you have their permission before submitting their names for the prayer list.

... when you feel the church can assist you in any way.

WORDS TO LIVE BY. . . .

“You gotta look for the good in the bad,
the happy in your sad,
the gain in your pain,
and what makes you grateful, not hateful.

The Penn Northeast Conference Board of Directors
Invites You to Meet and Greet
the Rev. Dr. Bonnie L. Bates

Our Newly Appointed Conference Minister

There are two opportunities to do so:

**Sunday, October 8 at Christ UCC (Schoenersville), 5050 Airport Rd.,
Allentown from 3 PM to 5 PM**

**Sunday, October 22 – at Christ UCC, 459 S. Main Street,
Conyngham - 3 PM to 5 PM**

Please join us for conversations and light refreshments.

RSVP to Barbara@pnec.org 610-826-3113

Blessings, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Conference Minister



Alan Miller was admitted to High Point Regional Hospital on Tuesday (9/19) after his heart stopped six times. Due to radiation to his chest because of cancer, scar tissue formed in one of the "electrical nodes" in his heart. He had a temporary pacemaker placed in his groin Tuesday evening and a permanent pacemaker in his right ventricle on Wednesday. He is doing well and expects to leave the hospital today (9/21). Get well wishes may be sent to Alan - they have moved into their new home last week; the address: 4080 Saint John Street, High Point, NC 27265.



3 Great Loves

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
has recently adopted a new**

purpose, mission and vision statement:

- ✓ **We will love the Lord our God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength; and our neighbor as ourselves. (*Purpose*)**
- ✓ **United by the Holy Spirit and inspired by God's grace we love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all. (*Mission*)**
- ✓ **A just world for all. (*Vision*)**

IN FIDELITY TO THIS STATEMENT, the denomination has invited congregations and individuals within the United Church of Christ to move in mission toward the **3 GREAT LOVES**: love of children, love of neighbor, and love of creation. Watch for more information. You may also visit ucc.org for more information.

**THE END OF THIS MONTH, REMEMBER TO
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 4**



Daylight savings time ends November 5.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (610-868-4441) . . . if there is any change in the information we have about you (name, address, phone, email or if you are in the hospital. Our hospital code is 402.

The month of October can preach breathtaking sermons. It speaks in the glorious colors of leaves, the splendor of the abundant harvest, the grass whitened by the first frost, the honking birds flying to their winter haven and busy squirrels gathering nuts before snow covers their feeding ground.



REMINDER: ALL announcements made before worship must pertain to the life and ministry of Bethany. Community and family announcements can be placed in the bulletin and/or Beeline. Please contact Susan Wuchter no later than the Monday before you want it to appear in the bulletin.

Directory corrections:

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Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

Bethany's Neighbors in Need offering will be November 5.





GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

Below are the nut preparation dates and order dates for 2017.

Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss an order date. We sell Almonds, Cashews, and Peanuts. Call Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735 or Linda Wieand at 610-868-3719. Everyone is invited to help on nut

preparation days. Saturdays from 9 AM-Noon (Attention Youth – this can be Community Service time) and Mondays from 8 AM until finished. It's a time of fun and fellowship. Lunch is served on peanut prep Mondays.



Order dates

Oct. 1 & 2
Nov. 5 & 6
Dec. 3 & 4
Jan. 7 & 8
Feb. 4 & 5
Mar. 4 & 5
Apr. 1 & 2
May 6 & 7
June 3 & 4

Peanut Preparation Day

Oct. 7 & 9
Nov. 11 & 13
Dec. 9 & 11
Jan 13 & 15
Feb. 10 & 12
Mar. 10 & 12
Apr. 7 & 9
May 12 & 14
June 9 & 11

Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS & FRIENDS OF BETHANY

We would like to send a Beeline to college students and friends of Bethany, but to do that we need an email address or mailing address. Please call the church office (610-868-4441) or email the church (bethanyunitedchurch@rcn.com) with that information. Thank you.



Deadline for November beeline is October 25.

On the lighter side . . .

The Blind Man Joke

A blind man walks into a store with a seeing eye dog. Much to the store owners surprise the blind man picks up the dog by it's tail and starts swinging it around over his head. Puzzled, and a bit upset the store owner walks over to the man and says, "**excuse me sir can I help you.**" "No thank you" the blind man replies "I'm just looking around."

One Letter Makes a Difference

An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen: **Dearest Wife, just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. P.S. Sure is hot down here.**

A man gathered all of his children together and said "Children when George Washington knocked down the cherry tree, he told his father honestly that it was him, now answer me honestly, who knocked down the outhouse? Finally the youngest son admitted it was him, at which he received a lashing he wouldn't soon forget. "That's not fair" complained the son, "George Washington didn't get punished when he told the truth."

"Son" replied the Father "The difference is, that George Washington's father wasn't in the tree when he knocked it down."

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Thomas Wright
Erin Nguyen
- 7 Dolly Ackerman
- 8 Dorothy Kraemer
- 11 Stacy Rodriguez
- 17 Darlene Ervin
- 18 Abigail Sullivan
Phyllis Grietzer
- 19 Nathaniel Sullivan
Patti Hoyt
- 21 Sharon Haines
- 25 Kenneth S. Mathias
- 30 Barbara Reiniger

*Happy
Birthday!*



Joyce & Richard Hammer – Oct. 7
Darlene & Fred Ackerman – Oct. 16
Sandra & Robert Ackerman – Oct. 22
Beverly & Bill Rumble Jr. – Oct. 23

DID I MISS ANYONE? If so, call the church office



From the Consistory:

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

	Budgeted Member Envelope	\$2,143.00
9/3 Attendance	58 Weekly member envelope	\$1,802.00
9/10 Attendance	60 Weekly member envelope	\$1,474.00
9/17 Attendance	54 Weekly member envelope	\$ 365.00
	Joyful Noise for Blessing Bags	\$53.34
9/24 Attendance	71 Weekly member envelope	\$1,446.00
	Hurricane Relief	\$261.74
	Blessing bags	\$25.00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE
October 1 – World Wide Communion

FLOWERS: Lisa Nguyen

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto and Lisa Williams

USHERS: Joan Hottle, Dan Sabetti, Brenda Stetler, Becky Sullivan

ACOLYTE: Brian Roberts

LAY READER: Abbie Sullivan

ALTAR GUILD: Gail Hoch, Barbara Backensto

COMMUNION PREP: Debbie Brown & Patti Hoyt

October 8

FLOWERS: Joan Hottle (R)

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Wayne Shelly & Cindy Beck

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Josh Baum, Charley Bergey, Wayne Shelly

ACOLYTE: Raina Rodriguez

LAY READER: Walter Williams

October 15

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS: Patti Hoyt

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto and Roger Wagner

USHERS: Roger Wagner, Gerald Smith, Lisa Williams, Barbara Backensto

LAY READER: Margy Sabetti

October 22

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Jack and Diane Brunner

USHERS: Jack Brunner, Tom Wright, Steve Tarasuk, Lisa Williams

ACOLYTE:

LAY READER: Brian Ziegler

October 29

FLOWERS:

BULLETINS: Rebecca Kesselring

GREETERS: Dolly Ackerman & Linda

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USHERS: Fred Ackerman, Bob Ackerman,
Mackenzie Scott, Volunteer needed

ACOLYTE: Sarah Lieberman

LAY READER: Debbie Brown



Appreciate — and act

October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month, reminding church members to thank their hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God’s work.

In *User Friendly Churches* (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church’s ministry. “They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith was their lifestyle,” Barna writes. “They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers.”

By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. “They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands,” Barna notes, “nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces.”

Appreciate your pastors, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!

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