

The October Leaven 2022

Dear Friends,

I hope the Gospel Reading Project has been meaningful to you. It has been very meaningful to me, particularly the sharing in our small groups. So, thank you.

At the end of October, we will have a congregational meeting to elect officers and the Pastor Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving as a Deacon, Elder, or on the Pastor Nominating Committee, please let Debbie Anderson or Ann Keeling know of your interest. I am also very happy to visit with anyone interested.

Electing the Pastor Nominating Committee is the next big step in the journey toward a new pastor. We have the results of the survey you took in August and the Transition Team will be sharing those results with you at a congregational lunch after worship on November 6. Please plan to join us.

Also on November 6, we will remember members of our church and your family members and friends at our All Saint's Remembrance. I do love All Saints Day and look forward to sharing with you.

I have appreciated all your prayers for my son who has been in the hospital these past weeks with a re-occurrence of his disease – it's called pyoderma gangrenosum and it's as terrible as it sounds. It's a very long story and one in which there has been much suffering. So, I depend on people's prayers to carry him...and me...through.

There is so much going on right now that I get a little overwhelmed. But God continues to ask me to "be still...." Know that when you are overwhelmed, God also asks you to "Be still and know that I am God."

Peace - Krista

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

We will remember all of our members who died this past year at our All Saints Remembrance Service during worship on November 6. If you would also like to remember a family member or friend who died in this past year at our service, please let Arlene know by October 31. We will have a list in the bulletin – it will be good to know the person's name and their relationship to you.

A Little Fright Music

Our church sanctuary will be the scene of a concert featuring some haunting Halloween music when Director of Music/Organist Freda Proctor and others team up to present "A Little Fright Music" Sunday, October 30 at 7 p.m.

What should be "a frightfully entertaining program" in Freda's words will include two "famously spooky pipe organ works," Bach's "Tocatta and Finale in D minor" and Boelmann's Tocatta from "Suite Gothique." It also will include the performance of solo and duet arrangements of "In the Hall of the Mountain King," "Graceful Ghost Rag" and "Dry Bones" by Freda and fellow pianists Marti Auchard and Elaine Carder.

The talents of three generations of the Proctor family will be on display when the assembled musicians perform solo and ensemble arrangements of "Hallowe'en Dance," "Nightmare Before Christmas," "Lullaby of the Spirits," and "Halloween Night."

"Have You Seen the Ghost of John?" will feature the Bell Choir, "Monster Mash" the Chancel Choir. In addition, Dick Gibson will sing "Spooky Scary Skeletons," while Linda Johnson and Pastor Krista Kiger will come together for Rossini's "Cat Duet."

The First City Flute Choir will be showcased when the group performs several selections, including "Halloween Haunt," "The Great Pumpkin Waltz," "Puck," and "Incy Wincy Spider."

KICK OFF TO START PWC

Presbyterian Women News

It's not too late to join a Circle! We meet the Second Tuesday Mornings at 10am; the Second Tuesday Evening at 6pm and the Third Monday Morning at 10am. Please call Ginnie Strand at 913 651 0511 if you are interested in joining us.

October is Thank Offering Month in Circles. Don't forget to bring your Thank Offering to Circle Meetings. Circle Leaders will have the information on where the offerings are headed this year! Please be generous we have not collected this offering in a couple of years.

A few books have not been picked up. Talk to your Circle Leader if you have not picked up your book, "CELEBRATING SABBOTH: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight" The cost of the book is \$10 if you have not paid.

An In Person Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Heartland Presbytery **Agents of Change** **Intersectionality and Faith**

Saturday, October 22, 2022 9am-12noon

Southminster Presbyterian Church

6303 Roe Avenue Prairie Village, KS

Please Bring Feminine Products and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Lunch is on your own

Interested in carpooling? Contact Carolyn Anderson

Dear Presbyterian Women,

I am humbled and honored by the Honorary Life Membership you presented to me at the PWC Kickoff Supper.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Blessings to you,

Ginnie Strand

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with YOU and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship and Multiplication

Once again PWC is sponsoring **Operation Christmas Child** (OCC) and the time has come! This is a great opportunity to share with your children or grandchildren!

Filled Boxes are due before Nov 13, 2022 Instructions, colorful shoeboxes, and labels are now here to take home. (Or you may use your own cardboard or plastic shoeboxes.)

Each box should be packed for a girl or a boy in age category 2-4; 5-9; 10-14. Remember this box may be a child's only gift – include fun things as well as school and hygiene items. (Ideas are on the —help sheet) Lots of boxes will be needed for the Ukraine and our Southern Border this year as well as areas hit with Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Floods, etc.

Donations toward the \$10/box shipping costs are welcome (checks should be made out to Samaritan's Purse or, if giving via our church, indicate OCC with your cash/check.) For more information go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>
A Night of Worship & Conversation

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Members and friends of our church are invited to spend a couple of hours in the green space just to the south of us on Sunday, October 9 for A Night of Worship & Conversation.

This United As One event involving Leavenworth County churches will run from 4 to 6 p.m. and include a panel discussion on how the larger church can respond to the "complicated issues that we face in our society today."

How can we "Conquer Our Complications" while still "walking in the love of Jesus" every step of the way? Grab a lawn chair and come to the Methodist church's green space to find out.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your wonderful donation of the blue bags filled with several meals that many families will enjoy! At least 30 bags were collected





DEACON'S DOINGS

Something you may not know about the Deacons. The Deacons have a line item on the budget that meets our needs for the work of the Deacons. You hear on Communion Sunday about the 'LOVE FUND' --Loose change/bills in the offering plate going to the Deacons. This is the money we use to buy Christmas gifts. We find families or children who are usually not receiving gifts from any other source and we try to make their Christmas a happy day. The last few years we have picked children who have not been placed in a Foster Family and are about to age out of the Foster System. We are looking for this year's recipients. If you have any ideas, please let us know. It's been a rough year for lots of families and I know we have all felt the pain at the Gasoline Station and Grocery Store. But if you can, Please be Generous to the LOVE FUND the next three months. Thanks from the Deacons!

Hope you enjoyed the September Pot Luck with the added bonus of Krista's sing-a-long! October's Pot Luck will be on the 16th rather than the 9th. See more on next page!

FPC CHILI COOK OFF October 16



When: Sunday, October 16 (after worship)

If you would like to enter your chili please call Arlene on Wednesday, Oct 12 or Thursday, Oct. 13 with the name of you Chili. Please indicate if it is either mild, spicy or hot.

Bring you chili to the church no later than 9:30 on Sunday, Oct. 16 so we can have our judges taste and declare a winner. Please sign up on the bulletin board any Sunday to bring 1 or 2 of the following: Fritos, Salad or bread, Dessert. Any questions call

Claude Wiedower at 913-240-5168.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Gerald Carder died on Sunday, July 31. He was a member of First Presbyterian and was a friend to many. We give thanks to God for Gerald's life and ministry, we hold Elaine and her family in prayer, and we trust that Gerald is now free of pain and enjoying the fullness of God's love in eternal life. A celebration of Gerald's life will be held at the church **October 15** with visitation at 10:00a.m. and celebration of life at 11:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

Immediate: Al Pursell and family, Elicia, Steve Finch, James Cloud, Sam, Sidney, Karen Miller (George and Ellen Morton), Robert Boyd, Elaine Carder and family, Bill, Alan and Margene (Dennis and Rodney), Jim and Lorna Mathison, Diann Wooley (Cindy Scircle), Mike Ray (Esther)

Ongoing: Bernice Johnson, Erika Johnson, Margie Holland, Shirley Rockwell, Joe Hudson, Barbara-Sue Rose, Le Thomas, Al Pursell, V. Williams (Barbara-Sue Rose), Judy Jahn, Michael Brock (C. Scircle), Mike Graham (Pam Crume), Jeanie (Barbara-Sue Rose), Rick Nichols, Greta Sharp, John Garner (Carolyn T.), Richard and Linda Cooper (Darrell and Margie Holland's daughter and son-in-law), Brianna Hoffman and Family (Cindy Scircle)

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Oct. 2 –Deacons **Oct.9** -Choir and Bell Choir

Oct. 16 –**CHILI COOK OFF**- Sign up on the bulletin board

Oct. 23-Circle 3 **Oct. 30**-Circle 4

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10- Sally Azbill **11-**Katie Hathaway **12-**Bobbie Snyder **12-**Marcus Butler **14-**Barbara-Sue Rose
15-Brittney Maddux **15-**Maria Traynham **18-**Chuck Allen **19-**Carolyn Anderson
22-Candi Humphrey **30-**Chris Aus

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Fellowship Treats-Deacons World Communion Sunday Worship Committee Meeting 9:00am GRP-Small Group 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	3 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers	4 10:00am GRP-Small Groups 1:00pm ESL	5 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm GRP-Small Group Zoom	6	7 Church Office Closed	8 10:00am Flute Practice
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16 Fellowship Treats-Chili Cook Off 9:00am GRP-Small Group 9:15am Choir Practice 10:30am - 11:30am Worship	17 7:00am Men's Morning Discussion Group 10:00am Circle 4 7:00pm - 8:30pm Cody Choraliers	18 10:00am GRP-Small Groups 1:00pm ESL 5:00pm - 6:00pm Community Meal	19 9:30am Crafts & Fellowship 5:00pm Flute Practice 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm GRP-Small Group Zoom	20	21 Church Office Closed	22 10:00am Flute Practice
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