

the Cedar Chips



Pastor's Corner

I do enjoy summertime, the sun, the rain, and beautiful flowers. However autumn leaves will fall soon. The year 2020 is surely a unique year that none of us had expected to see. Then some people wondered what 2021 would bring. Do we really want to know? I did not have to know last year what would happen this year and so I don't want to know what next year will be either. Thanks to God because God is the God of all times. And certainly, God is in control.

Living amidst the unknown is not easy. Anxieties may go up; good cheers may come down, just like that. As a pastor and an on-call chaplain I have seen different outlooks of life of different people including mine. God has humbled me with many experiences dealing with difficulties, the sick and the dying. Life and death have more roles in my pastoral care these days. I felt overwhelmed and drained at times. I asked God to grant me a cheerful spirit. I see many people fight for gain and self and wonder how God feels about all the weirdness in this world. Thanks to God that I don't need to know everything because God already does.

Without God's love and grace, I wouldn't be here. What am I to do the remaining of my days? Psalm 139 the first verse says "O Lord, you have searched me and known me." The last verse says "See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way ever-

lasting." These two verses reassure me that my life is in God's hand to live for God.

Ask God and discover a purpose of your living. Listen and follow. Let God's words be our best friend to talk to, to ponder on, and to listen to with a heart. God's words will not go out or come back in vain. God lives and loves and so must we.

"The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds" Psalm 145: 13b.

"God is Good! Life is Precious!"
Pastor Kris

Our Vision

Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church
seeks to glorify God
through nurturing spiritual growth,
developing faithful discipleship,
and serving our community.



DRIVE IN WORSHIP

Recipes

Recipes will be included in the Newsletter from the congregation. Have you been to a church luncheon where you made a dish and someone tells you they loved it. What's the recipe? That's the time to write it up and send it in. One or two recipes will be included in the newsletter. Submit your favorite and/or seasonal recipes to the office. Email to cedargrovepc@frontiernet.net or you can give a clearly printed copy to the office, along with your name.



Recipe
Corner

PEACH COBBLER

Melt butter in oblong baking dish. Make a batter using flour, 1-cup sugar, 3/4 cup milk and 2 tsp. baking powder. Pour into melted butter. **DO NOT STIR.** Mix 3/4 cup sugar and sliced peaches. Pour into middle of baking dish. **DO NOT STIR.** Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees or until nice and brown. Serve with heavy cream, cool whip, or ice cream.

1/2 stick of butter
1 cup for batter and 3/4 cup sugar for sliced peaches
2 tsp. baking powder
3/4 cup of all, purpose flour
3/4 cup milk
2 cups sliced peaches

~ Barbara Smith

A lesson in appreciation

During a church anniversary celebration, a pastor overheard a group discussing various congregational leaders over the years. Her ears perked up when an older member said, "Whenever someone asks which of our pastors I liked best, my answer is always, 'The one we have at any given time is my favorite.'"

What a relief for the pastor to hear — and what a great lesson for Pastor Appreciation Month. God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study. Study will begin to meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 16. We plan to meet every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. You are welcome anytime.

Presbyterian Women



The Presbyterian Women will begin meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m.

We will meet the first Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. We encourage all women to join us.



43rd New Holland Area Virtual Crop Walk Sunday, October 18, 2020

Virtual Walk Information:

The Coronavirus pandemic has brought more need to help with famine locally and globally. We encourage you to generously donate for Stop Hunger Walk.

To give online please go to:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/newhollandpa>

Or write a check to CWS/CROP Walk and drop off or mail to Cedar Grove Church. Please Note: Barbara MacMaster is the CROP Walk recruiter.

Special dates

September 2020

- Labor Day, September 7,
- Patriot Day, September 11
- National Grandparents Day, September 13
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15–Oct. 15
- First day of autumn, September 22

October 2020

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, October 4
- Reformation Sunday, October 25
- Reformation Day, October 31



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

In the winter of 1935, a group of Presbyterian ministers met to discuss bringing Christians closer together. Out of that meeting, World Communion Sunday was born that Christians took Communion Sunday in churches across the globe. The founders of the celebration saw in the Sacrament of Communion an opportunity to extend Christian bonds across denominational and national boundary lines.

The first World Communion Sunday was November 11, 1936. The date was changed to the first Sunday in October in 1937, a date that has been retained. It quickly became an ecumenical observance. It is a time when we remind ourselves that we are connected with our Christian faith with people around the world. That's why this day has continued. Denominations may give the day a special focus. For churches in Presbyterian Churches USA *peacemaking offering* are received. We all feel supported by knowing that churches around the globe care and pray for each other.

For the last few years at our church we participated in the Sacrament of the World Communion by partaking the body of Christ from loaves of breads from different countries such as Irish, Portuguese, German, Jewish, Hungarian, Amish, India, Ethiopia, Italian, French, Guatemalan, and Thai breads. We read John 3: 16 in different languages: Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Pilipino, Thai, German, French, Spanish, and English. We hanged national flags of many countries around the world in the sanctuary and in the lobby.

This year we will continue to remember our brothers and sisters around the world and stay connected in our prayers for one another and in worship virtually and at the drive in service on **Sunday, October 4th**. Please plan to attend the service held in the parking lot. A special offering provides the means that allows us to offer ourselves to the pursuit of ending violence and bringing about reconciliation wherever it occurs in the world. Please write a check to Cedar Grove Church and memo: peacemaking. 25% of your offering stays with our church to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our community, 25% will go to support peacemaking work in our synod, and 50% supports peace and reconciliation done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Reflections on Stewardship

Living for God and Serving Others

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." **1 Peter 4: 8-10 (NIV)**

"If it is more blessed to give than to receive, then most of us are content to let the other fellow have the greater blessing." - **Shailer Matthews (1863-1941)**

"If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives." - **Robert South (1634-1716)**

Stewardship of Time and Talent

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." - **Romans 12: 6-8 (NIV)**

The stewardship of time and talent is the wise and responsible use of the gifts God has entrusted to each of us. We are one of a kind creations of God with unique interests, skills, and abilities. As God's children, we are provided with many opportunities to be good 'Stewards'. It is up to each of us to recognize those opportunities when they arise and act on them.



"Tell Me Your Story"

"Tell Me Your Story" Fall/Winter Edition. We are collecting the stories for our devotion booklet. Bring a story out in writing to be an inspiration and a witness to who God is in your life. Relate a story with a few verses of scriptures and finish with a short prayer. A story must be only up to half 8x11 page. Submit your story either via email at pastorkris@frontier.com or a hard copy to Pastor Kris Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 1.



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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| school | — ○ — — — |
| paper | — ○ — |
| wisdom | — — ○ — |
| read | — — — ○ |
| play | — — — — — |
| learn | ○ — — — — |
| grow | — ○ — — — — |
| pencils | — — — — |
| pray | — ○ — — |
| art | — — — — |
| student | — — — ○ — — |
| kids | — — ○ — — — — |
| apple | — — ○ — — — |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

Coloring Page for All Ages!



When God crosses our paths

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).



Reminder.....

Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 1, 2020. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour!

ANNIVERSARIES - SEPTEMBER

5-Jack & Patty Gaudette
6-Don & Judith Oakes
22-Scott & Christine Sweigart

ANNIVERSARIES - OCTOBER

8-Bill & Sharon Rimmmler
9-Larry & Susan Bowersox
11-Mary & Scott Shuman
15-Steve & Amy MacHenry
18-Tim & Bethany Ferstler
19-Glenn & Barbara Zook
20-Gary & Carol Seaman
21-Steve & Jacque Hollinger



BIRTHDAYS - SEPTEMBER

9-Meghan Patterson
13-Larry Bowersox
15-Susan Bowersox
17-Barbara Overly
21-Jase Steffy
22-Sarah Hartman
23-Barb MacMaster
25-Christine Sweigart
27-Autumn Zook
28-Nichole Behrenhauser

BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER

2-Austin Zook
4-Dale Smith
4-Brian Smith
4-Dr. Chalatip
7-Amy MacHenry
8-Doug Weaver
8-Joseph Py
11-Joyce Eberly
19-Don Oakes
30-Terry Lynn Zook

BIRTHDAYS - NOVEMBER

4-Louis Wells
4-Michael Sassaman
6-Don Lundgren
7-Fred C. Weaver

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