

OCTOBER 2018



Share Your Voice
or Lend a Hand
Vocal Choir and
Handbell Choir
See Toni if
interested



*World
Communion
Oct. 7th*



Oasis
Every
Wednesday
6-8PM

Beth Moore
Simulcast
Oct. 13
10:00-4PM
@ FPC
\$20
Potluck Lunch



**October
21st**



WOMEN'S RETREAT

October
19-20th

Too Blessed to be Stressed

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3)

I know a pastor that whenever you asked him how he was doing his response was always the same, “Blessed more than I deserve”. Aren’t we all? We may not always feel like we are blessed but for those who put their faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of their souls, we are blessed beyond measure. The Bible says we are to be anxious for nothing. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6) Yet many times I have said that I am not anxious for nothing but for something. While that usually gets a giggle or two, it is truly my lack of faith that causes me to say that.

I believe that God is in control of everything. God allows things to happen so that we can learn hard lessons. We cannot trust until we have seen that we can trust. Each time we are delivered from some trial or temptation we can store that in our memories for the next time. We can trust that God will deliver us. So what stresses me out? Being behind on deadlines. Unmet expectations of myself. Computer and printer problems. My dog Asta whining endlessly for no apparent reason. Being overdrawn at the bank. Realizing that it is soon October which means the end of the year is approaching and I am 3 months behind on a project that I was going to start “next week”.

What stresses you out? What gets under your skin and makes you anxious? Yet we claim Christ as Lord of our lives but not of our circumstances. I just received news that my brother Alvin is back in the hospital with



blockages to his heart. My heart sinks and I want to crawl into bed and stay there for a bit. Even as I sit here at my desk listening to Christian worship music. “At the cross, at the cross where I surrendered my life I am in awe of You” (Chris Tomlin)

I am reminded that God is awesome. God is in charge and knows everything that is going on in my brother’s cardiovascular system.

God knows how many days Alvin will continue to live and what those days hold. I am too blessed to be stressed so why do I? I am human, and I am frail. We all are.

“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24) This is my prayer when I am stressed. I hold on to Ephesians 1 that I am blessed with all spiritual blessings and I cry out to God to help my unbelief. My blessedness is not dependent upon my emotional status. Thank God it only depends on Christ’s faithfulness. Hallelujah! Amen!

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace

Christian Education



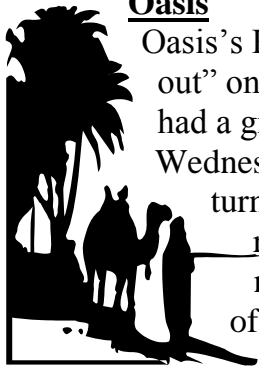
by Barbara Pearce

Our Sunday School Breakfast was a Success; we were so thrilled to have everyone

there! Pray about continuing to join us at 9:00 every Sunday morning. We had 8 Children (Kolton, Judah, Janessa Pitts, Autumn, Aden, Gabe Mauer, Haylee Randolph and Mason Eakins) at Sunday School on 9/23/2018. The class talked about Gods' Love and Grace.

There were 4 in attendance for the Adult Sunday School (Shawn Ross Pitts). They spent the time learning about one another. The first lesson from Entrust will be 9/30/2018.

Oasis



Oasis's Kick Off Party was "rained out" on Saturday 9/8/2018, but we had a great "come back" on Wednesday, 9/12. There was a great turn out. Over 40 children have registered. The first study night was on 9/19 and started off with a meal at 6:00. The children will learn how

God showed his love through Jesus and how the Holy Spirit leads us down God's path.

October Wednesday night events will include a Fun Night on 10/17, an evening showing off what they have learned on 10/24 and there will not be Oasis on Halloween (10/31). Enjoy your Halloween evening!

FUND RAISER for Campers

Flora Presbyterian, First Christian and Cutler Presbyterian Churches are sponsoring a fund-raising event from October 1, to November 30, 2018. A drove of Semi-wild Pigs will be roaming Carroll County. If you need to have them removed from your yard, you will have to pay an Oasis professional \$10.00. You will then, determine where the swine will be sent. Because this is a county wide infestation, there will be an ad in the Carroll County Comet with instructions on your property. This insurance is only \$7.00. You can also arrange to purchase this insurance directly from our church.

Building and Grounds

By Kent King

This has been a busy month in that we have had some of the walls repaired by replaster and painting. We have also had session approval to have the gutters cleaned and screens put over them. The screens should prevent debris from getting in and help keep the basement drier in the future. Currently rainwater is running down the side of the church and seeping into the basement. Because, of the projected over run for utilities. I am looking for a better way to heat and air condition the office space. I have requested estimates for a wall mounted heater/air conditioner which should make the offices better for staff. We currently have to hear or air condition the entire building to make offices more comfortable.

If anyone has any ideas or wants to understand the problem please contact me.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on October 16 in the basement dining room at 7:00pm. The Hostess will be Laraine MacLauchlan;

Year Book of Prayer, Joan Moss; Horizons, Barbara Pease; Bible Study, Sally Schmidt. We welcome and invite all women.

Thrift Shop Schedule for October

Thurs. Oct. 4.....Jane K....Sort & Mark
Thurs. Oct. 11...Libby S....Sort & Mark
Sat. Oct 20...Sally S...Cashier
Sat. Oct. 27... Laraine Mac...Tags

The annual Presbyterian Women's Fall Retreat will be held at Geneva Center (Rochester) on Friday, October 19th through Saturday, October 20. Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. Total cost for the weekend, including lodging and two meals, is \$85.00 double occupancy and \$110.00 single. There will be a \$5.00 discount for registrations received by October 5th. Any PW

member who is a first-time attendee is eligible for a \$35.00 scholarship. Come join us for a fun weekend of fellowship and relaxation. Carpooling is available for those who do not wish to drive. Contact Linda Gingrich at grandmag3@frontier.com or 765-564-2188 if you did not receive a registration form.

Stewardship, Mission, Finance

By Tammy Moss

The 2019 annual budget will be finalized and presented to Session for approval at the October meeting. It will then be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in November. Annual pledge cards will be mailed in October, so please be prayerfully in thought about your 2019 pledge.



Chancel Choir News

The Chancel Choir has reorganized their rehearsal schedule to allow for better music preparation and more confidence as they lead the congregation in worship. Once a month the choir will have a long rehearsal (1.5 to 2 hr) to go over all music for the coming month. Each Sunday they will rehearse ½ hr after church to review and polish the anthem for the following week. Every Sunday at 10, they will meet to run through the music for that service. The choir is inviting new members. No previous experience needed...on the job training is provided. The Chancel Choir is accompanied by Jane Kearns and Libby Sparks, and directed by Toni Brewster.



We need volunteers to help out as ushers, greeters, nursery, scripture readers, if interested please contact Beth in the office

HAND BELL NEWS!!

This is so exciting; between Flora Pres and 1st Christian Church across the street, we have enough ringers to form 2 hand bell choirs.



What a blessing! **The**

Beginner Bell Choir consists of: Autumn Mauer, Doug and Laraine MacLauchlan, Judah and Shawn Ross Pitts, Barbara Pearce, Martha Clark and Pyllis Reinke. The **Advanced Bell Choir** members are Pastor Kim and Jeremy Holley, Pam Cree, Toni Brewster and Holly Kendall. Jane Kearns is willing to substitute for an absent ringer. Bell choir rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons. Both choirs will be directed by Toni Brewster. There is still space for more ringers. See Toni if you are interested.

Session Meeting Updates

by Laraine MacLauchlan

- November is Pledge Month. Letters will be going out to the Congregation in October. There will be a Congregational meeting the second Sunday in November as it is Pledge Sunday. A luncheon will follow services. The date is November 11th.
- New members' classes will be starting soon.
- Many questions remain as to the purpose and duties of the Parish Council which was the liaison team at one time.
- The plaster work around the church is done except for the Noah's Ark Room.
- We will be having the gutters cleaned and covered.
- Kent King is looking into installing a wall air conditioning unit in Pastor Grace's office. This way we will not have to air condition the entire church in order for the Pastor's and Secretary's offices to get cooled down during summers.
- In Kent's absence for approximately 6 months, there is a request to get help with Building & Grounds.

- Toni Brewster has been hired as Music Minister. The Worship Committee will prepare a job description for this position. It will include an adult choir, children's choir and bell choir.
- The Pig Infestation will be beginning. Proceeds from this will raise funds to send children to camp in 2019. Check with Barbara as to the purchase of a removal price and the cost of insurance to prevent the infestation from happening on your front lawn.
- Area churches are having a 'Trunk or Treat' in the parking lot at the old car dealership on Halloween, October 31st.
- The Lay leader for the day will be handing out the bulletins to those who enter the church, to alleviate the bottleneck at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- We served 35 at communion this past month. Next communion will be on October 7th.



Ushers October

Oct.7 Steve & LoraAnn Gordon
 Oct. 14. Doug & Laraine MacLauchlan
 Oct. 21 ????????
 Oct.28????????

Scripture Readers for October

Oct. 7 Kent King, Bill Kearns
 Oct. 14 Joe Moss, Kathy King
 Oct. 21 Laraine MacLauchlan, Jane Kearns
 Oct. 28 Heather Mauer, ???????

Audio/ Visual Schedule for October

Oct. 7 Kevin Clark
 Oct 14 Barbara Pearce
 Oct. 21 Martha Clark
 Oct. 28 Kevin Clark



Nursery Volunteer for October

Barbara Pearce

Acolytes for October

Oct.7 Shawn Ross Pitts, Judah Pitts
 Oct. 14 Kolton Pitts, Gabe Mauer
 Oct. 21 Aden Mauer, Mason Eakins
 Oct. 28 Gabe Mauer, Kolton Pitts

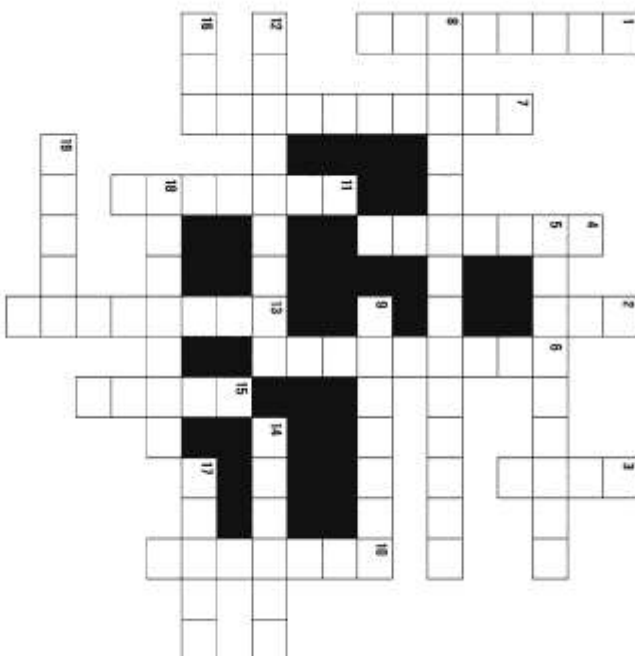
Session Leaders

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk
 Sally Schmidt -Congregational Life
 Barbara Pearce – Christian Ed.
 Tammy Moss- Stewardship/Mission
 Martha Clark- Worship
 Kent King-Bldg. and Grounds



Puzzle

Psalms 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



1. windy snowstorm
2. thick, obscuring mist
3. frozen rain pellets
4. an area's normal weather conditions
5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky
6. violent tropical storm
7. shaking of the earth's crust
8. northern lights
9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon
10. wearing away of the soil
11. large mass of snow and ice
12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain
13. the degree of moisture in the air
14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam
15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere
16. frozen water
17. deluge
18. when day and night are of equal length
19. frozen dew or vapor

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost


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First Class Mail

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B=Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 B=Autumn Mauer	2	3 Oasis 6-8	4	5	6
7  World Communion	8 B=Ann Brown B=Craig McGill	9 B=Ava McGill	10 Delphi Pres. Sr. Luncheon Oasis 6-8	11	12	13 B=Jane Kearns
14	15	16 Mary Martha Circle	17 Oasis 6-8	18	19 Presbyterian Womens Retreat	20 Presbyterian Womens Retreat
21	22 Schools on Fall Break	23 B=Mitchell Catron B=Barb Mayfield	24	25 Pulse Articles Due	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween 			