

Lectionary for October

October 1: Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16; Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32.

October 8: Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46.

October 15: Exodus 32:1–14; Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14.

October 22: Exodus 33:12–23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22.

October 29: Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46.

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

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Vickie VonBerg
Alice Briggs
Jim Neumann

Reg Rye
Helen Gross
Elizabeth Rousseau
Don Day
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World Communion Sunday

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received in worship on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 1. Presbyterians have celebrated World Communion Sunday since the 1930s when North Americans were experiencing the Great Depression. Many were concerned about the possibility of another world war. A group of Presbyterian ministers met to pray and talk about the church's role in such a time. Rediscovering the unifying power of Christ in the Lord's Supper, they reaffirmed that in Christ all Christians are one. From that meeting came the first World Communion Sunday in 1936. As Christians, we are reminded that "a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace." Each congregation retains 25% of the Offering it receives to use for local peacemaking within the church and its community. 25% is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50% is used by the General Assembly ministries for Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs.

F.I.S.H.

On World Communion Sunday, October 1, we will have a table set up in the main hallway for you to bring non-perishable food items and personal care items that we will donate to the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.



Note from Jim Neumann:

Dear Friends,

For over twelve years I've had back problems with herniated disks in my lower back. On August 12 my back pain reached new heights, and I couldn't walk. The last few weeks brought several trips to the emergency room and several hospital stays. I have had two pain blocks, neither of which helped. So it was decided that the next step would be surgery. I always thought that I might need to have surgery, but I thought it could be planned and then scheduled.

Well, so much for planning! On Sunday, September 10, I had to have surgery. The L5-S1 vertebrae in my back were fused and I'm now on the road to recovery after several days in the hospital and then some time at Covenant Rehab.

I have been told that the recovery process is a long one with many steps along the way as the bone heals. As I'm able, I'll be doing more and more at church, but a full return to work is still off in the future. It's at times like this when one really understand how blessed one is - not only with doctors, nurses and assistants but also with all of you!

I want to thank all of you for all your expressions of care and concern for me, Trish, and my family. Thanks to those who have put the worship services together, for those who have led worship and preached during worship.

And most of all, thanks to the staff for making sure that the work of the church and the worship of the church has been faithfully and carefully done.

I am a very blessed man. Thank you for the way you have cared for me and my family! Jim

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to come and join us on Saturday, October 7, for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00am at the church, as we continue our study of the Book of Acts. This month's study begins at Acts 6:6. Come and join us!



MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41



The CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 8, with registration at the YMCA starting at 1:00 pm, and the walk starts at 1:30pm. If we raise 10% more than we did last year, we'll earn an additional \$1,500 from an anonymous donor, so sign up in the main hallway to sponsor a walker!

CROP Hunger Walk helps support hunger-fighting efforts in America and around the world. CROP helps provide food and water, and also resources that empower people to meet their own needs. 25% of the total amount raised stays in our community to fight hunger and poverty through local agencies. Money raised through the CROP Walk helps them refill their pantry shelves after the summer fundraising "doldrums". Though the need is great, so is the compassion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who we are called to imitate.

Our Mission at Work

The Mission committee recently delivered school supplies and winter outerwear to both the Brethren School in northern Michigan and Arthur Eddy Academy here in Saginaw. The following is a list of what we donated and sent:



School supplies - 71 Backpacks, 47 rulers, 49 packages of pencils, 218 notebooks, 104 boxes of crayons, 37 pairs of scissors, 55 glue sticks, 17 packages of construction paper, 25 bottles of glue, 97 folders, 9 packages of markers, 20 packages of colored pencils and 7 binders.

Winter outerwear - 19 pairs of gloves, 134 hats and scarves, 135 coats, 122 pairs of boots, and 15 pairs of snow pants.

Thank you to all those who donated and those who sorted, counted and packed the loads for delivery!

2nd @ Second Adult Education

We have begun a new series from "The Great Courses" called "Great World Religions". This is a comprehensive study of the five major world religions - Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. This DVD lecture series begins with University professor and international government and media consultant John L. Esposito. He guides us through facts and myths surrounding Islam and its more than 1.2 billion adherents. How familiar are you with the world's second largest and fastest-growing religion? Many of us know little about the faith and are familiar only with the actions of a minority of radical extremists. This course will help you better understand Islam's role as both a religion and a way of life, and its deep impact on world affairs both historically and today. Get your coffee and doughnut then join us at 10:45am in the library! Please note that there is NO 2nd @ Second on October 8.



2018 Reach Workcamp Meeting

It is time to start planning the Youth mission trip for the summer of 2018 so we will have a quick informational meeting on Sunday, October 1, at 10:45am in the youth room. We are going to New Berlin, New York from July 8 – 12, 2018. The trip is open to any youth entering 7th – 12th grades in the Fall of 2018. No commitment is necessary at this time but if you are joining us or just want some information please join us at this meeting.

Youth Corn Maze

We will be having some fun in the corn field on Sat., October 21! We will be traveling to Frankenmuth for a Corn Maze and the cost is \$7.00 per person. We will leave church at 6:30pm and will call parents on our way back. Please sign up so we have enough seats in vehicles! Any youth currently in 6th – 12th grades and their friends are welcome!



Odd Tuesday Bible Study

Until Jim is able to come back full time, the Odd Tuesday Bible Studies are postponed. We will let you know in advance when he can start these studies again.

Fish Fry, Bake Sale & SERRV Sale

We'll need lots of help at the Fish Fry on Friday October 20. Signup sheets are in the gathering area. It takes many hands to make this event a success...and it's also really great fellowship. We will also have a Bake Sale and the SERRV sale during the Fish Fry.



Scrip Order

We will place a Scrip order on Sunday, October 1. You may stop by the office any Sunday to purchase any of these gift cards that we have on hand:



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| Applebee's \$25 | Taco Bell \$10 |
| Meijer \$25/\$50/\$100 | Speedway \$25/\$100 |
| Logan's Roadhouse \$25 | Walmart/Sam's \$25/\$100 |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster \$25 | Kohl's \$25 |



Sunday School Workshops

We still need workshop leaders for Sunday school this year! Our theme is "A Witness to God's Presence". It starts with Genesis and ends with the Church. Some of the units we will be exploring are Creation, Plagues and Passover, The Incarnation, Feeding the 5000, the Lord's Prayer, Walk to Emmaus and Paul on the Road. There is a signup board in the Sunday school hallway. Please check to see where you can best serve!

Nursery Position

Second Presbyterian Church is looking for a part time Nursery worker. The position is about 3 hours per week most Sunday mornings and other times during the year as needed. Applications are available in the church office. If you would like more information please see Peggy.



PYG - CROP Walk

The Youth will be participating in the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 8. The walk is downtown and we will leave church at 12:30pm to head to the YMCA to register and start walking. Wear your walking shoes and dress for the weather! We do have a fundraising envelope for our Youth Group so please ask your family and friends if they can help support the fight against hunger and support us in the walk. The envelope is at church or you can get your fundraising donations to DJ, Becca or Tammi. Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we can be sure to have transportation!



Youth Events

Sunday, October 1 – REACH meeting at 10:45am, then PYG until noon.

Sunday, October 8 – CROP Walk. We will leave church at 12:30pm. Please join us for this walk and pray for nice weather!

Sunday, October 15 – PYG 10:45am to noon.

Saturday, October 21 – Corn Maze! Check the newsletter for details and watch for the signup sheet.

Sunday, October 22 – NO PYG

Sunday, October 29 – PYG Halloween Bash! 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Watch your email and bulletins for details.



Memorial Service



There will be a memorial service for Warda Compton here at Second Presbyterian Church at 11:00am on Saturday, October 7. Visitation is from 10:00am until time of service.

We received a thank you note from Kaleva Elementary School for school supplies and outerwear:

It is with heartfelt thanks that we are writing this card. So many students were helped because of your generosity! Thank You! Kaleva Norman Dickson Elementary School

Sunday School Registration

Please register your child/children for the **2017-2018 Sunday school year** in the Sunday school hallway right outside the office. This will help us keep track of valuable information for all children who attend Second Presbyterian Church.



Busy Hands and Hearts

Busy Hands and Hearts reaches out to our community by making lap quilts, hats, mittens and other items for local shelters. You do not have to sew or knit to join in. Come and see all of our new ideas and share your ideas with the group. We will meet on Monday, October 2, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We can always use more help doing mission work and we have a great time together. If you need more information please see Carol Smith or Ruth Anderson.

Florence Gilmour Circle



All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 11, at 9:30am as we begin a new study and discussion of the book, *The Grand Weaver* by Ravi Zacharias. We'll look at Chapter 1, "Your DNA Matters".

All God's Children Have a Place in the Choir

Why not join us! This is a great time to join the Chancel Choir. We meet to practice on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We would love to have you join us as we celebrate our faith in song.



Boy Scouts Popcorn & Wreath Sale

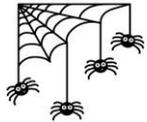
On Sunday, October 8, our Boy Scouts will be in the gathering area after worship to take orders for their Popcorn and Wreath sales. The profits from these items support the Scouts going to camps and events all year long. Please support our Boy Scouts!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Communion</i> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second 10:45a Reach Mtg	2  1:00pm Busy Hands	3 2pm Exercise	4 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	5 8:30am Prayer Group	6 11am Exercise	7 8:00am Mens Breakfast 
8 9:30am Worship & Nursery Boy Scouts Popcorn & Wreath Sale CROP Hunger Walk	9  COLUMBUS DAY	10 2pm Exercise Committee Night	11 9:30am Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	12 8:30am Prayer Group	13 11am Exercise 	14
15 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second 10:45am PYG	16	17 2pm Exercise	18 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	19 8:30am Prayer Group 	20 11am Exercise  5:00 - 6:30pm Fish Fry	21 Youth - Corn Maze 6:30pm 
22 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second	23 	24 2pm Exercise  7:00pm Session	25 Newsletter Mailed 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Ch	26 8:30am Prayer Group	27 11am Exercise	28 
29 9:30am Worship & Nursery 2 nd @ Second Youth Halloween Bash 6:00 pm 	30	31  Trick or Treat	<i>Seeking and Serving Christ</i> <i>We are a Place for</i> <i>Growing Christians</i>			Saturday, Nov. 4 Bazaar 9:00am - 3:00pm