

## Lectionary for October

**October 2** Lamentations 1:1–6; Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:5–10. **October 9** Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7; Psalm 66:1–12; 2 Timothy 2:8–15; Luke 17:11–19.

**October 16** Jeremiah 31:27–34; Psalm 119:97–104; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8

**October 23** Joel 2:23–32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14.

**October 30** Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4; Psalm 119:137–144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12 ; Luke 19:1–10.

### Please Keep these Folks in your Prayers:

Warda Compton  
Ruth Anne Rye  
Donna Schultz  
Bob Rusch

Randy Hall  
Reg Rye  
Norma Mumaw  
Marilyn McNally



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### World Communion Sunday

The Peacemaking Offering will be received in worship on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Presbyterians have celebrated World Communion Sunday since the mid-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 ministries of 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.





## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to come and join us on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke. This month's study begins at Luke 23. Come and join us!



## Scrip Order

We will place a Scrip order on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many people are starting to do their Christmas shopping! One or two gifts cards a month makes your Christmas shopping easy and less painful! Use Scrip for everyday needs like gas and groceries and it benefits the church. Stop at the Scrip table by the office on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to order, or purchase any of these gift cards that we have on hand:

<b>Applebee's \$25</b>	<b>Taco Bell \$10</b>	<b>Tim Horton's \$10</b>
<b>Meijer \$10/\$25/\$50/\$100</b>		<b>GKC Theaters \$10</b>
<b>Speedway \$25/\$100</b>	<b>Wendy's \$10</b>	<b>Subway \$10</b>
<b>Starbucks \$10</b>	<b>Panera Bread \$10</b>	<b>Mobil \$50</b>
<b>Buffalo Wild Wings \$25</b>	<b>Walmart/Sam's \$25/\$100</b>	
<b>Olive Garden/Red Lobster \$25</b>		<b>Kohl's \$25</b>

## Odd Tuesday Bible Study – Jim Neumann



I'd like to invite you to join with me in a new bible study that will begin in October. I'm calling it the "Odd Tuesday Bible Study" because I plan to meet on the first, third, and (when there is one) fifth Tuesdays of the month. We'll begin at 7:00pm, and we'll see how the time goes and determine our closing time as we get going - maybe 8:00 or 8:30pm. So in October we'll meet on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (the first and third Tuesdays). I'm planning to begin this bible study by studying the book of Genesis - that seems like a good place to start. Mark your calendars, bring your bible and join in!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second Adult Education

Join us after worship each Sunday from October through January to discuss the series from the Great Courses: "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity." We will be looking at the historical sketch of the course of persecution from the first to the third centuries, asking what motivated the two major kinds of violence against Christians this October. The lectures and other course material are also available online. Check with Ken Morris or Peggy Knutson for more information. We will not have 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second on October 9 due to the CROP Walk.



## Fish Fry, Bake Sale & SERRV Sale

We'll need lots of help at the Fish Fry on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 merchandise will be out for sale during the Fish Fry.



## White Elephant Sale

Our annual White Elephant Sale is on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Clean out your closets and basements for this big sale and bring your items to Fellowship Hall by Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> (no clothing please). There are lots of treasures to be found in this sale! Profits will benefit the Mission programs that the Presbyterian Women support. We need a lot of hands to help the week before the sale to sort and price. The signup sheets to help are in the gathering area.



## SERRV Sale

We will have a SERRV sale on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the gathering area. Merchandise will be available before and after worship service. There are lots of new items and some favorites from the past years also so be prepared to do some serious Christmas shopping! Be sure to check out the new baskets, spices and sauces! If you are interested in purchasing SERRV items at any times besides those days that they are for sale in the gathering area, please contact Jeanne Parks.





## Busy Hands and Hearts

Busy Hands ministry group 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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



God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus. Can you think of a better offer? Join the Florence Gilmour Circle as we discuss Max Lucado's book, *Just Like Jesus*. We will meet on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the library. All women of the church are welcome! We will discuss chapter 8.



## Boy Scouts Popcorn & Wreath Sale



On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 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!



## Capital Improvement Fund

If you are contributing to the Capital Improvement Fund for Shelly Hall renovation and new carpeting throughout the building, please write on your check or envelope how much goes to your regular giving and also how much to the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF)

## Fall Bazaar Meeting

We are having a meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> after worship as we've been working on the Fall Bazaar. If you are interested in helping, get your coffee and doughnut then join us in the corner Sunday school room!



## 2017 Reach Planning Meeting



It feels like we just got back from the 2016 Reach trip to West Virginia, but we are having a planning meeting on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for next summer's trip! If you are interested in going, or want more info about the trip, please join us. This is open to any youth entering the 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the fall of 2017. We will meet in the youth room at 10:45am. Please let Becca, DJ or Tammi know if you have any questions or if you are interested but unable to attend the meeting.

## Youth Corn Maze



We will be having some fun in the corn field on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be traveling to Frankenmuth for a Corn Maze, leaving church at 6:30pm. The cost is \$7.00 per person and we will call parents on our way back. Please sign up so we can plan transportation. Any youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades and friends are welcome!

## Youth and the CROP Walk

We will be participating in the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will leave church at 12:45pm 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 at church for our Youth Group (or you can get your fundraising funds to either DJ or Becca or Tammi). Please ask family and friends if they can help support the fight against hunger and donate towards the walk. Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we can be sure to have transportation!

## Youth Coffee Station

The Youth are back serving full leaded coffee with specialty creamers on Sunday mornings! This will be a regular Sunday morning service through the school year in addition to the fellowship hour coffee and doughnuts. Donations are accepted ...we truly appreciate your support!

## PYG Events



**Sunday, October 2nd** – 10:45am Reach meeting and then we will be helping move White Elephant items to Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** – CROP Walk for Hunger. We will meet at church at 12:45pm to leave for the YMCA.

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** – PYG 10:45am to noon

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Corn Maze in Frankenmuth!

Cost is \$7 and we will leave church at 6:30pm.

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – No PYG

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** – PYG 10:45am to noon

## Sunday School Workshop Leaders

We are still in need of workshop leaders for upcoming workshops this year! There are some exciting workshops so check the board in the gathering area. Joseph in Egypt, Christmas/Easter around the World, Samaritan Woman, and the Reformation are just a few of the thrilling stories that are in need of your leadership talents. See Peggy if you are interested. Teach a child – that's the way adults learn!



## Christmas Drama

This year's Christmas drama will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> and will require many children and young adults. We NEED you! If you are available and would love to be a part of the pageantry, please see Peggy or you can e-mail her at [secondpres.peggy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:secondpres.peggy@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for being a part of this special time!



## Taizé Elements During Communion

There will be elements of a Taizé service during Communion on World Communion Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Songs, short meditation time where silence is observed, and scripture will take place that day. The meditative music of Taizé, as well as the power of silence in worship is a gift to the whole Christian church.



# American Red Cross

## United States Disaster Relief Services

We have had a wonderful invitation to partner with First Presbyterian Church's "Stuff the Trailer" collection to benefit the Red Cross United States Disaster Relief Services. They will try to fill an 18' trailer with relief supplies to be delivered to the Red Cross chapter in Detroit. We have decided to help with the Health Kits that are distributed in the United States. The need is always out there with hurricanes, floods, tornados, and wildfires. We will have TWO gallon ziplock bags available here at church to fill. Bring your filled bags to church by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

TWO gallon ziplock bag (gender specific please):

Bar soap	Hand sanitizer
Disposable razors	Shaving cream
Deodorant	Toothpaste & toothbrush
Dental floss	Wash cloth & towel
Shampoo & Conditioner (travel sizes only)	
Toilet Paper	Feminine hygiene products

You may also bring these extra items (not in a ziplock) and put them in the box on the table:

Baby wipes	Diapers
Sippy cups and bottles	Pacifiers
Baby Formula	Baby Food
Band Aids,	Sunscreen
First aid ointment (i.e. Neosporin)	
Hydrogen peroxide	Rubbing alcohol
Bug spray	

**Disaster Relief. All day, every day,  
wherever someone needs us.**

## Mission Deliveries to the Schools

Each year our church donates school supplies to Brethren, Arthur Eddy and Houghton Lake Elementary Schools and this year we sent another load to each school. Dick Brown delivered to Brethren and Arthur Eddy and Sara Humphreys delivered to Houghton Lake. The donations were as follows:

Notebooks -153

Boxes of crayons - 72

Pencils - 55 packages

Glue sticks - 29 packages

Backpacks – 132!

Lots of scissors, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, tape, Lysol wipes, pencil cases, markers, folders and many other supplies were also donated.

While making these deliveries they also distributed 125 coats, 80 pairs of boots 32 hats and 17 pairs of snow pants. More winter outerwear will be delivered in mid-November, so keep the outerwear donations coming! Thank you to everyone on church who met the call to be of service to those in need!



## Update on the Military Boxes

There are times when we never know the impact of our mission projects but we've had feedback on your generous giving to our overseas military.

We received a note from Tony Cech's mom, Vicky, about the Military boxes we've sent to Tony in Kuwait:

"Just a note to let you know that Anthony received the packages from Second Presbyterian Church. He and his Marines loved the four boxes they received! Thank you so much for thinking of our son when he is so far from home. It makes them feel so good to be remembered. Please continue to keep them all in prayers."

Vicky then got a text from Tony in Kuwait: "I wanted to take a picture of all of them, but that was good stuff and it went like hotcakes"..... it went over so well he didn't get time to take the picture!

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

### "Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

Second mile giving is an opportunity to contribute to a mission of the church in a specific way. You can donate your time, talent or treasures to these projects. This month we are focusing on the CROP Hunger Walk and the Red Cross.



It's not too late to sign up to be a walker! The Saginaw County CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, with registration at the YMCA starting at 1:00 pm, and the walk starts at 1:30pm. Besides the regular 6 mile walk, there is a half-distance walk option, 3 miles, for those with physical concerns, young children or time constraints. It's easier than ever to participate!

CROP Hunger Walks help 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 like the East Side Soup Kitchen and Hidden Harvest. 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.

**Please join us in the CROP Walk this year either by walking or sponsoring a walker from our congregation!**



# Second Presbyterian Church

## OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						<b>1</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast and Study	
 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 10:45am - 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second, Reach Mtg. SCRIP Order	<b>3</b> 1:00—3:00 p.m. Busy Hands 	<b>4</b> 2:00pm Exercise 7:00pm Odd Tuesday Bible Study	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Ch	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>8</b> 9:00am – 2:00pm 
<b>9</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery  CROP Walk	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 2:00pm Exercise  Committee Night	<b>12</b> 9:30am Florence Gilmour Circle 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Ch	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>15</b>	
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<b>23</b> 9:30am Worship & Nursery 10:45am - 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Second SERRV Sale	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 2:00pm Exercise  7:00pm Session	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Ch	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:00am Exercise	<b>29</b> 	
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