

Joys and Concerns

Week of September 1, 2019

It is a joy to welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time. May you experience God's presence and blessing in this gathering of believers.

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer that we see the world through the eyes of Christ during the Season of Peace (from now until World Communion Sunday).

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program
Vernon Presbyterian Church in Vernon, Indiana
and their Stated Supply Pastor, the Rev. Michael Bean.

Please continue in prayer for all in our congregation and community who are experiencing home, health, family and financial concerns.

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, August 31

5:00PM Worship in the Chapel—Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 1

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary—Lord's Supper

Monday, September 2

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Tuesday, September 3

9:00AM Quilters

Wednesday, September 4

6:00PM Evening Prayer in the Chapel

7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 5

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

6:30PM Franklin Commons Neighborhood Assoc.

Saturday, September 7

5:00PM Worship in the Chapel

Sunday, September 8

9:00AM Pancake Breakfast in Taggart Hall

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary—Sunday School
Teacher Recognition

2:30PM Book Discussion in Meriwether Room



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Monday through Friday

Transitional Pastor—Rev. Bill Owens

Choir Director—Steve Inman Organist—Judy Diekhoff

Bell Choir Director—Trish Read

Saturday Music Leader—David Borman

Sunday Sound & Technology Engineer—Keith Noe

Saturday Projection Crew—Alecia Simonis & Keith Noe

Church Administrator—Becky Herald

Church Custodian—Mindy Inman

Clerk of Session—Beth Snyder

Children's Sermon & Liturgist—Sandy Riggle

Hope Chest Gifts for September Support Loaves & Fishes

Suggested donations are:



Large Cans of Fruits or Vegetables

*Please leave your in-kind
contributions in the Hope Chest, located in the Atrium.*

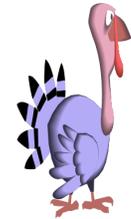
Also, for those who forget or prefer not to shop, "Hope Chest" donation envelopes are available in the pew racks and from the table in the chapel.

Sunday Fellowship

Rose Island Playhouse Community Theatre, 999 Water St. in Charlestown is presenting the comedy "*Over the River and Through the Woods*" September 6-15. If you are interested in having lunch and attending the Sunday, September 8 matinee at 2 pm, please contact Beth Snyder, 812-569-4857, beth.snyder@pcusa.org by September 3. Tickets are \$10 or for a group of 10 or more \$8.



Bazaar & Turkey Dinner



This year's Bazaar & Turkey Dinner will be Saturday, November 16. If you would like to make baked goods, candy, or Christmas crafts for the Bazaar, please let Carolyn MacGregor know. She is also looking for Christmas decorations for the Bazaar.

Help Wanted!

After several years of leading First Prez at Loaves & Fishes, Marsha Emily is ready to retire. If you would like to coordinate or co-coordinate our church's portion of the work, or if you would like more information about what the job is, speak with Marsha. Many thanks to Marsha for her years of hard work organizing the Loaves & Fishes crew!



Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Fellow members of First Prez,

I want to give you an update on the progress of your **PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)**. First of all, I would like to thank fellow PNC members Alecia Simonis, Beth Bowley, Carole Hammett, Jerry Robertson, Phil Hartzell and Tom Locke for their hard work and dedication to this important endeavor. We have, since the end of June, been working on our **Ministry Information Form (MIF)**, which tells our congregation's characteristics and the characteristics we are looking for in our new pastor. This was not an easy task! This past Monday, we received the approval from the Ohio Valley Presbytery's **Committee On Ministry (COM)** for our work on our **MIF**. Our Session, on Monday evening, gave its approval. What happens next is much like a dating service. Candidates who have submitted a **Pastor Information Form (PIF)** will be matched to our **MIF** and forwarded to our committee. It is then the interview process will begin. Your continued prayers for us while we work through this process is greatly appreciated!

God's Peace,

Roger Emily, Chair, PNC



Winter Coat Collection

We will continue to collect coats, jackets, sweatshirts and other warm winter clothing items for adults and children. These items will be delivered to Exit 0 and Center for Lay Ministries in the fall. Please help out by leaving your donations in the box in the Atrium. If you have any questions, speak with Virgil Hertling.



This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Jim & Linda Keith and Jerry & Linda Robertson.

Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters are Petsy Thacker, Beth Snyder, Yvonne Knight, and Barbara Rapp.

In the Nursery next Sunday is Season Neal.

Serving Communion Sunday morning are Roger Emily, Phil Hartzell, Linda Keith, Rodney Smithey, and Margaret Sparks.

Attendance at the Sunday service was 70. There were 16 at the Saturday evening service, and 13 at the Wednesday evening service.



3B Program – Body, Brain and Belief

On Friday, October 4 from 10 am to 7 pm and Saturday, October 5 from 9 am to 3:30 pm SMOCK Senior Ministries will be offering a training for instructors of this program at Mitchell Presbyterian Church. The 3B Vision Statement is to enhance the lives of senior adults through education and physical movements focused on enriching their Body, Brain and spiritual Beliefs as they embrace the full life God intends for each – individually and in healthy congregations. SMOCK covers the cost of this program; lodging, meals and resources. If you are interested in attending this training, please contact Beth Snyder, 812-569-4857, beth.snyder@pcusa.org no later than September 20 for room reservations.

Our New Program Year Kicks-Off Sunday, September 8.



There'll be breakfast with Chris Cakes at 9:00am, Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am, the Chancel Choir returns to morning worship, and we will recognize Sunday School teachers that morning. Make plans now to join in!

The Book Group is meeting Sunday, September 8, at 2:30 in the Meriwether Room. They are discussing *Orphan Hero* by John Babb, a historical novel about Jeffersonville and the Civil War. The group gets together the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested, contact Rodney Smithey at rod-wsm@gmail.com or 812-280-0665.



 **The church office** will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 2.

Presbyterian Women Meetings

In recognition of the Labor Day holiday, PW will meet on Monday, September 9, at 6 pm in the Agape room. All women of the church are invited. It is a time of fellowship, prayer, mission and Bible study. We are delving into scriptures that speak to God's promise to be with us in good times and bad and to never forsake us. In October, we will once again meet on the second Monday, the 14th, Columbus Day, at 6 pm. November we will return to our regular meeting night of the first Monday of the month, November 4, at 6 pm; the day before Election Day.



Welcome to First Prez...

Visitors — We welcome you! If there is any assistance we can provide, or if there are any questions we can answer for you, please speak to a greeter or usher, a neighbor next to you or the pastor. We'll be happy to do what we can to help you feel at home.

Ministry of friendship sheets are in the folders at the end of the pews on Sunday and on the table with the bulletins on Saturday night. Please leave a record of your attendance by signing in.

About our celebration of the Lord's Supper...

In the Presbyterian Church, all people are welcome to participate in the Sacrament, regardless of denominational affiliation.

As the congregation comes forward for the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, an elder will be available to bring the Sacrament to those who need to remain in their pews due to limited or difficult mobility.



On Saturday night, if you need to be served at your seat, simply raise your hand as the last person passes through the line for Communion.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available on the Communion trays at both services for those who need them.

A member of the prayer chain will be in the back of the sanctuary and chapel, available to pray with and for anyone having personal concerns or special prayer requests. Feel free to go see them as Communion is being served or anytime through the remainder of the service.
