

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2021

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Many of us have that little detail on our minds about my announcement to retire December 31, 2021. It's not such a little detail as it leaves you wondering what happens next. Your session and Presbytery will be working on that.

The good news is that we have three more months to spend together. I want to enjoy that time with you as much as I can. The covid pandemic is still greatly affecting how we operate as a church, but we're learning to work around the constraints.

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT" is going to resume meeting weekly beginning Tuesday October 5 at 11 a.m. We will meet in the church fellowship hall where there is better social distancing and air flow. It will be good to be together again as we look at current issues and have lively discussions.

The schedule for October follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. – "Who Says You're Right-----or Wrong?"

Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. – "The 2016 Founding of Black Lives Matter"

Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. – "Rational Hope about Climate Change"

Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. – "Who Says the Church is Dying?"

The Spirituality Committee is also sponsoring an unconventional Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. The Bible Study will be held on Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. for nine weeks beginning October 11. I will be leading the Bible Study which was published by Presbyterian Women's Horizon Magazine. We know how progressive those Presbyterian Women can be! The author is Barbara Rossing. Let Dawn know if you would like a Bible Study book.

We welcome anyone to participate in either one or both of these offerings. Only you know your schedule and your interests. I look forward to seeing some of you at these opportunities. Don't forget to join us for worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Blessings to you all from your pastor,

Rev. Kate Stangl

Calendar

Sun. Oct. 3 – World Communion Sunday, 3rd and 4th graders receive Bibles

Sun. Oct. 10 – Heritage Sunday with bagpipers

Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four special offerings collected by the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is one way that we can carry out our Commitment to Peacemaking. The offering is frequently collected around the time of World Communion Sunday. 25% of the offering stays with our congregation to support our own peacemaking efforts, such as our Little Free Pantry, 25% goes to peacemaking efforts within our local Presbytery, and 50% supports global peacemaking efforts by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. If you would like to support this optional offering, please make checks out to **HCPC** with **Peace & Global Witness** in the memo.

Happy October Birthdays

3 – Roxanne McMillen	18 – Mel Moschler
4 – Travis Erickson	20 – Rusty Moorefield
5 – Vickie Musakka	22 – Neil Larson
7 – Jeff Kroll	23 – Angie Cantlon
9 – Sylvia Chad	25 – Jaclene Hjelle
9 – Emily Hadrava	29 – Dan Hestetune
18 – Jim DeVries	29 – Dawn Keelin
18 – Wyatt Koski	29 – Steven Peterson

Session Highlights

- Session voted to extend Pastor Kate’s contract from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31.
- As we work to create a new directory, please contact the church office with any changes in address, phone numbers or email addresses.
- Session voted to join the more than 4,300 other Presbyterian churches and groups who have signed the PC(USA) “Commitment to Peacemaking.” We can choose to carry out our commitment in a variety of ways, including: *worship, prayer and bible study, peacemaking in families and in community living, community ministries, study and response to global issues, global security, making peace with the earth, and receiving the Peace & Global Witness offering.*

Deacons Fund Drive

Our Little Free Pantry is experiencing great use. In addition to individual congregational contributions and \$100 each month from the Deacons Fund, community members, businesses, and Ruby’s Pantry have donated food items. The \$1,000 grant that Mason Kroll and Klara Devries received from the Northland Foundation Youth in Philanthropy grant has all been used. To help replenish funds, the Deacons are encouraging money donations to be placed in the designated baskets located next to the collection plates at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please make checks out to **HCPC Deacons Fund**. The first of the month will

again be designated as ‘Deacons Sunday’ to highlight the need to support the work of the Deacons in the community. The Deacons are also looking for more volunteers to take a weekly or monthly shift to help fill the pantry.

Bible Study

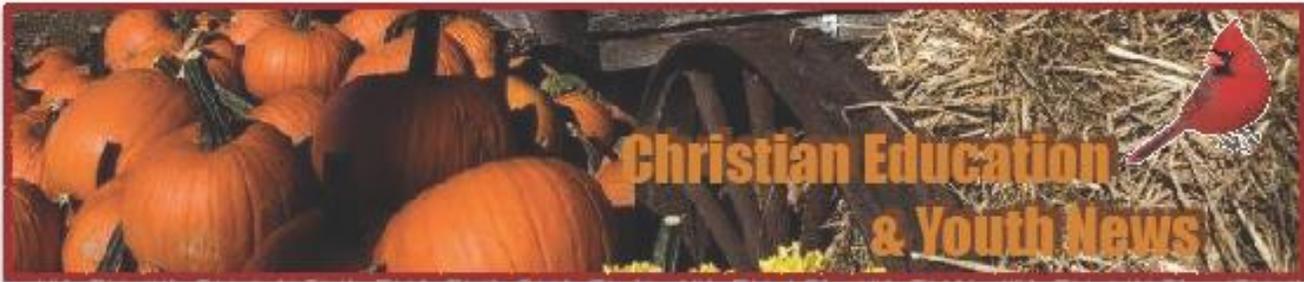
You may be one of many who are wary of the Book of Revelation, because it is often portrayed as foretelling the scary ‘end of the world.’ But you also may be surprised to hear that the Book of Revelation can actually be seen as a book with a hopeful vision of renewal. If you are one who is looking for messages of hope rather than despair in these times of uncertainty and change, then please consider joining us on **Mondays at 1:30 p.m.** for a Bible study that follow “*Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*,” a study guide by Rev. Barbara Rossing, PhD. We will begin on Monday, October 11.

Book Discussion Group

Congregations Caring for the Earth will be hosting a book discussion group on the book “*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*” by Robin Wall Kimmerer. It will be held downstairs in our church on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month at 1 p.m. (Oct. 12 & 26, Nov. 8 & 22, and Dec. 14). We will read one of the five sections before each session.

Lois Remer’s 90th Birthday

Dianna Remer, daughter of Rev. James Remer who served our church from 1971 to 1983, would like to invite church members to wish her mom, Lois Remer, a Happy 90th Birthday on October 5. Dianna says they all have fond memories of their former church, and it would be a great birthday gift for Lois to hear from some of her Minnesota friends. Birthday greetings can be mailed to: Lois Remer 2001 W. Rudasill Rd. Apt. 1304 Tucson, AZ 85704



October 2021

Children's Sunday School

We did try but we are very sad and sorry to say due to lack of participation and interest we will be suspending Sunday school for now. We can revisit the possibility of having it again in January or next September. This really does sadden us.

On Sunday October 3rd, though, we will be celebrating World Communion and presenting Bibles to our 3rd graders from this year and the 4th graders who were not able to get theirs last year. They are as follows:

*Holly Hadrava
Ariella Reynolds
Evelyn Atkins
Kylie Hadrava*

On Sunday October 10th we will celebrate Heritage Sunday with the bagpipers. Remember as we celebrate Heritage Sunday we celebrate all of our heritages, what-ever nationality we may be. We are all Christians and World Communion is celebrated together all over the world as one big family.

In case anyone wants to look into what we would have been reading about the rest of the month you can read about Baby Moses in the basket in the river in Exodus 1-2. Learn that God protects us all and has a plan for our lives.

Continue on with Moses and the Burning Bush in Exodus 3. God cares about our suffering and hears us when we call out to Him. He is willing to help us and wants us to follow Him.

Confirmation Class

*Pastor Kate is leading a Confirmation class this fall. Anyone who would like to join in should contact Kate or the church.
218-866-0466/ 741-7336*



World Communion Sunday



Third Grade Bibles



Heritage Sunday



LAST YEAR MEMORIES

- ◆ *Who built the Ark? (ahon)*
- ◆ *Who had a ladder to heaven? (bjoco)*
- ◆ *Who had a beautiful coat of many colors? (hejpos)*
- ◆ *Who was thrown in with lions? (laidne)*



Christian Education Calendar

Sunday Oct. 3	Sunday Oct. 10	Sunday Oct. 17	Sunday Oct. 24	Sunday Oct. 31
World Communion & 3rd Grade Bibles 	Heritage Sunday  	Baby Moses week 1 	Baby Moses week 2	Moses & Burning Bush week 1 Halloween 