

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear members and friends of Hope Community Presbyterian Church,

Fall is always such a wonderful time in northern Minnesota! The sun shines, the air is crisp and clear, hunting season begins, the colors of the leaves on the trees are magnificent, we enjoy harvests that include juicy apples and beautiful orange pumpkins and we begin to wear our favorite fleeces, socks and wool sweaters.

October becomes a busy month in the Presbyterian Church. We celebrate World Communion Sunday, dedicate our Peace and Global Witness special offering, attend the Presbytery of Northern Waters Fall meeting at Clearwater Forest, recognize Mental Health Awareness Week beginning October 3, recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on October 10, recognize World Food Day on October 16, recognize the Young Adult Volunteer Program (YAV) on October 23, recognize United Nations Day on October 24 and celebrate Reformation Sunday. I also encourage you to join me in reading the Lectionary Readings for October which are from Lamentations, Hosea, Jeremiah, Joel, Habakkuk, Psalms, 2 Timothy, Acts, 2 Thessalonians, Acts and Luke.

In the midst of our busyness, it is important to continually stop and acknowledge the presence of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer in all of our activities and to remember God's unconditional love, mercy and grace. Psalms 46 reminds us that God is with us and clearly tells us in verse 10 in the NRSV of the Bible to "Be still, and know that I am God."

Enjoy this beautiful Fall and know that a lovely Winter is soon to follow.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Wendy

Sunday Lectionary Readings for October 2022

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
10/2/22	Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26	Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10
10/9/22	Hosea 9: 10-17	Psalm 142	Acts 24: 24 – 25:12	Luke 8: 1-15
10/16/2	Jeremiah 31: 27-34	Psalm 119: 97-104	2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5	Luke 18: 1-8
10/23/22	Joel 2: 23-32	Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18: 9-14
10/30/22	Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4	Psalm 119: 137-144	2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12	Luke 19: 1-10

Calendar

Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – Food for Thought

Sun, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. – World Communion Sunday

Tues, Oct. 3, 12:15 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting

Sun, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. – Heritage Sunday

Sun, Oct. 16, 11 a.m. – 3rd-Graders receive Bibles

Thurs, Oct. 27, 12:30 p.m. – Support Committee meeting

Thurs, Oct. 27, 1:00 p.m. – Session meeting

Tus, Nov. 1, 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Centennial Celebration meeting

Sun, Nov. 20, 11 a.m. – Pledge Dedication Sunday

Sun, Dec. 11, 11 a.m. – Annual Congregational meeting

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

- Stewardship letters and pledge cards will be mailed out late October. Pledges will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 20.
- An Annual Congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 11 following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Class of 2025 Elders and Deacons.

In Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Shirley Latimer who passed away on September 7.

Prayer Box

There is a prayer box at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to use. These are for private prayers, and no one will read them. Twice a year, around the winter and summer solstice, the Worship Committee will burn them and spread the ashes in the church gardens.

Hearing Assistant Headphones

We have had Hearing Assistant devices that are connected to our sound system for quite some time, but the ear buds made it difficult to use with hearing aids. We recently purchased some headphones to be used with the devices so that they can be worn directly over hearing aids. Anyone is welcome to use the devices to help you hear and participate in our worship services. Please let us know if you would like help getting acquainted with the devices.

Dominican Republic Ministry

If you missed the presentation on Sept. 18 by Nancy Rivera on her mission work in the Dominican Republic, you can find a link to the YouTube recording on our church website. If you feel inspired to make a donation to her organization, you may mail it to Nancy Rivera, P.O. Box 5413, Trenton, NJ 08638. Checks should be made out to “Mission in the City.” If you would like your donation to specifically be used for the women’s ministry that Nancy spoke about, you may write “Advocate for Their Cause” on the memo line. Nancy can be reached at 347-397-0352 or ncrivera55@gmail.com.

Peace & Global Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four special offerings collected by the Presbyterian Church (USA). 25% of the offering stays with our congregation to support our own peacemaking efforts-- our Little Free Pantry, 25% goes to peacemaking efforts within our local Presbytery, and 50% supports global peacemaking efforts by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. The offering will be dedicated on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2, but you may contribute anytime. If you would like to support this optional offering, please make checks out to HCPC with Peace & Global Witness in the memo.

Little Free Pantry

If you have take-out containers that can be reused, please wash them and bring them to the church. The Deacons will use them for putting meals in the Little Free Pantry. The Deacons are always happy to accept donations of food or money to help keep our Little Free Pantry stocked. Checks can be made out to the Deacons Fund.

An Invitation from the Sanctuary Centennial Committee

The next time you have an opportunity to enter the sanctuary from the front doors, take a look at our Cornerstone. It's on the Southwest corner of the building.

It says 1922. Our present structure was built in 1922, but it was dedicated as our church building in 1923. In honor of that fact, we are organizing a committee to plan the 100th celebration of our church building.

Several people have already agreed to be part of the centennial planning committee, and Sylvia Chad is one of them. When I asked her to be part of the centennial committee, she said yes and promptly pointed out that our congregation already celebrated our centennial back in 1993.

Our church family (which is the oldest one in the city of Virginia) will be 130 years old, in 2023. It is the sanctuary that is celebrating its centennial next year. Therefore, the committee planning the celebration shall be known as the **Sanctuary Centennial Committee: the SCC**.

The committee members, so far, are Sylvia, Bill Ewens, (it seemed rather poetic to have a centurion on the centennial committee), John Pearsall, Carolyn Olson, Georgia Day, Judy Erickson, Angie Cantlon, Stephanie Falkowski (and Paj as her stand-in), Pastor Wendy and me.

If you would like to be on the committee, feel free to join us on **Tuesday, November 1 at 1:00**, downstairs in the South Room. We are going to brainstorm ideas for the celebration and will keep the meeting to one hour in length.

Even before then, we want you to be thinking of names of former members who should definitely be sent special invitations. There's a clipboard in the back of the sanctuary for you to write down names – and addresses – if you know it. We don't want to leave anyone out!

You may also submit ideas on the clipboard.

If you have pictures, old church directories or any memorabilia that would be fun to have for the celebration, please start collecting those things.

We will keep you informed of our progress.

We will remain open to suggestions and help from any and every one in making our **Sanctuary Centennial Celebration** a smashing success!

Thank you!!

Sue Stevens,
SCC Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Gospel lessons for October

Here's some thoughts to reflect on in each story:

October 2 - World Communion Sunday Faith and Duty (Luke 17: 5-10)

- Just a little faith can do more than we might expect
- Doing good things should be part of who we are, an expression of who God made us to be, not something we do to get a reward from God

October 9 - Heritage Sunday Ten Healed of Leprosy (Luke 17: 11-19)

- Jesus wants to be merciful to those who call on Him
- We should praise God and thank Him for helping us
- some images of faithfulness come from outside the community of faith

October 16 - 3rd Grade Bible Presentation Parable of Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8)

- God wants us to be hopeful, trusting that He answers our prayers
- God doesn't get annoyed with our prayers
- We shouldn't give up praying, since even wicked people respond to persistence.

October 23

Parable of Pharisee & Publican (Luke 18:9-14)

- God isn't impressed with our bragging in prayer
- God is impressed when we show humility
- the simplest of prayers can be the most powerful

October 30 Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

- it is important to seek Jesus - He notices!
- experiencing Jesus' love can help a mean person change for the better.



Jesus explained the parable to His disciples.

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3rd Grade Bibles

Oct. 16

As tradition, we will be presenting our third grader with her very own Bible. This year our third grader is Preita Thompson.

We still have Bibles set aside for third graders of recent years that we would love to present to them whenever they can make it to church.

World Communion Sunday - October 2

Join us as we share some different breads.



Heritage Sunday - October 9

Join us as we welcome the bagpipers.



Christian Education Calendar

Sunday Oct. 2	Sunday Oct. 9	Sunday Oct. 16	Sunday Oct. 23	Sunday Oct. 30
Luke 17:5-10 World Communion Sunday 	Luke 17:1-19 Heritage Sunday 	Luke 18:1-8 3rd Grade Bibles 	Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee and Tax Collector	Luke 19:1-10 "Zacchaeus" Halloween Eve 