

# **First Presbyterian Church**

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""Wedding Marathon"

As I'm writing this near the end of September, Erin and I are in the middle of our "Wedding Marathon." As luck would have it (but do Christians really believe in luck?), we have five weddings during a period of seven weeks this fall. This is an exciting time for us because often when I do weddings, I don't have a close connection with the people getting married other than being their pastor for the weeks of our preparation and the service itself. But these weddings are family and friends and church members.

The first one was on September 15 for Adam and Heather Simon. It's always a joy to participate in the service of someone who has been part of our church for most of their lives, like Adam has. It was a privilege to officiate, but even more so to feel part of their family during the rehearsal and the wedding. So fun!

We just returned from the wedding of Erin's nephew, Kevin, in New York. We got to spend the weekend with our children and many family members all the while celebrating a Jewish wedding with Kevin's new wife, Jessi and her family.

Now we get a week off, but next weekend we get to be here and celebrate the wedding of Tony Osborne and Katie Bloomberg. Tony reminds me that I've been here long enough to have baptized him, confirmed him, and now I'm officiating at his wedding. Maybe I'll get to baptize their children too!

Then we go to Colorado to attend the wedding of my friend Dave's oldest daughter, Jillian. Dave is also Brandon's godfather and he and his wife Celeste were the first wedding I ever did, and they have stayed close friends through the years. Two years ago, Dave and Celeste came early to help us with Annie and Stacey's wedding and we're hoping to return the favor.

Finally we're back here the last Saturday in October for the wedding of Stephanie Kleis, who grew up in this church and was a close high school friend of our daughter Kendall. It will be such a joy to be a part of her joy!

Lots of pastors see weddings as a chore, because they are a lot of work. And in a church like ours, many of the weddings we do are for folks that are not affiliated with our church and we may never see them again. But it is a special time, a luminous time, if you will, in which it is possible to see clearly the important things in our lives. Our Book of Common Worship says: "A wedding is a service of worship where God is glorified, the good news of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, marriage vows are made, and prayers are offered for the couple, the community, and the world." Even if a couple that we marry in our church never come back, at least at this most important time in their lives, they were made welcome in the church, they were blessed by God's word, and they were embraced by the prayers of the people gathered around them. If this is their only experience of the church, it should be a good one. And maybe they will come back. God's Spirit is working in all of our lives!

Thanks to all the families of our Fall Wedding Marathon—it is a privilege to be with you at these celebrations of love!

Grace and Peace,

Mark



# Ctober Volunteer Assignments

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	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	Coffee	Nursery Help	<u>Teachers</u>
7	Jan Fisher	M&D Fisher G&J Gibson	Romyak Saddler	Smith	Hart Lindenberg Alspach
14	Clawson	Foster Young	Sizer Stafford	Stafford	Lovequist Gibson Alspach
21	Hodgson	C&P Gobble Williams	Slezak G Spengler	Slezak	Putt Gauthier Alspach
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Please remember that only ordained elders and deacons should serve communion.

#### October 7

Sandy Barts Laura Carisalez Mary Lou Cazers Carol Coverly Lee Coverly Judy Croasdale Dave Deater Shannan Deater Wendy Field

#### November 4 Deb Fisher Rick Foster Sandra Gobble Michelle Greve Sandy Hart Kay Hutchinson Karen Kendall Tom Kendall Kristen Kern-Beaver

December 2 Jean Kubiak Cindi Lebiecki Phyllis Leiter Nancy Lynch Amy Mack Ruth Mason Val Osborne Gene Rothenberg Sharon Rothenberg

We rely on many members and friends to help Sundays run smoothly and be a good worship experience for those attending our church. If for some reason you are not able to help on the day originally selected, <u>please find a replacement or someone to trade with</u>, and let the church office know. The yearly list of volunteers can be found at www.fpcrich.com, under "Living the Faith", then "volunteer schedule". Or call Julie for a list of names. Thank you!

# October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scout Lead- ers	3 1:00 PW Meeting	4 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Cub Scouts	5 6:00 Osborne/ Bloomberg Rehearsal	6 4:00 Osborne/ Bloomberg Wedding
7 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - Com- munion 11:00 Sunday School 3:00 VGA - Laughing Waters Quartet 5:00 Youth Group Hayride at Langshaw's	8 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 10:00 - 8:00 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scouts0	10 10:00 - 8:00 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP 6:00 Session	11 9:00 Bible Study 9:00-4:00 Ryan Inter. In White Room 10:00 - 8:00 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP 6:00 Deacons 7:00 Cub Scouts	12 9-3 & 5-7 RUMMAGE SALE	13 9 - 11 RUMMAGE SALE
14 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship - 2 cents-a-meal 11:00 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group at Kal 1st	15 9:00 Care Team 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scouts	17 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive in GPR 7:00 Boy Scout Lead- ers 7:00 Cub Scout Lead- ers	18 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Cub Scouts	19 5:00 Stoneman/Kindy Rehearsal 7:00 Lewis/Doershler Rehearsal	20 3:00 Stoneman/Kindy Wedding 5:30 Lewis/Doershler Wedding
21 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group at Westminster	22 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scouts	24	25 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Cub Scout Pack Meeting	26 ??? Kleis/Newton Rehearsal	27 3:00 Kleis/Newton Wedding
28 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Worship (James McDuffy is singing) 11:00 Sunday School 2:00 Memorial Ser- vice for Ron Martens 5:00 Youth Group at Kal 1st	29 10:30 Office Staff 7:00 Boy Scouts	30 7:00 & 8:00 Men's Breakfasts 10:00 Connected Threads 6:00 Girl Scouts	31			



# Presbyterían Women

PW meets the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is October 3rd at 1:00 EVERY WOMAN is welcome!



### WOMEN'S CHURCH BOOK CLUB

"The Gentleman From Moscow" by Amor Towles

Is our next book of discussion. We'll be meeting at the home of Diane Meitz on October 10th at 1:00.

Anyone is very welcome to attend!

155 S. Lake Doster Dr. 685-6272



### PW Meeting Notes 9/5/18 held at Wanda Clawson's home

At the September meeting we discussed rearranging where some of our donations go. But everything is on hold until our next meeting after the Rummage Sale. We are still looking for a secretary. All women are invited to all meetings.

New Stove....it's here and installed and beautiful!! We are still waiting for the company to come and give a training on use and cleaning [to not ruin the coatings]. Michelle Greve has volunteered to be the liaison for this. Thank you Michelle! If by chance you didn't know the PW's have gifted the church with this new stove, took a long time to put it all together with finances, choosing, installation etc...

Kalli Inman PW Moderator



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—LOOKING FOR A SECRETARY

If you can take notes (no shorthand required!), and be at most meetings, you're qualified! Please call Kalli Inman to find out all the details. We'd love to have you!

If you can only do evening meetings, we'll work something out! Don't let that deter you!

PW PURPOSE: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

# October 12 & 13 It's time once again for ..... Recycle U too can help = Manage your "mess" = Make someone happy with a bargain = Attic cleaning time = Garage needs it too = Empty your closets JOIN THE RUMMAGE RALLY **Reduce, Remove, Reorganize and Reclaim space** ..... It makes you feel so ..... Good! And sign up on the bulletin board to help during the days or evenings from October 9th to 13h. The sale will be Friday the 12th from 9:00 to 3:00 and 5:00 to 7:00, and Saturday the 13th from 9:00 till 11:30.

Please - NO TV's, NO COMPUTER SCREENS, NO CAR SEATS, NO SOFABEDS



When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. ~ Leviticus 19:9-10.

Gleanings. It's a funny word that we don't hear very much, anymore. But scripture instructs us to leave the gleanings of our crops for the poor and the alien. Do you? As we move into autumn with its cooler nights and impending holidays, are you thinking about the poor? Will you bring your household "gleanings" to the Rummage Sale? Do you contribute to the Two Cents a Meal offering? Are you donating produce, non-perishable foods or toiletry items to the Food Pantry? Did you know that when you give to the General Fund, you are not only supporting the daily operations of our church, but you are also supporting our Mission budget?

At the close of August, we had a substantial deficit (\$17K) in our YTD General Fund balance. We are now projecting a deficit for the full year of roughly \$4K. We are carrying roughly \$160K in Designated funds (Bell Tower, Building, Gifts and Memorials, Memorial Garden, etc.) The individual balances in these funds did not change between July and August.

This is the time of year when Session begins to consider budgets for next year, while doing their best to close the current year with no deficit – and maybe with a bit extra in "gleanings" to support both our general operations and our Mission budget. This can be a stressful time for Elders of the Session; we appreciate your support and prayers.

If you have any questions about church finance, please reach out to your Finance Committee elders, Pete Knibloe and Sandy Carahaly. Thank you!



# Youth Group

# 2018-2019

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us for Youth Group each Sunday evening for fun and fellowship! ALL are welcome and guests are encouraged to attend! Please contact Meredith Alspach with questions: meredithalspach4@gmail.com



Would you be willing to help feed the Youth Group on November 18???

# Youth Group Schedule

October 7 – WE host - hayride at Langshaw's, 5-7pm October 14 – First Pres Kalamazoo hosts 5-7pm October 21 – Westminster hosts 5-7pm October 28 – Halloween party @ First Pres Kalamazoo, 5-7pm November 5 – NO YOUTH GROUP November 11 – Westminster hosts 5-7pm November 18 – WE host 5-7pm November 25 – NO YOUTH GROUP December 2 – Evening worship @ First Pres Kalamazoo 6-8pm December 9 – WE host Christmas party, 5-7pm

Village Green Arts

At First Presbyterian Church in Richland



# The Laughing Waters Quartet October 7th, 3:00 p.m.

Cara Lieurance, flute, Joanna Steinhauser, violin, Luke Cook, cello, Carl Witt, keyboards, and fiddler Dave Marlatt is joining us.

The program is a mix of classical and Celtic music. Covering the classical end of things will be music by Bach and Couperin, as well as by a lesser known Scottish composer named James Oswald who brings a big Celtic influence into his work.

Cara will do a reading by Robert Burns, and Cara and Dave will do a couple of sets of bouncy Irish tunes. We'll finish the concert with a piece of Carl's which will tie all the strings together.

Please join us for this fun, exciting program! This is free to the public, but a freewill offering will certainly be gratefully appreciated! A light reception will follow.









# Peace and Global Witness Offering

# On World Communion Sunday, October 7th .....

# PEACE at all times in all ways

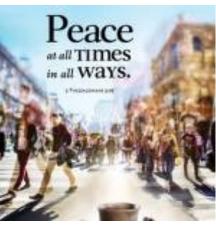
The second letter to the Thessalonians was written on the same theme as the first: the imminent return of Jesus, and the triumphal resolution of God's plan for all creation. The need for a second letter, though, arose from growing uneasiness, frustration, and fear within the church from those who thought this was supposed to have happened already. God's time was not the Thessalonian's time. As a result, fear and hopelessness gripped the church, resulting in divisions, mistrust, and dismay that began to sap the church of its vibrant ministry. Paul writes to encourage their continued faith and sure hope. In the midst of divisions and discord, he claims a God of peace who can bring peace at all times, in all ways.

The church of every time and place wrestles with the distance between our timeframe and expectations and God's. In God's time, even the small seeds we plant can grow into sturdy trees. In God's time, the fears we carry can be transformed into new partnership and hope. In God's time, our expectations can be expanded and surpassed by God's faithfulness. The 2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world. It is boundless peace God offers. It bursts through the shackles of time and

expectation. It quiets the anxiety of each believer by joining us together, as we

offer our prayer, Now, may the Lord grant us peace at all times in all ways.

- $\diamond$  25 % is retained by congregations
- 50 % is allocated to Presbyterian Mission Agency's peacemaking ministries.



2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace...give you peace at all times in all ways.



What common chemical added to blood keeps it from clotting until it is ready to be transfused to a patient? Salt

What common chemical added to blood greatly increases its storage time without adversely affecting the quality? Sugar

When and how was the first administration of blood given? The early Egyptians and Romans prescribed it orally as a life-giving tonic and to transmit youth from donor to recipient.

What was the nickname of the Queen of England and Ireland who reigned from 1553-1558 (a cocktail is also named after her)? Bloody Mary (Mary Tudor)

Which ancient culture, believing that blood had magical powers, painted their bodies with it and bathed their kings in it as part of their tribal rituals to appease the gods?

In ancient times, what profession became known by the name of an animal they frequently employed in their work?

Doctors used leeches to remove blood (which supposedly removed demons which were thought to be the cause of illness). Soon their patients started referring to physicians as "leeches."

#### When were the four blood types Identified in humans?

Blood transfusions were first attempted around 1600 by transfusing animal blood into humans -- with disastrous results. Then, in the early 1800s an English obstetrician, James Blundell, came up with the idea of human blood for human beings. The results were better, but still some patients inexplicably died. Finally, in 1900, Karl Landsteiner identified the four basic blood types, and subsequently, the success of blood transfusions was significantly increased when patients were transfused with their same type.

#### Which RH factor is most needed, RH+ or RH-?

Both. A greater percentage of people have RH+, so this means more RH+ blood donors are needed. Fewer people have RH- blood so there are fewer donors to provide this type when needed.

#### What is the origin of the red & white striped pole designating a barber shop? In the Middle Ages, bloodletting was a popular cure for many ills, and barbers became known as professional bloodletters. Red & white barber poles symbolize the practice of hanging bloodstained bandages outside their shops.

What English aristocrat believed that bathing in blood would keep her young (which may have contributed to the beginning of the vampire legend)?

Mary Bathory

- What blood type did Mr. Spock of Star Trek have? His blood type was T-negative.
- What nation has popularized the belief that blood type is an indicator of personality traits? Japan

#### You can receive...

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- What percentage of a person's body weight is blood? 7%
- What percentage of Chinese people have RH+ blood? 100%

Which blood type must receive only their own specific type, even in an emergency?

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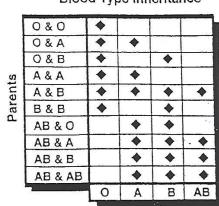
- How many blood types do cats have? Four
- How many blood types do cows have? Over 800

**Blood Drive HERE** 

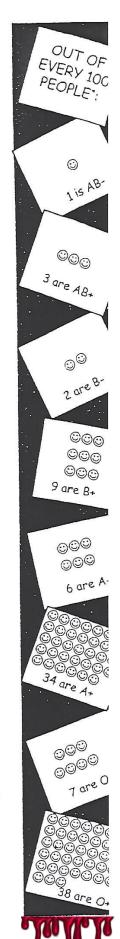
October 17, 1:00~7:00



# Blood Type Inheritance



Possible Children



# Carillon Hymns and Honoree's for October

Date	Selection	Honoree	WYKI W.
10/1	Gift of Love	Lillian & Dick Davis, Frieda Nikola, Julie Hargreaves, Arlene Mauch	
10/5	Let There Be Peace	0 /	
10/11	Morning Has Broken	Jay and Cindy Hoorn	
10/17	Of the Father's Love Begott		
10/21	A Mighty Fortress	Larry and Mildred Pyle	
10/24	He Lives	<i>y</i>	
10/28	Kum Ba Ya		
10/31	Amazing Grace	Bob Jones	SCOLUMN COM
10/31	Holy, Holy, Holy	Kyle Anderson	







# TO ASSIST WITH CRISES, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

Look on their website to see what they do!

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE** 

PRESBYTERIAN

DISASTER

ASSISTANCE

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen

# **TO DONATE:**

<u>Call</u> - 800-872-3283

<u>Online</u> - pda.pcusa.org Look for "Donate Now" at top

<u>Check</u> - Presbyterian Church (USA) PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 On memo line, designate where you want your donation to go.



Thank you all so much for your concern about my health after I collapsed in church on the 9th. We are so grateful for the immediate medical response from the back east corner, and we are forever grateful for these days, for prayers, and for our church family.

Don Meitz

### Last Tuesday Men's Breakfast:

You may have noticed that there are two groups of men that meet on the last Tuesday of each month for breakfast, fellowship and support. Both groups meet at Liz's Parkview Cafe, one at 7:00 and the other at 8:00. If you would like to be part of one of these groups, let Mark know or sign up on the board outside the Gull Prairie Room.





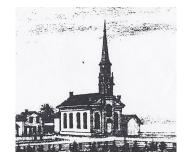
#### WANNA HELP ORDER AND STOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY??

Marsha and Bob Zick would love to show several people how to order the food we need for the Food Pantry, and how to stock the shelves. The only job requirement is to be sturdy and strong. There's a bit of lifting cartons, and they can be heavy. If you have an interest in hearing more of what this job entails, please contact the Zick's, 671-4106, mzick@tds.net.

Also, the Pantry is always looking for volunteers to help serve our guests! If you'd like to consider being trained so you can sub, please call the office! 629-4944

## **Church Wisdom**

- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to get into their pews or their church parking lot spot.
- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but the fly and mosquito come close.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- Peace starts with a smile.





# Salvation Army News

Here at The Salvation Army, we are already planning for the busy holiday season. Did you know that during the months of November and December, we depend on over 2,000 volunteers to help us assist those in need? Without volunteers, we could not touch the lives of so many people in our community so THANK YOU!

Below are the dates of our 2018 holiday volunteer opportunities. These opportunities are perfect for companies, clubs, organizations, families or individuals that want to give back!

Share the Warmth Coat Drive: November 1, 2, 8 & 9

Holiday Assistance Registration: November 5 - 16

Thanksgiving Basket Assembly and Distribution: November 19 & 20

Bell Ringing: November 19 - December 24

Toy Shop: December 17 - 21

Contact me to get signed up!

Thank you, Morgan Burnson Volunteer and Events Coordinator



On a related note, our good friend, Mary Godfrey, once asked if we could list early, most of the things that people have the opportunity to donate toward, as they always seem to happen at the same time! Christmas. So, thanks to her, here are a few that will probably be forthcoming!

The Mitten Tree	Church Women United Cookies
College Packages	Halloween Candy
Food Pantry	PW Pies
	th Salvation Army Tree
8	and on and on and on
Local Mission:	
Kalamazoo Deacons C	Conference
Gospel Mission	Ministry with Community
Shepherd's Center	and on and on and on





1 Matt Inman
1 Kathy White
2 Bob Simon
3 Tom Webb
5 Carol Cooper
6 Ryan Griffin-Stegink
7 Cheryl Reinhardt
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8 Brady Howard
9 DJ LaLonde
11 Rick Foster
11 Jack Kelly
11 MacKenzie Kemple
11 Timothy Simon
12 Lindsey Stolt Denne
13 Dana Sullivan
14 Andrew Mattes
15 Bill Hubbard
15 Carolyn Schott
16 Lori Howard
16 Rodger Jones
16 Faye Luscombe
16 Rick Newell
17 Marie Mahieu
17 Mark Jennings
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- 3 Carol Miller & Kris Johnson  $\sim 9$
- 5 Brenda & Bob Jones ~ 15
- $6 \text{ Rick & Gail Venner} \sim 34$
- 7 Paul & Chris Gobble ~ 18
- 7 Kathleen & Kevin King ~ 23
- 11 Jay & Cindy Hoorn  $\sim 32$

- 12 Barb & Larry Langshaw  $\sim 45$
- 13 Matt & Julie Pixley  $\sim 29$
- 16 Bruce and Julie Howard  $\sim 25$
- 16 Robin and Nancy Nott  $\sim 36$
- 19 Tina & Jon Brignall  $\sim 22$
- 21 Andee Trautman & Steve Allen  $\sim 40$
- 22 Dave & Theresa Butler  $\sim 30$
- 22 Barry & Catherine Martin  $\sim 30$







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