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November - December Activities

Nov 5 - All Saints Day, Communion, Stewardship
Dedication

Nov 5 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p

Nov 12 - Veteran's Sunday

Nov 12 - Soup Cook Off - Noon

Nov 19 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p

Nov 14 - NARFE (E&O) - 5:30p

Nov 16 - Alpha Celebration Dinner - 6:30p

Nov 19 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p

Nov 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 26 - Hanging of the Greens - Noon

Nov 28 - Opiates & the Church @ Boulevard PC -
12-3:30p

Nov 28 - Presbytery Meeting @ Boulevard PC -
3:30-7:30p

Dec 3 - Advent Starts - Poinsettia Orders Due!

Dec 3 - All Church Christmas Dinner - Noon

Dec 3 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p

Dec 7 - Sights & Sounds of Christmas - 6-8:30p

Dec 12 - NARFE (Church Life) - 5:30p

Dec 14 - Candlewick Commons Dinner - 4:30p

Dec 16 - Christmas Celebration Concert - 2p

Dec 17 - Youth Group @ Hanover PC - 6p

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7p

Jan 6 - Officer Training @ Hilliard PC - 9-3p

Behind the Stained Glass

“So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”- Isaiah 55:11

We really didn't get to celebrate Reformation Sunday. The good news is that the bag piper will be back on Veteran's Sunday. The bad news is that we didn't talk about any profound Reformed ideas. So, I just want to talk a little bit about a few ideas about Scripture that gained widespread popularity during the Reformation. The two ideas work together. The first is that it is the responsibility of all individuals to read and interpret Scripture. A huge push within the Reformation is the idea that the Scripture needs to be read by individuals. The Scripture needs to be readable and so it needs to be translated into people's native language. Prior to the Reformation the Scripture was Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and Aramaic. The first English translation was written by John Wycliffe in the 1380s, a little prior to the reformation. To give you an idea of how apposed the Church of the time was to having the Scriptures translated into native languages: Pope Martin the fifth ordered that John Wycliffe's bones be dug up 40 years after his death crushed up and scattered in a river. The church didn't think it was an individual's job to read the Scripture because they did not believe regular folks could understand it and they thought that without the control of the church, individuals would create all sorts of heresy and false interpretations. That leads us to our second idea.

The second idea is called the **perspicuity of Scripture**. The fancy theological word is perspicuity of Scripture but it means that the basic message of Scripture is easily understandable to anyone who reads it. The church said prior to the Reformation that the regular person could not understand the Bible. They could not interpret the Bible themselves, it is just too complicated and so the reading and interpreting of Scripture should be left up to those who have the time and capability to study and fully understand it. The Reformers said no, a regular person can understand Scripture. Yes, there are difficult parts of scripture, yes, there are ideas and references in scripture that go beyond many folks but the core message is understandable to everyone.

Let me give you an example to see how this plays out. Let's look at the parable of the Lost Son in Luke 15. The general idea is that a man has two sons. One of the sons takes his inheritance early, runs off and wastes it all. The other son stays and works for his father. The first son comes back and is met with a celebration. The second son gets mad. The whole thing culminates with the father saying the son who never left: “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” Now I could take this text a million ways. I can preach this text a million ways. I can talk from the father's perspective, from the perspective of the first son, of the second son. I could dig into thousands of years of commentaries and historical documents. I could look at what every theologian has ever said about this text. I could spend years studying this text and find all sorts of new perspectives and learn nuances of meaning that wouldn't be available to most folks. Yet, what perspicuity of Scripture says is that the core of that message is understandable by all who read it. A man could be handed a Bible by a Gideon, turn to Luke 15, read this passage and understand the basics. There are rewards for those of us who haven't strayed; but God wants even the worst of us to come back to him.

Thanks to a generation of believers that lived 500 years ago, I can read the Bible in my own language. I have been given a gift. God's Word in a language I understand and in a form that I can comprehend. I do not have to learn Greek or Hebrew in order to read God's Word. I do not have to wait for some theologian to explain it to me. I do not have to trust that what a minister is telling me is true, or everything I need to know. That is a magical gift that I hope we are all taking full advantage of.

In Christ,



Rev Steven Brand

ABOVE THE FOLD

Main Boiler Replacement



As many of you know, we had to replace the main boiler that heats the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and the third floor.

Houston Plumbing was contracted to put in a Burnham Boiler. The boiler is more efficient and is made in Zanesville,

and so also supports a local company.

The full cost estimate for removing the old boiler and installing the new boiler is \$36,950. Houston Plumbing removed the old boiler and has been installing the new boiler. This took longer than expected because more of the existing plumbing and electric needed replaced. However, it is up and running and the church is warm and toasty once again.

In order to get the new boiler installed before the weather cooled off, we used the church's line of credit. To pay off the line of credit, we are requesting additional donations designated for the boiler replacement. So far, we have received approximately **\$15,616 of the \$36,950 needed**. If you would like to make a donation towards this project; put 'Boiler' in the memo line of any checks. Thank you.

 **Office Help Needed!**

Office Work Volunteer - We could really use some help around the church office. Please let Pastor Steve know if you would be willing to come in and volunteer. Typical jobs would include: preparing mailers for shipment, folding & stuffing the bulletins, physically putting together the newsletters, organizing supplies, refilling the pew racks, restocking the children's activity packets, and collecting items for

extended church lessons from around the church. Thursdays and Fridays would be the most helpful; especially if you can volunteer on a fairly regular basis. Please let me know if you are coming so I can make sure things are ready, I have work that needs done, and so I know that you are coming.



Church Secretary Needed!

The church is looking for a part-time secretary. The job would be working 15 hours a week over three days for \$10 per hour. There is no vacation or sick time, but hours are flexible and you

have the opportunity to make up lost time. The secretary must be able to communicate well with others. They must be proficient in Microsoft Office and able to create attractive looking documents. See Louise Whitis for a full job description. Please share this information with anyone you think might be interested.



Safe Trick or Treat on the Square

A whole case of popcorn and over 1,100 bags of candy with Bible tracts passed out.



WORSHIP

November Sermons

Nov 5th – Saints of the Future

Nov 12th – A Conversation with Veterans

Nov 19th – That's Not Quite Right:
God Said it, I Believe it, That Settles It

Nov 26th - That's Not Quite Right:
Hate the Sin, Love the Sinner

December Sermons

Dec 3rd – A Story to Be Told
All the Makings of a Great Screenplay

Dec 10th – A Story to Be Told
Your Story is God's Story

Dec 17th – A Story to Be Told
A New Story, Same as the Old Story

Dec 24th – A Story to Be Told
Knowledge is Power

Dec 31st – A Story to Be Told
People are Waiting



Worship in Fellowship Hall

The new furnace wasn't quite complete before the cold weather. So, we had worship in Fellowship Hall. It was a great day. We had good worship, nice fellowship, we had fancy donuts and everyone packed a shoebox or two for Operation Christmas Child.



Choir Rehearsal – Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7:15pm in the sanctuary. Please see Zac or Kim Frick if you have questions or are interested in taking part in the choir.

Bell Choir – Regularly, Bell Choir practices the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:15pm in the music room. It is now practicing every week until the Christmas Celebration Concert. If you would like to play in the Bell choir please see Zac. The choir will play in service once each month.

November 5th Is Busy:



***All Saints Day-** On All Saints Day we take a moment to remember those from our congregation who passed away during the previous year. This year we remember: Bob Porter, Gene Galbraith, Gene Snelling, Georgia Porter, Helen Pryor, Marcia Fouke, Mona Myers, Paul Weekly, Roy Hummel and Suzanne Lehnhardt.



***Stewardship Dedication - Nov 5-** November 5th is Stewardship Sunday. This is the day in which we dedicate our stewardship promises to the Lord. These are promises of time, talents and offerings. Please plan on coming to this service having prepared in your hearts and minds your goals for the coming year. You will be receiving your stewardship packets and pledge cards the week of the 5th. They are to be returned by December 3rd.



***Communion & Operation Christmas Child Dedication** – Over the last year, we have worked to put together 300 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. That work is complete. Now we must dedicate these boxes to the Lord; praying that they make it safely into the hands of a child who needs it and that this show of kindness brings that child into a closer relationship with God. Worship will also include the service of Communion.



Gluten Free Communion Available

We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They will be in the communion cup trays.



Veteran's Sunday - Nov 12 –Join us for a special worship service that honors our country's servicemen & women. During the service we will recognize those who have served and hear from some of the members of our congregation who are Veterans. We will be joined by bag piper Gary Eaton. A pot-luck reception featuring a soup contest will follow. Look through your recipes and get out your soup pot. See if you can wrestle the golden spoon trophy away from last year's winner Kim Frick. See Rose Gibson for more details or to sign up as a contestant. Please bring pictures or other items to display that honor your service or the service of a loved one.



Hanging of the Greens – Stay after worship November 26th to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent. The decorating goes fast, there is no pressure and it is a good way to get into the Christmas spirit!



Sights and Sounds of Christmas

A Guided Musical Walking Tour of Newark's
Downtown Churches
Thursday, December 7th, 2017
6-8:30pm

Tickets are \$5 and are available at Explore Licking County, the Licking County Chamber of Commerce, Doubletree by Hilton and all participating Churches.

Second Presbyterian Church
Trinity AME Church
Trinity Episcopal Church
First Presbyterian Church
Plymouth Church
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
First United Methodist Church
St Francis Catholic Church

*Tour begins at Second Presbyterian
*Tour ends with refreshments at St. Francis
*Shuttle service and Parking at 1st United Methodist
*Proceeds go to the Licking County Food Pantry

Sights & Sounds of Christmas – Dec 7, 6-8:30p – Mark your calendars for this fun event. The evening begins at Second Presbyterian and then travels to seven other churches (including our own church), ending at the Catholic Church for a cookie and punch reception. Each church is decorated for the season and each church has a mini-concert of Christmas music. This is a great way to kick off Advent and see all of the downtown churches ready for Christmas.



Christmas Celebration Concert - Dec 16, 2p – Invite your friends and make plans now to come to this yearly tradition of music and joy. Zac has planned a concert of Christmas music that celebrates a mixture of styles. The Reynoldsburg Brass Quintet will be back performing as well. This year the concert will be in the afternoon on Saturday. Those of us who aren't performing are invited to lunch at Elements at noon.

CHURCH LIFE



2017

Poinsettias



In HONOR of _____

In MEMORY of _____

Given by _____

Total number of plants _____ @ \$9 each

Total \$\$ enclosed _____

**Order deadline: Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 –
Please call the Church Office (740-345-1480)**

If using this form, please include payment
with order.

NARFE Christmas Dinner- Help Needed - Dec 12, 5:30p – The NARFE Christmas Dinner requires more effort than normal dinners. Please see Rose Gibson if you can help with this meal.



Rev Steve, Lois & Rose at Steve's Surprise 5 Year Anniversary.

Fellowship Hour - Make sure to join us each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for some refreshments and fellowship prior to worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen, if you would like to bring the snacks. There are pastries in the freezer to use if no one has brought snacks.



Lunch Bunch is a fellowship lunch group to which everyone is invited. The next Lunch Bunch will be December 16th at noon @ the Elements. After lunch, head over to church for the Christmas Celebration Concert!

See Rose Gibson or Louise Whitis for more details.

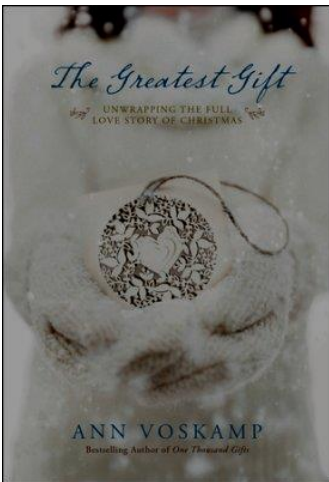
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Adult Elective – The Messiah - Beginning Sunday, November 19th the Adult Sunday School class will begin an 8-week Advent study called “*The Messiah*”. With the

holidays upon us, it is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of the season and forget why we celebrate Christmas in the first place. The Old Testament is filled with prophecies about Jesus - his birth, life, death and resurrection. We will look at 8 of these prophecies. Each of these prophecies is included in Handel’s famous “*The Messiah*”. As a part of this study, everyone is encouraged to attend the performance of “*The Messiah*” at Mount Vernon Nazarene University on Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Details to follow. If you would like to purchase a study guide (\$6.50), please see Peggy.

Good Morning Bible Study – The Good Morning Bible Study meets every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Golden Circle Room. The class is open to all people and is going to be doing a self-study of the Scriptures. See Linda Smith for details.



Women’s Bible Study – The Monday Night Women’s Bible study will meet on November 6 to complete Jen Wilkin’s study on The Sermon on the Mount which we highly recommend to others! We will be meeting, on a date not yet determined, to distribute our devotional book for

Advent, *The Greatest Gift* by Ann Voskamp, and to create our ornaments for our Jesse trees. (It’ll probably be more like an early Christmas party to be honest.) Anyone who like to join us or who would simply like a copy of the book, please let me know as I need to place that order soon. Monday nights in Fellowship hall @ 6:30pm.

Youth Group @ Hanover PC – Hanover Presbyterian has invited us to join them for a youth group this year. The group is for Middle School & High School youth. It is every other Sunday at 6pm. The next few meetings will be November 5th & 19th. See Pastor Steve if you are interested.

MISSIONS

All the little things we do can make a big difference in the lives of those around us. Whether it is near or far, God provides for all of those who put their trust in Him.

Taking a quote from the Leatherwoods’ last letter, “The kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of the seeds, when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches. The field is the world, the seed is the gospel, the birds are the nations of the world, and believers are people who plant the seed which grows into a tree providing rest, shelter, and salvation for the nations of the world.”

As we enter into this Holiday season, let us enter it giving thanks to The Lord for His love in giving to us His Son & our Savior Jesus Christ! May we continue to give with a joyful heart to those who are sharing the Gospel of Christ. There are those in this world that do not know of our traditions or our God. May we also pray for nonbelievers to be open to the message of Jesus, and for those coming to know Jesus, that they become securely grounded in Him & study His Word in order to grow spiritually, so they, too, are equipped to further that Gospel!

Giving thanks for all of you in His great Kingdom, Tracee Barr.

Tree of Life Ministries w/ Montaña de Luz

Montaña de Luz would like to highlight the amazing work of Arbol de Vida, or “Tree of Life” ministries. Montaña de Luz has been partnering with Arbol de Vida for the past six months. Many of the kids choose to go to Arbol de Vida for church every Sunday.



Our kids face a number of challenges brought about by HIV, such as social, emotional, and cognitive delays, mood swings, and low self-esteem. Some struggle to deal with loss or separation from their families. Arbol de Vida has been such a blessing for our

children. It is another safe space where the kids feel "home," and they are accepted and loved for who they are.

Joe and Belkis, the two missionary leaders for Arbol de Vida, conduct puppet shows, play games, and sing with our children. They empower them and give them leadership roles in activities. The kids get to laugh, love, and heal.

Some of our children have truly grown by attending Tree of Life. Abi has more confidence. Nuno is more patient. Marlon is even more of a leader.

At MdL, we are focused on enriching the lives of our children. We are so thankful to have Arbol de Vida as a partner, because they are doing just that. We will continue to seek out loving partnerships that will give our children the tools to succeed long into the future.

Y HEALTHY KIDS- Backpack

The Y-Healthy Kids Network Back Pack Program Involvement Opportunities

In School Preparation – On Thursdays, the food gets taken out of the boxes. The bags get put into the kid’s backpacks and other items are added. This job takes about 45minutes to complete and most schools have their teachers doing this. The teachers already do so much. If you would like to help with this final stage, speak with Sally Henry tomsallyh@windstream.net (She is a member of 2nd Pres and is coordinating this part of the program).

Food Delivery – The Presbyterian Partnership is also tasked with taking these prepacked boxes to the Newark and Heath Schools every other Wednesday. We hope to be able to deliver to all 15 schools eventually but want to start with a more manageable

number. There are seven schools that we will be delivering to. 1st Pres is delivering to 5 schools every other Wednesday at 8:30am. To sign up for delivering or if you have any questions see Rev Steve.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Hello Friends and Family of First Pres! We strive to do our best in reaching out to those in our congregation. Please update our CCT of any address, phone number changes. If you are not sure of who your CCT person is, please contact Ann Robinson at 366-1579 (home) 614-557-7489 (cell/text) or annmarie0458@gmail.com. Without accurate information, it makes it difficult for our team members to be in touch with all of you.

Thank you.
Ann Marie Robinson
Chair, CCT

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH



Final Friday Thank You

The Downtown Newark Association Final Friday Events are now over for 2017. Thanks go to so many people who have been involved. From making and packaging fudge for the Chocolate Walk to Snow Cones and the Blow Up Slide for Kids’ Fest, so many have put forth so much effort. Special thanks go to our Popcorn Cart team of Dick Birtcher, James Fillmore and Ron and Sandy Noland. Also, thanks to Ingrid Fillmore for the wonderful banners she made to go with the popcorn cart. Thanks to those who helped haul and set up all the “stuff” for the TLC Tent (Talking, Listening and Caring). Thank you to those who sat out in heat or cold to offer the love of Christ. First Pres has made a concerted effort to reach our community with Christ’s LOVE. Thank you all for your commitment and God bless you.





Special Handmade Gifts for OCC

Once again a couple of ladies made the effort to love the Operation Christmas Children through

30 handmade dresses, 16 shorts and 87 burrito babies. These gifts were made with love and care and give the touch of Jesus to children in a far-off land. May you be blessed by your blessing.

Operation Christmas Child Shipping Funds

In order to get our 300 shoeboxes to the children Operation Christmas Child needs \$2,700 to cover shipping. As a church, we try to send these funds with the shoeboxes. If you would like to help us reach that goal, mark any donations for OCC.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Sunday



On Sunday, November 19, there will be a miniature Salvation Army Red Kettle in the sanctuary. The Red Kettle Campaign raises funds to provide Christmas meals and

gifts for needy families in Licking County. You can give your donation that Sunday at church or at any of the Red Kettle sites in Licking County.

Alpha Celebration Dinner - Please come and celebrate with us as we wrap up our third offering of Alpha. Our "Celebration Dinner" will be held on Thursday, November 16th and is open to the congregation and friends and family of our guests. This is an opportunity to see what Alpha is all about. Please plan to come and bring someone with you. If you would like an invitation card to give to someone, please see Peggy or take some from the sign-up table in the back of the sanctuary. Beginning at 6:30 we will have a meal, followed by information about Alpha and one of the videos. We should finish no later than 8:30. Child care will be provided, if needed. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, November 12th to Peggy (740-323-2353) or Kim (740-345-6624) or email 1stpresnewarkalpha@gmail.com so we know how many to plan on.

The next session of Alpha will be held on Thursdays, beginning the end of January

FYI

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY ~ November 5th is Stewardship Sunday. This is the day in which we dedicate our stewardship promises to the Lord. These are promises of time, talents and offerings. Please plan on coming to this service having prepared in your hearts and minds your goals for the coming year. You will be receiving your stewardship packets and pledge cards on the 5th. They are to be returned by December 3rd.



Kroger Rewards: Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to 1st Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money to your favorite charity every time you use your Kroger card. All you must do is go online to Kroger.com. Go to the community section of the drop-down menu, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Then you sign in with your Kroger Card ID and click on enroll. Search for First Presbyterian Church 84451 and enroll. Doing this does not affect your regular Kroger Rewards or Gas Points. The more folks we have registered the more money Kroger donates to our church.

You're Invited

Alpha Celebration Dinner

Thur, Nov 16th 6:30 pm

RSVP to Peggy (740-323-2353) or Kim (740-345-6624) or email 1stpresnewarkalpha@gmail.com by November 12th

SPARK Free Lunches

Tuesdays, noon-1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. SPARK Academy works with adults with developmental disabilities. Every Tuesday, students and staff from SPARK will be serving a free lunch and everyone is invited. The food is cooked, served and everything is set-up and taken-down by the students of SPARK. For them, this is a job that they get paid to do. It is also a time for community involvement and job training. They would like us to advertise the meal, to provide the space and the dishware. Most importantly, they would like us to come to the meals and to work alongside SPARK developing relationships. If you would like to volunteer, they arrive at 11:00 am and stay till about 2:00 pm.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 2 Dwight Gibson
- Nov. 4 Phyllis Fish
- Nov. 5 Joan Dobson
- Nov. 5 Lois Spangler
- Nov. 5 Louise Whitis
- Nov. 7 Tina Angeletti
- Nov. 7 Greg Angeletti
- Nov. 7 Sasha Fish
- Nov. 7 Cheryl Holman
- Nov. 8 Brian Lieb
- Nov. 11 Marilyn Johnston
- Nov. 13 Karen Birtcher
- Nov. 14 Robin Balderston
- Nov. 20 Betty Dershem
- Nov. 21 Michelle Gilbert
- Nov. 24 Deb Blamer
- Nov. 25 Luke Jones
- Nov. 25 Sean Rainey



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov. 1 Scott & Kristie Holman
- Nov. 20 Sam & Peggy Lieb
- Nov. 21 Bruce & Dee Weekly
- Nov. 23 Jim & Nancy Johnson

SCRIP Cards – Come to the library before or after each Worship the first Sunday of each month to buy gift cards for all sorts of different stores and restaurants. Pick up your order the next Sunday. It is easy and there are volunteers in the library to help you with your purchase. Your purchase of SCRIP cards supports the programs and needs of First Pres.



Christmas Shopping on

SCRIP CARDS

Amount the average American household spends on Christmas presents every year...



\$882

If you buy gift cards at Kroger for the fuel points that would save you....



\$8.82

If you buy gifts cards from SCRIP you receive the full face value of the card and the church would receive an average of..



\$38!

It could be more. Each card purchased, earns the church anywhere a return between 1 & 12% with specials that can earn up to 25%!

Gift cards are available from retailers, grocery stores, restaurants, coffee houses, and entertainment centers.

Use the cards as gifts or use them to go shopping.

Or buy gift cards to online retailers and get your shopping done without leaving the house.

With so many places to choose from, you are sure to find the perfect gift for all of your loved ones with **SCRIP!**

Orders are taken the 1st Sunday of every month in the library before and after worship. The cards are available the following Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for many of our regular Sunday morning jobs, including:

- Usher/Greeter**
- Media Person**
- Liturgist**
- Nursery**
- Sound Room**
- Money Counter**
- Extended Church**

Most of these positions rotate so that volunteers only commit to 1 Sunday each month.

No experience required for any of these jobs and the training needed is minimal.

See Kim Frick or Pastor Steve if you are interested or have questions.

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS CARD LIST

"An Opportunity to Extend God's Love to Our Missionaries"

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee is offering you the opportunity to touch the lives of the missionaries that we support. How about sending Christmas Cards to our missionaries? Think about going beyond financial support and letting them know that we think about and pray for them in their work for the Lord. Sending a Christmas card can be a great encouragement to them.

Thank you for taking part in this opportunity.

Mailing Directions

- When you sign a card to a missionary, it would probably be nice to add First Presbyterian, Newark, OH below your name. That way the missionaries will be able to put your name with a place.
- **Costs for overseas mailings are below.** Probably the sooner you can get items in the mail the better chance of arrival close to Christmas.
- **Montana de Luz-Special directions:** If you choose to send a card to Montana de Luz, please send a card for the whole group of children, the whole group of staff or just one general card for the whole group. These cards need to be mailed to the address below and will be taken down when the next team leaves for Honduras.

Montana de Luz

P. O. Box 410
Worthington, OH 43085-0410

- **Postage Cost:**
Maximum envelope size: 11 ½ x 6 1/8 x ¼
US (1 oz or less) 49¢
International \$1.15

OCTOBER SESSION SUMMARY


Clerk's Report

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Sunday will be held on November 19, 2017.

Pastor's Report

By consensus, Session has decided to serve the church Christmas Dinner on December 3, 2017 following worship.

Presbytery Officer Training will be January 6, 2018 in Hilliard.

Paul, Christy, Abby, Caleb & Caitlyn Knudson SIM/MAE Cajon 736 Cochabamba, BOLIVIA	Mark, Jenny, Annika & Keila Hare Apdo 48 Barahona Dominican Republic West Indies
Phil and Ruth Saksa 26314 Harriet Street Dearborn Heights, MI 48127	John and Gwen Haspels (Retired) 216 E. 6th Halstead, KS 67056
Mike, Nancy & Daniel Mahon Apartado 22 Pucallpa, Peru	Bevan and Laura Stein Socovce 8 038 43 Klastor pod Znievom Slovakia
Annette Mahon (through 2015-16 school year) Box L-2671 800 Martinsburg Rd. Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050	Drs. Leroy and Marylou Peters Midwest Regional Representatives New Tribes Mission Representatives 8020 Brainard Woods Drive Centerville, Ohio 45458
Rick and Laura Leatherwood Kairos International 2626 Pine Ave. Waco, TX 76708	David and Joy Miller Boston Int.l Student Ministry 66 Bradlee Road Medford, MA 02156
Bobi, Gabi, Luka & Filip Jakimovski S. Dobrevo 2210 Probistip Republic of Macedonia Mob +389 71 396 187	



Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to provide a space for National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees (NARFE) to meet, but no longer provide a monthly meal. The group would be expected to clean up after their meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to charge a fee of \$75.00 if the group fails to clean up.

Christian Education, Family and Youth Committee reported that the Hanover Presbyterian Church Junior/Senior High Youth Group will meet on the first and third Sunday evening of each month. In the future, they hope to begin an elementary age group.

Church Life Committee reported that the Lunch Bunch at the Trout Club had 26 in attendance. A Soup Cook-Off and potluck will be held following worship on Veterans' Sunday, November 12, 2017. The winner will be decided by People's Choice.

Congregational Care Team reported that new church attendees will be added to the care team lists.

Evangelism and Outreach Committee reported that the DNA Final Fridays conclude on October 27 with a Fall Harvest theme. The popcorn cart and TLC (Talking, Listening, Caring) tent plan to be there.

The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party will be October 29, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Alpha Celebration Dinner which concludes this session will be November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee reported that written evaluations of all staff were emailed to Session. Rev. Brand will ask for congregational volunteers to help out on Thursdays or Fridays.

Property Committee reported that work on the new boiler continues and a test firing will be done this week.

Worship and Music Committee reported that the organ service company, Bunn-Minnick will be going out of business at the end of the year. Following review of a proposal, a motion was made, seconded and carried to use the Muller Pipe Organ Co. of Croton, Ohio beginning in 2018. Veterans' Sunday will be November 12, with congregational veterans involved in the worship service.

Hanging of the Greens will be November 26 following worship. Kimberly Frick has labeled all choir boxes and robe hangers.

Budget and Finance Committee reported that Keith Hare will report Sunday during worship on the funding given towards the new boiler.

The treasurer reported that no line-of-credit was used in October and the balance as of October 6 was \$27,822.62. All bills are paid for the month.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.



Finance Update

January 1st - September 30th 2017

Category	Sub Category	1/1/17-9/30	Year End Budget	
Total Income		\$115,830.19	\$190,544.00	61%
Audit		\$0.00	\$100.00	0%
CE		\$1,907.55	\$2,000.00	95%
Missions		\$8,718.50	\$17,437.00	50%
Office Supplies		\$1,722.23	\$2,500.00	69%
Property		\$7,509.52	\$12,000.00	63%
	Electric Main	\$6,042.39	\$8,500.00	71%
	Electric Annex	\$1,987.81	\$2,500.00	80%
	Heating	\$7,016.15	\$9,000.00	78%
	Insurance	\$6,990.46	\$11,800.00	59%
	Umbrella	\$305.00	\$363.00	84%
	Real Estate Tax	\$1,142.95	\$1,100.00	104%
	Refuse	\$569.32	\$710.00	80%
	Telephone	\$1,060.09	\$1,500.00	71%
	Water	\$1,606.74	\$1,700.00	95%
Worship		\$1,865.98	\$2,800.00	67%
Personnel				
	Pastor			
	Salary	\$22,325.00	\$30,550.00	73%
	Housing	\$14,213.52	\$19,450.00	73%
	Auto	\$1,826.85	\$2,500.00	73%
	Pension	\$4,125.00	\$5,500.00	75%
	Medical	\$9,187.50	\$12,250.00	75%
	Dental	\$871.50	\$1,162.00	75%
	Disability	\$4,125.00	\$5,500.00	75%
	Continuing Ed	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0%
	Choir Director	\$3,130.00	\$4,500.00	70%
	Secretary	\$4,855.00	\$7,800.00	62%
	Organist	\$3,700.00	\$5,200.00	71%
	Custodian	\$11,970.00	\$16,380.00	73%
	Social Security	\$1,479.31	\$2,101.00	70%
	Medicare	\$347.03	\$491.00	71%
	Workers Comp	\$851.87	\$500.00	170%
	Payroll Service	\$1,315.19	\$1,650.00	80%
	Total Expense	\$132,767.46	\$190,544.00	70%
	Total Income	\$115,830.19	\$190,544.00	61%
	Total Net	-\$16,937.27		-9%

