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From the Pastor's Desk

Friends in Christ,

After nine years of ministry, it is time for me to say goodbye and move on to a new call at First Presbyterian of Washington Courthouse. I am proud of my time here and all that I and we have been able to accomplish. I wish to take the remainder of this message to thank all of you. I think it is very important to remember and honor church leaders. I owe so many people my most sincere thanks.

When I look back on my time here, I see two particularly difficult times; the pandemic at the end of my time here and the theft at the beginning of my time here. The session that led the church during the pandemic and during the theft was amazing. We should all be very proud of them. I would like to lift up for special thanks: Barb Jobes and Jim Johnson for their tireless work during and after the theft. They spent countless hours doing everything they could to put the church finances back together. During the pandemic, Ed Jobes and Sheri Bogardus stepped up their efforts to hold the church together; Sheri, keeping the congregation informed and Ed making it possible to worship every Sunday.

I want to thank all of the staff that I have worked with. Musical people like: Lon Cass, Zac Robison, Ann Robinson and Thom Ogilvie. Secretaries like: Wendy Riebel, Barb Garman, Angie Klinker, Sheri Bogardus and Tina Angeletti, who is in her own category. Treasurers like: Barb Jobes, Emily Hare and Sheri Bogardus, who all served in this capacity.

I would like to separate out Gary Collins as I sincerely do not know how we would have made it through the last nine years without him. He has been a good friend to me, has saved the church thousands of dollars by doing projects most churches would have had to contract out and kept the immense property clean and maintained.

Thank you to: Ron Noland, Bunk Drake, Gary Collins and Josh Mitzel who regularly helped with the YMCA Backpack Program and thank you to Sara Bowles and Keegan Hare who are taking over my role within the program. This program is/was very important to me so I am glad it will carry on in such good hands.

Lastly, I thank all of the Elders I was able to serve with: Tom Fish, Georgia Porter, Karen Birtcher, Steve Smith, Linda Smith, John Mattern, Kim Dershem, Gary Deweese, Sandy Noland, Barb Jobes, Ed Jobes, Keith Hare, Priscilla Hare, Marilyn Johnston, Carolyn Durr, Kim Frick, Rose Gibson, John Denison, Dee Weekly, Mike Morrison, Jim Johnson, Tom Carson, Del Robinson, Ann Robinson, Wendy Hartman, Louise Whitis, Don Lacey, Julie Ashcraft and Ron Sillin.

Good luck in your continued ministry. Please rely on each other, take the time for discernment and do your part to help the church as it moves forward.

Thanks,

Rev Steve

WORSHIP



We will be observing Communion on October 3rd & October 31st during our morning Worship Service.

October Worship Participants

~Bringing the Message~

October 3 – Mrs. Rev. Carol Weiss

October 10 – Mrs. Deb Collins

October 17 – Rev. Steve Merold

October 24 – Rev. Steve Merold

October 31 – Rev. Steve Merold

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~Bringing the Worship~

October 3 – Thomas Kolar

October 10 – Rebecca Abbott

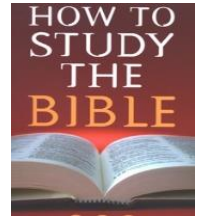
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting October 24th, the Adult Sunday School class will begin a new study simply entitled “How to Study the Bible”. In the past few studies, we have been reminded about the importance of getting into God’s Word, so it seemed prudent to do a study on how to get into God’s Word. Whether you have been studying God’s word for years or are looking for a refresher on how to study God’s word, or are interested in getting started, this 5-week study should be helpful. Books are only \$1.25. Please see Peggy if you would like a copy. We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.



Please join us at 9:15 Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall or by Zoom (link opens at 9:00). Zoom link for Adult SS for **September - October**.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85113657577?pwd=eFlxTDFndkxqYmszT0s2RWNMMINjUT09>

Or join by phone (landline or cell) 646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 851 1365 7577
Passcode: 097044

OFFICE HOURS

Back to regular hours for the Church Secretary
Tuesday – Thursday 9:00-2:00pm

Come join us at 10:15-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall between Sunday School & Church for some wonderful fellowship time. See Peggy Lieb to sign up to bring a treat to share.



Prayer Chain Updates – Please send all prayer requests to Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net or you can do a reply all on a previous prayer chain email. Please state whether requests are for Prayer Chain Only or should also be distributed to the church body.



SCRIP SUNDAY is October 3! You can place your orders in the library before and after the morning worship service. The retailer list and order forms are available in the library (on the window sill) and on the front pew in the sanctuary or a complete list of retailers can be found at the website below.

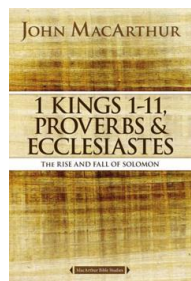
www.shopwithscrip.com/brand.



CHURCH LIFE

September 19 – At **Presbyterians in the Park** there was great food, fellowship and worship as we came together under the shelter house as a church body. Thank you to all that participated in any way to make the day special.

Tuesdays at 10:00am – Church Mice –Ladies in the church will be tackling odd tasks around the church facility. This will include praying, cleaning, organizing, brainstorming, dreaming. All are welcome to drop in and join us. Depending on schedules we may step out for lunch or pick up something and find an empty room to fellowship in. We shall see what this morphs into.



Good Morning Bible study meets on **Thursdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall**. They are studying I Kings through John MacArthur's study book. If you haven't been a part of this Bible study but would like to, request the study guide from Linda Smith. Come enjoy some fellowship, Bible study and prayer time.

Women's Bible Study on Monday nights is on hold for now. Please watch for further details on the next study, date and time. Priscilla

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

Operation Christmas Child October item is bandanas and scissors and rulers. A box for donations will be in the front of the Sanctuary.



Packing Party

There is an OCC packing party is back and scheduled for **October 17, 2021, 4-8pm** (as long as it is safe). There will be boxes and paper available to take home to wrap if anyone wants to do it that way.

VERTICAL 196 Training Available

We have an opportunity to serve God and our community at the Vertical. The Vertical is the local day time drop in shelter operated

by the Licking County Jail Ministry. The Vertical is located at 169 South Fifth Street in Newark. It is open Monday - Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. In order to serve inside the building and minister to the guests all volunteers must take the Vertical training. Training is available on the 1st. and 3rd. Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm. It lasts from 45 minutes to 1 hour. Call the Vertical phone 740-349-0090 and leave a message someone will get back to you. Linda Smith

FATHER FACTOR



Father Factor will resume and meets on **Wednesdays from 6-8pm, October 6 through December 1**. They will be meeting in Room #99 at the end of the

hallway. Would you like to again bless this group with a treat each week? The sign-up sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your kindness!

(Dates, for the next Father Factor session are: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1)



October Birthdays

Lisa Detrick 10/01

David Kittel 10/02

Emily Hare 10/04

Jean Nichols 10/19

October Anniversaries


Greg & Tina Angeletti 10/22

Bob & Deb Blamer 10/25

Jay & Wendy Hartman 10/27

October 2021



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Count your many blessings, name them one by one.

