

Meeting House Memos

OCTOBER 2018



THE NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

Sunday

October 7, 2018





Dear friends -

Some of this is repeated from the Wednesday e-news, but I wanted to share this with you all to say "hello" and let you know how to be in touch with me.

My office hours will USUALLY be Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 - noon. It is still best to call ahead if you wish to come in to talk with me, since someone else may already have an appointment, or I may be visiting or attending a presbytery or pastors' meeting. Afternoons, I will be in and out, as well as working from home on my sermon.

My husband's name is John, and many of you met him when he was here in September. Our home in Portsmouth, VA was safe from hurricane Florence. My son, Jordan, and his family live in Lynchburg, VA. He and his wife, Kristin, have 2 sons, Carter (5) and Caleb (3). John's two grown daughters, Gina and Jen, and their husbands live in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and his son, Matt, lives in Brussels, Belgium and works for NATO.

Generally, I preach on a text from the lectionary, though there may be special occasions in the life of the church or society where I use other scriptures. One such day is the first Sunday of October, World Communion Sunday. On that day I dress the communion table in cloths from all over the world and use bread representative of many nations.

Have any questions? Please ask me in person, message on the Facebook page (see below) or send me an e-mail at leighgillis@hotmail.com. If you are on Facebook, please find me by typing in "Pastor's Ponderings Page." I use this to communicate with church members (no private messages there, please) of the congregations I serve, rather than personal "friend-ing." You may even find a picture of LAST year's World Communion Sunday table on there.

Sermon copies are available if you ask or call the church office. Previously, several hard of hearing persons at my churches asked for them in advance, so they could follow along. Even though I do not promise to say things word for word, they could get the gist from the script.

Thank you again for your welcome gift bag and for the delightful birthday cake at coffee hour last Sunday. What a joy!

I hear that there are many community and churchwide activities coming up for the fall, and that you all are known for your participation. I look forward to joining you in serving all of God's children in these ways. Before long, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and beginning Advent season. I look forward to celebrating the coming of the baby Jesus with you.

Blessings,
Pastor Leigh

"[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

SESSION - Attendance

June 10	120		August 5	32
June 17	29		August 12	20
June 24	27		August 19	25
			August 26	38
July 1	24		September 2	33
July 8	29		September 9	88
July 15	26		September 16	47
July 22	22		September 23	70
July 29	24			

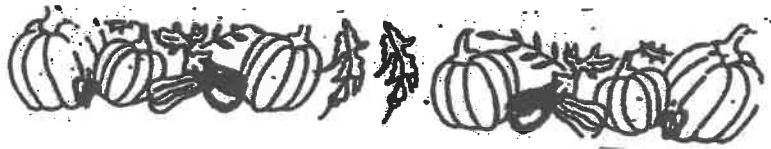
Jean Hileman, Clerk



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From the Deacons:

The Deacons are hosting **Family Promise** families on **Friday, October 12th** and **Friday, December 14th** at Willow Grove Church in Scotch Plains. For each night, we are in need of two overnight hosts, as well as assistance in providing dinner for the guests. If you can spend the night, or help with providing food, cooking and/or serving dinner, please contact Diane McCurdy at 908-400-1486 or email her at dianmccurdy@gmail.com. Thank you!



Trustee Report
October, 2018

The saying “lazy days of summer” is certainly not true for trustee work this summer, as there was much activity at the manse and around the church grounds.

In preparation for a new minister, the manse interior received a fresh coat of paint, a new carpet in the family room, new blinds in 5 rooms, a renovated basement and three bathrooms, a new garage door and transmitters, and numerous carpentry and plumbing repairs. This was funded almost entirely by the 2020 Capital Fund.

Around the grounds, you may have noticed that the trees which fell in the field next to the parking lot during the March storms were finally removed in July.

In August, a major portion of the parking lot was repaved. When the parking spaces were re-lined, additional directional arrows were painted to help guide traffic flow. This project was funded by the 2020 Capital Fund and the Nursery School.

In early September, repairs were made to the drainage system on the patio garden side of the sanctuary when it was discovered that the gutters were overflowing because of clogged downspouts. These spouts all led underground into pipes that had been crushed by tree roots and filled with debris over the years. After unclogging the pipes and replacing the section that was crushed, the rainwater will no longer be backing up in the downspouts and gutters, which had caused wash-out areas in the garden and minor leaking into sanctuary.

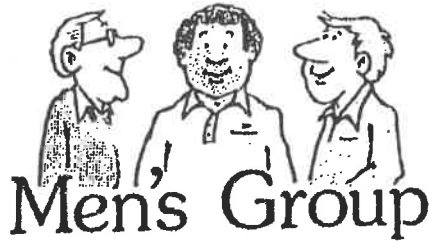
The Trustees will be hosting the coffee hour this coming Sunday, September 30th, to celebrate the successful completion of all this necessary work.

We invite you to join us for our Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 20, from 9 AM—Noon. Please help us prepare the grounds for the change in seasons. There will be indoor projects as well, and a tasty lunch will be served as our thanks.



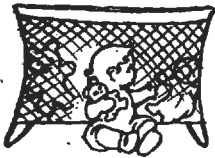
FROM THE TREASURER: Welcome back from your summer activities. We are now in our church's calendar year, and Autumn is officially here. Please be sure that your pledges are up to date. We have done a lot of work this year, with more to come in 2019, so please consider an increase when you receive your Stewardship Letter. Also, the 2020 Capital Fund is still open for contributions! Thank you all for your ongoing, generous support.

Louise Sgarro



The monthly luncheon will be the fourth Monday of the month instead of the third. These are the dates:

October 29 - November 26 - December 17 (third because of Christmas)
January 28 - February 25 - March 25 - April 22 - May 27 and June 24.



Any adult who would be willing to volunteer to look after those children too young to attend Sunday School in the nursery during the church services, please contact Julianne Podolski at boycejul@gmail.com.



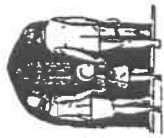
Welcome Back



October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Communion 	8 Columbus Day (Observed) 	9	10 Women's Assoc. Dinner 6:30 PM Trustees 7:00 PM	11 	12 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM	13 9:00 - Noon Work Day
14	15 Book Group 1:30 PM 	16	17	18 	19	20 Work Day Rain Date 9 am
21 Deacons Following Worship	22	23	24 Lunch with Leigh 12:30 pm Session 6:00 PM	25 	26 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM	27
28 Halloween Party 	29 Men's Group 12:45 Newsletter Deadline I	30	31 Halloween 			



EVERY SUNDAY
10:30 AM
Worship Service
11:30 AM
Coffee Hour

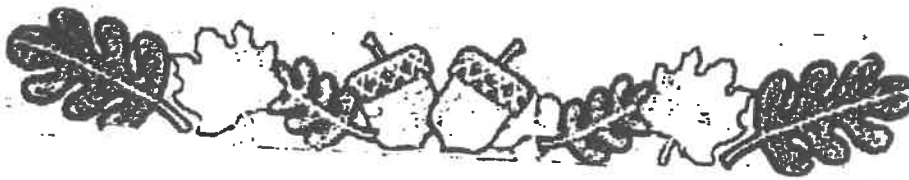
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM
Nursery School

THURSDAY
5:00 PM
Children's Choir
6:30 PM
Bell Choir
7:30 PM
Chancel Choir



Life is as wonderful as you allow it to be.





Women's Association News

Upcoming Events - mark your calendars!

Fall General Meeting & Dinner - Wednesday, October 3rd - 6:30 pm at The Spanish Tavern: All women are invited to attend this first event of the year for fun, food, and fellowship!

Menu: two appetizers, soup, choice of entree, dessert, coffee, soda wine, sangria - Cost: \$38 including gratuity

Please contact Diane McCurdy if you are planning to attend - dianmccurdy@gmail.com or call 908-400-1486.

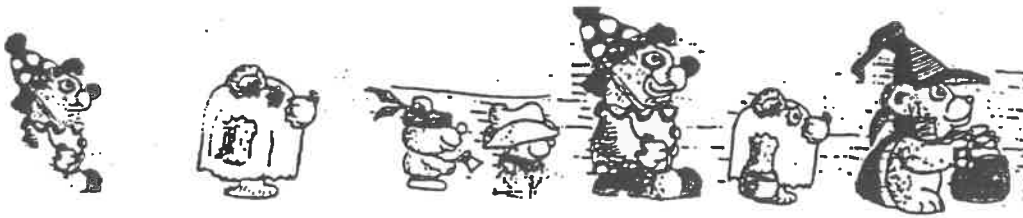
Book Group: Monday, October 15th - 1:30 pm - Hosted by Marjory Bradshaw (320 Partridge Run). The book to be discussed will be "The Straight Spouse" by Vivian Fransen. The author will attend this meeting!
Please let Marjory know if you will be attending (908-232-3297)

Lunch with Leigh - Wednesday, October 24th - meet at 12:30 pm in the Memorial Room. The group will carpool to a nearby restaurant. Enjoy fun and casual conversation.

Election Day Good Eats & Treats Sale - Tuesday, November 6th - Please support this fundraiser by baking or making something. Proceeds are donated to local food banks. Donations can be dropped off at the church the day before, Monday, between 5-8 pm. Start baking and freezing your specialties! Contact Diane McCurdy if you can help in any way.

Advent Dinner - Wednesday, December 5th - 6:30 pm - Assembly Room

Volunteers are needed to help with all our activities. Volunteer forms were included with the September mailing and can be left in the church office or you can contact Diane McCurdy at dianmccurdy@gmail.com or call her at 908-400-1486.




The Christian Education Committee is busy planning for the annual Halloween Party, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. Children are invited to come to church in their Halloween costumes. Following church there will be a festive Coffee Hour with games, crafts, and savory/sweet treats. Members are invited to please contribute something for coffee hour that would be a "sweet or savory" treat. The day is an opportunity of fellowship for all ages while enjoying holiday festivities.



Friends of the MountainSide Library will hold its Book Sale on Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th. A preview for residents will be held on Thursday, October 25th from 7-8:30 pm. Bag Day (including a special treat) will be Monday, October 29th, 10 am - 5 pm.

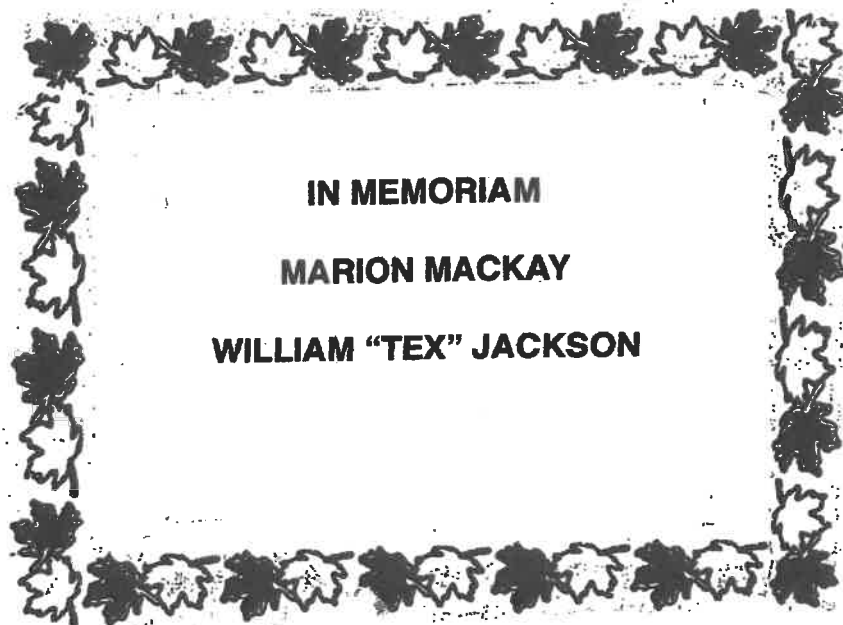
DONATIONS of gently used hardcover and paperback books will be accepted beginning **Saturday, October 20th, 10 am - 4:30 pm** and during library hours on **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.** Please do not donate any books that are **soiled, damaged, been stored in a damp area, out-of-date, reference books or dictionaries.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Barbara Seeman		15	Judy Kersey
5	Nancy Canevari		17	Judy Carson
6	Violet Rodgers	18	Bob Britton	
10	Doris Jerome	19	Ray Steinberg	
11	Andrew Canevari	20	Peter Canevari	
14	Wayman Everly	29	Tess Perrin	
14	Susan Hain	30	Nick Bradshaw	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Patrick & Laurie Weeks Thomas
16	Ed & Ruth Luckenbach
19	Andy and Nancy Hoydich
22	Wayne & Kristy Weeks Boyce





CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....Welcome back from summer - hope you had some relaxing and fun times. There are lots of activities going on - hopefully, you will participate in one or several of them.

.....A big "WELCOME" to our interim mister, Leigh Gillis. We look forward to working with her for the next several months.

.....We are so happy to have our marvelous choir back! They are always missed during the summer months.

.....Volunteers are needed to usher and to host future coffee hours - please sign up when you can.

.....Vacation Bible School was very successful, thanks to Bonnie Canevari and her crew. It was a wonderful experience for the children!

.....The Rally Day Picnic was also a fun day, even if we had to "picnic" inside - thanks to the Fellowship Committee.

.....Even though we had a lot of rain, our "yard fairies" had to water the Memorial Garden during the dry spells - thanks to them!

.....Congratulations to Gary Cantagallo and Candace Lesofski on their recent marriage.

.....In our prayers continue to be Erasmus Belden, Lorraine Burgess, Wolfgang Gerhard, Mary Ellen Beck (Alice Gillman's sister), the Schoenknecht family and Ann Zakovic.

.....Our sympathy to the families of Marion Mackay and William "Tex" Jackson.

.....If you have anything you would like included in future newsletters, please let one of the editors know or leave the information in the church office.



Happy Fall from your editors three,
Bobbie, Sandy and Sara

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