

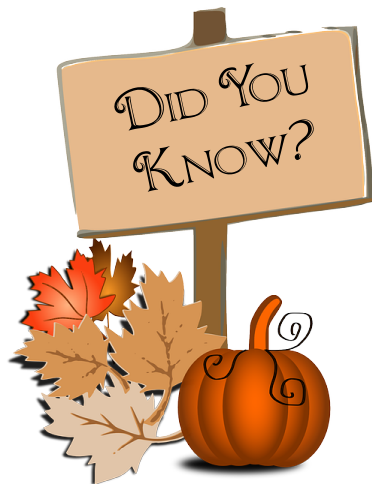


Steeple Notes

First Presbyterian Church of Huron

Rev. Deborah Bowsher

October 2018



Our Hot Dog Monday and Christ Community Meals have served over 46,432 meals since it started nearly 9 years ago! What a wonderful ministry for our community.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

The Christian Education committee is considering offering one or two special learning opportunities for adult members of the church. These events would be taught by experts in the field and happen immediately AFTER worship on Sundays yet to be determined.

Before choosing a topic, the committee wants your input. Please call or email the church office to tell us the class(es) you'd be most interested in.

Fall Risk and Prevention

Posture & Back Pain

Stroke Prevention and Symptoms

Strategies to Improve Your Memory

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood Sugar Checks

Walk and Stretch

GREAT NEWS FOR ALL WOMEN!

Beginning in October the Lydia Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2nd. This means no more night driving and lots more opportunities to share in fellowship fun including an interesting study! Instead of the Horizons Bible Study, this year the women have chosen to consider *Christianity and World Religions* by Adam Hamilton.

If there ever were a time when Christians needed to build bridges with others, seeking peace in our world, loving our neighbors, and finding positive ways to share the gospel, it is now. In *Christianity and World Religions, Revised Edition*, Adam Hamilton deals with questions so many of us have about the four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. Through book, video presentation and discussion, the author helps us answer questions such as: Why are there so many different religions? How should we view their beliefs? What is the fate of those who have these beliefs?

All women of the church and their friends are welcome to participate! Please call Sarah Blakeman for more details.

Looking Ahead....



RUMMAGE SALE

The Fall Rummage Sale is **October 6th** from **9 am to 1 pm**.

Donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, October 1st after 2 pm**.

Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday, October 5th from 9 am to noon, during the sale, and cleanup after the sale.

Thank you!

RUMMAGE SALE



POETRY READING

Sunday, October 21st

On Sunday, October 21st, at 3:00 p.m., in the church Parlor, the Nurture and Mission Committee will begin the 9th season of our poetry mission series and host a poetry reading on the topic of "Words and Images." Featured readers will be Huron Poets Laureate Joel Rudinger and Ron Ruble. Joining them will be poets Jerry Bauer, Eileen Wikel Darby, Laura Pearson, and Casey Wittmer sharing their talents in words and images. Speaking of talents, providing music, for the enjoyment of all, will be Kimberly, Annabelle, and Danny Ryu. Refreshments will also be provided. Come and bring a friend. We'd love to have you join us.

STEWARDSHIP FISH DINNER

Sunday, October 28th (following worship)

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please sign up at the office or the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers for the following tasks: setting up on Saturday morning, preparing fish, serving and clean-up. Can you bring a dessert? There is a sign up on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions please call Gail Burke at 419-627-1034.





PRESBYTERY MEETING 2018

We hosted a Presbytery Meeting here on Tuesday, September 18th! It wouldn't have run smoothly without all the help from our wonderful volunteers. Thank you so much!



PRESBYTERY MEETING 2018 CONTINUED...

Pictured Left: Our parking lot was packed due to all our out of town guests!



Pictured Right: Everyone listening intently during the Presbytery Meeting.



Pictured Left: Guests enjoying the wonderful dinner prepared by Bob Muntz and friends.



Pictured Right: Our beautiful sanctuary decorations for the worship service...the theme was "Come to the Lakeshore."



PRAYER GROUP



***Prayer is a constant reminder that God is God
and we are not.***

**The Prayer Group will meet Monday, October 1st and
Monday, October 15th.**

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in
prayer." - Romans 12:12 ESV

From: The Prayer Group

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

October 20, 2018

@ 9-11am

Erie County Senior Center
620 E. Water St.,
Sandusky, OH 44870



Choice of pancake flavors: Regular, Pumpkin
Spice, Cake Batter, and Blueberry Topped

Meals include sausage, scrambled eggs
and a beverage.

Bring your kids and/or grandkids!
Buzz Lightyear & Mr. Incredible will be
available for photos.

Advance tickets: \$5.00

At the door: \$7.00

All proceeds to benefit Meals-on-Wheels

SUMMER MUSIC

VERY SPECIAL THANKS

to those who 'served the church' by providing *special music* during the summer weeks (2018) when Chancel Choir took their "break!" Several of our wonderful musicians graced us with their talents on more than one occasion, as noted below!! We were able to 'fill the spots' for all ELEVEN Sundays! Through the offering of their musical gifts, our services were indeed blessed and enriched.....

thus, we extend MUCH APPRECIATION to the following who shared their talents with us:

JOHN BLAKEMAN, trumpet solo (two different Sundays)

KIMBERLY RYU (cello) and CAROL MASON (piano), instrumental duet

JANE LAFACE, served as organist for the entire service

ANN PULLANO and CAROL MASON, vocal duet, CAROL accompanying

HANDBELL (HANDCHIMES) CHOIR, led by Janeane Hopkins

DAVID C. WITMER, vocal solo (two different Sundays)

JUDI PERRY, vocal solo, accompanied by CAROL MASON

FRANCESCA LENDRUM, CAROL MASON, ANN PULLANO, vocal trio, CAROL accompanying

MITCHELL MILLER, 'surprise visit' organ solo (Bach, of course!)

THE CONGREGATION, accompanied by KERRY GLANN on organ/piano, for a

WONDERFUL and ENERGETIC and PRAISE-FILLED 'HYMN SING'



LITTLE WONDERS

The school year is off to a great start! Each day the preschoolers learn about a different color and wear that color for the day. Pictured at the bottom right: The kids are enjoying their new playground equipment!



WORSHIP WONDERINGS

Written by Pastor Deb

Recently the confirmation class asked an interesting question. Actually, that lively group of young people ask *many interesting questions!* But this one is something that sticks with me because they aren't the only ones who've asked about it.

"Why do we say we believe in the holy catholic church when we're Presbyterians not Catholics?"

Just so you know how this came about:

Yes. The class and I were reviewing Reformed creeds of belief. We did so as a way of not only understanding who we are as a people of faith, but as a way of preparing to start writing our own personal creeds. And we were focusing our study on the Apostle's Creed, a statement of core things we hold to be true in our hearts.

Most Sundays in our worship service we share in an Affirmation of Faith. At those moments we profess our faith, using one of the 12 official creeds of the PC(USA). Often we say the most basic of statements: the Apostles Creed. But sometime we use words from the Nicene Creed or the Brief Statement of Faith or perhaps words from Westminster or the Scot's or even Belhar. That practice raises another question: *"Why are there so many different creeds?"*

Well... Martin Luther once said something like 'We are the church Reformed and always being reformed.' By that he meant that God was forever working with and through us to be the body of Christ in the world in the here and now. The earliest followers of Jesus first needed to organize their basic beliefs so that other people could understand who – and whose – they were in the world. A brief commentary on how they were different from those who followed Zeus or Baal or any other of the gods. So they focused their words on who God and Jesus were. They also briefly commented on their belief in the Holy Spirit and things like the resurrection.

One of those other things was that they believed the body of Christ wasn't limited to just one geographic region or people, but was available and recognized throughout the world –universally as it were. And they used the word "catholic" to convey that idea. That word originate in ancient Greek and means "universally, according to the whole, involving all or of interest to all." So when we say we believe in the holy catholic Church, we mean we believe Christ's body – the Church – can be and is everywhere.

It was only 1500 years later, during the Reformation period, when Luther and Calvin and a host of others were stepping away from the Pope's church that people felt the need to address faith issues of the day in writing. Between 1531 and 1649 four different statements of faith were written to set out beliefs about such diverse topics as the meaning of good works to one's salvation; the value of the civil magistrate as opposed to a papal dominated system of rules and regulations; who could officiate and receive communion and baptism; celibacy, marriage and the clergy, the payment of indulgences, and many, many more.

While over time there were many arguments over the clauses in these statements, it wasn't until the mid-twentieth century that the Presbyterian Church felt the Holy Spirit urging them to address concerns of faith that were unheard of 500 years earlier. Beginning with accepting the Confession of Barmen, which spoke out against the Nazi appropriation of Christ's Church to support their ideologies over Christ's commission, several new faith affirmations have been included into the PC(USA) constitution.

The General Assembly approved the Confession of 1967, C-67 as it is known, helps modern-day followers of Christ to respond faithfully when faced with issues like racial discrimination and class conflict. To celebrate the reunification of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian denominations, the Assembly approved the Brief Statement of Faith for congregational use. Just 80 lines long, this creed shapes our understanding of the Triune God and who we are in relationship to God through a contemporary perspective. Most recently, the denomination accepted and affirmed the Confession of Belhar which came to us from the Church in South Africa. This creed helps develop our understanding of human complicitness in sin and how the body of Christ should respond to systemic injustice.

To think that Christ is ever present in our lives, ever speaking to new issues as they arise, keeps our faith fresh and relevant. Saying what we believe during worship helps remind us of our values as Presbyterian and Reformed people – and of Jesus' hope for this world. So whether the words of the creed come to us from the Nicene or Belhar statements of faith, they assure us of who and whose we are... and challenge us to live into our calling every day of our lives!





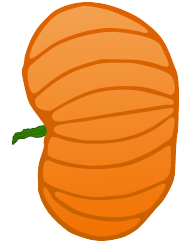
October 3 Priscilla Auble
 October 3 Molly Emerson
 October 3 David Prout
 October 3 Annabelle Ryu
 October 6 Joanna Oller
 October 9 June Taylor
 October 13 Marcie Muntz
 October 14 Edie Emerson
 October 14 Pat Koch
 October 15 Gail Burke
 October 15 Ward DeLamatre
 October 15 Patricia Hand
 October 15 Steve Koenig
 October 15 Wendy Quinn
 October 19 Gloria Lyons
 October 20 Katy McGraw
 October 23 Kathleen Kirby
 October 24 Sue Todd
 October 26 David Fenn
 October 29 Janeane Hopkins
 October 30 Tom Kirby Jr.
 October 30 Eldon Zimmer



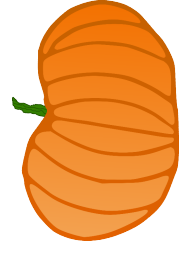
October 1 Prayer Group @ 1 pm
 October 2 Staff Meeting @ 11:30 am
 October 2 Lydia Circle @ 1 pm
 October 3 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
 October 5 Rummage Sale Set-up @ 9 am– noon
 October 6 Rummage Sale @ 9 am– 1 pm
 October 10 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm
 October 10 F&M and Worship @ 7 pm
 October 11 N&M @ 7:30 pm
 October 12 Retired Teachers Luncheon @ noon
 October 15 Prayer Group @ 1 pm
 October 17 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm
 October 17 Session @ 7 pm
 October 21 Poetry Reading @ 3 pm
 October 24 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm
 October 28 Stewardship Dinner
 October 29 Church Women United
 October 31 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm



	Ushers	Liturgist	Hospitality	Flowers
Oct. 7	Edwina Chamberlin & Rachel Pratt	Cynthia Brown Mathews	Grace & Ava Moser	Bob & Marcie Muntz
Communion Server: Rich and Barb Haase, Gail Burke, and Jeanne Schafer		Communion Set-up: Tammy Boos		
Oct. 14	Chuck & Bob Kaman	Tammy Boos	Ann Pullano	The Koch & Johnson Families
Oct. 21	Bob & Marcie Muntz	Casey Wittmer	Sarah Blakeman	Judi Perry
Oct. 28	Marc & Susan Martter	Janeane Hopkins	Ellen Drumm & Katy McGraw	Tom & Kathy Kirby



OCTOBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am (2-Cents-A-Meal/ Communion)	1 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm Little Wonders Advisory Board Meeting @ 4:30pm	2 Staff Meeting @ 11:30 am Lydia Circle @ 1 pm	3 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm	4 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	5 Rummage Sale Set-up @ 9 am- noon	6 Rummage Sale @ 9 am- 1 pm
14 Adult Bible Study @ 8:45am Worship @10:00am	8 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm	9 Little Wonders Picture Day (all day-Fellowship Hall)	10 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm F&M/Worship Meetings @ 7 pm	11 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm N&M Meeting @ 7:30 pm	12 Retired Teachers Luncheon @ noon Little Wonders- No School	13
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