



STEEPLE NOTES

From Pastor Sara

On October 3rd, our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic church celebrate Francis. Many churches will hold pet blessings to commemorate Francis' love for animals. Although we Presbyterians do not celebrate feast days, I think of Francis every October 3rd.

Francis was born in 1182 into a wealthy family. After a conversion experience, and to his father's disappointment, he became a friar. In 1206, he heard the voice of God tell him to rebuild the church at San Damiano. Though Francis raised funds to rebuild the church physically, he also sought to help rebuild the church spiritually, addressing corruption in the Church. Although the Pope dismissed his complaints at first, he later endorsed Francis' formation of a new order, the Franciscans, who would tend to the needs of the poor.

Francis was a faithful Christian. His intentional poverty and faith in Christ was a living example of Luke 12:22-23, **"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more**

than food, and the body more than clothes." He responded to Christ's call on his life without concern for his well-being and turned away from his family's riches. His father, upon Francis's conversion, locked him in a small closet and beat him. But still, Francis persevered in his faith, telling his father he would gladly bear any evil for the sake of Christ.

Francis left the Church with many gifts, but one of his most significant is the Prayer for Peace, which I try to remember when I am in a confrontational situation.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

With Christ's help, and by the power of the Spirit, we can seek to be peacemakers in our world rife with division. May it be so.



Prayer Page



As the November election draws ever closer, let's consider our votes with our minds and not with our emotions. May we take time to know the candidates and their policies, and pray that God will guide us according to His purposes for our nation, state and city.

Our prayer group meets Monday, October 7th & 21st at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor, All are welcome!

Jeremiah 29:7 "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

We are to seek the welfare of our city – and our state and nation-by praying, for through prayer will come prosperity. This does not mean that we do nothing else, but it does mean that the bare minimum is that we pray. David's instruction in Psalm 122 is. to pray for the peace of [our city, state or nation]. We can pray for economic prosperity; security and freedom from fear; and effective leadership that achieves good things. We pray for all people that they will experience peace. We pray for God's will to be done. We ask for true and full welfare of our city, state, nation and world, which will come only when the people have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1

Prayer Concerns

Dr. Pfahl, Judy Burgee, Ward DeLamatre, Pam Heschel, Paul Brown, Mark Crumrine, Harry and Ann Wright, Kristine Wesler, Pat Marrion, John Nichols, Jr., Eldon Zimmer, Delores Hodsdon, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger, Mike and Karen Bork, Sarah McCoy, Ann West, Tony and Barb Smith, Cameron James, Carol Kopkas, Rachel Leonard, Denny Velliquette, June Franduto, Paul Brown, Brad Mason, Gabe Phillips, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer, Sharon Carnal, Barb Gettman, Roberta Leimbach, Billie Urie, Roger and Barbara Gravlin.

Local Congregation Prayer Calendar

10/6 All Churches

10/13 Christ Episcopal Church
Father Mike Floyd

10/20 St. Peter Catholic Church
Father Doug Garand

10/27 Huron United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

Pray for Our Troops

Dominic Parisi, Ben DeLamatre,
Dan Work, and Emily Stellpflug



SERVING CHRIST



Girlfriends in God

Just a reminder that the Girlfriends in God Women's Bible study meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the youth room. This session we are discussing the study titled "God Never Gives Up On You" by Max Lucado.

Marcie Muntz just saw a 4-week advent study that she is going to look into, so if you can't do this study, you may want to come to our advent group.

We discuss a lot of topics but nothing is too intense, theologically speaking. We laugh, cry, confess, question, agree, disagree, pray and always feel God's love in that space. All women of the church are welcome!



The next Ladies Who Lunch will meet on Friday, October 11th at Adam's on Main at 11:30 a.m. This restaurant is owned by a local young man that graduated with Marcie Muntz's boys. It is a small place with booths and only one larger table so we will be split up, sort of like our trip to Wake and Waffle.

If you want to look at the menu ahead of time google Adams on Main, Main Street, Berlin Heights.

Because of the size of the restaurant, we need an EXACT count for who is going. Please call Dawn at the church or tell Marcie Muntz if you plan to attend. We will provide transportation if you need it. We hope you'll join us for a fun, yummy lunch on Oct. 11th!

October Flowers



| <u>Date</u> | <u>Flowers</u> |
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| 10/13 | The Koch family in celebration of Pat's birthday! |
| 10/20 | Wendy Quinn in celebration of her birthday! |
| 10/27 | The Kirby family to celebrate Tommy's birthday and all fall birthdays! |



Serving Schedules

October Communion

| Date | Prep | Servers |
|------|-------------|---|
| 10/6 | Cindy Kaman | Chuck Kaman, Phillip Hopkins, Patti Smith |

October Liturgist

| Date | Liturgist |
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| 10/6 | Ann Pullano |
| 10/13 | Betty Reed |
| 10/20 | Wendy Quinn |
| 10/27 | Janet Mueller |

October Ushers

| Date | Usher |
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| 10/6 | Marcie Muntz, Betty Reed |
| 10/13 | Anne & Don Russell |
| 10/20 | Kathy Kirby & Patti Smith |
| 10/27 | Janet Mueller & Francesca Lendrum |

October Counters

| Date | Counter |
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| 10/6 | Francesca & Ellen |
| 10/13 | Sarah & John |
| 10/20 | Bob & Marcie |
| 10/27 | Chuck & Cindy |



Happy Birthday



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| 10/3 | Annabelle Ryu |
| 10/6 | Joanna Oller |
| 10/13 | Marcie Muntz |
| 10/14 | Pat Koch |
| 10/15 | Gail Burke, Patrica Hand, Ward DeLamatre, Wendy Quinn, Steve Koenig |
| 10/17 | Sara Hodsden |
| 10/20 | Katy McGraw |
| 10/23 | Kathy Kirby |
| 10/24 | Sue Todd |
| 10/26 | David Fenn |
| 10/29 | Janeane Hopkins |
| 10/30 | Eldon Zimmer |

Family Reunion Highlights



It's been great to receive all the thanks and appreciation from people who were able to be here for our "Family Reunion". But I tell each one that the thanks go to the wonderful committee who did at least 99% of the work. All I did was have an idea and some guidelines.

All the committee members were enthusiastic and each one chose a part of the program to be responsible for doing. From then on meetings were simply updates and suggestions.

Please be sure and thank this wonderful group: Ellen Drumm, Katy McGraw, KC Wittmer, Janet Mueller'

Cindy Kaman, Gail Burke ,Francesca Lendrum, Kathy Kirby, Patty Smith, Ann Pullano , Marcie Muntz, "Sara", and our wonderful kitchen committee- Deb Schippel and Chris Hakeman. If I've left out anyone's name I sincerely apologize.

It was definitely a "Miracle of Combined Effort"

Thank you all.

Rachel



LITTLE WONDERS PRESCHOOL

WELCOME BACK TO OUR LITTLE WONDERS CHILDREN AND TEACHERS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September Started "Big Play" and Chapel Time with Pastor Sara

At "big play", Children are encouraged to participate in a range of play-based learning opportunities with their peers. Play helps them to communicate, share and work together as a team.

At Chapel Time for the next few weeks, they will learn that God knows us, loves us, the Holy Spirit leads us, and we are all children of God.

ACADEMIC

This month the children started learning about colors. One color was chosen daily, they talked about that color and even wore that specific color to school!

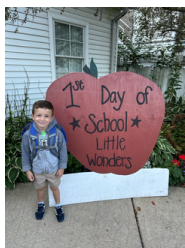
COMING UP

OCTOBER:

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HURON FIRE DEPARTMENT
VISITS.

10/30 -HARVEST PARTY





UPCOMING

Rummage Sale



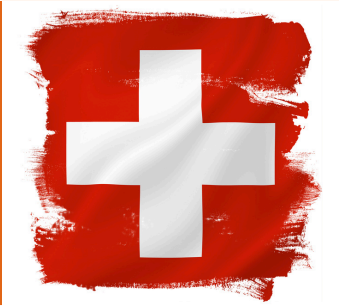
Save the Date!

PW's Autumn Rummage Sale will take place on October 5th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall during office hours starting on Monday, September 30th, after 2 pm. Volunteers are needed for sorting on Friday, October 4th, from 9 am to noon, during the sale, and for cleanup afterward.

The church office will be closed monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day



The Red Cross Blood Drive will be in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, October 22nd from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Fall Poetry Readings will take place Sunday, October 27th at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.





Filled by the Spirit, we fill the Church

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
1 Peter 4:10

Stewardship

Happy October, Church Family!

The year has flown by, and as fall arrives, so does the important conversation about Stewardship. This season, we are called to pledge our commitment to our Church by responsibly managing our resources, time, talent, and treasure—the gifts that God has graciously bestowed upon us. The generous contributions from past and present congregations are now entrusted to us, the current members, to care for and nurture as we plan projects for the upcoming year. As we learned last year, pledging is not just a financial act but a spiritual discipline that brings joy, celebration, and recognition of God's ongoing work through FPC Huron. From our community outreach programs like Monday lunches, enriching choral performances, and member support initiatives, to disaster relief efforts and helping those less fortunate, our Church continues to make a significant impact.

The finance committee is diligently working towards establishing a budget, and we invite everyone to reflect on their own budgets and what they can contribute to support the vibrant activity of our Church throughout the year. Pledge cards and letters are being prepared for mailing in the coming week, as we eagerly kick off the 2025 Pledge Drive on Sunday, October 13th. Please start bringing your pledge cards to services and drop them in the Pledge Box so that, together, we can faithfully fill up our Church with love, support, and generosity.

Usher Duty Updates

The Worship Committee has updated the ushering guidelines.

Included here are the primary responsibilities of ushering:

- Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. and unlock the parlor doors. There will be a labeled key for the door on a hook in the Treasurer's office closet**
- Please turn on the sanctuary lights and fans, and open the windows (weather permitting)**
- As worshippers arrive, please make sure they know where to pick up their bulletins**
- Please assist those who need help with seating
- Please ask visitors to complete the Pew Pads
- If anyone comes with young children, please provide parents with one of the children's activity bags
- During announcements, should anyone in the congregation wish to speak, please give them a portable microphone so they can be heard on our broadcast (even when they think their voice is loud enough to be heard!).
- Please circulate with Offering Plates at the appointed time during Worship
- Please take attendance and place the sheet in an Offering Plate
- Following the worship service, please turn off the lights and fans, and close the windows. If people are congregating in the sanctuary following worship, please encourage them to continue their conversations in Fellowship Hall
- Please collect Pew Pad sheets and Offering Plates and place them in the church office's safe. There is a key in the Treasurer's office closet if you need to unlock the office door
- Please lock the Parlor doors, and return the key to the Treasurer's office closet.

**Bob Kaman generally handles this responsibility, which applies only on Sundays when Bob is not in Worship. Please work with Bob on greeting and bulletins

If you have any questions, please speak to Cynthia Brown Mathews, Pastor Sara, Wendy Quinn, or Jann Glann. Thank you again for being an important part of our congregation!

