

September 2022



First Presbyterian Church E-News

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A Note from the Pastor

Things are revving up again as we get into the swing of fall busyness. It seems like every year we barrel forward and jump head first as our calendars flip to September. There are so many things to preoccupy us and keep us tirelessly searching for a spare moment.

As a church family, one difference we acknowledge is the gift of Sabbath. Sabbath is more than just the seventh day of rest in God's creation story - it is a grand pause and permission giving moment. There is a sacred stopping that allows us to see what God is doing not only around us, but also within us.

While the world gives status based on how much can be squished into a week, people of faith know that status cannot be earned and God has already claimed us, loved us, and shown us a different way. So, as we have our full calendars, perhaps we should be adding in just a little extra time and space for something that will help us through this season.

Sabbath can be done in so many ways; perhaps it's a quick centering prayer in your car, maybe it's a moment looking at the beauty of the changing seasons, or it could be making sure you get to worship or watch the service online. Whatever your Sabbath looks like, may it leave you restored and ready for whatever else is on your calendar. May this fall be filled with quiet moments of joy that allow you to grow in your faith and remember the words of Jesus, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Peace and Comfort,
Pastor Alison

A Note from the Clerk

August Session Committee Highlights

- September 11th at 11:00 AM we will gather for our fall worship service under the White Pine pavilion at Rocky Gap State Park. The church picnic will immediately follow the service. Sign up soon to bring a dish and plan to wear clothes suitable to the outdoor weather of a fall morning. Music and not too strenuous activities will be fun for all. Please plan to come to worship and picnic together.
- If you are an ordained elder who signed up to deliver home communion, plan to attend the training that will be held immediately after worship on September 18th.
- Looking ahead to the end of October, Congregational Care and Outreach anticipate haunting the parking lot for a Trunk or Treat evening coordinated with other community activities around Halloween. Consider how you can decorate your car trunk in a curious, scary or amusing way to add to the fun for the kids.
- The adult Sunday school class resumes on September 18th. Come to explore the Psalms and other lectionary scriptures weekly at 10:00 AM.
- Buildings and Grounds had several contractors finish projects this summer. The row of windows on the second floor above the parking lot have all been replaced and the new room being readied to house the library is almost ready for decorating. Ladies will find two new toilets of "comfort height" in the side hall restroom. The sanctuary air conditioning went out in mid-July causing us to endure several very warm Sunday mornings; but the parts were ordered and repairs made at a reasonable cost and in reasonable time.
- The organ rehabilitation is entering its final stage of work and moving through the project schedule without too many delays. The installation of the console is now anticipated to occur in the latter part of October. What a joy it will be to hear our music of the church seasons played on our vastly improved instrument!

Let us look forward to the approaching change of the seasons. As the temperatures cool down may our energy heat up for our church, our

community and our cares.

-Carolyn Mathews

Nurture

Joys and Concerns



September Birthdays

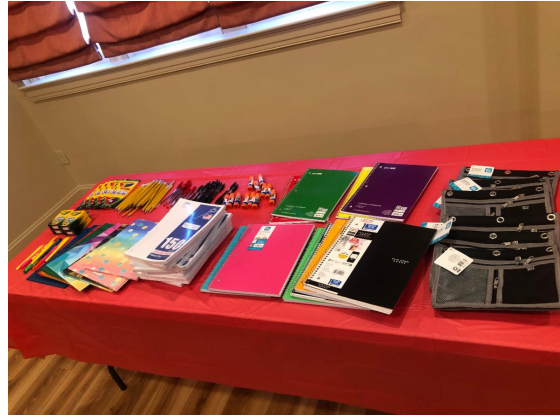
Betty Lange 1-Sep
Tim Workmeister 8-Sep
Amy Workman 9-Sep
Jim Williams 12-Sep
Penny Campbell 14-Sep
Robert Gamble 17-Sep
Ernie Casseday 21-Sep
Betty Luger 21-Sep
Elva Berry 22-Sep
Aaron Hendrickson 24-Sep
Carol Morgan 25-Sep
Cindy Corley 30-Sep

Thank You Notes to FPC

First Presbyterian South Dakota Learning Camp volunteers,

We would like to thank you for your participation in the South Dakota Learning Camp 2022. Your dedication is so very precious and important to our community.

Thanks again and we hope to see you next year!



Dear First Presbyterian Church Special Ministries & Congregation,

We are so thankful to you and your congregation for helping our children and their families prepare for school this year. We were excited to give the children the backpacks and supplies your congregation generously donated. Our PRP program they participate in is for those struggling with mental health issues and poverty. We truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this ministry and your work in helping these children and their families!

-Angela Greenwood
Community Outreach Coordinator
Maryland Wellness



**OUR FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE
BEGINS** next Sunday, September
11th with our Fall Kick-Off Worship
Service at Rocky Gap State Park in
the White Pine Pavilion. Worship
begins at 11:00 AM during the fall
months.

Learn and Grow

FAITH FORMATION

Autumn 2022

Adult Sunday School

Sunday Mornings - 10:00am
Beginning September 18th
Dakota Learning Room

Join us as we explore the Psalms and other lectionary scriptures together in our weekly adult Sunday School program. Learn, grow, and develop relationships with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

Weekend Retreat

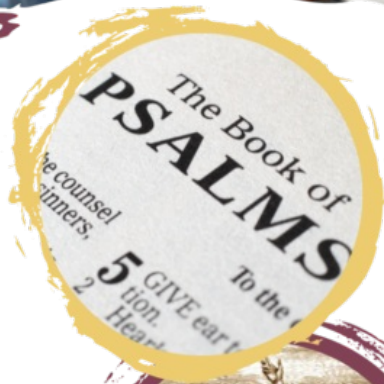
Friday, October 7th & Saturday October 8th
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Join Dr. Rosann Catalano to learn more about the book of Job.

The Franciscan Way

Thursday Evenings - 5:30pm
October 13th - November 17th
Gathering Place

Join Rev. Martha MacGill and Rev. Alison Peters in this 6 week course to learn more about spiritual practices for living with hope in a troubled world.



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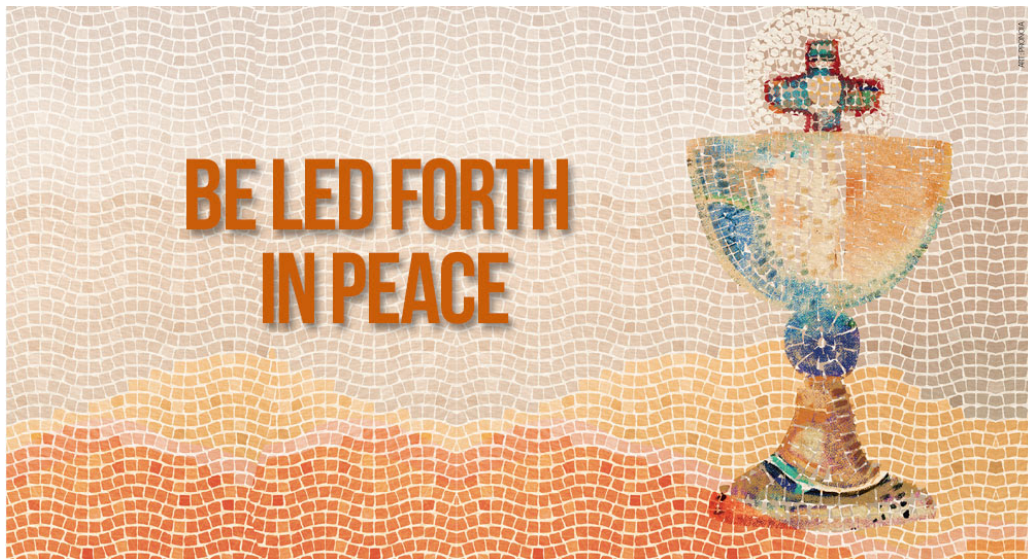
The Franciscan Way Study Thursday Evenings at 5:30PM October 13th-November 17th

Join Rev. Martha McGill & Rev. Alison Peters on Thursday evenings at 5:30 PM (October 13th-November 17th) in the Gathering Place at First Presbyterian Church for this 6 week study to learn more about spiritual practices for living with hope in a troubled world

[Click here to RSVP for the Weekend Retreat or the Franciscan Way Study.](#)

Opportunities to Serve

Peace & Global Witness Offering



It is that time of year when we in the congregation contribute to The Peace and Global Witness Offering. This Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

A gift to this Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by

addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Our portion of the monies collected will go to help support a program here in Cumberland, to be determined and announced after prayerful discussion. Our Baltimore Presbytery retains an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. This has been used for Dismantling Racism training in recent years. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please consider giving generously to this Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022. On your check, write to First Presbyterian Church, and in the memo line, write Special Offering

Worship with Us

Fall Kick-Off Picnic Sunday, September 11th at 11:00AM Rocky Gap State Park



Join us on Sunday, September 11th at Rocky Gap State Park for our Fall Kick-Off worship service. The service begins at 11:00 AM at the White Pine pavilion which is located right across from the sunflower field on Pleasant Valley Road. Attendees should wear comfortable clothes for the weather, especially socks as fall mornings under pine trees can be rather cool on the feet. Bring chairs for personal comfort. Plan to stay for a picnic potluck lunch and social time together. **There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway for people to sign up to bring food items,** and there will be outdoor activities such as; corn hole, giant bowling, and hula hoops. The Dodges will also play some music for the gathering afterwards.

Home Communion Training



On Sunday, September 18th following worship, we will have a training for home communion. If you are an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church and wish to help serve home communion, please call or e-mail Brittany and give her your name and contact information. We would like to begin serving home communion again this fall.

Save the Date: World Communion Sunday October 2, 2022



The Worship and Music Committee will be setting the communion table on Sunday, October 2nd with breads of the world set on cloth from around the globe. Please look through your linen closets and cedar chests for fabrics you have collected from other countries and loan them to us for that day. We will layer the communion table with them. Plexiglass will protect them from spills and crumbs. Label your fabrics with your name so we can be sure to return them to you the following week. If you have any interesting baskets that we can use to hold various breads please loan them to us for a few days and label with your name. Please drop off your fabrics and baskets in the volunteer office by Thursday, September 29th. Thank you.

In celebration of World Communion, our friend Veda Javaid Gill from Presbyterian Education Board will be sharing the pulpit and the Lord's Table as we learn more about the work of PEB together. We look forward to welcoming her and Laurie Gift Harris at our First Sunday Fellowship immediately following worship. Please plan to stay and learn more.

Upcoming Community Events



We look forward to seeing you!

SEPTEMBER
9, 10 & 11, 2022

2nd Annual

Teddy Bear Picnic

Awareness and Fundraising Event Benefiting **FREE**
Jane's Place

Saturday, September 24, 2022 **ADMISSION!**

11-3 Canal Place Festival Grounds

Variety of Merchandise
& Community Vendors

Music Express

The Beaner McKinley Band

Scott Alexander Music

Brickyard Folly

Character Appearances & Photos

LEGO Derby

Raffles

Joint Training Facility (free!)

Police & Fire Departments

MCCA Performance

Kick Masters Karate Demo Team

Yoga with Holly Harman

Outer Space @ Canal Place!

Bring the family, a blanket, & lawn chairs!

Jane's Place Chick-fil-A Picnic Meals \$10
while supplies last! Snow cones, cotton candy & More!



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