



OCTOBER – 2024

OCTOBER IS PASTOR

APPRECIATION MONTH

WORLD COMMUNION – OCT. 6!

Pastors appreciate your prayers

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me." That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Huston, Pastor Sharon, Bruce Williams, John Hayes, Kathy Hayes, Ken Hughes, Paula Gregory and Judie Shannon.

Bruce read from Jeremiah 51: 15-19. The section is called "Hymn of Praise". It stated that all idols are stupid. Their idols don't breathe, they aren't real. Our God is real and He sees, hears and love us. Just remember, any idol is stupid.

MINUTES:

Minutes were read.

Kathy motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Ken seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Laura said our finances are in pretty good shape and she had no other issues to bring forth. Ken made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kathy seconded. All in favor.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Sharon covered the UNITED name on the town church sign.

She stated that the Prayer Table was a success and seemed well received by those who stopped for prayer. We will do this again next NF days!

The Youth have been very active. They have had outings to Lynn Run, Buttermilk Falls, gone to a movie and spent time at "THE CABIN".

Malia, one of the former youth members, has now been moved to a more responsible leadership position. The adult leaders will guide her in this endeavor.

Sharon said she survived Scout Camp and it went well.

Sharon is now working on the Web-Site. She is working on a link for Sunday services. She also has 6 months of Newsletters on the site. She will continue to work on the site. Kathy mentioned how difficult it can be and it would be nice to have someone take over that responsibility.

Bible2School will begin on October 2nd. We will have 2nd and 3rd grades this year. We have teachers and a bus. We're praying for lots of kids to take advantage of this wonderful program.

Bible Study, "Unleashing the Holy Spirit in You" begins on Sept. 24th at 7:00 pm in the Welcome Area.

October 27 will be our Halloween Table from 2-4. We will have a DJ, candy, and Boba Tea. We will encourage those from the congregation to help out at the table.

November 8 – We will be having a "Game Night". Again, we hoping many will come and enjoy a fun evening with friends.

November 24 – Mininsterium Thanksgiving Service. The service will be here at 6:30.

SPRC:

Ken said all is well with the employees. No issues were brought forth. There will be a 3% increase across the board for all employees. Kathy motioned that we approve the salary increases. John seconded. All in favor.

MISSIONS:

We will have a Soup Sunday on October 20th.

Our Advent offering this year will be divided between the Youth and Pro Pappa.

The Mission tree will have socks and underwear for the students at Laurel Valley Elementary.

Mother's Hubbard Cupboard has been cleaned.

We need to have the items in the Fellowship Hall taken to the Woman's Shelter. It will be taken care of.

WORSHIP:

The congregation loves the new screens. We thank God for this blessing and all those who helped with this mission.

SCOUTS:

The older Scouts picked up trash around New Florence last week. A job well done. As fall returns, they will be gathering back together and continuing their meetings.

OLD:

Sharon will continue to use the phone to stream Sunday services. Scott said that the You-Tube method is not working well and requires too much work.

Ken is still working on the cameras. They still need some tweaking. Ken thinks the sensitivity needs adjusting.

John said that the old insurance company, Church Mutual, had some services that we had, such as monitors in the furnace room for water leaks, Pull for Police, etc. He asked if the new company has such features that we would be offered. These features were free with Church Mutual. Laura will check into this. John said he will remove them.

NEW:

Pastor Sharon said the Church Charge Meeting will be Oct. 7th at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. We will have an Elder present.

We will have some fund raising events every other month starting in December. They will be for one year only and will provide a cushion for some things we may need in the future.

Sharon said that the parsonage needs its walk through. John and Ken will schedule a time.

We also need to get an electrician to check the light in the crawl space. John has a few numbers. He will call.

John mentioned that he is working on getting a plaque for the flag pole. The plaque will read "In Memory of Fred Mack".

No other business.

Ken made a motion to adjourn at 8:09. John seconded. All in favor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER-

Bible2School- will start the beginning of October and we are looking for 2 teachers for 2nd grade. This is an EASY program to do and it will take you 2 hours per week (for the first month or two, by November or December we were about 90 min) Kids are at the church for barely an hour.

Sunday, Oct.27th . We will have our Halloween table from 2 4 pm. We will be handing out cookies, candy, cider, coffee (and we will be selling **Boba** drinks...ask your teens, they know exactly what that is). We also have a DJ for the afternoon. COME and join us and get to know the people of our area. The more we have helping the more fun there is.

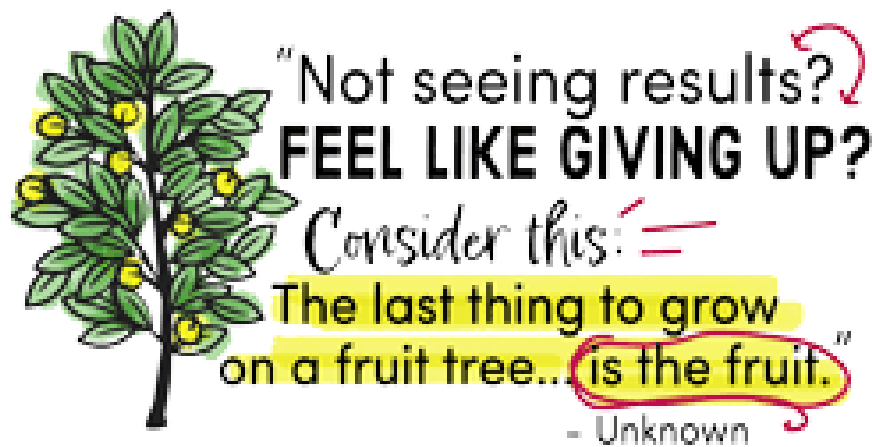
NOVEMBER-

Sunday the 18th after worship we will pack shoeboxes. Plan to stay for 20 minutes after worship and help us pack up boxes that will go across the globe to children in impoverished and/or war torn countries.

DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 22. We will have our **BLUE CHRISTMAS** service at 6:30 pm. This is a wonderful service that is truly for everyone. Need to relax.?, this service is for you. Mourning the loss of a loved one- this service will be a time to give comfort, mourning change in family traditions- this service address that as well

Tues. 24th7pm Christmas Eve service



CHANGE – FOR - CHANGE

JANUARY – ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION - \$75.40

FEBRUARY – SCOUTS - \$109.71

MARCH – NF LIBRARY - \$294.62

APRIL – FOUR FOOTED FRIENDS - \$173.05

MAY – COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL – \$97.38

JUNE – CUB SCOUTS – \$133.28

JULY – JOEY’S JACKETS - \$132.36

AUGUST – LINUS PROJECT - \$148.15

SEPT - INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Sermon Titles for OCTOBER

- OCTOBER 6 – KING DAVID TALKS TO GOD
OCTOBER 13 – GOD’S COVENANT WITH GOD
OCTOBER 20 – DEATH OF BATHSHEBA’S SON
OCTOBER 27 – SONG OF THANKSGIVING

THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER

A daughter had just helped her 90-year-old mother through the complex process of moving from and selling the family home. Now in a senior living center, the once-active woman was adjusting to her new surroundings and lifestyle. As the daughter finalized arrangements, she tactfully brought up matters of nutrition. Hoping her mom would accept some help, she asked, “What about Meals on Wheels?” Mom replied, “No, dear. I don’t think I can volunteer for them anymore.”

HUMBEL BEGINNINGS



True Christian religion does not begin at the highest as all other religions do, but at the lowest. Therefore whenever you are concerned to think and act about your salvation, you must put away all speculations about the Majesty, all thoughts of works, traditions and philosophy — indeed, of the Law of God itself. And you must run directly to the manger and the mother’s womb, embrace this Infant and Virgin’s Child in your arms, and look at Him — born, being nursed, growing up, going about in human society, teaching, dying, rising again, ascending above all the heavens, and having authority over all things. —Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*

OUR CHURCH

Tithing:

Thank you for being so faithful in your giving. Just a reminder that you can either send in your tithe (NFMCC, 196 9th Street, PO Box 267) or slip it under the door of the church office or even place it in the offering plates. Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pray that God blesses our church this fall with hope, peace and joy!

PRAYER OVER THE ELECTION

Be honest with God in your prayers. He knows everything anyhow and he loves you just the way you are!

Pray that we hear that gentle and soft voice of God directing our path. He is faithful.

God's promise to us is not the absence of storms, instead he promises His presence in the midst of every storm.

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

OCTOBER 6 – DANN JONES

OCTOBER 13 – KEN HUGHES

OCTOBER 20 – KATHY HAYES

OCTOBER 27 – PATTY ALBAUGH



If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please let us know and we will be happy to add you to the list!

PRAYER IS A VERY POWERFUL THING! WHEN WE PRAY TOGETHER, MIRACLES

LIVING OUT GRACE

Talk is cheap, especially when it comes to biblical concepts such as grace. How can people grasp the meaning of unmerited favor unless they experience it firsthand? That happened to Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul, in 2 Samuel 9. After his father was killed in battle, the disabled Mephibosheth hid in fear. Why? In Old Testament times, a new king killed the previous ruler's bloodline. But David, keeping a promise he'd made to his friend Jonathan, showed Mephibosheth "the kindness of God" (v. 3). Imagine the impact that had on Mephibosheth's life. By contrast, failing to live into God's grace and failing to give it out to others leads to many struggles, according to pastor David Seamands. "We read, we hear, we believe a good theology of grace," he wrote, but "that's not the way we live. The good news of the Gospel of

grace has not penetrated the level of our emotions." Instead, may we make a point each day to treat others with God's kindness and mercy.



PUMPKIN PRAYER

In *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, Liz Curtis Higgs uses kid-friendly analogies for the Christian life. Many parents now use a Pumpkin Prayer while carving jack-o-lanterns in October. What a great reminder about everything God has done for us!

- While cutting off the pumpkin top, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me shine your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)
- Display your carved pumpkins as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)























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Birthdays and Anniversaries

10 7 Carole Peters
10 9 Bruce Williams
10 10 Philip Fuller, Jr.
10 11 John Hayes
10 21 Nancy Trimble
10 22 Aubrey Ressler
10 25 Richard Wozniak
10 27 Helen Hannan
10 27 Charles O'Shell, Jr.
10 29 Kenneth Richards
10 31 Cameron McGinnis

10 2 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Johnstone
10 7 Mr. & Mrs. David Oberley
10 10 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Jobe
10 12 Mr. & Mrs. William Walch
10 15 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Gemas
10 16 Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Blankenbicker
10 16 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Zakucia
10 29 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Waugh

October Happenings

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 AA MEETIN 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	2 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL  GUARDIAN ANGEL DAY	3 SCOUTS 7:00  WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY	4  NATIONAL NAME YOUR CAR DAY!
 COMMUNION DAY	7 MISSIONS 1:00 CHARGE CONFERENCE 7:00	8 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	9 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL  NATIONAL BOLOGNA DAY	10 SCOUTS 7:00  CAKE DECORATING DAY	11  EGG DAY
 PUMPKIN PIE DAY	14  PUMPKIN PIE DAY	15 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	16 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL  MEATLOAF DAY	17 SCOUTS 7:00  OCTOPUS DAY	18  BOSS'S DAY
 CUCKOO DAY! STAY AND SHIP!	21 COUNCIL 7:00 NATIONAL MAMMOGRAM DAY	22 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	23 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL  NATIONAL APPLE DAY	24 SCOUTS 7:00  NUT DAY	25  MOTHER IN LAW DAY
 CANDY CORN DAY	28  OATMEAL DAY	29 AA MEETING 12:00 BELLS 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00	30 BIBLE 2 SCHOOL  CANDY CORN DAY	31 SCOUTS 7:00  HAPPY HALLOWEEN	