

FAITH MATTERS

October 2023



Pastor Scott's Musings



October brings with it World Communion Sunday. It is a communion service that I enjoy, not because it looks any different than any other month, but because it feels different. There is some intangible depth of feeling solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world that is brought to fullness in knowing we are all celebrating together through the very tangible elements at the table. As I have been preparing my heart for that day, it has me pondering the communion of the saints. The word communion implies a deep, intimate connection with another spiritually.

Being in communion with Christ means having an intimate spiritual relationship with our Savior.

The communion of the saints means we share that same bond with each other as we have with Jesus. That has been a struggle for the Body of Christ since the very beginning. Our fallen human nature automatically puts us at odds with one another. Whether it is over what to do with the Gentile Christians, indulgences, types of baptism, or social injustices, the Church has found itself in a state of perpetual disagreement.

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Jesus knew that this would be the case. Even if He had not been the Son of God, He only had to look at human history to see the evidence. That is why He prayed in His High Priestly Prayer in John 17:20-23, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that **they may all be one**, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that **they may be one even as We are one**, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent me and loved them even as You loved me." (emphasis mine)

My prayer this October is that we might take the time to become one, not just as a body that celebrates communion all over the world, but as a body that becomes unified in its mission to bring the Gospel to all regardless of their past or present circumstances and in view of the grace given through Christ Jesus with an eye to their future in eternity. May we truly be the communion of the saints.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Scott



And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

ACTS 2:42-43

Operation Christmas Child



Good news. Great joy.

YOUR BOX IS WAITING IN THE NARTHEX!

October 1, 2023 (Communion)

Sermon Title: Empowered Discipleship: Confession

Scripture: James 5:13-16

Focal Verse: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." v. 16.

Synopsis: Confession is an integral part of the growth of a disciple. It holds us accountable to God and to one another.



Special Notes: World Communion Sunday

October 8, 2023

Sermon Title: Empowered Discipleship: Fellowship

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

1 John 1:5-10

Focal Verse: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." v. 42.

Synopsis: Fellowship is vital to our spiritual development toward our maturity as disciples of Christ. There are two aspects of fellowship. Fellowship with Christ and fellowship with one another.

October 15, 2023

Sermon Title: Empowered Discipleship: Fasting

Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18

Focal Verse: "Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord." Joel 1:14.

Synopsis: Fasting is designed to draw us into closer fellowship with our God so that we might be able to discern His will more clearly and more readily obey His call on our lives.

October 22, 2023

Sermon Title: Empowered Discipleship: Gratitude

Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-28

Focal Verse: "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." vv. 28-29.

Synopsis: Alongside love, gratitude is a hallmark of a believer in Christ Jesus. We grow toward spiritual maturity when we live a life of gratitude marked by our awe at what God has done for us through His Son and what He has given us.

October 29, 2023

Sermon Title: The Craftiness of God

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:19-23

Exodus 2:23-25

Focal Verse: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: 'He catches the wise in their craftiness.'" 1 Corinthians 3:19.

Synopsis: No matter how hopeless we feel, or how powerful the enemy appears, we can trust that God will NEVER abandon His love and promises for us when we remember God's ultimate wisdom in the foolishness of the cross.

Special Notes: Reformation Sunday; Rev. Bob Hedges preaching.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24



BIRTHDAYS

10/03 - Cheri Randall

10/04 - Michael Perry

10/04 - TJ Spruill

10/05 - Rick Jacobs

10/07 - Natalie Perry

10/14 - McKayla Rollison

10/16 - Mary Britko

10/16 - Ellen Krepps

10/28 - Roman McDowell

10/31 - Stacey Pegarm



ANNIVERSARIES

10/07 - Harriet Dilly

10/27 - Cara & Rich Zipko

MAKE US ONE

JESUS CULTURE

One with the Father
One with the Spirit
One with the Son of God
One with our sister
One with our brother
One family by the blood

Make us one
Make us one
Your will be done
Make us one

One heart with heaven
One mind connected
One body unified
Bind us together
Now and forever
Jesus be glorified

Make us one
Make us one
Your will be done
Make us one
Oh, make us one
Make us one
Your will be done
Oh, make us one

We confess all our offenses
We confess we've been afraid
We repent of all the pride
Let all the hurt be washed away
For all the wars and violence
Against our enemies
Come heal our land with Your great river
Restore the family

And make us one
Make us one
Your will be done
Make us one
Oh, make us one
Make us one
Let Your kingdom come
Make us one
Oh, make us one

As we sing this again
Let it be a declaration
Over you, over your family
Over your Churches; over this nation
ultimately

And our prayer is that God will be
The Head, He will be the center of His
Church again
That every wall will be torn down
There will be no more division, no more
strive
Amen!

Do we believe that tonight?
Can we just lift our hands?
Father, that's our cry
That You would make us one
That You will unify us through Your spirit
That You'll be glorified again through Your
body

Make us one
Make us one
Your will be done
Make us one
Make us one
Make us one
Your will be done
Make us one
Make us one
Make us one
Your will be done
Make us one
Oh, make us one
Make us one
That Your will be done
Make us one

We confess all our offenses
We confess we've been afraid
We repent of all the pride
Let all the hurt be washed away
For all the wars and violence
Against our enemies
Come heal our land with Your great river
Restore the family

And make us one
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Let Your kingdom come
Make us one
Oh, make us one



*You yourselves like
living stones are being
built up as a spiritual
house, to be a holy
priesthood, to offer
spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.*

*For it stands in
Scripture:
"Behold, I am laying in
Zion a stone,*

*a cornerstone chosen
and precious,
and whoever believes in
him will not be put to
shame."*

*So the honor is for you
who believe, but for those
who do not believe,
"The stone that the
builders rejected
has become the
cornerstone."*

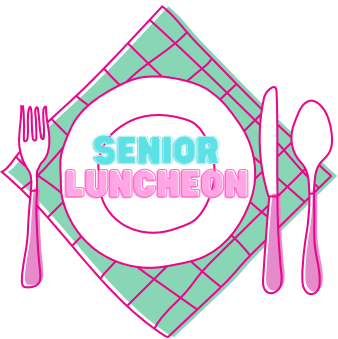
1 PETER 2:5-7

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Something New is Coming!

In January, we will transition from morning Sunday School into evening Messy Church. There are three online training session in October.

Explore more at messychurchusa.org.



Senior luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 4, at noon in the Fellowship Hall.



Join us Friday, October 13, at 6:00 PM as we gather around our fleet of fire Pitts! We'll chow down on some yummy nachos and ooey gooey s'mores! We'll have popcorn, drinks, and a fun activity. Grab your friends, a chair and get ready for a fun-filled night.

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ACTS 2:42-43

Attention Dartball players.



Our new season started on September 5th. We are looking for some new players. If you are interested in playing this season please contact Fred Allen



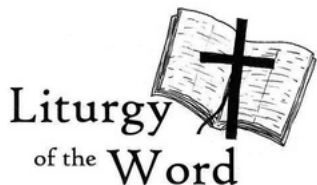
PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women

All women are invited to join the group on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us on October 3, at 6:30 PM and “Taste and see that the Lord is good.” (Psalm 34:8) We will journey culinary and spiritual adventure.



October - Brian Daetwyler



October 1 - Karen Hanes
October 8 - Brian Deatwyler
October 15 - Pam Koppes
October 22 - Bob Dilly
October 29 - Colleen Dille



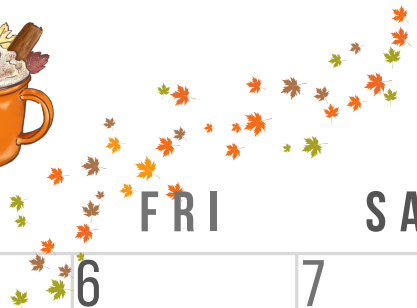
October 1 - Pam Koppes
October 8 - Tammy Varner
October 15 - Harriet Dilly
October 22 - Colleen Dille
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*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

October 2023



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<p>1</p> <p>9:15 AM - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Worship</p> <p>5:30 PM - FROG Youth</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 PM - PW Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM - Dartball</p> <p>Cheri Randall</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 PM - Senior Luncheon</p> <p>4:30 PM - Choir Practice</p> <p>5:30 PM - Nominating Committee Mtg.</p> <p>7:00 PM - N.A.</p> <p>Michael Perry</p> <p>TJ Spruill</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00 PM - Worship Committee</p> <p>Rick Jacobs</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM - N.A.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Natalie Perry</p> <p>Harriet & Bob Dilly</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:15 AM - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Worship</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM - Garden Club Board</p> <p>7:00 PM - Dartball</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30 PM - Choir Practice</p> <p>5:30 PM - Bylaws Task Force</p> <p>7:00 PM - N.A.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM - PW Fall Gathering @ Faith</p> <p>5:45 PM - Trustees</p> <p>6:30 PM - Session</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 PM - Harvest Hootenanny.</p> <p>7:00 PM - N.A.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>McKayla Rollison</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 AM - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Worship</p> <p>5:30 PM - FROG Youth</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mary Britko</p> <p>Ellen Krepps</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00AM - Garden Club</p> <p>7:00 PM - Dartball</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:30 PM - Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM - N.A.</p> <p>8:00 PM - Communications</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM - N.A.</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:15 AM - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Worship</p> <p>11:30 PM - C.E.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 PM - Mission & Fellowship</p> <p>Pastor Scott on Vacation</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM - Dartball</p> <p>Pastor Scott on Vacation</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:30 PM - Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM - N.A.</p> <p>Pastor Scott on Vacation</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pastor Scott on Vacation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM - N.A.</p> <p>Pastor Scott on Vacation</p> <p>Cara & Rich Zipko</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>4:00 PM - Trunk or Treat</p> <p>Pastor Scott on Vacation</p> <p>Roman McDowell</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 AM - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Worship</p> <p>3:30 PM - PSC Friends Dinner</p> <p>Pastor Scott on Vacation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 PM - Mission & Fellowship</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 PM - Dartball</p> <p>Stacey Pegram</p> 