

NEWLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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October has become my cleaning out month. I was encouraged by the women of the church (THANK YOU) who cleaned out the attic where we store our decorations in September. They shared all the goodies that were found, and many plastic storage totes were available.

So, with many plastic storage totes in hand, I ramped up to clean my second floor, where my kids had left all their stuff. I also tackled my many projects that I have started but never finished. They all have a tote now, and I can easily find what I am looking for, and want to work on.

As I was getting the totes, and lugging them up the stairs, I wondered what else I need to clean out? Do I have clothes that are not worn, pans that I never use, garbage that is just taking up space in the house? Then I went further. Do I have things that are separating me from my family, my friends, my God? Have I built walls that separate me or others from my best, my willingness, or ability to share? If so, how do I remove those walls?

So I looked to the Bible. In our day, we marvel at the walls that divided people in the first century. Women/men, slave/free, Jew/Gentile. Yet, we have walls of our own, and some of them stand just as tall. Many still reject their neighbor based on religion and nationality. Although the divide between men and women is considerably smaller, most women would say it still exists. We no longer have slavery in most of the world, but we still have an enormous gulf between the rich and the poor.

We have created other divisions in the United States. If we watch the news, we would conclude that one of the biggest is between liberal and conservative or between Democrat and Republican. How could things so different be one? To understand how this can be so, we must turn away from what humanity did to build these walls to what Christ did to tear them down.

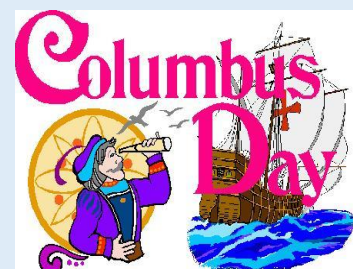
Jesus came to redefine us. Before He came, we defined ourselves according to who we were, what we had, what we believed, and what we did. These were the old measures of self, and if who you are, what you have, what you believe, or what you do differed from me, there was apt to be a wall between us. The dividing walls came from self. Christ came to give a new measure of who we are, and that measure would transcend the differences between us. The new measure is Christ, who He is and what He has done.

Christ's act of sacrifice assigned a value to our lives. His deeds, not our own, became the measure of our worth. Unlike the finite deeds of humanity, His act was an infinite act, and thus our worth has become immeasurable. But that is just the half of it. Christ, in dying and rising from the grave, tied who we are to Who He is. We have all heard teachings about finding our identity in Christ.

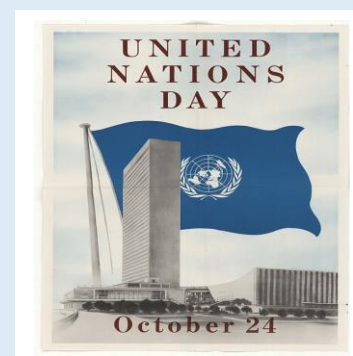
Usually, we define our new identity in terms of good and evil. We were bad but Christ made us good. Yet, this definition falls short. Christ identified with us, so we could identify with Him. We share in His identity. His death and resurrection tied who we are to Who He is. We don't have to look at self to find out who we are. Rather, we must turn away from self and look at Christ. Only in knowing Him do we find out who we are.

What do you think?

**Leigh



Prayer Requests



October

OCTOBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 2nd

Semicontinuous: Lam. 3:19-26

Ps. 137;

Complementary: Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Ps. 37:1-9;

Tim. 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 9th

Semicontinuous: Jer. 29:1, 4-7

Ps. 66:1-12;

Complementary: 2 Kgs. 5:1-3, 7-15c

Ps. 111;

2 Tim. 2:8-15;

Luke 17:11-19

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 16th

Semicontinuous: Jer. 31:27-34

Ps. 119-97-104:

Complementary: Gen. 32:22-31

October 16th cont:

Ps. 121;

2 Tim. 3:14-4:5;

Luke 18:1-8

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23rd

Semicontinuous: Joel 2:23

Ps. 65;

Complementary: Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22

Ps. 84:1-7;

2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 30th

Semicontinuous: Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Ps. 119:137-144;

Complementary: Isa. 1:10-18

Ps. 32:1-7;

2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12;

Luke 19:1-10

FYI

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! This is a good time to thank the pastor in any way you feel comfortable. The Session thanks Pastor Leigh for her ministry this past year and continued God's guidance in these difficult times.

The PW Fall Gathering and Thank Offering will be held October 6, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. A dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert will be served. Please remember to bring your Thank offering.

Come and shop at the First Presbyterian Church of Croswell Market Place and Bake Sale, October 22, 9-2. Lunch 11 - 1. Something for everyone.

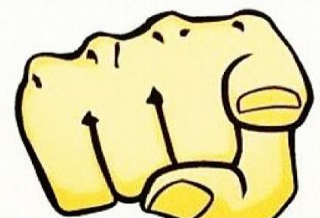
Croswell Presbyterian Women Handmade Queen Quilt raffle. Drawing, October 22, 2022. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for a chance to win.

The PW decided that we would continue with the Operation Christmas Child mission. We will donate funds to the mission instead of putting together the shoeboxes. A suggested donation is \$25.00 however any amount will be appreciated. We will collect donations at any time through November 20, 2022. Money should be given to Gayla Todd or Pam O'Connor. If possible please put in an envelope marked Operation Christmas Child. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this mission.

New Address for:

Freida Reynolds
5340 Anchor Road,
Laramie, Wyoming 82070
Phone: 810 204-0644

**WHO IS THE
MOST AWESOME
PERSON TODAY?**



SPECIAL DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER 1

International Coffee Day
International Day for the Elderly
International Frugal Fun Day
National Homemade Cookies Day
World Card Making Day

OCTOBER 2

Name Your Car Day
World Farm Animals Day

OCTOBER 3

National Boyfriends Day
Oktoberfest
Techies Day

OCTOBER 4

National Golf Day
National Frappe Day
Yom Kippur

OCTOBER 5

Do Something Nice Day
National Kale Day
World Teachers Day

OCTOBER 6

Come and Take it Day
Mad Hatter Day

OCTOBER 7

Bald and Free Day
International Walk to School Day
World Smile Day

OCTOBER 8

American Touch Tag Day
National Motorcycle Ride Day

OCTOBER 9

Curious Events Day
Fire Prevention Day
Moldy cheese Day

OCTOBER 10

Canadian Thanksgiving Day
Columbus Day
Indigenous People Day
National Angel Food Cake Day

OCTOBER 11

International Day of the Girl Child
It's My Party Day

OCTOBER 12

Cookbook Launch Day
Old Farmer's Day
Moment of Frustration Day
National Gumbo Day
National Take Your Parents to Lunch Day
Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day

OCTOBER 13

International Skeptics Day

OCTOBER 14

Be Bald and Free Day
National Dessert Day
World Egg Day

OCTOBER 15

Sweetest Day
White Cane Safety Day

OCTOBER 16

Dictionary Day

OCTOBER 17

Bosses Day
National Pasta Day
Wear Something Gaudy Day

OCTOBER 18

National Meatloaf Appreciation Day
No Beard Day

OCTOBER 19

Evaluate Your Life Day

OCTOBER 20

Brandied Fruit Day
International Chef's Day

OCTOBER 21

Babbling Day
Count Your Buttons Day
International Nacho Day
National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day

OCTOBER 22

Make a Difference Day
National Fossil Day
National Nut Day
Smart is Cool Day

OCTOBER 23

Mother In-law Day
National Mold Day

OCTOBER 24

National Bologna Day
United Nations Day

OCTOBER 25

Howl at the Moon Night
International Artist Day
Punk for a Day Day
World Pasta Day

OCTOBER 26

National Mincemeat Day

OCTOBER 27

Black Cat Day
National Tell a Story Day
Navy Day

OCTOBER 28

Frankenstein Friday
Plush Animal Lover's Day

OCTOBER 29

Hermit Day
National Cat Day
National Frankenstein Day

OCTOBER 30

National Candy Corn Day
Mischievous Night

OCTOBER 31

Carve a Pumpkin Day
Increase Your Psychic Powers Day
HALLOWEEN

WEEK EVENTS

Wk 1 Get Organized Week
Customer Service Week
Wk 2 Fire Prevention Week
Pet Peeve Week
Wk 3 Pastoral Care Week

MONTHLY EVENTS

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
American Cheese Month
Apple Jack Month
Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Clergy Appreciation Month
Cookie Month
East County Ham Month
National Pizza Month
National Popcorn Poppin Month
Sarcastic Month
Seafood Month



WORLDWIDE COMMUNION

Sunday October 2, 2022

SESSION UPDATE

A Stated meeting was held on Tuesday September 20, 2022. The following items were approved/discussed:

Next Session meeting will be Tuesday October 11, 2021 @ 7 PM. All are invited to attend.

- Approve minutes from session meeting on Tuesday August 9, 2022
- Clerk review of minutes and church register to be completed on October 24, 2022
- Approve changes and updates to Manual of Operation (located in the church secretary office)
- Pulpit Supply for 10/9 and 10/16 will be Sam McKim
- Insurance change from Guide One Insurance to Farm Bureau Insurance is complete
- PW having Fall Gathering Thursday October 6, 2022 at 6 PM
- 2023 Per Capita for Presbytery set at \$29.87/member
- Approve Baptism for Jack Matthew Berry for Sunday October 30, 2022

Sally Pomeroy, Clerk of Session

From your little Library in the corner....

"Jesus never traveled more than 100 miles from his birthplace during his three-year ministry, yet his life changed the world. If you haven't visited these sites where much of Jesus' earthly life took place, this video might be the next best thing." From Where Jesus Walked (a video cassette). (Orange Dot)

"Once upon a time in a sunny valley, there lived a little lamb named Joshua. He was white with black spots, black feet, and...sad eyes. Josh felt sad when he saw the other lambs with snow-white wool and no spots. H felt sad when he saw the other sheep with their moms and dads because he didn't have a mom or dad. But he felt saddest when he saw the other lambs running and jumping, because he couldn't." Read the rest of the story to find out what God has in mind for this sad little lamb! From The Crippled Lamb, by Max Lucado with Jenna, Andrea, & Sara Lucado. (Yellow Dot – Children)

Do you know the difference between Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jehovah's Witnesses, New Age, Mormonism, and other religions and belief systems of the world?? If not, this may be a good book for you! So What's the Difference: A Look at 20 Worldviews, Faiths and Religions and How They Compare to Christianity, by Fritz Ridenour. (Beige Dot – Christianity)

Happy fall reading!!!!

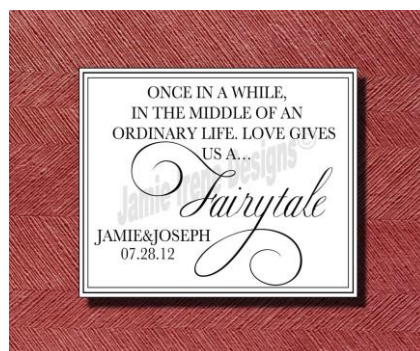
Happy
Birthday

October Birthdays

2nd	Tom Damon
5th	Kim Young
	Bill O'Connor
11th	Ann McLane
14th	Ann Matthews
15th	Alan Bradbury
18th	Sharron Lusher
	John Matthews
20th	Carlene Black
24th	Tatiana Repp



October Anniversary's



Dates to Remember



OCTOBER 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5 PW Meeting, 10 a.m.	6 PW Fall Gathering & Thank Offering @6:00 pm	7	8
9 Sam McKim Pulpit Supply	10 Columbus Day 	11	12	13	14	15
16 Sam McKim Pulpit Supply	17	18	19	20	21	22 First Presbyterian Church Holiday Market Place. 9-2, Lunch 11-1
23 30	24 United Nations Day 31 Happy Halloween	25	26	27	28	29

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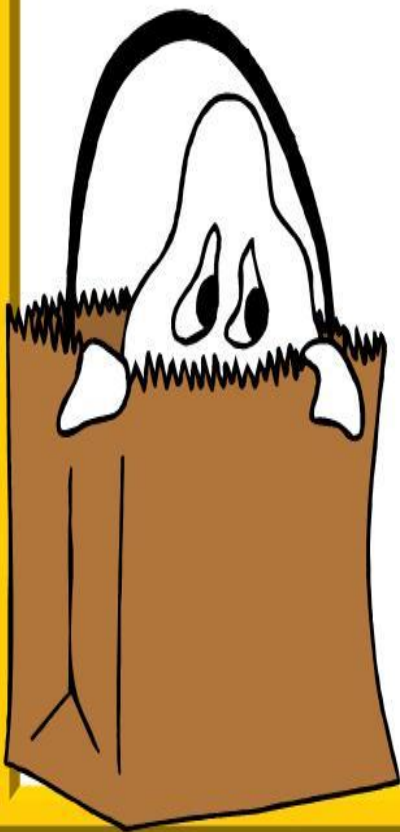
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