

NEWLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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Busy But Not Burdened

What an amazing couple of months of activity August and September has been! College students returned to their campuses. Children and youth returned to classes locally. Cros-Lex Football Camp. Cros-Lex Marching Band practices. Bach Music Festival. Family reunions. One room school reunions. Annual sugar beet harvest. Last visits to cottages and cabins up north. High school football games. Croswell Fair. Harness racing. Thumbfest. Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair. Antique Yard Trail Sale. Car shows. Cros-Lex High School Homecoming.

We are in the middle of a wonderful season of busyness at First Presbyterian Church. A large, well-attended memorial service for the late Michael Todd was held at our church. The roof over the Frostic Room was repaired. An air quality study was conducted of the inside of the church, and recommendations from the study are being implemented. Sunday School resumed. Musicians with the Bach Festival performed during one of our worship services. Ron and Ann Erickson were received as Affiliate Members. Alex Neal is preparing to confirm his faith and will be received as an Active Member of the church. The Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering will happen soon. The Presbyterian Women Fall Marketplace will follow. The process of nominating church members for leadership positions in the year 2025 has begun. First steps are being taken in preparing for the church's Annual Meeting. The choir of the church has resumed singing during worship services. And we are seeing an increase in the number of children going forward in the Sanctuary during worship services for the *Time With Children*.

But just because we are busy, does not mean that we need to be burdened. Jesus said: *"Come to Me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11: 28-30)

A yoke is a wooden beam used between a pair of oxen or other animals to enable them to pull together on a load. Jesus was saying that like a pair of oxen, connected to each other by a yoke, who together pull heavy loads alongside each other, Jesus pulls alongside us. So we do not toil alone, in these church projects and responsibilities. You need not be overwhelmed by your service with the church. Envision Jesus pulling the load alongside you.

Thank you for your faithful service with First Presbyterian Church!

Bill Wright
Pastor

PASTOR ON CALL

Pastor Bill Wright is available to visit church members anytime, anywhere, either for emergency situations or casual conversations. Feel free to call Bill at (810) 858-7033

October 2024



Prayer Requests

People who live in the areas where hurricane Helene has caused much damage and flooding and mudslides. For all those without power

Debbie Glombowski who recently had back surgery

All those going through surgeries, tests and treatments.

Military and their families as war continues overseas.

Those suffering from natural disasters, displacement and loss from severe weather.

Prayers for linemen and first responders. Prayers for those we hold silent in our heart.



October Quotes

"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October."

— Nathaniel Hawthorne

"In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October, when the trees are bare to the mild heavens, and the red leaves bestrew the road, and you can feel the breath of winter, morning and evening—no days so calm, so tenderly solemn, and with such a reverent meekness in the air."

— Alexander Smith

"My beloved October has returned—with its brilliant colors, cool temperatures and sunny, cloudless, azure skies, and I must enjoy it before it escapes for another year."

— Peggy Toney Horton, *Somewhere in Heaven My Mother Is Smiling*

"Autumn serenades the breeze into dancing a cha cha cha; the mountains echo in the background. October sky never looked more charming nor the sublime leaves of the trees so graceful."

— Avijeet Das

"This is October for me. Withdrawing into my own world, blocking out everything except the beauty of the season, my reflections, and my relationship with God, I find that this is enough to sustain me through the long cold winter, and beyond..."

— Peggy Toney Horton, *Somewhere in Heaven My Mother Is Smiling*

"After the keen still days of September, the October sun filled the world with mellow warmth...The maple tree in front of the doorstep burned like a gigantic red torch. The oaks along the roadway glowed yellow and bronze. The fields stretched like a carpet of jewels, emerald and topaz and garnet. Everywhere she walked the color shouted and sang around her."

— Elizabeth George Speare, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*

"Yet, I can face the winter with calm. I suppose I had forgotten what it was really like. I had been thinking of the winter as a horrid wet, dreary time fit only for professional football. Now I can see other things—crisp and sparkling days, long pleasant evenings, cheery fires. Good work shall be done this winter. Life shall be lived well. The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October..."

— A.A. Milne, "A Word for Autumn"

Bible Verses for October

Psalm 27:1 - "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

Philippians 4:6-7 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:28 - "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Matthew 6:33-34 - "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

2 Timothy 1:7 - "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

Psalm 34:8 - "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

Colossians 3:23-24 - "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Hebrews 11:1 - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

I hope these verses bring you comfort and inspiration throughout the month!

Symbolism and Spiritual Teachings

Connected to October

October holds deep symbolism and spiritual teachings that resonate with transitions, introspection, and growth. Let's delve into the profound meanings associated with this transformative month.

The Meaning Behind the Falling Leaves

As you observe the falling leaves during October, remember that nature mirrors our own cycles of shedding the old to make way for new growth. Just like trees release their leaves in preparation for winter, you too can let go of what no longer serves you. Embrace this season as a time for releasing negativity, decluttering your life, and making space for fresh opportunities to blossom.

The Significance of October's Full Moon

During October's full moon, known as the Hunter's Moon or Blood Moon, ancient traditions view it as a powerful time for reflection and manifestation. Harness the energy of this lunar phase to set intentions, amplify your desires, and seek clarity on your spiritual path. Use this auspicious moment to meditate, journal your thoughts, or engage in rituals that align with your deepest aspirations.

Embrace the wisdom embedded in October's symbolism and spiritual teachings to navigate personal transformations with grace and intentionality. Let this month be a beacon of light guiding you towards inner growth and alignment with your higher self.

Practices to Enhance Spiritual Awareness in October

Embrace these practices to deepen your spiritual connection during the transformative month of October.

Meditation and Reflection Practices

Engage in daily meditation sessions to center yourself amidst the changing energies of October. Find a quiet space, sit comfortably, close your eyes, and focus on your breath. Allow thoughts to come and go without judgment, embracing a sense of inner peace and clarity. Reflect on the symbolism of falling leaves as a reminder to release what no longer serves you, making room for new growth and opportunities in your life.

Community and Fellowship Activities

Participate in community gatherings or spiritual events that align with your beliefs during this sacred month. Join group meditations, attend workshops or seminars, or volunteer for a cause that resonates with your values. Engaging with like-minded individuals can enhance your spiritual journey by fostering connections, sharing wisdom, and collectively raising positive vibrations. Embrace the supportive energy of community gatherings to amplify your spiritual awareness and growth in October.

Transformative Experiences Shared by Individuals

Reflecting on personal encounters during October, you may find stories of profound inner growth and spiritual awakening. For instance, someone might share how the crisp autumn air inspired them to let go of past grievances, leading to a sense of liberation and renewal. Another individual might narrate how witnessing the changing colors of leaves prompted them to embrace change in their life with grace and acceptance.

How October Influences Spiritual Practices

During October, your spiritual practices can be deeply influenced by the energy of the season. Many find that meditating outdoors surrounded by nature's autumnal beauty enhances their connection to the divine within themselves. Engaging in rituals that focus on releasing negativity aligns well with the shedding of leaves from trees, symbolizing letting go of what no longer serves you. Participating in community gatherings or volunteering can foster a sense of unity and compassion, enriching your spiritual experience during this transformative month.

Conclusion

Let October be a time where you nurture your spirit and embrace growth with open arms.



SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER

Oct. 1

National Hair Day
National Lace Day
Willy Wonka Day
National Walk Your Dog Day

Oct 2

Guardian Angels Day
Name Your Car Day
National Pumpkin Seed Day
National Smarties Day

Oct 3

Bring Your Bible To School Day

Oct 4

National Toco Day
Vodka Day
World Smile Day

Oct 5

Get Funky Day
National Play Outside Day

Oct 6

Pickle Day
National Noodle Day

Oct 7

National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day
National Forgiveness Day
World Cotton Candy Day

Oct 8

Microwave Oven Day
National Salmon Day

Oct 9

National Take Your Parents To Lunch Day
Walk & Roll To School Day

Oct 10

Hug A Drummer Day
National Handbag Day
Squid & Cuttlefish Day

Oct 11

National Family Bowling Day
World Egg Day
Yon Kippur

Oct. 12

Burgoon Day
Drink Local Wine Day
Columbus Day
International Momen of Frustration
Scream Day

Oct. 13

Father-Daughter Day
National Chess Day
National No Bra Day
Silly Sayings Day

Oct. 14

National Real Sugar Day
Spider-Man Day

Oct. 15

National Cheese Curd Day
National Grouch Day
Global Handwashing Day

Oct. 16

Bra Day
National Boss's Day
World Food Day

Oct. 17

National Pasta Day
Pay Back A Friend Day
Wear Something Gaudy Day

Oct. 18

Meatloaf Appreciation Day
International Legging Day

Oct. 19

Sweetest Day
The Whole Hog Barbeque Day

Oct. 20

Croc Day
National Sunday School teacher
Appreciation Day

Oct. 21

National Witch Hazel Day
National clean Your Virtual Desktop
Day
Reptile Awareness Day

Oct. 22

National Tex Mex Day
Smart is Cool Day

Oct 23

National Mole Day
International Print Day
IPod Day

Oct 24

Food Day
Read for The Record Day
United Nations Day

Oct 25

Chucky The Notorious Killer Doll Day
Frankenstein Friday
Global Champagne Day
Sourest Day
National Breadstix Day

Oct. 26

Howl at The Moon Night
Make A Difference Day
Mule Day
National Chicken Fried Steak Day
Hogeye Day

Oct t. 27

Black Cat Day
Cranky Co-workers Day
Mother-in-Law Day
National Mentoring Day

Oct. 28

Champagne Day
Childcare Superhero Day

Oct. 29

National Hermit Day
Snowmobile Day

Oct. 30

Devil's Night
Haunted Refrigerator Night
National candy Corn Day

Oct. 31

Beggar's Night
Halloween
National Caramel Apple Day
Magic Day
World Savings Day

WEEK EVENTS

Wk.1 No Salt Wk
Getting The World To Beat A Path
To Your Door Wk
Universal Children's Wk
Wk 2 Great Books Wk
National Work from Home Wk
Kid's Goal Setting Wk
Wk 3 Teen Read Wk
Apple Butter Days
National School Lunch Wk
Wk 4 Rodent Awareness Wk
Kids Care Wk
Red Ribbon Wk

MONTHLY EVENTS

Bat Appreciation Month
Eat Better, Eat Together Month
Go Hog Wild Month
I'm Just Me Because Month
National Chili Month
Popcorn Popin Month
Toilet Tank Repair Month
Spinach Lovers Month
Sausage Month



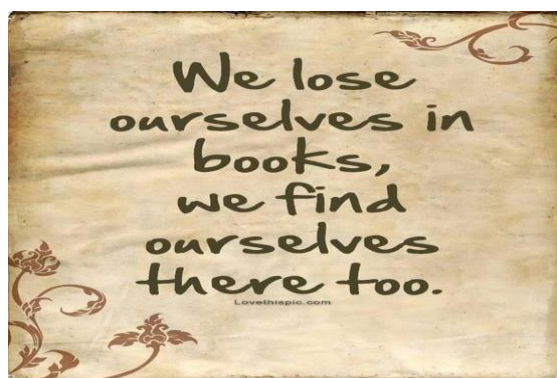
From your little Library in the corner....

“Do you remember the hospital, Colton?’ Sonja said. ‘Yes, Mommy, I remember,’ he said. ‘That’s where the angels sang to me.’ When Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren’t expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed – a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy’s trip to heaven and back.” From *Heaven is for Real*, by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent. ([Blue Dot](#) – Christianity)

“A wagging tail. A goofy, floppy-tongued smile. An excited bark when your keys jingle in the door. Dogs are truly one of God’s finest creatures*, a marvelous gift for us humans.” So curl up on your couch (with your doggy friend) and enjoy this collection of true stories that celebrate the dogs in our lives! From *The Dog Next Door*, edited by Callie Smith Grant. ([Golden Beige Dot](#) – Self-Help)

*Editor’s note: Second only to cats!!

“Larry the Cucumber is Minnesota Cuke, a children’s museum curator and part-time adventurer hired to secure Samson’s lost hair brush before its purported powers are used to carry out a hairbrained scheme to control both sides of Niagra Falls! Will Minnesota be able to stop the plan orchestrated by his longtime nemesis Professor Rattan and learn courage in the face of being bullied?” From *Veggie Tales’ Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Samson’s Hairbrush and The Search for Noah’s Umbrella: Lessons in confidence and dealing with bullies*. ([Yellow Dot](#) – Children)



Happy Birthday



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
William Wright
24th Tatiana Repp



Dates to Remember



OCTOBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6 World Communion Day	7	8 Sessions Mtg. 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Food Truck Valiant Ministries 12-2 p.m.	18	19
20	21	22 Deacons Mtg. 6:30	23	24	25	26 Holiday Marketplace 9-2pm
27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween		

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Holiday Marketplace

First Presbyterian Church
7 South Howard | Croswell

Saturday, October 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon from 11 to 1

Crafters | Bake Sale | Vendors

RAFFLE PRIZES

1st Prize



Quilt

2nd Prize



Toy Chest

Come do some holiday shopping & enjoy a great lunch!

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Name: _____ Date: _____ 

HELLO FALL

Fall Word Scramble



The letters of the words below are jumbled. Unscramble the letters and write the word on the blank line provided.

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. EDRCI _____ | 13. NTMAUU _____ |
| 2. ELOWYL _____ | 14. SEATHVR _____ |
| 3. EOOBCRT _____ | 15. NYDAC _____ |
| 4. TKEJAC _____ | 16. ODGUR _____ |
| 5. ROLUOCFL _____ | 17. ESOCOTUM _____ |
| 6. BEATIERNH _____ | 18. VEARC _____ |
| 7. AVSLEE _____ | 19. LNOWEHALE _____ |
| 8. KPIPNUMU _____ | 20. RNOC _____ |
| 9. STRFYO _____ | 21. LSEPAP _____ |
| 10. VMRENEOB _____ | 22. TEREWSA _____ |
| 11. TPMEEBRSE _____ | 23. SIGHGVKNTNAI _____ |
| 12. OCACO _____ | 24. GEROAN _____ |

apples
costume
cocoa
autumn
candy
frosty

jacket
yellow
carve
gourd
orange
September

cider
Halloween
pumpkin
October
colorful
harvest

sweater
November
corn
hibernate
Thanksgiving
leaves

Pumpkin



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Leaves

