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OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

USHERS:

7: Ed Benbow, Barbara Bushnell
14: Jan Nagel, Kay Finchum
21: Joe Dick, Christine Cross
28: Don & Nancy Derrow

ACOLYTE:

1: Evan Zielke
14: Isabella Gettys & Eva Hoolihan
21: Sylvia Benbow
28: Marcus Smith, Aadon Beck

LITURGIST: Marjorie Reinsch

COMMUNION SERVERS: Susan Buttermore, Vinnie Pietracatella, Marjorie Reinsch, Lisa Magsamen, Kathie Wentworth

FLOWERS: Peggy Jones, Troy & Kari Ackerman, Flo Webb, Ron & Emily Heymann



FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters-

Auburn Presbyterian is in the process of doing some work on the offices and things are really disordered. My wife has been called to a new position with the church and my son is looking at colleges. My aunt and uncle were evacuated from their home in Wilmington and this past week two friends of our family passed away. It seems like nearly everything in my life is changing. With everything in transition it's hard to function.

This is my experience, but I think this sense of being caught up in change is common to everyone in the country. Some people call this condition of our society an "unraveling", which is to say that the institutions, systems, and processes that seemed to work so well no longer function. Those things that we used to depend upon are no longer so trustworthy. Examples of this change surround us, from the Lions Club to Tri Kappa, church and government, everything seems to be coming apart and unraveling. If we talk about it or not, on some level we all know that something is going on.

As I just wrote, the church is not exempt from this unraveling. It might be better said that the church is one of the most notable examples of the transition going on. It is a struggle to understand why people no longer attend Sunday worship, why the church is no longer as relevant to people as it was a generation ago. The institution that means so much to us seems to have lost significance to the larger society.

Every pundit and prophet has an opinion on what is happening with the church and what to do about it. The market is flooded with books on the subject. That is a conversation in itself which has no end and is more confusing than helpful. What I wanted to write about is our sense of being unmoored and adrift in the middle of all this change.

When things become unsettled and uncertain it's only natural to try to hang onto anything that promises stability. A lot of the time this also means trying to revert back to whatever we did before in the hope that it will end up differently than it has. Most of us have wonderful memories of what the church was like "back then" and we long for a return to those days. Unfortunately, we are unable to turn the clock back.

Christians have added resources in the face of all this change, though. First off, we have our Scriptures to draw upon. Particularly, there is Psalm 46 which reminds us that God is our ever-present strength and stay. Jesus himself reminds us that he is always with us. These passages remind us that, no matter how much the world shifts and changes, we can always count on God and lean on God when the ground is unsteady.

I also want to remind you of our Sunday gatherings. In worship we remember more of God's word to us, but this is also the place we gather to support one another. In our worship we engage in a liturgy and practices that are timeless. For example, just the simple act of passing the peace reconnects us with one another and welcomes the Holy Spirit into our lives together.

Finally, Scripture and liturgical practices are things that we can take away from our faith community. We take them out and practice them in the larger community. It is in that sharing that we become evangelists, we spread the hope and promise that we have found through our faith. The world is changing and with Scripture, church, and fellowship God gives us the resources we need to weather those storms.

Shalom, David

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10 at the Cranberry Cottage Café. Discussion will be from the study book, *God's Promise: I Am With You*; Lesson Two: God with Us in Our Uncertainty. (Primary Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12; Judges 6:11-27) All women are welcome to attend.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10 in the church lounge. The lesson will be given by Joey Aiken from the study book, *God's Promise: I Am With You*; Lesson Two: God with Us in Our Uncertainty. (Primary Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12; Judges 6:11-27) All women are welcome to attend.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Adult Sunday School throughout October will focus on “spiritual practices.” On October 7, 14 and 21, Pastor David will lead the discussion and address spiritual practices within the Christian tradition such as prayer, fasting, meditation, Bible study, and fellowship. As always, class meets in the lounge.

Class will not meet on Oct. 28 when the congregation will gather after worship for a “Harvest” meal in Fellowship Hall. Class will resume in November.

NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR:

Happy Fall !!!! The youth and I have had a pretty great month. We entered a large cross canvas, themed with images of Jesus, into the 4-H Fair. The canvas the youth painted depicts how they see Jesus. Some are as the man himself others were more abstract and many were of life and nature. The youth received a blue ribbon for their project. We hope to display this in the church.

Our Sunday study sessions were focused on the book of James and practicing what you preach. We all know how hard the Book of James can be and it has been interesting to hear a younger mind and thoughts on the topic.

October will bring the youth back to start reading the Call to Worship and some fun music adventures thanks to Judy Rhoades and Pastor David. This month will also be Fall break for our Youth. I hope to be able to meet with them during break and have a day of Fun Fall movies, crafts and food.

God Bless,
Kari Ackerman



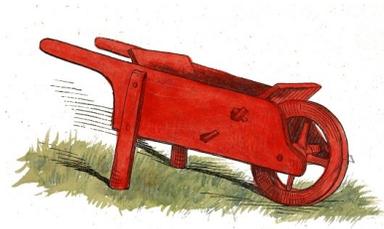
Don't forget to sign up for the Kroger Rewards application. Here's how it works. After you register your Kroger card, every time its scanned at the store a percentage of your purchase comes back to the church! It's that simple. Access krogercommunityrewards.com on your computer, then follow the prompts or if you need help see Barbara Bushnell or pastor David.

"Keep an eye on the APC web page. The monthly calendar appears there along with the monthly newsletter. It's APC's self-portrait for the world. On your smartphone, the format is different, and you will find the menu tabs for other pages in the top left corner if you click on the horizontal bars. The web page address, as always, is auburnnpc.org."

MISSION NEWS AND UPDATES:

Hurricane Florence battered the Carolinas this month. The storm surge has abated, but rivers, creeks, and lowlands are still flooding. Florence destroyed lives and the livelihood of so very many people and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working to bring a little order to that chaos. If you would like to participate in Hurricane Florence recovery you can do that by making a financial offering. If you write a check please list PDA on the memo of a check to Auburn Presbyterian. If you receive this electronically, just click

DR000194 Finally, you can use your computer to go to pda.pcusa.org and find even more information about giving and participating.



FILL THE WHEEL BARREL FOOD DRIVE: The Mission Committee has received requests from two mission organizations for help with food to stock their food banks. The Presbyterian Church of Portage is requesting help stocking their food pantry. Peanut butter and jam or jelly is in demand and donations of any type of this product would be greatly appreciated. Also, The APC Friends' Table is requesting donations of canned fruit to restock their shelves. Fruit of any kind in large can sizes would be greatly appreciated. For

the next three weeks we will be filling the Red Wheel barrel in the back of the sanctuary with food supplies to help with both missions. Please Give Generously! Thank You.

Mission Committee plans Mission Trip to Buckhorn Children's Facility ...

The mission team will be sending a work crew to Buckhorn Children's facility in Buckhorn, KY the weekend of **October 12 through the 14th**. Plans are to leave early Friday, October 12 from the church and head back to Auburn after Buckhorn's worship service on Sunday, October 14, arriving home around 9 p.m.

The Children's facility has a house that has been used for storage and they need help converting it back to a dormitory again to house more children. Rooms will need painted and cleaned up after everything is moved out. So work involved will include light to moderate lifting, painting and cleaning. For more information contact John Jackson or the church office.



Assistant Chancel Choir Conductor!

Angela Bassett has accepted the position of Assistant Chancel Choir Conductor for the 2018-2019 Choir Season. She will conduct the Sunday anthem during worship and at choir rehearsals. She will also assist the Choir Director with instrumentalists as needed. The Chancel Choir and Judy Rhoades are very excited to have Angela helping in this position. Many thanks to Angela, the Worship and Music Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Session and Pastor David for their support in making this helpful change.



PLEASE HELP US LOCATE MISSING ITEMS FROM THE KITCHEN.

A 10 QUOART SALAD BOWL and 2 LARGE 24 & 30 QT POTS have come up missing in the kitchen. (the pots are well over \$100 to replace and the salad bowls are \$25). Both are used weekly at Friends' Table and are greatly missed. IF YOU KNOW OF THEIR WHERE ABOUTS PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Hamilton Musical: For those who are going to see the musical *Hamilton* in November, the cost of the bus is \$35. Please make your checks out to Auburn Presbyterian Church and in the memo portion write **Hamilton bus fare**. Thank you!

HARVEST CELEBRATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28



Everyone is invited to attend our Harvest Celebration in fellowship hall immediately following worship on Sunday, October 28.

Please come and enjoy celebrating the harvest and God's abundance he has shown to all of us. The Evangelism, Church Growth and Fellowship Committee will provide the meat, rolls and beverages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a passing dish to share.

Bring your neighbors and friends to church and then stay and enjoy the food, fellowship, and door prizes!!!

A NOTE SENT FROM THE OGLESBEE FAMILY - Jonathan & Stephen Oglesbee

Our father, Ronald Oglesbee, served as pastor of Auburn Presbyterian Church from 1978-1985. We're writing to you on behalf of our mother to share information about his life and death, as well as details about a memorial service that is planned for later in October. We would be grateful to you for sharing this information with the congregation in a manner you see fit.

Rev. Ronald L. Oglesbee [1937-2018] went to his heavenly rest Saturday evening, September 22. Ron died peacefully at home. A life of service to the Presbyterian Church spanning more than 50 years, he was pastor to congregations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Virginia and California. He was one of the founders of the Southeast Asia Partnership of Los Ranchos Presbytery with service in Vietnam and Thailand. His commitment to ministry remained constant into his retirement; he and his wife Evelyn taught for seven years at McGilvary College of Divinity in Chiang Mai, Thailand. With a life-long love of music, Ron's interests varied widely from woodworking to camping, photography and technology. He even earned his small plane pilot's license in his early sixties.

Ron is survived by his wife Evelyn, son Stephen and daughter-in-law Kendra, son Jonathan and daughter-in-law Barbara, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection giving thanks for the life of Rev. Ronald Oglesbee will be held at Grace First Presbyterian Church (3955 N. Studebaker Rd, Long Beach CA 90808) on Saturday October 27 at 11:00 a.m. A lite lunch reception will be held in the Marilyn Saul Ministry Center immediately following the service.

For those able to attend from out of town, a limited number of rooms are available at a discounted rate at the Ayres Hotel, Seal Beach, CA. Please contact Louis Lopez directly at llopez@ayreshotels.com or 562.296.1405 and mention "Oglesbee Memorial" to reserve a room. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the "Music Organ Fund" of Grace First Presbyterian Church.