



Newsletter

October 2019

**Glorifying God by Making, Maturing, and
Mobilizing Enthusiastic Disciples for Jesus Christ**

PASTOR'S REFLECTION...

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

-Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Each year, on October 4, Christians around the world mark the Feast Day of St Francis. Often, he is remembered for his deep connection to creation and animals (this is why some churches will hold a blessing of the animals on his feast day) or as the founder of the Franciscan Order. What mattered perhaps most to Francis, and those that would follow him, was following Jesus. They would commit their lives to poverty and service, trying to model Christ in all they did.

The prayer above perhaps best typifies this attitude and focus. As we continue "Faith Training" I want to offer this prayer and St Francis as a model to pay attention to. He is part of the 'Great Cloud of Witnesses' that point to us on our journey. May we pay attention to how they devoted their lives to Christ.

OCTOBER WORSHIP

Sunday October 6, 2019- "Faith Training: Worship" Acts 2:42-47 (World Communion Sunday)

Sunday October 13, 2019- "Faith Training: Service" Matthew 25:31-44

Sunday October 20, 2019- Brothers in Grace Gospel Quartet*

Sunday October 27, 2019- Joel 2:23-32 (Sunbeam Choir)

*Invite friends and family to join us for this special worship. A love offering will be taken to support the work of this music group.

Influence

Drop a pebble in the water, and its ripples reach out far; And the sunbeams dancing on them may reflect them to a star.

Give a smile to someone passing, thereby making their morning glad; It may greet you in the evening when your own heart may be sad.

Do a deed of simply kindness; though its end you may not see, it may reach, like widening ripples, down a long eternity.

MAINTENANCE UPDATES...

Over the past couple of months, we have some issues with water getting into the youth classroom. The flat roof on top of that has exceeded its life. It is a product that was rated for 20 years but is going on 25(maybe more). When I wrote the update in the September Newsletter, we had tried some temporary things and were waiting to see what happened. We had another rain and more water got in. Council decided to move ahead now and work on getting this roof replaced before significant damage is done. The cost for this replacement is \$18,000. This is a significant amount, but a needed repair.

Also, you may have noticed that our Carillion is no longer functioning. It was first installed in the 1950's and repaired on several occasions. However, due to the age of the system, parts can no longer be found to fix it. The Trustees contacted a company that specializes in this work and that company gave us a quote for about \$9,000 for replacement of the system with a new digital system. Many people in the congregation and community remark about how much they love our Carillion. It is a part of who we are as a congregation.

We do have money in the general fund to cover these repairs, but they obviously do take a significant amount out of our reserve funds. We are asking the congregation to consider giving towards these projects and help replenish our reserve funds. Questions may be directed towards Pastor Jared or a Trustee.

SUNBEAM CHOIR...

All children and youth are invited to join the Sunbeam choir as it practices each Wednesday, they meet downstairs from 5-5:30 PM. Their first performance will be Sunday October 27, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Caring Cupboard Sunday is October 13th. With the fall season coming they would like more chunky and cream soups. Also needed are canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, feminine hygiene products, diapers, tissues and paper towels.



Sub and pretzel sandwich orders are due Oct. 23rd with pick-up on Oct. 31st. The order form is on the Information Table in the Gathering Room. All proceeds will be going toward the flat roof.

Ad Council will be meeting Monday, October 14th @ 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

LOYAL WORKERS...

The money collected from the Bakeless Bake Sale totaled \$184.00. Thank you for your contributions. This will go a long way in helping buy supplies for our bazaar.

Before you know it, it will be time for Trick or Treat Night. Please help us collect treats for our goodie bags. Small bottles of water would also be appreciated. A basket will be in the gathering room for all contributions. Thank you.

The Loyal Workers will be meeting Monday, October 21th @ 6:30 PM. This is our last meeting before the bazaar. After the meeting, we will be filling the bags for Trick or Treat Night. Come out and join us for a fun evening.

FLOWER CHART...

October 6 - Open
October 13 - Dale & Selma Patrick
October 20 - Don & Barb Brubaker
October 27 - Rick & Cindy Anspach

The Flower Chart is in the vestibule on the Railroad St. side of the church.
Sign up for your favorite Sunday to sponsor flowers for our church.

WORSHIP LEADERS...

Greeters/Ushers: Richard & Diane Miller and Lloyd & Lois Grumbein

Acolyte: Olivia Basham

Scripture Readers:

October 6: Pastor Stoltzfus
October 13: Ed Kaylor
October 20: Pastor Stoltzfus
October 27: Larry Strait

Sound System Operators:

October 6: Don Brubaker
October 13: Seth Schell
October 20: Barry Smith
October 27: Dick Lasher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 5 – Diane Schell	19 – Audrey Scipioni
12 – Stephanie Laudermilch	19 – Sue Bowman
14 – Bethany Oleyniczak	20 – Zachary Brown
14 – Matthew Hetrick	21 – Timothy Miller
19 – Richard Lasher	27 - Reeves Barnhouse
19 – Carol Marcocci	28 – Jamie Miller



ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Cindy Anspach – October 20

Don & Barb Brubaker – October 21

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