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Team Leader—Sondra J. Holly M.

Liturgist— Beth Gray

Seated Communion

1. Mike Moran
2. Jeannette Jentgen
3. Joy Yacklin
- 4.
- 5.

Ushers

1. Jeannette Jentgen
2. Holly McCully
3. Joy Yacklin
- 4.

Our Community of Faith In Nursing Homes

Linda Clark @ St Lukes; Dorothy Morrow @ St Lukes; Sarah Smith @ Community Care Center (Alliance)

Homebound

Louise Clark, Mary Francis, Bruce & Ardella Geiger, Harvey & Bernice Geiger, Bob & JoAnn Kohl, Margene Krall, Kathryn Tarbet, Marilyn Tarbet, Carl Schmidt

Lost & Found

There are a few items in the Lost & Found area which is located on (and under) the table in the coat room. Please try to remember to check that area the next time you are in the building to see if anything there belongs to you.

Brunch

Bring your favorite dish and join us on October 21st for our monthly potluck brunch.

Days for Girls

Presbyterian Women will be hosting Days For Girls sew-a-thon October 20, 2018, 10am to 5pm. This project is more than sewing; i.e. cutting fabric and ribbon, ironing fabric, putting kits together—lots of things to do. Last year we had a great turn out. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate.



Should anyone wish to communicate with Mike Jones, his college address is:

Mike Jones
525 S. State St., Room #1630D
Chicago, IL. 60605

Senior Center Dinner



Presbyterians meet one Thursday of each month at the Senior Center for dinner. The cost of the meal is \$6; payment to be made at the dinner. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can let them know how many to expect.

Knitting Group Resumes

Knitting will resume October 9th at 1:00 P.M. in the church lounge. Bring yarn and knitting needles. We will be knitting scarves to tie on the lamp post downtown on Market Street on the day of the Christmas parade. Come and try; knitting is something you can do when watching television.

Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women will meet October 25, 2018, in the church lounge, at 1:00 P.M.

Children's Church/Elementary Sunday School

Due to school sports schedules, there will be no Elementary Sunday School after worship service for the remainder of September and all of October. Instead, there will be a combined Children's Church/Sunday School that will take place during the normally scheduled Children's Church service. Sunday School after morning worship will resume again in November.

Session Report – September 2018

Meeting began promptly at 7:00 P.M. with prayer by Interim Pastor Dan Callahan.

I. All Elders were present: Lynn Butterworth, Beth Gray, Jenny Greco, Sondra Jenkins, Holly McCully, Charles Stoller, and Joy Yacklin. A quorum was verified.

II. Approved the transfer (at her request) of Kate George membership to Christ Presbyterian Church, in Canton, Ohio.

III. Minutes of the August 15, 2018, were approved.

IV. Pastor's report – approved.

V. Ministry Team Reports:

- a. Gather as Servants (no report)
- b. Grow as Disciples (no report)
- c. Guide as Stewards (no report)

VI. Much discussion of re-structuring the teams.

VII. No Communion served to homebound.

VIII. Decided to keep the church van, however it doesn't run at this time. (dead battery). Drivers of the van must be named on the church insurance.

IX. First United Methodist invited First Presbyterian Church youth to join their youth.

X. Next meeting of Session will be October 17, 2018, in social hall promptly at 7:00 P.M.

XI. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:15 P.M.

In the Works

Pastor Dan passed on an email to me from the Minerva First United Methodist Church inviting our youth to join in their youth activities. Some of the planned activities include: a hayride/bonfire in October, a fundraising dinner in November, and a Christmas party in December. Specific dates for these combined youth events will be announced as they become available.

This is a community of churches effort to engage the youth and have some fun, non-denominational fellowship. More to follow.

Holly McCully
Christian Ed. Facilitator

Pastor Dan's Availability

Pastor Dan is available for emergencies 24/7 by calling 724-814-1540.

In addition to Sunday mornings he is available on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-4:30.

He is also available, by appointment only, on Monday evenings from 6-8.

It would be best if you called first to make an appointment, as he will not always be in the office, but may be out on visitations.



October Special Offering and Food Collection

Food Collection: Spaghetti Sauce or Gravy

Special offering: Peacemaking Offering



Session Material Inclusion Deadline

All items to be included for the October session packet is due by noon on Friday, October 12th. Please send all information to Pastor Dan at revdtdc1@comcast.net.

Thank you!

Article Deadline

The deadline for articles to be submitted for inclusion in the November edition of the Presby Press is Monday October 22nd. Please try to have all material to the Church office by then.

October Dates

October 11

Budget & Finance: 5:30pm

October 12

Session material inclusion deadline

October 17

Session Meeting: 7-9pm

October 20

Days for Girls Sew-a-thon:
10am—5pm

October 21

Brunch: 10:45am

October 25

Presbyterian Women: 1pm

October 26

Food Distribution: 8:30am
@ St. Paul's Lutheran Church

“COFFEE with the PASTOR”
October, 2018

By the time you read this article, we will be in the month of October. Fall is here, the days are definitely getting shorter and, as of October 1st, Christmas is only **85** days away! Halloween decorations are on display in most stores and some stores already have Christmas decorations available as well! It seems like just yesterday that we were shoveling snow, and now...now we're gearing up to do it again.

On October 14th I will begin my fourth month as your interim pastor. The past 3 months I have visited with many of our members and have enjoyed getting to know you better. This has been a time of learning and discernment as I seek to understand your traditions and desire for the future of the church. If you would like a visit from me, please let me know...I'd be more than happy to get better acquainted! I seldom, if ever, come without an appointment, and I never come to see your home. I come because I enjoy people and consider it a privilege to get to know those to whom I minister.

Although I do not know where the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is in the search process, I do know that a tremendous amount of time, energy and prayer goes in to finding the person whom God would have serve this church in the future. Serving on a PNC is a **LOT OF WORK**, but it is also a blessing, especially when all the “signs” begin to point toward an individual that might be a match for this church.

I am also aware that the details of the work of the PNC need to be kept confidential, so as not to give false hope to either the members of the church, or to a candidate who might be continuing a dialogue with the PNC. Our system, in the PCUSA, for calling a pastor may appear to be lengthy, but it is thorough and necessary in extending a call to the right person. My shortest tenure as an interim pastor was 13 months and the longest interim position I have served was 22 months. I suspect that First Presbyterian Church of Minerva will fall somewhere within that time frame, and perhaps even shorter as your PNC began its work before I arrived.

In the meanwhile, **YOU** play a substantial role in the finding of a new pastor. The **PNC NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS**, your support and your patience as they go about their quest for a new pastor. Please pray that the Spirit will lead them to the person whom God has in mind for this congregation. Pray also for any (unknown) candidate who may be contemplating taking a call to FPC Minerva, that the Spirit would give them the gift of discernment and the desire to follow where God is leading. Members of the PNC are: Pam Stoller (chair), Mary Ann Borland, Holly McCully, Steve Smith and Rick Taff. You have elected the PNC members and commissioned them to a specific task on behalf of the church. Again – they need your prayers, support and encouragement.

As long as I am here as your interim, please feel free to seek my help and/or counsel, if needed. Part of my role as your interim is to be your pastor until such a time when your next pastor arrives. I am available Sunday mornings, Mon-Wednesday from 9-4:30 and Monday evening by appointment. For emergencies – call me **any time** at 724-814-1540. My phone and I are inseparable!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Dan

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 pm TOPS	2 7:00 am Bible Study 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon	3 6:00 pm Yoga	4 Feast of St Francis of Assisi 2:00 pm Delay the Disease-Parkinsons Exercise Class	5	6 9:00 am Yoga
7 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	8 Columbus Day (regional holiday) 9:00 am Community Meals Meeting 6:00 pm PNC Meeting 6:00 pm TOPS	9 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Knitting Group 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon	10 6:00 pm Yoga	11 2:00 pm Delay the Disease-Parkinsons Exercise Class 5:30 pm Budget & Finance Meeting	12 Session Material Inclusion Deadline	13 9:00 am Yoga
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21 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Brunch	22 Presby Press Article Deadline 6:00 pm TOPS	23 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Knitting Group 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon	24 6:00 pm Yoga	25 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting 2:00 pm Delay the Disease-Parkinsons Exercise Class	26 8:30 am Food Distribution @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church	27 9:00 am Yoga
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