

Newsletter October 2025



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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

I enjoy the writing of Thomas Merton. He has the gift of drawing me deeper into the life of faith. In Merton's book, *No Man Is An Island*, he suggests that humanity has a common destiny. Yet we each need to work out our own personal salvation. We can help each other discover the meaning of life, but in the last analysis each person is responsible for his or her own life and finding himself/herself. He writes, "Others can give you a name or a number, but they can never tell you who you really are. That is something you yourself can only discover from within." May the autumn of October be for you a month of deeper discovery.

Grace and peace to you, Larry

FROM THE CLERK EMERITUS: D. Dee Mowry

On my desk is a small handbook entitled *The Presbyterian Handbook*. It covers such subjects such as How to Survive for One Hour in an Un air-Conditioned Church, How to Welcome a Visitor, How to be a Visitor, How to Respond When Someone sits in Your Pew, How to Receive The Lord's Supper.

This section is appropriate as we celebrate Communion the first Sunday of the month. The Book of Order states that communion shall be observed at least once a quarter. Communion also known as the Eucharist which confirms the idea of a "New Covenant" as the people who have received Jesus Christ. It is a remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus and a celebration of the reign of God and the return of Jesus.

The 'elements' of the Lord's Supper are bread and wine. The bread may be a loaf of bread or individual pieces, and the 'wine' is usually grape juice which may be served in a common cup or individual glasses. (As a recovering biology professor....forget the common cup!!!!!!) In this church, as common in many Presbyterian Churches, Communion is served by the elders, while the congregates remain in the pew. In some churches the congregation proceeds to the front of the church and receives the elements from the pastor or elder with bread and wine received separately or the bread may be dipped in the wine (called intinction').

Who may receive communion? In the Presbyterian church, all are invited who have faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized.

FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry

We have donated 112 books to the Big Book Nook Non-profit book store as of September 3, 2025.

Calendar of Events

Oct 12th - ZETA ALPHA will meet at 9:30 am in the church basement. Chapter 2 will be studied in the Bible study "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ". All women are welcome to attend.

Oct 26th – SESSION MEETING after worship

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct 7th – Kayla McCandlish

Oct 13th – Larry and Susan Hoffmann

Oct 14th – Ila Bergreen

Oct 21st – Dee Mowry

Oct 23rd – Brenda Winegardner

Oct 24th – Linda Embrey

Oct 27th – David and Brenda Winegardner

Oct 28th – Judy Turner

Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:

Oct 5th – Ron Cullumber: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher
Cindy Cullumber: Communion Server & Usher

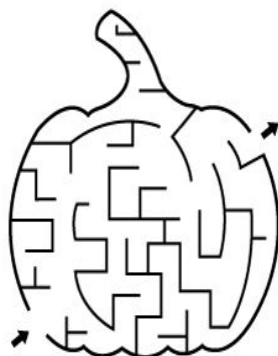
Oct 12th – John McCandlish: Lay Reader & Usher
Kayla McCandlish: Usher

Oct 19th – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader
Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers

Oct 26th – David Mowry: Lay Reader & Usher
Kathy Mowry: Usher

Kids' Section

Pumpkin Maze



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