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Pastor's Page

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Changing Seasons

This past week the temperatures finally began to feel cooler in the morning and the sun is beginning to set noticeably earlier in the evening. And while Halloween candy has been available in stores for what seems like months, the calendar finally says it is fall. All of which means that the seasons are changing.

And as the leaves begin to transition to their autumn brilliance we are reminded as it says in Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens". The same is true in the life of the congregation.

First United Presbyterian Church is over 190 years old and has journeyed through many seasons and transitions in that time. And our journey of transition and transformation continues.

Over the past few weeks, as a congregation we have seen a hole in the ground transformed into a foundation and walls as the renovation work continues. We have also had three young people begin the confirmation journey as they explore what it means to be Presbyterian and to become a member of a congregation. The mission study group is continuing their work and hopes to provide a draft report to the Session in the coming weeks.

Truly there is a time for everything and even during this season of transition we continue to respond to God's call to love and care for our neighbors.

May the peace of Christ be with you now and always!

Pastor Bill



BEST BUDDIES FALL GATHERING!

Friday, September 9, Anna Rayburn and volunteers from the church played games and served pizza to a great group of Best Buddy members at the Living Well United Center!

Fun was had by all!





Birthdays

10/01 Kelsey Graves
10/01 Kamryn Graves
10/07 Bob Timm
10/08 Lourstine Gaffney
10/08 Lana Sigler
10/11 Chelsea Grismore
10/13 Morgan Mohr

10/16 Ann Price
10/16 Emmy Owens
10/18 Amber Owens
10/19 Chris Houser
10/21 Madison Timm
10/23 Leona Albert
10/26 Evelyn Baughman
10/27 Barbara Kline



Charlotte Elaine Zook

A baby basket is located in the hospitality room if anyone would like to bring a gift or card.

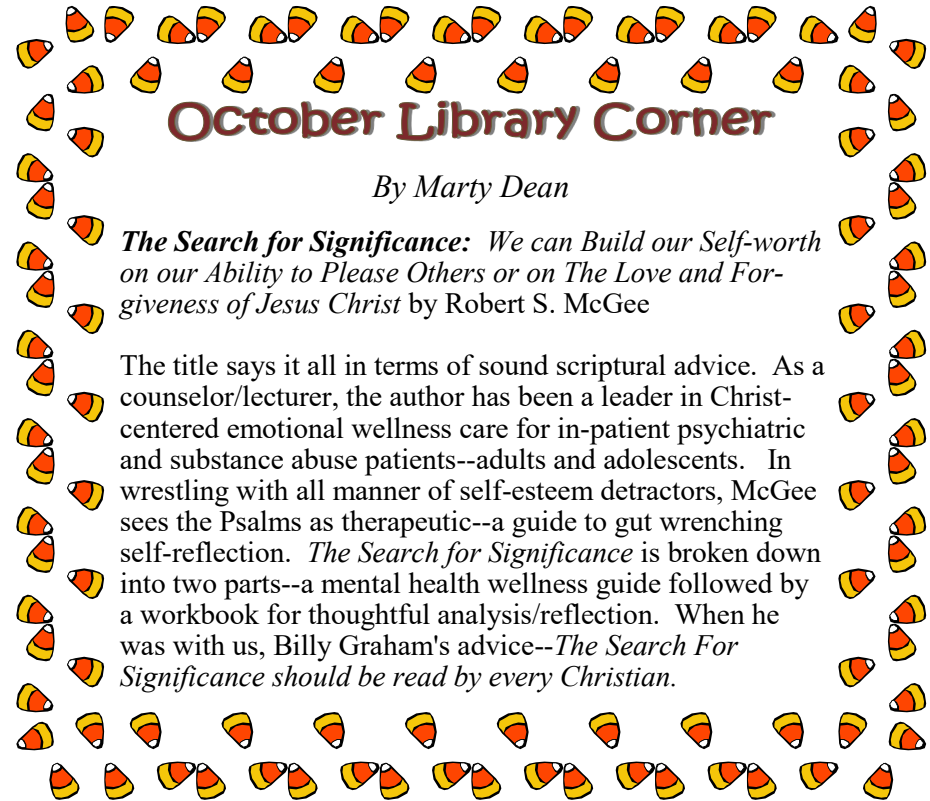
Charlotte is the daughter of Brittany Jake Zook. Grandparents include Bobbi & John Murfin, and the late Mike Ready.

Rob and Sarah Miller (Vonette and Dana's son) were married in March. A frame has been placed in the hospitality room if you care to add a congratulatory card or gift card.



OCTOBER 30TH ~ PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARVEST PARTY 11:00-1:00
PORK CHOPS & PUMPKIN DECORATING
TRUNK OR TREAT 3:00-4:30

~Pork Chop Sale Proceeds to Benefit~
Ukraine Winter Relief



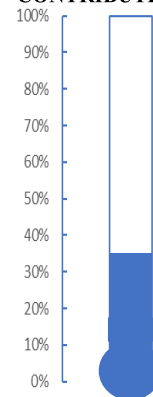
October Library Corner

By Marty Dean

The Search for Significance: *We can Build our Self-worth on our Ability to Please Others or on The Love and Forgiveness of Jesus Christ* by Robert S. McGee

The title says it all in terms of sound scriptural advice. As a counselor/lecturer, the author has been a leader in Christ-centered emotional wellness care for in-patient psychiatric and substance abuse patients--adults and adolescents. In wrestling with all manner of self-esteem detractors, McGee sees the Psalms as therapeutic--a guide to gut wrenching self-reflection. *The Search for Significance* is broken down into two parts--a mental health wellness guide followed by a workbook for thoughtful analysis/reflection. When he was with us, Billy Graham's advice--*The Search For Significance should be read by every Christian.*

BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTIONS



We have received **\$107,718** since our renovation project was approved. Our thanks to all who are helping to achieve our goal!

RENOVATION UPDATES



We have all been excited to see the recent work that has taken place for our building renovation. The ceiling in the office and nursery area is about completed and the flooring is down. It looks so nice. We can see a cement block wall out the door next to Pastor Bill's office. So the work for the elevator is coming right along. The West entrance steps are under construction right now and will make it necessary to use the front entrance for a few days. The family bathroom and women's bathroom can be used; the men's bathroom will be finished soon. When visiting the church building go through the chapel to get to the restrooms.

Worship Schedule - October 2022

9:00 a.m. Sunday WORSHIP	Oct 2 Communion	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
ACCOMPANISTS	Mary Sigler	Mary Sigler	Mary Sigler	Mary Sigler	Mary Sigler
LAY READER	Marty Dean	Naomi Chaplin	Marty Dean	Vonette Miller	Naomi Chaplin
USHER/ GREETERS	Dennis and Mary Ella Mennenga	Danna Sanders and Anna Rayburn			Londa and Isaac Holoch
COMMUNION SERVERS	Naomi Chaplin				
TECH BOOTH	Steve Sinnott/ Tate Sigler	Steve Sinnott/ Jordan Cox	Steve Sinnott/ Tracey Holoch	Steve Sinnott/ Randy Sigler	Steve Sinnott/ Tanner Holoch

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

<i>Sunday Dates</i>	<i>Sunday Attendance</i>
September 4	33
September 11	30
September 18	36
September 25	40
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	35

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders:

Martha Dean
Tracey Holoch
Dennis McCormick
Mary Ella Mennenga
Anna Rayburn
Ashley Sigler
Randy Sigler
Steve Sinnott
Dixie Weinheimer

Committee

Adult Christian Development/Nominating
Administration/Nominating Committee
Adult Christian Development
Adult Christian Development/Worship & Music
Clerk of Session/Christian Education
Christian Education
Administration/Worship & Music
Worship & Music
Mission & Outreach

**Session is currently scheduled to next meet on
Wednesday, September 14, at 6 p.m.**

Minutes will be available, after approval, in the office.

Deacons:

Teresha Bossingham
Beverly Burcham
Jack Burcham
Scott Graves
Amanda Hill
Sarah Hill
Londa Holoch
Vonette Miller
Barb Monical
Bobbi Murfin

Deacon of the Month:

October
June
May
November
August
July
February
April
March
September



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reflections

Dana Miller,
Director of Student Ministries



Kidney stones are the worst!

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone who has been keeping me in prayer over the past couple weeks. Don't stop praying for me! After two weeks of trying to manage the kidney stone issues on my own, the pain became so unbearable that I finally had to be admitted into the hospital. Once there, they determined I had

a ½" stone, which is twice the size that can be safely and normally passed by a human being. (Actually, given the size, from now on we're just going to call it what it is—a kidney brick!) A surgical procedure was done to implant a stent that will help ultimately break down and remove the brick. This will happen in about a week or two, once I can stabilize and get myself back to a sense of normal.

This entire experience has reminded me so much about how much we need God in our lives. And it's more than just throwing up a prayer and asking Him to help with the pain! I've had a couple kidney stones in the past, and I've been able to manage and pass them without much difficulty, other than the accompanying pain. But when your kidney stone becomes a kidney brick, you realize quickly you need help—you can't do it alone! That's just like life. We all go through a stage in life where we think we can get by on our own—perhaps that's where you are right now. But the truth is, we can't. Romans 3:23 reminds us, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." No matter how hard we try, we can't reach a standard worthy of eternal life with God on our own. But there's help and hope! The next verse, verse 24, reminds us, "And all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Jesus lived for us to show us how to live an abundant life here on earth, and He died for us to make a way for eternal life. All we have to do is put aside our stubborn insistence we can go it alone and instead put our trust in Him.

Just as I had to put aside my stubborn insistence that I could pass this brick on my own, without help (and believe me, it's not biologically possible!), we are called to put aside our stubborn insistence that we can achieve holiness and righteousness on our own, instead putting our faith in Jesus to save us and show us how to live more abundantly than we could ever do alone.



TRUNK OR TREAT TIME AGAIN!

ITS TRUNK OR TREAT TIME ONCE AGAIN AND WE ARE IN NEED OF CANDY DONATIONS AND TRUNK DECORATORS AND HOSTS. THE SIGN UP SHEET FOR HOSTS IS ON THE TABLE AS YOU ENTER THE WEST DOOR. YOU CAN LEAVE CANDY DONATIONS ON THAT TABLE ALSO. ANY TYPE OF CANDY DONATION IS WELCOME!



On September 11, 2022, our worship service was held at Howard Virgin Timber. Despite the rain, we had 30 attendees. Everyone enjoyed the service and lunch.

It is being said if you need rain, just have the Presbyterian Church plan an outside program!



They are Back!



The LOOP and LEAP classes began September 11. The LEAP classes are held each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The LOOP classes are held each 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The classes are held in the basement (sometimes outside) of the LeRoy Presbyterian Church. Come join us!





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*Deacon of the Month:
Teresha Bossingham*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Confirmation Class	3 9:00 Bible Study	4	5 6:00 p.m. WAM	6 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Pastor Bill Study Leave 10:00 am Mission & Outreach Mtg	7	8
9 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Confirmation Class	10 9:00 Bible Study	11	12 6:00 p.m. Session	13 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Pastor Bill Study Leave 9:00 am Renovation Up- date Mtg	14	15
16 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Confirmation Class	17 9:00 Bible Study	18	19	20 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Pastor Bill Study Leave	21	22
23 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Confirmation Class After Worship - DEACONS Mtg	24 9:00 Bible Study	25 6:00 p.m. ADMIN	26	27 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Pastor Bill Study Leave	28	29
30 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Confirmation Class 11:00 - 1:00 Harvest Party 3:00 - 4:30 Trunk or Treat	31 9:00 Bible Study					