

FIRST THINGS FIRST

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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September 2019

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

For my minister's message this month I want to share with you the pastoral letter I wrote this summer for distribution to the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada. If you have questions about the ongoing discussions in our denomination regarding same-sex marriage, or about the remits to presbyteries for decision this year on this topic, do not hesitate to ask me. On Sunday, October 20 I intend to preach on the subject of same sex marriage at First Church, so please plan to be at worship that day.

I will be travelling quite a bit over the next month and would certainly appreciate your prayers as I go about the work of serving as the Moderator. Nick and I leave for Hungary and Romania on Sunday afternoon, September 8th and I'll be back in Canada late on September 19th. Next I will visit my home congregation of St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Ottawa, giving a talk on Saturday, September 21st and leading worship on Sunday, September 22nd. After that, I'll be included as an ecumenical guest at the Plenary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in Cornwall from September 22 – 24th. Finally, I will spend a few days in Toronto and preach at the 75th Anniversary Service of the Canadian Council of Churches which is being celebrated at Yorkminster Baptist Church on September 26th. I'll see you back in Regina the weekend of September 27th – 29th. Then I'll be in Toronto again from September 30th – October 2nd to visit and preach at Knox College, the Toronto School of Theology, and the Presbytery of East Toronto.

Grace to you and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God for all of you because of the grace of God that has been given to you in Christ Jesus, because of the spiritual gifts which you have received in abundance, and because of the ministries and missions that we share as one Body in Christ.

The 2019 General Assembly was both difficult and important in the ongoing life of our church. It illustrated our church's current struggle with different theological perspectives, while also demonstrating our desire for unity and peace. We are united in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and we are bound together through our commitment to the Reformed Tradition and our belonging to The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

At the same time, there is a diversity of practice and belief among us in many areas, including our understanding of human sexuality. While some within our church hold to a traditional definition of marriage as being between a man and a woman only, others believe that covenanted monogamous relationships between two adults, regardless of gender, can be faithful to God's design for human families.

We have prayed, studied, discussed, and debated these questions for many years, and although individuals have shifted in their perspectives, our denomination continues to include a broad spectrum of belief and it is likely that this will always be the case.

During the 2019 General Assembly, it was apparent that the majority moved towards full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people (married or single) in the ministries of the church, while others were firmly committed to a traditional definition of marriage. As commissioners engaged in debate, discussion, and listened to one another, it was also evident that embracing the shared beliefs and traditions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was of great importance.



LETTER FROM THE MODERATOR OF THE 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To the Presbyterian Church in Canada from the Rev. Amanda Currie, Moderator of the 2019 General Assembly:

The recommendations passed by the Assembly were to adopt two parallel definitions of marriage (either between a man and a woman only, or between two persons) and to allow for ordination of LGBTQ+ persons, while also allowing for liberty of conscience and action on marriage and participation in ordinations and inductions.

These recommendations represent a desire to make the church fully inclusive – inclusive of both LGBTQ+ members and inclusive of Presbyterians with varying perspectives on same-sex marriage. It is significant that these recommendations were passed by an overwhelming majority of commissioners.

Now the recommendations are being remitted to the presbyteries under the Barrier Act. If they are passed by the majority of presbyteries and then by the 2020 General Assembly, they become the law of the church.

It is important to note that the liberty of conscience and action included in the remits allow for ministers and sessions not to participate in same-sex marriages or the ordination of married LGBTQ+ individuals. However, liberty of conscience and action do not sanction homophobia or heterosexism in the church.

The 1994 Statement on Human Sexuality called on the church to repent of its homophobia and hypocrisy, but for many years the church failed to act on that call. The 2017 General Assembly asked then Moderator, the Rev. Peter Bush, to write a letter of repentance to the LGBTQ+ Community. It also established a listening committee, the Rainbow Communion, to create safe space for LGBTQ+ persons to tell of their experiences in the church. On recommendations from the Rainbow Communion's interim report, the 2019 General Assembly also adopted several motions that confirm we are united in our affirmation of the dignity of LGBTQ+ persons.

Over the last few years, I have often made the comparison between the unity of the church and the unity of a marriage. For a while now, our denomination has been in conflict over a significant difference of opinion on human sexuality. At times, it has seemed like we had irreconcilable differences and it might be best to

get divorced. Living Faith says that, "When a marriage is shattered beyond repair, it is sometimes better that it be dissolved than that the family continue to live in bitterness." (8.2.5)

The decisions of the 2019 General Assembly give us new opportunity to choose to live together with differences on this matter, declaring that the question of sexuality need not be a church-dividing issue. They affirm that our love for one another is still strong, and they suggest that staying together and figuring out how to live with our differences is faithful to Christ's prayer for unity.

Holding two definitions of marriage means that we are deciding to love and respect one another with our differences. Since liberty of conscience and action is included, ministers and sessions will be able to follow their consciences and their deeply held beliefs about God's design for human relationships. At the same time, we will be called to respect and honour those with a differing view, and to avoid blocking the ordinations of LGBTQ+ ministers and elders, or the ordinations of others with traditional views. I would urge those ministers and sessions that choose not to accept same-sex marriage to be compassionate and pastoral in their ministering to those members of the LGBTQ+ community who worship and serve in their churches.

Likewise, I would encourage affirming ministers and sessions to be respectful of congregation members who hold to the traditional definition. We must strive to make all our congregations safe and welcoming spaces for everyone.

Like a married couple who have been in conflict for years but still love one another and want to make it work, this General Assembly decided it was not interested in divorce but sought to choose a reasonable accommodation. It will be up to the whole church to pray and discern if we are willing to make space within our churches for difference of opinion and diversity of practice with regard to marriage.

May God give us the gifts of wisdom and love, so that the pathway we follow will lead us to unity and peace with justice for all.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Amanda Currie

SESSION

Welcome back to another year in the busy life of First Church! I hope you had a restful summer. Make sure to mark your calendar for the "Welcome Back" potluck supper on September 29 when you can visit and get caught up on summer activities.

Our new lift from the Albert St. entrance down to the gym level was installed in June. We are excited to have a lift that will be dependable!

There are several initiatives being planned for this year. Be sure to read about them in this newsletter and note the important dates. The Transform Team is planning events related to radical hospitality, including a prayer walk, worship and a workshop. There will be an Advent study during the weeks preceding Christmas. We hope that you will be able to participate in these events.

Vacation Bible Camp was held at First Church, Aug. 19-22. The theme was Paul's Second Journey to Athens. Sixteen children attended and they had a wonderful time! They met Paul in person and heard firsthand about his journey, learning about God's love and caring for all. The program was organized by Martha Fergusson, Synod Youth Coordinator, and Arthur Surjadi, Synod Summer Student. We are thankful to them for their leadership. Thanks also go to Rev. Amanda who provided music leadership and helped with activities. And a huge thank you to the many people who donated snacks - the children really appreciated them! We had a variety of baking, as well as lemonade and juice. Thanks so much to everyone who supported this event!

Jo Szostak
Clerk of Session

PRAYING AND PLANNING:

First Church Growing in Ministry and Mission

As we continue our ministry together at First Church we are constantly invited to pray and consider what God is calling us to do next in ministry and mission. Late last year, our Session sent a team of leaders to participate in a conference called "Transform" offered by The

Presbyterian Church in Canada. It gave us an opportunity to think about our ministry, get some ideas from others, and suggest a way for our congregation to make plans for the future.

We will be using Robert Schnase's book "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" (revised and updated in 2018) as a framework for our prayer, discernment and planning. Here's an excerpt to give you an idea of what it's all about:

Radical Hospitality. Passionate Worship. Intentional Faith Development. Risk-Taking Mission and Service. Extravagant Generosity. People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by these qualities. The presence and strength of these five practices demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We will begin by exploring the practice of "Radical Hospitality" and how God may be calling us to take the initiative to invite, welcome, include, and support newcomers and strangers in our midst. Who are our neighbours who are not yet a part of our worshipping and serving community of faith? Who might we invite to "come and see" and meet God in Jesus Christ through the ministry of the church?

But Schnase explains that "hospitality doesn't stop with merely inviting people to come to our churches and to like what we like and do what we do. It involves opening ourselves to the mission of Christ, to the possibility that we are being sent by God into the neighbourhoods where we live and the gatherings to which we belong. Radical hospitality even nudges us to form relationships of mutual respect and service among people who live in circumstances considerably different from our own, and to befriend strangers in order to offer the grace and love of God."

We hope that you will want to participate in the prayer, conversation, discernment, and planning for First Church's mission and ministry as we explore the practice of "Radical Hospitality" over the next few months. Please mark these dates, and plan to take part:

Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 am –

A Thanksgiving Prayer Walk. We will take a walk around the neighbourhood on this Thanksgiving Weekend to give thanks for our neighbours and pray for their needs. You can join in body or pray on your own from home (we'll distribute a sheet on Sunday, Oct. 6th which you can use to pray from home). At the conclusion of the walk we'll have lunch together at a local restaurant to share fellowship and debrief.

Sunday, October 27th at 10:30 am –

Worship will be centered around the topic of "Radical Hospitality." Join us as we learn and pray together about how God may be calling us to reach out to our neighbours in radically hospitable ways.

Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 am –

Workshop on Radical Hospitality. We hope that many members of the congregation will set aside this Saturday morning to explore the theme further and engage in a process of praying and planning together.

Rev. Amanda Currie

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer--relaxing, travelling, getting together with friends and family, reading a good book or just enjoying the great weather we have had this year.



It's time to catch up on our church family's activities and adventures over the summer, so the Fellowship Committee is hosting a Potluck Supper on

Sunday, September 29th at 5:30pm.

Signup sheets are available in the Narthex and in the gym to let us know how many in your family will be coming...and it is great to invite your friends as well to join us!

Don't miss this opportunity for a great feast, great friends and great fellowship.

Sheila Wilson
Fellowship Committee

FUNDSCRIP

The order Sundays for September are Sept. 8 and Sept. 22. Specials for September include the Ultimate Dining Card which can be used at a number of restaurants including Eastside Mario's, Montana's, and Swiss Chalet. The rebate is 7% for the month of September, so if you buy a \$100 card and go out for dinner, the church will receive \$7. Grocery and gas cards will continue to be available at the FundScrip table following worship. Thanks for your support of this fundraising initiative!

SCHOLARSHIP

First Church has three scholarship funds for post-secondary studies and makes awards to students each year. Application deadline is September 30. The criteria and award amounts vary. Applications are available on the church website at www.firstpresregina.ca (click "Who We Serve" and then "Scholarships"), and on the table in the narthex. For further information contact Jim Doolittle. Please submit all applications to the church office at 2170 Albert Street, Regina, SK, S4P 2T9 or by e-mail to firstpresregina@sasktel.net. Applicants must have completed their first year of post secondary education

Jim Doolittle
Scholarship Committee

PRESBYTERY NEWSLETTER

Summer Greetings from the Presbytery of Assiniboia!

The Presbytery of Assiniboia met at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Swift Current on Saturday, June 15th. We enjoyed wonderful hospitality and appreciated the chance to connect with ministers and representative elders before the summer season.

Our meeting started with a memorial tribute to the Rev John Ferrier who passed away December 21, 2018. Ordained as a minister in 1974, John served as minister of Knox Weyburn from 1979 until his retirement in 2006. John will be remembered for his dedicated work in the Presbytery of Assiniboia and Synod of

Saskatchewan. John also served as Chaplain to the Weyburn Canadian Legion, the RCMP and the Weyburn Fire Department. His funeral service was held December 29, 2018 followed by his interment on May 25, 2019 at Hillcrest Cemetery, Weyburn.

It was time to shuffle responsibilities within the Presbytery structure. As a result, the Rev. Devon Pattemore, minister from Grace Yorkton will serve as the new Moderator for 2019-2020. An election by secret ballot was held for the positions of Clerk and Treasurer. Dr. Jo Szostak, (Elder, First Church Regina) was re-elected as Clerk, and Conor Barker, (Rep Elder St. Andrew's Swift Current) as Treasurer for the year 2019-2020. The Presbytery is thankful for the dedication of the Rev Ina Golaiy who served as Treasurer for the past eight years.

The Rev Amanda Currie asked to be relieved of responsibility as convener of the Congregational Life Committee for the next year. Fran Neuls, Elder from Trinity Grenfell was appointed Convener of that committee for 2019-20.

The Rev Jay Song was appointed as the new Interim Moderator for St Mark's Moose Jaw and Knox Briercrest effective June 15, 2019. Thank you to the Rev Ryan Bak for serving in this capacity since 2016.

Our commissioners to the 145th General Assembly of the PCC in Waterloo, Ont. were the Rev Amanda Currie, First Regina and Barry Holtslander, Lay Missionary, Knox Briercrest & St Mark's Moose Jaw.

Rev. Currie was inducted as Moderator of the 145th General Assembly. Amanda graduated from Knox College in 2003 and served St. Andrew's in Saskatoon from 2003–2017. In August 2017, she was called to First Church in Regina. Amanda is a pastor with a passion for preaching, teaching and pastoral care. She loves to sing and to share in ministries of music, including diverse styles that help us to sing our prayers and proclaim the good news with joy. We are proud of you Rev Amanda and know that you will lead our Church with grace and compassion!

In addition to that highlight, it was an interesting General Assembly that included wonderful worship, good fellowship, but also long, challenging, and sometimes confusing deliberations. Although the church continues to be divided with regard to issues of human sexuality, there was a concerted effort at the Assembly to focus on the unity that we share in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Presbytery received the good news that three of our churches have received funding from the Chisholm fund for their church roof repairs: Grace Yorkton (\$7,700), Knox Whitewood (\$11,000) and Norman Kennedy Regina (\$13,000). It was unfortunate that St Andrew's Swift Current application to the Avondbloem Fund was declined.

Presbytery endorsed the application of St Andrew's Moosomin for a Sustaining Ministry grant.

Approval to institute term service for elders was given to Norman Kennedy Regina.

Barry Holtslander, Lay Missionary, was commissioned as an elder to officiate the Sacraments for St Mark's Moose Jaw and Knox Briercrest.

Knox Whitewood was granted permission to begin the call process for a full-time minister.

Presbytery Visitations have been completed over the past several months at Grace Yorkton, St Andrew's Swift Current, St Andrew's Moosomin, St Mark's Moose Jaw and Knox Weyburn. Trinity Grenfell. Knox Briercrest visitation will occur later this year. The purpose of these visitations is to support and encourage the minister and congregations in their ministries.

Leading with Care reports have been received from the majority of the congregations within the Presbytery. The reports show that congregations are energetically working to ensure that our churches and activities are safe for all who participate.

Presbytery received great news that Jinsil Park (former lay minister for Knox Whitewood) recently completed his transfer courses at

Montreal's Presbyterian College. He is currently doing Summer Ministry in Duncan, BC.

Dr. Jo Szostak continues in her role as Congregational Development and New Church Development Coordinator for the Synod. She has met with all congregations in this Presbytery, except one which does not require assistance at this time. Jo has found the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations", by Robert Schnase, to be helpful in her work with congregations. Jo was also busy planning for the summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) program at White City, as well as meeting with ecumenical partners to coordinate Christian outreach to the city. White City VBS is an outreach of the Presbytery of Assiniboia.

This newsletter is one initiative of the Congregational Life Committee, as we work to connect our congregations across the Presbytery of Assiniboia. We have also set up a Facebook Group for sharing and discussion between Presbyterians across the whole province.

Join the group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/147648962767626/?ref=bookmarks> and stay in touch with other Presbyterian congregations.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Assiniboia will be September 21, 2018 at 10 am at Grace Yorkton. Presbytery meetings are open to all Presbyterians who are welcome to attend, listen, and observe. It's helpful to let the Clerk of Presbytery know if you plan to attend so that accommodations for space, food, etc. can be made. The Clerk, Dr. Jo Szostak, can be contacted at jszostak@accesscomm.ca.

The summer of 2019 has been busy with Presbyterian ministry and mission across Saskatchewan. Here are a few glimpses of what has been happening:

The Synod of Saskatchewan has once again supported summer Vacation Bible Schools in our congregations across the province. Our Summer Student Minister, Arthur Lin worked with our Synod Youth Coordinator,



Martha Ferguson along with leadership of the local congregations to facilitate VBS programming. The first programs began July 9-12 in St Andrew's Saskatoon, and continued throughout the summer in the following communities: Mistawasis, St Andrew's Moosomin, Trinity Grenfell, St. Andrew's Swift Current, Knox Briercrest, Norman Kennedy Regina, First Church Regina and White City. Arthur also preached and led Sunday worship throughout the province this summer.



Camp Christopher had over 200 campers this summer, who all experienced God's love in the beautiful creation around them and the fantastic group of staff we had this summer!



Rev Amanda Currie, the Moderator of the 145th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Submitted by Fran Neuls, Convener of the Congregational Life Committee

Moderator's Visit to Kenora Fellowship Centre

On Thursday, August 15th, I spent the day at the Kenora Fellowship Centre, a ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It was a bit of a road trip from Regina, but worth the drive, and I appreciated meeting up with the Rev. Barbara

Pilozow, Clerk of the Presbytery of Winnipeg, for the final leg of the journey.

Over the years I have heard about the mission carried out at the Kenora Fellowship Centre but had never been there. I received warm hospitality from Executive Director Yvonne Bearbull, Elder Cathy Lindsay who is a Board member, as well as staff, volunteers, and clients of the Centre. Thank you!

Our visit was prompted by hearing about the extra challenges that Kenora is facing at this time. With the closure of services for the homeless at "The Hub" in Kenora, and the expected closure of the shelter at "The



Hub" next week, there are many more needs to be filled, including food, shelter, clothing, and other supports. With the generosity of church members from the Presbytery of Winnipeg and First Presbyterian in Regina, we were able to deliver some gift cards, cash, non-perishable food supplies, laundry soap, and clothing. Much more will be needed in the coming weeks while the Centre is trying to fill some of the gaps left by the closure of "The Hub."

In the midst of the crisis, it was good to see the staff and volunteers continuing to serve faithfully and cheerfully, cooking two good meals for about 80 people on Thursday when we



were there, and repeating each day.

It was also good to see Yvonne Bearbull calling together her ecumenical colleagues in Kenora to talk about the situation and start working on plans for support and advocacy for their

community. The clergy clearly had good relationships with each other and a shared concern for all the people of the community. They will be in my prayers as they work together creatively, proactively, and courageously for the well-being of all.

Kenora is a beautiful town with rocks, trees, and water all around, and the folks I met there were lovely. But I learned that the history of racism against Indigenous people is long and deep, and the tension between cultures is significant. Please join me in praying for the leadership at the Kenora Fellowship Centre and the Kenora Ministerial as they demonstrate what it looks like to love and respect one another across differences, and challenge the whole community to do the same.

The 2019 General Assembly made an official response to The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #46, part ii by repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. Together with other parties of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, we repudiated "concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and *terra nullius*, and the reformation of laws, governance structures, and policies within their respective institutions that continue to rely on such concepts."

If you haven't heard about this or you don't know what it's about, you can learn more here: <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/doctrine-of-discovery/>

Leaders in our Church's Indigenous ministries have told us that repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery was a good and important step for the church. But they have also told us that the repudiation must go beyond words to the suffering communities. I believe actions will include examining our church's priorities, funding structures and processes, continuing to respond to the TRC Calls to Action and the Calls for Justice of the Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. It will also involve each of us becoming more aware of our own biases, prejudices, and assumptions about Indigenous people, and humbly learning to be more Christ-like in our relations.

Small, practical acts of reconciliation will include our support for those suffering the intergenerational affects of the Indian Residential School System, and for many of the homeless people in Kenora and many other communities across this country.

You can help support the work of the Kenora Fellowship Centre through your prayers, your donations. Feel free to visit if you are travelling through Northern Ontario: 208 Water Street, Kenora, ON P9N 1S4, (807) 468-5538, <http://fellowshipcentre.wix.com/kenora>

Rev. Amanda Currie

TIPS FOR SUPPORTING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

Wendy Mitchell was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease at the age of 58 and has shared some of her best tips for supporting someone with dementia in an Alzheimer Society (UK) blog.

Wendy's Tips:

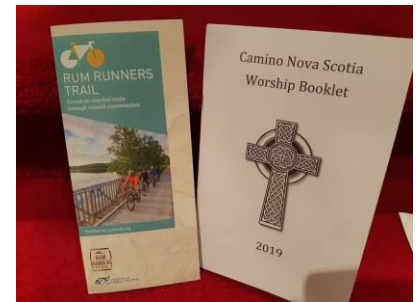
1. Don't automatically do things for me. "If a person with dementia is struggling to do something, naturally a lot of people jump to just doing it for them, which can be really frustrating. For the kindest of reasons and wherever possible, please help me to do something myself or try to find a new way."
2. Don't think of diagnosis of dementia as the end. "Life with dementia will always be different but that doesn't mean it will all be bad. It can still be filled with laughter and adventures; it is more just about adapting. Keeping a positive attitude is really important."
3. Remember I still have talents. "For me, I'm living with dementia not 'suffering'. Every person diagnosed will have had interests and talents beforehand and these aren't just lost overnight. Whether they loved writing, drawing or sports, encourage them to keep this up in some way."
4. Take each day as it comes. "Naturally, when someone you know has dementia, it can make you worry about the future. It is really important to not dwell on this too much and focus more on each day as it comes. There will be bad days but tomorrow may be better."
5. Remember, I'm still a person with feelings. "Often, if someone has dementia, people may

start to exclude them from a conversation, or where they are included in questions or remarks can sometimes be insensitive. After a diagnosis, we still like to be included in and contribute to conversations and treated with respect."

CAMINO NOVA SCOTIA **(How I spent my summer vacation!)**

Some of you know that I spent part of my summer holidays in Nova Scotia this past July. The inspiration for going to Nova Scotia came when Nick saw a

notice about a program being offered by the Atlantic School of Theology called the "Camino Nova Scotia." Modelled after the Camino de Santiago, an 800 km pilgrimage walk that goes through France and Spain, this program involved walking about 110 km over five days along the Rum Runners' Trail on the South shore of Nova Scotia.



I quickly decided that I would like to do the walk and then easily convinced my sisters, Fiona and



Vanessa, to walk with me. We met in Halifax and joined a group of 12 walkers and 3 support staff for the journey. Our shortest walk was 14 km on the first day, and the

longest one was 26.5 km. We had lovely weather along the way. I'm happy to report that I didn't get any blisters, even if I did get some tired leg muscles by the end of the 4th day.

We stayed at churches along the route, sleeping on air mattresses and using the church kitchens to prepare our meals. We gathered for prayer

and reflection each morning and evening, and formed a lovely little community of friendship and support. We shared lots of laughter, some beautiful views, and even a quick cold dip in the ocean at one point.

The support staff were amazing! They encouraged and guided us, cared for blistered feet, shopped and organized wonderful meals, carried our luggage by van to the next location so we only had to carry small day packs, and offered us the security of knowing there was a vehicle nearby if we ever got into trouble. I would highly recommend the experience to anyone interested in a good long walk, a bit of a challenge, an opportunity to see another part of the country, and an openness to being part of a pilgrimage community for a week.

Rev. Amanda Currie

OCTOBER EVENTS

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| 1 | 10:30 am | Bible Study |
| 1 | Noon | Freedom 55ers |
| 2 | No Session Meeting (moved to Oct. 16) | |
| 3 | 7:00 pm | Choir |
| 3 | 8:15 pm | Chancel Singers |
| 4 | 2:30 pm | Prayer Shawl Group @
Wintergreene Estates |
| 6 | 10:30 am | Worship & Sunday School
Preacher: The Rev. Bob Wilson
World Communion Sunday |
| 8 | 10:30 am | Bible Study |
| 8 | Noon | Freedom 55ers |
| 10 | 7:00 pm | Choir |
| 10 | 8:15 pm | Contemporary Group |
| 12 | 10:00 am | Thanksgiving Prayer Walk |
| 13 | 10:30 am | Thanksgiving Sunday |

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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| 8 | 10:30 AM | Worship & Sunday School |
| 8 | 11:45 | Mission & Outreach Cmt |
| 8 | Noon | "Story Time" in the
Kennedy Room (all ages welcome) |
| 10 | 10:30 am | Adult Bible study |
| 10 | Noon | Freedom 55ers |
| 12 | 7:00 pm | Choir |
| 12 | 8:15 pm | Contemporary Group |
| 15 | 10:30 am | Worship & Sunday School
Preacher: The Rev. Bob Wilson |
| 15 | Noon | Christian Education Cmt |
| 17 | 10:30 am | Adult Bible study |
| 17 | Noon | Freedom 55ers |
| 18 | 7:00 pm | Board of Managers |
| 19 | 7:00 pm | Choir |
| 19 | 8:15 pm | Chancel Singers |
| 22 | 10:30 am | Worship & Sunday School
Preacher: The Rev. Bob Wilson
Presbyterians Sharing Sunday |
| 24 | 10:30 am | Adult Bible study |
| 24 | Noon | Freedom 55ers |
| 25 | 7:00 pm | Book Club @ Heather
Mazurak's home |
| 26 | 7:00 pm | Choir |
| 26 | 8:15 pm | Contemporary Group |
| 29 | 10:30 am | Worship & Sunday School |
| | 5:30 | Welcome Back Potluck |