

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

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NEWSLETTER

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family and friends,

I just heard the word that there is yet another new variant of the COVID 19 virus. I'm sure you are with me thinking that this COVID pandemic should have been mostly in the rearview mirror by the beginning of September; and here we are, in October, and still COVID is a top news story. WHEN WILL IT END?

It is beginning to look like – never, or at least not for a long, long time. “a more realistic epidemiological endpoint might arrive not when herd immunity is achieved but when countries are able to control the burden of COVID-19 enough that it can be managed as an endemic disease.” (<https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/healthcare-systems-and-services/our-insights/when-will-the-covid-19-pandemic-end>)

What does this mean, “an endemic disease?” According to the Mailman School of Public Health from Columbia University, “An endemic is a disease outbreak that is consistently present but limited to a particular region. This makes the disease spread and rates predictable.” (<https://www.publichealth.columbia.edu/public-health-now/news/epidemic-endemic-pandemic-what-are-differences>) This means that Covid is here to stay like chicken pox, whooping cough and seasonal flu. Just like these viruses, there is a vaccine available, but the disease will continue to be a threat. A threat that will eventually not affect the general society so we can begin functioning back to some kind of normal. At some point, we can all hope and pray that this disease will be wiped out like smallpox. Most of us older than 50 have a small pox vaccine mark on our upper arm. But younger than that - no vaccine required because the disease is virtually non-existent on planet earth. Covid will be a fear for the world, but one that we will learn to live with.

I was thinking about comparing the Covid virus to sin. Once sin was unleashed in the world, it has never gone away. There is truly no way to escape it. And once sin has a hold on our lives, there is no way to get out of it. We can't have a vaccine for sin. We are born into sin and live there all our lives.

Whoa – pretty depressing! There is no vaccine to prevent sin, but unlike Covid there is a complete cure available to everyone if you are willing to take the medicine. It is called repentance and forgiveness. We as Christians believe that we can be completely forgiven from any sin if we turn our backs on the sin and ask God for forgiveness through Jesus' death on the cross. Unfortunately, there may be lingering effects from our sinful choices; but once again, God is in the business of taking terrible situations and turning them to good as we move into the grace of God's love.

One more last thought – unfortunately – there are an unlimited number of variants of sin. We can “catch” sin again and again, but we can become more resistant to it as we grow in the grace of God's love through prayer, Bible study, meditation and Christian fellowship.

I encourage you to accept God's forgiveness and grow in your faith to become resistant to sin in your life.

With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly

From the Presbyterian Mission Website:

Presbyterians are encouraged to get vaccinated, an “important step in ending the suffering of so many in our nation and world”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 4 David Philblad
October 5 Bettie Alexander
October 5 Michael Fessel
October 6 Ron Sutherland
October 10 Jan Eccles
October 12 Stacy Halla
October 14 Lisa Underwood
October 15 Reg Boutwell
October 16 Amanda Lewis
October 16 Carol Brown
October 18 Dave Myers
October 22 John Lockwood
October 23 Brandi Ashdown
October 23 Betty Chubb
October 25 Rosie Swan
October 29 Garrett Carlson
October 29 Aubrey Roberts
October 30 Gage Ashdown
October 31 Dian Brown

AN ECCLESIASTICAL LESSON

Solomon says it best:
To every thing
There is a season and a time
To every purpose
Under heaven.

Consider these few:
A time to be born
And a time to die,
A time to be silent
And a time to speak.

And these:
A time to weep
And a time to laugh,
A time to mourn
And a time to dance.

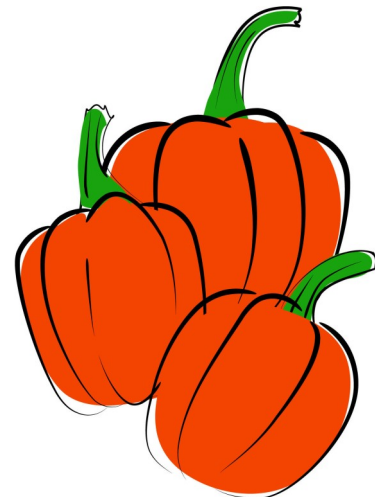
Accepting these
Leads to the peace
Of God.

Appreciate God's perfect timing!

Ann Dahl Luce 2021

Notes from Session

- Plans for Kick off for Church school set for October 3
- Many of the Building and grounds projects have been completed
- New phones for the church were approved. These will be purchased from memorial funds.
- Rev. Bruce Levine has been appointed to serve as our moderator.
- Working on plans to bring music back to Sunday morning worship.
- Approved purchase of new signboard for the church with funds from Memorial account.



WORSHIP TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

October 3

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla
Communion— Connie Lockwood

October 10

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

October 17

Liturgist— Tom Wade
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

October 24

Liturgist— David Golando
Sound- Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla

October 31

Liturgist—Barry Shields
Sound—Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla



November 7

Liturgist—Nancy Pihlblad
Sound—Keith Alexander, Stacy Halla
Communion—Connie Lockwood

Pray for our Mission Projects

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS
DISASTER RELIEF
EMERGENCY FUND
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA
EQUIP (INDIA) ASIA SWAUGERS
FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT
GENESIS HOUSE
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
LAVID ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SAMARITAN PURSE SHOE BOX
ST SUSAN CENTER
UCAN

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS

October 3, 2021

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17, 2021

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 2021

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31, 2021

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34



The Lord's Acre and Beef on Weck fundraisers altogether raised over \$1500. Thank you so very much to all who donated their time and talents to make it such a huge success!



We've been without a choir for so long that we have decided to bring back our Hand bell Choir!

No voices are needed for this one folks. Being able to read music is helpful but not required. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact our Choir Director, Carol Brown at 358-5663.

Try it, you'll like it!



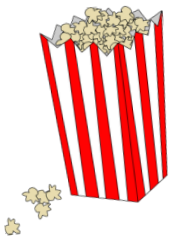
The Sunday School Kick Off will be on October 3rd at 9am. There will be classes for Kindergarten ages and up along with an Adult class. The Adult class will be studying from The Present Word, Fall curriculum.

What a great time to invite someone to church!

Join us for in-person fellowship and digging into God's Word. You'll be glad you did.

PUMPKINS, POPCORN AND PIZZA !

That's right everyone. We're having a pumpkin carving party on Wednesday, October 27 from 5:30—7pm. It's going to be great fun for the whole family! We will be providing the pumpkins along with the popcorn and pizza; YUMMY! Please pre-register by Sunday, October 24th. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Call the church office with any questions you may have at **716-358-4255**



Emergency Preparedness

Disaster can strike anyone, anywhere at any time. Natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornados, blizzards, ice storms and earthquakes often wreak havoc on large areas. Man-made disasters such as chemical spills, explosions and plane crashes affect smaller areas but often require emergency evacuations that can last a week or more.

Sadly, experience shows that when disaster strikes, many households are totally unprepared for either being without utilities and services, or, an emergency evacuation for multiple days.

**Being unprepared means, at the very least,
risking considerable discomfort for multiple days, and at the very worst,
risking your health and even death.**

Emergency officials urge that every household should at least be prepared for:

1. Being stranded at home without utilities for 3 to 5 days.
2. Having to evacuate within 5 minutes and not return for at least 72 hours.
3. Being stranded overnight in a vehicle.

Guidelines and checklists for emergency plans and emergency kits are available from a number of sources such as:

www.ready.gov/home

www.redcross.org/prepare

**Be sure your household has plans and kits for coping
with emergencies. BE PREPARED**



Congratulations to Reg and Louise Boutwell for their outstanding service to the Randolph Community and Randolph United Presbyterian Church! A well deserved award for you both!



Church Picnic 2021



The best grillers in town!
Keith Alexander on the left and Tom Wade on the right.



David Golando



Pastor Molly, Ann Luce & Bob Matson



Upper left—Stacy Halla & Nelson MaHaffey with Bob Matson in the background
 Upper right—Catherine Alexander & Carol Brown
 Center—Karen Howell & Barry Shields
 Lower left—Cathy Sutherland & Mary Vereb with Rosie Swan in the background
 Lower right—Jim Ashdown with his grandsons

PRAYER CONCERNS

Loss:

Family of Fletcher Schulz
Family of Ken Harvey
Family of Marsha Anderson
Family of Brock Doberstein
Family of Linda Chupa
Family of Bill Francen
Family of George Pritchard

Home Bound:

Remember with a call or visit :
Alice Stoddard
Bob & Evelyn Whitney
Bettie Alexander
Dan & Ruth McLaughlin
Those in quarantine

Health:

Alice Stoddard
Bev Schelee
Bob & Evelyn Whitney
Bob & Sandy Chubon
Bob Dalbo
Brad Young
Carol Brown

Health:

Carrie Congdon
Carrie R
Dan Earl heart issues
David Dunbar
Congestive heart failure
David Warner Catherine's brother
Derek Marsh leukemia
Donna Chubon
Gavin Larson surgery
Harry Uhl
Hazel DeAngelo stroke
Hunter Young cancer
Jason (stroke) David's friend

Health:

Lori Linquist cancer
Madison
Marian Wade
Mike (David's friend addiction)
Natalie Wade
Nick Kinney
Rob (heart attack)
Rosamond & Merle Flagg
Ruth McLaughlin
Ryan B. (addictions)
Teresa Chadwick (waiting for kidney)
Westfield Presbyterian Church

Military Personnel & Their Families:

Aaron Wellman
Mike Fleischmann
Anthony Schwartz
Erin Connor
Matt Kinahan

Encouragement:

THE WHOLE WORLD
Our Nation
The country of India
Afghanistan
Flooding in Europe
The Cuban People
Country of Haiti
Disaster Victims
Ruth & Dan McLaughlin
Care Givers
Police men and women
Medical Personnel
Families dealing with Addictions
Prison Ministry (CCM)
Foster Care Parents/children
Dorcasse and family (immigration papers)
Fallen soldiers & families
Families battling politics

Our Church:

Deacons & Elders
General Committees
Church Staff

Travelers:

Gregory Golando/South Africa
Daniel Pihlblad/India

General Fund Treasurer's Notes

	AUGUST 2021	Year to Date
Total Expenses	\$ 4,917.74	\$ 44,903.08
Total Receipts	\$ 6,770.26	\$ 49,454.31
Gain or (Loss)	\$1852.52	\$ 4,551.23
Capital Improvement Fund		\$12,985.97
Driveway Fund		\$5,030.51
Paying Forward Fund		\$807.05





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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	8PM AA					
3 Sunday School Kickoff! 9AM Communion Sunday	4 8pm AA	5	6 Pastor 9-12	7 Coffee time 6pm Zoom Bible study 6:30 Zoom	8	9
10 Sunday School 9am	131 8pm AA	12 Session Meeting 7pm	13 Pastor 9-12	14 Coffee Time 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 Zoom	15	16
17 Sunday School 9am MISSION SUNDAY	18 8pm AA	19	20 Pastor 9-12	21 Coffee Time 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 Zoom	22	23
24 Sunday School 9am	25 8pm AA	26	27 Pastor 9-12 Pumpkins Popcorn & Pizza Party	28 Coffee Time 6pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30 Zoom	29	30

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Sunday
School 9am

**CAPITAL
SUNDAY**





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CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR

Rev. Molly T. Golando

CORPORATION OFFICERS

President—Reg Boutwell V. President— Kay Wade
Treasurer-Rosie Swan

CLERK OF SESSION
Mary Myers

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2021 Dan Pihlblad Keith Alexander	CLASS OF 2022 Tom Wade Mary Myers	CLASS OF 2023 Jim Roberts Reg Boutwell Connie Lockwood
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DEACONS

CLASS OF 2021 James Ashdown Louise Boutwell	CLASS OF 2022 Marta Johnson Kay Wade Stacy Halla	CLASS OF 2023 Barry Shields Carrie Congdon
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STAFF

MUSIC MINISTRY—Carol Brown, choir director/organist
CHURCH SECRETARY—Karen Howell
CUSTODIANS—Susan Ashdown & Jim Ashdown

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.