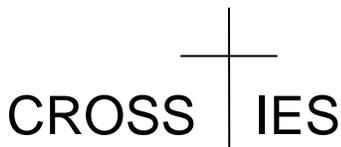


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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sun	1	Adult Sunday School Voices of Angels Practice & Sunday School Worship Service Communion SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
M	2	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	3	B Natural Music Academy Classes	5:00-7:45 pm
W	4	Tutoring B Natural Music Academy Classes Adult Choir Practice	4:30 pm 5:00-7:45 pm 6:30 pm
Sat	7	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	8	Adult Sunday School Voices of Angels Practice & Sunday School Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
M	9	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	10	B Natural Music Academy Classes	5:00-7:45 pm
W	11	Tutoring B Natural Music Academy Classes Adult Choir Practice Session Meeting	4:30 pm 5:00-7:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Th	12	Future Hope Single Mothers' Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat	14	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	15	Adult Sunday School Voices of Angels Practice & Sunday School Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
M	16	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	17	B Natural Music Academy Classes	5:00-7:45 pm
W	18	Tutoring B Natural Music Academy Classes Adult Choir Practice	4:30 pm 5:00-7:45 pm 6:30 pm
Th	19	One City, One Book Discussion	7:00 pm
Sat	21	Soccer	9:30 am

ONE CITY, ONE BOOK

Again this fall, the public library is encouraging everyone in Greensboro to read the same book. "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly has been selected. This book, which was also an Oscar-nominated hit movie, is the incredible untold story of three African-American women working at NASA who served as the mathematical brains behind the successful launch of America's first astronaut into orbit, John Glenn.

Numerous discussions and activities have been held throughout Greensboro, and on **Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 pm**, Ron Headen with the Greensboro Public Library will lead a discussion on "Hidden Figures" in our Fellowship Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend. Copies of "Hidden Figures" are available in the church office for you to borrow free of charge. (They need to be returned by November 5.) We urge you to come by the office for a copy at your earliest convenience to have adequate time to read it. Invite your friends to participate!

OCTOBER CALENDAR, continued

Sun	22	SHARING SUNDAY Adult Sunday School Voices of Angels Practice & Sunday School Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
M	23	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	24	B Natural Music Academy Classes	5:00-7:45 pm
W	25	Tutoring B Natural Music Academy Classes Adult Choir Practice	4:30 pm 5:00-7:45 pm 6:30 pm
Sat	28	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	29	Adult Sunday School Voices of Angels Practice & Sunday School Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
M	30	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	31	HALLOWEEN Tutoring B Natural Music Academy Classes	4:30 pm 5:00-7:45 pm

THE DESIRE FOR MORAL LEADERSHIP

Abigail Adams, the wife of our second President, wrote to Thomas Jefferson: "These are hard times in which a genius would wish to live. Great necessities call forth great leaders."

Today there are a number of people who try to influence us and lead us in one way or another. It becomes difficult for us to know where to turn and who to follow. The fact is that we live in a time when some of the loudest and most heard are not leading us in a positive direction. We are greatly in need of moral voices.

What would our expectations be of a moral voice? It should be one that is fair-minded, treating each person with respect. Jesus may have disagreed with people, but he treated them with respect, even the prostitute, the tax collector, the mentally ill persons and enforcers of the law. He challenged them when they were sinful or selfish, but still showed respect.

One would expect compassion for all, not just for those who are gifted with money or power. The compassion of Christ is rarely found in today's leaders, even when they claim they are speaking on behalf of the Christian faith. Jesus reached down to the lowly, the sick, the poor and those facing injustices. Where is compassion in our leadership today?

Also, key concept in the scriptures is that of bringing people together and not dividing. When all is said and done a great leader is one that is moral, one that unifies and builds bridges among the people, one that has compassion for everyone.

Join me in praying that moral leadership will arise for our country and our world.

"The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouting of a ruler among fools." ~ Ecclesiastes 9:17
~ Gray Clark

PCC PEOPLE

Mac McCain, the son of **Vicki and Frank McCain**, has been commended for his talents on the football field. He has been a defensive power for the NC A & T Aggie football team this year. We commend him and wish him and his family the best!

Congratulations to **Lauren Pearson and Luke Vernon**, son of **Scott and Beth Vernon**, who were married on September 2!

Congratulations also to **Jacob and Virginia Cartwright Clark** who were married on September 20. They will soon be moving to the Phoenix, Arizona area where he will be accepting a position with Cellular Sales/Verizon. Jacob is the son of **Gray and Janet Clark**.

VOTE!

Early voting has begun for Greensboro City Council seats. All of the current city council and the mayor are up for election. Please educate yourself on these people and get out and vote! Early voting for the Primary continues through October 7; election day for the primary is October 10. General Election early voting is October 19-November 4; election day for the General Election is November 7.

FYI: An independent, non-partisan Voter's Guide for the Greensboro Elections is available at church. It provides tips about voting and information on the candidates and their positions on various topics.

B NATURAL MUSIC AND DANCE

It's not too late to register for dance, voice, guitar, piano, or percussion lessons in our music academy. Classes meet once a week on Tuesday or Wednesday at 5:00, 6:00, or 7:00 pm. Cost is \$160 per academic year per class. Come by the Academy during class time or call Kaye Peebles at 336-274-0703 or 336-580-6324.

We are also selling 2018 Chick-fil-a calendars as a fund raiser. Cost is \$8.00 per calendar and each calendar includes numerous coupons for each month.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will celebrate Communion during worship on Sunday, October 1, at 11:00 am. Please be in prayerful preparation.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Stewardship should be a part of everything we do through all seasons of our ministries, not just a few weeks when we receive pledge cards that help us put together a budget for the coming year. Stewardship is a spiritual discipline and a way of living that helps us manage what God has entrusted to us and to teach others the true joy of giving as a response to God's generosity. We are called to be good stewards of all that we have: stewards of time, gifts, resources, relationships, ministry, knowledge of God, and stewards of the people in our community of faith and of the mysteries of God.

As we move into the season of stewardship, let us spend time in prayer and thought about how we can become better stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. Let us prepare ourselves for our response on Commitment Sunday which will be Sunday, November 12; worship will be held at 11:00 am followed by a covered-dish lunch. Please plan to participate and invite others to join us.