

News From The Heart

OCTOBER 2018

First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia, NY

In the Heart of the Village since 1799

Pastor's Journal

Sometimes it feels like the world is coming at us so quickly that we don't know which way to turn, where to look, what to do next. In a chaotic world, we find strength in knowing that God is always near. That is why I'm grateful for *A Season of Peace* we are in, which culminates with the Peace & Global Witness offering on World Communion Sunday. The ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation witness to the Prince of Peace. It is good to be reminded that, with all the discord, pain, and conflict in our communities and in the world, we serve a God who promises harmony and responds to violence with reconciliation and peace.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It has helped support our church partners in Madagascar recover from years of destructive development. Scriptural resources helped congregations, like the one in Old Bergen, New Jersey, find common ground with neighbors of many faiths, bringing their children together to learn from one another and to build a peaceful future. And the whole church joins together, through this Offering, to work for an end to all forms of human trafficking, specifically, the sin of enlistment of child soldiers.

This is why we give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace—at all times, in all ways. From our congregation, where we retain 25 percent of this offering to support vital local area missions; to the region, where 25 percent is retained by mid councils (presbyteries) to support peacemaking efforts being pursued, together with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts, along with our prayers, for peace and our work for justice.

We invite you to visit the Peace & Global Witness website (www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global) to find more information on how your support of this offering helps. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community. The challenge is to each of us to consider how we might increase our witness, and increase our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. And we pray that the God of Peace might join our hearts with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 7th, in response to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. As Presbyterians, we claim Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness and grace that he shows us. And remember that we are truly one global human family through Christ's love, grace and peace.



Rev. Dr. Tom C. Oak

Message from the Presbyterian Mission Agency

Sunday School Update

Sunday School Schedule

October 7-grades 5-12 remain in service, younger children go to Sunday School

October 14-Regular Sunday School

October 21-Regular Sunday School

October 28-Regular Sunday School

Curriculum Update

This year the Sunday School is using Whirl Classroom lessons from Sparkhouse (www.sparkhousedigital.com). The lessons focus on stories from the Bible's Old Testament such as Noah's Ark, Sarah and Abraham and Joseph and His Brothers. Each week has a stand alone lesson with video, worksheets and a fun craft for our younger students. The older children are having great discussions about how these stories can be applied to modern life. We are always looking for people to join us to teach or assist.

Reformation Sunday

The Presbyterian Church celebrates Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday of October, commemorating a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his 95 thesis on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther was protesting against the corruption of the Church in Rome and the great abuses attending the sale of indulgences. Luther, a German priest and professor, is credited with starting the movement known as the Protestant Reformation.

Some twenty years later, a French/Swiss theologian, John Calvin further refined the reformers' new way of thinking about the nature of God and God's relationship with humanity in what came to be known as Reformed Theology. This theology proved to be the driving force of the Reformation, particularly in Germany, France, the

Mission Update

The Sunday School will be focusing on helping several local organization such as CazCares, The Mustard Seeds and Morrisville-Eaton Central School's Clothing and Food closet. We will also be assembling hygiene kits for Church World Services. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

Christmas Pageant

Please mark your calendar for this year's pageant on Sunday, December 16 during the church service. We promise sweet angels and shepherds, adorable animals as well as beautiful music.

Netherlands, England, and Scotland.

John Knox, a Scotsman who studied with Calvin in Geneva, took Calvin's teachings back to Scotland. The Presbyterian Church traces its ancestry back primarily to Knox in Scotland and to England. The First Presbyterian Church is Cazenovia was started in 1799.

On Sunday October 28th, The First Presbyterian Church in Cazenovia will celebrate the 501st anniversary of the Reformation. Jack Heims will play the bagpipes and plaid tartan ribbons will be handed out in honor of the church's Scottish heritage. Morning worship begins at 10:00 am.

Following the morning worship service there will be a pancake brunch with all the trimmings: sausage, scrambled eggs, special breakfast cakes, fruit salad and assorted beverages. The breakfast is free and open to the public.

Fellowship Committee report

Friendship Brunch – October 28th Your Fellowship Committee will host a brunch after worship on October 29th, Reformation Sunday.

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, milk and table service will be provided, and we



ask that others in attendance consider bringing a dish of fruit, sweetbreads or other brunch item to share.

Providing a dish is optional, and there's no need for a RSVP. We hope that you will plan to stay a little longer on the 29th for some good food and great fellowship!

That day we will also recognize our 25 and 50 year anniversary members during worship service. We hope you can join us for this special day!

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by many Christian denominations taking place on the first Sunday of every October, which promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of Holy Communion and World Peace. The First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia will hold such a celebration at its 10:00 am Sunday morning service on October 7th. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Oak will lead the service with former Organist and the Senior Choir Director, Cathy Wheat adding inspirational music.

The tradition was begun in 1934 by Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr, a Presbyterian minister, who first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbytery (1930). It was Rev. Kerr's attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. It was then adopted throughout the Presbyterian

Church US in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

“The concept spread very slowly at the start”, according to Rev Dr. Donald Kerr, son of the founder. “People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies.

Session Highlights

1st Presbyterian will be participating with Cazenovia Fall Festival. We will be passing out ice cream and there will be Chamber of Commerce Bouncy Houses in our side yard.

William and Roberta Schofield transferred to Roswell Presbyterian Church in Roswell, GA

Lulu Elizabeth Fernandez was baptized in July. Lulu is BJ and Jim Palmer's granddaughter.

Outreach: Disbursed the following::

- \$1500 to Meals on Wheels of East Onondaga County. This MOW recently absorbed the East Syracuse-Minoa area when that branch closed. With double the number of senior citizens now being served, they really needed some new equipment.
- \$720 to Madison County Children's Camp for 4 scholarships.
- \$1000 to DeRuyter Food Pantry in anticipation of increased need during the summer when free/reduced school lunches are unavailable.
- \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to support the relief efforts in the Ellicott City area of Maryland due to recent flooding.
- \$500 to Young Life for camp scholarships.
- \$500 to Young Life for Young Life Experience scholarships (for young unwed mothers' program).
\$3000 to CazCares for purchase of food.
- \$1000 to Vanderkamp Center for facility up-dates.

Session approved the lease for the Manse with the arrival of the Othman family.

Many thanks to Sharye Skinner for providing Summer Sunday School.

Session is always looking for input and concerns from the congregation. Please feel free to speak to any Session member.

Flower Committee Meeting

The Flower Committee will hold it's annual meeting on Sunday, October 14 following church service in the library. We want to welcome newcomers, if you are interested and would like to learn more, please join us!



Thank You!

On behalf of CazCares I would like to thank all who donated school supplies this year!

During this drive, CazCares supplied 88 families with school supplies for 207 students!

Our church's contribution helped this effort greatly! Thanks for your generous support towards this goal.

Thank you, for your continued support of CazCares, which has reached out to so many in need, in so many ways.

Sincerely, Roseanne Courtade

JOIN US IN

EXTENDING THE TABLE

A FUNDRAISING FEAST FOR
CAZENOVIA WELCOMES REFUGEES



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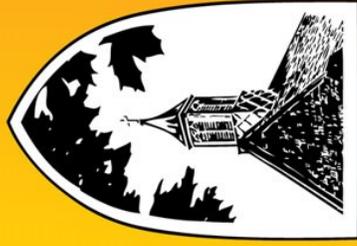
SHARING HOMESTYLE MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD WITH FRIENDS OLD & NEW

OCTOBER 20, 2018 FROM 5-8 P.M.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH • 10 MILL STREET, CAZENOVIA NY

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE KEY CONSIGNMENT STORE
AND ONLINE AT WWW.STPETERSCAZ.ORG

STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2018



Newsletter

Oct 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14 9:15am - Choir 10am - Worship Service 11am - Flower 11am - Jubilate Bell 11am - Outreach 6pm - AA @ First	15 12pm - AA @ First 6:30pm - Joint	16 9:30am - Tai Chi @ 12pm - AA @ First 7pm - Caz Watercolor	17 10am - Bible Study 12pm - AA @ First 12pm - Alice Edwards 6pm - Caz Community	18 12pm - AA @ First 6:30pm - Bells	19 12pm - AA @ First	20 Newsletter Deadline 9am - AA @ First
21 9:15am - Choir 10am - Worship Service 11am - Jubilate Bell 11am - Stewardship 11:15am - Deacons 6pm - AA @ First	22 12pm - AA @ First	23 9:30am - Tai Chi @ 12pm - AA @ First	24 12pm - AA @ First 6pm - Caz Community 6pm - Cub Scouts	25 12pm - AA @ First 6:30pm - Bells	26 12pm - AA @ First	27 9am - AA @ First
28 9:15am - Choir 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship 11am - Jubilate Bell 6pm - AA @ First	29 12pm - AA @ First	30 9:30am - Tai Chi @ 12pm - AA @ First	31 12pm - AA @ First 6pm - Caz Community	1 12pm - AA @ First 1pm - Blood Drive 6:30pm - Bells 7:30pm - Choir	2 12pm - AA @ First	3 9am - AA @ First

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Upcoming Events

Alice Edwards Circle

Noon, October 17, 2018

Meeting House

Hostesses: Roseanne
Courtade, Diane Phillips

Program: "Healing Grief &
Loss"

Presenter: Becky Sennett
Licensed Mental Health
Counselor



Reformation Sunday Brunch

Mark your Calendar
October 28th after service



REFORMATION
Sunday

Men's Breakfast

7:30 a.m. October 10th

Meeting House

All men are welcome to
gather for breakfast and
discussion

