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2023



Advent, a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity, is coming! It begins this year on December 3 and runs until December 24, Christmas Eve. This year the theme for Advent at PPC will be “**Christmas Around the World**,” directed by the Worship Commission.

We will also have a book study. Imagine: an Advent study that finishes before Thanksgiving! That is the plan. We will be reading and discussing **Walter Brueggemann's** book, ***Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study***. The names we will be studying are from Isaiah 9: 6 -- Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Dr. Brueggemann is a wonderful writer; I hope you will enjoy this book. The book can be ordered from Amazon and likely from some other places. There is some Christian Education money available, if that would be helpful.

Pat Berger will be leading. The class will be held on **Zoom, Monday evenings at 6:30**, on **October 23 and 30** and **November 6 and 13**. Hope to see you!



October Lectionary Readings

October 1 18th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7;
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philemon 2:1-13;
Matthew 21:23-32

October 8 19th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20;
Psalm 19; Philemon 3:4b-14;
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15 20th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14;
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philemon 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 22 21st Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:15-22

October 29 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12;
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;
Matthew 22:34-46



Attendance

August 13	24
August 20	25
August 26	20 (gathering)
August 27	25
September 3	28
September 10	24



August Income and Expenses

	August 2023	January – August 2023
Income	\$5,236.70	\$109,594.61
Expense	\$3,067.39	\$100,108.47
Net Income	\$2,169.31	\$ 9,486.14



October 4 Mark Earhart
October 14 Carol Jones
October 25 Larry Cole
October 26 Patty Craig

Newsletter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the November newsletter is **October 21**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com



First Tuesday Lunch and Fellowship

Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship with your church family. **Tuesday, October 3** at **noon** in the **library**.

Meeting Schedules



Deacons next scheduled meeting will be October 2 **at 1:00 p.m.** at the church. Bonnie as resigned as deacon due to her health concerns. Those in her district have been reassigned to the remaining five deacons.



Worship Committee,

The Worship and Nurture Committee will meet on the **first Tuesday, October 3** following the first Tuesday lunch.



Elders Meeting

Session will continue their regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, October 11, at 6:15 on Zoom**.



Peacemaking and Global Witness

Peacemaking and Global Witness offering will be received on **World Communion Sunday, Oct 1**. Twenty-five percent is kept by our congregation for peace and witness efforts, twenty-five percent goes to the Presbytery and Synod for their peace and witness efforts and fifty percent goes to Presbyterian Mission Agency for peacemaking, reconciliation, and global witness.



The first Sunday in October is designated as **World Communion Sunday**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Come join us for this special day.



News From Makindu

"Step up...another step...watch out, those rocks look loose...step up again...keep going...take a pressure breath...step up...another step...keep going." After six days of trekking toward and up Mt. Kilimanjaro these are the words that kept going through my mind as I was navigating the final ascent to the summit of the world's highest free-standing mountain. My mantra repeated itself throughout the middle of the night with my guides, my fellow trekkers and my headlamp guiding the way. Beginning at 11 pm on day six at just above 16,000 ft we had 3,000 ft more to go to reach the summit in time for the day to break. The breaths were labored, the body was tired, the mind was fatigued yet the mission and focus never wavered.

With sincere gratitude,
Debbie Sickmon
 MCP Board of Directors



Our annual Christmas bazaar will be held on **November 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** We will need volunteers to help with the following:

Basket Making Day will be November 8, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bazaar Preparation November 14th -17th, 10 a.m. - ?

Bazaar Decorating Tuesday, November 15

Bazaar Set-up Wednesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 17

Changes to 2023 Bazaar:

No lunches served. Simple food items considered: cinnamon rolls, fruit, cheese, pie, coffee, tea, and lemonade served from the kitchen. **The Bake Sale** will provide the option for take-out or eat-in.

No Mission sales. This will be a separate event in the spring and will include vendors.

No Vendors. They will be included in the spring Arts and Crafts Fair.

Be thinking about what you can donate and where you can help.



Pastor Schedule for October

Pat Berger has kindly agreed to preach two Sundays in October: October 1 and October 15. And Adrienne is working on finding others to fill the pulpit on the other Sundays. Thank you, Pat, for your commitment to the church. And thank you, Adrienne, for the hard work you are doing.

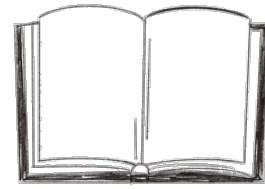


Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Campaign begins in October. There will be two to three minutes "A Moment for Stewardship" during the worship service.



It is with sadness that we bid Ron and Jan Stites good-bye as they move to Chehalis, Washington, where they will be attending Westminster Presbyterian Church. Our loss is Westminster's gain. We wish them well.



Church Directory

An updated church directory and birthday list will be distributed to the congregation in December.

In the meantime, check the web site for new deacon pictures.



Everyone has been so generous in giving your loose change to the various causes that your Mission Team has chosen. Isn't it great to hear those coins hit the offering plate?

This quarter the change will be donated to the Amani Center, which provides medical evaluations for children suspected to have been abused, child forensic interviews, information and referrals for children and caregivers, safety planning, as well as support and advocacy services. They also provide education presentations to youth and adults in the community.

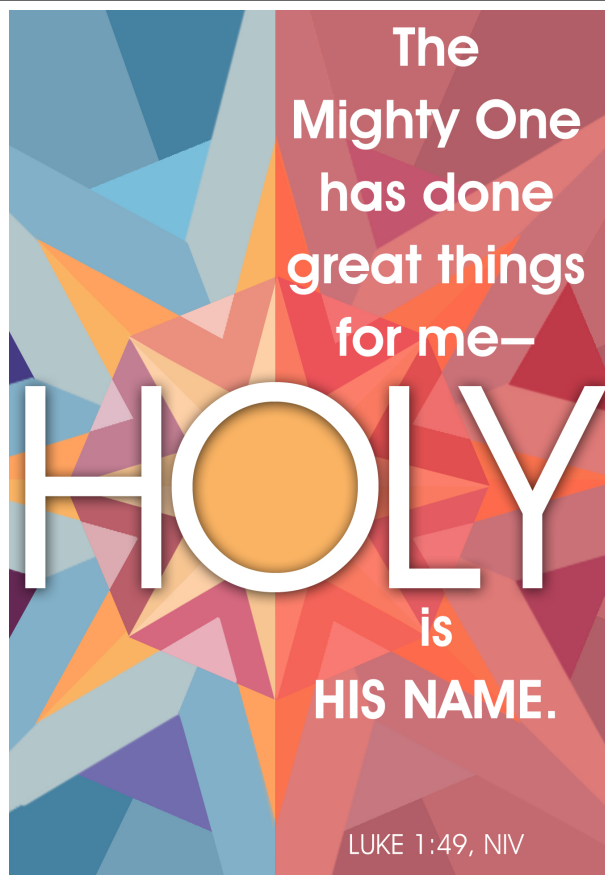


Sunday Volunteer Schedule

October 1	Guest Preacher: Reverend Pat Berger Communion Set-up: Kathleen Dinwiddie Communion Servers: Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie, Marilyn Brinster Greeters: Ida Mae and Karen Roldan Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Coffee Hour: Zelda and Ken Anderson
October 8	Guest Preacher: Reverend Marilyn Allen Greeters: Sharon Fraser and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Becky Frazier Coffee Hour: Karen Roldan and Sharon Fraser
October 15	Guest Preacher: Reverend Pat Berger Greeters: Ken and Zelda Anderson Lay Leader: Sharon Fraser Coffee Hour: Roger and Linda Liefeld
October 22	Guest Preacher: Greeters: Marilyn Brinster and Pat Berger Lay Leader: Adriene Schilling Coffee Hour:
October 29	Guest Preacher: Greeters: Helen Purkerson and Jill Turner Lay Leader: Bill Eagle Coffee Hour: Anita Kjos

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 World Communion Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. with communion 12:30 Avamere	2 Deacons meet at 1 p.m. at the church	3 1st Tuesday fellowship lunch, noon Music and Worship meets immediately after	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 10:30 a.m.	9	10	11 Session meets at 6:15 on Zoom	12	13	14
15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	16	17	18	19	20	21 Newsletter deadlihne
22 Worship 10:30 a.m.	23 Advent Study 6 pm On Zoom	24	25	26	27	28
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