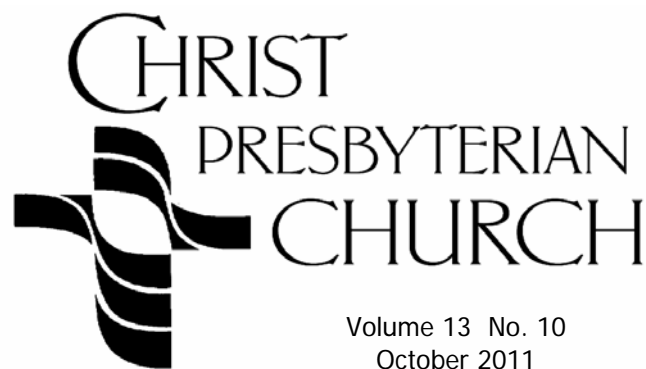


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Pastoral Ponderings.....

If you were an artist, which would be the higher goal for you: getting people to see your work or getting people to know your name? Some folks certainly want to “make a name for themselves.” But what if it’s all about the work and your name is secondary?

For example, one of the best artistic jobs in the world has to be the person who does the little design variations on the Google logo on its homepage. They change with seasons, with great events, with holidays, with unsung moments. Today’s (Sept. 27) Google logo features a birthday party for Google’s 13th birthday. And think about it: *millions* of people will see that bit of artwork today. But these designs are not signed and we have no clue who the artist might be...until we google it! No guarantees, because there are several artists now, but it could have been Dennis Hwang, a 29-year-old computer artist. He began as an intern with Google back in 2003 where he created a buzz of sorts with his simple yet witty logo designs. He continued this work solo until just a few years ago.



So, what is more important to you: doing the work or being known? Many would say “both” – but if you had to choose which is more important? I’d like to think for a Christian the answer might be “the work” – the work of compassion and courage, the work of healing and reconciliation. Just do the work, no need for everyone to know your name. Still it is a concern for us that *God* know our name. Does Jesus like me? Does God know my name? Will God save me? Jesus did say that “having your name written in heaven” is important. But is that supposed to be the end-all and be-all of faith? Is having a personal relationship with Jesus more important than doing what Jesus asks us do to? After all, he also said, “if you love me you’ll do what I ask you to do.”

I guess I admire Dennis Hwang who delights in his work and appears not to worry too much about being famous. Yes, it’s nice to be known, but maybe it’s better to matter. Something to think about....

Nancy



Invite a Neighbor to Church

Christ Presbyterian Church
10:00 a.m. Worship Services

7879 N. 700 W.
McCordsville, Indiana 46055
Telephone: 335-7600
www.christpresby.org

Pastor: Rev. Nancy Howard
Christian Education Director:
Mistie Timmons

Nursery Coordinator: Karmen Krueger
Asst. Nursery Coord.: Daniel Krueger
Music Director: Grace Long
Administrative Assistant: Kristen Byers
Business Manager: Bill Schofield



The first Sunday of every month is
FOOD COLLECTION DAY for
Westminster
Neighborhood
Ministries



Donations of non-perishable items may be dropped off here at CPC throughout the month for Westminster Neighborhood Ministries.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
FOR:

Prayers for continued healing for Candy Kallansa, as she recovers from a fractured knee.

Prayers for strength and patience for Margie Gilliland and Clint Venable as they continue to recover from surgeries.

Prayers of joy for several families in our congregation who have celebrated the birth of new great nephews and nieces recently.

Prayers of thanksgiving for our new Administrative Assistant, Kristen Byers.

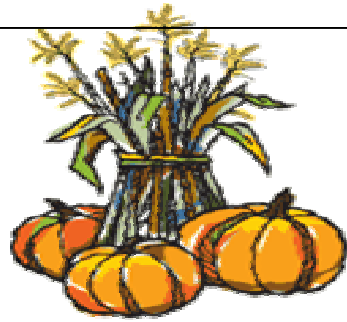


Thanks to Roger Howard, et al, for all the planning and preparation that is taking place for our PumpkinFest, October 8.

Thanks to the Personnel Committee for planning and executing a wonderful and memorable dinner for Joan Searcy upon her retirement as our Administrative Assistant. And thanks to all who donated so generously for a lovely gift for Joan.

Thanks to Miles Floetker for his encouragement for us to come together for our Habitat for Humanity workday on September 24. It was a successful and rewarding day for all who participated.

Thanks to Eleanor Moore (and her assistant, John Moore!) for her gift of time and talents in her efforts to restore our library to good working order.



OCTOBER

- Sat. 1 Fall Clean Up Day 9A-1P
- Sun. 2 Pastor Nancy's Installation
- Tue. 4 Needlecrafters 1PM
- Thu. 6 Deacons Meeting 7:15P
- Sat. 8 Men Of Christ 12N
- PUMPKINFEST 4-7:30P**
- Thu. 13 Session Meeting 7:15P
- Sat. 15 Tri-Chi Sorority Mtg.
- Tue. 18 Prime Timers 11:30AM
- Sun. 30 Inquirers Class 11:30AM
- Stewardship Celebration

Weekly Events

- Mon. Boy Scouts 7 pm**
- Tues. Cub Scouts 7 pm**
- Wed. Logos 6 pm**
- Wed. Chime Choir 7 pm**
- Chancel Choir 7:30pm**



Financial Summary of Operating Income and Expenses

For August 2011

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Act</u>	<u>YTD Bud</u>
INCOME	\$9,543.85	\$13,167.28	\$104,562.22	\$114,888.24
EXPENSES	<u>\$20,458.18</u>	<u>\$20,205.50</u>	<u>\$165,753.99</u>	<u>\$164,828.55</u>
	-\$10,914.33	-\$7,038.22	-\$61,191.79	-\$49,950.31

Regular contributors who prefer the convenience of offering envelopes may contact **BETH KING, Financial Secretary.**

Prime Timers

The October Prime Timers meeting and lunch will be on October 18th at CPC beginning at 11:30AM. The featured speaker will be Jim Field who was a member of the crew of the Aircraft Carrier Wasp in 1965 when it recovered the space capsule Gemini from the Atlantic Ocean. Jim will show a video and give a feel for what it was like to be a part of such an historic event! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



October

Sandy Robbins	10/1
Clara Nicholson	10/3
Betty Burney	10/4
Shirley Sheeks	10/5
Shannon Christie	10/8
Susan Burney	10/10
Clint Venable	10/11
Mike Strebing	10/13
William Wheeler	10/14
William Wasitis	10/14
Margie Gilliland	10/17
Brent Fleshood	10/24
Nicolas Williams	10/24
Quinn Christie	10/29

November

Suzanne Wasitis	11/2
Brian King	11/3
Greg Allen	11/4
Dodie Urias	11/6
Carolyn Kallansa	11/16
Maxine Mundell	11/17
Gabrielle Grelle	11/20
Roy Levin	11/22
Don Beaver	11/23
Kathy Perez	11/25
Roger Howard	11/28
Lucy Rollings	11/30

Meet our New Members



We welcome **Dr. John and Eleanor Moore** as new members of our congregation. They come to us by letter of transfer from New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fishers. Currently the Moores reside at Westminster Village North. John is a retired physician who practiced for 40 years in Kokomo, IN. Eleanor is a librarian and has been busy these last few weeks putting our library in order. Thanks, Eleanor! They have four grown children and many grandchildren.



BOOK STUDY

Philip Gulley's new book, "**The Evolution of Faith**" will be the subject of our book study this month.

We will meet on **Wednesday, October 26th @ 10:30AM**. Always pushing us to challenge our understanding of what it means to be a Christian, Gulley's new book continues that effort. This time he invites us to consider that God may be urging us to put aside faith claims and worldviews that no longer ring true in the 21st century. What if God wanted us to grow in our faith by discovering what we really believe, rather than what we've always been taught? Sounds intriguing, even controversial, and guaranteed to create a lively discussion! If there is enough interest in an evening meeting to discuss this book, please let Nancy Howard know, and one will be scheduled.



*Dear CPC Friends,
Thank you so very much for the funny retirement cards and all of your kind and good wishes for my retirement. I am so delighted with the beautiful necklace and earrings given to me at my retirement party.*

I am still rather giddy about the whole thing. However, I am adjusting to sleeping late, having no real plans, chatting on the phone at will. I'm told this will all change. I will always miss you, but I will be around sometimes and I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Love,
Joan Searcy*

*Dear CPC,
I would like to thank all of my CPC family and friends for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers of well wishes.*

They make my day brighter, easier and help me get through the rough times.

Thank you again; I hope to see all of you soon!

*God Bless,
Candy*



At Home:

Clint Venable, Candy Kallansa

In Hospital, Nursing Home & Assisted Living Centers:

Betty Thompson
@ Golden Living Retirement Center
Imogene TeVault
@ Pleasant View Lodge
Myrtle Fields
@ Clearwater Commons
Ray Huffman
@ American Village
Clara Nicholson
@ Mill Run Assisted Living, Columbus, OH



**LOGOS
SCHEDULE**

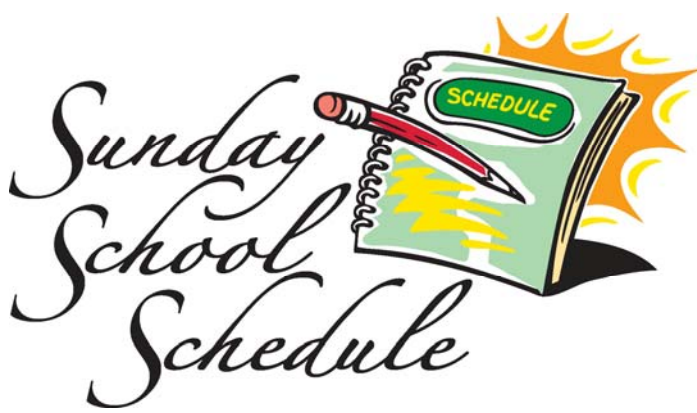
WEDNESDAYS

OCTOBER 5—NOVEMBER 16

6—8 pm—Dinner Provided

October Themes:

October 5 Captain America
October 12 Superman / Wonder Woman
October 19 Iron Man
October 26 Halloween Party
Don't miss the fun, food and fellowship!



Let the Children Come!

Nursery

Lambs & Fish

- Oct. 2 God rescues Moses
- Oct. 9 David and his Sheep
- Oct. 16 Daniel the Lion Tamer
- Oct. 23 Jonah for Lunch
- Oct. 30 Fall Fun Celebration

Doves

Preschool K—2

- Oct. 2 God's Loving Wisdom
- Oct. 9 God Matters
- Oct. 16 Willing Relationship
- Oct. 23 God's Story, Our Story
- Oct. 30 God with Us

Lions

Grades 3—6

- Oct. 2 Ruth and Naomi
- Oct. 9 Samuel and Eli
- Oct. 16 David and Goliath
- Oct. 23 David and Abigail
- Oct. 30 Elisha and the Widow



Saints Alive!

Living Generously!

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT
SUNDAY, OCT. 30**

“Saints Alive! Living Generously” is the theme for this year’s Stewardship Campaign. Beginning October 9 and culminating in our Commitment Sunday, October 30 we’ll be exploring the idea that we are all shaped by God for generous giving. We are blessed with Christ before us, a loving congregation around us, and inspired companions beside us. With the example of faithful stewards from our past we are offered the chance to continue to live generously in the present and give of the wealth of our lives for the future. We are the “Saints Alive” now. It is our time to share.



**WORLD WIDE
COMMUNION
OCTOBER 2nd**



"Calling All Bakers!"

If your cookies are delicious or your brownies are the best, Just donate them for PumpkinFest, and we will do the rest!

We'll package them and price them
And put them on display,
And you will help make
PumpkinFest a very successful day!

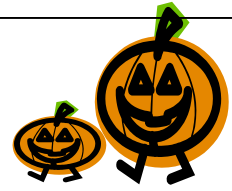
Presbyterian Women need your
Donations of cookies and brownies
for the 2011 PumpkinFest by
12Noon, Saturday, October 8th.
Please label the cookies as to type
and indicate if they contain nuts.

Sign up at the church or contact
Linda Abdon, at 257-2724.

"Books are Needed!"

Donations are needed for the Book Sale at PumpkinFest. All books will be accepted – hardback or Paperback, new or used, read or Unread, fiction or non-fiction. There will be a box in the Narthex for your donations or bring them to the church by noon on Thursday, October 6th.

Say YES! to PumpkinFest!



CPCs annual fall celebration for our neighbors and church members is scheduled for **Saturday, October 8**. The event will run from 4:00-7:30 p.m. and utilize the interior and exterior physical resources of the church.

Will there be a tent? Yes. Pumpkins? Yes. Will there be a bounce house for the younger kids? Yes. How about bingo for the "child of all ages?" Of course! Corn hole? Yep. Frisbee golf. Yep. Food? Wouldn't be PFest without food. A magic show? Yes. Pony rides. Why not. PONY RIDES??? Y-A-H-O-O-O!!!

We are bringing back the best of previous pumpkin festivals and adding new activities or expanding our most popular events.

Put this date on your calendars now and plan to be part of the fun. Most importantly, when asked to pitch-in to help plan or promote, say yes.



**Interested in
becoming a
member of Christ
Presbyterian
Church?**

Inquirers Class

The next class will be offered on **October 30** in the Pastor's office. Saturday mornings or Monday evenings may be arranged by appointment.

DATED MATERIAL

CURRENT RESIDENT or



Saints Alive!

Living Generously!

**Stewardship Commitment Sunday
October 30
Dinner following service**

PUMPKINFEST
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8
4 PM—7:30 PM
FOOD — FUN — MAGIC
SHOW — PONY RIDES,
and YES —
PUMPKINS!

