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Fall Stewardship Campaign to Kickoff October 12th

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. — Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSV)

The theme ***Fearless Generosity*** has been chosen by the Stewardship Commission to lead us in this years' stewardship campaign. There will be "Minutes for Mission" each week starting October 12th, culminating in **Commitment Sunday on November 2nd**, followed by a catered luncheon in the multipurpose room.

During the next four weeks, you will have an opportunity to explore **Fearless Living — Fearless Service — Fearless Sowing and Fearless Giving.**

- God was fearless in creation. We, like God, must be courageous in life, which includes generously sharing time, talent and treasure.
- How can you improve your witness as a generous and faithful steward through service to others?
- Think about how God is calling you to sow seeds for the kingdom. Are you sowing with an attitude of defeatism or with resilience? Are you sowing haphazardly or with a purpose?
- Think about your relationship to God regarding trust. Are there areas of your life in which you need to increase your trust in God? Is your management of your finances one of them?

October Birthdays



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

October Anniversaries



Mark & Karen Angellotti 10/14
 Bill & Arlene Wheeler 10/25

Remember In Prayers



At Home:

Karen Angellotti
 Beth King

In Hospital, Nursing Home & Assisted Living Centers:

Karmen Krueger
 @Allisonville Meadows
Myrtle Fields
 @ Clearwater Commons

Clara Nicholson

@ Mill Run Assisted Living,
 Columbus, OH

Ann McFate

@ Berkshire of Castleton

John Moore

@Community Heart
 Hospital



Prime Timers

Our next gathering for the will be
Tuesday, October 21 at 11:30 AM
in the Multi Purpose Room.

Lunch will be catered

Program: Master Gardener, **Gwen Davis** will share her knowledge of preparing our gardens for the Fall and Winter months.

Any questions, contact Alice Dandridge.

Hope to see you all there! —
 Everyone is welcome.

Son Light

Matthew 5:16 – In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (NIV)

Quite recently, my wife Evelyn and I had our front yard re-landscaped. The bushes were overgrown, and the whole yard needed a major makeover. I'm not much of a gardener, so we hired two people to do the work. They labored for two days. On the first day, they dug out the old bushes and trimmed the trees. On the second day, they planted some new bushes and flowers, and mulched the whole area. We were both very pleased with the results.

We also purchased some small, white fencing to "prettify" the whole garden, which looked terrific during the day. At night-time, however, something was missing. We bought solar-powered globular lights and placed them in the mulched area. They were perfect! Their additional lighting has brightened the whole garden and added to our delight.

I personally love the additional fact that the solar lights don't need to be switched on, or have their bulbs replaced. They build up their energy during the day from the sun's rays, and at dusk, they turn on by themselves, giving the garden some extra charm. It makes the whole place look attractive and is very pleasing to the eye.

As Christian people, we are supposed to reflect the love of Christ through our daily deeds so that others may be attracted to God. If we build up our faith resources through daily contact with the Son using prayer and Scripture reading, then we will have the potential to make good choices and become better witnesses for Jesus. At times, the world around us can be a dark and frightening place, but with Christ's light shining from His people, the world can be transformed into a place of healing and help, light and love.

Questions for personal reflection:

How do I recharge my faith in Christ each day? How do I display His light through my daily deeds?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the light of the world, and we are called to reflect Your brilliance through our deeds and choices, faith and lives. Help us to seek better and more consistent ways to re-energize our spirits and deepen our connection to You. Grant us opportunities to be compassionate and loving disciples of Your words and ways. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

John Stuart
Knoxville, Tennessee, USA

Worship Blessings

Matthew 4:10 – Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (NIV)

I love worshipping God. It's good to come among a group of like-minded people and sing together our praises of God. Being with church family week after week gives me the strength, encouragement, and challenges to face whatever takes place during the next seven days. Without church, I don't know how I could live. Without worship, I don't think that I would have any faith, hope, or love.

Worship to outsiders looks like a dull, religious thing. They don't understand the positive power and unique experience that being in God's house each week creates. They think that many worshippers are weak, unintelligent, and misguided people. They don't know about the spiritual pull that God gives to His people to come together to be with Him. It's a mysterious event where folks are drawn together by the bidding of the Holy Spirit and brought into the favorable, sacred presence of God. I think that it's a unique experience on earth because it is a foretaste of the joys we will know in heaven, when we finally join with the church triumphant in glorifying God forevermore.

Going to worship on a regular basis does not make us superior Christians, but it does build up our faith in Christ and our love of God. Worship helps us to humbly come before God to praise His name, to seek His forgiveness, and to look for His guidance. It's a filling station for empty spirits; it's a sacred haven for troubled souls.

When Christ confronted the devil about worship, He plainly and effectively stated that worship was meant to be directed toward God only. There is no other object of our worship; there is no other being that we are meant to focus upon. When we worship God, we are fulfilling our destiny and our purpose, as well as the meaning of our lives. We are created to worship God, so we are at our most complete when we come to church as believers and worshippers, as well as pilgrims and disciples seeking and receiving His love.

Questions for personal reflection:

What does worship mean to me? How do I humbly serve God through regular worship?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we are called to worship Your Father, our Creator, to serve His purposes, and to find meaning in His kingdom. Thank You for boldly confronting the devil by declaring what true worship is. Help us to humbly and authentically worship God each day of our lives, as well as with Your gathered people. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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PCCWEB DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Did you enjoy the devotionals on the previous two pages? If so, here is a way you can have them delivered to you daily on your computer, tablet or Smartphone. PCC Web *Daily*

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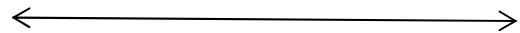
The Stewardship Commission thanks all who showed up September 27 for our Fall clean-up day!

The grounds look great and we're ready ?? for winter.

Don't forget we will need your help the next two Sundays as we move out, then back in to the multipurpose room.



S E P T E M B E R



O C T O B E R



**PB&J is yesterday's news. Sort of!
*What have you done for me today?!***

Well, friends, September means memories of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in the bellies of hungry kids over at Westminster.!

October brings apples! Apple sauce. Apple juice. Apple fritters. Apple pop tarts. ~~Applejack~~. Apple butter. Apple jelly. Apple cider. Plain old apples!

Whew! — There are plenty of apple products that those kids will love to have this month. So every time you grocery shop in October pick up a new one — non-perishables until the last week — and then get apples in the produce section just before the last Sunday.

Welcome Madison Muñoz



Meet the Rev. Madison Muñoz, our new partner in ministry from the Lake Fellow program at Second Presbyterian

Church. From the Second Pres *SPIRE* newsletter we learn: "Madison grew up in Ocala, Florida, the "horse capital of the world" – a hotly contested title, Madison learned, when she moved to Kentucky to attend Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Prior to attending LPTS, Madison completed a year of mission service as a PC (USA) Young Adult Volunteer in Kerala, India, where she taught English at an all-girls school. From studying abroad (8months in Panama and 6 weeks in China) during undergrad studies at Florida State University to her YAV year in India, to a justice pilgrimage to the Holy Land during seminary, Madison loves to travel. She is passionate about discovering God's great world and exploring and learning about all of its diversity, especially from ecumenical and interfaith perspectives. Madison finds meaning in being a child of God, a learner, a lover-of-people (and her giant black dog, Kiba), a justice-seeker, a bookworm, a daughter, a sister, and a friend."

The Lake Fellow program is a two year residency program for newly ordained seminary graduates who hold particular promise as pastors. In their two years at Second Presbyterian they develop their ministerial skills under

supervision. One of those skills to develop for a new pastor is preaching and so, CPC has entered into partnership with Second Presbyterian to give Madison that opportunity. She will be preaching for our congregation approximately one Sunday a month thru next May. There may be other activities that Madison will be able to be involved in as time allows from her ministry at Second.



KUDOS

Many times folks are working behind the scenes to help make things go smoothly here at CPC. They often go unnoticed — this column will send "Kudos" to these people. If you know of someone that deserves a kudos — send that persons name to office@christpresby.org

Bruce Henry & Tony DeSimone who meet faithfully every week, with CPC's Boy Scout Troop 88, in addition to weekend campouts and other activities.

Grace & John Long who have provided quality music guidance to CPC, as well as generous donations of current hymnals and the chime bells and tables. Grace will often be found in the Sanctuary on Saturday's practicing the hymns for next day's worship.

Newsletter Articles needed

The Courier is only helpful if events and plans are submitted to the church office to be included. If your commission, or group is planning an activity and would like it broadcast to the membership via the newsletter — please submit articles (pictures too if you have them) to office@christpresby.org by the last Monday of the month.

**Next deadline is
Monday, October
27.**



Christ Presbyterian Church wants God to be a vital part of our lives as we reach out to our community and we embrace the following Vision Statement:

**We believe that God is calling us to be
the open arms,
the healing hands,
and the loving hearts of the body of
Christ in our community.**



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TRUNK or TREAT October 31st

The “good goblins” will be out (*and in!*) at CPC from 6p-7p on Halloween night! We are inviting all CPC kids and our neighborhood children and their parents to join us for our annual **Trunk or Treat**.

In addition to candy distribution, the Church & Community Commission will host a quick supper of kid-friendly food for all our guests.

There are **3** ways to help – **1)** bring candy (sign-up sheet in the Narthex), **2)** help make supper for the kids (contact Elaina) and **3)** hand out the new CPC brochures (contact Roger Howard).

