

The Messenger October 2018



Pastor on Vacation

Norman and Carol will be on vacation from October 2-9. He will be officiating at their daughter, Diana's, wedding on Saturday, October 6. Bob Estridge will be leading worship on October 7. Please pray for the Godfrey's as they travel and Bob as he leads us in worship.



Deacons – October 3 – 1 pm

Administration – October 21– after worship

Spiritual Gr/Outreach – October 22 – 6 pm

Session – October 22 – 7 pm

Chili Supper



CHILI SUPPER SIGN UP SHEET

The Deacons are sponsoring a Chili Supper on Saturday, October 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. There is a need for volunteers to help with advertising, stirring chili, serving, setting up, providing desserts, busing tables, clean-up after the event, etc. A sign-up sheet for those who are willing and able to help is on the bulletin board. **WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK, IF THIS EVENT IS TO BE A SUCCESS! THANK YOU FOR WHATEVER HELP YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.**

Respect the Deadline!



Newsletter Deadline
for November is
October 17th.



Ruth Esther Circle
meets
Wednesday, October 3rd
at 10 am.



12 Catherine Gibson
16 Dick Flynn
17 Bob Long
18 Betty Davis
29 Pam Long



Deacon's Corner

12 Bob & Pam Long
13 Dick & Marion Flynn

Happy Autumn to All! This begins our busiest time of the year, starting with our Chili Supper. It will be on Saturday, October 13 from 5 to 7 pm and the cost will only be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. A good price for all you can eat. Bring your friends and we will see you there.

Don't forget, we will be needing canned fruit for the month of October.
May the Lord bless you for your generous giving.

Westwood Financial Report - 2018

August:	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Current Funds	5,801.50	7,253.42	-1,451.92
Per Capita	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	9,193.50	7,724.89	1,468.61
Year-To-Date:			
Current Funds	54,592.54	60,707.92	-6,115.38
Per Capita	550.00	0.00	550.00
Benevolence	427.00	1,164.00	-737.00
Total	55,569.54	61,871.92	-6,302.38

Attendance for August:

5th --30
12th --29
19th --29

Total 88

*More detailed financial reports
are available upon request
from Steve Anglin
or the church office.*



FINANCE REPORT



FROM THE PASTOR

“Bits and Pieces”

As I am getting older, in moments of quiet and reflection, I spend time thinking about the people who have touched my life through the years. Those that have made a difference. Those who for better or worse have helped me become who I am. I have been surprised at how many there are. Some are still living while others are long gone. It is also clear that there are many who continue to help me be a better person, even in the present.

While looking through my files recently, I came across a poem that speaks to this very issue. May it be as inspiring to you as it has me. It is from the writings of Lois A. Cheney. It is called “Bits and Pieces”.

Bits and pieces
Bits and pieces

People! People important to you,
people unimportant to you
cross your path in life,
touch it with love
and with carelessness,
and move on.

There are people who leave you
and you breathe a sigh of relief
and wonder why you ever
came into contact with them.

There are people who leave you
and you breathe a sigh of remorse
and wonder why they had to go
and leave such a gaping hole.

Children leave parents;
friends leave friends.
Acquaintances move on.

People change homes.
People grow apart.
Enemies hate and move on.
Friends love and move on.

You think of the many
who have moved into your hazy memory.
You look on those who are present
and wonder.

I believe in God's master plan
in our lives.
God moves people in and out
of each others lives,
And each one leaves his or her mark
on the other.

You find that you are made up
of bits and pieces of all those
Who have ever touched your life,
and you are more because of it,
and you would be less
if they had not touched you.

Pray to God that you can accept
all the bits and pieces
in humility and wonder,
and never question,
and never regret.

Bits and pieces
Bits and pieces.

In Christ,

Norman

**SERVING
THIS
MONTH**



**Ushers: Dale Alvey
Bob Estridge**

Worship Leader:

7 Steve Anglin
14 Doug Gambrell
21 Marlene Sloneker
28 Reva Johnson

Sunday School:

7 Marlene Sloneker
14 Sandra Warren
21 Andrea Estridge
28 Reva Johnson

Coffee Hour:

7 Ruth Esther Circle
14 Marion Flynn
21 Loretta Otto
28 Donna & Jean Wright

Kitchen Duty:

Marlene Sloneker

Communion Preparation:

Reva Johnson and Marlene
Sloneker

Communion Servers:

Marlene Sloneker, Doug Gambrell,
Bonnie Santel, Cindy Anglin

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: Ruth Mollett – Ft. Hamilton – stroke
Thomas Hamm – Mercy – broken hand

Hospice: Frank Dougherty (at home)

Cancer/Radiation Treatment:

Miriam Kridner (Helen's sister) liver
Nancy Price (Marlene's neighbor) - lung

Miscellaneous concerns:

Summer Estridge - health
Jeanette Skidmore (Reva's sister) health
Carol Godfrey – afib
Nate Griffin (Andrea)
Bonnie Martin -back surgery
Marilyn Compton – broken rib
Edna Hamm – Westover for rehab

Shut-Ins: Dick Flynn

In Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

The Knolls: Ellen Lowery
Maple Knolls: Mae Shane (Loretta)
Doverwood: Helen Belcher

National & International Concerns:

Our country, Natural disasters, violence, unity
Our armed forces worldwide
Missionaries across the world
Peace in our world

Local Concerns:

Our church
Cities of Hamilton & Fairfield
Serve City / Haven House / Community Meal Center
Churches in community

Congregational Prayer:

As we continue to pray for our sister churches in the
Miami Presbytery, we are remembering Kirkmont
Presbyterian Church in Kettering, OH and their
pastors Revs. Brian McGuire and Kelly Shin.





Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. Special thanks to the September volunteers:
Session, Cindy & Steve Anglin, Marilyn Compton.

Thank you to the following who were Ushers for the month of September:
Mose Anglin, Steve Anglin.

Thank you to the following Sunday School volunteers for the month of September: Marlene Sloneker, Sandra Warren, Andrea Estridge, Reva Johnson.

Thank you to all of our Kitchen Clean-up people. Special thanks to Reva Johnson for the month of September.

Thank you to Andrea Estridge for preparing communion for September.
Thank you to the following volunteers for serving communion:
Andrea Estridge, Reva Johnson, Dale Alvey, Bob Estridge.

Thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the Community Meal Center on **Friday, September 21st**: Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevenson and Sandra Warren.

Donations: Bob & Andrea Estridge, Doug & Betty Gambrell, Estil & Bonita Gay, Norman & Carol Godfrey, Jay & LaDale Hartleb, Diana Hurst, Loretta Otto, Marlene Sloneker, Traci Stevison, and Sandra Warren.

Thank you to the volunteers for **August 17th**: Bob Estridge, Loretta Otto, Traci Stevison, Marlene Sloneker, and Sandra Warren.

Donations: Bob and Andrea Estridge, Estil & Bonita Gay, Reva Johnson, Jay & LeDale Hartleb, Loretta Otto, Traci Stevison, Marlene Sloneker, and Sandra Warren.

Special thanks to Estil and Bonita Gay for their awesome messages on the church sign.

Thank you to Bob Estridge, Estil Gay, Dale Alvey and Don for mowing our church lawn.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering

...will be received on Sunday, October 14, 2018. This is one of four offerings that Westwood Supports as a part of the Presbyterian Church USA. This offering is collected on World Wide Communion Sunday.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission with those around the corner and those around the world, as active peacemakers—at all times, in all ways.

How is my gift used?

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. Congregations keep 25% and mid councils keep 25% to engage in peacemaking and build ministries of reconciliation in their own context or around the world. Some examples of how funds have been used:

- Help fund educational assistance for veterans.
- Donate to programs working toward the elimination of all forms of human trafficking.
- Begin a Senior Companion Program that pairs senior citizens to help with light chores, errands, and transportation to the doctor.
- Support the work of a mission co-worker.

Last year our church collected \$75.04. Please plan to give generously on October 14.

“Ten Commandments” of a Friendly Church

1. “Speak to People.” Even if you do not know their names. There is nothing quite so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. “Smile at People.” It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it!
3. “Call People by Name.” The sweetest music to anyone is the sound of their own name.
4. “Be Friendly and Helpful.” If you would have friends, be one. Most people are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.
5. “Be Cordial.” Do everything you can to make everyone feel welcome.
6. “Be Genuinely Interested in People.” Do not limit yourself to just a few friends when there are so many likeable people around.
7. “Be Generous with Praise and Cautious with Criticism.” Who among us does not need the understanding and tolerance of friends?
8. “Be considerate of the Feelings of Others.” Usually there are three sides to a controversy – yours, the other fellow's, and the RIGHT ONE.
9. “Be Alert to Give Service.” What we do for others counts most in life.
10. “Be Enthusiastic about the Church and its Mission.” You are the family of God, the body of Christ.

“What Do You Think?”

- *Two men fishing on Sunday morning were feeling pretty guilty. One said to the other: “I suppose we should have gone to church;” To which the other lazily replied, “I couldn't have gone to church anyway. My wife is sick in bed.”*
- *“The person who does not know where they are going can look forward to a long exhausting trip” (Hugh Allen, Knoxville Sentinel).*
- *“Drive carefully, it is not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.”*
- *“For good or ill, your conversation is your advertisement. Every time you open your mouth you let people look into your mind.”*
- *“Blessed is the person who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night.”*

“Old Cowboy Poetry”

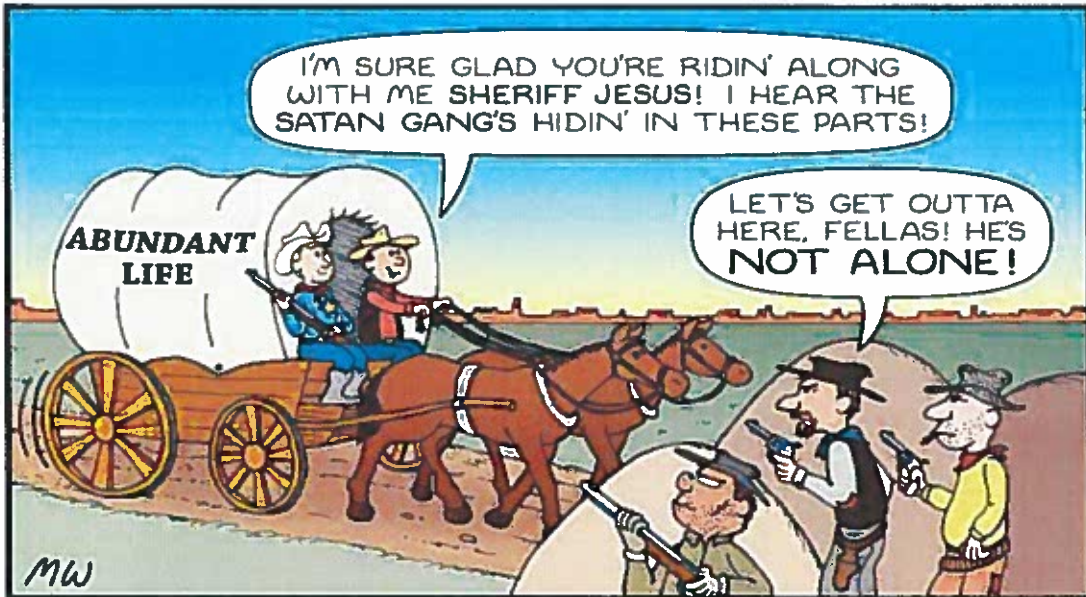
*One day in October, when I was far from sober,
While I walked along with manly pride.
My feet began to stutter, and I fell into the gutter,
And a pig came and laid down by my side.
I warbled, “It's fair weather when good fellows get together.”
And a woman passing by was heard to say,
“You can tell a man who boozes by the company he chooses,”
So the pig got up and slowly walked away.*

--Dr. Dale Moody

JUST FOR FUN

RIDIN' SHOTGUN

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

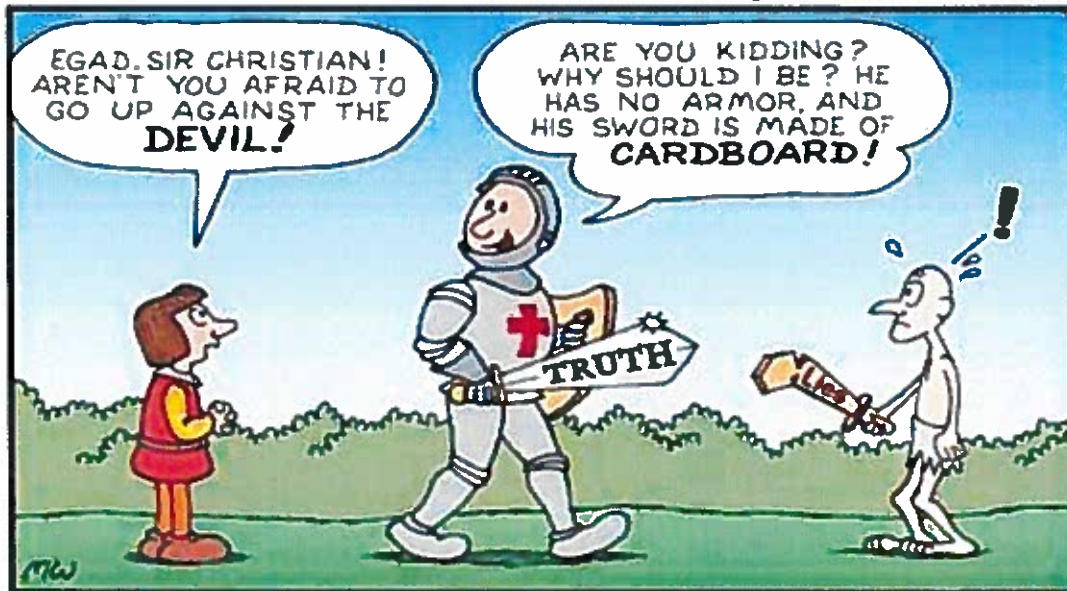


The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

— JOHN 10:10 NIV

DISARMED

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

— COLOSSIANS 2:15 NIV



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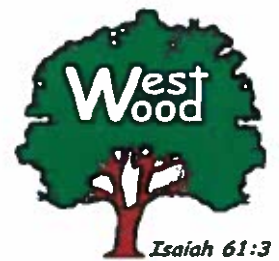
October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10:00 AM Ruth Esther Circle	4 10:00 AM CHOIR 7:00 PM Sorority	5 7:00 PM AA	6
7 10:45 AM WORSHIP	8 <i>Columbus Day</i>	9	10	11 10:00 AM CHOIR	12 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	13 5:00 PM -7:00 PM Chili Supper
14 10:45 AM WORSHIP Admin Com after worship Communion	15 6:00 PM Sp Gr/Outreach 7:00 PM	16	17 Newsletter Deadline for October	18 10:00 AM CHOIR	19 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 3:00 PM Community Meal Center 7:00 PM AA	20
21 10:45 AM WORSHIP	22	23	24	25 10:00 AM CHOIR	26 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM AA	27
28 10:45 AM WORSHIP	29	30	31	Pastor on vacation October 2-9		

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Reach, teach, care and share



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