



HOLMES HERALD

HOLMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH , PO BOX 117, HOLMES, PA 19043



*Please join us on
Sunday mornings for...*

Adult Forum:	9:15 AM
Children's Sunday School:	10:30 AM
Traditional worship service:	10:30 AM

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World Communion



This coming Sunday, October 4th, congregations around the globe will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Most of us have heard about World Communion Sunday but may not know much about where the celebration originated. According to the website of the National Council of Churches, World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor of the NCC) in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity. The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion, or unity. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal—when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance—and of Jesus' sacrifice. World Communion Sunday is on the Christian calendar for a reason: it can and should be a time of profound Christian unity, marked by our shared celebration of the Lord's Supper. Jesus instituted the first such meal, and World Communion Sunday is a helpful way in which Christ calls us back together to celebrate the liturgy "in remembrance of me."



The Need for Meaningful Worship

Church was never meant to make spectators out of worshippers.

Billy Graham put it simply:

"Worship isn't supposed to be entertainment."

And that goes far beyond music.

Worship is not something we watch.

It is not something performed for us.

And it is not measured by how entertained, impressed, or emotionally moved we feel.

Worship is our response to who God is.

It is praise.

It is prayer.

It is obedience.

It is surrender.

It is offering our lives to God.

That's why Paul wrote:

"Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." — Romans 12:1

Entertainment asks, "What did I get?"

Worship asks, "What can I give to the One who is worthy?"

We were never meant to be the audience.

God is.

And worship begins when the attention moves away from us and returns to Him.

The Beauty of Stewardship



Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

That is the beauty of stewardship.

Blessed
to Be a
Blessing

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Remember to set your clocks
BACK ONE HOUR, before retiring
on Saturday evening, October
31st so that you are on time for
worship November 1st.



Fellowship Hour

Our next Fellowship Hour will be
held on October 11th
immediately following worship
in the Music room. Everyone is welcome to
gather and enjoy some refreshments.



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 John VanGeyten, Jr.
- 1 Robert White
- 13 Gene Zimmerman
- 19 Eileen Cowdell
- 27 Dyan White

Happy Anniversary to:

- 27 Leeann & John McCullough



Food Collection

The Deacons are
once again collecting
food to help others.

This year the food drive
will benefit Loaves & Fishes, our local food bank in
Prospect Park. Recently, L&F has been struggling
to keep up with the needs of the community.
Their shelves are empty at times so anything
donated will be gratefully accepted and passed
along to help our community neighbors. The list
below is a suggestion list only.

Your overwhelming generous support in the past
has touched the lives of the people struggling in
our local community. Let's do what we can to
help again this year!

High priority non-perishable food items

(**please remember to check the expiration dates
as Philabundance will not allow L&F to give out
expired food.)

- Canned meats (tuna fish, chicken, Spam)
- Canned fruits (in juice) and vegetables
- Cereal
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauces/tomato products
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Side Dishes (ex. au gratin potatoes,
noodle mixes, mac and cheese)
- Soup
- Oatmeal
- 100% Juice

Please place all food items in the music room.
**The bags will be available for the start of the
collection on October 25th. The collection ends
on November 15th.**

Family Pumpkin Carving Night



On Sunday, October 18th, we will hold our annual Family Pumpkin Carving Night. Please join us for pizza and a fun night of carving pumpkins. We will meet for dinner at 4:30 pm in Morrison Hall and will promptly start carving pumpkins at 5:15 p.m. Pumpkin carving stencils and tools will be provided or you can bring your own. This event is for EVERYONE...young or old, family or no family. Please just bring a dessert to share. Registration forms will be forthcoming. Pumpkins will also be provided at a low cost. Please see Becky Kalbach if you have any questions.

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 1st. This year we will be lighting candles for two special members who passed this year: Bruce Moffatt and Christine Morrison. After the church service, we will hold a light luncheon. We hope you will be able to attend this meaningful service.



Holmes Church is holding its annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 23rd from 5 to 7. Please join us as we set up our cars on the church campus. If you are interested in participating in the Trunk or Treat, please see Becky Kalbach. We had sooooo much fun last year and we hope we can have new faces and cars join us! Like last year prizes will go to best decorated car. We will also hold our pumpkin carving contest...prizes will go to most original/creative pumpkin, scariest, funniest, cutest and most Halloweeniest. Forms will be available if you want to register your car and for you to register your pumpkin. We hope you will join us!



Thank you to all the people who cleaned out their closets for a good cause. On September 19th, we held our winter clothing giveaway. We saw many new faces and people of all ages and both genders. The one thing they all had in common was gratitude. Everyone we spoke with thanked us for doing the giveaway for them. They were especially grateful for the fresh produce from the garden. Well done everyone! Until the spring....

God's helpers



God's providence is not in baskets lowered from the sky, but through the hands and hearts of those who love him. The lad without food and without shoes made the proper answer to the cruel-minded woman who asked, "But if God loved you wouldn't he send you food and shoes?" The boy replied, "God told someone, but [they] forgot."

—George Buttrick

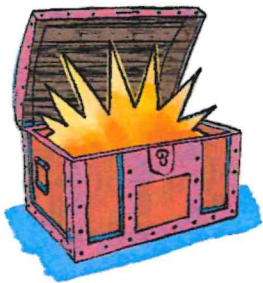
A look at beauty

Remember kaleidoscopes — those tubes you hold up to your eye and point toward the light to see colorful shapes? When the far end of the optical instrument is turned, fragments of material inside an “object cell” shift and mirrors set at angles reflect light through the pieces, forming ever-changing patterns. A multi-hued flower might become sunlight through a round stained-glass window or fireworks on a clear night.

Various materials can be placed in the cell — tiny figures, twisted bits of metal, lace, viscous liquid — but often broken bits of glass are used, to beautiful effect! In fact, David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope in 1817, named it after the Greek word kalos, for “beauty.”

Everyone feels broken, twisted or shattered at times. But when God’s perfect light shines in and through us, reflecting among the fragments of our imperfect lives, we, too, become beautiful. Out of our sinfulness and brokenness shines the beauty of compassion, kindness, perseverance, hope, love — delightful patterns to brighten this hurting world.

Hidden blessings



Dear friend, God may send you some valuable gifts wrapped in unattractive paper. But do not worry about the wrappings, for you can be sure that inside he has hidden treasures of love, kindness and wisdom. If we will simply take what he sends and trust him for the blessings inside, we will learn the meaning of the secrets of his providence, even in times of

darkness.

—A.B. Simpson

It only takes a spark

Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward





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