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*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



Everyday we are given the opportunity to grow spiritually if we choose to take it. We have the option to pray, study God's Word, and of course attend worship on Sundays. On Sunday, October 1st we will have the opportunity to grow spiritually and nourish our souls as we observe World Communion Sunday. Please take advantage of this privilege and join your church family along with millions of other Christians at the Lord's Table.

On Sunday, November 5th, we will observe All Saints Day in our worship hour. At the close of the service there will be a TIME OF REMEMBRANCE when we honor the memory of those of our congregation who have died since last All Saints Day.



If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one who died during this year there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle as well.

Dear Church friends and family,

I found this devotional extremely helpful as life is extremely busy for many people these days. As busy as our lives truly are though, we should always strive to make time for Jesus.

In Christ,

Becky Kalbach

Weekly Devotional: Are You Too Busy For Jesus?

by Kennedy Lane

Life can get so crazy. We have so much going on whether it be work, school, family, friends, relationships and so much more. We get overwhelmed with everything going on in our lives that we hardly make time for things that are really important. We start to neglect things in life that are important because we "do not have time."

Always Make Time For God

There are no excuses for not spending time with the Lord. We have time to scroll through social media or watch Netflix, but when it comes to reading our Bible or spending quiet time with God we are suddenly "too busy." Being busy is no excuse. Pray when you are walking to class, put on worship music in the car or read your bible before bed. You can always find time to spend with Jesus.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." - Matthew 6:33

Schedule in Time

To be more intentional with your time with God, schedule it in your planner, even if it seems unnecessary. Write down that you are going to spend time with God and being able to physically see it will help remind you and you will be more likely to follow through when you are reminded more often. "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." – Colossians 3:17

Go To Church

Make a bigger effort to go to church. Make sure that you get everything done during your week and leave Sunday morning free, so that you can go to church. It is only an hour a week on Sunday mornings. Gathering in a room of believers who thirst for Jesus like you will help motivate you and bring you closer to Jesus, as well as other believers.

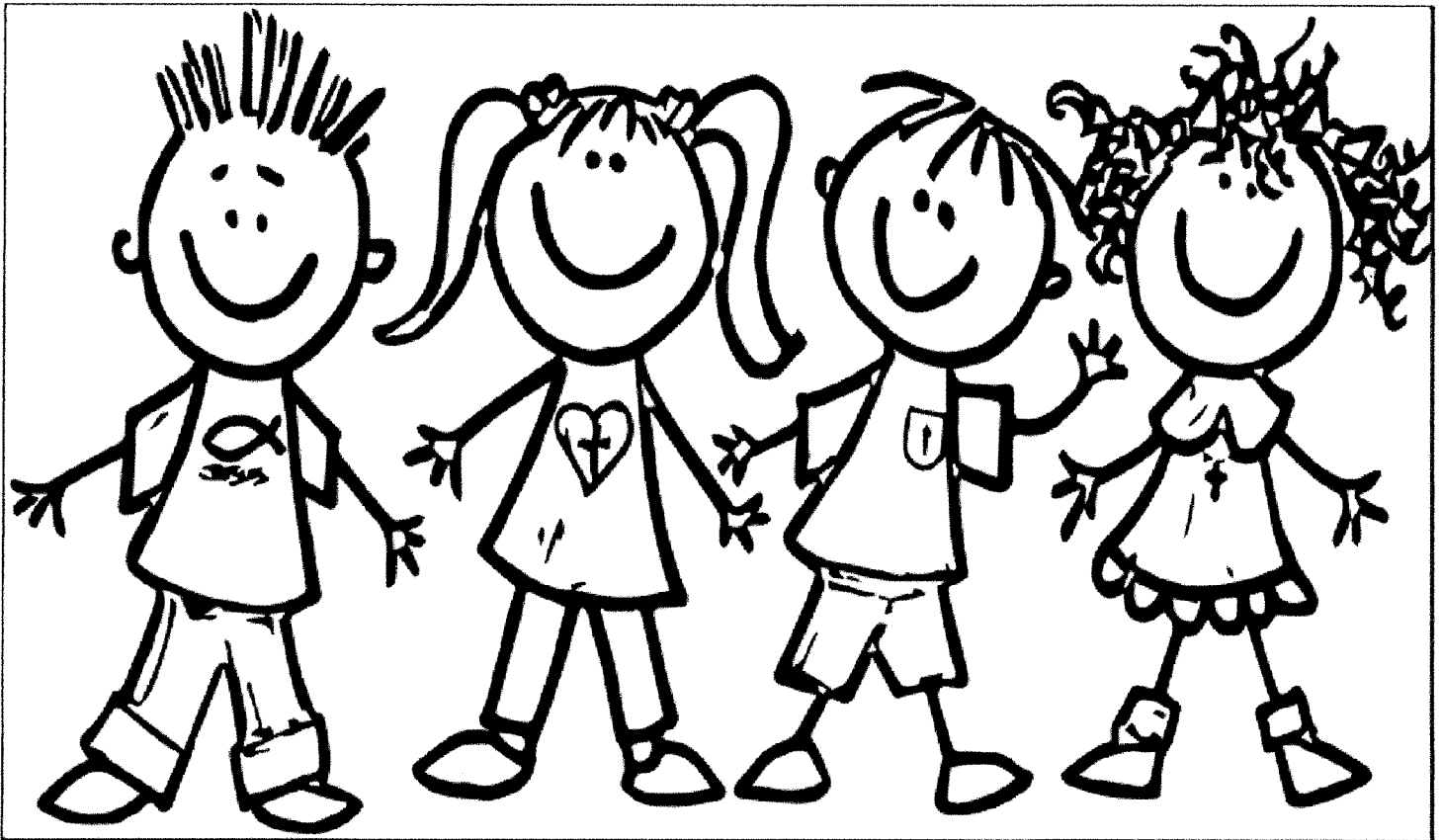
"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." – Hebrews 10:24-25

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COMING IN OCTOBER...

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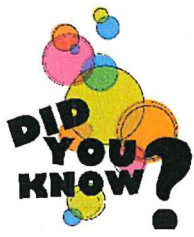
THIS SPECIAL AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-5 WILL OFFER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE FUN, CREATIVE, AND ACTIVE WITH A FOCUS ON CHRISTIAN VALUES LIKE KINDNESS, GENEROSITY AND JOYFULNESS. WE WILL MEET ONCE A WEEK, FOR 90 MINUTES, WITH ADDITIONAL FAMILY OUTINGS ALSO ON OUR CALENDAR AND A FEW OTHER SPECIAL SURPRISES ALONG THE WAY. FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION, SEE OUR WEBSITE, OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE A 610- 532-0346.



AGES: The program will be open to children in first thru fifth grades.

TIME: 3:45pm - 5:30pm; WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING OCTOBER 4, 2023

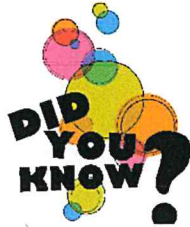
REGISTER NOW TO HOLD YOUR PLACE.



Men's Bible Study has moved from Saturday mornings to Mondays at 12pm. The group is always looking for new members. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Taylor.

Taylor.

A Men's Support group meeting was recently approved by Session. These are local men who previously traveled to Villanova or the Frankford section of Philadelphia for meetings. The meetings will take place here on Thursday nights 7-9pm. The men also go to a Spiritual Warfare Effectiveness Training retreat every year. If you see the men on Thursday nights please welcome them to our church.



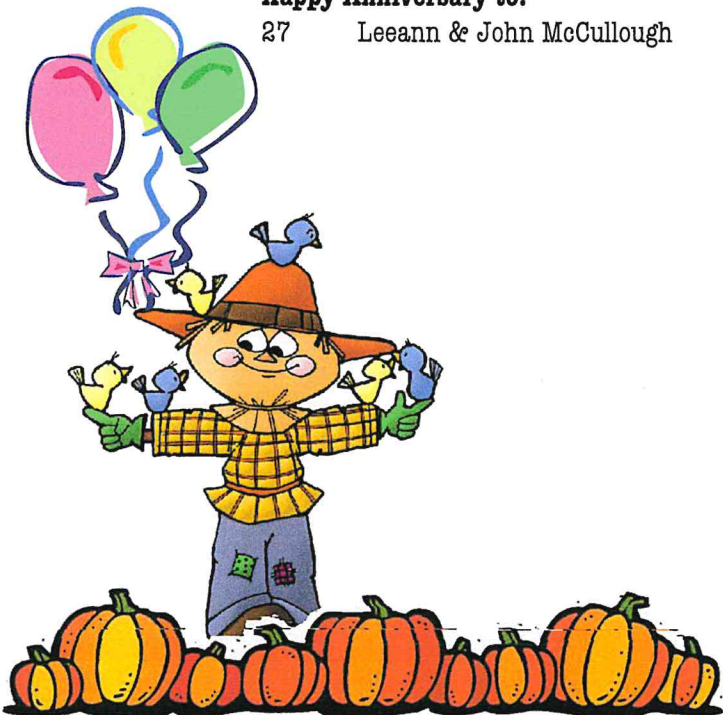
October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 John VanGeyten, Jr.
- 1 Robert White
- 5 James Morrison
- 19 Eileen Cowdell
- 27 Dyan White

Happy Anniversary to:

- 27 Leeann & John McCullough



Food Collection

The Deacons are asking for donations for their annual food drive to help benefit

Loaves & Fishes food pantry. Loaves & Fishes is a food bank that serves families in need in our local area. It is run mainly on contributions (food, monetary & personal items) as only about 20 – 30% of its food and funding comes from the Department of Agriculture's State Food Purchase Program. Their program helps families in need by supplying nutritionally balanced meals. They also supply personal care items that many families cannot afford to purchase. The items in need are listed below.

Non-perishable food items

(please remember to check the expiration dates)

- Bisquick
- Canned meats (ex. tuna fish)
- Cereal
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauces
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Side Dishes (ex. au gratin potatoes, noodle mixes)
- Soup
- Vegetables

Home/Personal Items

- Toilet Tissue
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Dish Detergent
- Cleaning Products

The food drive will start on October 15th and end on November 15th.

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!

Please place all food items in the music room.

Listen to Worship Music

You do not have to read your Bible to have to spend time with God. You can spend time with him in multiple ways, including listening to worship music. Worship is a way to show Jesus you care and thanking him for what he has done in your life through song. It doesn't have to be extravagant, it just has to be spent intentionally with him.

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord." – Psalm 150:6

Podcasts

Podcasts are another great way to get your daily dose of Jesus. There are many different Christian podcasts you can listen to that will help guide you in your walk with the Lord. Find one on Spotify or look some up on YouTube. There is most likely something out there that you will enjoy listening to and help motivate you in spending time with God.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." – Colossians 3:16



Family Pumpkin Carving

On Sunday, October 22nd, 2023, we will hold our 2nd annual Family Pumpkin Carving Night. Please join us for pizza and a fun night of carving pumpkins! We will meet for dinner at 5 pm in the social hall and will promptly start carving pumpkins at 5:45 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.



Trunk or Treat

Holmes Church will host its annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 27th, 2023. (Raindate: Saturday, October 28th) Please join us as we set up our cars from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. on the church campus. Please see Elaine Van Geyten or Becky Kalbach if you have any questions. We had such a great turnout last year and hope we can have new faces and cars join us this year. Prizes will go to best trunk (or decorated car) and honorable mention. We will also hold our pumpkin carving contest on the church front steps. Prizes will go to most original/creative pumpkin, scariest, funniest, and cutest. Forms will be available if you want to register your car and/or your pumpkin. We hope you will join us!



YOUTH NEWS

Youth group is once again in session and we are so happy to see some new faces and looking forward to more new faces are joining us soon.

October will keep us busy with pumpkin carving and the annual Trunk or Treat. We also plan to go to a Fall-themed event, such as a hayride or corn maze.

Our topics of discussion will be focused on the importance of trusting God and learning about what He expects of His children.

Please pray that our numbers continue to grow in the wake of the post-pandemic world. Our young people definitely need special attention and care due to their experiences, and we are grateful for this congregation and your prayers and support.

In Christ,
Mark and Becky





October

Holmes Presbyterian Church

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