

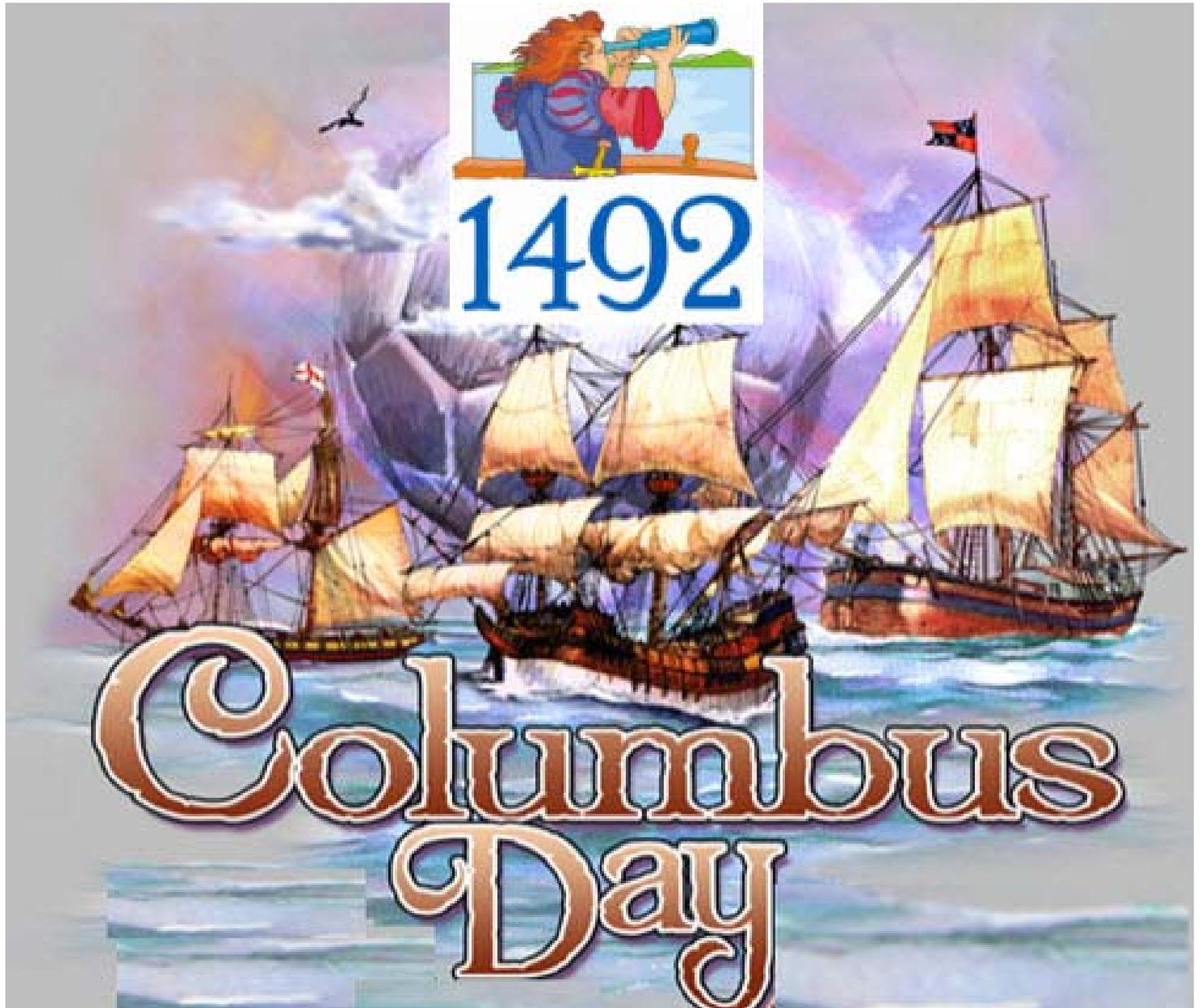
"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The Higher Ground

The Parkesburg Baptist Church Newsletter

Volume 31

October 2018



"And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- Acts 2:21, NIV -

Dear friends,

Ok, here's something to get your imagination working on. Imagine that you are suddenly dropped in the middle of a foreign country and just while you were trying to figure out what is going on, God shows up in front of you and says, "I've brought you here so you can start the first Christian church in this country. There are already some believers who came to faith under the work of a missionary, but they have no church. Don't worry. I'll be with you and I know you'll do a great job!" He hands you a card with a name on it, points to a house on the corner and tells you the person is your new landlord, and the house is where you'll be living. All expenses have been taken care of. And POOF! Just as quickly as He came, He's gone.



So, what do you do? What would it take to start a church from scratch? If you found yourself in a group of believers who had no experience of church, where would you start? Seriously. What would be your top three priorities? Bible teaching? (And if that is a top priority, where do they need to start learning in the Bible?) Worship? Some kind of administrative structure? Evangelism? A building? Music? Prayer? Small groups? Service to others? Take a minute and think about it. I'll wait!

Over the last month, thirty people in our church went through the online course based on the book *Canoeing the Mountains*. The author uses the Lewis & Clark expedition as a parallel to the current situation of the church. Lewis & Clark had been sent to find a water route from the Missouri River to the West Coast. But where they expected to find another river, they found the Rocky Mountains. The way forward was nothing like the way they had come. They needed to adapt to a situation that was completely unexpected. They were in uncharted territory.

The Church in the 21st Century is in a similar situation and we need to figure out how best to minister in a rapidly changing world. The challenge is daunting, but I find encouragement in remembering a few things. Most importantly, God is still working in the world. He is still making Himself known and drawing people to Himself. Second, if we are willing to seek God's leading and to join Him in His mission, God will use us to accomplish it. Does that guarantee all the pews will be filled? No. But it guarantees that what we do for Christ will bear fruit into eternity. That makes it worthwhile for me – and I hope for you, too.

So what's next? Pray. Pray more. Pray again. Don't pray that God makes our church bigger, pray that our church would be faithful, seeking to know and to do whatever He asks of us; pray that we would be of one heart and mind, and that we would see lives transformed by God's grace – including our own.

Grace & peace,

Notes From the Combined Board Meeting on September 13, 2018:

Attendance: Rusty Young, Ryan Clarke, Amanda King, Jamie Schempp, Pastor Mary, Laurie Robinson, Rick Woodhouse, Chris Markward, Ellen Brehm

Absent: Suzanne Graybeal

Joint meeting minutes:

Mission Board: World Mission Offering will be starting at the end of September. On Sunday, September 30th, Brian and Lynette Smith, who will be serving as missionaries in Haiti, will be sharing about their mission plans during the Sunday school hour. There will be a covered dish lunch after church for continued fellowship with the Smiths.

Christian Education: a) Plan to have a table for Sand Art set up at the Final Friday celebration. Information about our church will also be available at the table.
b) Planning a bus trip to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C. in the Spring
c) Planning a Women's night called "Tea time" on October 4th at 7 pm. Casual time for all women to socialize and relax.

Trustees/ treasurer: Headsets for the hearing impaired are now available during the worship service.

Deacons: The Parkesburg Point is asking for a sponsorship donation for October 23rd speaker Eagles Linebacker Jordan Hicks. Our Church is also providing food for this event.

Nominating Committee: Will be starting to meet soon.

Pastor: Request Trustees look into problem with wifi in Crane Hall. Rusty Young said he would look into it

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Robinson
Diaconate Secretary

SUNDAY NURSERY

**9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Cathy Pisch**

JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE

Oct. 7	Deanna Blevins	Oct. 14	No Junior Church
Oct. 21	Deanna Blevins	Oct. 28	No Junior Church

PARABLE QUEST

Hey Kids ages 3 to 12, it is time for Parable Quest. Singing, dinner, Bible stories and games can be enjoyed by all. Hope to see you there. Don't forget friends are always welcome! From 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars!

10/3/18

10/17/18

Any questions? Please call Diane Palmer 610-593-2846 or Tamara Oswald 610-857-3314.

In case of bad weather please call to make sure we are having Parable Quest.

BYF SCHEDULE

Sunday	Oct. 7th	5-7 pm	
Sunday	Oct. 14th	5-7 pm	
Sunday	Oct. 21st	5-7 pm	
Saturday	Oct. 27th	5-9 pm	Harvest Party & Corn Maze

PARKESBURG COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS

We (PBC) collect food each week for both the Octorara Area Food Cupboard and for our church's own pantry. Please place all donations on the table closest to the alley door or in the basket at the front entrance. If you have questions, see Deanna or Brianna Blevins. We thank you for your continued support for this mission.

Please add the following items to your food cupboard list: paper towels, napkins, feminine products (pads w/wings), toilet paper, tissues, bath soap, laundry soap, body lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, trash bags (all sizes), dish liquid. They are currently looking for non-perishable donations of the following: meaty soup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, applesauce, canned fruit, canned beans, peanut butter & jelly.

Bible Word Search: River Deep, Mountain High

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle each letter of the words you find. Put the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. (Answer will be in next months newsletter)

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Carmel, Cliff, Coast, Dead
Sea, Desert, Destruction,
Egypt, Elim, Euphrates,
Flood, Gerizim, Gihon,
Gilboa, Hill, Jerusalem,
Jordan, King Herod,
Kishon, Masada, Moses,
Mount Ebal, Mount
Hermon, Mount Sinai,
Naaman, Nile, Peak,
Philippi, Pishon, Plains,
Rain, Red Sea, Rivers, Sea
of Arabah, Seir, Spring,
Storm, Temple, Tigris,
Zerubbabel

Answer to the September puzzle:

Metalworking

WOMEN'S NIGHT

We are having a Women's Night called "Tea Time" on Thursday, Oct. 4th at 7:00 pm. Tea Time is a time for women to come and casually socialize with other women. It's a chance for us to decompress and simply enjoy one another's company. A chance to leave behind the daily pressures of life and fellowship with other women who also walk in this journey.

There is nothing you need to bring except for a mug or cup to enjoy some hot or cold tea. Desserts are always welcome but certainly not necessary. Tea Time is open to all women of all ages. Bring friends and come enjoy easy, light conversation, wonderful tea and a relaxing evening.

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'."

A second grader came home from school and said to her mother, "Mom, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The mother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool.

"That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the child. "You just change the 'y' to an 'i' and add 'es'."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each Sunday the service is recorded. If you would like a CD copy of the service, please sign the notepad at the sound board or see Todd Allen. You can also listen to the service on our website.

Digital Newsletter: If you currently do not receive this newsletter via email and wish to do so, please contact the church office and provide your email address or email info@parkesburgbaptist.org

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Men's Fellowship meeting will be held on
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 9:00 am
at the Dutchway Restaurant.

THE PCCO CAR SHOW

Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018

Time: 1 - 3 pm

Place: The Point Youth Center, 700 Main Street, Parkesburg, PA 19365

Entry Fee: Canned goods or donations

Benefits: "The Octorara Food Cupboard and PCCO
(Parkesburg Community Churches Outreach)"

*** Trophies and door prizes presented at 3pm ***



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have Sunday school classes for everyone in the entire family. Come check one out! Our Sunday school classes and teachers are:

Nursery (birth - 3 years old) - Cathy Pisch
Pre-K (age 4) - 2nd Grade - Michelle Myles
3rd - 6th Grade - Megan Clarke
7th - 12th Grade - Dustin & Amanda King
Adult Class - Crazy Love - Dana Young

If you would like to suggest a topic for an adult class, please see Ginny Schempp or Debbie Desmond. We are always looking for new ideas or topics and anyone willing to

PARKESBURG BAPTIST PRAYER REQUESTS

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Rob Vann & Jim Rogers
Ruthann Passarelli
John Rode, Fred Weller & Willy Lally

REQUESTERS

Barry & Doris Aberts
Jeanie Barnett
Bobbi Cross

SPECIAL FRIENDS: Clint English, Peggy Haldeman, Verna Hanscom, Dorothy Major, Catherine Rice, Norman & Loretta Robinson, Vivian Spotts and Lynn Vanderhoof

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Cpt. Matthew Fesak, Sgt. 1stC Christopher Gage, Troy McBride, Joe Moore, Maj. Todd Moulder, SRA Andrew O'Hop, Lt. Col., Bryan O'Neill, Erick Potter, Nathan Singer, GySgt. Matthew Wertz



**MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR THE
MONTH**

**Sgt. 1stC Christopher Gage
1213 Alma Drive
Elgin, OK 73538**

Please Note: *I have received updates from the above people for the monthly prayer requests. If you wish to add people on your list, please make sure you either email, call or drop a note in the basket of the secretary's door.*

Email is: info@parkesburgbaptist.org

Phone: 610-857-9135 leave a message for Church Secretary.

Thank you for your help with this matter. - Denise, Church Secretary.



BIBLE STUDY

The Parkesburg Baptist Bible Study will begin at Tel Hai on Thursday, October 4th, at 7p.m. This year we will be studying the book of Acts. Church members and friends are invited to join several Tel Hai residents for this weekly experience. We will meet in the auditorium at Stone Croft, on top of the hill.

For many years now this study has been sponsored by our church and held at Tel Hai since we have many members living there. Some staff have joined us as well. You are encouraged to join with us in a challenging look at the beginnings of the church. We urge you to read through the book in anticipation of our sharing together. Time is always allowed for discussion and questions, but never required of anyone. Beginners as well as knowledgeable students are welcome. We have participants from many denominations present.

We are appreciative of the Tel Hai community for making space available for us in this endeavor. In October we will meet on the 4th, 11th and 25th. Look forward to having you join us.

MEET OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR



Rev. David C. Hicks is the husband of Pam, father of Emily Hicks, Laura Kreider (Andrew), and Michael Hicks (Kaitlyn), and new grandfather to Jovie. David has a B.S. in Music Education from West Chester University and a Master of Divinity from the International School of Theology. He directed music groups for Campus Crusade for Christ prior to being ordained as a minister in the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He currently serves as a Chaplain at Tel Hai Retirement Community.



*September's
Birthday
Corner*

- Oct. 2nd Barry Aberts
Cathy Dixon
Anna Skiles
- Oct. 3rd Deanna Blevins
- Oct. 4th W. John Strong, IV
- Oct. 6th Terri Rich
Madison Short

- Oct. 7th Amanda Hertzler
Daniel King
- Oct. 8th Courtany Kaluzny
- Oct. 11th Mary Damiani
- Oct. 13th Travis Oswald

- Oct. 14th Valerie Emanuel
Samuel Graybeal
- Oct. 15th Malinda (Mindy) Altizer
James Zeller
Megan Zeller
- Oct. 16th Mary Anderson
- Oct. 19th George Young
- Oct. 20th Kevin Oswald

- Oct. 21st Tracey Peterson
- Oct. 24th Marlyn Markward
- Oct. 26th Melissa (Missy) Kulp
- Oct. 27th Kodie Janssen
Charles Pisch

- Oct. 31st Donna Stoltzfus

Important Dates & Times

- Oct. 7 10:30am Communion Service
- Oct. 11 7:00pm Deacon & Trustee meeting
- Oct. 16 5:00 pm PBC Night at The Point

Happy Anniversary

To the following couples :

- Oct. 1st - Tom & Sandy Cook
- Oct. 3rd - Chris & Tedescha Short
- Oct. 5th - Tim & Debbie Clarke

- Oct. 15th - Kevin & Amy Bless
- Bob & Jill Bright
- Rusty & Dana Young

- Oct. 28th - Don & Charlotte Seltzer

Directory Updates:

Please make the following changes to your directory:

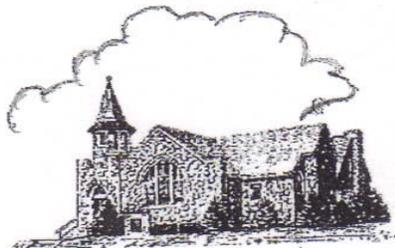
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

October



The Mission of the Parkesburg Baptist Church is to accept and treat everyone as Jesus would; bring people to a personal relationship with Him; and disciple all believers to be Christ's witnesses to the world.

The smallest act of kindness is worth more,
than the greatest intention.

-Oscar Wilde-