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PASTOR NOTES for October 2020

B.Y.O.B.n J on World Communion Sunday (Bring Your Own Bread and Juice!)



On October 4, 2020 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. This is a special day in which all Christians – regardless of denominational connections* – recognize that we are all connected through our faith in Jesus and through the bread and cup of Holy Communion. On that day, when we break the bread and drink the cup here at Buckingham – we will do so as part of one big family meal with all our brothers and sisters in faith throughout the whole world. It is quite powerful.

And this year, it will also be quite different. COVID-19 has caused us to rethink and redefine many church practices and Holy Communion is no exception. Holy Communion can be defined as a time intentionally set aside to remember Jesus in a special way and to celebrate the oneness of the church community in the taste and touch of the bread and cup we partake of together. Normally the celebration of Holy Communion is a shared experience – we pass the bread and the cup to each other – joyfully proclaiming to one another: “The Body of Christ!” and “The Cup of Salvation!”

Sadly, we – along with our sisters and brothers in faith throughout the world – are unable to do this during a worldwide pandemic that requires us to keep apart rather than pull too closely together. It requires us to refrain from sharing food and drink and from passing plates and cups. COVID-19 requires us to re-think what it means to be in community and to share the love of Christ among us – and with our neighbors.

COVID-19 has changed things – but it can't stop us!

On World Communion Sunday, we will stand in solidarity with all those around the world who proclaim Jesus as Lord while we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion with them. Here, we will have a **B.Y.O.B.n J Communion service**. That stands for **Bring Your Own Bread and Juice!** Bring enough for yourself and those who you come to church with. (And don't worry if you forget. Our Deacons will have some extra prepared a few days in advance.) Together, we will break the bread and drink the cup and remember the goodness of the Lord who provides for us. Together, we can still look around and give thanks for our families and friends – some 6 feet apart and all wearing masks to protect each other – and remember that we're all in this together – here in Berlin and with all people throughout the world. Together, we will remember the great love of Jesus and the grace poured out through Him in His cross and resurrection.



And together we can still share that love – through an offering of bread and juice that we will collect and take to local feeding programs. **So, along with your bread and juice for the service, please bring a loaf of bread (any kind will do) and a bottle of juice (grape, apple, whatever!)** Place it on the table before service. Afterward, everything collected will be taken to those in need as an offering from our table to theirs.

God will always make a way for us to share God's steadfast love! I for one I cannot wait to celebrate my first World Communion Sunday with all of you. Peace, Pastor Mark



*World Communion Sunday History – A Presbyterian Gift!

(shared from Presbyterian Mission.org)

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of Presbyterian Outlook:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring

churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied,

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

A WORD OF THANKS for SEPT. 20 INSTALLATION SERVICE and RECEPTION



Friends, words cannot express how grateful I am for the beautiful Installation Service held Sept. 20. I thank each and every person who helped make the day special. From the Deacons to the Congregational Life Committee to Pam Russell and Greg Fraser to all those who took part in the service - both from our church and New Castle Presbytery - all who came together and made the day so very special! (And flawless – even the ZOOM worked great! Yay!)

Most especially I thank God for bringing us together in this time and place. To God be the glory!

Let's Go Buckingham! Let's Go!!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

S'more fun going on with Christian Ed! We had a wonderful time with the Berlin Fire Department and the Worcester County Sheriffs department for our "Honoring our Local Heroes" night. The kids made thank you posters for the different departments to hang up. On September 25th we lit up purple to show our support for Worcester Goes Purple. **Pastor Mark** shared the story of *Our Father's House of Many Rooms*. The families

worked together to create a house with the greatest number of rooms they could. Thank you to Worcester Youth and Family for supplying board games as our prizes, purple décor and t-shirts. Cleaning supplies and toiletries were collected for Hope4Recovery house.

October S'more Time with Jesus nights will be October 9th and 23rd. October 9th we will have a **Pumpkin paint and prayer night**. October 23rd will be our 2nd **Trunk or Treat night**. We will be looking for volunteers to decorate their cars and pass out candy that night. If you would like to participate without decorating your car, bags of candy to pass out are always welcome! We are asking cars to have a game of some sort for the kids to play as they come through. We do have 5 "carnival" style games at the church which can be used. They will be on a first come first serve basis so please let **Lindsay Ashton** or any Christian Ed member know if you would like to participate and use one of the church games. As always thank you to our congregation for their continued support for our youth programs and outreach!



Youth groups will continue to meet Tuesday nights from 5-6pm for 4-year old's to 12 year old's. The groups that night is split into 4-8 year old's and 9-12 year old's for the activities following dinner. Wednesday nights from 6-7pm ages 13 and up meet. The kids are enjoying doing hands on mission activities including helping to pack the food bags for the Ocean City Elementary School families.

Our playground equipment has been ordered and we are anxiously waiting it's arrival. We will need people to help put the equipment together once it arrives.

A Note from Historian Lynne Murray



Many of you know **Madeline West Moore**. Madeline is a lovely lady and has been one of the most dedicated people to Buckingham that I can recall. She and husband Fred live behind the church on Grace Street in the house she shared with her older sister **Olive West**. Olive and Madeline were two of fourteen children, 9 girls and 5 boys. Madeline's only remaining sibling passed away just last month. Olive was thirty years older than Madeline and the two shared a very special relationship as Olive also adopted Madeline as her own child. I remember Olive quite clearly, she was always beautifully dressed and groomed, and of course in those days wore a hat to church!

No event at BPC was conducted without the help of the West ladies. You knew they could be depended upon to work at gatherings of any kind, be it a church event or a fundraiser. Madeline kept up that work long after Olive's passing, until she has regrettably found health issues have curtailed her physical involvement. Madeline is the proud possessor of a 50 year pin for singing in the choir, an activity that she kept up for years after receiving the award. She also directed the Youth Choir for many years.

My most special memory of Madeline was our ill-fated trip to camp at Massanetta, Virginia. Reverend Strome had come here from New Jersey and his former church always sponsored a retreat at Massanetta, so he arranged for our youth to attend camp when the New Jersey people were there. My mother volunteered to drive some kids to the camp so Madeline and I were in her car. By the time we got to the Shenandoah Valley I felt like we had driven from the West Coast. Things didn't get any better after we got there. We only had a snack on the road instead of stopping for a lengthy lunch, but there was no place to get anything to eat until the dining room opened for dinner. The New Jersey people weren't very friendly, and by my regular bedtime I was beginning to focus on mother's leaving without me the next day. We were then informed to stay up and meet with our counselor at 11 pm. I was exhausted, and that's about the time this odd tightness started in my throat. By morning the tightness had dissolved into tears and I blubbered to Mother that I was going home with her.

Then I scouted the Buckingham troupe to see who I could talk into going back home with me so I wouldn't look like the only misfit. I was disgusted with Carol Cathell and Kay Harrison for deciding to stay, but to Madeline's everlasting credit she was as eager to get back to Berlin as I was! I don't think we ever see each other to this day that we don't laugh about our experience, or lack thereof, at camp!

Happy Trails, Lynne

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Peach Day 2020—Many, many thanks to Cecil Tull and his crew for purchasing the frozen pies, baking the pies, and then coming back to church to slice and sell them. This is such an important fund raiser for the Deacons, and so far this year the only one and it was quite a success. We sold 40 cases of pies, the same as last year, without the venue of the museum and actually having the sales on our front lawn was a lot easier. But then there was **Debi Cook** who took the extra slices uptown in a wagon and sold them to folks that didn't make it down to the church. So many members of the congregation stepped up to help run pies, slice pies, park cars, sell water, and sell pies before and after the big day. Thank you!

After all was said and done, bills paid and money collected we made \$3,271.30. What a tremendous fund raiser and at the end of the day we made some new friends, saw some old ones and then collapsed!

Thank you to everyone who brought in school supplies and clothing for Buckingham Elementary School. The school has reached out to us in need of clothing for children. The clothing can be gently used if they still look like new. If anyone has clothes sizes 3T-Youth M please bring in at any time. We will be collecting toiletries and cleaning supplies for Hope4Recovery house until mid-October.

It is hard to believe, but Christmas is right around the corner. Once again, we will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you want to participate without packing an entire box, here are some items you could bring in or include in a box you are packing. Small doll babies, small tool sets, fishing supplies, small trucks, sewing kits, bar soap, wash cloths, spiral bound note books, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, t-shirts, flip flops, shoes, hairbrush/combs just to name a few. Think learning, crafts, hygiene, play, clothing, and personal care. Items and or boxes will be due back by Nov. 15th. Hit those school supply and summer sales now!!!



- Even the Covid virus could not keep the Deacons from being Deacons. We supported Worcester Youth and Family Services by purchasing \$200 worth of school supplies.
- The family of 7 that lost their home to a fire in early September had two students in Buckingham Elementary so we obtained donated clothes from AGH Thrift shop for the girls and their mom and also gave them a \$300 Walmart gift card.
- We supported Buckingham Elementary's student of the month celebration. In years past we donated the funds to purchase ice cream for this celebration. This year they did not have funds to print T-Shirts for the 25 kids each month for this recognition. The Deacons donated \$300 toward this.
- The third Friday of the month we took dinner to the Samaritan Shelter for however many residents were there, plus the staff, along with milk, bread, and eggs. Domino's gave the Shelter pizza on Thursday nights for the summer so we chose Friday evenings. We are now back to the third Thursday each month. We are cooking the dinner at home and bringing it down. We have been invited to stay but at this time we feel safer just providing the food. Last month **Debi and Paul Cook** delivered subs and in September **Gloria Gubash** and **Evelyn Warren** made barbeque and delivered it.
- We planted chrysanthemums after weeding the beds in the front of the church. Many thanks to **Tom and Lynda Truitt** for delivering some mulch and **Jason Parker** for getting more mulch and helping to spread it, along with **Jerry and Macy Woroniecki**, **Riley Harsh**, and **Pastor Mark**. It sure looks great.
- There is a needy family at Buckingham Elementary that needs clothes and shoes for five children and boots for their parents. There will be a request to the congregation to see if we can fill this need. The Deacons will supply gift cards as needed.

The board of deacons would like to give a huge thank you to those who have designated the "Deacons" on their checks. Many, many thanks!

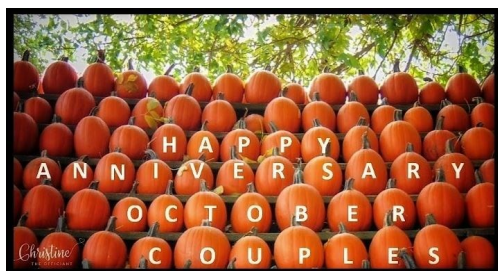


Happy
October
Birthday!

10/1— Trent Macrides
Dorothea Macrides
10/3— Jason Pylypczuk
10/5— JOSHUA Pruitt
JOHN Rencher
10/8— JORDAN Welch
10/15—TAYLOR Black
10/17—BETTY Davis
10/21—AMELIA Nickell
10/22—CYNTHIA Pruitt
10/25—CAROLINE SUE Mallory
10/31—Tucker Ashton



Help Keep Our
Blessing Box Full!



10/14—BRAD & LAURA Black
10/25—CECIL & DANA Tull
10/30—James & KANDIS Kulyk

Prayer Request Form

Date: _____

Please pray for:

Requested by:

Please place my request in the weekly bulletin:

Yes: _____

No: _____

Mail to:

Buckingham Presbyterian Church
20 South Main St. or P.O. Box 248
Berlin, MD 21811

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE



You are invited to attend
our Friday Night Movie
October 16th at 6:00pm
We will be showing
"Overcomer"
in Taylor Hall.

Popcorn and drinks
will be served.

Don't forget your masks
and whatever makes you
comfortable!

Important
DATE!

B.Y.O.B.&J. (Bring Your
Own Bread & Juice)

WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY –

October 4, 2020

We will be celebrating Communion on Oct 4 in a special way – All worshippers are encouraged to bring your own bread and juice for the service. Bring enough for yourself and for those you come with. ALSO – feel free to bring a loaf of bread and bottle of juice to be given to local shelters and hunger-relief services.

*"Something or someone will have first place in your heart.
But when you find your identity in the One who created
you, it will change your whole perspective."* ~ Thomas Hill



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<div>October Happenings</div>				1	2 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon	3	
4	<div> World Communion Sunday</div>	5	6 Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm Session 6pm	7 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Combined Kids & YA Groups 5pm	8	9 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon Pumpkin Prayer & Paint Night 6pm <div></div>	10
11 Contemporary—9am Traditional—11am	12 <div> Columbus Day</div>	13 Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm Elem. Kids 5-6pm	14 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm YA Kids 6-7pm	15	16 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon Movie Night "Overcomer" 6pm <div></div>	17	
18 Contemporary—9am Traditional—11am	19	20 Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm Elem. Kids 5-6pm	21 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm YA Kids 6-7pm	22	23 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon Trunk or Treat Night 6-8pm <div></div>	24	
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<div>Reformation Sunday</div> <div></div>							