



The Messenger



A Presbyterian Gift



World Communion Sunday

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.”



Doorstep

Doorstep's Fall Fundraiser, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run has transitioned into a Virtual Event due to COVID-19. It is Sunday, October 4th at Lake Shawnee. Packet Pick-Up and Late Registration will be from 1:00pm - 2:30pm in Shelter Houses 1 & 2.

Your packet will contain drinks, snacks, your event t-shirt and sponsor information. Chris Fisher from WIBW is our honorary celebrity starter. You can choose when and where to walk/run this year to be socially distanced from others. Please plan to join us on October 4th. If you haven't already signed up, you can register at www.DoorstepTopeka.org or at the Walk/Run on October 4th. \$30 per person, children 10 and under can walk for Free with a paid adult!

Of course, 2020 has become the year of COVID-19, and with that we are all experiencing doing things in new ways, or not at all. Doorstep will still have a Christmas Store, and we will still adopt families and individuals. This year there will be changes, such as those we adopt will not shop for themselves, we will have volunteers do the shopping, and the families will pick up their items... there will be other changes as we figure this all out. But, we will still need your help with donations of new winter clothing for all ages, blankets, other gift items, and money for food. As we get more changes figured out, we will start to get volunteer information out, and our needs list. Keep your eyes open for information in November, and sales!

Men's and Ladies' Groups



Women's Fellowship

The Men's and Ladies' Groups met on September 18th at Banjos. They will meet on October 16th at 11:30 at Banjos to share a meal and fellowship. Invite your friends to join us.

All are welcome,



October 2020 LECTIONARY READINGS

October 4, Proper 22-Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 11, Proper 23-Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19=23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 18, Proper 24-Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew
22:15-22

October 25, Proper 25-Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6; 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;
Matthew 22:34-46



World Communion will be on October 4th. The
Peacemaking offering will be received on this day.

October Birthdays



Gail Estes, October 2nd
Rita Kelly, October 12th
Kathy Mitchell, October 15th
Tad Estes, October 19th
Rod Elder, October 25th
Charles Franks, October 28th
Claudia Hamer, October 29th

Don and Suzie Marker October 17, 1959
Norman and Jan Schiesser October 28, 1961



Caring for our Members and Friends



Keep these folks in your prayers:

Pastor Stacey, Helen Jackson, Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl and Dolores Wilmers, Millie Blodgett, Francene Beall, Richmond McDaniels, Jerry Barton, Martin Clothier's sister, Marlene Watson, Ken Kiselka, Seaman School and teachers and students, Russ Beall, Stewart Eels.

Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and those on the front lines of service during this pandemic, our nation as we struggle with the effects of the coronavirus. Prayers for those struggling with different aspects of the coronavirus.

Keep our nation in prayers for peace for the violence in the cities throughout our country. Pray for the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community. Prayers for those suffering from the devastation from the fires and floods. Pray for cooperation and respect. among our government officials on all levels. Remember those who have lost jobs, the hungry and the homeless.

SESSION



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

September 15, 2020

[P] '22 Claudia Hamer	[P] '21 Dianne Deuser	[P] '20 Kathy Fuller
[P] '22 Matthew Reynolds	[P] '21 Sharon McDaniels	[P] '20 Betty DeShazer
[P] '22 Stephanie Reynolds	[P] '21 Jo Ann Miller	[P] '20 Charles Franks
[P] '22 Jan Rice	[A] '21 Janet Schiesser *	[P] '20 Bill DeShazer

*Residents at McCrites are in quarantine situation.

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer

[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Checking account balance as of August 31 was \$15,125.16.

Memorial Fund balance-3453.50.

Pledges for August-\$4,985.00; non pledges-\$1,700.00; loose offering - \$225.00

Current income for August was \$7,029.20; current expenses were \$6,051.21.

Officer nominees for the class of 2023 are Betty DeShazer, Charles Fanks, Linda Ozaki and Bill DeShazer.

Donations to Doorstep have been great. Stopped receiving clothing for two weeks.

Will still have Doorstep's 5k run/walk on October 4th Participants will not have to participate in the "all together" run. They can do the run individually any time. Goal is to make \$9,000.00.

Presbytery has put together on-line Christian Education sessions which are mostly for children at this time.

Work to seal up the wall in the Pastor's office and the church office scheduled to be done in October.

Next communion is October 4th, which is World Communion.

October 2020						
◀ September	October 2020					November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Gail Estes – B'day	3
4 World Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Rita Kelly B'day	13 6:30 - Session	14	15 Kath Mitchell B'day	16 11:30 – Men's & Ladies Lunch	17 Don & Suzie Marker- Anniv.
18	19 Tad Estes – B'day	20	21	22	23	24
25 Rod Elder – B'day	26	27	28 Norm & Janet Schiesser Anniv. Charles Franks B'day	29 Claudia Hamer B'day	30	31

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SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Worship 11:00 a.m.

World Communion, October 4th

