

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
MILLERSBURG FIRST AND CLARK COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
OCTOBER 2017



Pastor B's Corner: The
Enemies of Gratitude

The Oxford Dictionary defines gratitude as “the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.” How many of us practice gratitude? We all have been blessed by the richness of God’s mercy, love, and forgiveness, and we all should be able to name at least one thing for which we are thankful. We all should be able to look around us and see God’s goodness and give thanks for that goodness. Yet, day after day, we fail to practice gratitude: we fail to be thankful and to show appreciation for all that we have and all that we are. Day after day, despite the multitude of blessings around us, we fall to the enemies of gratitude.

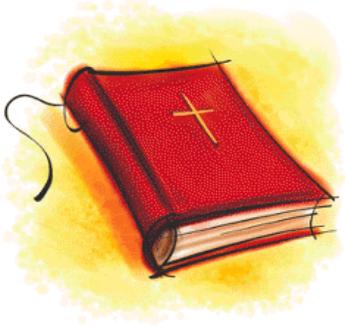
The enemies of gratitude are all around us. They are anything that gets in the way of us being grateful. This October we are going to be spending some time examining some of these enemies of gratitude. We are going to call them out—name them and the power they have over our feelings of thankfulness. We are going “see how a misplaced focus—on how things could be or used to be better, how we're not getting what we think we deserve, or simply how life's struggles are keeping us down—prevents us from seeing all the blessings that are right in front of us.”¹

As we enter this month of thinking about gratitude and naming its enemies, I would encourage you to keep a “Gratitude Journal.” Keep a little notebook by your bed or with your morning devotions and write down each day at least one thing that you are thankful for. You will find that as the weeks go on you will begin to see the blessings around you more and more.

We are called to practice gratitude. Let us knock its enemies out of the way, so we can see God’s blessings all around us and bless others in return.

¹ A Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series: Thematic Plans for Years A, B, and C (Kindle Locations 1578-1581). Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH CHURCHES



Scriptures for October

October 1: Exodus 17:1-7

October 8: Philippians 4:1-9

October 15: Rev. John Baich Preaching

October 22: Matthew 22:15-22

October 29: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Youth Group Meeting Dates—2017

October 15 @ 5:45 PM: Hopewell
Presbyterian Church (No Carpool)

November 19 @ 5:45 PM: Millersburg
Presbyterian Church

December 10 @ 5:45 PM: Shreve
Presbyterian Church

COVENANT

bible study 

COVENANT is an in-depth group Bible study in which people read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God—and each other—better. Covenant represents a relationship—a living, breathing conversation.

Covenant Bible study is broken up into three eight-week sessions and is a video based curriculum. The first session will take place October 5-November 30 and will be held on Thursdays from 6:30-8 PM at the Millersburg Church; we will be taking Thanksgiving off. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please see Pastor Burnetta or sign-up on the sign-up sheet. If you want to know more about the content of Covenant Bible Study check out, CovenantBibleStudy.com.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program is working not only to repair the damage done in our nation due to the recent Hurricanes and wildfires, but is also working in Mexico to help those who lost homes and loved ones in the recent earthquakes. If you are interested in helping those in need, please consider a donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Donations can be made online, through the mail, or over the phone using the following information:

- If you prefer to make online donations, you may do so at pda.pcusa.org
- If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to: Presbyterian Church (USA), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
- If you prefer to make a donation by phone, you may call Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 1-800-872-3283.

To see updates and to see how your money makes a difference, go to pda.pcusa.org.



Clark

4 – Billy Goerz
7 – Lucas Bailey
9 – Diane Mohler
9 – Jackson Yoder
16 – Mike Mohler
16 – Geoff Wagers
16 – Joye Kline
18 – Lu Snyder
20 – Brock Yoder
24 – Scrap Garver
27 – Twila Miller

Millersburg

3 – Marcia Gerber
3 – Liz Vaughn
4 – Quinn Findley

5 – Jack Jewell
7 – Ann Waltman
7 – Graciela Estill
7 – Brenda Boley
7 – Rick Keeler
8 – Ryan Boals
10 – Susan Helal
14 – Darek Baker Vaughn
14 – Eloise Croskey
15 – Brett Bowman
15 – Katrina Culler
16 – John Durst
20 – Ginny Woodring
21 – Norma Heartline
22 – Richard Haun
23 – Tim Fair

MILLERSBURG FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

FISH FRY: Please join us for a FISH FRY PARTY @ Tim and Debbie Allison's Home. Saturday October 21, at 5:00pm. Just bring yourselves and the beverage of your choice to the Allison's home. The rest will be provided by Allison's and the deacons. Please note: for those of you who do not like fish, hot dogs will be provided.



Mark
Your
Calendar

Upcoming Events

October 15 @ 5:45 PM: Youth Group at Hopewell (No Carpool)
October 17 @ 6:30 PM: Session
October 19 @ 5:30 PM: Thursday Night LITE
October 21 @ 5:00 PM: Fish Fry (and Hot Dogs) at the Allison Home

Hello!

Sunday School for ages 3-5 is in full swing! I still need a volunteer to help on the 22nd of this month! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at Shaylafisher1698@gmail.com

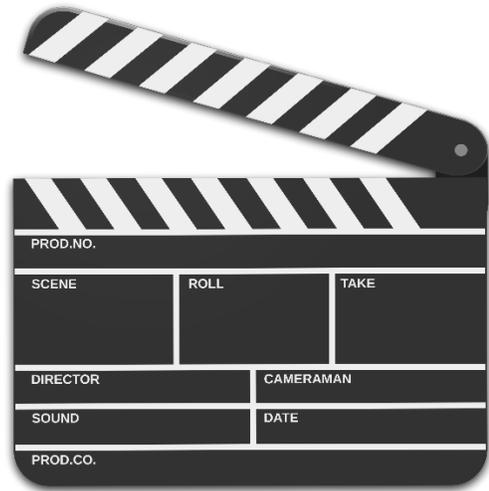
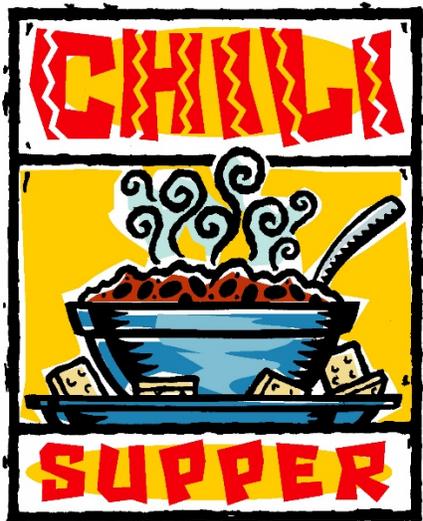
blessings,
Shayla



Worship Participants for October

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
October 1	Tim Allison	Vicki Wile	Tom and Junior Vaughn
October 8	Carole Norman	Tom and Laurie Vaughn	Kate and Dave Findley
October 15	Sam Steimel	Volunteer	Garrett Roach and Tim Allison
October 22	Nikki Roach	Ruth and Kevin Vaughn	Sam Steimel and Vicki Wile
October 29	Pastor Burnetta	Vicki Wile	Volunteers

CLARK COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS



Chili Supper and Movie Night on October 22

On October 22nd beginning at 4 PM we are going to be combining our annual chili supper with a family movie night. Supper will be served at 4 PM with our movie starting at 5 PM. Please take time to invite friends and family to come and join us for this time of food and community fellowship.



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October 10 @ 7 PM: Session Meeting

October 19 @ 5:30 PM: Thursday

Night LITE at Millersburg First

Presbyterian

October 22 @ 4 PM: Chili Supper and

Movie Night

Worship Participants for October

October 1: Becky Baker

October 8: Sandy Wagers

October 15: Nick Gerber

October 22: Ann Stotler

October 29: Open

