

THE MESSENGER - October 2014

The Newsletter of

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2014 Annual Bazaar, October 18

It's Coming!

Preparations are proceeding for another great Bazaar. Please see the flyer on the back of this *Messenger* for all the information about the great day. And don't forget to make your Turkey Dinner reservations!

Part of the joy of the Bazaar is the fruitful work and fellowship that goes on in getting ready. In addition to all the help needed on the day itself (turkey roasters, kitchen help, dinner servers, "personers" for baked goods, crafts and Farmer's Market tables,) there are also opportunities for those who can contribute by collecting ads for the Ad Book, setting up signs in the neighborhood and grocery shopping for dinner supplies. In addition, help is needed on the dates below. Please call the church office or email if you can contribute with your time!

Wednesday evening, October 15 - stuffing makers

Thursday evening, October 16 - apple peelers

Friday, all day, October 17 - apple peelers and pie bakers



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Dear Church Family,

This year our Annual Bazaar will be a little different. The chief difference will be that rummage will not be part of it. This decision is partly because of the incredible labor involved in handling, cleaning, pricing and selling the rummage and partly because of a desire to focus on the Turkey Dinner. The dinner is not only a source of funds for the mission and ministry of our church, but also a wonderful way to welcome our community into our church and into our fellowship. As all of you know, the turkey dinner is delicious, but it is also an opportunity to meet and greet and host and welcome our community friends and not-yet-friends. I encourage you first of all, to make a special effort to come to the dinner on October 18th. Second, when you are sitting at the table enjoying your meal, do your best to greet strangers and those you don't know well. Engage them in conversation; be the friendly, welcoming folks I know you are.

Welcoming the stranger is a key concept in both the Old and New Testaments in the Bible. The cultural code of any wandering, nomadic people, including the Israelites, is the absolute rule of hospitality to friends and strangers alike. When Israel settled in the land, this hospitality continued in gratitude to God for giving them that land.

In the New Testament, this idea of hospitality and welcoming the stranger expanded in both gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus, and in the effort to share the Good News of God's love in Christ.

Our Turkey Dinner is as good an opportunity as there is to share our church, our ministry, our good will and our love, with our community.

Deuteronomy 10: 19 You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

3 John 1:5 Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church.

Luke 10:27 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

Hebrews 13: 1 Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Colossians 3:11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.

Matthew 25: 35 I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Yours in Christ, 

Bible Study of the Old Testament Continues **Sundays at 11:15 a.m.**

On Sundays, after the worship service, we are continuing with our study of the Old Testament with the excellent DVD lecture resource published by *The Great Courses* program featuring Professor Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of Old and New Testaments at Vanderbilt University.



King Solomon's Temple

The informative and entertaining 30-minute DVD lectures provide in-depth historical and textual background on the passages we are studying. This will serve as a jumping off place for discussion of God's Word to us in Scripture. The group meets in the Parlor for approximately an hour.

In the coming weeks, we will be considering the Israelite monarchy - its successes and failures, its principles and personalities. Who was David? What happened with Solomon? And then with the end of the period of the great kings, how did God speak to God's people through the prophets?

October 5 *King David* I Samuel 16-31, II Samuel, I Kings 1-2

October 12 *From King Solomon to PreClassical Prophecy*

I Kings 3 - II Kings 17

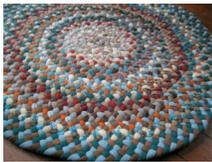
October 19 *The Prophets and the Fall of the North*

I Kings 16- II Kings 17, Amos, Hosea

Softball Game and Picnic Sunday, Postponed to October 12th, 4 p.m.



You didn't miss it! Come be part of the fun on Sunday afternoon, October 12th, when adults and children from our church and First Presbyterian, Stirling will join together to play softball and enjoy a picnic. We hit and miss, run and walk, throw and catch (sometimes) and have a great time. After the game, we will rehash the good plays and rue the bonehead ones as we enjoy supper and good company. Come play, cheer, be part of it. The game will be at the Central School Ball field and our friends at Stirling will host the covered dish picnic. Friends are welcome!



Braided Rug Instruction Restarting Tuesday, October 7

Peg Arnold has made beautiful braided wool rugs for our Bazaar and will continue to teach the group how to make them. If you would like to participate, start now collecting wool fabric for your rug (or someone else's!) Peg says that the best material for these rugs is medium weight 100% wool fabric. This can be fabric from sewing projects you never got to, wool skirts, coats, jackets, blankets that may have worn out in the middle. Thrift stores and rummage sales are great sources for wool. There is now a small group working on rugs and Peg will teach newcomers how to cut strips, braid and stitch to make beautiful, long-lasting rugs. Start collecting your material now!

Free Gentle Yoga Class - Tuesday Mornings

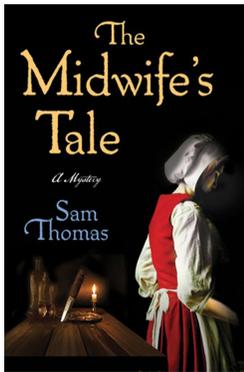
Our member, Rosanne McGraw, a certified yoga teacher for 15 years, will be teaching a free gentle yoga class in Parlor on Tuesdays from **8:30-9:30 AM**. We will not be sitting or lying on the floor, so just bring yourself in comfortable clothes. Please invite your friends along. This class will be appropriate for all, the flexible as well as the tight. Injuries will be accommodated. Yoga is relaxing as well as good for general health, so come give it a try.

Call or email Rosanne with any questions or concerns.
908 508-1435, rosanne.mcgraw@gmail.com.

Meyersville Church Book Club
Friday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.

Our Meyersville Church book club has decided to go for a fun, historical fiction, mystery for our next discussion on Friday, November 7. The book is *The Midwife's Tale* by Samuel S. Thomas. According to reviews, we also learn something about life in 17th century England. Come be part of the discussion! Note: There seem to be several books with this title or similar titles. Be sure you find the one by Sam Thomas. There are several copies currently available from our library system. From the publisher's information about the book:

“It is 1644, and Parliament's armies have risen against the King and laid siege to the city of York. Even as the city suffers at the rebels' hands, midwife Bridget Hodgson becomes embroiled in a different sort of rebellion. One of Bridget's friends, Esther Cooper, has been convicted of murdering her husband and sentenced to be burnt alive. Convinced that her friend is innocent, Bridget sets out to find the real killer.



Bridget joins forces with Martha Hawkins, a servant who's far more skilled with a knife than any respectable woman ought to be. To save Esther from the stake, they must dodge rebel artillery, confront a murderous figure from Martha's past, and capture a brutal killer who will stop at nothing to cover his tracks. The investigation takes Bridget and Martha from the homes of the city's most powerful families to the alleyways of its poorest neighborhoods. As they delve into the life of Esther's murdered husband, they discover that his ostentatious Puritanism hid a deeply sinister secret life, and that far too often tyranny and treason go hand in hand.”

Messenger Online!

We now post this, our *Messenger*, on our web site. We are also emailing instead of snail mailing it, to a number of church members and friends. If you would like to receive it by email, please email secretarympc@aol.com or call the church office and leave a message with your email address.



*World Communion Sunday,
Peacemaking Offering
October 5th*



On the first Sunday of October, World Communion Sunday, and through the month of October, we will be receiving a special offering that supports the peacemaking efforts of our own church, and the work of the national and international Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

There are many factors in the world that divide us. They exist among the nations, in our communities, throughout congregations, in the midst of households across the globe, and within ourselves. Through these dividers, we as God's children, become broken. Paul's letter to the Ephesians describes peace as a spiritual bonding agent, holding us together through the love of Christ. It restores our fractured pieces to a whole, creating a connection between us. Through this, we experience the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

The Peacemaking Offering funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, enabling the church to bring in International Peacemakers, hold conferences, and advocate for active nonviolent solutions to conflict. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) views peace as a core part of our identity and calling as believers. It is a central declaration of the gospel, calling us to model our lives in the pattern of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Please participate in this Offering and help make the Peacemaking Sunday and the month of October a time to renew your commitment and reaffirm your calling to peacemaking. Together, we can transform cultures of violence into communities of peace.

In addition to the national peacemaking program uses of funds described above, individual churches use the peacemaking money they raise to do things like support a local anger management program, racism education and dialogue, host a peacemaking essay

MISSION for October

Peacemaking Offering

Computer Basics Class Resumes

On Saturday November 1, Ruud Zijdel's Computer Basics Class will be starting again. The class meets on Saturdays from 10 AM - Noon and is for people who have limited or no knowledge of computers. It is a hands on class that runs for 10-14 weeks and is taught by the dynamic, resourceful and fun leadership of Ruud Zijdel and occasional guest teachers. Classes are every week, except for holidays and are free to everyone. Friends are welcome!



Chapter	Description	Date	Day 2
1	Choose a computer	1-Nov	
2	Explore your computer	8-Nov	
3	Windows Basics	15-Nov	
4	Word	22-Nov	29-Nov
5	Communication	13-Dec	
6	Surfing the Internet	20-Dec	
7	Personal Internet	3-Jan	
8	Excel	10-Jan	17-Jan
9	Music and Speech	24-Jan	
10	Photography	31-Jan	7-Feb
11	Gadgets and Gizmos	14-Feb	
12	Manage your computer	21-Feb	

Lectionary Readings



October 5 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

October 12 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

October 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod. 33:12-23; Ps. 99; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

October 26 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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Session Assignments 2014

Clerk of Session: Sandy Seymour
Christian Education: Laura Zijdel
Community Relations: Laura Minaian
Congregational Life: Kelly Roshto, Laura Zijdel
Mission: Doris Mertz, Laura Minaian
Memorial: Barbara Grillo
Personnel: Marion Barker
Property: Doris Mertz, Kelly Roshto
Stewardship & Finance: Rosanne McGraw
Worship: Marion Barker, Barbara Grillo

NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Happy Birthday

October 8 Marco Zijdel
October 9 Walter Sadowski
October 12 Denise Robisch
October 14 Barbara Moody
October 15 Dennis Hado
October 19 Nick Beyer
October 26 Fox Beyer, Isaiah Kantor, Marjolein Zijdel
October 31 Melissa & Brandon Hilf



October 12 Kelly & Guy Roshto
October 16 Carol & Steve Boyle
October 30 Marcie & John Skrobacz



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October 5, 2014 COMMUNION

Preparing Elements:

Marcie and John Skrobacz

Elders Serving Communion:

Class of 2017: Doris Mertz, Laura Minaian, Sandra Seymour

Call to Worship:

Oct 5 Art England
Oct 12 Laura Zijdel

Oct 19 Barbara Grillo
Oct 26 James Thorn



We Keep in Our Prayers:

Mike Ambrosio, friend of Doug Smith

Sal Badalamenti, friend of Barbara Aspinall

George Barker, Marion Barker's brother

Marilyn Barker, Marion Barker's sister-in-law

Bird Family, community friends

Clark Carson, husband of choir member, Claudia

Joel DeLong, nephew of Joanne Smith

Ellen Dreyer, sister-in-law of Barbara Grillo

Pat Edmonds and family, cousin of Gail Duffe

Betty Garrett, friend of Lynne Hilf

John Goberis, Carol Skidmore's father

Betty Lembrich, church member

Robert Marino, friend of Ruud Zijdel

Eleanor Matthews, friend of Peg Arnold

Stella Mauro, church member

Joan McCloskey, church member

George McDaniel, relative of the Skidmore family

Quaid Mobus, friend of Roberta Keller

Ian Rahimi, friend of Minaian family

Adrienne Schmitt, Deborah Schmitt's mother

Beth Shaw, Kielblock cousin

Chris Sikora, nephew of Lynne Hilf's niece's husband

Garland Smith, Joanne Smith's brother

Theresa Soeth, Marcie Skrobacz's aunt

Mary Stapperfenne, Jean's daughter-in-law

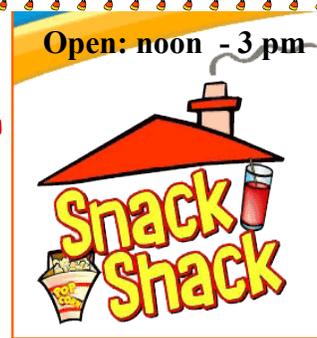
Robert and Elva Wenz, Jean Stapperfenne's sister & brother-in-law

Charlene Wilverding, friend of Kelly Roshto



Come join us at the
Annual Bazaar

Saturday, October 18, 2014
Noon - 8:00 p.m.



Baked Goods
pies, cakes, cookies,
bread to take home

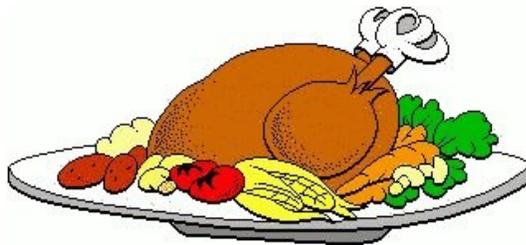
Crafts
handmade
treasures

Farmer's Market
apples, cider, and other
local produce

and **Turkey Dinner**

Seatings: 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.
(take out available for pick-up 5:45-6:15 pm)

**MENU: Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce,
Sweet Potatoes, Mashed White Potatoes,
Garden Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Homemade Apple Pie**



Adults \$15
Seniors 65+ \$12
Children 5-12 \$10
Under 5 free

RESERVATION REQUIRED

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