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### From the Pastor:

I am constantly thinking of church involvement; both others and my own: our involvement in the church and our involvement in the greater Christian community. Everyone should be involved in leading worship. I don't mean that everyone should be up-front leading. I mean everyone should have an active role; ushering (yes women are very welcome to usher), singing in the choir, helping with the sound system, being a greeter, helping in the nursery or with children's church. Everyone needs to take their turn leading in some capacity as we gather for worship. Everyone should be involved in a church ministry beyond worship. We have a growing number of Sunday school classes, Bible studies, Life (small

groups, children's and youth groups, and congregational life events. Everyone should be involved in helping to lead one of these and be an active participant in any number of these. Everyone needs to be involved in giving financially to the life and work of our church. What you are able to give is between you and the Lord (would you be surprised if the Lord told you your giving to the church was generous?), but everyone needs to be financially supporting the work of the church. Everyone needs to be involved in ministry in the greater community. Dinner by the River is now ten years old, and yet in the last three months we have experienced a guest growth spurt, which means more volunteers. The Crop Walk is on Sun-

day, October 16. This is a great opportunity to join with Christians in the greater community to support ministry around the world and in our local community. Please join us for the walk and/or support the walk financially. Your walking will be an encouragement to all the other walkers. There is more info within this newsletter. Please talk to me, Tim, Lauren, Jonathan, an elder, visit our welcome center after worship, or call the church office to find out how you can get involved. The Christian faith is not a passive faith; we are to put our faith in action. Let's get involved !  
See You Sunday,  
Jim



The CROP Walk in Union County takes place on World Hunger Day Oct. 16. Mark your calendars to walk, or donate to the cause. 25% of the money stays in our area for Food Bank as well as free meals like our DBR.

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

2: Ian Cavanagh, Bonnie Troxell

3: Jody Zimmerman,

4: Melanie Brown

5: Conor Halteman

6: Lindsey Reber

7: Vanessa Beck

8: Elizabeth Veening, Dianna Kunkel, Nathan Lind, Matt Kalcich

9: Dede Gronlund, Jack Temple

10: David Miller, Bill Roll

12: Paul Tarves, Samantha Wakeman

13: Emily Dittmar

14: Margaret Ritter, Rob Black

15: Rich Barlett

16: Christine Reinhart

17: Howard Stoelting

18: Jane Harley, Dan Wagner

19: Gabrielle Taylor, Daniel Hendry

20: Jack Host

26: Ruth McCord, Charlie Heid

28: Judy Bruce, John Jones

29: Marsha Tarves

31: Ginny Michael

1 - Bill & Beth Shutt celebrating their 22nd

2 - Bill & Judy Bruce celebrating their 39th

5 - Dan & Kim Wagner celebrating their 3rd

8 - John & Linda Vaji celebrating their 28th

10 - Bill & Sharon Dittmar celebrating their 29th

17 - Keith & Diana Kunkel celebrating their 63rd

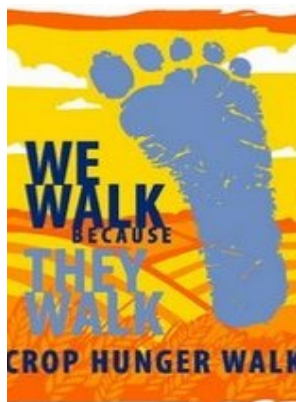
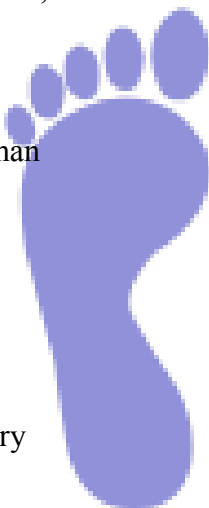
18 - Tom & Marilyn Gresh celebrating their 47th

18 - Rusty & Karen Graber celebrating their 26th

19 - Michael & Erin Redding celebrating their 14th

26 - Paul & Karen Miller celebrating their 31st

30 - Larry & Xana Winans celebrating their 23rd



**October 16**  
**2:00**

**1 mile or 5 k**  
**walks**

## We Walk Because They Walk

Unlike other fund raising walks, no teams are needed. All walkers in the Crop Walk are together, a team against fighting hunger!

Crop Walks have been around a long time; since 1969! Church World Services is working to ensure that more people worldwide have access to

nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs

and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service. If you would like more information go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org). To donate or pick up a "walkers" envelope please stop by the welcome center before or after the Sunday morning worship service.

## Feeding Our Faith

“Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4

The appalling statistics on world hunger deserve the attention of every Christian: Worldwide, 1 in 8 persons go to bed hungry each night; in our country, 1 in 7 families struggle to put food on the table. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus makes clear that these people are our “neighbors.” We should support the efforts of Crop Walk to alleviate world hunger. Getting food to starving people and getting Bibles to people who don’t know Jesus—witness our Gideon friends—are parallel and “nutritionally” critical Christian causes. What about our spiritual nutrition? How well are we feeding our faith? A few statistics from a 2016 article by Albert Mohler, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and one of American’s most influential

evangelicals, tell the tale: As Christians, we are a nation of biblical illiterates.

Fewer than half of all adults can name the four gospels. Many Christians cannot identify more than two or three of the disciples.

60 % of Americans can’t even name five of the Ten Commandments. (Barna)

According to 82% , “God helps those who help themselves” is a Bible verse.

12% of adults believe that Joan of Arc was Noah’s wife.

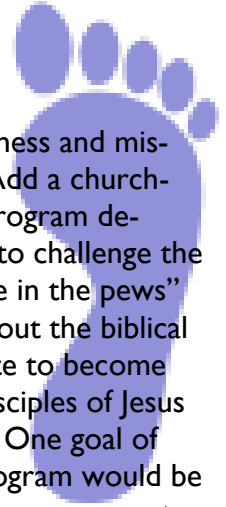
50% of graduating high school seniors thought that Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife.

These eye-catching examples of biblical ignorance signal a wider issue: that Christians today simply do not know enough to be faithful disciples. Additional research has shown that 1 in 5 Christians reads the Bible daily, the same number who say that they never read the Bible. Mohler concludes that “...

Christian compromise in this generation can be directly traced to biblical illiteracy in the pews and the absence of biblical preaching and teaching in our homes and churches.” And to those of us who congratulate ourselves on reading one passage daily, this question: How long would our bodies thrive on a daily glass of orange juice? What can we at First Presbyterian do to reverse the course of biblical illiteracy? For now, we should “bless, reinforce, and add.” Bless our leadership for providing biblically based worship services, vibrant children and youth ministries, and opportunities for mission and witness to communities near and far. Reinforce biblical education through challenging class and life group study and instruction. Reinvigorate our reading of scripture and our prayer lives, widening the circle of those for whom we pray. Seek study and fellowship with other believers as well as greater opportunities

for witness and mission. Add a church-wide program designed to challenge the “people in the pews” to live out the biblical mandate to become true disciples of Jesus Christ. One goal of this program would be to encourage parents of young families in their role as their children’s first and foremost biblical educators [Deut. 6:4-9]. It takes a home and a church, working together, to feed the faith of a Christian child. In another sense, we are all God’s children, seeking to live healthy, faithful lives. Mohler’s final warning: “We will not believe more than we know, and we will not live higher than our beliefs.... This generation must get deadly serious about the problem of biblical illiteracy, or a frighteningly large number of Americans—Christians included—will go on thinking that Sodom and Gomorrah lived happily ever after.”

Bob Kribbs





## Leaf Peeper Walk

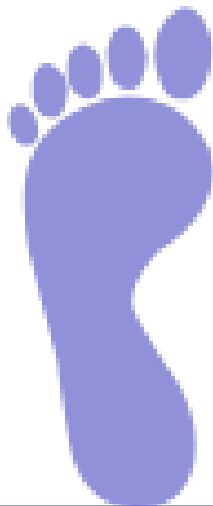
**Sunday, October 9th. Montour Preserve**

Join us after the worship service for a luncheon, then a fall walk to 'peep' at the colorful leaves. Enter the Montour Preserve park by the Montour Environmental Center. (700 Preserve Road, Danville) then follow the road to the left past the Environmental Center.

The road dead ends in a parking lot. Parking area and pavilions are right there. We will walk the 3.9 mile Chillsuagi Trail around the lake. There are also numerous smaller length trails that you can choose .

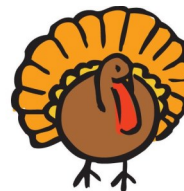
## Do I Need the Welcome Center?

Absolutely! The new Welcome Center is the "hub" of the church. Drop by the Center located in the Parlor for info about events, ways to get connected, good fellowship and have a cup of coffee or tea.



## What's the Best Part of Thanksgiving?

Hands down I am sure most have replied with "THE DINNER". Our annual Thanksgiving meal that is free to the community is in need of a captain as well as team members. Many people count on that



meal for Thanksgiving. Do you want to do something that is satisfying and of great service to your community? Sign up with Tim Halteman to be in the church kitchen on Thanksgiving day.

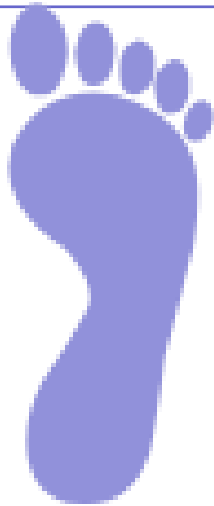


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30am			Chimes at 5pm JAM 5:30pm		Chimes at 5pm	
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**October JAM Theme nights:**  
 5 -- Stripes and polka dot night  
 12 -- bring a friend night  
 19 -- canned food/food donation night  
 26 -- favorite costume night

**Special Events in October:**

Kids Fall Festival -- Sunday October 23rd from 2pm-5pm. In the Great Hall and outside at Solider's Park. All kids and their families are welcome! Food, games, music, prizes, lots of fun! Wear your costume if you want to!

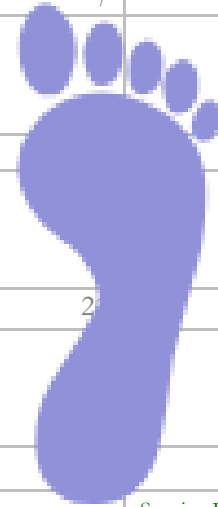


# JAM Photos



# First Presby Youth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Service Project Noon-1:30pm
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**“DO NOT  
CONFORM**

any longer  
to the pattern of **THIS WORLD**,  
but be **transformed**  
by the **renewing**  
of your mind.

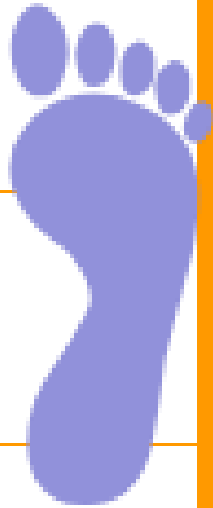
Then you will be able  
to **test**  
and **approve**  
what God's will is—  
his good, pleasing  
and perfect will.”  
Rom. 12:2





# October Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8:30 Prayer Time 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 NA 5:00 Fuel 7:00 Refuge	<b>3</b> 9:15 Trainers	<b>4</b> 10:00 Staff Mtg. 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 NA	<b>5</b> 6:30 Youth Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5:00 Chimes 5:30 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:30 Choir  Prayer Time every Wednesday at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> 3:00 Guys Games 6:00 DBR 7:30 NA	<b>7</b> 7:00 NA	<b>1</b> 7:00 NA
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 Bob Kribbs

Living fully in Christ, through His Word, community and mission



**Pulpit Assistant:** Bonnie Troxell

**Ushers:** Rob Black, John Walsh, Lamar Bruckhart, Jeff Jones, Mike Redding, Drew King, Grace Bruckhart, Christena Harder

	Nursery	Greeters	Coffee Social
<b>2</b>	Mudge, Halteman	Lamar & Lorri Bruckhart	Wayne & Pat Samuelson
<b>9</b>	Graver, Harder	Glenn & Kim Bedell	Bart & Linda Shaffer
<b>16</b>	Heid, TBA	Ed & Rhiannon Dame	Mark & Liz Speake
<b>23</b>	TBA, Jusko	Sharon Pearce, Noel Curtis	Matt & Wendy McTammany
<b>30</b>	Langdon, Cavanagh	Dan & Kim Wagner	Rob & Lisa Black

**Dinner By the River:** 6 Zellmann (Kribbs) 13 Shaffer (Troxell) 20 Dittmar (King) 27 Storm (Reid)

**Leaf Peeper Committee:** Dittmars, McCords, Fosters, Rolls, Dobbs

**Bowling Night Committee:** M. Temples, B. Zimmermans, D. Linds, J. Millers, S. Pearce, G. Schweiger, Reifs,



# Harvest Home Sunday

*On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> we will collect items to be donated to the Presbyterian Home in Williamsport.*

*Please bring; #10 cans of fruit or vegetables, Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Pasta, Rice to be given to one of our missions.*



Advanced Adult Studies At  
 The Himmelreich FREE Christian Library

**Our "SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS" study & discussions continue from 7:00 to 8:15 in THE HIMMELREICH READING ROOM with the Josh McDowell classic, "Evidence That Demands A Verdict." Discover surprising Biblical truths while learning how to more effectively share and defend your faith. Refreshments served. *Bring a friend!***