

# The First Press

## October 2017

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It seems like every week somewhere in our world there is a natural disaster destroying entire communities. We probably all have family or friends that have been affected by Harvey, Irma, or Maria.

October is the perfect month for us to remember those in our own country and around the world who are in need, and to do something to help meet the needs.

The month begins with World Wide Communion Sunday. Certainly every Sunday that we partake of Communion there are millions of Christians around the world celebrating The Lord's Supper that same day. On October 1 we are intentional in remembering and reflecting upon the truth that we are in community with Christians around the world. We, as believers in Jesus Christ, are part of The Church Universal.

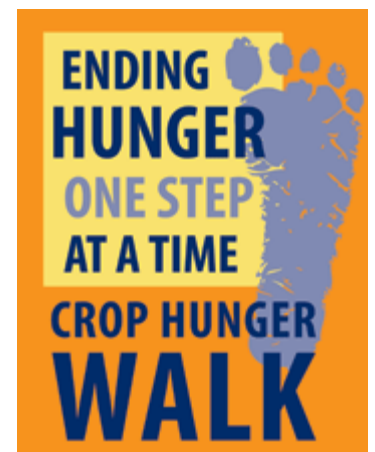
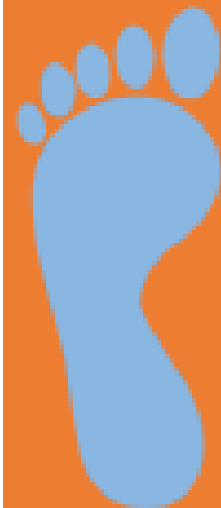
The following Sunday we have the opportunity to participate in something that helps others in need both close by and far away, and reminds us of the greater church; the CROP Walk. On Sunday, October 8 at 2:00pm we will join with others from neighboring congregations and go on a 1 mile or 5k walk to raise funds for Church World Service, an organization that helps those in need around the world.

CWS has Emergency Clean Up Buckets that are going to Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. These buckets are amazingly useful. There are many worthwhile ways to help the hurricane victims; donating for a couple of these buckets and walking to support the work of CWS is the way I've decided to help.

I encourage you to join me, others from our church, and friends from neighboring churches in walking the CROP Walk. I encourage everyone, whether you are walking or not, to support the Lewisburg CROP Walk. This year all the funds raised will be going to help hurricane victims. If you are interested in walking and/or supporting the CROP Walk please talk to Jan Temple or you can simply sponsor me by going to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) finding the Lewisburg walk and clicking on my name.

I hope to see you there !

Jim



# October Birthdays and Anniversaries

2: Ian Cavanagh, Bonnie Troxell

3: Jody Zimmerman,

4: Melanie Brown

5: Lindsey Reber

6: Vanessa Beck

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

8: Dede Gronlund, Jack Temple

9: David Miller, Bill Roll

10: Paul Tarves, Samantha Wakeman

11: Margaret Ritter, Rob Black

12: Rich Barlett

13: Christine Reinhart

14: Howard Stoelting

1: Jane Harley, Dan Wagner



1 - Bill & Beth Shutt celebrating their 23rd

2 - Bill & Judy Bruce celebrating their 40th

5 - Dan & Kim Wagner celebrating their 4th

8 - John & Linda Vaji celebrating their 29th

17 - Keith & Diana Kunkel celebrating their 64th

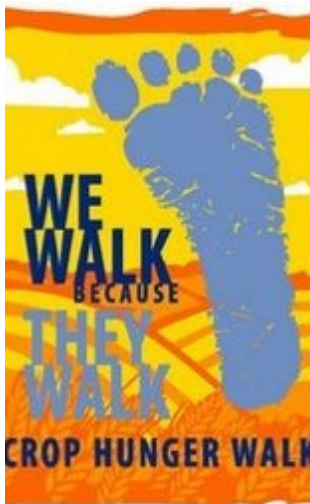
18 - Tom & Marilyn Gresh celebrating their 48th

18 - Rusty & Karen Graber celebrating their 27th

19 - Michael & Erin Redding celebrating their 15th



## We Walk Because They Walk



October 8  
2:00

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 world-

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.

GOOD NEWS ... GREAT JOY!!!

National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is fast approaching - November 13-20. I have gone shopping for most of the things I will pack in my boxes ... I got the school supplies during the Back-To-School sales, but I still need to get the stuffed animals. That's something I always like to pack for both Boy or Girl and for any of the three ages levels: 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years. There are two new things to remember when packing this year: no toothpaste or candy (due to increasingly strict customs regulations to many of the countries) and an increase in the requested donation toward shipping to \$9.00 (due to increased costs).

What a great way to share the love of Jesus with a child who may have never received a gift of any kind. Each box is distributed through church-based organizations. A story booklet, "The Greatest Gift of All", is included in each box, translated into the child's own language.

If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, I would be glad to try and answer them or help you find the answer. Call me at 570-522-0973, email [aim123@ptd.net](mailto:aim123@ptd.net) or leave a message in the church office, 570-524-4419. Sign-up sheets for the Collection Desk will be ready soon. I hope you will consider volunteering in some way.



Alice Marquart - Drop-Off Center Team Leader



## First Presby Youth



Fuel for middle schoolers meets from Sundays from 5:00-6:30

Refuge for high schoolers meets Sundays from 7:00-8:30

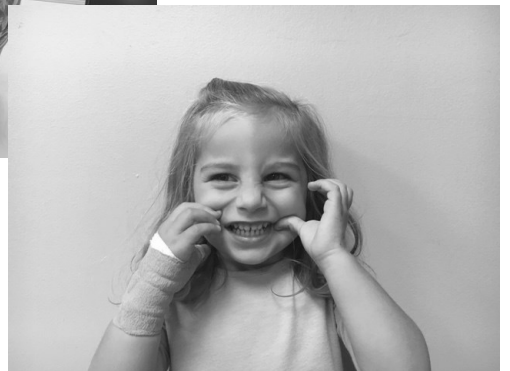
The Youth Director Search Committee is busy receiving applications, reviewing resumes, and following up with applicants. The committee is aware of how important their task is and they are prayerfully considering every person interested in being our next Director of

Search Committee: Brandon Bedell, Jennifer Drouin, Rob Guissanie, Jim King, Wendy McTammany, Kristen Mebius, Bill Roll, Mark Temple, and Sally Vogel.

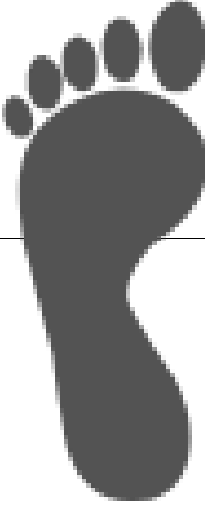


**First Presby**  
**KIDS**

Growing In God Together.



# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Prayer 9 :00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	2 9:15 Trainers	3	4 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bell Choir	5 5:45 DBR	6	7
8 8:30 Prayer 9 :00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	9 9:15 Trainers	10	11 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bell Choir	12 5:45 DBR	13	14
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Living fully in Christ, through His Word,  
community and mission

**Ushers:** John Walsh, Jeff Jones, Drew King

	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Coffee Social</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
01	Volunteers needed	Caroline Campagna	Randy & Kathy Storm
08	Volunteers needed	Matt & Wendy McTammany	Dave & Ruth McCord
15	Volunteers needed	Don & Glen Dobbs	Wayne & Pat Samuelson
22	Volunteers needed	John & Bonnie Troxell	Paul & Karen Miller
29	Volunteers needed	Mark & Leslie Temple	Aaron & Molly Rousell

**Dinner By the River:** 5th: Shaffer 12th: Storm 19th: Jordan 26th: Bruce/Ishii/Ringkamp

