

## Announcements

Come join us at **Halloween Pizza & Games Night, Friday, Oct 27 at 5:30.**

Sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Come, bring a guest! Enjoy some pizza, bring your favorite game, share in some great fellowship, Bring a dessert to share if you wish. Costumes welcome!!

### **Budget Update**

Hi, everyone; It's hard to believe how fast summer and autumn went by, but here we are in the final quarter of the year already. Our operating costs to the end of September have left us with a deficit of \$24,136.55 which is about \$516.00 more than the same period last year despite a welcomed increase in our offering of \$3,431.73 over the same period. As we all know, the cost of just about everything has gone up, unfortunately. It will be a challenge to get to where we need to be by the end of the year, but we know you will support our collective efforts to succeed. One of those efforts, which has evolved into an annual event, will be our special "gift" tree appearing in late November, which helps to give us a visual path to follow our progress, as we approach our year end. We would also like to let you know Session has decided to sell some surplus chairs that we have. They're solid oak "mission" style chairs and there are approximately 14 of them. If you have a use for them or know of someone who might, the asking price is \$100.00 each. At today's furniture prices, they should represent good value. Once again, thank you for your generous support, --- F&P.

### **Mission Moment**

World hunger is a more pressing global challenge than ever. An increasing number of people around the world suffer from worsening and chronic food insecurity and malnutrition. Climate change, conflict, and poverty exacerbated by global inflation are key factors worsening this crisis. Hunger threatens physical and mental well-being and hinders social and economic development. Through its partners, PWS&D is responding to the hunger crisis in East Africa, where millions of people are suffering from increased food insecurity. Conflicts, such as those in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are forcing hundreds of thousands of families from their homes. Furthermore, extreme climate weather events across the Horn of Africa have created high hunger levels. Through PWS&D, we are helping to provide emergency support to people affected by the food crisis.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and  
to inspire others to do the same  
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

*SPC Mission Statement*

## Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

**We will bless God's name from day to day.**

Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;

**For God is great and greatly to be praised.**

Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

**We will bring God honour and glory as we worship God's holy name.**

**Hymn: #467 Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you**

Opening Prayers

*Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Assurance of God's Love

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**Hymn: ##674 In the bulb there is a flower**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Ministry of Music

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130 *(responsive)*

Message: "Night of the Living Army"

**Hymn: #662 Those who wait upon the Lord**

## Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high & low**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving

♪ *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.* ♪  
*Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

**Hymn: #654 O God of Bethel, by whose hand**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...

*"So, friends, every day do something that won't compute.  
Love the Lord. Love the world...  
Be joyful though you have considered all the facts...  
Practice resurrection."  
~ Wendell Berry*



*"It is not more surprising to be born twice than once;  
everything in nature is resurrection."  
~ Voltaire*

*What is it that kills our spirit and destroys the soul of our community?  
What raises us and makes these bones live again?*

## **Things to pray for this week...**

We give thanks and pray for congregations and ministries that provide hot meals, and offer warmth, friendship and nourishment to those in need.

We give thanks for the ecumenical connections that we have nationally and internationally through ministries and councils, and pray for the many Presbyterians who serve the church in ecumenical endeavours.



**Scripture Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (CEV)

Some time later, I felt the Lord's power take control of me, and his Spirit carried me to a valley full of bones. <sup>2</sup>The Lord showed me all around, and everywhere I looked I saw bones that were dried out. <sup>3</sup>He said, "Ezekiel, son of man, can these bones come back to life?"

I replied, "Lord God, only you can answer that."

<sup>4</sup>He then told me to say:

Dry bones, listen to what the Lord is saying to you, <sup>5</sup>"I, the Lord God, will put breath in you, and once again you will live. <sup>6</sup>I will wrap you with muscles and skin and breathe life into you. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup>I did what the Lord said, but before I finished speaking, I heard a rattling noise. The bones were coming together! <sup>8</sup>I saw muscles and skin cover the bones, but they had no life in them.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord said:

Ezekiel, now say to the wind, "The Lord God commands you to blow from every direction and to breathe life into these dead bodies, so they can live again."

<sup>10</sup> As soon as I said this, the wind blew among the bodies, and they came back to life! They all stood up, and there were enough to make a large army.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord said:

Ezekiel, the people of Israel are like dead bones. They complain that they are dried up and that they have no hope for the future. <sup>12</sup>So tell them, "I, the Lord God, promise to open your graves and set you free. I will bring you back to Israel, <sup>13</sup>and when that happens, you will realize that I am the Lord. <sup>14</sup>My Spirit will give you breath, and you will live again. I will bring you home, and you will know that I have kept my promise. I, the Lord, have spoken."

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 130 (NIV)

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice.

**Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.**

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

**I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.

**He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.**