

The Messenger
 Newsletter of Forest Park Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR		
Sun 9/1	9:30 am	Worship Scrip Orders Taken
Mon 9/2		Church Office Closed
Wed 9/4	6:30 pm	PNC
Thu 9/5	6:00 pm	Deacons
Sun 9/8	9:30 am	Worship – Sunday School Resumes
Mon 9/9	5:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm	Building & Grounds Troop 53
Tues 9/10	6:30 pm	Membership
Wed 9/11	6:30 pm	PNC
Thu 9/12	6:30 pm	Worship & Music
Sun 9/15	9:30 am	Worship – Communion – Rally Day - Messenger Deadline
Mon 9/16	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop 53
Tues 9/17	1:00 – 7:00 pm	Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall
Wed 9/18	6:30 pm	PNC
Thu 9/19	6:00 pm	Session
Fri 9/20	11:30 am	Daylight Drivers
Sun 9/22	9:30 am	Worship
Mon 9/23	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop 53
Wed 9/25	6:30 pm	PNC
Sun 9/29	9:30 am	Worship

September 2019 - **Around the Corner**
In Frosty the Snowman, Frosty always says, "Happy Birthday" when the magical hat is placed on his head. Frosty experienced everything new, every time he came to life. He came to each new experience with excitement, energy, and enthusiasm. He looked at life with new vision and understanding.

It seems as if around every corner in the Church year, I could say, "Happy New Year." There is the obvious New Year in January. The Liturgical Year begins with Advent in December. In September, we begin the new Academic Year as schools begin and in church the program year gets started. With Elders and Deacons being elected in the spring and installed in June, now is the time we begin the new program year.

In September, Sunday School will begin on September 8th. We will kick off the program year with Rally Day on September 15th. Bible Study will begin soon. The Stewardship Committee will begin planning for the fall campaign, so Finance can plan the 2020 budget. Mission projects and Fellowship events will be organized. We will experience the new beginnings of all kinds of activities.

As you gaze at summer vacation through the rear-view mirror, I hope to see you return to the work, worship, and fellowship at Forest Park Presbyterian Church. I pray that the relaxed summer pace refreshed you and you will find new ways to engage in the life of your church family. When activities are starting up, offers a great time to try something new, volunteer to try something different, and encounter faith through a different experience.

Grace and Peace,

Bruce
Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones
Interim Pastor

September 1st - 12th Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13, *Psalm 81:1, 10-16,
*Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14
"HS: All in This Together"

September 8th - 13th Sunday of Pentecost - Rev. Catherine Neal

*Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17,
Philemon 1-21, *Luke 14:25-33
"Contemplating the Cost of Discipleship"

Sept. 15th - 14th Sunday of Pentecost - Rally Day (Communion)

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14,
*1 Timothy 1:12-17, *Luke 15:1-10
"Strength Within"

Sept. 22nd - 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9, * 1
Timothy 2:1-7, * Luke 16:1-13
"Made for Everyone"

Sept. 29th - 16th Sunday of Pentecost - Elder JP Kastner preaching

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

Rev. Jones' Schedule

Planned Sabbath: September 3, 9, 16, 24
Sermon Writing: September 13, 18,
Study Leave for September 6
(Companions in Ministry), October 2 & 3
(Retirement Planning)
Vacation September 26-October 1st



If you know or hear of a prayer need and would like to have one started on the prayer chain, notify the Deacon on Call for the month to initiate your request. If you cannot reach that Deacon, call the Church Office and speak to Pam or leave a message on the answering machine.



Thank You For Giving to the Lord!

As we finish summer and return to the routine, we give thanks to the Great Cloud of Witnesses that serve our Lord in simple, small, and loving ways. Everything we do to the least of these, reflects our love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for those who serve our Lord through FPPC. We give thanks to the church mice who ...

- ~ Cleaned windows
- ~ Provided financial support for Capital Improvement Projects.
- ~ Trimmed the hedges.
- ~ Continued to water, weed, and tend to God's creation.
- ~ Broke up the sidewalk to the former manse.
- ~ Staffed the Office while Pam was on vacation.
- ~ Installed and painted the new Mailbox.
- ~ Replaced light bulbs and repaired lights.
- ~ Visited the homebound and checked on members of the Church Family.
- ~ Provided CPR Training.

We give thanks for Christ's work and our community of faith. We appreciate these acts of service with the power of God working in and through us!

Ending Well - Funeral Planning

Rev. Jones and Elder Deana Gillespie led a workshop on preparing for your funeral. If you missed the workshop but would like the information, please contact Bruce.

Bible Study

Last year, Rev. Jones led a Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke. As we plan for a new start, please fill out the Google Form with your interest.

If you are interested please complete the Google Form

<https://forms.gle/zd5VztHHbTy5vw5K8> or call Bruce and answer a few questions.

International Peacemaker Comes to Forest Park!

Lydia Neshangwe is an ordained minister of the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA), a transnational Presbyterian denomination with churches in South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. She currently serves as clerk of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe and minister of St Andrew's Church, a culturally diverse congregation. She is the founder of the 'Centre for Growth,' a center that conducts seminars, workshops and group therapy sessions for personal growth, spiritual growth and wholeness. Lydia serves as the Zimbabwe Coordinator of an international non-profit organization, Hope's Promise, providing orphan care in Zimbabwe, Nepal, Kenya and Vietnam. Her husband Paul is also a UPCSA minister and they have two teenage boys and multiple non-biological children. She writes, "Outside of my church and ecumenical responsibilities, I love arts and crafts, reading books from around the world and travelling."

We are honored to be one of a handful of churches to have Lydia provide a Bible study combined with mission stories at Forest Park on Monday, Sept. 23 at 11:00. Following the Bible study, a free lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin Board across from Pam's office.



Where did that come from? Some wonder, "When we sing "Here I am, Lord" (aka "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"), why does Jack always add two measures in the middle of the verses; and where did he get that introduction from? The "extra" two measures are original to the song; however, their inclusion did not allow them to fit into the Presbyterian hymnal. I'm sure the editors thought that no one would notice their omission. Well, you certainly did! The introduction is the original introduction that was written by Dan Schutte in 1981 (native of Elm Grove, by the way), when he was a member of the Jesuit community in Berkeley and published in the original collection *Lord of Light*. The song was written, when Dan was approached on a Wednesday to write a song for a deaconate mass on Saturday. No matter what version of that song is put in front of me, the original always comes to mind. I can, of course, play whatever is put in front of me; however, in my experience, there is no better version than the original. I am happy that, as a worshipping community, you have learned to tolerate my insistence on using this version and have adapted well to it.

Jack Serwe



Mark your calendars for Rally Day and our annual church picnic- September 15th. The picnic will be after the church service. A signup list is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for sides and desserts, hotdogs are being provided. Bring a chair (and maybe a friend) and we all can look forward to some enjoyable fellowship and relaxing time.



The Deacon on Call for September is Jodi Godsell 262-492-0264.



Forest Park Church is hosting a Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 1:00pm - 7:00pm. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER. Please consider a donation if you can or please recruit others, if possible. Sign-up for an appointment is easy, the information is on the flyer. You can do it yourself from your own computer OR call Denine 414-412-0149. I can do the signing up for you at the appointment time you are requesting.

The Blood Bank is giving out a cool pair of ear buds for all donors. Forest Park will offer a social recovery from donating with sloppy joes and desserts. We are hoping for a great turn-out both of donors and volunteers to help run this community mission. Please help show the community that Forest Park Church is a Church of action.

If anyone has any ideas of how we can better promote this mission, please get involved and help us out. I Thank You!! DDD, Deacon Denine Dulde



- 9/9 Sue Washic
- 9/15 Sam Dolan
- 9/21 Mary Ann Jurasinski
- 9/28 Mary Sybell



Birth Announcement

A son, Brayton Kycen Cox, was born to Lara and Brandon Cox at 9:06 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2019 in San Tan Valley, Arizona. At birth, Brayton weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. Brayton was welcomed home by his older sister, Breighlyn Narie, age 8 years, and his older brother,

Briley Zayne, age 6 years. Brayton Cox's relatives at Forest Park Church include his maternal grandparents Jeff & Carol Krogmann, Aunt Kirstin, Uncle Steve, and Cousins Zak and Trevor Shuda.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please arrange a substitute and notify the church office.

	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29	10/6
Liturgist	Mike Washic	Lee Tan	Sally Daugherty	Jeff Krogmann	Maureen Wise	Sara Grant
Head Usher	Gary Stigler	Gordon Willey	Ron Reuteler	Gary Stigler	Gordon Willey	Gary Stigler
Ushers	Cindy Barbieri David & Colin Hermann	Jim & Sara Grant Denine Dulde	Howard & Sally Hasselkus	Pat Janecek Art Reimer	Marne Willey	Howard & Sally Hasselkus
Hospitality	Janecek/Marr	Daylight Drivers	Simpson	Stigler	Deacons	Reuteler

Ushers	
Barbieri	262-782-6862
DeGaro	262-364-8123
Dulde	414-412-0149
Grant	262-786-5071
Hasselkus	262-786-3298
Hermann	414-744-0765
Janecek	414-241-0227
Reimer	262-679-9226
Reuteler	262-424-4378
Stigler	262-782-5153
Washic	262-789-9779
Willey	262-782-1112

Hospitality	
Janecek/Marr	
Daylight Drivers	
Deacons	
Helpful Hannahs	
Reuteler	262-821-5046
Simpson	262-782-1937
Stigler	262-782-5153