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# Church Mouse



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>1</b> Food Pantry Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:30 TTO	<b>4</b> 10:00AM Women's Bible Study (WBS)	<b>5</b> 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship	<b>9</b> 9:00AM Operation Shoe Box Sewing Group	<b>10</b> 11:30 TTO	<b>11</b> 10:00AM Women's Bible Study (WBS)  Teacher Appreciation at Stanton Weirsdale Elem.  Session Committee Reports are due in the Church Office	<b>12</b> 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship 11:45AM SESSION Meets 11:45AM DEACONS Meet	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:30 TTO	<b>18</b> 10:00AM Women's Bible Study (WBS) 5:00PM Seniors Group Cracker Barrel	<b>19</b> 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM POTLUCK Fellowship HOB0 SOUP 11:45am Worship Committee Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:00AM Operation Shoe Box Sewing Group	<b>24</b> 11:30AM TTO	<b>25</b> 10:00AM Women's Bible Study (WBS)	<b>26</b> 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

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# OCTOBER

Birthdays

Jim Lanier  
Jim Bowers  
Janet Woody  
Nancy Borah  
Dottie Jones  
Joan Matthews  
Ken Cordle  
Donna Tripoulas



## TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

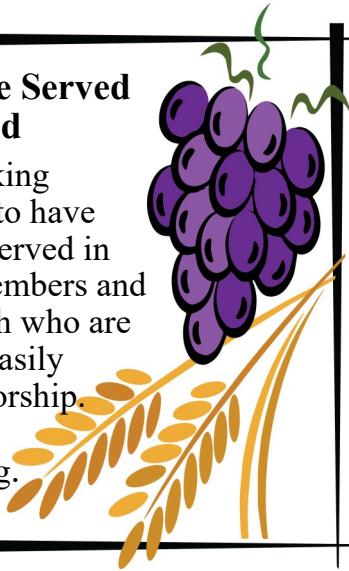
Our church alone is presenting a buffet of salads and baked goods for the school staff of 80 people on Wednesday, October 11th.

Your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your food/baked items to the church on Tuesday, Oct. 10th between 9am & 12:30pm. (Notify Linda upon your arrival.) They will be delivered to the school on Wednesday morning. Remember to use disposable serving dishes as yours will not be returned.

The teachers always enjoy this showing of appreciation.

### Communion to be Served to the Homebound

Plans are in the making for the opportunity to have Holy Communion served in the homes to the members and friends of the church who are not able to get out easily to attend Sunday worship. More detailed plans will be forth-coming.



### YOUR SHARING IS A BLESSING

These dates are open for altar flowers and fellowship. Please consider signing up.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

October 22 & 29  
November 19  
December 17

#### FELLOWSHIP HOST

October 29  
November 5, 12, & 19th  
December 3, 10 & 17

### SENIOR'S GROUP WILL DINE AT THE CRACKER BARREL

Wednesday, October 18th at 5PM  
Gary would love to take your reservation.  
561-929-6210



## MANSE RENAISSANCE CAMPAIGN

**\$50,000**

**\$45,000**

**\$40,000**

**\$35,000**

**\$30,000**

**\$25,000**

**\$20,000**

**\$15,000**

**\$10,000**

**\$5,000**

The Manse Renaissance Capital Campaign has officially begun! We have targeted a goal of \$50,000 to be raised within the next 6 months to make needed improvements to the manse. We hope to make the beauty of the manse very enticing to attract a potential Called Pastor in the near future.

The improvements include a new roof, interior and exterior painting and new flooring.

You should have received a notice, which included a pledge card and envelope, in your mailbox about this important fundraiser. There are also extra pledge cards and envelopes in the church Narthex.

This is a separate pledge than the upcoming annual Stewardship Pledge drive. To assist our tracking, please return your pledge card and/or your check as soon as possible.

If you have other questions, please contact Elder Linda Spence at 352-653-8835.



*Looking forward to the return of our Snowbirds!  
Praying for your safe travels back to Florida & to church!*



### SCOUTS CLEAN UP THE CHURCH GROUNDS

The boy scouts had a camp out at the Scout Hut a few weeks ago and spent three hours on a Saturday cleaning up and trimming and weeding all around the church, Douglas Hall and the Manse. What a nice improvement in appearance for the grounds. Thank you to the scouts and attending leaders!

### LOVE INC TRIVIA NIGHT



Love INC's Trivia Night on September 25th was attended by a group from our church, and they took **FIRST PLACE!!** They each won a \$25.00 gift card to be used at Love INC's Centsible Furnishings! Congratulations to:  
Judy, Birdie, Diana, Margo, Carol, Pat & Helen!!



The Operation Shoebox Sewing Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month. Come and help cut, assemble and sew the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for our troops.

If you have any questions, you can call Diana Harris at 352-425-4351.

She recently received the following thank you letter from a soldier all the way up in Greenland!

Oct 12

Dear Diana Harris,

Good Day to you ma'am. I am Major Maxwell from 12th Space Warning Squadron in the Arctic Circle of the North Pole. I am a recipient of one of your morale bags. I just want to say a very BIG THANK YOU to you and your team for putting this together for us. I really appreciate that a great deal. I pray God will continue to bless you all for us.

Once again, Thank you".

Respectfully,

BABAJIDE ODEJOKE—Maxwell, Maj.

USSF DIRECTOR of Operations

12th Space Warning Base, Greenland

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### Participation with Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School

We are in process of **collecting shoes** for the children until the end of December. Boxes are in the Narthex and Douglas Hall for your donations.

**Upcoming events** where volunteers will be appreciated include the Winter Program and the May Book Fair. (We are not sure that you need to fill out the volunteer app for these events.)

Finally, a **teacher appreciation** dessert and snack buffet is scheduled for October 11, December 19, March 8th and the last day of school (TBD). Volunteers can bring food donations. Further information on those events will be forthcoming.

We will put the **Angel Tree** in the Narthex for purchasing Christmas gifts for the children this year.

If you have any questions about any of these opportunities to help the school, please call Jeanette Molique at 937-660-0719.

### LOVE INC

#### GAS CAN MINISTRY

Loose change fits very nicely into the Love INC gas cans located in Douglas Hall and the Narthex.

The money helps buy gas for people so they can get to important appointments.

### FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS "FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY" COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



The Community of Gratitude is grateful for our monetary support and food donations. There is always a need for non-perishable staples such as soups, peanut butter and jelly, bread, All-in-One boxed meals, personal toiletries and also pet food.



*Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,  
A heart that forgives the worst,  
A mind that forgets the bad,  
And a soul that never loses faith in God.*

### PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

**If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please contact Barbara West.**

**734-558-1878**

**Email: [barbwest26@yahoo.com](mailto:barbwest26@yahoo.com)**



### OCTOBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Head Usher:** June Matson  
**Liturgist:** Dave Vincent / Linda Spatta  
**Communion Setup:** Linda Spatta  
**Lock-up:** Linda Spatta



As always, if you cannot serve as listed, PLEASE find a substitute.

And thank you for your willingness to serve our church!

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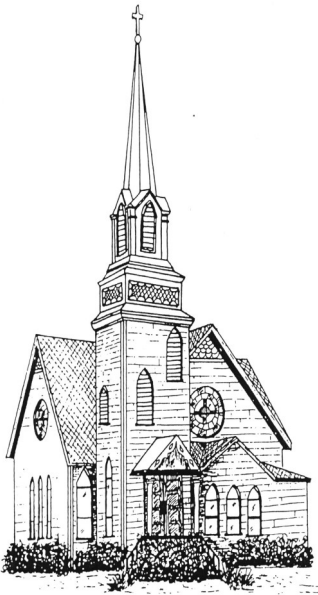
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**Our Mission:**  
**Bring People to Christ**  
**Develop our Discipleship**



**Weirsdale Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship at 10:30AM**  
**Fellowship at 11:30AM**