

The Church Mouse



PEOPLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Manse Cat Monthly: Musings from Pastor Leia / her cat

Since May, our monthly adult sessions have focused on themes relating to the More Light Presbyterians Network as a part of the process of becoming a formally-recognized congregation that is open and affirming to the LGBTQIA+ community. In the last edition of the Church Mouse, I summarized our conversations about vocabulary, the concept of marriage, and some of the biblical texts that are used as weapons.

In August, we looked at the history of the gay rights movement and the importance of representation in the media. We went through a timeline of some notable events in popular culture, including the first TV kiss between two women (1991), Freddie Mercury's announcement that he had AIDS the day before he died of an AIDS-related illness (also 1991), the first ever TV ad to feature a same-sex couple (1994), Ellen DeGeneres' public coming-out (1997), the first TV kiss between two men (2000), and the release of the film "Brokeback Mountain" (2005). Many of us were surprised at the dates of some of the events on the timeline, because we hadn't been aware of them happening at the time. As a person who was only born in the 1980s, I think that I have a valid excuse for missing Freddie

Mercury's announcement, but I have never seen any of the television shows that apparently had landmark scenes, themes, or casting...and I didn't watch "Brokeback Mountain" until almost a decade after its release.

I asked the room what fictional LGBTQIA+ characters we could name. Crickets metaphorically chirped. We couldn't think of many. I asked whether people had openly out friends. A few of us answered in the affirmative, but most did not.

Next, we looked at a series of very depressing maps. We saw that technically, same-sex relationships were illegal in our own state of Michigan until a Supreme Court case in 2003. Michigan does not have any laws specifically addressing school bullying against LGBTQIA+ students. In Michigan, sexual orientation is not grounds for considering an assault to be a hate crime. There are no bans on conversion therapy for minors based on sexual orientation or gender identity in our state. There were two bits of good news, though. Both sexual orientation AND gender identity discrimination are prohibited in Michigan in both public AND private employment! Hurray! In Michigan, a new birth

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certificate can be issued to reflect the correct gender identity of a trans* person! Hurray!

I gave a very brief history of the events of the Stonewall Riots, a seminal moment in history that most of the room didn't know much about (if anything). The Stonewall Inn was a drag bar in New York City that was owned by the Mafia and every week, a very large bribe was given to local police officers so that they would always get a heads up before a raid. It was illegal at the time for a man to wear more than three pieces of "women's clothing" or vice versa. However, on the night of June 28, 1969, there was no warning given and a police raid came around 1:00 in the morning, when there were about 200 patrons inside the bar. Police barred the exits to keep patrons from slipping away, but the officers were outnumbered and didn't have enough space in their vehicles to transport so many people to the station. Some patrons weren't arrested, but instead of going home quietly, on this night, they decided to stay. Patrol wagons started arriving, but the crowd started growing, and after officers shoved one patron and hit a lesbian woman on the head with a baton for complaining that her handcuffs were too tight, the crowd started to get restless and chaos broke out. The police officers barricaded themselves in The Stonewall Inn. More police arrived. Some protesters linked arms and started singing. Police rushed them with nightsticks. Eventually the crowd was cleared,

but the next night, an even larger crowd gathered to protest what had happened. This protest is what birthed the gay rights movement and exactly one year later, on June 28, 1970, the first ever gay pride parades took place in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

I remember learning about a lot of riots and protests and new movements that came out of the 1960s, but I don't ever remember

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seeing the Stonewall Riots in a textbook.

We closed by reading some responses that a few of my LGBTQIA+ friends gave in response to the question, "Why is Pride still relevant today, given how far we've come?" I'll just share one answer here: "People sometimes ask why there's no straight pride, but you don't have to learn to be proud of something you were never shamed for."

But there was still one lingering and frequently asked question that comes even from people who have no problem with same-sex marriage or even with welcoming LGBTQIA+ people into our lives: "But why do they have to get so... in your face about it at Pride?"

I'd been putting off answering this question because the answer that I



would give is, well, not comfortable.

See, there's a certain view of the world that most of us have, without thinking about it at all, and that view has been prioritized over other views for time immemorial. Most of the time, we aren't trying to push other views out of the way, but by now, honestly, it's just habit, and looking out a different "window" makes us uncomfortable, even if we can't quite put our finger on why.

In Alfred Hitchcock's incredible movie "Psycho," for example, there is a scene in which Janet Leigh's character flushes pieces of paper down a toilet. In all of cinematic history up until that moment, the flushing of a toilet had never been seen on film. In real life, this is a very common sight, but not on the silver screen. Most people would not have consciously thought, "Huh—that's a thing that hasn't been shown in a movie before," though. It would just register in their minds as just slightly "off." Somehow, something different, maybe even wrong, was going on. Hitchcock did this on purpose to add to the building suspense of the story.

And I would argue that when gay men (even middle-aged men!) in skimpy costumes (even made of leather!) dance at Pride (even if they aren't conventionally attractive!), our minds register it as just slightly off, too.

For example, most of the movies that are made tell men's stories. For that

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matter, the number of men working behind the camera (technically, as writers, as directors, as producers, etc) FAR outnumber the women who work in the industry. And perhaps as a result, across all Western cinema, the top speaking roles are played by men, the most dialogue is given to male characters, most films have male protagonists, most speaking roles are given to men, the majority of named characters are men, and even the number of overall characters are mostly men. The statistics for all of these things are OVERWHELMINGLY male. Have you ever heard of the Bechdel Test? It asks whether a film has two female characters (both of whom have names) who speak to each other about something other than a man. Most movies cannot pass that test. In and of itself, that isn't

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necessarily a problem, but it does make one wonder why we are so obsessed with telling men's stories at the expense of women's stories.

In fact, most of the media we consume is designed to be seen by men, generally white men, but presumably straight men. Think of the way we advertise burgers or beach vacations or bars or cologne or sports or music: with conventionally attractive young women. Even when products are

marketed directly to women, the focus tends to be on how the product can make the woman more attractive (to men), rather than how effective the product actually is. Think, for example, of commercials where razors slide over perfectly hairless legs.

But back to my movie example - most movies are made for men and the exceptions for this rule are judged much more harshly. Every few years, a female-driven franchise is attacked for being a terrible example for young women (the "Twilight" saga comes to mind), but the mindless and gruesomely violent action movies targeted at teenage boys are brushed off without regard for the message they might send. In 1984, the film "Supergirl" was not very well received. "Eh," said the industry. "Clearly we should never ever make another female superhero movie ever again. We have learned our lesson." But thirteen years later, "Batman & Robin" did even worse. "Oops," laughed the industry. "Some mistakes were made. Let's try again with a better Batman. Silly us, casting George Clooney!" There has never been another Supergirl movie, but there sure have been a lot of Batman movies. This isn't necessarily a bad thing. I mean, some of those Batman movies were excellent! But my point is that the film industry, backed by an enormous amount of money and power and influence, is willing to take risks in catering to the taste of straight men, but very hesitant to cater to women.

If you go to almost any parade, you will probably expect to see some cheerleaders (likely in short skirts), perhaps some beauty queens, maybe some young women dancing; at some parades, like Mardi Gras or Carnevale, those women might not be wearing much. I often worry about whether they're wearing enough sunscreen. But I'm not surprised to see them there, because it fits perfectly into the worldview that is most often presented to me.

So when a Pride parade features a float of scantily clad men

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dancing...It's not that "they" are getting in your face. It's more that you have been conditioned to view the world through the male gaze: the visual preferences of a straight man. Looking outside of the male gaze can be unsettling. And if you're weirded out...well, you aren't the intended audience. Honestly, most of Western culture rubs heterosexuality in the faces of the LGBTQIA+ community. There is no escaping the male gaze or the assumption that all people are straight until proven otherwise.

And this is uncomfortable, because it reminds us that not all things are made for us personally, ...because it's so out of the

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when we limit ourselves to a single standard worldview, we exclude a lot of people.

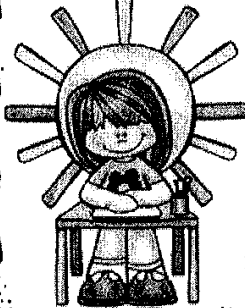
ordinary,...because it's very direct, rather than being veiled by innuendo, as it was for such a long time,...because it's a visceral reminder that when we limit ourselves to a single standard worldview, we exclude a lot of people.

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Pastor Leia

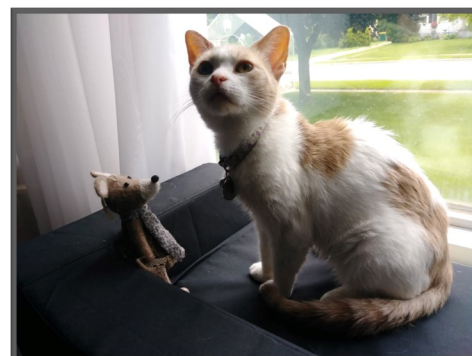
Going beyond "How was your day?"
Questions to ask your child after school to get a conversation started.

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. What was the worst thing that happened at school today?
3. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
4. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
5. Tell me about what you read in class today. What did your teacher read to you today?
6. If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? Who would you not want to sit by in class? Why?
7. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
8. Who did you sit by at lunch today? What did you talk about?
9. Can you show me something you learned today?
10. What part of school is your favorite?
11. Tell me the name of 3 kids you sat next to today.
12. What was the most interesting/funny thing your teacher said today?
13. What class rules does your teacher say are important?
14. Tell me one interesting fact about your teacher.
15. What's your favorite time of day at school?
16. What are you looking forward to at school tomorrow?
17. Did you get frustrated with anything at school today?
18. Were you able to finish all of your work today?
19. Tell me about a new word you heard today at school.
20. If I called your teacher tonight what would she/he tell me about you?



THE ADVENTURES OF CHURCH MOUSE

Our friend Church Mouse has been having all kinds of adventures! She tried on Doris Ann's organ shoes and even went next door to have tea with Pastor Leia and meet Gingersnap, the manse cat. You can follow more of her adventures on our facebook page, which you can find by typing "Peoples Presbyterian Church" in the search bar. :)





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There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Committee News

CARLYLE GRILL

Merry Makers

Join us at Carlyle Grill

Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 4:30 pm

Where: 3660 Jackson Road in Ann Arbor

The date is an "away" game for Michigan Football.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those interested.

Session Highlights from September Meeting

Baptism Scarlett Bolla was baptized during worship on Sunday, July 21. Scarlett is the daughter of Brandon and Angela Gehring Bolla, grand-daughter of Richard and Vicky Gehring, great-grand-daughter of the late Francoise Creviston.

Pastor (Rev. Leia Battaglia) Over the summer, we finished the first three (chronological) Narnia books in bible study, and talked about their connections with stories in scripture, history, art, and the life of CS Lewis. We have recently started a series on the Ten Commandments. Church movie night has featured National Treasure, Gentleman's Agreement, and Mean Girls. In June, I attended a forum and retreat in Wisconsin with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove as the guest speaker. We talked about morality and history and the effects of oppression that linger in our language, our assumptions, and our institutions. In July, I claimed VBS as an excuse to wear not one but five different science fiction costumes of characters who space travel, while frantically arranging for adult coverage for classes. In July, I had the experience of baptizing a baby for the first time. Over the summer, I also volunteered at the Milan Senior Center, and had a meeting about our relationship with Aid in Milan. Last month, for the occasion of my grandfather's 90th birthday, I flew to California for two and a half weeks, where I assisted in services at my home church, hand-cranked ice cream, met up with friends, and did some projects around the house. On my way home, I spent five nights in St Louis for a wedding and some sight-seeing. This month, I am particularly excited for the outdoor service at Wilson Park on September 29, with a blessing of the animals, followed by a potluck picnic.

Deacons Sue Barney has volunteered to take over as Deacon Moderator following Chris Wetzler's resignation from the Board of Deacons.

Christian Education Our Fall Kick Off and Blessing of the Backpacks was held on September 8. The School Supply Collection has begun for the month of September, and we will donate all items to Paddock Elementary for use in the classroom or given to students in need. Sock-tober will begin October 6, when socks for infants to adult will be collected and donated to Aid in Milan to give out at Christmas.

Membership In July we had a wonderful Garden Tour that showcased several beautiful area gardens. It was a great night to enjoy the bounty of God's beauty. Our Beer and Hymns evenings at the American Legion have been attended by about 35-45 people at each event. Now people are calling for a Beer and Christmas Carols. In November we are planning an All Saints event to honor people in our congregation who have been leaders and inspirational in the life of Peoples through the years. We will host a new event series that we hope to continue and expand, that involves a craft project to benefit the community. The first is Make a Mitten, where we will make felted sweater mittens for ourselves and for the community. It will be a make-it and take-it night, held on Friday November 8, from 6-8:30. Our third annual Angels Advent Tea will be held in early December.

Mission & Outreach The Peacemaking Offering is currently being collected. 25% will go to Safe House Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti. The Hill House Mission Meal will be held on Oct 13.

Personnel - We are very sorry to report that Laura Kirchoff has turned in her letter of resignation effective October 1. She enjoys her position at Peoples as our Administrative Assistant, but has some family situations that require her to resign and help her family. Laura has been a very efficient and thoughtful Administrative Assistant and we will certainly miss her.

Stewardship Stewardship Committee members have been attending Seminars sponsored by Presbytery, covering what Stewardship means, and how to properly address this vital area of life in Christ. Our goal is to help us all realize that our time, talent and financial gifts are needed to continue the wondrous works that our Congregation has been able to achieve in the past. Being a good Steward of God's Gifts is a primary role in our relationship with God. The Committee has been working toward the Consecration Sunday event on October 20. Our goal is to reach everyone in our Congregation, and to help create an understanding how important it is for each of us to be good Stewards of God's gifts.



You Won't Want to Miss!!!

- ◆ **Sunday, September 29**, 10:30am: outdoor worship service at Wilson Park with a blessing of the animals, followed by a potluck picnic (well-behaved and friendly pets are very warmly welcomed)
- ◆ **Thursday, October 3**, 10am-2pm: flu shot clinic here at PPC (sponsored by Little Pharmacy)
- ◆ **Friday, October 4**, 7pm: First Fridays Movie Night: "Corpse Bride" (PG)
- ◆ **Sunday, October 6**, 10am: World Communion Sunday (feel free to bring in a special grain or bread for the table to represent the diversity of the Church)
- ◆ **Saturday, October 19**, 4:30pm: Merry Makers dinner at Carlyle Grill in Ann Arbor (sign up in Fellowship Hall)
- ◆ **Sunday, October 20**, 10am: Consecration Sunday, followed by a catered luncheon that you won't want to miss
- ◆ **Sunday, October 27**, 10am: Pastor Leia will be preaching in costume as a biblical figure--join in the fun by wearing a (non-scary) costume of your own!
- ◆ **Thursday, October 31**, 6-8pm: Halloween Canopy on the Corner--stop by for cookies and hot cider while you go trick or treating
- ◆ **Friday, November 1**, 7pm: First Fridays Movie Night: "Ever After" (PG-13)
- ◆ **Sunday, November 3**, 10am: All Saints (feel free to bring a treat to share for coffee hour that reminds you of a loved one you have lost or that comes from a late loved one's recipe...and a note saying who the treat is in honor of!)
- ◆ **Thursday, November 19**, 5-8pm: Third Thursdays (stop by our booth downtown at Milan's Third Thursdays event to say hi or help us brag about our church!)
- ◆ **Friday, November 8**, 6:30-9pm: Pizza and Mittens (join us as we make some toasty warm mittens to wear, donate, or give away...there will be pizza!)
- ◆ **Sunday, November 24**: Community Thanksgiving Service (details to be announced)



Thank You from Symons Elementary



Symons Elementary

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Dear Mrs. London,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation. Your support means so much, not only to the students at Symons, but to all of the children in the Milan community.

Due to support like yours, we are able to provide a variety of free books to children all across the Milan community and promote a life-long love of reading. Please extend our gratitude to the entire Peoples Presbyterian Church congregation and Vacation Bible School volunteers.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Bookout
Principal, Symons Elementary

Liz Miller
4th Grade Teacher, Symons Elementary

Jenni Smith
4th Grade Teacher, Symons Elementary

P.S. We loved seeing your grandson's artwork on the notecard. We love owls!

Christian Education

The youth at Peoples have been reminded that they too, can be "the light" for others to see.

During the Children's Message on August 18, the children learned that we are all called by Jesus to be "a light of the world" for others. If we live our lives "as Jesus would," then we will be showing our light as an example for others to follow.

John 8:12 tells us "I am the light of the world, those who follow me will never walk in darkness. They will have the light that leads to life."



All the kids received a glow bracelet to let them know that they have what it takes to be the light for others. Reese, Camron, and Ryan received a few extra to take to Camp Wonder at Howell Nature Center that week, to spread their light while they are there.

During CE, "I am the Light" light switch covers were made to take home and install as a constant reminder that they are truly "The Light of the World."

Are you shining your "light" every day???

C.E. Committee



Fall Mission Project - Collection of School Supplies for Paddock



All the school supplies we collect **for the month of September will be donated to Paddock Elementary School. They can be used** by the teachers in the classrooms or given to students in need of supplies. Everyone needs their own box of crayons. 😊

The tub in the Narthex is near overflowing, but don't let that stop you from bringing in more supplies! We can still accept any that you would like to donate.

Thank you for your faithful support of all the projects of the children of the congregation.

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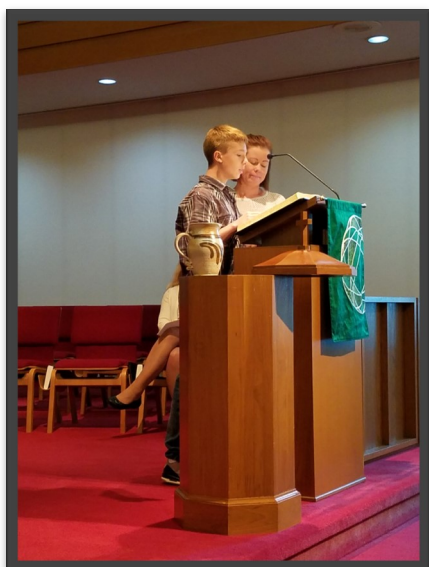
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Fall Kick-Off

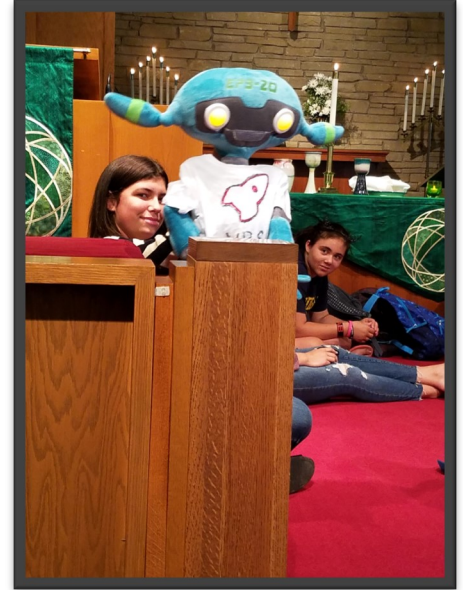
We had a great Kick Off for the Fall season!! All the backpacks were placed in front of the Communion Table during worship. Then they were blessed by Pastor Leia offering a positive, productive, and fun school year for everyone.

We were so excited to have our VBS puppet, EP3:20, come back to visit us during class. He gave us some thoughtful hints of how to have a smooth year at school using our special words from VBS: faith, boldness, kindness and thankfulness.

Everyone made a special "worry bead key chain" to place on their back packs. When they are worried about something, they can fidget with the worry beads and know that God is always there for them.



Christian Education



Upcoming Events:

This month is . . . Sock-tober!!! Let's "sock it to them" with new socks for holiday giving.

Oh, yes, start buying some fun socks for babies up to adults and place them in the collection tub in the Narthex. They will be donated to Aid in Milan to be used for the Christmas family giving. Let's fill the tub . . . again!!

October 27 - Halloween will be celebrated at church when the kids can wear their non-scary costumes to church. They will also be decorating a pumpkin to be used at the Canopy on the Corner.

November 3 - Time change . . . which means the kids can come to church in their pajamas!

11 - The Thanksgiving food donation boxes will be decorated.

24 - Bring in the aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House

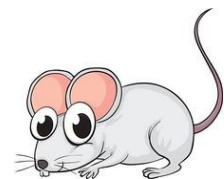
December 6 - **Peoples Family Christmas Party, Potluck, Activities and Movie**

14 - (Saturday) Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 10am - 12 noon

15 - **Christmas Pageant following worship**

January 5 - Birthday Party for Baby Jesus, Epiphany Sunday

July 13 - 17 - **Vacation Bible School, 2020**



Spotlight On Youth



Ryan Heeringa



Victoria Heeringa

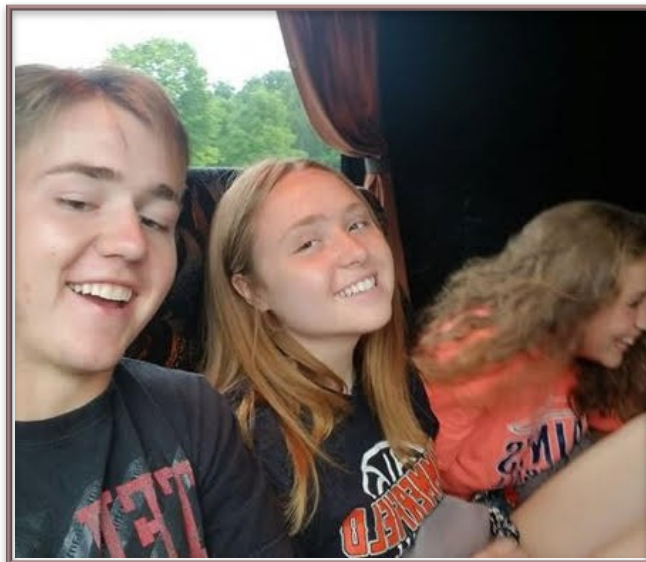
Howell Nature Center - Camp Wonder



Reese Rupert and Camron Heeringa



Victoria Heeringa



Dear people's, we are so very thankful that with your help, we were able to experience this wonderful opportunity. As you may know, Boston, Victoria, and I have had the pleasure of staying on the Purdue university campus and experiencing Triennium 2019. We made many memories and friends at Triennium that will never be forgotten. The bus ride there was pretty long but me and Victoria had an amazing time listening to music and laughing non stop because we were checking out all the cute boys on the bus. Once we arrived at Purdue, we were pretty scared but so many nice people showed us the way to our rooms and we immediately started having a great time. Me and Victoria were split up and we had to share rooms with complete strangers. Little did we know that these strangers would soon become our best friends. The first night of worship was something that we three have never experienced. We started the service with a lot of fun dancing and singing. It was really eye opening and a new way of learning about god. throughout the week, the worships only got better and more fun. We were walking around all week in the blazing heat but we all had fun running through the sprinklers and racing each other to the water fountains. At first, Purdue looked like a huge college but by the second day we pretty much knew our whole way around the campus. We were also able to take communion with 5000 other teenagers. Just coming together and seeing all these teenagers from around the world, under one roof was truly amazing. We also had small groups which were groups we met with everyday to talk about the Bible. My group was filled with people from all over the world, including a boy from Zimbabwe and a girl from Hawaii. In the small groups, we talked about our feelings and who we were. It was scary at first because I didn't know anyone but me and my small group became so close that we still talk over the phone today. Those were some of the greatest people I have ever met and they taught me so much that I'll never forget. The theme of triennium was " here's my heart" and it was about showing our love to the world. Triennium was definitely the greatest part of my summer and one of the greatest experiences of my life. I met so many friends that I still talk to today, and I got so much closer to God and really found myself during this experience. I would totally recommend the younger kids to go to triennium. It sees pretty scary at first but what happened at triennium is going to stay with me for the rest of my life. Going to triennium wouldn't have been possible without the churches help and I am so very thankful. This was an amazing opportunity and I love all of you for giving Boston, Victoria, and I the chance to go.

Thank You so much, Brooklyn Bashaw

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2019



Join us on October 6, 2019 as we celebrate **World Communion Sunday** and receive the Peacemaking Offering. That day, we will receive and dedicate the Peacemaking Offering to support the efforts of our congregation (25%), presbytery/synod (25%), and Presbyterian Peacemaking Program (50%) to spread the peace of Christ and to give hope in the midst of challenge and conflict.

The Peacemaking Offering encourages each congregation to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. Our church will retain 25 percent of the offering, to be used locally for peacemaking activities. Peoples Presbyterian Church will give part of our 25 percent to Safe House to help victims of abuse. Let us be faithful in our work for God's peace in our community and in the world. Checks may be made payable to Peoples Presbyterian Church with **PEACEMAKING OFFERING** written on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support,
The PPC Mission Committee



Happy Halloween! It's Canopy on the Corner! We will once again hand out cookies and cider to Trick or Treaters this Halloween!



Ann Arbor CROP Walk: Join the 45th Annual Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday afternoon, October 6, 2019, at St Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. Register from 1 pm; the 2k walk will start with a send-off service at 2 pm. We walk to help the hungry locally in Washtenaw County, and to support Church World Service, who is distributing food and clothing to shelters for would-be immigrants at the Southern Border. Please donate to a walker or make a gift at www.crophungerwalk.org/AnnArborMI. Many small gifts make a big difference - and save lives!



Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will not do home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Session members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

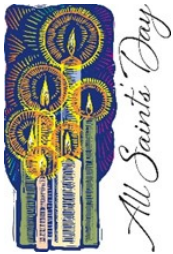
Bob Elliott
Stewardship Chair



Membership News

We shared a busy summer of events highlighted by three Beer and Hymn Singing events at the Legion. Each month we hosted between 35-45 people who joined in the hymn singing. It was so enjoyable singing our old favorite hymns! Many expressed having a spiritual experience and a deep connection with our faith. The songs were an important part of our Christian spiritual past. Music evokes deep emotions, and it was so wonderful to use this powerful expression of our faith in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Thanks to all who joined in! There is talk of hosting a Christmas singing event - more information to come.

We have many exciting upcoming activities to put on your calendars. On October 17 we will host an information tent at the Milan 3rd Thursday event downtown. Come out and say hi.



All Saints Day is Sunday November 3. This year we would like to start a new tradition here at Peoples to honor our past Peoples Saints. We will be choosing some late members who were instrumental in making Peoples what it is today. It will be an opportunity to invite family members to participate in honoring these special people. If you would like to honor a Peoples Saint, please see one of the committee members, Carolyn Wetzler, or Pastor Leia. Invite a friend!

Nov. 8 we will be hosting a **Sweater Mitten Sewing event**. Please bring a wool sweater that has been washed and dried to shrink it down, which is called felting. We will cut and sew this sweater into the warmest, coziest mittens around. There will be pizza starting at 6 pm, and sewing will begin around 6:30. You will be able to take one pair of mittens home for yourself or a gift and other pairs will be donated to a local community group. You do not need to know how to sew to take part. This will be done as an assembly line so you could be a part of the process that doesn't require sewing skills. There will be a sign up sheet because we need an accurate count and there will be limited spaces, so sign up as soon as possible. Invite a friend!



Detroit Parade Company Tour

We are making plans to tour the headquarters of the Detroit Parade Company that puts on the world famous Thanksgiving Day parade, where we will see the floats and costumes that will be in the parade. It may take place on a Saturday morning. Prices are \$12 adults, Seniors \$10, kids \$8. There will be a sign up for this event coming soon. Invite a friend!

Advent Angels Tea

Our annual Tea will be December 14 in the afternoon.

If you are interested in hosting a table, please see Carolyn Wetzler as soon as possible.



Current Pantry Needs:

Canned Soup
Sliced Bread
Condiments





POP TAB BATTLE

ANN ARBOR vs. COLUMBUS



**Beat OSU by collecting pop tabs for Ronald
McDonald House Charities Ann Arbor**

In the spirit of the football rivalry help the **Ronald McDonald House Charities
Ann Arbor** beat the **Ronald McDonald House Charities Columbus**
by collecting pop tabs. Start collecting your tabs now!

Drop tabs off at the Ronald McDonald House Charities Ann Arbor's Main
House starting on November 1, until game day on November 30.

**Help us beat OSU and the real winners will be the families
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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
Fellowship Hosted by: Worship & Music		1	2 9 am Bible Study - L 7:00 pm Bookworms - L	3 10 am - 2 pm Flu Shot Clinic - FH 5 pm SCA - FH, K, L	4 Feast of St Francis 7:00 pm First Friday Movie Night <i>Corpse Bride</i>	5
6 10 am Worship: <u>World Communion Sunday</u>, Minute for Mission - Peacemaking offering dedicated during worship, Stewardship Moment, Green Tape Sunday , CE <i>Sock-tober begins</i> Session Committee	7 7:00 pm Handbells	8 	9 9 am Bible Study - L	10 5 pm SCA - FH, K, L	11	12
13 10 am Worship, Stewardship Moment, CE Second Sunday Adult Ed Session Committee packets are ready for pick-up Session Committee <u>Annual Reports</u> due today in church office	14 Indigenous Peoples Day 7:00 pm Handbells	15	16 9 am Bible Study 6:00 pm CE Mtg- L 7:00 pm Session mtg -	17 1-3 pm Hats for Cancer - 5 pm SCA - FH, K, L	18	19  4:30 pm Merry Makers Carlyle Grill
20 10 am Worship, CE, Consecration Sunday Luncheon	21 7:00 pm Handbells	22	23 9:00 am Bible Study - L Riverside Community Meal	24 5 pm SCA - FH, K, L	25	26
27 10 am Worship: Handbells, CE Decorate pumpkins, wear non-scary costumes	28 7:00 pm Handbells	29	30 9:00 am Bible Study - L	31 5 pm SCA - FH, K, L 6-8 pm Canopy on the Corner		

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
Fellowship Hosted by: Buildings & Grounds					1 All Saints' Day 7:00 pm First Friday Movie: <i>Ever After</i>	2
3 10 am Worship: <u>All Saints' Sunday</u> Communion, Green Tape Sunday, CE - wear PJs to church, Begin gathering items for Aid in Milan Thanksgiving Baskets Daylight saving time ends	4 7:00 pm Handbells	5	6 9:00 am Bible Study - L 7 pm Bookworms - L	7 5 pm SCA - FH, K, L	8 6:30 pm Pizza & Mitten Making	9
10 10 am Worship: CE - decorating Thanksgiving boxes for Aid in Milan <i>Continue to gather items for AIM Thanksgiving Baskets</i> Adult Ed Following Worship <i>Session Committee Monthly</i>	11 Veterans Day 7:00 pm Handbells	12 7:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg- L	13 9:00 am Bible Study - L	14 5 pm SCA - FH, K, L	15	16 
17 10 am Worship, CE Continue to gather items for AIM Thanksgiving Baskets Church Mouse Newsletter articles due for December/January issue <i>Session Committee packets are ready for pick-up</i>	18 7:00 pm Handbells	19	20 9:00 am Bible Study - L 6:00 pm CE Mtg - YR 7:00 pm Session Mtg - L	21 9:30 am Newsletter collating - L 1 - 3 Hats for Cancer - L 5 pm SCA - FH, K, L	22	23
24 10 am Worship, Christ the King/Reign of Christ, Thanksgiving Sunday, CE Community Thanksgiving Service TBA <i>Final day of collection for AIM Thanksgiving Baskets</i> <i>Last Sunday to collect aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House Challenge</i>	25 7 pm Handbells	26	27 NO Bible Study Church Office Closed Riverside Community Meal	28 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	29	30
31 10 am Worship, Handbells, CE						

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