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October

Weekly Worship Schedule

Join us
Sunday
mornings for
Worship
& Kids
Sunday
School at
10:30 a.m.
in our
Sanctuary

Adult
Sunday School
is at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School
begins at 10:30 a.m.
with the children
joining us for the
beginning of the
worship service &
proceeding to their
classes after the
announcements.

Please join us!

Everyone is invited to
all our worship
services!
(And bring a friend!)

Integrity

Divine Insight on Integrity -
(Paying taxes to Caesar - Matt. 22:15-22)

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent twelve disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

As we grow in integrity, we grow in the courage to live lives of conviction. Integrity also reduces the number of options we have to consider. Only those actions that would reflect the character of God are open for consideration. Integrity gives us the strength to hold on and hold out for the good. And while it limits our actions to those things that are true and good, it also increases our capacity to live and act in a genuinely heroic way.

From: The Uprising Experience by Erwin Raphael McManus

Upcoming October Events...

Sun., Oct. 7th - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & FOOD BANK SUN. Morning worship & celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary at 10:30. Everyone is invited to bring a nonperishable food item to help restock ProJeCt's food pantry.



SUNDAY SCHOOL with children & youth meeting in the Sanctuary for the beginning of worship at **10:30 a.m.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at **9:30 a.m.**

PRAISE CHOIR begins after worship (will meet every Sun.)

Mon., Oct. 8th - CONSISTORY 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 14th - MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. We will honor Naomi Schleicher with the dedication of a new Bible stand. There will be a reception sponsored by the First Ladies following morning worship. Everyone is invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL with children & youth meeting in the Sanctuary for the beginning of worship at **10:30 a.m.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at **9:30 a.m.**

PRAISE CHOIR begins after worship

C.R.O.P Walk 1:30 p.m. at Riverside Park

Mon., Oct. 15th - STEEPLE NEWS DEADLINE

Thurs., Oct. 18th - WEAR PURPLE DAY

(Domestic Violence Awareness Day)

TURNING POINT VIGIL FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE at Moravian College 6:00p.m.

SENIOR CHOIR meets (every Thurs.) at 7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 20th - SOUP KITCHEN

RUMMAGE DROP OFF - 9 a.m. til noon

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Upcoming October Events (continued)...

Sun., Oct. 21st - MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL with children & youth meeting in the Sanctuary for the beginning of worship at **10:30 a.m.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:30 a.m.

PRAISE CHOIR begins after worship

First Ladies AUTUMN FESTIVAL with luncheon & kids crafts at **11:30** following morning worship

Wed., Oct. 25th - Sun. 27th - RUMMAGE DROP OFF from 9 a.m. til noon

Sun., Oct. 28th - MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL with children & youth meeting in the Sanctuary for the beginning of worship at 10:30 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:30 a.m.

PRAISE CHOIR begins after worship

Mon., Oct. 29th - Thurs., Nov. 1st - RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP

Fri. & Sat. Nov. 2nd - 3rd - RUMMAGE SALE
(Fri. from 9-4, Sat. 9-1)

Sat., Nov. 3rd - RUMMAGE SALE "TAKE-DOWN" at 1 p.m.

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

Sometimes it's hard to put your trust in things you can't see, or touch, or hear.

But, with a God like ours, you don't have to. Because we can see Him in the eyes, hear Him in the voices, and feel Him in the touch of people who care about us.

October Bulletins

7th- Carol & Barrie Fournier in memory of loved ones.

14th - Doris & Sid Fowler in memory of loved ones.

21st - Helena Rapp in loving memory of her husband, Robert.

28th - Mr. & Mrs. Lester Litzenberger in memory of loved ones.

If you would like to sponsor the bulletins for one of our services, please call the church office at 610-258-3361.

October Flowers

7th- Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Caka & Family in memory of Christopher's father.

14th - Belva Fuhr in memory of her husband Bob & other loved ones.

21st - Albert Kuelber in memory of loved ones.

28th - Mrs. Karl Arnold in memory of her husband Karl.

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call the church office at 610-258-3361.



Domestic Violence Awareness

Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley will be holding a candlelight vigil to celebrate survivors & remember victims of domestic violence on **Thurs., Oct. 18th at Moravian College**. There will be displays for viewing at 6 p.m. and the vigil program of music & speakers will begin at 6:30.

Thurs., Oct. 18th is "Wear Purple Day"

Everyone should wear purple to show support for victims of domestic violence.

Musical Notes

Senior Choir Practice Thurs. Evenings at 7 p.m.

Our Senior Choir practices weekly on Thurs. evenings at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join.



Praise Choir

Praise Choir (Gospel & Contemporary music with guitars) will begin practicing on Sundays after morning worship on October 7th. Our approximate 20 minute practices will be held immediately following morning worship at 11:30 a.m.

This is a great, informal group, especially for our Youth members so please consider coming out for Praise Choir. It's great fun!

Adult & Children's Hand Bell Choirs

Hand bell Choir rehearsals will start in October at a date to be announced. Please stay tuned!

Everyone is invited to join any of our choirs, no experience is necessary. Please see Sheila Cooke for more.



HELP! Soup Kitchen Help Needed Sat., Oct. 20th

Help!!! We have volunteered to do the Soup Kitchen on October 20, but we need another family (or two) to help us either cook or serve that day. Can anyone out there help me make baked ziti in meat sauce? If three or four of us would make two pounds, we could feed the homeless a good nourishing meal that day. We could cook at the church that morning, or we could cook it at home, and bring it to the Soup Kitchen by 11:30 that morning. If you can't cook, could anyone, including kids, help us serve? This is such an important mission of our church, and we will need help every month, so if you can give us a hand, and show your Christian spirit, please see me or call the church office at 610-258-3361. Thanks so much, *The Amore family*



Honoring Naomi Schleicher

Sunday, Oct. 14th
dedication & reception

Sunday, October 14 will mark a very special day in the life of our church.

We will be honoring a wonderful former church member, who was one of the

original founders of the First Ladies, by **dedicating a new Bible stand**, which will replace the old one on the podium at the front of the church. **Naomi Schleicher will be our guest**, and will be honored at the dedication, so please come out and join us, and **stay for a reception, given by First Ladies in the Parlor.**



Autumn Festival & Luncheon

Sunday, Oct. 21st following morning worship

The First Ladies will be hosting an Autumn Festival and luncheon on Sunday, October 21st, immediately following the church service in the Parlor.

The luncheon will feature meatball sandwiches, and the home-made desserts will be Fall and Halloween related, which will be fun for the children. The cost is **\$4.00 for adults, and yes, take out will be available.**

Following lunch, the **children will be painting pumpkins** provided by the First Ladies, and they can take them home to display on their porches or decks. Please sign up in Memorial Hall, and plan to join us on this special day.



Thank You!

I would like to thank you for your cards, calls prayers & concern during my recent knee surgery. God bless you all!

– Mae Rapp



Thief

There is the story of a minister in a small town who was having trouble with his offering collections.

So one Sunday he announced from the pulpit: “Before we pass the collection plate, I would like to request that the person who stole the chickens from Brother Smith’s hen house please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. The Lord doesn’t want money from a thief.”

The collection plate was passed around, and for the first time in many months everybody put something in.



Are You On Line?

Do you have a computer, and would you like to be on our e-mail list so you have quick access to all information concerning the church? If so, please let Margaret in our church office know your e-mail address so we can keep you posted about all our activities and news. You can e-mail her at **firstucc2@verizon.net**.



We Are On The Web!

Check our First Church website at **www.firstucceaston.com** (soon to be .org). Let us know what you think, if there is info you’d like to see posted, etc.

The Annual Fall Rummage Sale!



Friday, November 2nd,

9 AM to 4 PM

And

Saturday, November 3rd,

9 AM to 1 PM

(Bag Day)



Featuring



Homemade Baked Goods

Delicious Lunch Menu

From Our Talented

Kitchen

“New/Nearly New” Table

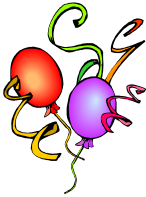
And More!

See You There!



October Birthdays

- 4 - Jill West
- 9 - Kerri Rapp-Tolan
- 10 - Barbara Lobb
- 11 - Charles (Lou) Crozier
- 16 - Keeghan Edward Tolan
- 20 - Leslie Kmetz
- 22 - George Beling
- 23 - Nimel Theodore
- 24 - Tom Dailey
- 25 - Theodore Krock
- 26 - James Harron
- 29 - Carl Lungler



October Anniversaries

Oct. 9th, 1976

James & Sharon Hay

Oct. 12th, 1976

Christopher & Kristina Caka

Oct. 12th, 1963

Malcolm & Carol Riffert

Oct. 15th, 1966

Carl & Sheila Cooke

Oct. 17th, 1992

Timothy & Pamela
McGinley

Life Lessons

1. **WHEN THINGS GO BAD**, always remember: It could be worse.
2. **NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP**. Keep working on your speech and your life.
3. **NEVER LOSE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR**. Laugh at yourself, laugh with others.
4. **STEM DEPRESSION** by thinking of, reaching out to and helping others.
5. **DO UNTO OTHERS** as you would have them do unto you.
6. **PRAY**, not for God to cure you but to help you help yourself.

Whatever you plan today,
I hope it's just right.



PLEASE NOTE:



If we have omitted a birthday, anniversary or other special day from our newsletter, please call the church office & let us know. We may not have your special date in our records!

Bibles for Nairobi

Bette Walker's son Mark is a photo journalist & recently was filming a mission group in Nairobi, Kenya.

They use Bibles to teach the students English & more importantly, about Jesus.

We would like to help provide some Bibles for this Mission so if you have any extra English Bibles, even just New Testament Bibles, that you would be willing to pass along, please place them in the "Bibles for Nairobi" box in Memorial Hall.

God Bless You!



Volunteer Drivers Needed!

The American Cancer Society provides transportation to cancer patients who need assistance getting to their life-saving treatment. No special skills or education are necessary, all you need is a safe driving record, current insurance, some free time, a safe & reliable vehicle or willingness to drive one of our vehicles, and an interest in helping others.

Please contact Karen Schiavone at the Lehigh Valley Unit of your A.C.S. at 610-921-2329 or e-mail karen.schiavone@cancer.org.

The Silversmith

Malachi 3:3 says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

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The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.



The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy — when I see my image in it"

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

—Proverbs 3:5-6

October Greeters, Readers & Ushers

7th -

Greeters - David & Wendy
Wandersee

Ushers - David & Wendy
Wandersee and Mark & Tara
Cooke

Reader - Dan Redington

14th -

Greeters - Ferne & Bill Turner

Ushers - Ferne & Bill Turner and
David & Kim Kmetz

Reader - Beverly Lambert

21st -

Greeters - Susan & Raymond
Roseberry

Ushers - Susan & Raymond
Roseberry, Jill West & Elaine
Hrymack

Reader - David Kmetz

28th -

Greeters - George & Susan Beling

Ushers - George & Susan Beling,
Gary Rapp and Brian Lunger

Reader - Mary Ann Barrett

If you would like to serve as a Greeter, Usher or Reader, please call the church office at 610-258-3361.



God's Prayer Line is Always Open!



Supplies for our Soldiers



The First Ladies sent out three boxes to our church family members in the military this past month. One box went to Tom Parry, one box to Eric Donaldson, and one box to Josh Dailey. We received a beautiful letter thanking all of the church members for “taking such good care of me” from Tom. I will post it on the bulletin board for all to read.

Please help out the First Ladies with their project to keep these brave young men in supplies that they need. Donations are also gratefully accepted to defer shipping costs, and to buy supplies to round out the box contents.

In Service to Our Country...

We have several of our members & family members of members who are serving in the military.

KCPL Donaldson, Kyle, M.
India BTRY 3/14
Unit 43571st Plt.
FPO AP 96426-3575

Eric Donaldson
543rd MP Co.
Camp Taji, Iraq
APO AE 09378

SPC DAILEY, Joshua J
PO BOX 13386
FORT CARSON, CO
80913

LCPL Thomas B. Parry
2DAA BN A Co.
Unit 73565
FPO-AE09509-3375

Please keep these young men & their families in your prayers & drop them a note to let them know they are appreciated & supported.



Our Prayers go out...

To the family & friends of **Helen Bonstein** who passed away on Wed., Sept. 12th. Helen was a long time member of First Church & in the past was active in & volunteered for a variety of organizations. She had been a past Worthy Matron of the O.E.S. & was honored with an O.E.S. service at her funeral which was held here on Mon., Sept. 17th.

Annual Fall Rummage Sale Update

***Sale Dates: Friday, November 2nd, 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday, November 3rd, 9 AM to 1 PM
(Bag Day)***

Rummage Drop Off: The church will be open, with door tenders available to accept donations, on ***Saturday, October 20th, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 25th, 26th and 27th.*** *Drop-Off times are 9 AM to Noon.*

Rummage may also be brought in on Sunday mornings, October 21st and 28th.

Rummage Suggestions:

Fall & Winter Clothing
Belts and Hats
Purses and Shoes
Jewelry and Scarves
Holiday Decorations
Houseplants

Kitchen Items
Household Items
Puzzles and Books
Games and Toys
Small Furniture Items
Tools

**In Fact,
JUST ABOUT ANYTHING!**

Due to lack of space, we cannot accept any large furniture items (mattresses, sofas, etc.) However, we would be most appreciative of the donation for the proceeds from your private sale.

If possible, please identify bagged/boxed donations with descriptions of the contents (e.g. children's clothes, bedding, etc.)

New, never used or nearly new items, such as jewelry, writing paper, household and gift items, will be featured in a special area. The original box and a suggested price would be helpful.

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Bake Sale: We need items for both Friday and Saturday. Home baked items from your kitchen will be greatly appreciated. Please label your goods with descriptions of the items. If you cannot make homemade cookies, pies, cakes, bread, candy, etc., we will graciously accept your cash donation. (But homemade items are truly preferred!) Pies sell very well at this time of year. Bake now and freeze it! Remember: we sell *everything* we offer!

Help Needed: We need “all hands on deck” for set-up days, sale days and for clean-up on Saturday, starting at 1 PM.

Set-up days are Monday, October 29th, through Thursday, November 1st, from 9 AM to 1 PM daily

AND we will have evening set-up hours from 6 to 9 PM each day, also! Please set aside an hour or two to come and help. We have a lot of fun and can ALWAYS use more help!!!!

Needed Items: The donation of the following items will help us during set-up and sale days:

- ✓ Paper shopping bags with handles
- ✓ Plastic shopping bags with handles
- ✓ Price stickers
- ✓ Safety Pins

*Please bring these items with you at drop off time or
~ Bring them with you when you come to help out ~*

Kitchen Help is needed: Help is needed in the kitchen on Fri., Nov. 2nd. If anyone can make soup, barbeque or chili please call the church office at 610-258-3361.

If there are any questions on any of the above, call the church office at 610-258-3361.

We look forward to working with all of you once again to make this yet another successful ***Fall Rummage Sale!***

*Rummage Sale Coordinators
Barbara Dailey, Wendy Wandersee & Naomi Protyniak*

Angel Food Ministries at St. John's on Morgan Hill

The **October** menu is available in our narthex, in the office or on-line at:
www.stjohnsmorganhill.org.

October order dates are:

Fri., Sept. 28th - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(during Sept. distribution)

Wed., Oct. 10th - 4-6 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 13th - 9 a.m. til noon

Sun., Oct. 14th - 10:30 a.m.
til 12:30 p.m.

**Oct. distribution date is Fri.,
October 26th - 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Cash, Money Orders or
Food Stamps are accepted.**
(Food Stamp orders must be placed in person at St. John's.)

**Cash orders can be taken by
Margaret in the church
office anytime before Sun.,
October 14th, or call her with
any questions.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to the
holidays in Nov. & Dec.
order & distribution dates
are earlier in the month than
usual. ...**

**The first Nov. order date is
Wed., Oct. 31st from 4-6 p.m.
Nov. distribution is Nov. 16.**

2007-2008 Consistory
*This is our new Consistory as voted
upon at our Annual Meeting on
March 18th & installed on April 1st.*

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Youth Pastor Pastor Michael Smith

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