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North Star

October 2019

Making Disciples - Making a Difference

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Meet the Staff

Rev. Jim Hicks Office Schedule	Temporary Supply Pastor Monday and Tuesday, 9 am - 1 pm pastor@northpres.church
Paul Holland Office Schedule	Music Director Tuesday, 2 - 4 pm & during rehearsals music@northpres.church
Barbara Mosher	Church Organist organist@northpres.church
Pat Richards Office Schedule	Financial Secretary Wednesday 8 am - 10 am financial_sec@northpres.church
Deb Stamp Office Schedule	Director of Children & Youth Ministries Monday - Friday (hours vary) youth@northpres.church
Kim Townson Office Schedule	Church Administrator Monday - Friday, 9 am - 2 pm office@northpres.church





October, 2019
A Letter from Pastor

Fall Reflections

Henry David Thoreau wrote of Walden Pond, saying “Walden is blue at one time and green at another. Even from the same point of view, lying between the earth and the heavens, the pond shares the colors of both.” Thoreau was describing you and me as well as Walden Pond. We, too, share the colors of heaven and earth.

We are of the earth. Especially during the days of October, we are busy with earthly things. Our hectic days are filled with activity – harvesting fruit from our gardens, raking leaves from our lawns, collecting wood for our fireplaces, plus all our common daily activities -- eating, working, shopping, visiting. We carefully plan out our days, and our calendars are filled with duties and social engagements. Perpetual bustle is a part of our lives; and, of course, it is both necessary and unavoidable.

But you and I are also of heaven. In the midst of our “busy-ness” we always have the opportunity to share the timelessness of heaven. God offers us His everlasting companionship and invites us to experience His eternal peace which passes understanding. No matter where we are or what we are doing, we can look up in the midst of our activity and remember whose we are and where we are going. Life has meaning, and God has planned for every one of us a destiny that both includes and transcends the turbulent tempo of the earth.

Relaxing in the peace and love of God – this is what the substance of life is all about. And isn't that what we discover in worship? As we look to Him, our attitude toward life is reconstituted and redirected. As we draw upon the care and compassion of God, we find refreshing and calm. Jesus promises us (and I believe especially to those who are terribly busy), “Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28).

Always looking up
– Temporary Supply Pastor, Jim Hicks (TSP with TLC)

**Men's Breakfast
& Church Work Day:
You are warmly invited!**

During the *September Men's Breakfast and Church Work Day* fellowship was shared as well as cooperation to tasks needing attention at NPC.

Various building repairs were tackled including repair of the upstairs bathroom door handle. Additional towel dispensers in downstairs bathrooms were installed so if there is trouble with one, you won't have to dry your hands on your sleeves, ...but make sure to fill out a request to have the problem repaired!

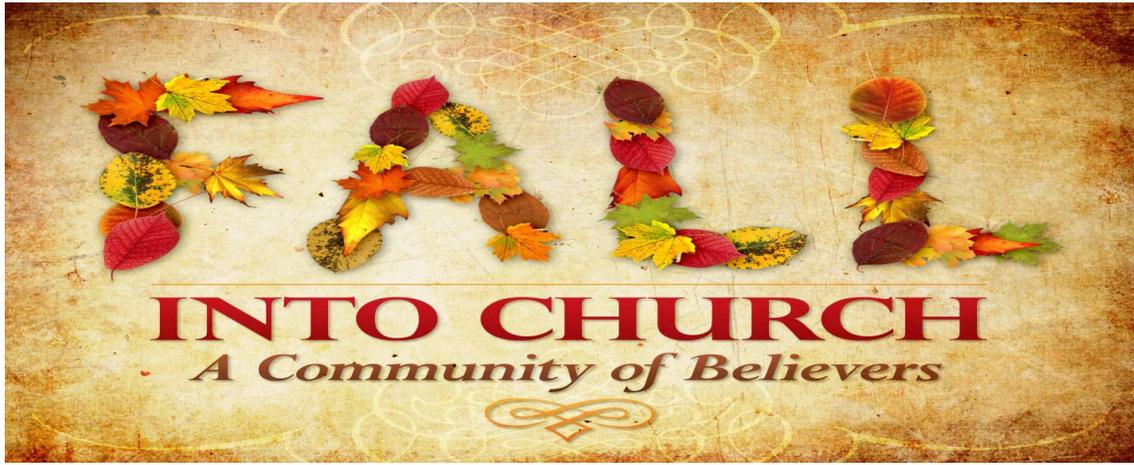
The Ethernet cable to the Food Pantry was rerouted in preparation for a new client data system the Food Bank is rolling out. Lastly, the photo below shows some of the outside work that was completed including a portion of the garden on the south side of the sanctuary after thinning the black eyed Susan's and coneflowers and pruning the lavender bushes.

This monthly gathering is an important part of our connection and cooperation in facilitating a sense of church family and stewardship of the church premises. Many hands make light work and we would love to have you join us!

The next Men's Breakfast (ladies are welcome too!) and Church Work Day is Saturday Oct. 12 at 8:00 am.

You are invited!





Send a Card Today!

October 6
Cathy Wilcox
Gunner Wilcox

October 20
Olivia Wilcox
Janice Williams

October 13
Keith Wilcox
Matthew Wilcox

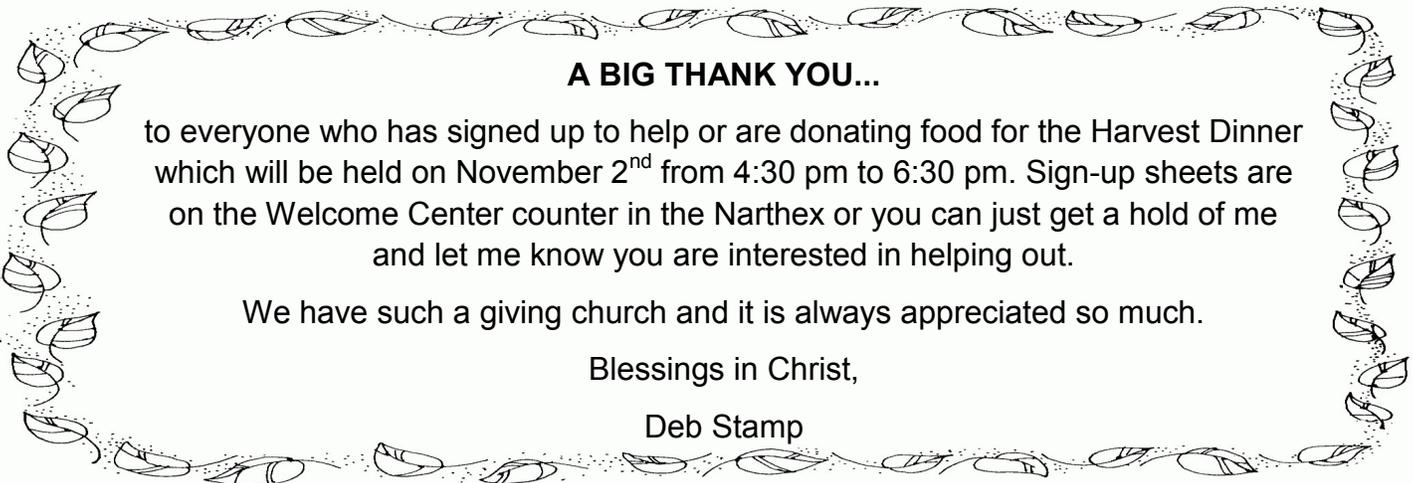
October 27
Ed Wilson
Liz Wilson

October 6
Ms. Norma Brooks
Windy Hill
49 Crest Drive
Elmira, NY 14903-7969

October 13
Rita Dery
207 Greenway Boulevard
Churchville, NY 14428

October 20
Betty Carney
74 Smith Road
Millport, NY 14864

October 27
Margaret Carney
49 Colonial Drive
Horseheads, NY 14845



A BIG THANK YOU...

to everyone who has signed up to help or are donating food for the Harvest Dinner which will be held on November 2nd from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Center counter in the Narthex or you can just get a hold of me and let me know you are interested in helping out.

We have such a giving church and it is always appreciated so much.

Blessings in Christ,

Deb Stamp





CHILDREN & YOUTH

KIDS CORNER

Children and Youth Ministry October 2019

Happy Fall Everyone! September has been a busy month and October looks to be more of the same! Our kids are back in school so the hectic times of school and extracurricular activities are upon us. We have a great group of kids all ages participating in kindermusik, dance, sports and music just to name a few. As the parents and children navigate all this we come along and ask for a few free hours of your time so that we can plan some fun family movie nights, family game night and bowling or roller skating just for starters! With all of this activity going on it's sometimes hard to find a little time for family fun, the kind that involves mom, dad and all the kids, plus we can't forget grandma and grandpa too! We would love to plan a movie night to get things rolling. Youth Ministry has purchased "The Pilgrims Progress" an animated story that helps understand that the spiritual journey is the most important journey in life. I am trying to connect with as many parents as possible to find out what night is good to get together. Help me out, if we are passing each other on Sunday, stop and give me an idea of what evening would be good for you!

Ann Motley and I attended youth ministry training on September 21st at Chemung Christian Fellowship. It was a two and one half hour training event with some of the country's leading youth ministry experts speaking via telecast. It gave us some great insight into today's youth and what we can do to be present for them as a church family.

Youth Ministry will be partnering with the NPC food pantry again this year to bring a little Christmas cheer to the children of our food pantry clients. We are planning on making up stockings for the children this year, ages 1-12. Please keep an eye out for information in the bulletin if you would like to donate items for the stockings.

Here's hoping for a great October filled with all the wonderful things Fall brings our way!

Blessings in Christ,

Deb Stamp
Dir. of Children and Youth Ministry



HARVEST

Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.



October Sermon Schedule:

**“INTO THE OLD”
SERMON SERIES:**

10/6: **“God of the Ordinary”**

-(Genesis 21:14-20)

10/13: **“Where is the Lamb”**

-(Genesis 22:1-14)

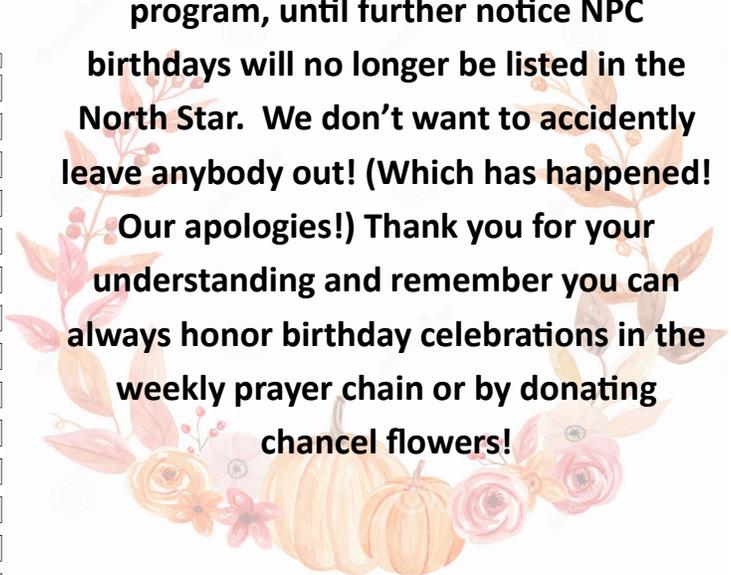
10/20: **“A Ladder to Climb”**

-(Genesis 28:10-21)

10/27: **“Bitter and
Unforgiving?”**

-(Genesis 45:1-11)

Due to a glitch in the Servant Keeper program, until further notice NPC birthdays will no longer be listed in the North Star. We don't want to accidentally leave anybody out! (Which has happened! Our apologies!) Thank you for your understanding and remember you can always honor birthday celebrations in the weekly prayer chain or by donating chancel flowers!



The Food Pantry is in need of the following items in October.

Thank you for your generosity!

October

Shopping List:

- Canned peas
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed stuffing



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Staff and committee chairs have church email addresses!

If one of these addresses belongs to your position and you are in need of assistance setting it up, please contact the church office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT EFFECTIVE 9.1.19 THE OLD CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS HAS BEEN DISABLED.

Committee/Coordinator	Email Address
Audit	audit@northpres.church
Buildings & Grounds	campus@northpres.church
Building Use	building_use@northpres.church
Clerk of Session	session@northpres.church
Deacons	deacons@northpres.church
Education	education@northpres.church
Fellowship	fellowship@northpres.church
Finance	finance@northpres.church
Mission & Outreach	mission_outreach@northpres.church
Nominating	nominating@northpres.church
Staff Relations	staff_relations@northpres.church
Tech & Communications	tech_com@northpres.church
Worship & Music	worship@northpres.church

Staff	Email Address
Church Administrator	office@northpres.church
Director of Youth Ministries	youth@northpres.church
Financial Secretary	financial_sec@northpres.church
Music Director	music@northpres.church
Organist	organist@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church

Available at www.northpres.church



Ever wonder who's who in North Pres Church Leadership? Available on our website under the "Leadership" tab is a directory of names, Session and staff positions, and even a picture to boot! (Mostly, ... we're still missing one more lovely lady; you know who you are! Let's get that photo shoot scheduled!) Interested in a leadership role in the church? Any member of Session would be happy to answer your questions and set you in the right direction!





November 2nd | 4:30-6:30 pm

Harvest Dinner

\$8.00 Adults | \$6.00 Children under 12

Enjoy turkey dinner with all the fixings!

Eat in or take out. Delivery available!



*And the harvest of righteousness
is sown in peace by those
who make peace.*

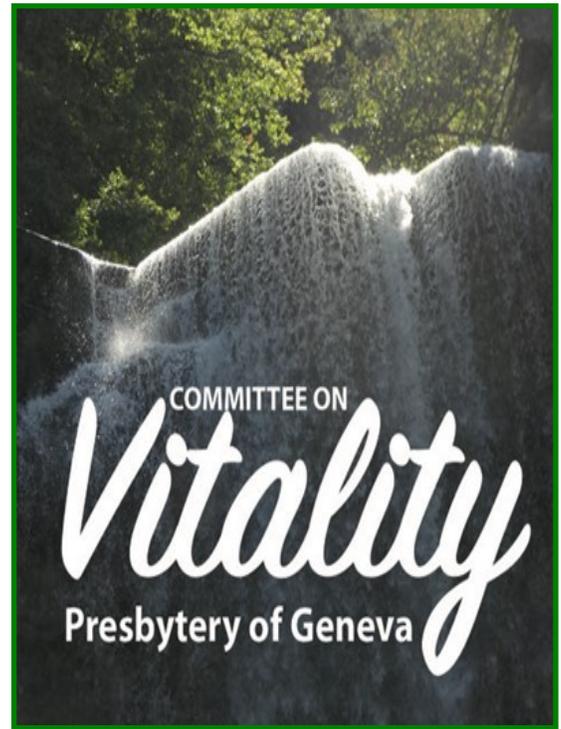
James 3:18

“Discovering Spiritual Gifts”

Giving, Administration, Teaching, Exhortation,
Mercy, Prophecy, Serving

Come for a fun time of discovering which of the gifts of the Holy Spirit you have been given and how they make you uniquely able to share God’s love in your communities and relationships.

- ◆ Saturday October 19th from 9am—noon
- ◆ Presbytery Office, 2472 State Route 54A, Penn Yan
- ◆ Facilitator: Rev. Cheryl Peebles
(Pastor FPC Ulysses in Trumansburg)
- ◆ To register: email officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva



**The 2019 Church Rummage Sale
will be Saturday, October 26th**

9:00 am: Regular Sale

1:00 pm: Bag Sale



PLEASE do not drop off any items to the church before October 6.

**Please see Ann Motley or Glenda Solowiej for more information
or to sign up as a volunteer! Thank you!**

In the Spotlight

SPOTLIGHT ON NPC KIDS' ACTIVITIES

BIBLELAND

As a way to start off the Sunday school year, we created a fun way to bring all of the kids together. All Sunday school classes met upstairs behind the balcony and the kids were surrounded by color. We explained they were going to be playing a game that was a Bible themed version of Candyland called Bibleland.

The game started with our youngest player, who was 3, and continued through to our oldest player who was 16. The kids moved along a rainbow colored set of rectangles that curved all around the room. Some moved ahead to special spaces, while others may have gotten "stuck" until they got a specific color. The first person to reach the Pearly Gates at the end of the game was Kailey Ripley. Even though Kailey made it to heaven first, all of the kids were able to keep playing until they each landed on the last spot.

Teachers and other helpers were there to help make sure the game ran smoothly and everyone had a great time. We also took some pictures of all the fun!

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

As we round out the month of October we will be collecting for "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" on Sunday Oct 27th so keep an eye out for our little goblins! Since 1950 Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF funds have helped save and improve children's lives in 190 countries with immunizations, education, health care, nutrition, safe water and sanitation, emergency relief and more—with the help of our support! Our church has participated in this annual event many times and we always look forward to having fun for a good cause.





In the Spotlight

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION



Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

My name is Romancito Belen. I am from Newark, N.J.

For a long time, the only thing that I knew was a lifestyle of selling drugs on the streets of N.J. and N.Y. One blessed day, my brother came to me in my sin, he told me that I had to make a drastic life change. He told me about a program in Spencer, N.Y., what I now know was ***Renovation House**. An incredible man who is now at home with the Lord, Pastor Joseph Arminio, the Executive Director of the Renovation House, opened the door for me to come to the program— I am grateful for that man. I said yes to this opportunity and moved to the countryside of N.Y., excited for a new beginning.

Now, have been here four months, I can say this was more than a new beginning; it is a new LIFE in Jesus Christ. He is at work in me. He is showing me how to walk in humility in my relationship and teaching me so much.

Jesus is the one who has given me new life; I am running toward Him and never looking back. I love the Lord!

Thank you for being a part of changing lives. May God bless you!

-Romancito Belen

***NPC received this letter as the result of donations made to Renovation House from North Pres Church members in support of this important men's mission. Thank you to all who contributed. This is your money at work in the name of Jesus.**

Praise be.

-Annie LeFevre



*You're Invited
to a Baby Shower
In honor of:
Amanda Reese*

*Sunday, November 10, 2019
North Presbyterian Church
Willits Hall at 12:00 pm*

*Amanda is Registered at:
Target and Walmart
(Amanda is having a baby girl!)*

*Luncheon:
Meat and Cheese Platter, Rolls, Drinks &
Dessert will be provided.
If you wish, please bring a side dish to pass.
Thank You.*

*RSVP: Barb Duryea at 483-2208 or
Deb Stamp at 734-2977*





STEWARDSHIP (noun)
THE JOB OF SUPERVISING
OR TAKING CARE OF SOMETHING ,
SUCH AS AN ORGANIZATION OR PROPERTY

Theresa Houck, Finance Committee Chair

The psalmist begins the 24th psalm with, *the earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.* In the beginning of Genesis, God creates everything and puts Adam in the Garden to work it and to take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work and that work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him. This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf. Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control.

What gifts have you been given by the Lord? Are you a master artist? Do you have a wonderful way with children? Are you able to grow delicious vegetables? Can you read, write or teach? Have you been honored with education, and a fruitful career? Do you have the voice of an angel?

How is God calling you to glorify him?

The 2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN is quickly approaching. Pledge cards will be mailed out on October 28th. During the following weeks, testimonials' will appear in the North Star, during Sunday Worship, and in the weekly bulletin; we pray that we will have input from everyone.

Please take the time to *reflect* about *all the ways* your life has been impacted by God and the work we do here at North Church. Then, *consider* sharing how your life has been touched by our faith and our commitment to HIS plan! If you are willing to publicly share your blessing, please contact Theresa Houck at 425-7344. Your experience of God's blessings may *inspire* another to grow deeper in their relationship with HIM. On November 17th, we will have Stewardship Sunday. Please join us in blessing the pledge cards and the stewards of our Lord.

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. -

C. S. Lewis

Session Summary
September 16, 2019

NPC BUSINESS

Rev. Hicks determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. The meeting was convened in Scripture and prayer led by Ann Motley.

Session elected Bobbi Furnas to serve as Clerk pro-tem for the meeting.

Session reviewed and approved the minutes of the August 19, 2019 stated Session meeting and the minutes of the September 8, 2019 called Congregational meeting as submitted.

The Financial Secretary reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for August 2019 and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. Pledge income year-to-date is \$63,786.50 (\$9,549.50 less than budgeted). The Endowment Fund had a loss in market value of \$8,236 in August. Session received the report (with thanks) including monthly and year-to-date financial statements as presented.

The Financial Secretary will be out of the office for three weeks beginning October 1, 2019. While she is away, Joel Robinson and Janice Williams will be handling day-to-day financial responsibilities for NPC (writing checks, making deposits).

Rev. Hicks provided Session with a written report. Pastor announced that Wanda Stebbins died Thursday, September 12 in Alabama at the home of her daughter. Pastor discussed Stewardship Sunday slated for Sunday, November 17, 2019. Session approved amending the Pledge Cards to give people the option to receive updates on their pledge progress throughout the year by checking a box on the card before they return it. Rev. Hicks noted that the Book of Order (G-3.0205) requires the election of a Treasurer by the Session. Theresa Houck (Finance) and Wendy Swatling (Staff Relations) will investigate the roll and responsibilities of the Treasurer and report back to session at the October 16th meeting.

Ann Motley discussed the Christmas stockings for Food Pantry children ages 0-13. Older teens will also be included if they are part of a family group. Theresa Houck suggested including games for families to learn to play together.

Session approved the installation of a Community Cupboard on the lawn in front of the church. Church members or people in the community can place non-perishable food items in the cupboard. The food is available to people in need at no cost. Thank- you to the Community Foundation for building the cupboard.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Furnas, Clerk pro-tem



October Worship Volunteers

Worship Assistant

10/6 Suzie Hoskins
10/13 Wendy Swatling
10/20 TBD
10/27 Jeff Richards

Ushers

10/6 Team Williams/TBD/TBD
10/13 Team Allison
10/20 Team Russell
10/27 Team Batrowny/Richards

Prayer Partner

10/6 Cindy Kalweit
10/13 Cindy Kalweit
10/20 Wendy Swatling
10/27 Joan Barneski

Children & Youth Message

10/6 Pastor Hicks
10/13 Wendy Swatling
10/20 TBD
10/27 Jeff Richards

Nursery & Wee Worship

10/6 Ann Motley & Glenda Solowiej
10/13 Karen Wilson & Barb Duryea
10/20 Theresa Houck & Chloe Donovan
10/27 Liz Wilson & Linda Palmer

Counters

10/6 Kurt & Cindy Kalweit
10/13 Dolores Cummings & Janice Williams
10/20 Annette Stevens & Jim Mosher
10/27 Suzie Hoskins & Deb Stamp

Communion: Intinction

10/6 Pastor Hicks, Suzie Hoskins, Deb Stamp, Barb Duryea, Kurt Kalweit, Cindy Kalweit

Tech Booth

10/6 Tim Allison
10/13 Ed Wilson
10/20 Cheryl Allison
10/27 Bill Furnas

Fellowship Time

10/6 Cheryl Allison & Joan Barneski
10/13 Barb Duryea & Karen Mosteller
10/20 Wendy Swatling & Janice Williams
10/27 Bobbi Furnas & Mickey Vischansky

Greeters

10/6 Allie & Scott Sevey
10/13 Ann Motley
10/20 Barb Duryea
10/27 Alan Russell





OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Find us on facebook.		1 8:30: Yoga 8:30: ARC Training 6:30: AA Meeting 6:30: Women's Bible Study 6:40: Men's Bible Study	2 Bulletin Info Due 10:00: Food Pantry 12:00: Noon Bible Study 5:30: Monthly Fellowship Dinner 6:15: Bell Choir 6:30: CCC Prayer Group 7:00 Praise Band	3 8:30: Yoga 12:00: Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30: AA Meeting	4 10:00: Food Pantry 5:15: AA Meeting	5 8:00 pm: AA Meeting
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