

October

Open Door

2024

My childhood autumns in Michigan hold precious memories—trips to the cider mill, hayrides, football games, apple picking.

“Autumn” only occurs once in the Bible. In Jude 1:12, false teachers are compared to “autumn trees without fruit,” implying that autumn should be a fruitful season, the most abundant of the year. The autumn of life is a strange mixture of nostalgia, blessings, and potential. It yields the harvest of seeds we’ve sown throughout life and braces us for colder days to come.

How can we take advantage of the “autumn of life”? In some ways, life is more difficult. I can’t see as well as I used to, it’s a lot harder to reach my toes to trim my nails, and I begin to lose lifelong friends.

But this autumn of life comes with wisdom. All of our experiences have taught us what to do and how to do it in many situations. We can look back and better understand the way that God has led us. We have learned about God. We have learned to trust God.

Autumn is not an idle time. We pick the last of the summer crops and preserve them for the time ahead. We plan for the new life of spring as we enjoy the produce of work completed.

In this season, pray that you will find your autumn trees full of God’s fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Pastor Ray

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Food Pantry Donation 9/9/2024 All Saints' Episcopal Church

3 Cereal, 2 Peanut Butter, 3 Mac & Cheese, 2 Pasta, 1
Saltine Crackers, 2 Fruit Cups, & 2 Cans of Soup.

They also brought in a second box with
numerous canned goods in it a week later.



Food Pantry & Deacon Donation

We here at FPC Miami were blessed by
receiving a generous offering from a church
member of \$1500 for the Food Pantry
and \$1500 for the Deacon's Fund.

Thank You to this person for their heartfelt and
generous donation.

However, it's important to remember that our
work is ongoing, and we still need your support for
the ministries here at FPC Miami. These ongoing
ministries, including the Food Pantry, the Deacons
Shoe Ministry, and the Backpack program, rely on
your generosity.



Deacon's Shoe Ministry Donations

The Shoe Ministry has, in September, received a couple of
monetary donations equaling \$370 and a few pairs of
shoes donated as well.

Thank you to all who donated money and shoes!

There will be many Students in Ottawa County who will
have shoes due to your generosity!



- Oct 6** Standing Up for the Powerless Mark 10:2-16
Oct 13 Who Can Be Saved? Amos 5:6-15, Mark 10:17-31
Oct 20 Ross preaching
Oct 27 "Could we also regain our vision?" Mark 10:46-52



Sweet Street - Oct. 31, 2024
Come help us pass out candy on Halloween!
Please donate candy for Sweet Street so that the little
ghosts, witches, princesses, pirates, and all kids will have
a nice treat instead of a trick.

Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer at 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday email each week.

Kum Ba Yah topics:

- Oct 2 James 3: The Tongue
- Oct 9 James 4: Humility
- Oct 16 No KBZ
- Oct 23 James 5: Encouragement
- Oct 30 They Met Jesus: A Ruler and Zacchaeus

Adult Sunday School Sundays at 9:30am

- Oct 6 Wealth and Worry
- Oct 13 Heart
- Oct 20 Hands
- Oct 27 Voice

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 51 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food.



We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. From helping pack the backpacks, to their generous donations. With out you, we couldn't make this ministry what it is today. We have given **954 backpacks** since the beginning of January through the September.

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on September 17th and decided to make a Global Mission donation of **\$300 to the Center of Family Love**



The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest and gifts from you. You can designate gifts to “Local Mission” or “Global Mission”.

The Deacons Shoe ministry has delivered **17** pairs of shoes in the year 2024.

The Food Pantry distribution average for last year (2023) was 54 bags/month. So far, in 2024, we have given out **514** bags of food, as of **September 23, 2024. 58** Bags just in **September as of the 23rd of the month.** Your contributions of food and dollars makes a difference in many lives.

Ministry Sign-up Sheets



Wanting to help the church out with one of it's many ministries but aren't quite sure what to do.

Here's a simple easy way to be a part:

- * Sign-up to pack backpacks
- * Sign-up to be the Coffee Host and bring some goodies
- * Sign-up to be a Lay Reader

There are sign-up sheets in the office and down in the Fellowship Hall



We Connect Grief Support Group Caring, Connecting, Coping

INTEGRIS Health Pastoral Care offers *We Connect*, a free, six-week grief support program. The step-by-step approach helps those who wish to soften the pain of loss. Professionals specializing in the field of grief and loss lead these weekly, confidential groups.

Where: INTEGRIS Health Miami Hospital – Miami Conference Room
Please use the hospital's main entrance. The conference room is located in the cafeteria dining area.

When: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays • October 17 through November 21, 2024
Each attendee will receive a grief resource packet.
Refreshments served.

For more information, call Chaplain Brian Moomey at 918-961-7464
or Chaplain Alan Barnes at 918-540-4829.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10-12 Food Pantry	2 10-12 Food Pantry	3 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30pm Backpack 7:00 pm KumBaZoom GA	4 10-12 Food Pantry	5
	6 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Fellowship WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	7 10-12 Food Pantry MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK <small>first full week of October</small> 	8 10-12 Food Pantry 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon 7:00pm Session 	9 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 pm KumBaZoom	10 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30pm Backpack 7:00 pm GA	11 10-12 Food Pantry
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Melissa Bekemeier.....	10/11	Robin Goodiron	10/23
Kay Condren	10/13	Meredith MacQueeney	10/24
Celeste Rector	10/13	Ray VandeGiessen	10/25
Karissa Whalen	10/15	John "Cy" Elmburg	10/26
Linda Elmburg	10/16	Patrick Carden	10/28

*Should your name be here?
Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!*

First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry

1. Pasta
2. Pasta Sauce
3. Mac & Cheese
4. Can of Green Beans
5. Can of Corn
6. Can of Tuna or Chicken
7. Soup
8. Peanut Butter
9. Bag of Dry Rice
10. Bag of Dry Beans
11. Can of Pork & Beans, Chili,
or Stew
12. Raisins
13. Canned Fruit, Fruit Cups, or
Applesauce Cups
14. Ramen Noodles
15. Oatmeal (Microwavable)
16. Saltine Crackers
17. Granola Bars
18. Cereal



Additional Food Items: Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers, A Jar of Jelly, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Salt & Pepper

Additional Items:

Baby Wipes, Diapers, Pull-Ups, Baby Formula, Manual Can Openers, Men's & Woman's Travel Kits, Feminine Hygiene Products, Razors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Bar of Soap.

Servers in the Lord's House			
	Coffee Host	Backpack	
Oct 6	Open	Thur Oct 3	Clyde & Karin
Oct 13	Open	Thur Oct 10	Open & Open
Oct 20	Open	Thur Oct 17	Fall Break
Oct 27	125th Anniversary Dinner	Thur Oct 24	Open & Open
		Wed Oct 30	Open & Open

Please call the office to sign up for server slots!

FPC Miami Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

We had another wonderful time of fellowship at the Ladies Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed Ross's delicious Meatloaf and homemade Mac & Cheese. There were lots of yummy sides, which made for another fabulous meal at the FPC Miami Ladies Luncheon. After the meal, we started the Bible study and learned a lot about Biblical Women advocates and activists. The study also got us thinking about what we can advocate for in our lives.



Ladies Luncheon

Join us for a Bible study called
"Badass Women of the Bible"

**Next Luncheon -
Tuesday, October 8th
at 11:30 am**





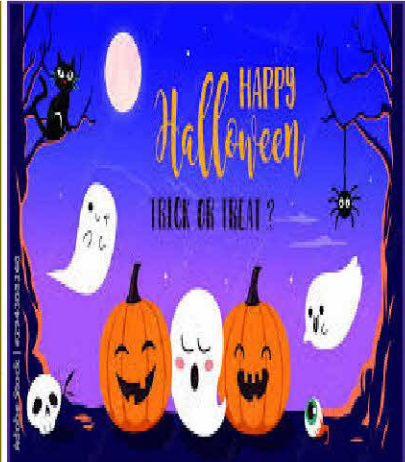
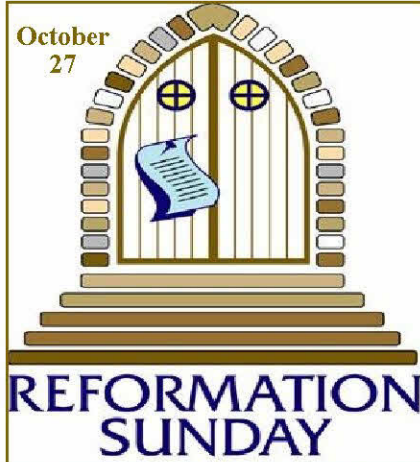
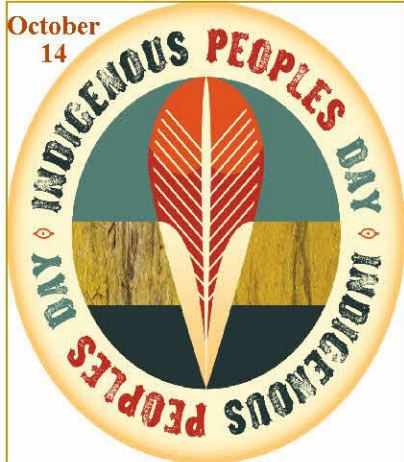
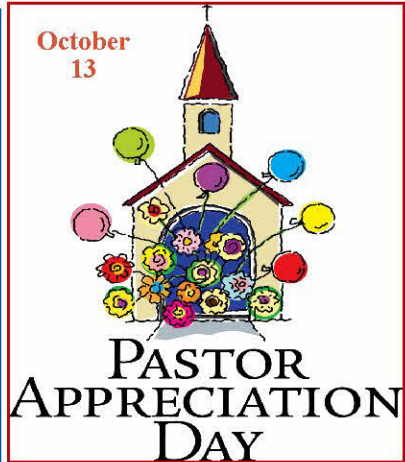
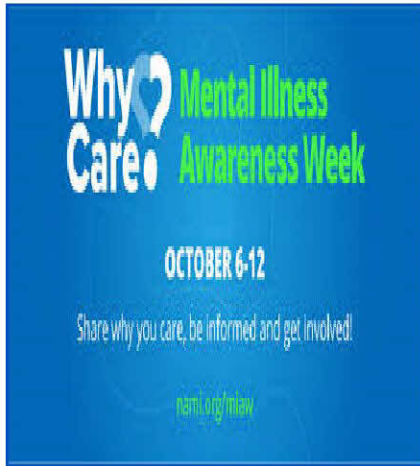
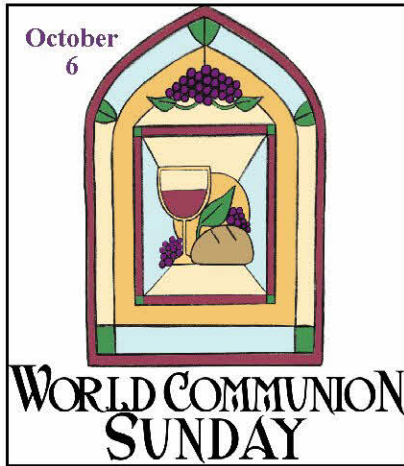
4th Annual
NEOK/Miami Pridefest
Sept. 21, 2024



First Presbyterian Church Miami had a booth once again at PrideFest. We were the only church present at the event. Thank you, Pastor Ray, Bill Hancock, Ross Tomlinson, and Abbey Ankenman, for participating in this year's outreach at PrideFest. Several people stopped by the church booth and talked with those of us present.

We even had one person from the event show up the next day at Sunday Service.

What a humbling and honoring experience it is to spread God's love to those who thought they were not worthy or accepted by God. Only God knows how many seeds were planted in people's lives this day.



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<p>LAY READERS</p>	Oct 6	Tim Keith
	Oct 13	Grace Goodeagle
	Oct 20	Ross Tomlinson
	Oct 27	Clyde Shaffer



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



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