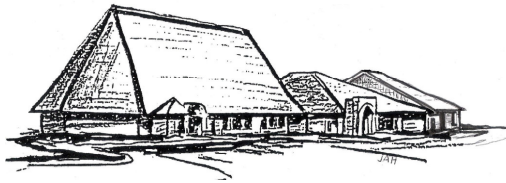


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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 10
Worship
8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

OCTOBER 17
Worship
8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

OCTOBER 24
Worship
8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

OCTOBER 31
Worship
Consecration Sunday
8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
Church School will not meet



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

9/26 – 309
10/3 - 311

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

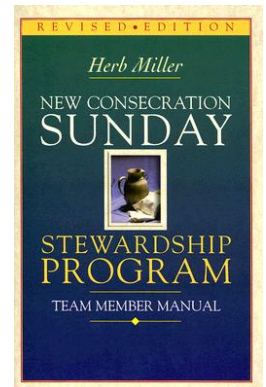
Dear Friends,

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 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 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 mission and 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 who 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 do no 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 governing board 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.

Avana Nice
Consecration Sunday Chairperson



NewsLetter
DEADLINE
OCTOBER 13



BOOK STUDY GROUP
9:00 A.M. THURSDAYS

MEN'S' BIBLE STUDY
SATURDAYS - 8:00 A.M.
COFFEEHOUSE
UPTOWN NORMAL



CHILDCARE

is available at worship services
through kindergarten age.

WORSHIP BAGS

are offered for children in worship and
located in the main hallway desk.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 11
6:30 - 7:15 A.M.
LOUNGE

**THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL MEN AND
MEETS EVERY TWO WEEKS TO DISCUSS
VARIOUS TOPICS.**

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 25



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES
Sundays, 9:45 a.m.
Brochures of class details available at the adult discipleship table

BODY BUILDING:
Strength Training

Seeking a Just Peace in the Middle East:
October 10 – November 21, Lounge, led by Bob Hunt, Dave Eaton, Chelsea Pokrzywinski

The focus of this course is to attempt to understand: Presbyterian mandate for peacemaking, Palestinian and Israeli perspectives 1947- 1967, Six-day war [1967] and occupation of West Bank; Settlements, restricted movement, the Wall, Resistance to occupation; Economics of conflict, Gaza War, Christian engagement for change; Options for resolution.

Cross Training

Living the Lord's Prayer: *In progress through Nov.21, Great Hall, led by Steve Yahnig and others*

We recite it every week during worship. Sometimes we recognize it as part of a song. But what influence do these words have on the way we live; these words of Jesus, spoken to One he knew intimately?

Quench Café

Raising Children of Faith: *In progress through Nov.21, downstairs kitchen, led by Sheila Melzer & others*

Learn some specific ways to be more purposeful in growing your kids' faith. Gain confidence as a parent & grow in friendship with other parents as you participate in this study together!



DETAILS OF PRAYER REQUEST
BY PERMISSION ONLY

Andy Sadoun, deployed to Iraq, Kehl Family friend

Forrest Harris & Family, on the death of his father, Max

Bill, Pat, & Rob Laughlin

Lucy Dunbar, post surgery complications, friend of the Wolters

Travis Frame, son of Terry & Penny Frame

The McMorris Family, as they transition from foster care into adoption of Halie, Brice, & Jasmine

Pat Parsons, pneumonia



First Presbyterian Church
Saturday, October 9
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.,
Great Hall

Proceeds to the American Red Cross



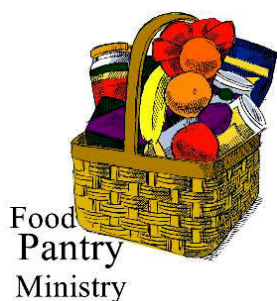
MARIANNE CIRCLE

Wednesday – October 20
1:30 p.m.
Church Lounge
Study of Revelation

PREACHING SCHEDULE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

DATE	THEME	TEXT	TEXT
10/10	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Radically <i>"Thy Kingdom Come"</i>	Isaiah 61:1-9	Mark 12:28-34
10/17	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Sacrificially <i>"Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven"</i>	Psalms 142	Luke 22:39-42
10/24	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Dependently <i>"Give us this Day Our Daily Bread"</i>	Psalms 34:1-9	Matthew 6:19-34
10/31	Consecration Sunday		
11/7	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Honestly <i>"Forgive us Our Debts as We Forgive Our Debtors"</i>	Psalms 51	Colossians 3:12-17
11/14	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Humbly <i>"Lead Us not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil"</i>	Psalms 46	1 Corinthians 10:6-13
11/21	Christ's School of Prayer: Praying Confidently <i>"For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever"</i>	1 Chronicles 29:10-13	Ephesians 3:14-21



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in the containers between the sets
of double doors at
either entrance of the building.



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