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Weekly News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek,

I've just typed "October 1" at the top of this letter - and it comes as a shock! Can it be fall already? Do we really begin the seventh calendar month in which all is not right? The evidence is around us, anxiety for our health, anxiety for the body politic. And yet signs of our resilience are here as well. We have learned how to be safe as we go about life, and with that we venture to reclaim what we safely can. We must not make the mistake of assuming that the virus is gone until with God's help it is truly conquered by science and by our efforts to protect one another. But we know enough now to dare a hope and a prayer that God's help indeed is with us, and that we can venture back.

And so it is that the month of October will bring us together as a church family more so than has been possible since the early spring.

First, you know that a week from Sunday, October 11, we will begin to be together worshipping in our sanctuary. Please remember that we will need to start with limited numbers each week, but will raise those numbers as quickly as we can safely do so. Later today the Worship Committee will begin to work through the list of those who are ready to come into worship. Notifications will go out next Tuesday, October 6, and will continue each week on Tuesdays. If you've asked to be contacted by email, those will come by the end of the morning; phone calls may take a bit longer into the afternoon or evening.

Although yesterday was the date to receive the first responses to the sign-up form on the church website, there really is no cut-off or deadline. The form remains available. If you didn't get to sign up yet, you can still do so at any time. Likewise, if you decide in a few weeks that you are ready to give it a try, it will still be there. If you need any help to sign up, please just give me or any of our elders a call.

Second, Sunday, October 18 will be a wonderful opportunity for reunion for everyone who is ready to venture out. That will be the date of our fall Congregational Meeting. There will be two items on the agenda: the report of the Nominating Committee and election of elders for the class of 2023, and voting on a proposed amendment to the Manual of Operations to recognize the use of electronic meetings when necessary to conduct congregational business. We will share the Nominating Committee's report when it is complete, along with the text of the proposed amendment.

Here's how the meeting will work on the 18th. Everyone (again, those who are ready to venture out) will gather in the CFC parking lot by 12:30. Please bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets, and wear your mask. The meeting will take place at 12:30 - those who are not present in person will be able to join on Zoom. After the meeting, the Congregational Care and Fellowship Committees will provide a box lunch for everyone. And after lunch, the Ice Cream truck will arrive! It should be a fun time to see one another and check in together with safe distancing. If the weather does not cooperate, the meeting will be inside the CFC. Those who are comfortable can stay for lunch, or you can take lunch home with you. There's no need to RSVP for this event - there will be room and food for everyone!

Finally, turning our attention to this coming Sunday, October 4. It's the first Sunday of the month, and we look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper. As always, please plan to have available at home some bread and juice so that we can partake together.

In addition to those who have been in our prayers in recent weeks, we add a request from Patrick and Courtney McCarthy for their friends the Rev. Steven Concannon and his wife Judith. Steven is a retired pastor in Maine, with whom Patrick worked in his first position as director of music. The Concannons were in a serious roll-over auto accident last week and sustained serious injuries, especially Judith who has spinal injuries and impairment in her legs. May God watch with them, give them strength, and grant them healing.

We are always grateful to have one another, and our prayers, and God's good care to watch over us. May we feel God's presence drawing us together throughout this week ahead. And, for the first time in months, we can truly say: "see you soon!"

Blessings,

Elliott

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • October 4, 2020
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

During this worship service we are invited to receive the elements of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. To participate with us, please have available a bit of bread or crackers, and some kind of juice or beverage.

Welcome

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

Prelude

The Church's One Foundation

Stone and Wesley

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise the LORD in the heights.
Praise the LORD, all you holy angels;
praise the LORD, all heavenly host.
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for the name of the LORD only is exalted,
and the splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.

Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.
To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, have mercy on us. God of wisdom, illumine our minds. God of light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. God of Power, be our refuge and our strength, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Homily

Fruits of the kingdom

Offertory

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Including the *Lord's Prayer*, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

This is the Day

arr. Mark Hayes



Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, **October 18, 12:30 in the CFC parking lot.** Meeting will be followed by a Box Lunch and Ice Cream truck provided by the Congregational Care Committee. In case of rain, CFC will be available. Rain or shine, please wear a mask and bring lawn chairs for social distancing. There will also be a connection on Zoom to participate in the Congregational Meeting remotely. Meeting is for the purpose of (1) amending the Manual of Operations to allow Congregational Meetings by electronic means due to civic restrictions on gatherings and (2) to elect the elders for the Class of 2023 as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Thanksgiving Boxes

Anne Miller will be taking donations to fill Thanksgiving Boxes for The Charlotte Rescue Mission again this year. Please let her know right away if you will be able to help out by contacting her at 704-392-2989. Please leave a message including how many boxes you would like to donate. Here is the note from Charlotte Rescue Mission:

Though it may seem early, due to the COVID pandemic, we are receiving a lot of inquiries regarding the status of our annual Thanksgiving Food Box Program. We will be moving forward with collection as we feel this is an essential need within our community, especially now that so many people are unemployed. It is our hope that you will consider partnering with us again this year to help meet this need. Please be assured that we will follow all safety guidelines with regards to COVID.

Listed below are the **exact specifications** we are asking you to follow this year. For logistical reasons, **PLEASE** follow these instructions very closely! The items that you see highlighted, **bolded**, underlined, or in **red** are very important towards helping us manage the large number of boxes we receive. **Note:** Some items are highlighted, **bolded**, underlined **AND in red = extra important!**

A Food Box should consist of the following (photo attached):

1. **The Box** – For logistical purposes such as storing, transporting, and distributing, **please use this box ONLY:** It is called a “small packing box” - approximate dimensions, 16-3/8” x 12-5/8” x 12-5/8” or “1.5 cubic feet” offered by U-Haul (or any moving center), Lowes, and Home Depot. The average cost is .93 each. (Box dimensions and price may vary slightly by store.) **After filling the box, please close and secure the top with tape, leaving the side handles free.** If you cannot find the exact ounces indicated, get as close as possible.
2. Green beans 1 - 38oz can
3. Whole kernel corn 1 - 29oz can (jumbo can)
4. Cut sweet yams 1 - 40oz can
5. Cranberry sauce 1 - 14oz can
6. Stove Top Stuffing Mix 1 - 6oz box (turkey or chicken flavored)
7. Turkey/Brown gravy mix, dry 1 package
8. Boil-n-Bag Rice, 4 count 1 - 14oz box
9. Dry Pie Crust Mix 1 box - Betty Crocker (11oz) or Jiffy (9oz)
10. Pie Filling, Apple/Cherry, etc. 1 - 21oz can
11. Round Baking Pan for Pie 1 - disposable
12. Frozen Turkey (if possible) 12 – 15 pounds



IMPORTANT – Do NOT put a turkey in the box! By distribution day, the turkey will have thawed, spoiled, and ruined the contents of that box plus the boxes surrounding it.

If you decide to include extra items, they must be **non-perishable (i.e., no fresh produce or refrigerated items), and no items with soft lids such as applesauce, pudding, jello, etc.**

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Seek..... Matthew 6:33
Serve 1 Samuel 12:24
Praise..... Psalm 111:1
Love Christ!.....1 John 4:12

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call:
Judy Smith (704) 392-2892
-or-
Ann Cashion (704) 301-0126

Know someone Who Needs a Visit? Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

Online Giving is Now Available

Paw Creek has now implemented Online Giving for the convenience of church members and our friends who worship with us. Please go to our website at www.pawcreekpc.org and follow the link on the home page.



Once you click on this link, you will be directed to set up an account. You may make this gift as a one time transaction, or you can set up recurring payments. You may use your bank account information to create this payment, or you may use your debit or credit card. (If you use your debit or credit card, you will also be given the option to add the transaction fee to your payment if you choose to do so)



For those who like to use mobile apps, you can download the app: Give+ and search for Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. Once you have created an account, it will save Paw Creek as your default Church.

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, October 4

Matthew 21: 33-46
“Fruits of the Kingdom”

Sunday, October 18

Matthew 22: 15-22
“Jesus Escapes a Trap”

Sunday, October 11

Matthew 22: 1-14
“Invitation to the Banquet”

Sunday, October 25

Matthew 22: 34-46
“Jesus Passes a Test”