

First Presbyterian Church of Rockwood

MESSENGER

October 2017



Pastor's Points

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Germany. This wasn’t an unusual act at the time, Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ (“the priesthood of all believers”), so there’s no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose—Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others—and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults “with the best of them”; the Pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged.

As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states:

God's Word, Our Strength

October 1: For beautiful fall days, I thank you, Lord! Help me find reason to praise you every day.

Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

October 8: Creative God, thank you for filling the world with color — bright fall leaves and people of all shades of skin, eyes and hair who gather to praise you!

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3: 4b-13; Matthew 21: 33-46

October 15: “O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things” (Isaiah 25:1, NRSV).

Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

October 22: “My presence will go with you,” said God, “and I will give you rest” (Exodus 33:14, ESV). Thank you, God, for being with us as you were with Moses, and for the gift of rest.

Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99;
I Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

October 29: Where we are rightly following you, Lord, keep us strong; where we are in the wrong, healing Spirit, please reform us.

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17;
I Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46

“In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years.”

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In Honor

Earl and Barbara Johnston
Chris, Amy, Olivia & Lexie Metcalfe
By Adrienne Levering

In Memory

Alvin & Lois Duff
By
Michael & Carol Duff
James & Pam Duff Morris

Thank
You

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your love and continued support of Morgan-Scott and our

mission to reach out and serve those in need in the name of Christ. It is a blessing to know that your check will be in the mail each month. Thank you for helping us help others.

In Christ's Service,
Ella L. Smith, Morgan Scott Project
Deer Lodge, TN 37726

Dear Church Family:

Your many expressions of concern for Tom Pemberton's family is most appreciated. Your presence—being there in person—and your prayers have comforted us more than you can ever know.

God bless you for caring for us.

Sincerely, Carolyn Pemberton

Dear First Presbyterian Church in Rockwood,

Thank you for your donation of \$50. Your continued support is appreciated.

Alicia Webb, Administrative Assistant
John Knox Center 865-376-2236
(via email)

Congratulations to Justin Phillips in his new career move into Real Estate! Justin is working for Century 21 in Crossville, TN., covering Roane, Rhea and Cumberland counties.

Justin can be reached at 865-466-9135.



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| 6 th Kesha Dryman | 22 nd Jeannie Clift |
| 7 th Steve Garrison | 22 nd Charlotte Williams |
| 7 th Nina Jolly | 23 rd Alyssa Adams |
| 7 th Raymond Warner | 23 rd Alex Adams |
| 8 th Reagan Eldridge | 25 th Josh Foust |
| 9 th Marvin Randolph | 26 th Griffin Metcalfe |
| 16 th Dot Stout | 26 th Steve Osborne |
| 21 st Lois Duff | 31 st Jenny Wright |
| 21 st Tammie Garner | 31 st Molly Sublett Dryman |

- 13th Cory & Kesha Dryman
24th Chris & Amy Metcalfe



Prayers for Our

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| Shut-Ins | & | Military |
| Carolyn Gill | | Jerald Dixon |
| JoAnn Glover | | Nate Mankel |
| Carolyn Pemberton | | Maeghan Redmon |
| Nancy Williams | | Jesse Scarbrough |
| Terry Newman | | |

Our College Students

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| Sierra Garrison | Victoria Johnston |
| Rebecca Garrison | Skye Irish |

Please notify the office if there are other students we should include.

FINANCIAL UPDATE-ANNUAL BUDGET

	September	Year-To-Date
Receipts	\$ 4,690.00	\$62,410.00
Expenditures	\$ 5,580.00	\$ 63,240.00

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
September 3	22	43	\$ 1,519.00
September 10	18	47	\$ 752.00
September 17	18	35	\$ 792.00
September 24	16	40	\$ 1,023.00

SEPTEMBER SESSION MEETING

Communion will be held this Sunday, October 1st for World Communion Day.

Our annual bonfire and cookout is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 25th at 6:00pm. There will be a hayride and pumpkin cooking contest.

The Congregational Care committee continues to encourage everyone to contact those listed in the bulletin each week.

The Love Kitchen is doing fine; 76 were served on Saturday, Sept. 23rd.

The Visitation Committee will make visits on Wednesday, Oct. 4th, beginning at 6:00pm.

Steve will schedule a time with Brian Treadway to perform the electrical work as agreed. Will also ask Brian to provide estimates on repairing the lights for the mural window and to install outlets near the choir loft to eliminate electrical cords stretched across the loft stairs and entry door.

There is evidence of animal damage on the window blinds in the rummage room, and the odor of an expired animal. Efforts were made to locate the dead animal but were unsuccessful.

Saturday, October 7th will be workday at the church.

The church has received memorial donations in the name of Al and Lois Duff, as well as other memorial donations. Session and Stewardship committee is considering appropriate use of all memorials.

A portion of recently-received honorariums will be used to strip and buff the Fellowship Hall floor. The next Stewardship meeting will be held Oct 10th.

Dannise no longer needs to take off on Friday, October 6th. She will be in the office that day.

Charles will be out on Sunday, November 26th.

Nominating Committee

Wilma Brummett and Jerry Wallick were elected to the Nominating committee. Congregational members of the Nominating committee are Amy Metcalfe, Jim Pelfrey, and Alfred Winton. The Nominating committee will meet after church on Sunday, October 8th.

Fall Work Day October 7th

Volunteers Needed!

See Steve, James or Charles for details



Hayride, Bonfire & Bake-Off



October 25th 6:00 p.m.

Food, Fun & Fellowship!

Prizes given for the best dessert!

Everyone invited! Bring a friend!

Upcoming Offerings

2017 Hunger Fund July, August and September are months we collect for the Hunger Fund. Six pennies a day for a total of \$5.52 is the suggested minimum amount. The offering will be received on October 1st and 8th.

The **2017 Thank Offering** (includes the Summer Medical Offering) will be received in our church on Sunday, November 12th and Sunday, November 19th. A large portion of the monies received is used in our area, including Blue Monarch in Middle Tennessee and Sunset Gap in East Tennessee.

BIBLE QUIZ

for*give*

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive others?

- A. 7 D. 70 x 7
B. 70 E. C or D, depending on the
C. 77 translation

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Cornerstone harkens back to God's pronouncement in Isaiah 28:16 that he "has laid as a foundation in Zion ... a precious cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20 declares that Jesus is the cornerstone of the household of God. The letters IHC and XP are abbreviations for "Jesus" and "Christ" in ancient Greek.



Women of the Reformation

Although the names most often associated with the Reformation are male, women also played key roles in maintaining the integrity of the church. “Most were wives and mothers,” professor Justin Holcomb writes. “Some were also authors, apologists, ex-nuns and queens. All were faithful servants of Jesus.” Women who made notable contributions include:

- Katherine von Bora, the former nun who married former-priest Martin Luther
- Argula von Grumbach, a Bavarian noblewoman who published letters and debated with university faculty.
- Olympia Fulvia Morata, an Italian scholar who lectured on the teachings of Luther and Calvin—and was persecuted and imprisoned.
- Jeanne d’Albret, Queen of Navarre and a leader in France’s Huguenot movement, who tried to peacefully resolve tensions between Catholics and Protestants
- Marie Dentiere, an aristocrat who left an Augustinian monastery to speak in public—even on street corners!—about church reform.

Eyes On God

The move to our new home was very stressful on our puppy. As we sold our furniture and boxed up our belongings, he became increasingly anxious. When the big day came and the truck was packed, we took one last walk through the empty house. Unable to comprehend what was happening, our anxious dog stayed right at our feet. He could make no sense of his circumstances but trusted us to take care of him. During that traumatic time, he never let us out of his sight.

That reminds me of King Jehoshaphat’s prayer when a mighty enemy advanced against him and the situation was desperate. Jehoshaphat prayed, “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you” (2 Chronicles 20:12, NRSV). God came through for His people that day, and he will come through for us, too, when all seems lost. Just stick close and keep your eyes on Him.

--Kari Myer

A Simmering Idea

During a lesson on 1 Kings 18, a Sunday School teacher explained the confrontation between the prophet Elijah and the false prophets of Baal. He described how Elijah built the altar, placed wood on it, prepared the bull, laid it on the altar and instructed God’s people to pour water over the altar.

“Now,” the teacher asked, “can anyone tell me why they would’ve poured water over the animal?”

A girl eagerly raised her hand and answered, “To make the gravy!”

A Prayer For Pumpkin People

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children’s book The Pumpkin Patch Parable, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o’-lanterns.

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, “Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you.” (See Proverbs 1:7)
- While removing the seed and pulp, pray, “Remove the things in my life that don’t please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others.” (See Matthew 6: 14-15)
- While making eyes, pray, “Open my eyes to see the beauty you’ve made in the world around me.” (See Psalm 104: 24)
- While making the nose, pray, “I’m sorry for the times I’ve turned up my nose at your many gifts.” (See James 1: 17)
- While making the mouth, pray, “Let everything I say please you.” (See Psalm 19: 14)
- While lighting the candle, pray, “Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do.” (See Matthew 5: 16)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God’s love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5: 17)

—Ilan Shamir

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 World Communion <hr/> Hunger Fund Offering	2 Roane Co Band Festival	3	4 Visiting Cmte 6 pm	5	6	7 Fall Work Day
8 Hunger Fund Offering	9 Columbus Day ←	10 <hr/> RMA Stewardship 7:00 pm	11 School Fall Break	12 Ladies Circle 6:30 p	13 →	14 Love Kitchen (Pythian Sisters) 5-7 p
15	16	17	18 Session 7 pm	19	20 Wms Assoc. Rummage Sale 9 am – 2 pm	21
22	23	24	25 Bonfire / Hayride/ Bake Off 6:00 pm	26	27	28 Love Kitchen (Masonic Lodge) 5-7 p
29 Stewardship Campaign Begins	30	31 Halloween				
		Narcotics Anonymous meets each Tuesday 7:30 p Fellowship Hall				

Contributions to MESSENGER are welcomed and encouraged!
Contact Dannise at the office if you have items you would like to see included.

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Oct. 1 Hunger Fund Offering
- Oct. 2 Roane County Band Festival
- Oct. 7 Work Day
- Oct. 8 Hunger Fund Offering
- Oct.9-13 School Fall Break
- Oct. 10 Rockwood Ministerial Assn. Mtg.
- Oct. 12 Ladies Circle
- Oct. 14 Love Kitchen (Pythian Sisters host)
- Oct. 20 Women's Assoc. Rummage Sale (9am-2pm)
- Oct. 25 Bonfire, Hayride & Bake-Off
- Oct. 28 Love Kitchen (Masonic Lodge host)

Special Dates in October

- October 1 World Communion Sunday
- October 29 Reformation Sunday
- October 31 Reformation Day

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Find Hope and Joy Here and Now

SESSION

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Wilma Brummert	Kathy Dryman	Geraldine Wallick
James Cox	Jonathan Foust	Hilda Osborne
Chris Metcalfe	Tim Pelfrey	Steve Osborne