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News of Bethany

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the eucharist. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

According to the Presbyterian Outlook: Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to



bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

It was then was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

Mission Statement:
Bethany Presbyterian Church is a church making an impact on the lives of all people through the love of Jesus Christ.

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Bethany News & Notes



Special Dates in October 2018



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 7

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 28



Reformation Day

Wednesday, October 31

Halloween

Wednesday, October 31

Fall Basement Sale

Saturday, October 27 - 8am-12pm

It's not too late to donate to our Fall basement sale. The Women's Association members have been diligently working to make this their best sale ever. Quality clothing, household goods, and collectibles will all be fairly priced. Delicious food, including pork barbecue at \$6 lb. (bring own containers), hot dogs, snacks, and a bake sale will be available. Something for everyone! Large paper bags are needed. Please see Pat Rineer to volunteer and/or to donate items.



From Pastor Kent's Desk

The other day, I was thinking about the number of services of worship I've attended on Sunday mornings since I was confirmed in 1956. I added it up, and I've attended at least 2,976 services of worship since 1956. That's a staggering number! And, if you add in all the special services I've attended, weddings, funerals, and Presbytery meetings, etc., it would be another two or three hundred more. Wow! That's amazing when you think about it! That's a lot of time spent in church. I'm sure there are many of you in the congregation who can match those numbers. The question becomes, why have we spent so much time in church? What's the draw?

For me, the obvious answer is that it's my job. But like you, I go for a variety of reasons: the music, the hymns, the community/fellowship, the sermons, and the celebration of the sacraments. More important, worship nourishes me, enlivens me, enriches me, and nudges me. It is in the context of worship that I am put in touch with the Divine, the God who names me and claims me and promises to be with me throughout all my days.

At my confirmation, I promised, in front of God and the congregation of Wilshire Crest Presbyterian Church, that I would be a faithful member of Christ's church. I promised to share the Gospel wherever I went and continue to grow in the faith throughout my life.

At our confirmation, we received a little book by The Rev. Hugh T. Kerr, who was for many years pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. The book was published by the Board of Christian Education of the PCUSA in 1920. The language was true when we received our copies in 1956, and its message is still applicable today. Dr. Kerr is writing about loyalty to Christ's church and he ends by saying:

"It is my church. It needs me. It needs my service more than it needs my money. I should not think of allowing my family to miss me at my own table, without explanation; neither will I allow my church to miss me unexcused from my appointed place. The church cannot live and thrive and hold up its head if the people neglect the appointed services for worship. To absent myself from my church is to prove a traitor to my own trust and to strike the church I love the most unkind blow I can strike."



His powerful words have stuck with me. They aren't trendy by 21st century standards, but they still strike a chord none-the-less. I trust they do for you, too. May we continue to be faithful to Christ's church all our days.

Grace & Peace, *Kent*

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October Birthdays

10/04 Zachary Piefer
10/04 Laurence Ashba
10/08 Keith Rineer

10/09 Jason Fetterman
10/10 John Naufts
10/11 Robert Rineer
10/11 Dick Fleckenstein



FALL PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder





WORSHIP

October 7, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - World Communion Sunday
 The Message: "Such as These" Scripture: Mark 10:2-16
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper

October 14, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "Reverse Order"
 Scripture: Mark 10:17-31 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

October 21, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "A Ransom for Many"
 Scripture: Mark 10:35-45 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

October 28, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Reformation Sunday
 The Message: "Seeing Clearly"
 Scripture: Mark 10:46-52 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Greeters	Sylvia Doyle	Susie Paxson	Eva Lauer	Michelle Atwater
Fellowship	Sylvia Doyle	Sue Fetterman	Eva Lauer	Michelle Atwater
Ushers	Gail Feigley Pat Rineer	Bob & Jean Schwartz	Joyce Richards Willa Pedrick	Brian & Diane Ashba
Liturgists	Lori Pickell	Judy Maier	David Schwartz	Sue Fetterman
Flowers	The Nauffts' Daughters	Joyce Richards	Paul Sieglar	Pat Rineer

October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 6:45 P.M. Scouts	2 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting	3 10:00 A.M. Short Stories by Jesus 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	4	5 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	6 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast	
7 World Communion 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	8 6:45 P.M. Scouts	9 7:00 P.M. Scout District Roundtable	10 10:00 A.M. Short Stories by Jesus 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	11	12 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	13
14 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	15 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Pack Committee Meeting	16 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack	17 10:00 A.M. Short Stories by Jesus 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	18	19 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Scout Camp Out →	20 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run
21 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Camp Out	22 6:45 P.M. Scouts	23	24 10:00 A.M. Short Stories by Jesus 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	25	26 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	27 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Women's Basement Sale
28 Reformation Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	29 6:45 P.M. Scouts Scout Sub Sale Pick-Up	30	31 Reformation Day & Halloween 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon  Reformation			Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.