



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood
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October Message:

Working in the Vineyards of God...

The calendar says that September 22, 2020 is the beginning of autumn. Autumn was once described as the time, "When God spills a rainbow". In our mind's eye we can see the vivid colors of fall, the pumpkins, gourds, mums, etc. all are in the markets; signs of the harvest season are present.

Over 50 years ago the late **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.** proclaimed that "**Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that**".

As we are now officially in autumn, harvest time, let's **renew our resolve to be part of the solution and not the problem.** As followers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God our Creator, let us vow to now **harvest the seeds of:**

HOPE – Psalm 42:5

LOVE – Psalm 136

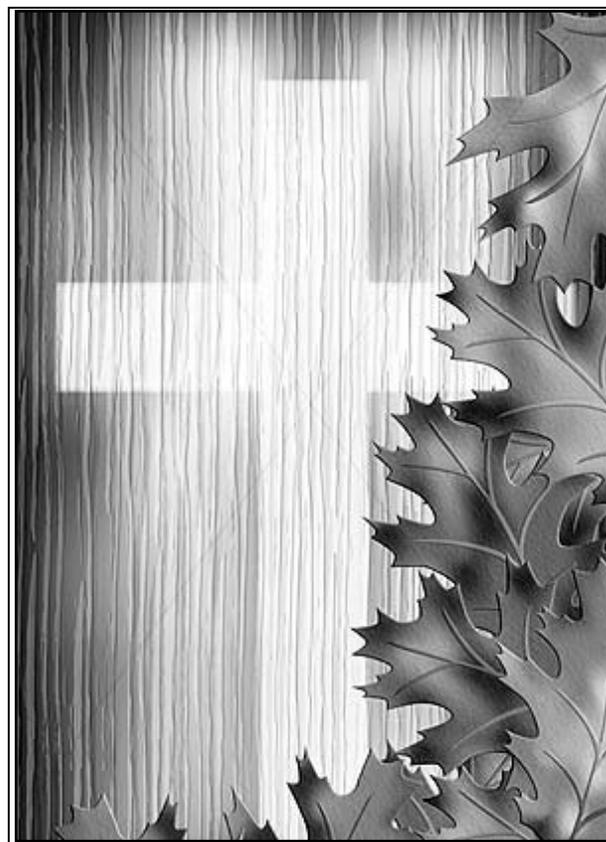
FAITH – Romans 1:17, 2 Co. 5:7

JOY

KINDNESS

FAITH

} Col. 3:12 & 1 John 5



These are not of a harvest time but the **daily life line** for all to believe in and to trust. We are to be the examples for all to follow and share if we are to have and share the "inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade" (1 Peter 1:4) as kept in heaven by God. Our garden harvest is obtainable and to be shared. This is made possible if we **remember that the word BIBLE provides what we need to know as in:**

B – Basic

I – Instruction

B – Before

L – Leaving

E – Earth

Read It - Practice It - Share It..

Enjoy God's Harvest!

With love and prayers,

Betty



What a great surprise we had in store for us after church on Sunday, September 20th. Upon leaving the church building we were greeted by Kaye and Rich Weber standing behind a table adorned with special Coffee Hour treat bags for each one of us! Each bag contained a delicious homemade muffin, a coffee k-cup and a package of Nature Valley granola bars! It was really an awesome gesture and such a kind thing to do! Thank you so much Kaye and Rich!

Sunday, October 4th is World Wide Communion Sunday and we're prepared! We have purchased small, sealed plastic bags that contain the necessary sacraments for communion. This keeps us in line with the protocol necessary for worshipping and staying safe during the Covid Virus. **Please take one packet from the table upon entering the church** and *please* remember to **place your used elements back into the baggie and take it with you after our service.** Thanks!

It is so encouraging to have member **Julie Sibbald** raise prayers for those who are suffering greatly from the wildfires burning in our western states. Julie raises not only heartfelt concern and empathy for those that are so greatly affected, but charged us all to be "**stewards of the earth**" what better way to remind us to care for and tend God's creation. Thanks, Julie!



We'd like to thank Elder **Rob Taylor** for the gift of tending the church grounds, lawns and bushes. It's an easy job to walk by and think that it all looks good...but it's not an easy task getting it to look that way! Thanks Rob, for taking on this important task, we appreciate your dedication.

It is great to be back in full swing on Sundays! We had about six months off due to the virus and now we are allowed to resume our services under special guidelines laid out by Governor Murphy, which we are happy to follow. While we had our time apart it was very special to keep our church family ties alive through phone calls, daily texts, prayerful thoughts & the Church Mouse! Our **online church services** provided by **Pastor Kevin** were so inspiring and a wonderful way for our worship to continue during the lock down. It is nice to have **Pastor Kevin** and **Pastor Betty** back in the pulpit and leading our worship once again!

The smart list for attending Church during the Virus:

- * Bring and wear **your own MASK** (covering nose and mouth) and optional **GLOVES.**
- *Arrive a few minutes early for **temperature reading and hand sanitizing.**
- *Practice **social distancing** when **seated** and when **entering or leaving** the building.
- *Deposit your **Offering Envelope** in the **Box** located on the **back pew.**
- *Please refrain from attending if you feel **sick** in anyway, or if you feel uneasy about gathering.

☺ Just for laughs ☺



Question: What is smarter than a talking parrot?

Answer: A spelling bee!



Question: What do you call a smarty pants?

Answer: A jeanius!



Question: Does anyone want to buy a broken barometer?

Answer: It's a no pressure sale!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL OF
OUR SPECIAL CHILDREN!

Thought for the month:

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome....Booker T. Washington