

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Happy autumn, everyone!

Last month, in an effort to gain perspective from one another and to seek out our Lord together, I invited folks to view this picture....



....and to share any thought or emotion pertaining to God that it elicited: Father, Son, Holy Spirit....Creator, Sustainer or Redeemer....or whatever else comes to mind. I asked, "Where is God here? What aspect of God speaks to you in this image? What does it say?"

Here are a few of our responses:

"When God created this world He created a forest of many beautiful colors with a simple structure for a family to live in. The atmosphere suggests beauty, peace, serenity, quietness to reflect and pray to the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit."

"An awe-inspiring Creator. The colors fill my senses with glory and awe. I am taken inside the photo; it's hard to look away and leave the picture."

"Where is God in this? Where *isn't* God in this? Away from the noise of the everyday, in a place full of God's beauty, there is a thinness between us and God, a place where we can more easily hear and be heard: a place where we can more fully connect to God with a lack of distraction. A place where we can truly see the gifts given to us, entrusted to us, to be enjoyed by us, and to be filled to the point of overflowing. A place to be driven to give to others that which has been given to us. What better place to truly understand who we are and *whose* we are, and to be humbled by it all."

Beautiful sentiments! Thank you all for sharing! 

I am in agreement: this is indeed an awe-inspiring picture. My own son already is captivated by nature...one of Theo's favorite things to say while we are on the road lately is, "Big green trees!" I've been telling him, however, that soon they are going to change colors (he's mostly caught on; I quiz him but in addition to red, orange, yellow and brown he always declares that they will also turn purple).

This photo is a terrific display of God's limitless ability to create beauty, to be sure. But when I look upon this scene I also encounter God in the midst of change. When I glance at the leaves, I don't just see beauty; I see transition. I see change.

And, when I look upon the cabin nestled in these woods, I don't just see a house. I see a haven; I see a home.

In Bible study this past week we discussed our places of safety and security in this world. One of those highlighted was "home": the physical houses in which we reside. Another of the "places" was God. While we acknowledged the rightness and benefit of going to God when everything is going great, it was pointed out that in times of uncertainty or fear that there was no safer place to go than to God, maintaining that open line of communication with God and praying for peace and strength and comfort in the face of unfamiliarity, adversity or chaos.

When I look upon this humble cabin I find the intersection of these two "places." I see a house in which one can lay down his head. It provides shelter and sanctuary. It provides a respite from the noise of the world. These are all the same things that God provides: just as our homes are places of safety for our physical bodies, God is the ultimate place of safety for our hearts, our minds, our souls.

This brand of safety is the kind of assurance that God offers as we navigate lives that are constantly changing. When I look at the leaves in our featured picture, I am reminded of the transition and changes in our lives with which we must contend. But when I look at the cabin I am also reminded that God *is always there with us* as we move through that change and transition.

Being "the church" can sometimes take us into the trenches, but there is never cause for fear. In God we have all that we need.

The cliché "there is beauty in simplicity" was not born out of coincidence; the birth of this phrase is rooted in concrete examples such as this cabin in the woods. There is nothing more beautiful in this world and this life than dwelling with God and surrounding oneself with examples and reminders of said beauty. Doing so equips us (taking the "safe place" everywhere) to do mission and ministry when we are inevitably called to leave these places of sanctuary, refreshed and eager to show others what we have found.

Blessings!
Pastor Mike

FALL CLEAN-UP AT THE KIRK

ATTENTION ALL ABLE-BODIED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE KIRK

It is that time once again when we need to tackle clean-up at the church and we need everyone that is able to come out and help. We have a full list of things that need to be done, and all are doable if we work together.

The date we are shooting for is Saturday, October 5th, from 9a – 2p. Lunch and plenty of water will be provided.

We are asking people to look at the following list and choose which team they want to be on:

TEAM 1 – INSIDE: PAINTING - risers on the main stairwell, steps and risers on the back stairwell, and lower walls in the northeast entryway

TEAM 2 – INSIDE: HANDYMAN JOBS - work on repairing some of the pews, finish screwing down pews, and add weather stripping to all outside doors

TEAM 3 – OUTSIDE: MEMORIAL GARDEN – finish the clean-up, seal the brickwork

TEAM 4 – OUTSIDE: PAINTING – front porch supports, seal brickwork

TEAM 5 – OUTSIDE: HILL – clean out all weeds and trees along the driveway and down the hillside, clean out grass and weeds from cracks and seal, seal crack at top of stairs, finish weeding along stairs

TEAM 6 – OUTSIDE: TREE WORK – remove lower branches from pines and clean out underneath

TEAM 7 – OUTSIDE: FLAT ROOF – clear drains, remove leaves and other debris, install chimney cap, seal seams, work to secure cracked window pane

Lists and supplies for all jobs will be provided.
Bring along your favorite tools.

It looks like a long list, but with everyone working together, we should be able to get it all done, or at least the bulk of it.

Watch for announcements in the bulletins and for the sign-up poster in the lounge. If you have questions you can direct them to Jenny Root – find her in church, call her at 734-744-6316, or by email at grenny@earthlink.net.

- THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING TO MAKE THIS CLEAN-UP A SUCCESS –



FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

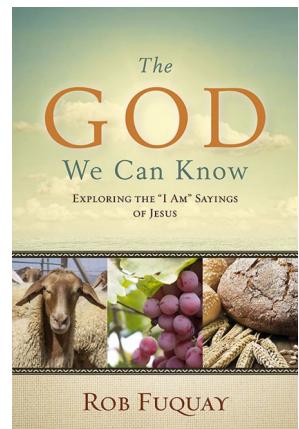
Friday, October 18

6:00 pm

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 18 at 6pm for our next Family Fun Night. More details will be coming soon.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Bible Study is still in session every Tuesday afternoon at 2pm in the lounge. All are welcome to join us. We will be discussing chapter 5 of the book “The God We Can Know: Exploring the ‘I Am’ Sayings of Jesus” by Rob Fuquay.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are offering 2 Sunday School classes this year: one for readers and one for non-readers. Both classes will be filled with lessons, activities, crafts and even a few outreach/mission projects. Children go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall after the Moment with Children chat with Pastor Mike in worship.

Welcome, Students!



NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY COMING AGAIN

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 Board of Session has again 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. This will be the seventh consecutive year that Kirk of Our Savior has participated in this program and each year has shown that the Kirk's membership continue to support the program despite economic and membership changes.

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 will 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 November 10, 2019, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

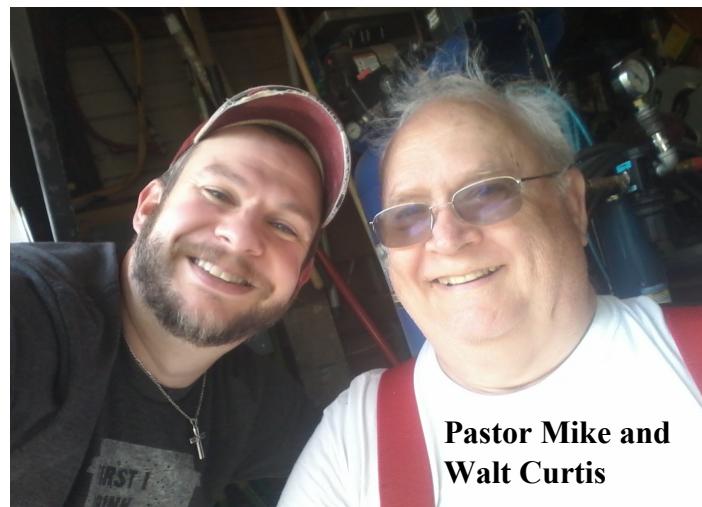
Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she 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 conclude with a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at which preliminary results of the Giving Estimates will be presented.

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.



**Pastor Mike and
Walt Curtis**



**Theo during his office
hours...**



Saturday rehearsals are at 9:30am. There will not be a rehearsal on Oct. 5

Sunday rehearsals are at 9:15am.

If you would like to join the choir, please see Mark Handford.



- 1 Melissa Lewandowski
- 3 Walt Curtis
- 5 Fred and Georgeen Kirk's Anniversary
- 11 Frank Hilberer
- 25 Margaret Rose

OCTOBER 30

Classy Lassies and Grazers

October 30 is National Candy Corn Day! The next monthly Classy Lassies and Grazers lunch gathering could get corny so why not join us on Wednesday, October 30 for lunch? All are invited to come dine with us. The group meets at 11:30 am in the church lounge before deciding as a group where to go eat. You are responsible for the cost of your own meal.



Financial Report as of 8/31/2019

	August	Year to Date	Budget
Income	8,280	84,367	78,013
Expenses	9,022	79,699	81,736
Net Income or Loss	-742	4,668	-3,723
Liquid Assets*	99,617	99,617	

* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.

Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

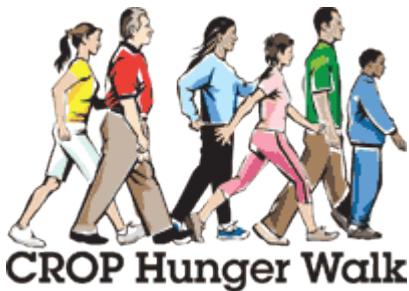
August was slightly down due primarily to shortfall in Adult Offerings as well as payment of two DTE bills in the month. Kirk Mutual Funds continued to have monthly gains with August's being slightly less than \$700. Due to various capital fund and other reserve funds uses our checking account dropped \$1,500; however, our savings balance of \$17.5M is available if needed.



The Grazers and Classy Lassies got together on Wednesday, September 25 and dined at Leo's Coney Island.

The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.



The CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 13 at 1:45 pm at St. Timothy's in Livonia. The Kirk currently has 11 walkers taking part. Our walkers need donations. If you are able to donate, please talk to one of them. They each have a footprint on the window at the back of the sanctuary across from the offices. For more information, see Judy Walker, our CROP walk coordinator.

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October 2019 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Year 1

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 1

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
2 Chron. 29:1–3; 30:1
(2–9) 10–27
1 Cor. 7:32–40
Matt. 7:1–12

Wednesday, October 2

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
2 Kings 18:9–25
1 Cor. 8:1–13
Matt. 7:13–21

Thursday, October 3

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
2 Kings 18:28–37
1 Cor. 9:1–15
Matt. 7:22–29

Friday, October 4

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
2 Kings 19:1–20
1 Cor. 9:16–27
Matt. 8:1–17

Saturday, October 5

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
2 Kings 19:21–36
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Matt. 8:18–27

Sunday, October 6

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
2 Kings 20:1–21
Acts 12:1–17
Luke 7:11–17

Monday, October 7

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
2 Kings 21:1–18
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1
Matt. 8:28–34

Tuesday, October 8

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
2 Kings 22:1–13
1 Cor. 11:2 (3–16) 17–22
Matt. 9:1–8

Wednesday, October 9

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
2 Kings 22:14–23:3
1 Cor. 11:23–34
Matt. 9:9–17

Thursday, October 10

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
2 Kings 23:4–25
1 Cor. 12:1–11
Matt. 9:18–26

Friday, October 11

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
2 Kings 23:36–24:17
1 Cor. 12:12–26
Matt. 9:27–34

Saturday, October 12

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Jer. 35:1–19
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3
Matt. 9:35–10:4

Sunday, October 13

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Jer. 36:1–10
Acts 14:8–18
Luke 7:36–50

Monday, October 14

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Jer. 36:11–26
1 Cor. 13:(1–3) 4–13
Matt. 10:5–15

Tuesday, October 15

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Jer. 36:27–37:2
1 Cor. 14:1–12
Matt. 10:16–23

Wednesday, October 16

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Jer. 37:3–21
1 Cor. 14:13–25
Matt. 10:24–33

Thursday, October 17

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Jer. 38:1–13
1 Cor. 14:26–33a
(33b–36) 37–40
Matt. 10:34–42

Friday, October 18	Thursday, October 24	Wednesday, October 30
Morning: Pss. 130; 148 Evening: Pss. 32; 139 Jer. 38:14–28 1 Cor. 15:1–11 Matt. 11:1–6	Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 81; 116 Ezra 1:1–11 or Jer. 42:1–22 1 Cor. 16:1–9 Matt. 12:15–21	Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 132; 134 Ezra 6:1–22 or Lam. 2:8–15 Rev. 5:1–10 Matt. 13:10–17
Saturday, October 19	Friday, October 25	Thursday, October 31
Morning: Pss. 56; 149 Evening: Pss. 118; 111 Jer. 52:1–34 1 Cor. 15:12–29 Matt. 11:7–15	Morning: Pss. 88; 148 Evening: Pss. 6; 20 Ezra 3:1–13 or Jer. 43:1–13 1 Cor. 16:10–24 Matt. 12:22–32	Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 26; 130 Neh. 1:1–11 or Lam. 2:16–22 Rev. 5:11–6:11 Matt. 13:18–23
Sunday, October 20	Saturday, October 26	
Morning: Pss. 67; 150 Evening: Pss. 46; 93 Jer. 29:1, 4–14 or Jer. 39:11–40:6 Acts 16:6–15 Luke 10:1–12, 17–20	Morning: Pss. 122; 149 Evening: Pss. 100; 63 Ezra 4:7, 11–24 or Jer. 44:1–14 Philem. 1–25 Matt. 12:33–42	
Monday, October 21	Sunday, October 27	
Morning: Pss. 57; 145 Evening: Pss. 85; 47 Jer. 44:1–14 or Jer. 29:1, 4–14 1 Cor. 15:30–41 Matt. 11:16–24	Morning: Pss. 108; 150 Evening: Pss. 66; 23 Hag. 1:1–2:9 or Jer. 44:15–30 Acts 18:24–19:7 Luke 10:25–37	
Tuesday, October 22	Monday, October 28	
Morning: Pss. 54; 146 Evening: Pss. 28; 99 Lam. 1:1–5 (6–9) 10–12 or Jer. 40:7–41:3 1 Cor. 15:41–50 Matt. 11:25–30	Morning: Pss. 62; 145 Evening: Pss. 73; 9 Zech. 1:7–17 or Jer. 45:1–5 Rev. 1:4–20 Matt. 12:43–50	
Wednesday, October 23	Tuesday, October 29	
Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 125; 91 Lam. 2:8–15 or Jer. 41:4–18 1 Cor. 15:51–58 Matt. 12:1–14	Morning: Pss. 12; 146 Evening: Pss. 36; 7 Ezra 5:1–17 or Lam. 1:1–5 (6–9) 10–12 Rev. 4:1–11 Matt. 13:1–9	



**SEPTEMBER'S FAMILY FUN
NIGHT WAS A MEXICAN FIESTA!**

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		¹ 2pm-Bible Study - Lounge ² 6-8pm-Girl Scouts-Lounge ³ 7-9pm Harmony Town Board Meeting-Lounge		⁴ 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	⁵	
<i>6 World Communion Sunday</i>		⁷ 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	⁸ 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall	⁹ 10	¹¹ 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	¹² 9:30am-Choir Practice
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