



Reedurban Presbyterian Church

Our dwelling place has been with the Lord for 89 Years of Ministry

Reedurban OCTOBER 2015 Newsletter



PEACEMAKING OPPORTUNITES!

Sunday, September 27: *International Peacemaker With Us*

6:30pm *“Our Ministry with Women and Children”*

Rev. Berthe Nzeba, Presbyterian minister
Democratic Republic of Congo
General Secretary, Women and Families Department
Protestant Church of Christ in Congo

Mrs. Christi Boyd, Mission Co-Worker PCUSA
Democratic Republic of Congo

Reception to Follow in Fellowship Hall
(Pie and coffee and informal conversation)

Sunday, October 4: *World Communion Sunday*

Service of the Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion
10:30AM, in the sanctuary

Hymns, prayers, message celebrating our unity in Christ

Receiving the 2015 *Peace and Global Witness Offering*



Dear Friends,

The newsletter this month is full of information and opportunities to be about **peacemaking**. An invitation to participate in conversations with our Presbytery's *International Peacemakers* is offered on Sunday evening, September 27, right here in our Reedurban church building. *Rev. Berthe Nzemba and Mrs. Christi Boyd of the Democratic Republic of the Congo* will be with us for a program on the peacemaking they are part of in Africa. Then on Sunday, Oct. 4, as we gather around our Lord's table and celebrate World Communion, we will receive the *Peace and Global Witness Offering*.

For the last year, in worship, in small group conversations and through an intentional study opportunity, we have been considering "*How to Talk About Tough Issues*." There sure are a lot of tough issues in our society and in the world that impact our life together. Our calling and goal is to live together as the peaceable family of God and witness in our words and deeds to the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Savior. It is an *outward* journey of faith as we encounter many different people and issues day by day. It is also an *inward* journey of faith, including prayerful reflection.

I came upon a story from the Native American tradition that speaks powerfully to the inward faith journey to which God calls us:

An old Cherokee was teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil, full of anger, envy, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. . . The other is good, full of joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith. This same fight is going on inside you and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee replied simply, "The one you feed."

As we enter into the presence of God in our "prayer closets" may we listen to God speak healing, nourishing words of mercy and love to our hearts. Then as we worship and work together in Jesus' name may we increasingly become the beloved community through which our Lord can bless the world.

Peace,
Lynn

Peace and Global Witness Offering

In too many places around the world, peace is merely a hope. Conflicts between nations, peoples, and ideas put peace at risk everywhere. As we receive a special offering for peacemaking, we recognize that too many people live in situations that are both unsettled and unjust.

Our gifts to the Peace and Global Witness offering work to address these deep-seated problems by supporting efforts to inspire, equip, and connect Presbyterians engaging in the ministries of reconciliation and peace around the world. Through missions, work projects and education, we witness to the peace of Christ for our sisters and brothers as they face some of the greatest challenges of our time.

Please give generously to this special offering. Remember that 25% of the total received stays in the our congregation to be invested in peacemaking activities in the local community.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

Jesus

Do You Have “Dolls from other lands?”

On *World Communion Sunday* as we gather around the Communion Table remembering that we are part of a *world-wide Church*, we would like to represent our unity-in-diversity by displaying “*Dolls from other lands*.” In the chancel of the sanctuary, around the Table, we would like to place dolls that are representative of peoples and nations across the globe.

If you have a doll that you would be willing to display, *please bring it to the church on or before Sunday, October 4.* We want all the children of God, and especially the youngest ones, to see and be part of the service and help with the display. Thank you for any contribution you can make. We will take good care of it!

“Sharing Our Ministry and Mission”

During the fall worship will include reports about the various ministries that our Session Teams, Deacons, and various groups carry out. In addition, new ministries that are in the works will be introduced and several members will share their personal testimonies as to why they support the mission of the church.

Don Peel and Carol Kaufmann started the series by reflecting on our mission statement, “Glorifying God, Making Disciples, Meeting Human Needs.” They asked us to consider how each of us is contributing to our common mission in our daily lives. “Let’s get a discussion going!” they challenged us. Sounds like a good conversation for disciples of Jesus Christ.

The International Order of St. Luke, the Physician An Ecumenical Ministry of Christian Healing

“And he called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to perform healing. And departing, they began going out among the villages, preaching and gospel, and healing the sick.” (Luke 9:1-6)

Every Christian has, at some point, wrestled in prayer against the illness of a friend, loved one, or themselves. We long to witness healing such as Christ himself performed when he walked the earth. Christ said that we would do greater things than he did; but we were never meant to do them alone, and we need the power of the Holy Spirit for healing and wholeness.

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician is an ecumenical organization dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. Members are volunteers committed to Jesus Christ as God, the son who heals and proclaims wholeness today. OSL is an organization of faith, prayer and service with chapters throughout the world. Members come from many backgrounds and experience, including medical professionals lay people and clergy devoted to bringing this ministry to all who need physical, spiritual or emotional healing.

Several members of our congregation have been involved as members of the Order of St. Luke and as new interested participants seeking to learn and grow and serve through the organization. Lori Waibel first got involved through a Presbyterian Church during the time she and Paul lived in Florida and she has completed the training. Since then, Paul Waibel has also spent time and energy to investigate and complete the program. Tim and Lynn Shetzer are the newest participants and attended a service and meeting of the West Shore Chapter in Avon Lake in August. The hope is to establish a chapter in Stark County and reach out to the local community with services and programs of healing and wholeness.

More information and opportunities to learn about the Order of St. Luke and the healing ministry of Jesus will be coming in the weeks and months ahead.



Stewardship through the end of August of \$86,284 is \$5,366 less than expenses of \$91,650. Total income for the same period of \$90,882 is \$768 less than expenses.

Submitted by: *Rick Lichtenwalter*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting held on September 20th for the purpose of electing Dwight Newsom to fill the unexpired session term of Pat Smith. If the way be cleared, Dwight will also be installed on the 20th.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Fall into good habits this autumn! Follow these few tips and have a safe and healthy season.

1. Take steps to prevent the flu. Get your flu shot and carry hand sanitizer.
2. Have a safe and healthy Halloween.
3. Replace carbon monoxide and smoke alarm batteries twice a year.
4. Practice food safety by washing hands and keeping surfaces clean. Cook all foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate leftovers promptly.
5. Be prepared for cold weather and get furnace cleaned. Using space heaters and fireplaces can increase risk of household fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.
6. Don't drink and drive.
7. Washing hands is one of the most important things to do to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.
8. Prevent back injuries by standing upright while raking leaves and pull from your arms and legs.
9. Be prepared for sudden drop in temperatures, and keep a sweater or jacket in your car at all times.

Be sure your blood pressure is within normal range. Remember hypertension, (high blood pressure) is known as the "silent killer". Join us at a blood pressure screening at the community dinners Tuesday, September 29, 2015 and October 27, 2015 from 4 PM to 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: *Gwen Weston*



DEACONS' MINISTRY

For the month of October we will be collecting personal items (shampoo, shower soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.) for the **Giving Tree**. They may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

WIENER ROAST – Please come and join us for our Deacon sponsored Wiener Roast on Sunday, September 20th and have fun with everyone. This is our time to relax and have fun as summer is winding down. It starts at 5:30 p.m. at the church. We will provide the hot dogs, chips, s'mores and drink. Bring your lawn chairs and plan to have a good time.

Submitted by: *Mary Kay Cutlip*



The Sunday children's education program resumed on September 13th.

Teachers:	September 20 th	Mary Kay Cutlip
	September 27 th	Paula Bracken
	October 4 th	Darlene Mock
	October 11 th	Debbie Anderson
	October 18 th	Mary Kay Cutlip
	October 25 th	Paula Bracken

Submitted by: *Darlene Mock*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School started a new year on September 13th at 9:15 a.m. All adults are encouraged to join us. New faces are always welcome!

THE PRESCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

We are currently at capacity. We have one room of 3 year olds and one room of Pre K. The children and the teachers were very excited to get started learning about each other. Our focus this month is on social skills and healthy habits. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Thank you to Sue Larke for making us new signs. We can't wait to get them up!

Tricia Conner and Reta Hale

Reminder: For safety reasons no one will be permitted to use the back entrance or go beyond the partition from 8:30 to noon Monday – Thursday while they are in operation. Thanks for your cooperation.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and help during my recent surgery. I also want to thank Rev. Shetzer for all her visits and prayers; they were very helpful in my recovery.

Dave Wright

A special thanks to Gloria Perrin for the wonderful donation to the food cupboard. At Gloria's 90th birthday party she had asked her guest to bring a non-perishable item that would be given to our Food Cupboard. What a wonderful help that was to our pantry. Thank you again Gloria.

Special thanks to all those who helped in watering over the last several months. The flowers flourished not only due to the watering but also to the special care and expertise from John and Margaret. Thanks again to all!

Thanks to the Christian Education Ministry Team

Our Christian educators have been meeting and planning for the resuming of the Sunday School program for children and adults. On September 13, both programs resumed, and children's Church School teachers were commissioned. Sincere thanks to Pam Baxter, Paula Bracken, Mary Kay Cutlip, Katie Hinson, Wendy Lichtenwalter, and Darlene Mock for their love and dedication to share their faith and teach the children.

Gratitude and blessings go out to Pat Smith who has served as the chair of Christian Education for several years. She has been a faithful servant of Jesus Christ as she worked with teachers and others to enable our educational program. We will miss her as she moves to be closer to family in South Carolina and we pray every good thing for her as she makes the transition.

Worship (and Music) Ministry Team is a Blessing

Prayerfully considering the order and content of our worship, rehearsing to lead us in music on Sunday mornings, preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion, and decorating the sanctuary are among the important tasks of the Worship Team. Many thanks for jobs well done! The "Carols," Mossor and Kaufmann, co-chair the group.

God bless our faithful musicians for sharing their talents and dedicating themselves to regular rehearsals. It's great to have the choir back, with Chuck and Margaret in their leadership roles!

REEDURBAN'S SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

is open to anyone who would like to grow in their faith in the company of loving Christians.

Belayers – meet on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room (*Check the calendar for meeting dates.*) Any questions, please contact Chuck Blackstone at 330-936-3534.

Friends Bible Study – This group of women meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Blue Fig restaurant. They have breakfast and study the Bible. For more information, contact Mary Kay Cutlip at 740-275-6962.

Seekers – meet every other Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. at Woodlawn Village Club House. If you would like more information, please call Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316.

Pathfinders - meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the church Conference Room. For more information, please contact Wendy Lichtenwalter at 330-833-3564.

Sowers – meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the church. For more information, please contact Don and Jackie Peel at 330-877-8745.

Men's Breakfast Group – meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Main Street Grill located inside Buehler's. Any questions, please call Jack Robinson at 330-837-8217.

Merry Knitters – meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, please come and someone will teach you. Any questions, please call Mary Kay Cutlip at 740-275-6962.

OPPORTUNITIES IN OCTOBER FOR GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Community Dinner

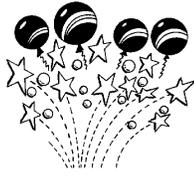
The Men's Breakfast Group holds their free monthly "Community Dinner" on the last Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Our next dinner will be on Tuesday, September 29th. We offer the blood pressure screenings during that time as well. If you know of anyone that is in need of a hot meal, please invite them to come. All are welcome. Contact Jack Robinson at 330-837-8217 or Dave Weston at 330-879-2504 if you have any questions.

Submitted by: *Jack Robinson*



The men from the Community Dinner are looking for some helpers. If you can spare some time from 4 – 6:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month, please sign up on the sheet located on the shelf in the Narthex. It would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact either Dave Weston 330-8879-2504 or Don Peel 330-877-8745.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



2 nd	David Weston
5 th	Bill Bowen
6 th	Ron Catlett
	Victoria Ann Nist
8 th	David Wright
11 th	Jim Van Etten
14 th	Annette Rinehart
15 th	Annabelle (Doubrava) Fulks
16 th	Sandy (Van Etten) Fisher
19 th	Alexis Crawford
20 th	John Steiner
22 nd	Tristen Parker
25 th	Michael Scarpino
26 th	Ray Lockaby
27 th	Robert Hookey
29 th	Charlene Herrod
	Cole Weston
31 st	Matthew Lockaby

Newsletter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the **NOVEMBER** newsletter is **OCTOBER 15th**. Please have your articles to Cheryl Robinson (330-837-8217) (e-mail: car929@aol.com) or to the church office by then. The mailbox is located outside the office door.

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

4 th	Thomas & Dalpne Thornburg
11 th	Gary & Elaine Steinbach
18 th	Dave & Barb Wright
25 th	Ron & Marge Merrin

Greeters will be provided with a name badge to wear while greeting. Before you go home, please be sure to leave that badge on the counter in the Narthex.

For more information on being a Greeter, please contact Pam Baxter at 330-477-3389.

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

4 th	Bill & Dorothy Bowen in celebration of Bill's birthday
11 th	Don & Jackie Peel in celebration of their 19 th wedding anniversary
18 th	OPEN
25 th	Mary Lou Upton

LIKE TO SING? - THINK CHOIR!

Have you ever considered being in the choir? Now would be a great time to give it a try! The Choir practices on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. Come and lift your voice with the others; they would love to have you. If you have any questions, please talk to either Margaret or Chuck. They would be happy to talk to you.

God Bless,



September 20 th	Pam Baxter
September 27 th	Pat Smith
October 4 th	Pam Baxter
October 11 th	Pat Smith
October 18 th	Lois Pinhard
October 25 th	Pat Smith

Ray Dodds (Hospitality House)
Phyllis Greene (Laurels of Massillon)
Marge Showers (Hanover House)
Dorothy Carpenter
Gloria Perrin
Nadine Regula
Jim Trimmer

The Crib Room is for children under age 4. Helpers, subs or even a regular are always needed in the Crib Room. If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please trade with someone on the list or call Darlene Mock at 330-809-0133.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you call the office and we are not in, please leave a message on the machine and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers meet here on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Anyone who is a widow or widower is invited to join the group. You are asked to please bring a covered dish to share. They would love to have you join them.

LITURGIST SIGN-UP

The liturgist sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office for the months of October and November. If you are interested, please sign your name. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Kaufmann at 330-546-7316.

CHATTY CRAFTERS

Chatty Crafters will meet on October 6th at 9:00 a.m. We welcome new members and "service projects." We hope you enjoyed your summer.

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Class of 2016

Class of 2017:

Vice-Moderator: Lori Waibel

Thomas Thornburg

Lori Waibel

Katie Hinson

Lois Pinhard

Pam Baxter

Linda Radsick

Heike Townsend

Renate White

Sue Larke

Margaret Whitacre

Mary Kay Cutlip

John Whitacre

Our Vision Statement Is:

"To Glorify God, Make Disciples and Meet Human Needs."

Our Mission Statement is:

*The Reedurban Presbyterian Church is a **caring family** of Christians who **invite Jesus Christ** our Lord and Savior **to come in and control** our lives **through the Holy Spirit**. We **receive directions from and follow the teachings of God** in the scriptures. We **worship and teach** in a way that **nurtures, inspires, and encourages** members and friends through the Word of God. We **commit ourselves to grow** together in Christ by **servicing one another, our church, our community and our world**.*