



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



This week I saw the opening night of The Voice television show. A young 13-year old wowed the judges with her audition, so much so that she received a four-chair turn (It doesn't get better than this)! She then had the privilege of singing *I Am Changing* with Jennifer Hudson, one of her idols. Whether you saw Jennifer Holiday sing that song in Dream Girls on Broadway or watched the movie version with Jennifer Hudson, this song is everything! Interestingly, while people like the song about changing and the idea of changing, most don't actually like or want to change. And yet, change is required if we are ever to see and do new and different things. This is true in the world and this is truer still in the church.

If you've been around this summer, you noticed that I deviated from the lectionary. Additionally, more recently, you will have noticed that I've incorporated a sung Prayer of Confession and a passing of the peace. These changes are minor and I truly hope will enhance our worship experience, but they are changes. Some expressed their overall enjoyment of the Faith that we Sing Sermon Series, for others perhaps, it was challenging and they pined for the lectionary readings. While there are some who loved the new sung confession, others perhaps haven't enjoyed the sung confession and want a more traditional prayer. These slight changes are invitations; they are invitations to step outside of the land of familiar and to try on something new.

Any first step to changing requires taking a good long look in the mirror and assessing what you see, the good, the bad, the challenging. Recently, our Session was given the opportunity to do just that. We began the month of September by participating in a retreat. The retreat was animal themed, which was a fun way of learning about ourselves, as well as one another. Amongst other things, the Elders were asked to look at who we are as a church? In so doing, they were asked to consider the world of peacocks, cows, elephants, dinosaurs, squirrels and even road kill. They were then asked to name the things about our church that makes [us] proud as a peacock, what the sacred cows are- the things that we treat as that which cannot be "messed with" in our church. We also discussed the Elephant in the Room, the issues that need to be acknowledged and discussed but that we are afraid to tackle. The Dinosaur was an interesting conversation for through it, we learned what people feel is extinct or needs to die in order to move forward. We paid a little attention to the Squirrels, the distractions that are keeping us from our task (s) and lastly we looked at Road kill, which was an opportunity to name and embrace our church's epic failures. We also spent a little time discussing our core values, and even naming things we appreciated about other members of the session, and discovering our animal personality traits.

This was a fun and silly way to get at some important information that will go a long way in enabling us to consider, the letting go of some things and the addition of newer programs and/or initiatives. It is my hopes that in the days ahead, as we begin to think about, move towards and actually initiate new programs, we will be better equipped to let go of ones that are no longer serving us so that we can make way for the newer ones that perhaps will.

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 ESV*

### The Pastor's Schedule:

Pastor Virginia will be in the office Monday through Thursday. She is available for appointments or drop in hours from 9:00 until 12:00. The office number is 844-8321, her cell number is 857-312-7605. Her email address is [pastorviriniadrydenpres@gmail.com](mailto:pastorviriniadrydenpres@gmail.com). If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church or send her an email. She checks the church email often.



### Church Information

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Pastor Virginia Coakley (844-8321)

Clerk of Session: John Scott (844-9206)

The Church Office Administrator is Arlene Krebs; she can be reached at 844-8321 or email: [drydenpresoffice@gmail.com](mailto:drydenpresoffice@gmail.com)

Co-chairs of Deacons: Karen Cotterill (844-9789)  
and Linda Nydam (708-4210)

Funeral Director: Brad Perkins (844-8161)

Webmaster and Sound Technician: Frank Brackin - ([fbrackin@me.com](mailto:fbrackin@me.com))

Federal privacy regulations prevent hospitals from giving out the names of people who have been admitted. That means that the Pastor may not be aware that someone in our church family is in the hospital and would like a visit. Please call the church office (844-8321) and let us know if a church member or friend been hospitalized.



We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves.



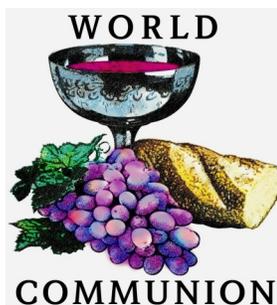
**Sermons on the DPC web site:** Thanks to Frank Brackin, you can now listen to sermons on our website. Go to <http://www.drydenpres.com>; click on "Listen to Worship." If possible, drop Frank an email, letting him know that you visited and that the recording worked. ([fbrackin@me.com](mailto:fbrackin@me.com)).

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please contact: [drydenpresoffice@gmail.com](mailto:drydenpresoffice@gmail.com).

If you are receiving this newsletter by e-mail or mail and would like to be removed from the list, please call the church office.

## October at a glance!

*October 7 World Communion*



*October 8 Columbus Day*

*October 14 Holy-Ween*



*and Coffee Hour*

*October 20 High Tea at noon*



*October 21 Pastor Stuart Rogers Preaching*

*October 24 United Nations Day*



"The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley  
lives to serve and encourage congregations  
as we together seek to be faithful  
in our calling to Jesus Christ."



# Christian Education



## TALKING ABOUT JESUS AT HOME

Help Sheets for Parents to Discuss Christ with their Kids

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### THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION:

## How do we practice FAIRNESS?

### FAIRNESS:

*making judgments that are free from discrimination*

### Scripture

*You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. You shall not fall in with the many to do evil*  
-- Exodus 23:1-2

### Quote

*Treating others with fairness and dignity is the "rain" that helps them to grow and be fruitful.* -- Anonymous

### Discussion #1:

A famous saying is, "Fairness is not everyone getting the same thing; fairness is everyone getting what they need." Being fair, how should you feel if a friend gets something that you don't have, even if you've wanted it? Being happy for others may take practice! Imagine your friends getting things you wanted, and say aloud how happy you are. (Philippians 4:19)

### Discussion #2:

Some Bible verses are surprising. Exodus 23:3 says, "Do NOT show favoritism to a poor person in a court of law." Why would it be considered unfair to do favors for the poor in a court? Does that mean we should not give to the poor in other circumstances? (Exodus 23:2-3)



----- Cut-outs for lunchboxes, refrigerator posts, jacket pockets and mirrors! -----

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# Christian Education

## Christian Education News:

Sunday School classes are underway. Thanks to our dedicated teaching staff:  
PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Dan and Brenda Carpenter, with Kai Riggs as Special Assistant  
Junior/Senior High: MJ Uttech, with help from Chuck Uttech, Michelle Brackin and Mary Hicks  
Nursery Care during the service: Julie Cooper

*There will be no youth Sunday School on November 25 and December 30.*

### HOLY-ween event on Oct. 14

October is a time for dressing up and pretending for a short time that you are your favorite character or hero, and who doesn't love to dress up? Families - young and old - are invited to don a robe and props from the "closet" of items provided and have their picture taken on October 14, during the coffee hour. A backdrop of Nazareth and life size animals will be provided in the Sanctuary. Your picture will be taken, and then a copy emailed to the address you provide. Special treats will be provided to all youth who participate. Join the fun and bring a friend!

### LIVE Nativity

We have been asked to provide a Live Nativity for the festivities in and around town for the annual Tree Lighting on December 1. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please share them with Dan Carpenter. It would be wonderful to have our church represented during this celebration, and a Live Nativity fulfills our mission in sharing the word and love of Christ with the world. We need helpers to make this happen - especially with staging, sound, logistics. Please consider lending a hand.



## Talking About God at Home:

Each month we will feature a different topic for parents to use as a guide to keep the conversation, including God, alive at home during the week. Check out this month's topic on "Fairness". Schedules change once the kids are back at school - talking with your kids about how God looks at treating others fairly is timely! You can even use the lunch-box reminders as a great tool to send along with them as a gentle reminder in the middle of the day about God's love and care for them. Have fun and talk about God at home! We look forward to seeing your children on Sunday.

Please see the corresponding page.



# Good Deeds and Meeting Needs



## The Weekend Backpack Program

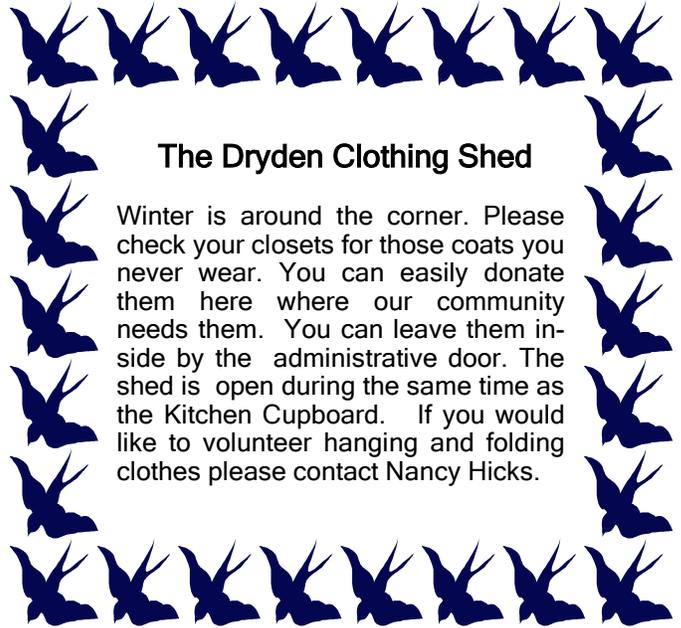
*During October WEB is collecting :*

### 100% juice boxes

which can be left in the designated boxes in the back hall of the administrative wing or the fellowship hall caring corner bins.

Remember, any small, lightweight, shelf stable foods are welcome.

If you are unfamiliar with the Weekend Backpack (WEB) Program that is based at Dryden Presbyterian, here are the details. Each Friday the WEB provides nutritious snacks, soups, sandwich makings, etc. to 60 Dryden school children who have been identified as being at risk of hunger on the weekends, when they are at home. The items are sorted, and packed at our church, then transported to the school and put in the children's backpacks every Friday that school is in session. We have to thank the young people of the George Junior Republic for their enthusiastic, energetic help transporting the food up and down stairs, and sorting, counting and packing it into the bags which are taken to the schools. And we thank you for your generous support of this program.



## The Dryden Clothing Shed

Winter is around the corner. Please check your closets for those coats you never wear. You can easily donate them here where our community needs them. You can leave them inside by the administrative door. The shed is open during the same time as the Kitchen Cupboard. If you would like to volunteer hanging and folding clothes please contact Nancy Hicks.



## Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you to all who brought in such beautiful flowers this past summer and fall. Sanctuary flowers remind us that our Lord delights in His Creation!

## Kitchen Cupboard

Thank you to all the volunteers that help in the Kitchen Cupboard. You all are God's hands helping in the feeding of the people. The Kitchen Cupboard receives generous donations of canned goods and fresh vegetables, while financial donations enable the purchase of other necessities: bread, milk and meat. Thank you to all who faithfully fill KC's shelves month after month. You are making a difference!

## Finance and Facilities

January through August Operating Results					
	2017 Actual	2018 vs 2017	2018 Actual	Actual vs Budget	2018 Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$ 87,340	\$ 12,871	\$ 100,211	\$ 5,704	\$ 94,507
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>64,198</u>	<u>46,347</u>	<u>110,545</u>	<u>17,164</u>	<u>93,381</u>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	23,142	(33,476)	(10,334)	(11,460)	1,126
<b>Net Change in Designated Reserves</b>	<u>23,142</u>	<u>(37,891)</u>	<u>(14,749)</u>	<u>(17,016)</u>	<u>2,267</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<u>\$ (0)</u>	\$ 4,415	<u>\$ 4,415</u>	\$ 5,556	<u>\$ (1,141)</u>

### Operating Results:

Pledge, non-pledge and plate receipts for 8 months ended August continue to be ahead of last year. Non-pledge and plate are also ahead of the budget, however YTD pledge receipts are behind budget. We hope that gap will narrow as fall has arrived. Expenses are running ahead of budget as a result of three non-budgeted items: (a) moving expenses for our new pastor which are being covered with funds reserved for that purpose from the 2016 surplus, (b) installation of the new floor in the Fellowship Hall, which is being covered by part of the Armenia Williams bequest, memorial funds and a \$500 gift from Presbyterian Women and (c) purchase of a new computer for the pastor's office, which is being covered by current operating income.

### Blue Jeans Sunday:

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> has been designated as Blue Jeans Sunday (Rain Date Nov 11<sup>th</sup>). Please come to Church in your "Sunday best" blue jeans. We'll have a light lunch after the morning service and then enjoy fellowship as we clean up the building & grounds in preparation for winter. A sign-up list for various projects will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Hopefully we will see you on the 4<sup>th</sup> but if you are busy that day, feel free to work on your project some other day before the 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring rakes, tarps, blowers or whatever tools that you might need. Thanks So Much!

### Stewardship Sunday:

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> has been designated as Stewardship Sunday. Please look for a letter to arrive in the latter half of October which will include a tentative budget for 2019 and a pledge card. It would be very helpful if you could please return your card by Stewardship Sunday.

### Roof:

Early in September, several sections of the Church roof were re-shingled and the dormer on the back of the Administrative Building was re-coated to protect against UV deterioration. The work was completed by Austin Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$19,550. Had the entire roof been done, the estimated cost would have been in the area of \$60,000, however all three contractors that bid on the roof felt that the remaining areas are currently in good shape. The project was paid for with a very generous \$5,000 gift from one of our members and the balance from the Capital Reserve. **Thanks Bob Watros and Joyce Day for coordinating this important project.** If anybody is interested in helping to replenish the Capital Reserve, please write "Church Roof" in the memo section of your check.

### Telephone & Internet:

Two years ago, when Spectrum acquired Time Warner, our Church internet service was switched from Residential to Business, resulting in a significant increase in cost. As a result, we switched the internet to Frontier and enjoyed a reduction in cost... *for the first year.* However, the honeymoon was short-lived as our monthly cost for phone & internet skyrocketed from \$140/mo. to \$266/mo. (would be over \$300/mo. starting in the third year - *ouch!*). Meanwhile, the Frontier internet service was sketchy at best. So, in September we switched both internet & telephone to Spectrum. Pastor V. and Arlene report that internet service has greatly improved and the monthly price has dropped from \$266 to \$110. After the first year promotions expire, the monthly price should be about \$150.

### Other Facility Projects Recently Completed:

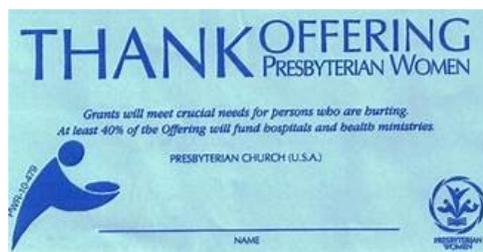
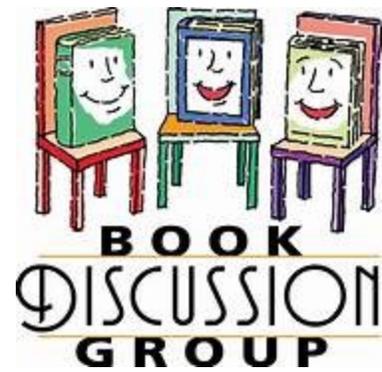
Piers Bramham installed the air conditioner in the Library - a great relief for those meeting there during some of the hot summer days. Chuck Uttech repaired the exterior trim around the south entrance to the Sanctuary which was buckling and falling off. Frank Brackin found a great deal, purchased and installed a new version of Adobe Acrobat PDF writer for our Administrative Assistant. The old version was obsolete and would no longer work with Windows 10. Dave Parsons replaced the failed security light at the back entrance to the Administrative Building with a new light that is motion activated - really needed as evenings are getting dark earlier. Thanks Chuck, Dave, Frank & Piers - **and everyone else who we missed** - for your recent assistance.

## Book Discussion

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion Group  
October 3rd  
Everyone Welcome!

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6-7:30 pm.  
First Wednesday of the month.  
Light Supper Provided.

The book this month is  
*"Everything Happens for a Reason.. And other Lies I've Loved"*  
By Kate Bowler



### Offering Thanks through the Thank Offering

The Thank Offering, sponsored by Presbyterian Women, provides an opportunity for us to acknowledge our gratitude for the special blessings—known and unknown—in their lives.

There will be envelopes in the October 21st and 28th worship bulletin for those who wish to contribute to this year's PW Thank Offering (a PCUSA seasonal offering).  
Gretchen Young, PW Contact Person.

### Sponsor a Prayer Shawl

Our Prayer Shawls have become a ministry of love and comfort to many people who are experiencing surgery, illness or the loss of a loved one. Dozens have been given and we now have a regular prayer shawl knitting/crocheting group that meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Yarn for a prayer shawl costs from \$16 to \$25. If you do not knit or crochet but would like to support this wonderful ministry, please make out a check to Dryden Presbyterian Church, marked "Prayer Shawls"



## Deacon Ministry

Deacon Sunday will be in October. Please look for the Deacon Offering envelopes in future bulletins.

Quilters!  
If you love to sew and quilt, the quilt group meets the second and the fourth Tuesdays of the month. Please join us at 10:00 a.m., here at the church!



### My Brother's Keeper Sleeping Bag Group – volunteers needed!

Brother's Keeper is an ecumenical group of workers meeting in the Dryden Methodist Church fellowship hall. This is a mission of making sleeping bags for the homeless. Donations of cloth, ties and small toiletries are accepted. Any questions? Contact Joyce Church 607-708-8077 or Kathie Chadwick 607-539-7609.  
The first meeting this fall is October 13, 10-3pm.



*You are invited to a High  
Tea Party  
given by Church Life and  
Presbyterian Women,  
Saturday, October 20th,  
12:00 noon.  
Please sign the attendance  
sheet provided in the  
Social Room.*



**T**here's always room in the **choir loft** for a few more, so please come sing with us! (You'll have a lot of fun, too!)

We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:30—but don't hesitate to join us, even if you can't get to every rehearsal. The only requirement is a desire to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." For more information talk to choir director Scott Miller. Or just come to a rehearsal.

### Newsletter Articles

Please have announcements for the November newsletter in the church office by **8:00 a.m. Monday, October 22nd.**



### Save the Dates!

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**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

### November 4 - Blue Jeans Sunday

Our annual Blue Jeans Sunday will be held on November 4th (rain date November 11th). Wear your work clothes to church and stay for a light lunch (please sign up in the fellowship hall so we'll know how many to plan for). After lunch, grab a rake or a leaf blower and help move the leaves to the street for collection. Last year we got an amazing amount done, and had fun in the process!

Can't be there on the 4th? There are other jobs that can be done at your convenience; just check the signup sheet in the fellowship hall and sign up for a task or two.

So bring the whole family along with rakes, gas leaf blowers, tarps and any other equipment you think we'll need.



# Celebrations and Congratulations



Bryon and Nancy Newbury  
10/27/62



♥ October ♥  
Birthday Month!

Mary Hicks 7  
Christi LaPlant 9  
Lee Ann Parker 9  
Kathi White 16  
Chris Baurle 17  
Piers Bramham 19  
Brian Cooper 20  
Christopher Taylor 21  
Darcy Riggs 23

## Autumn Wakes

Autumn wakes with crispy breath  
That foretells the power in the hand of death,  
That will quilt the sky with a pewter cloud  
And with a clap of thunder, deep and loud.

An early promise of leaves so bright  
Will fade to skeletal trees o'er night.  
The mist that haunts the hill with frost  
Warns the Summer days are lost.

Across the country the scenery  
Fades to rustic forestry.  
The harvest's passed, no cupboard bare,  
Bonfires resurrect everywhere.

But in the midst of a cooling breeze,  
A prayer of thanks shifts through the trees,  
For God has given His time of grace  
And left His blessings in this place.

Man's response of a simple prayer  
Is to thank God for His loving care,  
That will shelter him as seasons go  
And Winter shrouds us white with snow.

Nancy Watson Dodrill

Coffee Hour is October 14th. Please stay after church and enjoy coffee and snacks. This month there is a fun dress-up activity called Holy-ween.



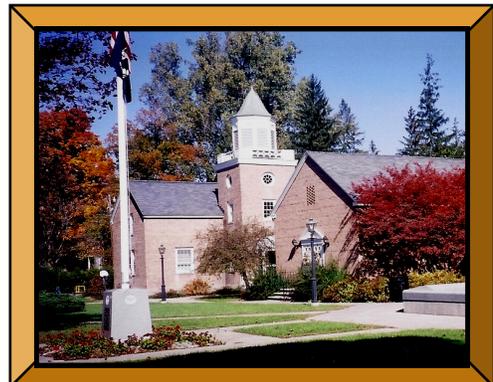
Thank you to all who  
helped with our annual  
Rummage Sale!

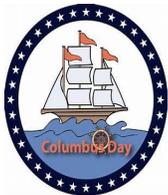
Thank you to all who donated  
canned soup to the Week-End  
Backpack Program (WEB)  
In the month of September.



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Do you have a special celebration coming up or one that took place recently that can be announced in a future newsletter?

Please call (844-8321) or e-mail  
(drydenpresoffice@gmail.com) the church  
office, so your church family can share in the  
celebration.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 KC 11-12	2	3 Book Discussion Group 6:00 KC 5-6	4 Shawl Knitters 1:00 7:00 Choir <b>WEB</b>	5 Church office closed KC 11-12	6
7 Adult Class, Youth Sunday School, Choir 9:30 <b>Worship 10:30</b>  <b>World Communion Church Life Committee 11:30</b>	8  Arlene out of office KC 11-12	9 Quilters 10:00 Finance 7:00	10 Boy Scout Roundtable 7:00 KC 5-6	11 7:00 Choir	12 Church office closed KC 11-12	13
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21 Adult Class, Youth Sunday School, Choir 9:30 <b>Worship 10:30</b> <b>Pastor Stuart Rogers preaching</b> <b>Thank Offering</b>  <b>Pastor Virginia on Study Leave</b>	22 November Newsletter Articles Due KC 11-12	23 Quilters 10:00	24 <b>United Nations Day</b> KC 5-6	25 7:00 Choir	26 Church office closed KC 11-12	27 KC 11-12
28 Adult Class, Youth Sunday School, Choir 9:30 <b>Worship 10:30</b> <b>Thank Offering</b>  <b>Reformation Sunday</b>	29 KC 11-12	30	31  KC 5-6			

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**Join us as we worship the Lord**

**Worship — 10:30 a.m.  
Winter Hours**