

THE REFORMER

“A Family of Grace...Growing in Faith...Sharing God’s Love”

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OCTOBER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 3: *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In the gospel (Mark 10:2-16), Jesus announced the new reality of God’s surprising activity: women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men. Holy Communion will be received.

Sunday, October 10: *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jesus’ conversation with a rich man (Mark 10:17-31) brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable. He tells them that those who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Sunday, October 17: *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

On the way to Jerusalem (Mark 10:35-45) the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

Sunday, October 24: *Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again (Mark 10:46-52). Recognizing Jesus’ identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him “Son of David” in the Gospel of Mark

Sunday, October 31: *Reformation Sunday*

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word (John 8:31-36). He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin. Holy Communion will be received.

NEWS AND NOTES

CONGREGATION COUNCIL – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

The Council will meet at 7:00 via Zoom. Dana Yoder will lead devotions.

WELCA – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

WELCA will meet at 6:30 pm. All ladies are invited to join us.

MOBILE CAFÉ – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

We will prepare and distribute meals at the Hiddenite Food Pantry. Please see Dianne Gwaltney if you can provide individually wrapped desserts or help with the distribution.

MOBILE CAFÉ GOLF TOURNAMENT – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

The sixth annual tournament will be held at Brushy Mountain Golf Club. Start time is 1:00. Cost is \$75 per player, including a box lunch on the cart and door prizes. Contact Mike Richmond (704-880-8292) to register. Contact him also if you would like to sponsor a hole (\$100).

NOMINATIONS FOR CONGREGATION COUNCIL are now being received. If you would like to nominate someone (with their permission, of course) or would like to place your own name on the ballot, please see one of the retiring members: David Honeycutt, Scott Patterson, Darren Price, or Dana Yoder.



PRAYER CONCERNS : Barbara White, Evelyn Hammer, Rachel Shook, Dave Ridenhour, Richard Puett, Richard Byrd, Peggy Polomski, Amy Austin, Ron Fortner, Naomi Allen, Tony Gaines, Troy Watts, Don Kelly, and Jerry Craig.

GIFTS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND/CURRENT FUND

In memory of Stephanie Elaine Schultz
Virgil Schultz

In memory of Helen Rauscher
Phil & Ruth Deal-Lackey

In memory of Mary Wike
Angela Stewart, Bill & Jeanette Johnson

In memory of Pat Fox
Libby Austin, Bill & Jeanette Johnson

In memory of Sibil Mull
Bill & Jeanette Johnson

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Reformation's Congregation Council met on Sunday, September 12, 2021 via Zoom, with nine members were present. Following devotions by Donald Mitchell, Darren Price called the meeting to order. Minutes and Treasurer's Report were reviewed and accepted. Pastor's report was given.

Ministry Team reports were given:

Finance – Team will meet on Tuesday, September 14th to begin work on the 2022 budget.

Facility Use – David and Leslie will check on repairing or replacing the coffee maker in Reformation Hall.

Property – Leslie stated that bushes around the church have been trimmed. A hole was found and a trap was set. Three opossums, a groundhog and a skunk were caught and Kenneth moved them to another location. The hole was filled with concrete.

Worship & Music – Church in the Park was held on Sunday, September 12th with about 25 people in attendance. The return to Sunday worship service in Reformation Hall began on September 5th. The service went well and should help with the possible spread of COVID.

WELCA – Donna reported that WELCA met on Tuesday, September 7th. Members were glad to be back meeting and look forward to continuing on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30.

Old Business: Pastor Craig spoke to someone regarding the Peeler Casey Grant but has not received an answer. Todd Rauscher will begin a Bible study on September 15th via Zoom.

New Business: A portable sound system that Scott could use was discussed. Approximate cost is \$300-\$400. Scott will check on pricing.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Craig.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Eden Patterson
- 3 Noah Mitchell
- 5 Joshua Fox
- 6 Jacob Roseman
- 11 Dolores Parkhurst
- 15 Becky Gaines
- 20 Bill Fox
- 23 Kara Patterson
- 26 Lacey Patterson
- 27 Dana Yoder
- 29 Jerry White
- 30 Bobbi Ferguson

- 15 Pat & Dave Ridenhour
- 19 Blondell & Clay Cline
- 26 Amanda & Anthony Ventura

	Oct 3		Oct 10		Oct 17		Oct 24		Oct 31
FLOWERS	Cherie Millsaps		Peggy Hammer		Blondell Cline		Lacey Patterson		Sherry Lackey
ACOLYTE	Jayden Robinette		Bryant Fox		Anna Ventura		Peyton Price		Leighton Bingham
LAY READERS	Sherry Hart		Donna White		Jan Austin		Dolores Parkhurst		Becky Gaines