

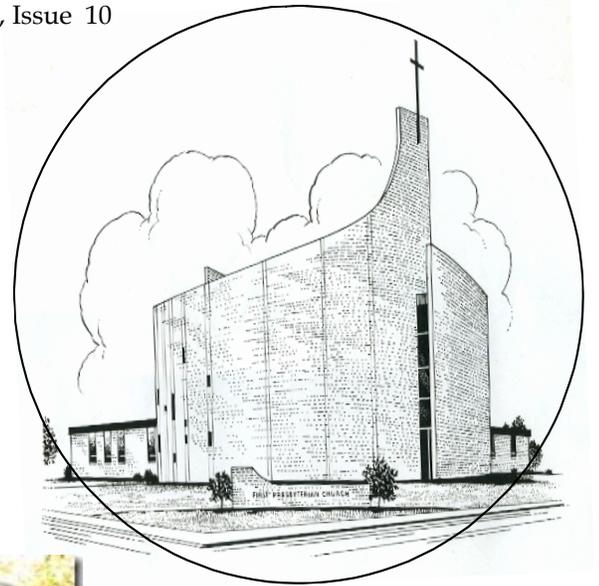
Focus

News of the Community of Faith

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Trunk 'N Treat

October 31 at 6 pm



Halloween falls on a Thursday this year but we had so much fun at our Trunk 'N Treat last year we're doing it again!! Come with your decked-out trunk to give out candy. For extra fun wear your costume! The Fellowship Committee will be serving Frito Pie. Invite your friends and your friends' kids.



Because of Trunk 'N Treat being on a Thursday, we will NOT have WNF on Wednesday, October 30!

Dave's Doodles



“The Holy Catholic Church”

As part of our liturgy, we often remember the words of the Apostles’ Creed, which includes the phrase, “I believe in the holy catholic church,” which for some folks is alarming. After all, we are Presbyterians, right? Not Catholics. What’s this about believing in the Catholic Church?

When I preside at funerals, I usually take a moment to explain this phrase, and we include a short explanation in the bulletin to help folks understand that the word “catholic” means, “broad”, “inclusive”, that sort of thing. Over time, small ‘c’ catholic became capital ‘C’ Catholic, and it lost its inclusive meaning.

Of course, it’s one thing to say that we believe in a broad, inclusive, ‘catholic’ church, but making that happen is a whole different deal. In order to have a catholic church, we need to be intentional about creating relationships and structures that give room for that kind of church to thrive.

And this is one of the things that I believe the Presbyterian Church does really well. We believe in a wider church than just our own individual churches, and in order to give life to this belief, the PC(USA) has organized itself in ways that foster a true sense of dialogue and mutual accountability between the church and the denomination and the world.

One of these ways is in the structures of the church’s councils. As I have said before, any convened council of the church, whether it be the session of a particular church, or a Presbytery, or a Synod, or a General Assembly, must consist of more ‘lay’ people, that is, more non-clergy people than clergy. This ensures two things: 1) that the church doesn’t become a bishopric, led exclusively by religiously trained people that doesn’t necessarily reflect the views and insights of folks who live in the real world, and 2) encourages the participation and leadership of a wide and diverse group of believers from many different parts of society.

Of course, actually putting this ethos into practice is difficult, because people have different ideas about different things. And groups of people have different

ideas about different things. And sometimes, these different ideas are passionately held, and can lead to conflict, which is uncomfortable. But while conflict is hard, it isn't necessarily a bad thing. Sometimes, through conflict, new ideas are heard, and truths are told. While the process is difficult, the end result is worth it.

Now, some of you may be wondering why I thought it might be a good idea to write a treatise on PC(USA) polity for the October Doodles, but hang in there. A wonderful example of what it means to be a connectional church has taken place, and I wanted to put it into context. Our own Dee Rice has been elected Moderator of the Palo Duro Presbytery! She will assume the position in January and will preside over the Presbytery meetings for the next year. It is a huge responsibility, and an incredible honor. When I think back over the last 10 years, and the Moderators I have known, I am struck by their humility, their intelligence, and their love for the church and their Lord. I know that while Dee has some big shoes to fill, she is a perfect choice to lead the Presbytery at this time.

Which brings me to my next point: In order for the church to continue to honor its belief in the importance of wide and inclusive leadership, members of the church must step forward from time to time to lead it. If we abdicate our responsibility, which, let's face it, would be easier, we might as well hand over leadership of the church to a pope.

And while popes are fine, this is not who we are. We are a small 'c' catholic church, and we want to stay that way.

The Nominating Committee of our own local church is looking for the next generation of ruling elders to lead the church and may be approaching you for service. I encourage you to think carefully about what this means. From my standpoint, it means that we are confident that God is calling and equipping you for ministry in this church. This does not mean that you have to be perfect, or rich, or a theologian, or a CEO. It does mean that the church needs folks who believe the ministry of the church is worth continuing, and that we all play a part in it.

Please consider serving your church and your Lord in this important way. Without your participation, the work of the church is diminished, and important ministry is left undone. I encourage all of us to consider carefully our own sense of stewardship and calling, and to look for ways to offer our own talents and gifts for the benefit of all.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mike Craig	Oct 7
Lon Jones	Oct 13
Graham Tirey	Oct 14
Jill Craig	Oct 16
Sharon Morgan	Oct 16
Larry Walter	Oct 20
Taylor Garza	Oct 21
Kevin Adamson	Oct 24
Chase Walter	Oct 31



Whit & Barbara Hunt	Oct 11
Mike & Jill Craig	Oct 23



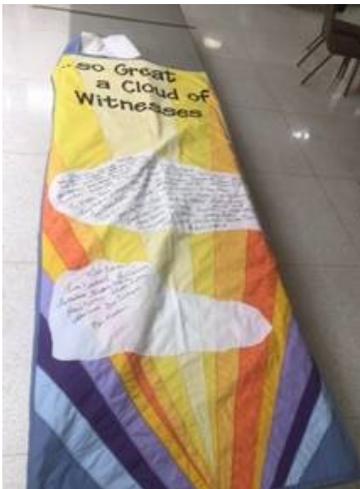
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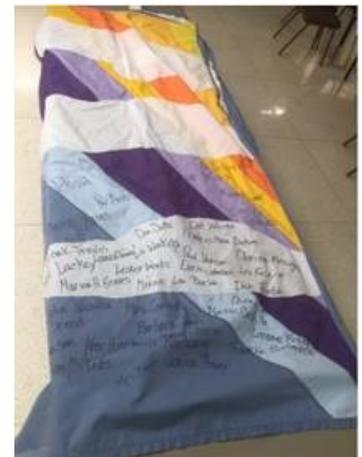


International Potluck

All Saints Day Nov 3



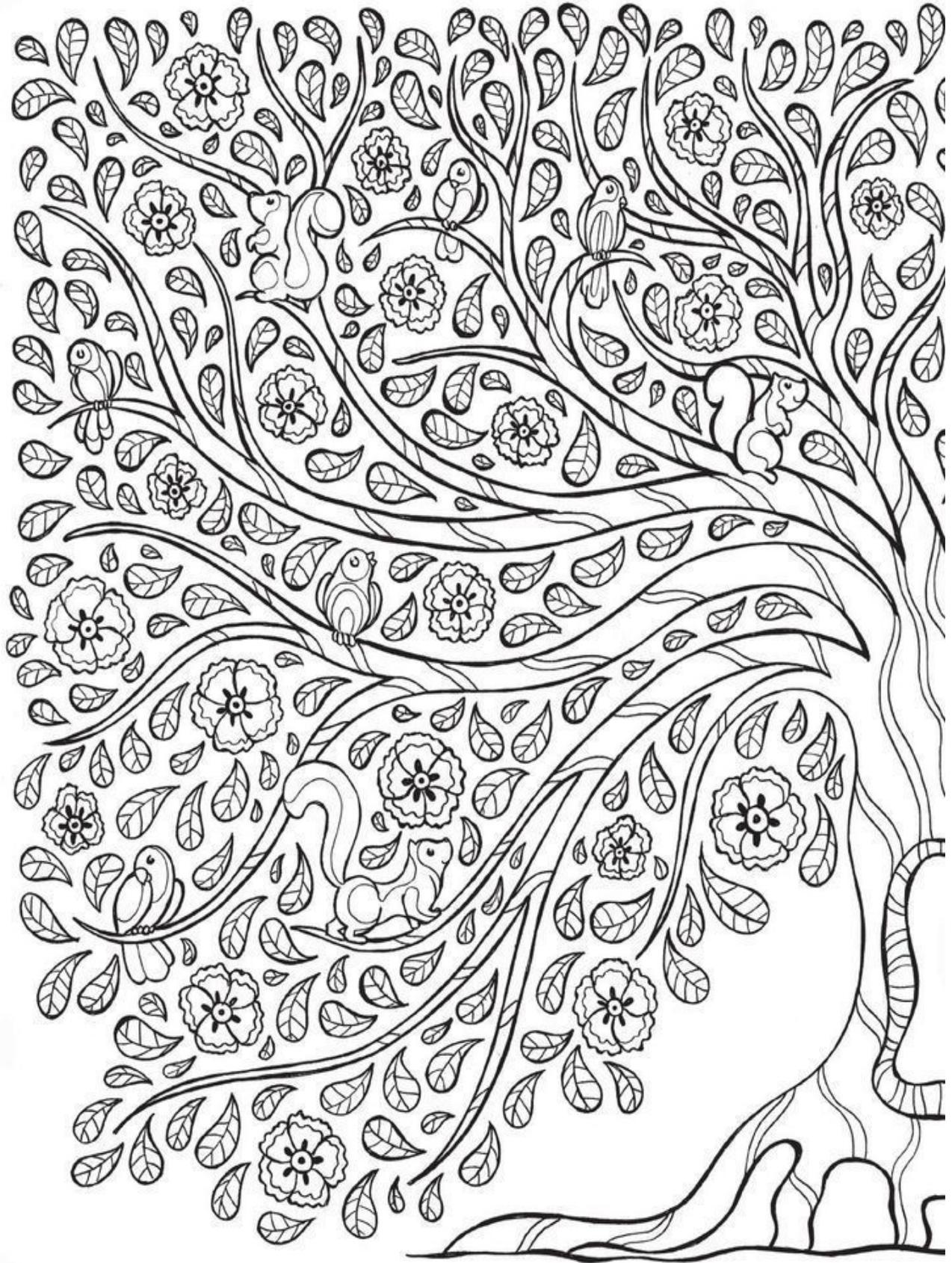
Several years ago, these beautiful banners were made to celebrate the saints of our church. We would like to add more recent names to the banners, and hang them for an All-Saints Day worship service. Please think of who has been a saint to you, or who is currently a saint of the church, and submit the names of a couple people. Send these names to Karen by Oct 27th, so the list can be compiled and added to the banners.



October 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		<p>1</p> <p>6:30 pm – Cub Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11 am – MoW 6 pm – WNF T-Bones 6:45 pm – Band</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am – Worship & Music Committee</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – World Communion & International Potluck Nominating Comm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 pm – Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11 am – MoW 1:30 pm – Naomi Ruth Circle 6 pm – WNF Amazin' Grazin' 6:45 pm – Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8 am – Men's Breakfast 11 am – Community Pet Blessing @ 2nd Saturday</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 pm – Snack Pak4Kids packing 6:30 pm – Cub Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11 am – MoW 6 pm – WNF Disciples 6:45 pm – Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 12:00 pm – Session Pick up FISH bag</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 pm – Cub Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11 am – MoW 6 pm – WNF Groovy Grillers 6:45 pm – Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Noon – 4th Friday Fellowship @ Leal's</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 11:30 am – Congregational Meeting Return FISH bag</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 pm – Cub Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>No WNF! 6:45 pm – Choir</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>6 pm – Trunk 'N Treat w/Frito Pie served</p>		



Community Pet Blessing!

This year our church was invited by the Plainview Downtown Association to have our Pet Blessing downtown as part of the 2nd Saturday festivities. What a wonderful opportunity to minister to the community! We need helpers to greet people, fill water bowls for the dogs, give out gift bags and info on our church, corral animals, etc. A lot of us have our own animals that we would like to have blessed and enter in the parade so I'm hoping we can rotate the helpers. We will put together little baggies during the Potluck on Sunday.

Pet Blessing 11-2
A ministry of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AND
Super-Hero PET PARADE
12:30 @ HALE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ... \$5.00
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO PAWS PET ADOPTION

PLAINVIEW DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION
2ND SATURDAY FESTIVITIES
OCTOBER 12, 2019

3rd Street · Paws Pet Adoption · Plainview · Texas · 75073
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VOLUNTEER

SATURDAY . OCTOBER 12 . 2019

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OCTOBER NEWS TO KNOW

Ushers

Whit Hunt, Richard Morgan,
Gaylan Goddard, Chris Lewellen,
Larry Williams, Mike Craig,
Graham Tirey

October Liturgist

JR Garza

September Attendance

Sept 1	36
Sept 8	40
Sept 15	31
Sept 22	48
Sept 29	33

September Contributions

Sept 1	\$1,924.55
Sept 3 (online)	\$2,130.00
Sept 8	\$4,249.40
Sept 15	\$1,174.26
Sept 22	\$3,215.63
Sept 29	\$ 700.15

Total Income:	\$11,133.86
Total Expenses:	<u>\$12,266.21</u>
	\$-1,132.55

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Be sure to note these important dates and jobs to be done during the month of October

Wednesday Night Fellowship

10/—T-Bones
10/9—Amazin' Grazin'
10/16—Disciples
10/23—Groovy Grillers
10/31—Trunk 'N Treat ***this**

will be on Thursday this year!*

Fellowship Committee will offer
Frito Pie at the Trunk 'N Treat!

