



SEPT. & OCT. SCHEDULE:

Sept. 12th: Craft Fair Meeting
Heidi Miller would like to have all those interested in helping with the 2018 Craft Fair to meet Sept. 12th 7p and Oct 24th 7p in the choir room to help make plans for our annual craft fair. Please come and help anyway you can and if you can't make a meeting email Heidi and let her know, she'll give you something to do.

Sept. 17th: Romano's Fundraiser Please come and eat at Romano's between the hours of 4p – 8p on Sept 17th bring your family and friends, tell everyone you see, and have them pass it on, get in on the 50/50 raffle and any raffle baskets donated. Our church will get a percentage of the sales between those times on that night.

Sept. 23rd: Mark Dayton will perform services again on Sept. 23rd. Please join us in worshipping God and his son Jesus Christ at 10am that morning.

Harvest Dinner: In October our Deacons will be preparing for the annual Harvest Dinner and we hope you are as excited as we are just remembering previous years.



Session Mtg.: The session will be meeting on Oct. 2nd. If you have any subject, you would like to have your session discuss please approach any of your serving elders and let us know. If you'd like to bring it up yourself, we may be able to accommodate. We want to be helpful.



Choir: Anyone interested in singing with our choir please contact Joan Franklin. You don't have to be a church member, don't have to believe in God, don't even have to have a star voice or be able to attend ea. service. The only requirement is that you love to sing and are willing to put in a little bit of practice.

We have some great ideas for the coming months and 2019! If you have any ideas or would like us to consider doing something, please contact any of your serving Elders.

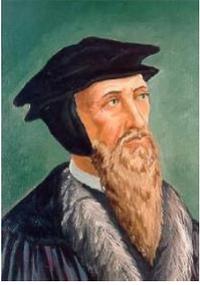


We want to remind our worshippers that we count our beautiful old building as one of our most treasured possessions and we know you do too which is why we don't mind asking you to be aware that November is fast approaching and November is our Stewardship month. We will be asking all our loyal members to make every effort to remember your church when you fill out your pledge cards and make out your checks to pay your per capita. We are gaining ground, but we need your help to continue the climb. TIA

We are bringing in some known faces and some new faces in the weeks and months to come to help bring us closer to our God and Savior, so we hope you will bear with us and return again and again to services. We need you and miss you. If you require the services of an ordained pastor, we do have access to several ready to offer comfort. 1st Sun. ea. Month we will continue to offer Communion.

What is a Presbyterian?
As Presbyterians, we trace our history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Our heritage,

and much of what we believe, began with the French lawyer John Calvin (1509-1564),



whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that came before him. Many of the early Presbyterians in America came from England, Scotland and Ireland. The first American Presbytery was organized at Philadelphia in 1706. The first General Assembly was held in the same city in 1789 and was convened by the Rev. John Witherspoon, the only



minister to sign the Declaration of Independence. Presbyterians are distinctive in two major ways. We adhere to a pattern of religious thought known as Reformed theology and a form of government that stresses the active, representational leadership of both ministers and church members. The core of Presbyterian beliefs includes the sovereignty of God, the authority of the scripture, justification by grace through faith and the priesthood of all believers. We believe God is

the supreme authority throughout the universe. Our knowledge of God and God's purpose for humanity comes from the Bible, particularly what is revealed in the New Testament through the life of Jesus Christ. Our salvation (justification) through Jesus is God's generous gift to us, and not the result of our own accomplishments. It is everyone's privilege - ministers and lay people alike - to share this Good News with the whole world. That is also why the Presbyterian church is governed at all levels by a combination of clergy and laity, men and women alike.

What is this Book of Order thing anyway?

The Book of Order is a governing manual of the Presbyterian Church (PC). It is divided into four parts:

The Foundations of

Presbyterian Polity (This describes the basic principles behind the Presbyterian polity of PC(USA), **Form of Government** (This provides a basic framework of

government for the four levels of PC(USA) Councils: Sessions of congregations, Presbyteries, Synods and the General Assembly), **Directory for Worship** (This includes the theological guidelines for worship within PC(USA) churches. In order to allow for a diversity of expression in worship, the Directory does not provide set orders for worship, but instead suggests the boundaries of worship that is in line with Reformed Christianity and the Scriptural

warrants for worship. It is concerned more with standards and norms than any particular way or formulation of a liturgy or order of worship. Liturgical texts are found in a separate Liturgical book of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and **Rules of Discipline** (This provide the standards for church discipline concerning matters that the secular judicial system does not address. The Rules of Discipline concerns itself with matters of preserving the purity of the church, achieving justice and compassion for all participants involved, correcting or restraining wrongdoing, upholding the dignity of those who have been harmed by disciplinary offenses, restoring the unity of the church by removing the causes of discord and division, and securing the just, speedy, and economical determination of proceedings. The Book of Order is designated "Part 2" of the PC Constitution. "Part 1" is the Book of Confessions

I hope that you have enjoyed this newsletter and will be looking forward to the next installment each month. If there is anything you would like to include in the next newsletter, please get in touch with Elder Joan Franklin. Thank you for reading and God Bless.