

Lectionary for October

October 4: Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46.

October 11: Exodus 32:1–14; Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23;
Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14.

October 18: Exodus 33:12–23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians
1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22.

October 25: Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46.

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Stephanie Bennett

Arlene Besner

Don Day

Sally Day

Vera Dice

Robert Jones

Carole Fowler

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing
Christians.

Sunday Service Time Changes

Due to the changing of seasons the Session has decided to change our Outdoor Worship time to 11:00 AM for the first two Sundays in October.

Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM
Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Stay tuned for more detail on worship services after
October 11, 2020.

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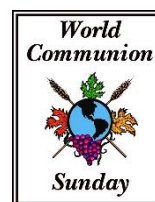
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World Communion Sunday



Please join us Sunday, October 4th for World Communion Sunday. To partake in Communion safely, we are asking that you bring your own elements, bread and grape juice, symbolizing the Lord's Supper. If you are participating at home through the Livestream, we encourage you to share in Communion with us from home using your own elements. We are thankful to be able to share in Communion together as a congregation, whether in person or from home.

On World Communion Sunday, we will also collect the **Peace and Global Witness** offering. If you do not have a special envelope for your offering, please specify your donation.

F.I.S.H.



On World Communion Sunday, October 4, we will have a table set up by the front doors of the church for you to bring non-perishable food items and personal care items that we will donate to the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. We know that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.

Outdoor Sunday Worship Service Options

Currently there are three options to experience our Outdoor Worship Service

- **Gather on the lawn.** Outdoor Worship will take place in the area above, please bring your own chair, mask, and water.
- **FM radio** for those who wish to remain in their vehicle, the service can be heard through an FM radio. Each week, at the service, you will be notified of the station to tune your radio.
- **Live stream.** If you wish to watch our Sunday worship services via live stream, you may do so on our YouTube page.



Midweek Devotion

Each Wednesday morning @ 8:00 a.m., there will be a Midweek Devotional with Pastor Philomena on our YouTube and Facebook page. We hope you will take a moment to join us!

Conversations About Our Church

Every Friday morning at 8:00 a.m., please join us as we discuss a variety of topics including, the history of the church, our church family, updates and more on our YouTube and Facebook pages.



Sunday School

Every Sunday, at 4:00 p.m., Sunday School with Miss Peggy will be uploaded on our YouTube page. We started in the Garden of Eden and will continue to explore this year's theme "Test of Faith". From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well in pleasing God, and other times where we miss the mark. Through the stories of faith, we learn that God's grace is always extended to us!

Youth Events

**Youth Group Events are for all youth currently in 6th – 12th grades – we look forward to seeing everyone soon! (from about 6ft away of course 😊)



- **CROP Walk** – we are planning on participating in a virtual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 11th. Please watch your email for details
- **Corn Maze** – we are looking into doing a corn maze in October – just have to see what is open 😊 – please watch your email for details.

Sponsor the Youth Group for the CROP Walk

The youth ARE going to participate in the virtual CROP Walk this year. We will pick a location that we can still walk but be socially distanced! If we can raise \$250 as a youth group for this organization, there is an anonymous donor in the community that will automatically donate \$125 more!! If you are willing to support us in this activity – please drop off your donation to the office or you can also put your donation in the Sunday Morning offering but please be sure to clearly note that it is for the Youth CROP Walk. Thank you always for your support!!!

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41



The 2020 Saginaw County CROP Hunger Walk is going Virtual!

What this means is that we will attempt to raise funds as usual (or as close to "usual" as possible) throughout the remainder of September and early October. But when Walk Day arrives on Sunday, October 11th, we will not gather at the YMCA for a community-wide event as we normally would. Instead, we encourage participating walkers to walk only within their own families and only in areas of their own choosing, and then to share pictures and video of their walk on the Saginaw CROP Walk Facebook page. Once, again this year, if three or more of our church's youth (18 and under) participate and can raise \$250 together, an anonymous donor will add \$125 to their total. Proceeds benefit the international hunger-fighting work of Church World Service, and 25% of what we raise stays in Saginaw to benefit the East Side Soup Kitchen, Hidden Harvest, Samaritas Community Center, and the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Walkers interested in joining this worthwhile mission should contact Doug Byron at (989) 798-3305. And those wishing to support them can simply send a donation to the office or add one to their offering marked "CROP Walk" and the name of the walker they wish to donate to, or visit WWW.CROPHungerwalk.org/saginawmi to donate to our church's team and the walkers who have registered. A listing of walkers will be included in future congregational updates. Please join us, because together, even during a pandemic, we can still do something to "End Hunger, One Step at a Time".



Fundraising Banquet

Even during challenging times like these, the Lord provides comfort in knowing we are never alone. Your generous support has helped many inmates in the Saginaw county jail come to understand what that truly means. Join us at the table to celebrate the amazing work of Christ and hear from those who now walk with Him! The mission committee has once again reserved a table for our church and would like to invite the members of our congregation to attend this important fundraising banquet. It is the only way Forgotten Man Ministries funds their vital Gospel-centered work in the county jails in Michigan. And last year's program was a moving and inspiring tribute to God's powerful ministry of Christ that is entrusted to Chaplain Andy Cox and his staff of dedicated volunteers. We hope you will join us as we celebrate and honor these fine folks and the transformed lives that are their fruit of their harvest. For the safety and health of attendees, venue-specific CoVid-19 precautions will be taken. Masks will be required for all who attend.

Forgotten Man Ministries Banquet

Thursday, October 22

6:00 PM Fellowship

6:30 PM Dinner

Golden Glow Ballroom

2950 South Graham Rd.

Saginaw, MI 48609

Please call the church to sign up. **Your RSVP is needed by October 12.** Thank You!

**The next Newsletter will be mailed
Mid-November**



Second Presbyterian Church

October 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	2	3
4 11:00 Outdoor Worship & Livestream World Communion	5 	6	7 Outdoor Music Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	8 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	9	10
11 CROP WALK 11:00 Outdoor Worship & Live Stream	12	13 Committees 7:00 p.m.	14 Outdoor Music Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	15 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	16	17
18 9:30 Worship & Livestream	19	20	21	22 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. Forgotten Man Ministries Banquet 6:00 p.m.	23	24
25 9:30 Worship & Livestream	26	27 Session 7:00 p.m.	28	29 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.	30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for your participation in the
Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



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Through your congregation



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Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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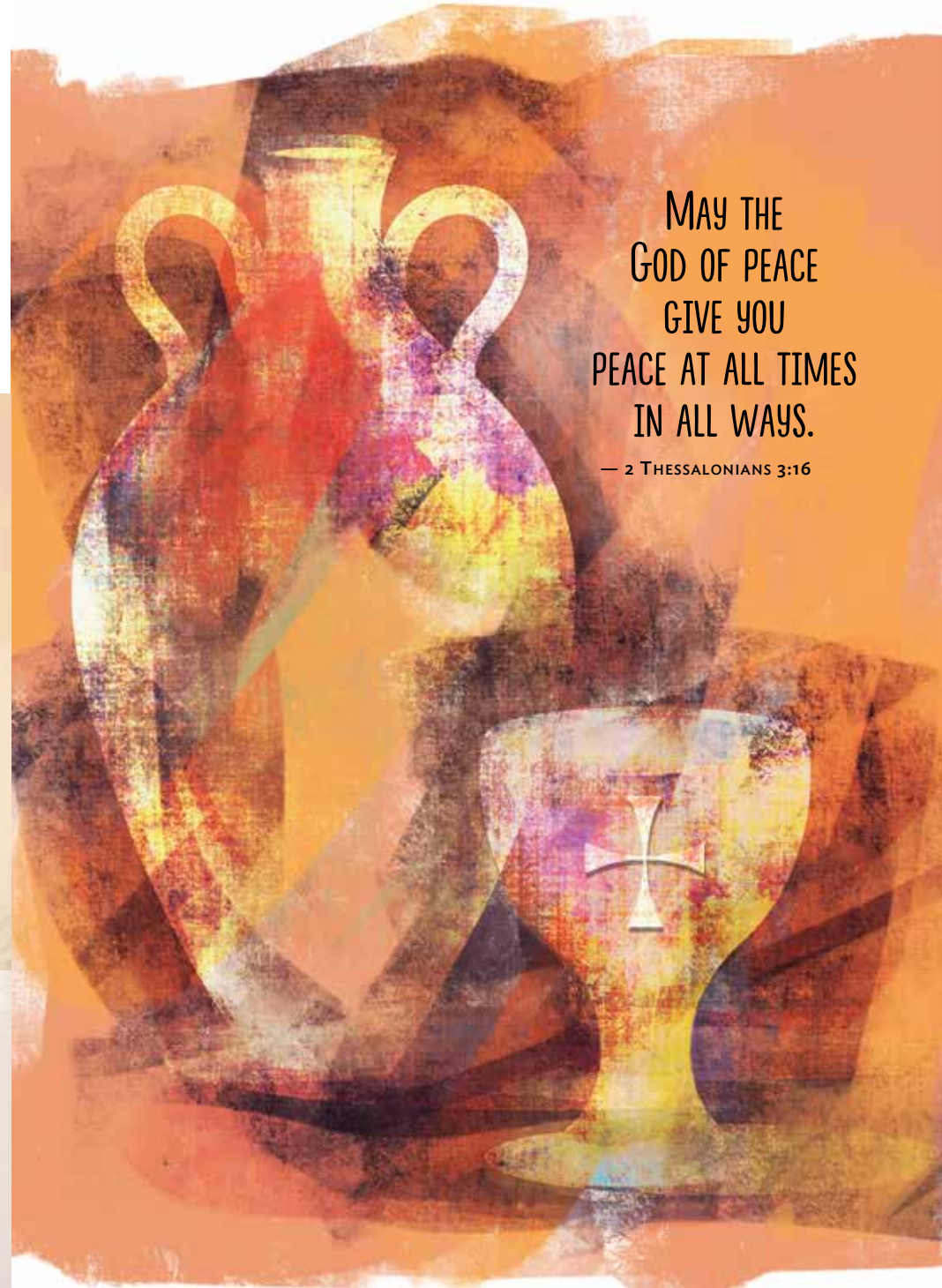
The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play

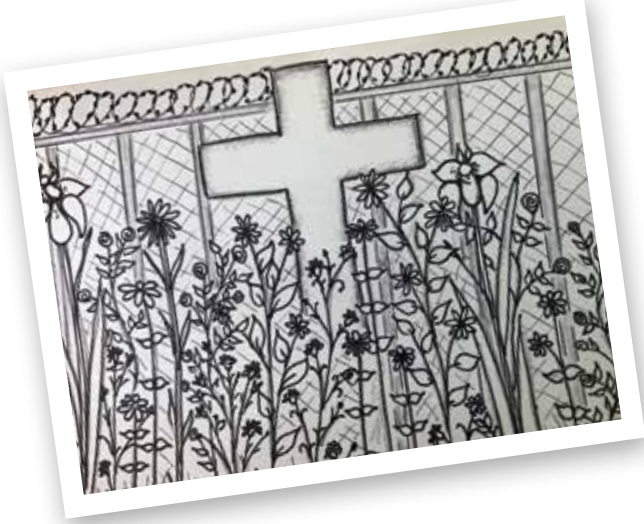
an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



MAY THE
GOD OF PEACE
GIVE YOU
PEACE AT ALL TIMES
IN ALL WAYS.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16





The Washington Correctional Center for Women is both the largest and the only maximum and medium security prison for women in the state. It's surrounded by barbed wire, and while the women within the prison may be separated from the world, they are not separated from God's love. Thanks to the work of dynamic Presbyterian leaders, a new and unique worshipping community, Hagar's Community Church, is thriving inside this fortress of concrete and steel and is supported by congregations like Skyline Presbyterian Church in nearby Tacoma.

"We are helping women process and handle their incarceration through God's love and guidance, and we want this to be a healthy, sustained ministry," explained Rev. Lane Brubaker, pastor of Hagar's Community Church.

"I think there's a lot of room for more worshipping communities like this to be established," she continued. "All of us should be listening to God to find where these worshipping communities are needed in all sorts of different unique places."



"RESURRECTION" ARTWORK BY A MEMBER OF THE HAGAR COMMUNITY CONGREGATION. PHOTO BY REV. LANE BRUBAKER

TOGETHER WE ARE BUILDING GOD'S HOUSEHOLD OF PEACE

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries. Together we are building God's house where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace and justice.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering will go to our mid council, joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please give generously.

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