

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Consecration Sunday Is On Our Doorstep!

Happy Fall, everyone!

While I could go for a slight drop in temperature, I hope everyone is enjoying the colors that are finally (starting) to change. I look forward to this autumnal transformation every year; the reminder of how skillful God is with a paintbrush is one that I should not need but am thankful to have.

As God has put summer away for another year and drawn the curtains of fall, we enter into the season during which we focus on stewardship. Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

For the fifth consecutive year, our session has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our emphasis of stewardship education.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on November 5, 2017 (Consecration Sunday), we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one is singled out if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader Rev. Roxie Davis will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday 2017!

Pastor Mike



The corn roast held in Sept. was well-attended!



DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF

School is back in session and the need has returned for the elementary schools to have a supply of underwear, sweat pants and socks on hand for unexpected situations. The outreach/mission committee is seeking donations of girls and boys underwear, socks and sweatpants, sizes 6-12. Please place any donations in the container outside the sanctuary. The collection will continue through the end of October.



October 25

Join Classy Lassies and Grazers as they meet at 11:30am in the church lobby before going out to lunch.

All are invited! This means you! The men and women of the church meet on the last Wednesday of every month for fun and fellowship. You are invited to come too! After meeting in the lounge, the groups each decide where they will go locally for lunch.



- 1 Melissa Lewandowski
- 3 Walt Curtis
- 4 Fred and Georreen Kirk's Anniversary
- 11 Frank Hilberer
- 25 Margaret Rose





WELCOME THEODORE CHARLES BECKMAN!

Theodore was born to Pastor Mike and Mieke on Saturday, September 9 at 1:39am. He weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and was 19.25 inches long.

SEWING DAY!

Join us on Saturday, November 4 from 10am-2pm as we sew pillowcase dresses for African girls. We need pillowcases, 1/4 inch elastic and 1/2 inch cotton binding. For more information, please see Judy Curtis or call her (734) 595-6011. Lunch will be provided.



WARM THE CHILDREN

The outreach committee is seeking donations of warm hats, gloves/mittens, coats and boots to give to children who need them in the local school district.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2018), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2019) Elder

Irene Gaylord (2020) Deacon

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Mark Gallaher, Chairman and Elder

Cindy Handford (2019) Deacon

Lynn King (2020) Deacon

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dorothy Albright, (2020) Chairman and Elder

June Jennings (2018) Deacon

MISSION/OUTREACH

Judy Curtis (2018) Chairman and Elder

Nancy Pride (2020), Elder

Lorraine Scott (2019) Deacon

Audrey Conner (2019) Deacon

FOUNDATION

Leslie Holland (2019) Chairman and Elder

Patrick Frobe (2020) Elder

John Jennings (2018) Deacon

Rob Otte (2020) Deacon

TREASURER: Fred Kirk

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KONNECTING with....

Mark Handford, Music Director

One thing I love about the Kirk is
-It is selfishly, my 'socket' to plug into and recharge my battery when it is low.
-Kirk family share, care and bare vulnerabilities, insecurities and generosity.

I love the sound of Cindy breathing while the sounds of waves can be heard nearby.

I've been playing and having fun at the Kirk for 11 years, 2 months and a day (at time of writing).

If my life was a book, the title would be "The little engine that could ... Or shouldn't"

My hobbies and interests are: I am a player (or have tried) almost every sport, alas I am a master of none!

One of my favorite quotes is:

"Never be afraid to do something new.
Remember, amateurs built the ark;
Professionals built the Titanic."

I live in Plymouth MI,
Childhood: London Ontario

I started coming to the KIRK because Cindy (my wife) noticed a sign on the church lawn saying 'Pianist wanted'.

My favorite month is the one I am living.

I find a lot of joy in: the emotional sharing and the power of prayer through music

I was named after:
Donald – Father
John – Uncle
Mark – Mother (Mother's maiden name)

I'm not good at serving God, but selfishly I love how much joy I derive, watching 'those who can't' – 'Do'.
I sing off-key with a tone-deaf friend;
I forget my wife's birthday but listen to someone fighting Alzheimer's sing a familiar song perfectly...
I rub my leg, while arthritis hinders someone else playing the piano, and I help a friend into a chair so they could sing to children in church, knowing it was the last time she wanted to sing in life.



I knew God was working in my life when at 3 AM, on a countryside hill, seeing Christmas lights in the distance, crying my eyes out.
I realized I was now a father and deserved absolutely no credit, for creating such a joyous gift in life.

Name 3 things on your "bucket list"

1. to see water go down the drain in the opposite direction
2. to drink warm beer because that is what the locals do
3. to get through a choir practice without being reminded ... they changed the words;... isn't it supposed to go slower;...that's not the tune we're use to ... (LOL!!!)

A story that my family always tell about me is: Too many to repeat, but the recurring theme, I was a spoiled brat, but my mother and 3 older sisters managed to corral me most of the time towards good.

God enables me to see through the glass darkly..... I love the fact the Kirk provides plenty of window cleaner.

October 2017 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Sunday, October 1

17th Sunday after

Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
2 Kings 17:1–18
Acts 9:36–43
Luke 5:1–11

Monday, October 2

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
2 Kings 17:24–41
1 Cor. 7:25–31
Matt. 6:25–34

Tuesday, October 3

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
2 Chron. 29:1–3; 30:1 (2–9)
10–27
1 Cor. 7:32–40
Matt. 7:1–12

Wednesday, October 4

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
2 Kings 18:9–25
1 Cor. 8:1–13
Matt. 7:13–21

Thursday, October 5

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
2 Kings 18:28–37
1 Cor. 9:1–15
Matt. 7:22–29

Friday, October 6

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
2 Kings 19:1–20
1 Cor. 9:16–27
Matt. 8:1–17

Saturday, October 7

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
2 Kings 19:21–36
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Matt. 8:18–27

Sunday, October 8

18th Sunday after

Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
2 Kings 20:1–21
Acts 12:1–17
Luke 7:11–17

Monday, October 9

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
2 Kings 21:1–18
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1
Matt. 8:28–34

Tuesday, October 10

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
2 Kings 22:1–13
1 Cor. 11:2 (3–16) 17–22
Matt. 9:1–8

Wednesday, October 11

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
2 Kings 22:14–23:3
1 Cor. 11:23–34
Matt. 9:9–17

Thursday, October 12

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
2 Kings 23:4–25
1 Cor. 12:1–11
Matt. 9:18–26

Friday, October 13

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
2 Kings 23:36–24:17
1 Cor. 12:12–26
Matt. 9:27–34

Saturday, October 14

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Jer. 35:1–19
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3
Matt. 9:35–10:4

Sunday, October 15

19th Sunday after

Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Jer. 36:1–10
Acts 14:8–18
Luke 7:36–50

Monday, October 16

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 Jer. 36:11–26
 1 Cor. 13:(1–3) 4–13
 Matt. 10:5–15

Tuesday, October 17

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 Jer. 36:27–37:2
 1 Cor. 14:1–12
 Matt. 10:16–23

Wednesday, October 18

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 Jer. 37:3–21
 1 Cor. 14:13–25
 Matt. 10:24–33

Thursday, October 19

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 Jer. 38:1–13
 1 Cor. 14:26–33a (33b–36)
 37–40
 Matt. 10:34–42

Friday, October 20

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 Jer. 38:14–28
 1 Cor. 15:1–11
 Matt. 11:1–6

Saturday, October 21

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 Jer. 52:1–34
 1 Cor. 15:12–29
 Matt. 11:7–15

Sunday, October 22

20th Sunday after Pentecost
 Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 Jer. 29:1, 4–14
or Jer. 39:11–40:6
 Acts 16:6–15
 Luke 10:1–12, 17–20

Monday, October 23

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 Jer. 44:1–14
or Jer. 29:1, 4–14
 1 Cor. 15:30–41
 Matt. 11:16–24

Tuesday, October 24

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 Lam. 1:1–5 (6–9) 10–12
or Jer. 40:7–41:3
 1 Cor. 15:41–50
 Matt. 11:25–30

Wednesday, October 25

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Lam. 2:8–15 *or* Jer. 41:4–18
 1 Cor. 15:51–58
 Matt. 12:1–14

Thursday, October 26

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 Ezra 1:1–11 *or* Jer. 42:1–22
 1 Cor. 16:1–9
 Matt. 12:15–21

Friday, October 27

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 Ezra 3:1–13 *or* Jer. 43:1–13
 1 Cor. 16:10–24
 Matt. 12:22–32

Saturday, October 28

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 Ezra 4:7, 11–24
or Jer. 44:1–14
 Philem. 1–25
 Matt. 12:33–42

Sunday, October 29

21st Sunday after Pentecost
 Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 Hag. 1:1–2:9
or Jer. 44:15–30
 Acts 18:24–19:7
 Luke 10:25–37

Monday, October 30

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 Zech. 1:7–17 *or* Jer. 45:1–5
 Rev. 1:4–20
 Matt. 12:43–50

Tuesday, October 31

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7
 Ezra 5:1–17 *or* Lam. 1:1–5
 (6–9) 10–12
 Rev. 4:1–11
 Matt. 13:1–9

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Paternity Leave Communion Baptism: Lukas Otto	2 Paternity Leave 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	3 Paternity Leave 6:30-8pm Girl Scouts 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	4 Paternity Leave 9am-1pm WCCP Fund-raiser P/U Fellowship	5 Paternity Leave 7-9pm WCCP Maintenance Fellowship	6 Paternity Leave 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	7 Paternity Leave
8 Paternity Leave Session (Pastor Mike will moderate)	9 Paternity Leave 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	10 Paternity Leave 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	11 Paternity Leave	12 Paternity Leave	13 Paternity Leave 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	14 Paternity Leave
15 PULPIT SUPPLY: Madeline Carpenter Paternity Leave	16 Paternity Leave 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	17 Paternity Leave 7-9pm WCCP Maintenance Fellowship Hall 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	18 Paternity Leave Presby Meeting	19 Paternity Leave	20 Paternity Leave 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	21 Paternity Leave
22 Paternity Leave Deacons	23 Paternity Leave Ends 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	24 6:30-8pm Girl Scouts 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	25 11:30 am Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch	26	27 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	28
29	30 9-Noon WCCP 4 Yr. Halloween Party 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	31 9-Noon WCCP 3 Yr. Halloween Party 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus				



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT

Financial Report as of 8/31/2017

	August	Year to Date	Budget
Income	7,365	81,093	77,127
Expenses	9,122	71,812	74,949
Net Income or Loss	-1,757	9,281	2,178
Liquid Assets*	101,498	101,498	

* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.
Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

August continued a see-saw for the summer as we were down about \$1,750. While expenses were near budget, adult offerings were off by \$1,500. Overall the yearly numbers are still positive.



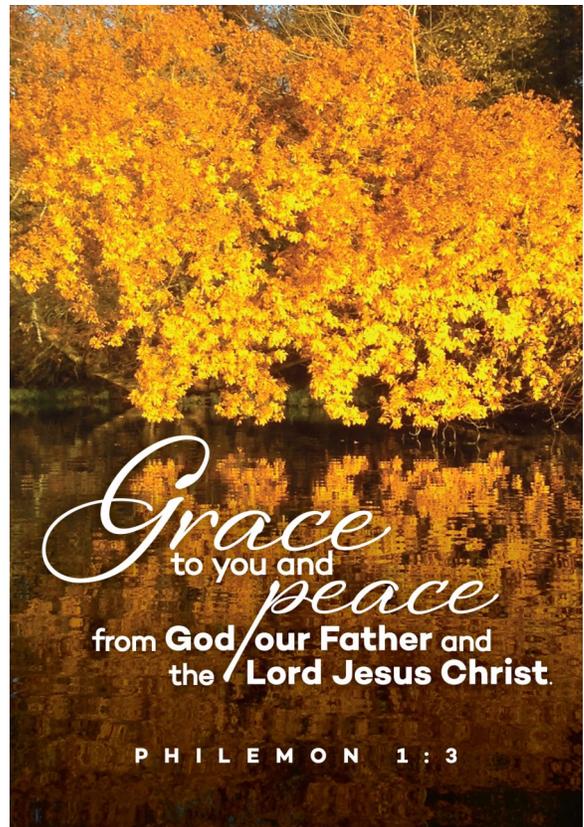
Choir Rehearsals

Come join the choir! Choir rehearsals are at 9:30am on Saturdays. Choir sings at worship on Sundays. As the lyrics to an old Carpenter's song called "Sing" go...

"Sing, sing a song"



Add your voice



Grace
to you and
peace
from **God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

PHILEMON 1:3

The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.