

# THE KIRK KONNECTION

Editor: Carolyn Marnon

October 2018

*This month we are privileged to have a guest columnist!*

*The Rev. Renee Roederer filled in for Pastor Mike at Kirk of Our Savior on Sunday, 9/23/18, and wrote about the experience in her blog. She has graciously given us permission to share this blog with you all in our October Newsletter. Enjoy!*

“Since we have received such a great peace, let us also share peace with one another. The peace of Jesus Christ be with you,” I say.

“And also with you,” they say back.

This is a ritual that I experience, and very often, initiate on Sunday mornings. I frequently travel to many different congregations to lead worship, and most of them include what is called The Passing of the Peace. After saying these words together, we then travel around the room to greet one another, saying, “Peace be with you,” and sometimes, “Good morning.”

Most of the time, we shake hands.

But yesterday, when I was at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland, Michigan, I had an experience that was especially lovely. It was just different enough that I will remember it for a long time. And in the midst of it, I felt genuinely and deeply welcomed.

It’s been a while since I’ve been present with this congregation, so I forgot that they do this a little bit differently. Rather than shake one hand, when people greet each other, they place both hands before each other — one person palms up, and the other, palms down. People clasp their hands before each other, look each other in the eye, and say those words.

“Peace be with you.”

And though this is different, it doesn’t feel forced. In this congregation, it feels so authentic. As a guest, not unknown but still relatively new, I felt so welcomed.

The feeling of welcome wasn’t ultimately in the method of greeting — the clasping hands in this way — but it was in the sincerity behind the words, as folks intended them specifically for the people in front of them. For somewhere between three and five minutes, I experienced this repeatedly, and it filled me.

Then when I walked back to the chancel, I heard, “Renee!” as an invitation to come over there for this greeting. It’s been a long while, maybe even a year, since I’ve been present in this congregation, but though a guest, I’m not a stranger either. The people in the choir greeted me too.

“We’re behind you today! Whether you know it or not!” someone said.

He wasn’t talking ultimately about location (nor was it a creepy, “We’re behiiiiind you” — ha!) but instead, this was a play on words to say they’re cheering me on before the sermon. This too was so sincere and encouraging.

And then, without them knowing this is where I was going, my sermon was about welcome.

Well played, good and welcoming church.

*Rev. Renee Roederer*



## **NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY COMING AGAIN**

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.

Our Board of Session has again selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. This will be the sixth consecutive year that Kirk of Our Savior has participated in this program.

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 Consecration Sunday November 4, 2018, 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 feels personal embarrassment 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 will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will conclude with a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at which preliminary results of the Giving Estimates will be presented.

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 events.



New carpet in the  
offices



### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Join us on Friday, October 19 at 6pm for the next Family Fun Night. There might be baked potatoes for dinner. More information will be available as the date gets closer. All are invited!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

The Children & Youth Committee introduced the kids to the congregation September 9 and gave out 7 backpacks, 2 homework boxes and 6 busy bags. Afterward, the kids went downstairs to attend the first day of Sunday School for the new school year.



## Come to Lunch!

October 24

Join us for lunch on Wednesday, October 24 at 11:30 am. We meet in the church lounge. All are invited. The Classy Lassies (ladies) and Grazers (men) have been having lunch together once a month for many years. Come by yourself, bring a friend, it's up to you. Just join us!

In August, the ladies went to Ram's Horn on Wayne Rd.



## October 2018 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.*

### **October**

Monday, October 1  
Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Hos. 2:2–15  
Acts 20:17–38  
Luke 5:1–11

Tuesday, October 2  
Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Hos. 2:16–23  
Acts 21:1–14  
Luke 5:12–26

Wednesday, October 3  
Morning: Pss. 96;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Hos. 3:1–5  
Acts 21:15–26  
Luke 5:27–39

Thursday, October 4  
Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Hos. 4:1–10  
Acts 21:27–36  
Luke 6:1–11

Friday, October 5  
Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Hos. 4:11–19  
Acts 21:37—22:16  
Luke 6:12–26

Saturday, October 6  
Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Hos. 5:1–7  
Acts 22:17–29  
Luke 6:27–38

Sunday, October 7  
20th Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Hos. 5:8–6:6  
1 Cor. 2:6–16  
Matt. 14:1–12

Monday, October 8  
Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Hos. 6:7–7:7  
Acts 22:30–23:11  
Luke 6:39–49

Tuesday, October 9  
Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Hos. 7:8–16  
Acts 23:12–24  
Luke 7:1–17

Wednesday, October 10  
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Hos. 8:1–14  
Acts 23:23–35  
Luke 7:18–35

Thursday, October 11  
Morning: Pss. 97;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Hos. 9:1–9  
Acts 24:1–23  
Luke 7:36–50

Friday, October 12  
Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Hos. 9:10–17  
Acts 24:24–25:12  
Luke 8:1–15

Saturday, October 13  
Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Hos. 10:1–15  
Acts 25:13–27  
Luke 8:16–25

Sunday, October 14  
21st Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Hos. 11:1–11  
1 Cor. 4:9–16  
Matt. 15:21–28

Monday, October 15  
Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Hos. 11:12–12:1  
Acts 26:1–23  
Luke 8:26–39

Tuesday, October 16	Monday, October 22	Sunday, October 28
Morning: Pss. 123; 146	Morning: Pss. 57; 145	23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Evening: Pss. 30; 86	Evening: Pss. 85; 47	Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Hos. 12:2–14	Micah 2:1–13	Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Acts 26:24–27:8	Rev. 7:1–8	Jonah 1:1–17a
Luke 8:40–56	Luke 9:51–62	1 Cor. 10:15–24
Wednesday, October 17	Tuesday, October 23	Matt. 18:15–20
Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11	Morning: Pss. 54; 146	Monday, October 29
Evening: Pss. 48; 4	Evening: Pss. 28; 99	Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Hos. 13:1–3	Micah 3:1–8	Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Acts 27:9–26	Rev. 7:9–17	Jonah 1:17–2:10
Luke 9:1–17	Luke 10:1–16	Rev. 11:1–14
Thursday, October 18	Wednesday, October 24	Luke 11:14–26
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20	Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11	Tuesday, October 30
Evening: Pss. 80; 27	Evening: Pss. 125; 91	Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Hos. 13:4–8	Micah 3:9–4:5	Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Acts 27:27–44	Rev. 8:1–13	Jonah 3:1–4:11
Luke 9:18–27	Luke 10:17–24	Rev. 11:14–19
Friday, October 19	Thursday, October 25	Luke 11:27–36
Morning: Pss. 130; 148	Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20	Wednesday, October 31
Evening: Pss. 32; 139	Evening: Pss. 81; 116	Morning: Pss. 96;
Hos. 13:9–16	Micah 5:1–4, 10–15	147:1–11
Acts 28:1–16	Rev. 9:1–12	Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Luke 9:28–36	Luke 10:25–37	Nahum 1:1–14
Saturday, October 20	Friday, October 26	Rev. 12:1–6
Morning: Pss. 56; 149	Morning: Pss. 88; 148	Luke 11:37–52
Evening: Pss. 118; 111	Evening: Pss. 6; 20	
Hos. 14:1–9	Micah 6:1–8	
Acts 28:17–31	Rev. 9:13–21	
Luke 9:37–50	Luke 10:38–42	
Sunday, October 21	Saturday, October 27	
22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Morning: Pss. 122; 149	
Morning: Pss. 67; 150	Evening: Pss. 100; 63	
Evening: Pss. 46; 93	Micah 7:1–7	
Micah 1:1–9	Rev. 10:1–11	
1 Cor. 10:1–13	Luke 11:1–13	
Matt. 16:13–20		



Gather a team, roll up in your car, bring a non-perishable donation, your \$10 entry fee per participant, and have some fun!

Each team will receive a packet with clues that need solving, each puzzle will lead you somewhere new and may give you a task for that location. When you're finished, we will all meet at the final destination for a meal and to determine the winning team.

Participants will have a chance to win a cash prize and the team who comes in first (based on points, not necessarily arrival order) will get to run next year's rally.

As the rally approaches, you'll get a list of recommended items to have available. Any questions? Just ask Lorraine Scott.

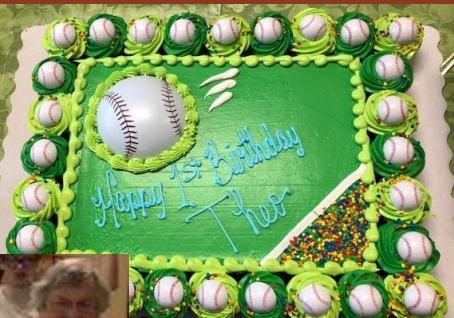
Theo shows off his latest "goal" move.

He's such an entertainer. ↓



Look who turned ONE!

Theo Beckman celebrated his first birthday on Sunday, September 9. The congregation put on a little party in gratitude for all Pastor Mike Beckman does for them.



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2021), Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer (2019) Elder

Irene Gaylord (2020) Deacon

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Mark Gallaher (2019) Chairman and Elder

Cindy Handford (2019) Deacon

Lynn King (2020) Deacon

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dorothy Albright, (2020) Chairman and Elder

Bill Partaka (2021) Deacon

## MISSION/OUTREACH

Judy Curtis (2021) 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

Rob Otte (2020) Deacon

Judy Walker (2021) Deacon and Deacon Moderator

**TREASURER:** Fred Kirk

**CLERK:** Jenny Root

A publication for the family and friends of  
Kirk of Our Savior

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland MI 48185  
Office: (734) 728-1088

churchoffice@wowway.biz  
Michael Beckman, Pastor (215) 620-3259,  
mikebeckman2@gmail.com  
Facebook.com/kirkofoursavior

[www.kirkofoursavior.org](http://www.kirkofoursavior.org)

# FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, September 15, 2018

The church community came together on a recent Saturday for our annual Fall Clean-Up Day.

Painting, cleaning, pruning and work on the new patio were just some of the jobs volunteers took on.



## October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	2 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall	3	4 7-9pm Harmony Town Board Meeting-Lounge	5 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	6 9:30am-Choir Practice
7 World Communion	8 6:30-8:30pm Hope 4 Healing Hearts-Fellowship Hall	9 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall	10	11 6-9pm WCCP Maintenance	12 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	13 9:30am-Choir Practice
10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary	11 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	12 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall	13	14 6pm Family Fun Night	15 6:30-9:30pm WCCP Board Mtg-Classroom	16 9:30am-Choir Practice
Communion					17 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	18 4:30pm-Road Rally
14 10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary	15 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	16 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall	17	18	19 6pm Family Fun Night	20 9:30am-Choir Practice
Session-Fellowship					21 6:30-9:30pm WCCP Maintenance	22 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge
21 10:30am-Worship in Sanctuary	22 6:30-8:30pm Hope 4 Healing Hearts-Fellowship Hall	23 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall	24	25 6-9pm WCCP Maintenance	26 7:45-9:30pm Alanon-Lounge	27 9:30am-Choir Practice
Deacons-Sanctuary		27 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge			28 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group-Lounge	29 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus-Fellowship Hall
					30 11am-12:30pm WCCP 3-year Fellowship	31 11am-12:30pm WCCP 4-year Halloween Party-Fellowship
						11:30 am Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch



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



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Don't Sweat the Small Stuff collection. The sweatpants, socks and underwear will be taken to the Family Resource Center of the Wayne-Westland School District for distribution to the various schools as needed.



### Financial Report as of 08/31/2018

	August	Year to Date	Budget
<b>Income</b>	9,161	77,040	79,031
<b>Expenses</b>	8,918	80,619	77,142
<b>Net Income or Loss</b>	243	-3,579	1,889
<b>Liquid Assets*</b>	125,611	125,611	

\* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.

Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

August showed a slight positive for the month chiefly due to mutual fund gains. The month had mostly normal incomes and expenses, and generally expenses should be low all throughout the Fall. Per Capita is being paid monthly at a rate sufficient to pay in full for the year by December.



*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.*