



October Blessing

Heavenly Father,

As October paints the world in amber
and gold,

May our hearts be filled with gratitude
for the changing seasons.

Let the crisp air remind us of Your gentle
presence,

The falling leaves teach us of the beauty of
letting go,

And the harvest around us reflect the
abundance of Your love.

Bless this month with peace, joy, and hope,

That me may walk in Your light and
share it with all.

Amen.

Schedule for October



Pulpit Supply for October

October 5th (Communion)
October 12th
October 19th
October 26th

Liturgist Schedule for October

October 5th (Communion)
October 12th
October 19th
October 26th

Musicians Schedule for October

October 5th (Communion)
October 12th
October 19th
October 26th

Greeters and Ushers for October

October 5th (Communion)
October 12th
October 19th
October 26th

Jody McDevitt
Sister Mary Dostal
Rev. Ken Crouch
Rev. Tim Lanham

Cynthia Kessler
Dave Kimball
Bob Wood
Jim Tarr

Jo Chatman
Martha Krebill
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Bob Wood, Mary Wood, Dave Kimball
Don Johnson, Sandy Welch, Mike Paterson
Judy Anderson, Janie Wendland, Jim Tarr
Stan and Annette Bayley, Cynthia and Jeff Kessler

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1st Jo Chatman
10th Sandy Welch
20th Keith Hanson
22nd Mike Paterson
27th Dan Kimball
27th Dan Krebill

Anniversary

2 Betty & Paul Whiting



October 3	Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
October 5	Rev. Jody McDevitt (Communion)
	Fall Harvest Dinner 12 p.m.
October 7	Women's Bible Study at 1 p.m.
October 8	Worship Committee meets at 10 a.m.
October 9	Facilities meets at 10 a.m.
October 10	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
October 12	Sister Mary Dostal
	Lee Hancock Recital at 5 p.m.
October 14	Women's Bible Study at 1 p.m.
October 15	Quilters meet at 12 p.m.
October 16	Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
	Writers Group meets at 10 a.m.
October 17	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
October 18	Homeward Bound 8 a.m.—12 p.m.
October 19	Rev. Ken Crouch
October 21	Women's Bible Study at 1 p.m.
October 22	Garden Committee meets at 10 a.m.
October 23	Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
October 24	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
October 26	Rev. Tim Lanham
October 28	Women's Bible Study at 1 p.m.
October 30	Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
October 31	Bluegrass Jam Group 7–9 p.m.
	HALLOWEEN

Women's Bible Study Fall/Winter Schedule

The Eyes Have It!

This fall, we are looking at varied scriptures that speak about eyes and sight, seeing what lessons and insights God might have for us as we study, pray, and share. Please join us Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Garden Room.

October

Oct. 7	Eph. 1:15–23 - <i>Opening the eyes of our heart</i>
Oct. 14	1 Cor. 12:1–17 - <i>We are one body in Christ</i>
Oct. 21	1 Cor. 15 - <i>Resurrection Life: We will all be changed in the twinkling of an eye</i>
Oct. 28	Craft

November

Nov. 4	Matt. 7:1–5 - <i>Judging Others: the speck in one's eye</i>
Nov. 11	Mark 8:22–26; Matt. 9:27–31; John 9:1–7; Mark 10:46–52 - <i>Jesus heals the blind</i>
Nov. 18	2 Kings 6:8–23 - <i>A story of unseen protection and mercy</i>
Nov. 25	Craft

December

Dec. 2	Luke 11:33–35 - <i>The eye is the lamp of the body;</i>
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The Worship Committee has been preparing for the fall services. We have pulpit supply filled through the end of the year. The congregation will be familiar with the guests who have been asked to bring a message. We are very thankful for the help of Maggie, our secretary in recruiting speakers and thankful for the speakers who continue to say yes to our invitation to speak on Sundays.

Other additions to our worship service team are Martha Krebill and Brendan McCann who run the AV portion of our worship services. Martha Krebill and Jo Chatman continue to accompany us in hymns and open and close our services with music. We are grateful for the talents they share. The Worship Committee is also very fortunate to have committed volunteers to be liturgists and ushers and greeters for Sunday worship.

We are thankful for all congregates of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church for their continued attendance and participation. We as a committee pray that the Sunday morning services fill you with the joy and love of knowing Christ.

Romans 12:4-8 *4. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5. so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7. if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8. if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*



Billings Climate Coalition October Event

Did you know that in 2022, Billings became the state's first LEED Gold-certified city? It is still among a small number of cities globally to hold this distinction, which acknowledges the city's comprehensive strategies for sustainability, energy efficiency, natural resource conservation, waste reduction, and improved quality of life for its residents.

On **Tuesday, October 14 at noon at Mayflower Church**, the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a presentation from the Billings Energy Conservation Commission, which has been working on a report to submit to the City Commission. This report will propose next steps for the city to improve sustainability.

The Billings Climate Coalition, with the LWV, invites everyone to this event. Come early to get a good seat!

Tips for Earth-Friendly Celebrations and Traditions (from Presbyterians for Earth Care)

With Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas coming up, Presbyterians for Earth Care provides some tips for Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling. When we do, we use less water, impose less on our land, and use fewer minerals.

- Use natural products for decorations, such as hay bales, pumpkins, and sheaves of corn, to decorate your home.
- Decorate the table with a cornucopia with fruits and veggies that you can use later in the kitchen.
- Ditch the plastic!
- Give gifts of experience or gifts of time.
- Consider the Presbyterian Giving Catalog (pcusa.org/giving/giving-catalog) for unique ideas that help others around the world.
- Share plants, consumables, or give something you've made yourself.
- Consider giving alternative gifts, contributing to a charity, or supporting Presbyterians for Earth Care (presbyearthcare.org/).
- Pick and choose carefully from among those gifts that say they are green.

Fall officially arrived this past weekend, but it isn't very noticeable, yet. The forecast is for unseasonably warm temperatures that are allowing garden vegetables to continue to grow and mature. We have loads of winter squash yet to harvest, and the extra warm weather will help more to mature.

A great harvesting crew turned out twice a week, and our total deliveries to Family Service are now over 5,500 lbs. This week we harvested a new crop of daikon radishes. We planted them in the bed that had the early crop of lettuce, and it is amazing how quickly and large they have grown. See the accompanying photo.

We recently planted grape and honeysuckle vines at the base of the new pergola pillars. They will grow up and spread along the eaves in future years.

A group of gardeners had a tour of Family Service, and we were highly impressed with the scope and organization that we saw. Our fresh produce is displayed in a special area with a sign over it identifying where it came from. See a photo of our group nearby.

The gardeners' plots are also yielding an abundance of fresh produce, and it is amazing to walk through the paths and enjoy the plants and flowers. Please take a few minutes to walk through the garden.

As we come to the end of our 23rd year of gardening, we will celebrate with our annual Harvest Potluck Dinner on Sunday, October 5, at 12:00 noon following our morning worship service. We encourage all church members to stay to join the celebration and visit with the gardeners.

It will soon be time to clean up the garden and prepare for the snow to fly. Our Fall Workdays will be on Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 to noon, and on Sunday, the 26th from 1:00 to 4:00.

And now is the time that we start dreaming and planning for next year. How blessed we are by the abundance of God's creation.



Adult Sunday Study and Reflection

The adult study on Sunday mornings is continuing with the “Follow Me” reflection guides. The fall guide is *Comfort Those Who Mourn*.

When we think about comforting those who mourn, we typically think about those who have lost someone in death. However, the action of mourning can indicate any number of losses—the loss of a job or the dissolution of a relationship. We also mourn as communities, especially following community, and worldwide events such as war, natural disasters, and mass shootings.

In this study, participants will learn that as we nurture our own ability to comfort others, it is equally important to be in touch with how we grieve ourselves. We all mourn at times and need others to console us and accompany us as we recover. Through the practice of comforting one another, community bonds are strengthened and those who suffer are restored.

The four dimensions of the practice that are discussed in this unit include the following:

- Show Up (Job 2:11–13)
- Name Loss and Receive God’s Comfort (Isaiah 43:1b–2)
- Comfort Others (Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:1–2)
- Share God’s Promises (Romans 8:38–39; Philippians 4:4–7)



**Blessed are they
who mourn for they
shall be comforted
(Matthew 5:4).**



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