

The Pulse

October
2016



of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Join with Christians around the world on World Communion Sunday Oct. 2nd

Who do you remember during a communion service? Dear ones who have died? Family or friends living far away? Do you imagine yourself with Jesus and the disciples in the Upper Room?

On World Communion Sunday (Oct. 2nd at 10:30 a.m.) we're encouraged to remember that there are Christians in almost every corner of the globe. As we "gather around the table" it's as though we are standing side-by-side with them: barefoot children in Mexico, stooped widows in Albania, gregarious youth in South Korea, blue-collar families in Arkansas. any communion service more special than another?

Our Lord's Table will be dressed with fabrics and breads from around the world on this day. We will receive the annual "Peace & Global Witness Offering" that day (see article on p. 7).

—Worship Committee

Stewardship-themed worship series Oct. 2, 9, 16

"Satisfied"



Do thoughts like these ever pass through your mind:

- *How much is "enough?"*
- *Am I really able to spare some of what I've got for the sake of others?*
- *How can I know when I've done "my share?"*
- *What can free me from feeling like I'm addicted to "things?"*

Hear some healthy, encouraging perspectives this month during the Stewardship-themed worship series called "Satisfied."

—Worship & Stewardship Committees

You don't have to cook!

Luncheon supports '17 mission trip

Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, October 16th**, as our youth will be filling our bellies and satisfying our desire to be good stewards.

October 16th is "Commitment Sunday" – part of our annual Stewardship campaign – and this year **our youth will be providing lunch** immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. No tickets to buy, no reservations to make, nothing to bring but your appetite. All donations will go toward sending our youth on their 2017 summer mission trip.

Please plan to join us on October 16th, to help celebrate "Commitment Sunday" and support our youth!

Dr. Fancher receives Community Award

On September 15, our pastor Jon Fancher was presented with the 2016 Community Champion Award from North Coast Health (NCH), a nonprofit organization in Lakewood that provides healthcare services to low-income uninsured and under-insured individuals and families. The annual award recognizes an individual who makes outstanding contributions to the betterment of NCH and who works to improve healthcare access for underserved members of the community.

Dr. Fancher has been a strong advocate for NCH for years. He served on the organization's Board for Directors from 2002-2005. During the past 15 years, he has led our congregation to support the NCH ministry in numerous ways, including donations totaling more than \$15,000 and inclusion of North Coast Health in our annual Alternative Christmas Bazaar.

"Jon continues to help us expand our outreach efforts and increase awareness by sharing information on the services we provide to the community boards he serves on and the organizations he is involved with," said John Griffiths, Chair of the NCH Board of Directors, during the award ceremony at NCH's 2016 Celebration of Caring event.

Psalm 30:2 says, "Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me." Reverend Fancher hears the pleas for help. And, through his support of NCH, he does his part to heal those in need.



Jon Fancher received North Coast Health's 2016 Community Champion Award from Gina Gavlak, president and CEO of NCH, and John Griffiths, Chair of the Board of Directors.

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From Your Pastor

**“Still friends?”
“Still friends.”**

Do you respect the people sitting with you in the pews on Sunday morning?

Would you be willing to hand them a tray of communion bread?

Would you walk them to their car on a slippery winter’s morning?

If they called you because they were stuck downtown, would you go to their house and wait for the school bus to drop off their kids?

Would you give them a call if you hadn’t seen them for awhile?

Would you socialize with them—have a bite to eat, get a drink, take in a movie or game?

Okay, but now ask yourself this: Would you be willing to associate with them even if they were, say... Steelers fans?

Are there some things that simply divide us so much that they cannot be overlooked and worked out?

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On Sept. 25th I enjoyed the treat of listening to someone else doing the preaching. We had a guest preacher—he was someone being considered for a pastorate in another church. In his sermon he noted peoples’ tendency to try to put one another into groups. He recalled the parable of the Great Judgment (Mt. 25) where the Lord separates the people into two groups in the same way that a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. We could resonate with his observation that it’s our human nature to think of ourselves as the more precious and noble “sheep,” and to view those who aren’t like us as the vile and undesirable “goats.”

As I listened to his sermon I was reminded of this cartoon [see insert] that’s been taped to the “Hallowed Wall of Humor” in my office for years and years. The cartoon employs the familiar metaphor from old movie and television Westerns. Screenwriters always put “the good guys in white hats” and “the bad guys in black hats.” The cartoon reminds us that we’ll always associate ourselves with the “white hats.” Each of us “knows” that we are right... right? Who would say, “I’m proud to be one of the ‘bad guys’ who is misguided and on the wrong side of the argument?”

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Most of us probably look forward to doing our civic duty by casting a

vote in the upcoming general election. Different communities have different items on their ballots, but we all will have the chance to vote for the next president of our country.

I feel safe in saying that we’re not all going to cast our ballots for the same presidential candidate.

And the day after the presidential election, about 49% of us will be disappointed.

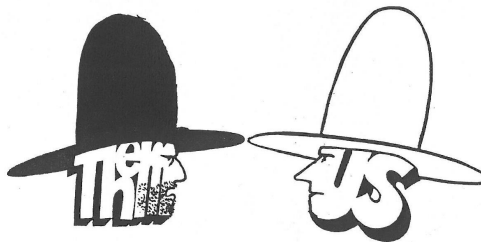
What then?

As a church of Jesus Christ, are we going to resort to viewing with suspicion and disdain our fellow members who we now see as “wearing black hats” because their partisan preference that they openly shared was not the same as ours?

As a nation, will we choose to spend the following days (or months, years or terms) grousing and muttering about “them,” those “goats” who have no business being where they are?

As people who deliberately align ourselves with Jesus, is that all we can do? Gather with our fellow “sheep” and plot what we can do to make life miserable for those “goats” over there?

Or is there another response? A better response? A response that arises from our purposeful identification with Jesus as our model, our brother, and our savior?



Don’t you think that a church is a microcosm of the society we live in?

Some folks do anything they can to make their community a better place for all. Others enjoy the benefits but think little about pitching in themselves.

Some folks think only of themselves and show little interest in helping people connect with one another. But others try to bring people together, introducing stranger to neighbor and friends to kin.

When this election is over, how can we vow to continue to respect the people we share our lives with, regardless of their political perspective? Let me give you a real-life example of how some vowed to maintain and enhance respect for one another.

This occurred right here in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve (that’s the group of Presbyterian churches in northeast Ohio). A few years ago a difference of opinion about Presbyterian beliefs and rules was

causing some hard feelings between some of the ministers. Both groups sincerely believed that they were on the side that pleased God. For years they had tried to convince the other side of the correctness of their position, but they only succeeded in repeating the same arguments over and over.

How was anything ever going to change?

Each group could have bad-mouthed “the opposition” and trumpeted their position in an effort to show the others how wrong they were. They could have tried to allow ceaseless repetition to wear down their opponents.

But that’s not what they did.

Instead, the groups decided to get together to study the Bible. Not simply to point out biblical verses that appeared to support “their” view on the issues at hand. No, they used shared Bible study as a means to get to know one another on a deeper level. To see each other not as opponents or adversaries in a struggle, but as sisters and brothers in a large and diverse family. To recognize that their greatest aim was not to triumph on a particular issue, but to honor and serve the Unique and Universal God whose reign encompasses us all. To see that they were neither “sheep” nor “goats” but one great flock.

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From what I understand about American history, the mean-spiritedness and divisiveness of the current presidential campaign, while distasteful, is nothing new. In what some historians call the “nastiest contest in American history,” the presidential campaign of 1828 began with John Quincy Adams being labeled a “pimp,” and Andrew Jackson’s wife being called a “slut.” It went downhill from there.

So while the 2016 electorate’s contentious mood is nothing new, how we choose to respond to the election *can* be. Consider these words of guidance, first from Romans 12:

- ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but give yourselves to humble tasks; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- And from Thomas Jefferson: “I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.”

October Birthdays



October 1	Olivia Sweet
October 2	Jim Kanner
October 5	Dick Norman
October 6	Eva Rudolph
October 7	Gretchen Roche
	John Weedon
	Liz Dillon
	Weston Newton
October 8	Dave Myer
October 9	Sue Hoffner
	Jackie Miller
October 10	Carole Nelson
October 11	Phyllis Gross
	Jan Beeman
October 12	Brenda Fahrenkopf
October 13	Carter Hoon
October 14	Kemper Arnold
October 15	Jason Koberg
October 17	Sue Krivok
	Jeffrey Prudhoe
	Brian Roche
October 18	Tom Kirsop
	Becky Weber
October 20	Kimberly Prudhoe
October 23	Brooke Doerner
October 26	David Miller
October 27	Ernie Hisey
October 29	Matthew Davis

****If your birthday is missing from our birthday list, please contact Office Administrator Crystal Duffield at: info@riverpres.org or (440) 333-4888.**

“Safe Sitter” childcare class ages 11-14

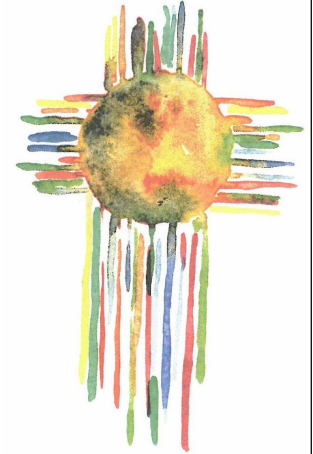
As your parish nurse, I would like to give our young girls and boys at RRPC an opportunity to participate in a Safe Sitter Babysitting Class. The Safe Sitter program is for youth ages 11 to 14 and will be taught by me and my colleague Jane. Participants will learn life-saving techniques and childcare essentials with a focus on safety in a fun, interactive environment. The upcoming class is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and they will be held at the Fairview Hospital Wellness Center, 3035 Wooster Road, Rocky River. The fee is \$60.00 per student. Please contact (440) 356-0670, option 5 to register.

Babysitting



September’s Session highlights

Ellen Schickel opened the meeting with devotions which included scripture and prayer focusing on a watercolor painting she had created for this evening (at right).



- Session was happy to support Christian Education’s proposal to have “dual-offerings” for Sunday school: in addition to cash offerings, children will be encouraged to bring in material donations for specific mission projects throughout the year (Autumn: school supplies for Ohio Guidestone; Winter: socks for the Sock Project; Spring: bandages for an overseas medical mission).
- Likewise, Session approved Mission’s recommendation regarding the Peace & Global Witness Offering (formerly “Peacemaking Offering”) received on World Communion Sunday (Oct. 2nd this year). Because the offering’s design calls for congregations to designate 25% of proceeds to a local project promoting peace, Session designated North Coast Health’s new mental health program as the recipient.
- Property is evaluating proposals for two projects: 1) equipping the Garden Hall entrance to be a “secured entry” when preschool children are present or when employees are alone in the building; and 2) retrofitting the sanctuary chandeliers with LED lamps to increase lighting brightness and coverage.

—Moderator of Session

Artist Concert Series

Sunday, October 2 3:00 p.m.

“Acclarion” accordion & clarinet duo

Our Artist Concert Series’ second concert of the season presents the lively accordion & clarinet duo “Acclarion.” Engaging audiences by presenting short, vibrant works that leave them energized and inspired, this husband-and-wife accordion and clarinet duo have presented captivating concerts since 2003.



Through passionate performances and entertaining banter, David and Rebecca Carovillano make a personal connection with their audience. Their music conjures the virtuosity of Paganini, the lyrical melodies of Hollywood, and the passionate rhythms and sultry harmonies of Piazzolla. Pairing the accordion with the clarinet creates an irresistible blend that rivals the colors of the orchestra.

This year's theme: "Taste the Light"**Register your senior high student now for upcoming fall high school retreat**

Our High School fellowship group will be going on retreat November 11-13 at Camp Aldersgate. We will be exploring how God encounters us with unconditional love every day, and how that has the ability to change lives. We'll look at how that affects our faith and relationship with God and each other through study, games and a variety of activities. There will also be some time to enjoy the camp facilities. Transportation will be provided by our advisors. Cost is \$40 per person. Scholarships are available based on need. For more information and registration forms, see Lisa Watts. Forms are also available on the church website.

Your church needs to know where your college student is!

Please be sure to notify the church office if your college student has had a change of address since last year. We are also in need of addresses for those headed away to school for the first time. It's helpful for us to stay in touch and it makes it possible for your college student to receive that all important box of cookies from the high school youth group later this month!

Sunday school children encouraged to bring donations of school supplies

During the months of September, October, and November, our church school classes will be collecting school supplies for Ohio Guidestone. This organization uses all donations to help families in need.

Kids and youth can bring their donations to their church school classes/fellowship groups on any Sunday. Pencils, crayons, notebooks, etc. will be collected. Any new item will be gratefully accepted.

This is a great way to set an example for mission with your kids. Each week, when you are doing family shopping, pick up an extra item or two and bring it to church!

**Sunday morning Adult Education class**

We have a very exciting line-up of classes for our adults this year. We will be offering a wide variety of topics and leaders with something for everyone!

On September 11, we kicked off our year with a six part class entitled, "God in America." : "For those who know that in America, religion matters, and for those who wish it didn't matter so much, comes *God in America*, a sweeping history of how religious faith has shaped America. Interweaving documentary footage, historical dramatizations and interviews with religious historians, this documentary series from the award-winning producers of *American Experience* and *Frontline* is an in-depth exploration of the historical role of religion in the public life of the USA. Examining the complex interaction between religion and democracy, the origins of the uniquely American concept of religious liberty, and the controversial evolution of that ideal in the nation's political arena, *God in America* considers the role religious ideas & institutions have played in social reform movements, and how guarantees of religious freedom created a competitive religious marketplace in America.

The series explores its themes thru a series of emblematic stories of the country's religious history, and the political and spiritual journeys of important historical figures, including the Pueblo leader Po' pay, Puritan leader John Winthrop and dissident Anne Hutchinson, early evangelist George Whitfield, Catholic Bishop John Hughes, abolitionist Frederick Douglass, Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, Methodist circuit rider James Finley, Reform Rabbi Isaac Meyer Wise, Presbyterian biblical scholar Charles Briggs, Scopes trial combatants William Jennings Bryan & Clarence Darrow, evangelist Billy Graham, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell."

The adult education class meets every Sunday in the West Room from 9:00-10:00. Hot coffee and treats always provided!





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, October 10th** at 12:00 p.m. in the West Room. Bring your brown bag lunch, dessert will be provided. If you have questions you may contact Pat Koberg at 440-871-8827. New members are always welcome!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, October 20th** at 7:00 p.m. in the West Room. All are welcome! If you have any questions you may contact Gretchen Koch or Sara Gresh through the Church Office.

Expressions of Faith

Our group meets twice a month: **Tuesday, October 11th** and **October 25th** at 9:30 a.m. in the West Room (or D-3). We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information contact Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

Women of Grace

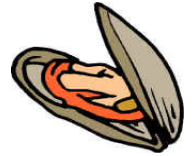
Women of Grace will resume our meetings on **Monday, October 24th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room (D-3,4). Plan to join us for great discussion and light refreshments! For more information contact Lee Sabolich or Lisa Watts through the Church Office.

Koinonia

Join us **Wednesdays**, for Koinonia Prayer & Study Group at 10:00 a.m. Our prayer time is personal and confidential within the group, with no obligation to pray aloud.

The study this fall will center on sermons by The Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell delivered at The Chautauqua Institute this past summer. Rev. Newell is an ordained Church of Scotland minister, poet, and peacemaker of Celtic spirituality. He is a former Warden of Iona Abbey in Scotland. Do come and join us. Questions may be directed to Jane Doughman, Nancy Clash, Jo Naretto, Mary Murphy, or Carolyn Watilo.

Get your appetite ready for our annual CLAMBAKE!



RRPC's annual Clambake will be October 23rd. There will be the usual bake along with hot dogs and mac-and-cheese for the kids. Tickets will be on sale after worship on October 2nd, 9th and 16th. Look for the flyers around the church. Any questions, call, text or email Bob Murphy at (440) 781-1231 or bmurphy5@oh.rr.com.

Church Directory Update

If you have yet to pick up the updated page for the church directory listing new Elders, Deacons and officers, it is available at the church office. Or, you may contact the church office (440-333-4888) or info@riverpres.org and request it be sent to you via email.

~ E & M Committee

Mission is POSSIBLE

“Food Sunday” welcomes non-perishable food donations on the 1st Sunday of every month!

On Sunday October 2nd we are collecting food items for the Rocky River Assistance Program. The suggested category for October is spaghetti sauce (plastic containers, not glass), pasta, pancake mix and syrup. But RRAP welcomes all food donations every month. (Damaged, partially used or expired goods cannot be accepted.)

Look for the big purple “Food Sunday” bin in the church lobby to leave your food (or cash!) donations.

—Linda Kanner, Mission Committee

Help “Next Step” help young adults

Next Step, a program for young adults aging out of foster care is in need of **dressers or small chests of drawers**. Housing is provided by Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries but furnishings are sought through donations. These young people get to take the furnishings with them when they are able and age out of foster care, so there is an ongoing need for items. If you have an item to donate arrangements can be made for pick up by the NS van. This van is not the new one RRPW helped to purchase for the program but the one that was replaced. Contact Sandy Carson at carsonhv@cox.net for pick up.



Thanks,
Sandy

Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Greeting! This month's important message is about **Menth Health**. Mental health issues can cause changes in thinking, feelings, behavior and physical activity. Without seeking help, mental health issues could potentially impact careers, families, social interactions, and overall wellbeing. Unfortunately, it can be difficult to tell if you or your loved one is affected by a mental health illness. Here are some signs and symptoms that might help you identify if your loved one is struggling:

- √ Feeling nervous or very sad
- √ Weakness and muscle tension
- √ Headaches or other physical pain
- √ Irritability or anger
- √ Having less energy, motivation, or interests
- √ Problems functioning at home, work, or school
- √ Problems with attention, concentration, or memory
- √ Changes in sleep, appetite, weight, or intimate activities
- √ Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, helplessness, or hopelessness
- √ Unhealthy behaviors (misusing drugs, alcohol, food, or excessive spending to cope with stress)

Mental health conditions and disorders don't affect only adults. Children and teens can experience mental health problems, too. In fact, research has now shown that most mental disorders follow a developmental course that typically starts early in life. This is true not only of conditions such as autism and ADHD, which are well known for having onset in childhood, but also for mood, anxiety, and psychotic disorders. So many people who suffer from depression, social phobia, obsessive compulsive disorder, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia showed signs before they were 24 years old.

Like adults, children and teens can sometimes experience intense emotions as they get older or go through stressful or traumatic events in their lives. For example, it is common for children to feel anxious about school or friendships, or for teens to have short periods of depression after a death in the family. However, children and teens with mental disorders can have ongoing, severe symptoms that affect how a child feels, thinks, acts, and handles daily activities, such as going to school, sleeping, or eating.

Children and teens can develop the same mental health disorders and conditions as adults, but their symptoms may be different or hard to identify. Your child or teen might need help if he or she:

- √ Often feels very angry or very worried
- √ Can't sleep or eat and has low or no energy
- √ Is unable to enjoy pleasurable activities anymore
- √ Isolates her/himself and avoids social interactions
- √ Feels grief for a long time after a loss or death
- √ Exercises, diets and or binge-eats obsessively
- √ Hurts other people or destroys property
- √ Smokes, drinks, or uses alcohol or drugs
- √ Feels like he or she can't control own emotions
- √ Has thoughts of suicide
- √ Harms her/himself, such as cutting or burning her/his skin
- √ Thinks his or her mind is out of control and they may or may not hear voices

Please seek out help if you or a loved one (of any age) appears to be suffering from mental illness. Talk to your physician, your child's pediatrician, the school counselor or pastor. And call NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)—they are a wonderful resource for all ages: (216) 875-0266

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Peace & Global Witness Offering received starting Oct. 2—World Communion Sunday
“Come to the Table of Peace”

Wars rage. Women and children are victims of atrocities. Anger bubbles over into violence. Differences between people grow, and understanding is in short supply.

In the face of such conflicts, we may ask ourselves the question posed in Psalm 78:19—“Can God spread a table in the wilderness?”

God IS spreading a table of peace through the witness of congregations like ours. Through the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**, Presbyterians are addressing some of the most challenging conflicts of our time:

- Acts of war and sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- U.S. firearms violence;
- Attitudes of racism and prejudice
- Drug trafficking and abuse.

You’re invited to make a generous gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering on Oct. 2 (or the weeks following):

- ⇒ using the envelope in your giving packet, or
- ⇒ Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10, or
- ⇒ Give online at presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global

When you give through RRPC, we are encouraged to direct 25% of your gift to support a local peacemaking effort. **This year we will give our portion of the offering to the new Mental Health program at North Coast Health**, the charitable health clinic in Lakewood.

—Mission Committee

Benefit Ronald McDonald House!

Give us your tired, your poor... aluminum can pull-tabs!

You know you can recycle aluminum cans, right?

And you know that the Rocky River Fire Department collects aluminum cans to raise funds for burn unit patients?

But did you know that if you collect the pull-tabs from aluminum cans, those pull-tabs can benefit Ronald McDonald House in University Circle?

The church has pull-tab collection receptacles by the pop machine and in the church office.



Now you can collect pull-tabs at home, then simply bring them to the church office. The pastor will deliver your collected pull-tabs to Ronald McDonald House for you

*Mark
your
calendar!*



**8th Annual
Alternative Christmas
Charity Bazaar**
Sunday, November 21
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

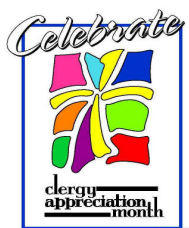
Gifts purchased from the Alternative Christmas Charity Bazaar are financial contributions to non-profit missions given as “Christmas presents” in honor of family and friends. You write just one check for however many “purchases” you make. Your gift will provide to charities—here in northeast Ohio and around the world—services to help children, adults, families, communities, and animals in need.

Volunteers for ACCB are needed

There are many small but essential tasks that make this event such a success.

If you would like help as a greeter, cashier, baker, or committee member, please contact Anne Busher, Chuck Erml, Lisa Poole, Sara Doan, Sue Krizman, or Dr. Fancher to learn more or volunteer.

—Anne Busher, ACCB Chair



OCTOBER 2016 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian



DISPLAYS:

New books for adults and children
Autumn books for children

Come in and check out completed Phase One of the library improvement plan!

**New cozier chairs (to accommodate 2 people rather than just one, as before),
a new table, a rug to define the space, and a new easel for displaying information just outside the library**

NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:

Nonfiction books:

When a Pet Dies

j155.9 ROG

This book reassures youngsters that no matter how bad they feel when they lose a pet, in time their hurt will ease, and they will be able to remember with fondness the happiness they shared.

Through My Eyes

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Ruby Bridges tells her story of a pivotal event in history. In 1960, 6-year-old Ruby, surrounded by federal marshals, walked through a mob of angry segregationists and into her school. The next day, she was the only student- the white parents had removed their children. Ruby, with a wonderful teacher, learned to read and add.

NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS:

Fiction books:

Lost Mission

FIC DIC

A Spanish mission collapsed in the 18th century atop the evidence of a shocking crime. The story revolves around five people...a French monk who started the mission centuries ago, a Spanish woman who feels led to minister to Americans, a man who loves the wrong woman, a grieving father, and an immigrant carrying guilt for causing a horrid auto accident. Generations later, when the mission is unearthed, dire consequences abound for everyone

Between Sundays

FIC KIN

Two men and the football they love; a woman with a heart for the lonely and lost; and a boy who believes the impossible. Thrown together in a season of self-discovery, they are about to learn lessons in character and grace, love and sacrifice. Because in the end, life is defined by how we live it between Sundays.

Nonfiction Books:

A Dancing Star: Inspirations to Guide and Heal

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For guidance during challenging times, this book offers gems of wisdom from an array of celebrated figures. "One must have chaos in oneself in order to give birth to a dancing star."- Nietzsche

The Great House of God: A Home for Your Heart

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This Max Lucado book uses the Lord's Prayer as a floor plan to take you on a tour of the home God intended for you. There is only one home built just for your heart, no house more complete, no structure more solid.

The Be Happy Attitudes: Eight Positive Attitudes that Can Transform Your Life

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Author Robert Schuller shows how you can improve your life by making 8 crucial attitude adjustments. Looking at the Beatitudes one by one, he explores what they really mean for us today and how applying these positive principles can make a practical difference in anybody's life.

Hope for the Troubled Heart

248.8 GRA

Billy Graham writes about the frustration we may experience from these times- economic downturn, deteriorating health, things go wrong, people disappoint us. You can grasp God's love, face failure with unshakable hope, pray through your pain, store up strength, and look at life as the training ground for heaven.

HAPPY READING!!

(All descriptions have been taken from book jacket, title page verso, or review article)

Sun

Mon

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OCTOBER

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1 Trash & Treasure
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes

2 World Communion /Peace & Global Witness Offering/Food

3
7:00 p.m. CE Committee
7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.

4
7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.

5
10:00 a.m. Koionia Prayer
& Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship Comm.
7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.

6
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Seekers Class #3
7:00 p.m. Back to Basics (AA)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

7
7:00 a.m. Friday morning
Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)

8
7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Worship / Communion/
11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship
11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir
3:00 p.m. ACS "Acclaior" in concert
7:00 p.m. Senior High/Middle School

10
12:00 p.m. PW Semi-Circle
7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.

11
9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith
9:30 a.m. RRP Preschool
Board Mtg.
7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.

12 Beurdens Fund-raiser for RRP Preschool
10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. & lunch (Beurdens)
10:00 a.m. Koionia Prayer & Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.

13
8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Back to Basics (AA)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

14
7:00 a.m. Friday morning
Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)

15
7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Worship / Children/ Nursery
11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship
11:30 a.m. E & M Committee Mtg.
11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir
3:00 p.m. Pre-concert lecture
4:00 p.m. Apollo's Fire Concert
7:00 p.m. Senior High/Middle School

16 Stewardship Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Worship / Children/ Nursery
11:30 a.m. Stewardship Celebration Lunch
11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir
7:00 p.m. Senior High/Middle School

17
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.
7:30 p.m. Session Mtg.

18
7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.

19
7:30 a.m. North Coast Health Trustee Mtg.
10:00 a.m. Koionia Prayer & Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.

20
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m. PW Priscilla Circle
7:00 p.m. Back to Basics (AA)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

21
7:00 a.m. Friday morning
Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)

22
7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Worship / Children/Nursery
11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship
11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir
5:00 p.m. **Cianbake**—Pre-ticketed Event
7:00 p.m. Senior High/Middle School

24
7:00 p.m. PW Women of Grace Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.

25
9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith
7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.

26
10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg.
10:00 a.m. Koionia Prayer & Bible Study
5:30 p.m. RRP Preschool "Just Playing Around"
7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.

27
8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Back to Basics (AA)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

28
7:00 a.m. Friday morning
Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)

29
7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Worship / Children/ Nursery
11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship
11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir
7:00 p.m. Senior High/Middle School Mtg.

31 *All Saints Eve*
7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.



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