



Pastor's Pen



Sunday, October 6, is World Communion Sunday, a day we recognize our unity with the many and various expressions of Christian communities of faith throughout the world. This is a day we take notice that we are interconnected as the Body of Christ, regardless of where we are located.

This is a day to focus on what we share in common with other faith communities, however different these faith expressions may be, namely our affirmation that Jesus is Lord over all that is, seen and unseen. Even though Christian communities may differ ethnically or racially, or by difference in personality, we are made one in the body and blood of Jesus as commemorated in the Lord's Supper. What matters is not our native language or national heritage, but faith in the One whose love knows no earthly boundaries or limits.

This means, because of our common affirmation in the Lordship of Jesus, we can celebrate the diversity of faith expressions in our communities and throughout the world. The Apostle Paul, in his writings to the churches he helped to establish, saw early on that these faith communities were made up of a diverse collection of people with different ethnicities and nationalities, as well as personalities. Yet, he considered these differences a strength and not a weakness because they demonstrated how each member could make a unique contribution to the Body of Christ.

In I Corinthians 12 he writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (I Cor. 12:12). Which is to say, the Body of Christ needs different "parts" to function as a body. He continues, "If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?" (I Cor 12:17) No one part is more essential than the other, each part is needed. One must wonder that if God had no use for these differences, there would have been no reason to create more than one person.

On World Communion Sunday we acknowledge Jesus Christ as the great unifier of each person uniquely created in God's image, having the capacity to make a unique contribution to the Body of Christ.

Pastor Peter

WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER:

OCTOBER 6: On this World Communion Sunday we will gather at the Lord's Table, remembering how Christ's Lordship reaches all over the world. The scripture emphasis for this day is Revelation 3:20-22. Here Jesus declares that he stands at the door and knocks. Who will answer? The Message is called, "Knocks Never Heard."

OCTOBER 13: The Westminster Catechism, one of the confessions in our faith tradition, states "Humanity's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever." What does this mean for our daily living? We will explore Luke 5:27-32 as one of the possible ways to answer this. The message is called, "Our Chief End."

OCTOBER 20: In Mark 4:1-9 Jesus told a parable about a farmer who went out to sow seeds. What's curious is that this farmer seems to scatter the seed in unlikely places. The message is called, "The Art of Seed Throwing."

OCTOBER 27: Revs Peter and Joyce Lawson will be switching pulpits this Sunday. Rev. Joyce Lawson is the Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls.

COMING IN NOVEMBER...

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: All Saints Sunday is **November 3**, and we will be remembering the gift of the lives of members and those associated with our congregation who have passed since the previous All Saints Sunday which was November 5, 2023. During the worship service there will be a reading of the names of the deceased and the date of their passing. If you would like to include a name of someone not associated with the church (a friend or relative) who has passed during this time frame, please contact the church office or speak to the pastor before November 3.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: **November 17**

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZARRE: **November 24**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Olivia Sweet	10/01
Dick Norman	10/05
Eva Rudolph	10/06
Gretchen Roche	10/06
John Weedon	10/07
Sue Hoffner	10/09
Colleen Mattocks	10/09
Brenda Peterson	10/12
Carter Hoon	10/13
Kemper Arnold	10/14
Ross Eyer	10/17
Sue Krivok	10/17
Jeff Prudhoe	10/17
Brian Roche	10/17
Becky Ahren	10/18
Colleen Timm	10/19
Kim Prudhoe	10/20
Luke Zinda	10/20
Matthew Davis	10/29



Would you consider volunteering for the Sunday School classroom one time a month or as a floater?

Our children's protection policy states that we need 2 people in the classroom with the children. We have two dedicated and loving teachers, Ellen Schickel and Melanie Fredrickson. Now we are seeking for volunteers so that we can have two teams for teaching. The teachers do the planning and presenting. The helpers are there to assist with the children. What a wonderful opportunity for the children to get to know other people in their church family.



Contact Brenda Peterson
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Annual Alternative Christmas Charity Bazaar



Rocky River Presbyterian Church will host the Annual Alternative Christmas Charity Bazaar on **Sunday, November 24, 2024 from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** Come learn about and visit around 10 to 12 charities and the One World Shop in one place. Donations to the charities at the Alternative Christmas Charity Bazaar are financial contributions to non-profit missions given as “Christmas presents” in honor of family and friends.

How does it work?

At the bazaar, visit booths where representatives for each charity will be present to explain their services. Select one or several charities to make your cash (or check) donation to and receive a custom-designed greeting postcard with a description of the gift’s ministry. Donate to one charity or to all 12. The cards can then be given to your family, or friends telling about the charitable gift selected by you and given in their honor! 100% of all donations go directly to the charity and your gifts will be tax deductible.

Who needs another ugly sweater?

In 2024, shoppers are able to select from 10 to 12 missions including the One World Shop. Businesses **MAY** include Cuyahoga County Habitat for Humanity, Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, The Gathering Place, Shriners Children’s Hospital, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Doughbe River Presbyterian School, National Association of Mental Illness, the One World Shop, The Cleveland Food Bank and more.

We urge you to join us on Sunday November 24, 2023 at 11:30 am for this exciting mission project—you can be “God’s hands and heart” as you honor loved ones in more meaningful ways. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 440-333-4888 or contact Anne Busher 440-539-0787. As always, you can make contributions to this event up until Christmas Eve in the church office.

Thanks, Anne Busher

440-539-0787

OCTOBER 2024 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

DISPLAYS:

New books



NEW ITEM FOR ADULTS WORKING WITH TEENS IN CHURCH:

Woo: Awakening Teenagers' Desire to Follow in the Way of Jesus

268.4 SCH

What teens want- whether they possess it, want it, are terrified by it, deny it, pursue it, or give up on it- impacts their relationships, dictates their actions, forms their character, and shapes their beliefs. If they want Jesus or the church, they're more likely to keep wanting their faith beyond youth group.

NEW ITEMS FOR TEENS:

Teen Nonfiction

The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make

TEEN 155.5 COV

The challenges teens face today are tougher than at any time in history. The author gives them the strong advice they need to succeed in school, make good friends, get along with parents, handle dating and sex issues, avoid or overcome addictions, build self-esteem, and more.

I Will Remember You: What to Do When Someone You Love Dies

TEEN 155.9 DOW

A Guidebook Through Grief for Teens

What are you supposed to feel and say? Do you reach out or shut down? Is it possible to grieve for someone you don't even know? If you lose a friend, do you lose your cool? There are no rules- grief is what you make it.

Teen Study Bible

TEEN 220.5 NEW

This Bible tells teens what the Bible has to say and where it says it, with lots of features (some very serious and some not-so-serious).

The Gospels for Graduates

TEEN 242.63 EAR

Timeless truths from the words and life of Jesus are applied to the pressures/ concerns graduates face.

Psalms for Graduates

TEEN 248.83 EAR

These 31 verses from the Book of Psalms speak clearly to young graduates' needs and concerns. Such subjects as self-value, loneliness, serenity, fate, enthusiasm, and love are probed.

Same God, Different Churches: A Guide to Christian Denominations

TEEN 280 MEI

What's up with all the different churches? Written in everyday language, this guide clearly spells it out, from the unique qualities of different kinds of churches to the unifying principles of Christian faith. It takes the fear out of accompanying a friend to a different church, and it inspires a greater appreciation for the love Christians share in Christ.

What Color Is Your Parachute? for Teens: Discover Yourself,

TEEN 650.1 CHR

Design Your Future, and Plan for Your Dream Job

This updated career guide for teens draws on the principles of "What Color Is Your Parachute?" to help high school and college students zero in on their favorite skills and find their perfect major or career.

HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

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

~ 2024 TRASH & TREASURE ~

The Mission & Evangelism

Committee has canceled this year's Trash & Treasure Event. The committee members believe it is best to reschedule our Trash & Treasure for next year (2025) so we are better prepared with the number of participants needed (35 people) and place our focus on the numerous changes our church is going through to make this popular event successful.

Thank you for understanding and we look forward to 2025 and to all the help you can give us next year!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PHYLLIS GROSS:

A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Phyllis Gross will be held at the Wesleyan Village Assisted Living Facility on **Friday, October 11, 2:00 p.m.** in Cascade Hall. The address is 807 West Avenue; Elyria 44035. An Ice Cream Social will follow. Phyllis passed away on July 18.

Church Baby News:

On September 20th Brian Beer and his wife Madeline had a little boy who they named Franklin Robert Beer. Franklin makes Diane and Bob Beer grandparents. Franklin also makes Dick and Marty Heath, great-grandparents.

Apollo's Fire presents: BACH'S Brandenburg Concertos on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 7:30PM at the church. Tickets & information:

<https://apollosfire.org/event/brandenburg-concertos/>

The season opens with sizzling virtuosity! Jeannette Sorrell leads the exhilarating Apollo's Fire musicians in Bach's masterpieces – featuring daredevil violinist Alan Choo in No. 4 and dazzling guest trumpeter Caleb Hudson of the Canadian Brass in No. 2. **AFTERGLOW** reception - After the concert, toast the opening of our new season – and have your new CDs signed by Jeannette and the musicians. Open to all. **AFTERGLOW** reception - After the concert, toast the opening of our new season – and have your new CDs signed by Jeannette and the musicians. Open to all.

****Please have all articles submitted for the PULSE newsletter before the 24th of the month.**

Thank you!

PRESCHOOL:

We have 65 children enrolled and a great start to a new school year.



Upcoming fundraisers

Cane's October 3rd 4pm to 10pm. See following page for details.

Butter Braids: Sale begins October 14th, and orders are due by November 4th. Delivery will be the week of November 18th. RRPP will earn 35%-40% of sales. Checks can be made payable to RRPP. You can also order online; fliers will be available in the church office. Also, we will have some samples available after church services on October 20th.

Thank you for your support!



JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

**Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:**

Rocky River Presbyterian Preschool

DATE & TIME:

October 03, 2024 from 04:00 PM - 10:00 PM


LOCATION:

**21330 Center Ridge, Rocky River, OH 44116
+1 440-236-0271**



October 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 6:30 pm Worship Committee	2 7:30 pm Men's AA Mtg.	3	4 7:00 am Friday Morning Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	5 7:00 pm Altered Attitudes Mtg
6 Communion/Food Sunday 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:35 Mission Committee Mtg.	7 7:00 pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall) 8:00 pm Christian Education Mtg. (Zoom)	8 9:30 am Expressions of Faith 9:30 am RRP Preschool Committee 4:30 HR Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm Finance Committee	9 7:30 pm Men's AA Mtg.	10	11 7:00 am Friday Morning Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	12 7:00 pm Altered Attitudes Mtg
13 9:00 am Adult Education 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 E&M Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Youth Fellowship	14 12:00 PW Semi Circle Luncheon 7:00 pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Deacon's Mtg.	15 6:30 Property, Finance and Stewardship Mtg.	16 7:30 pm Men's AA Mtg.	17 7:00 pm Priscilla Circle	18 7:00 am Friday Morning Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	19 7:00 pm Altered Attitudes Mtg
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Christian Education Corner

Christian Education, Facilitator, Brenda Peterson

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Adult Education – We are blessed to have Dr. Dick Watts sharing with us “What About Those Other Gospels?” The information he is sharing with us is very thought provoking. Why are they not in Bible? If you have not been with us thus far, it is not too late. He has one more session to present in this series. Come join us and for another intriguing and thought provoking presentation. **Sunday, October 6** in the West Room 9:00-10:00 AM. Coffee and tea available.

October 20, 2024, Kate Lodge, Executive Director of, **A Place 4 Me** will be sharing with us the mission of this on-profit organization dedicated to preventing and ending youth homelessness in Cuyahoga County.

October 27 – Hal Mitcheltree is back!! Hal has a gift of sharing brilliant photos, music and getting us to “think outside of the box” We share in engaging conversation and perspectives that we each have. Hal will be presenting a 4 week series with us: **Oct. 27, November 3, 10 and 17**. Looking forward to seeing you at 9:00-10:00 AM in the West Room.

Youth Fellowship – It is delightful to reunite with one another. We started off September 8 with parents and youth bowling. Great fun for everyone! **We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 6:00-7:30 PM** in the Youth Room @ RRPC. We are focusing our studies on Matthew 25. Friends are always welcome to join us.

Sunday School – We are using the Following Jesus curriculum. The children have their routine down. They enjoy being in worship with us and participating in Passing of the Peace prior to heading to their classroom.



Can Anger be Productive?

In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26

Your life may sometimes seem similar to a stagnant creek. You may feel as if you have lost the joy and zeal for life you once had. You desperately need something that can come in and clean up the creek that is your life, and anger may be part of the solution.

You may initially think of anger as a sinful emotion and feel guilty about feeling angry. But let's look at anger from another perspective. Scripture doesn't identify anger as sin. Ephesians 4:26 tells us that anger is something that can lead to sin if we allow it to control us. Anger is actually the most productive emotion we feel, which is also why it can be challenging to manage. When used inappropriately, anger will destroy our relationships.

But when used righteously, anger can be the perfect fuel for our resilience. That's right! God, who made us in His image, created us with the capacity to feel anger. God created within us an emotion that can lead us out of our oppression. So let's appropriately direct this powerful emotion toward whatever is keeping us stuck, whether it is destructive theology, destructive thinking, or a destructive coping skill.

Think about it: Are you carrying not only the weight of your initial suffering but also the suffering that comes from being stuck? It is dangerous to be stuck. It is not as simple as prolonging pain. Being stuck is a direct invitation to additional pain. Being stuck costs you. Being stuck robs you. Being stuck should make you angry!

God can use anger to clear the stagnant creeks of our lives. I challenge you, then, to allow appropriately directed anger to build some momentum that can be used to help you begin bouncing back from the hurts that have kept you stuck.

Anger can help you replace that all-too-common "Why?" with a new and refreshing "What now?" Ask yourself, What do I need to do to make sure I survive this storm? What do I need to learn to ensure that I thrive in this struggle? How will I build resilience?

If you are feeling anger today, use it as momentum to get unstuck!

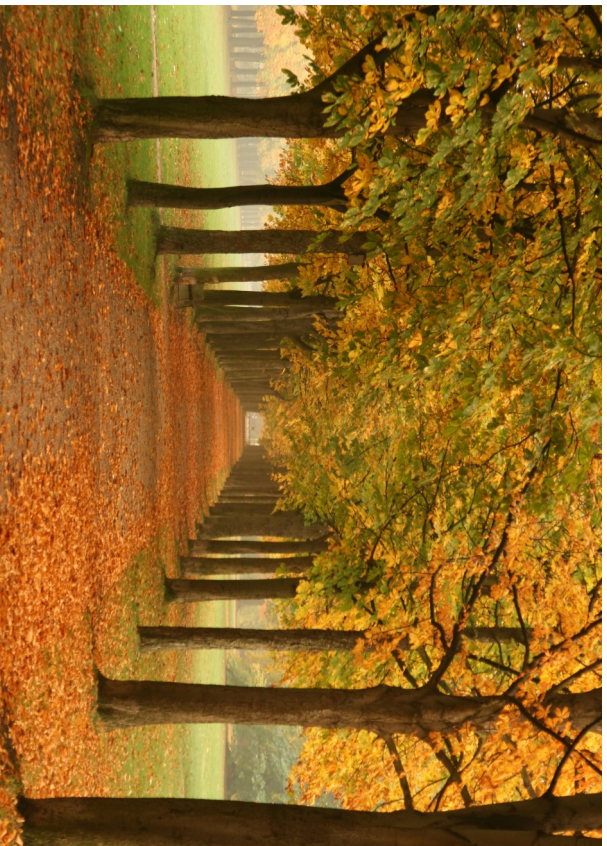
How has anger been a part of your journey of suffering? In what ways has it helped you to make changes in your life? What changes might it help you make now?

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****Please note: Submissions for the monthly Pulse need to be in to the church office no later than the 24th of each month. Thank you!**

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