



# The Highlander

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**Annual  
Season of  
Stewardship  
begins  
Sunday  
October  
14<sup>th</sup>!**

Please see page 3  
(Finance &  
Generosity)  
for details.

Stewardship letters  
have been mailed!

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*Please stop in, call  
or email the office  
by **TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>**  
with any  
information,  
announcements,  
updates, etc. that  
you would like to  
see in November's  
newsletter!*

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*Please see page 7 (Fellowship)  
for special information from  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
on how YOU can help those  
who have been affected by  
Hurricane Florence*

## **THANK YOU to all our WORSHIP volunteers!**

Have a question, or would you like to volunteer to help with some part of worship?  
Contact either Chairperson Roberta Dinsmore or the office!

**\*\*We NEED more volunteers for screen and sound on Sundays!\*\*  
It's as simple as coming to worship and clicking a button on a laptop!  
There is even an instruction sheet!**

**Please contact the office or ask a current screen volunteer  
for more information.**

DATE	OCTOBER 7 World Communion Sunday	OCTOBER 14
PASTOR/LEADER	Jef Dinsmore	Richard Fetterman
LITURGIST	Jef Dinsmore	Greg Gaston
<b>**SCREEN &amp; SOUND</b>		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY	Dee Blose	
FLOWERS	Greg Gaston	Pam Hogan
USHERS	R. Barrett, W. Divelbiss, D. Forsythe, J. Hughes	J. Haire, T. Fezell, C. Haire, P. Young
DATE	OCTOBER 21	OCTOBER 28 Reformation Sunday
PASTOR/LEADER	PCOP Youth Group	Jef Dinsmore
LITURGIST	PCOP Youth Group	Jef Dinsmore
<b>**SCREEN &amp; SOUND</b>		
ACOLYTE		
NURSERY		
FLOWERS	Kay Nesbitt	Lee Blose
USHERS	R. Dinsmore, R. Fetterman, R. Dinsmore, B. Burkett	K. Hughes, R. Lettie, D. Hartman, L. Lettie

*Since some of our supply ministers do not choose hymns, we would like to use YOUR favorites!*

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*If you have a hymn that you would like to sing in church or at a hymn sing, please let Nancy know. You can email her at [npearce@hotmail.com](mailto:npearce@hotmail.com) or write the name and give it to her at church.*

## FINANCE & GENEROSITY

Thank you for donating funds, time, and energy to PCOP!

Date	Attendance in worship	Weekly offering	% to Current Fund
September 2	46	\$2,096.00	91.36%
September 9	42	\$2,445.00	87.73%
September 16	39	\$470.00	94.68%
September 23	51	\$4,290.09	93.47%
September 30	45	\$2,532.00	94.08%

SEPTEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL HEALTH			
	Current	Year to Date	2018 Total Budget
Receipts	\$11,833.51	\$118,900.78	\$163,584.00
Expenses	\$7,605.45	\$83,951.25	
Excess or [Deficient]	\$4,228.06	\$34,949.53	

### It Is the How and Why

Dear friends-in-faith,

Truly, all thanks should be given to God. The Lord has provided to us and we have received. We have been provided and now we must manage that of which we were provided. Thus, it is up to us to be certain the worldly resources we have are used wisely and in the Way the Lord has prescribed.

It is now time to demonstrate our desire to fulfill this obligation to God's Way. The Stewardship season is once again upon us. Kickoff is **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. This Stewardship Campaign will run through to **Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Included [in the letter mailed out] you will find a red stewardship response slip for your use. This can be easily completed and mailed to myself, to the church office, or dropped in the offering plate on Sunday. Or, if you prefer, it can be dropped off at the office or my home. Also, if you wish, simply hand it to me at church or whenever our paths cross. Actually, any submission method including a phone call would be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

In Joy and Thanks,

Richard Fetterman  
The Stewardship Committee

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**Monthly Giving  
Spotlight:  
Annual  
Stewardship  
Campaign**

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# MEMBERSHIP & PCOP UPDATES

Birthdays, prayer requests, moving and more!



*Please remember to contact the office if you have any changes in mailing address, email address, or phone number to ensure you are still receiving PCOP updates!*

## Those Needing Our Prayers

Arianna Aires	Betty Brumbaugh	Duane & Pam Carr
Betty Cessna	Gillen Geary	The Graham Family
Jacob Hielman	John Hughes	Martha Irvin
Dorothy Jenks	Marie Jenks	Kathy Kopp
Geraldine VanWhy	The Ward Family	The White Family



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



October 8	Kristi Anderson
October 9	Pamela Hogan
October 14	Robert Hanley
October 18	Autumn Robbins
October 22	Muriel Grube

# SESSION & THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Keeping up with the committees and officers of PCOP!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be:  
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>**  
10:00 a.m.  
Memorial Parlor

The next meeting of Session (Unicameral Board)  
will be:  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:00 p.m.  
Lester Seminar Room

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

**will be served on World Communion Sunday  
October 7<sup>th</sup> following worship**

**Any trained Elder or Deacon can volunteer to be  
on a Homebound Communion team and visit with  
our members who are unable to make it to worship.  
Contact Coordinator Kathi Cessna for more information!**

**\*\*If you or a loved one would like to participate in Homebound Communion  
but currently do not, please contact Coordinator Kathi Cessna**

### *A reminder from the Finances & Giving Committee:*

If you are turning in a receipt for purchases you made for something here at PCOP (Community Meal, Sunday school, etc.) please attach a note or write somewhere on the receipt what the purchases were for.

Thank you!



### *Beautify the sanctuary with flowers*

Write "Deacons Flowers" in check memo line (\$25) and call the office to place your order. Available dates:

October 7, 14, 28  
November 4, 25



## MISSION & OUTREACH

A "Choose Your Own Adventure" to get more involved at PCOP!

### *Prayer Chain*

Our email prayer chain is up and running and we are now accepting prayer requests. Simply email your request to:

[pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com](mailto:pcop.prayer.chain@gmail.com)

If you don't have an email account, you can also call the church office.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. To sign up, simply send an email with your name to the same email address. You can also write down your name and email address and hand them to Rex Lettie at church.

Contact Rex Lettie, Mission Chair, with any questions.

*Volunteers are always welcome to help at the next First Tuesday Community Meal!*



*Pierogi-Kielbasa Casserole Bake*

*Green Bean 'n Carrot Blend*

*Bread & Butter*

*Caramel Apple Gingerbread*

*\*Recipes and sign-up sheets for food, kitchen help, serving, and clean-up are located on the bulletin board outside the Memorial Parlor\**

**Crosstown Ministries Food Pantry**  
**Woodland Avenue United Methodist Church**  
**203 Woodland Ave.**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 P.M.**

Volunteers are always needed throughout the month to: donate food, unload the food truck, prepare boxes for the distribution, and distribute the boxes to those who need them

*Please contact Pastor Clint Phillips @ (814) 938-8160 for more information*

# FELLOWSHIP

Have fun and spend time with your PCOP family!



**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
@ 8 A.M.**

Questions? Ask Keith Hughes or Rex Lettie  
Men's Breakfast meets 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month!  
*(unless otherwise noted)*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

### *Saturday Friends Out*

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
@ 11:45 A.M.**

**Join us @ Gimmick's Restaurant  
(no reservations!)**

Questions? Ask Ann Mumper  
Saturday Friends Out meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month!



## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

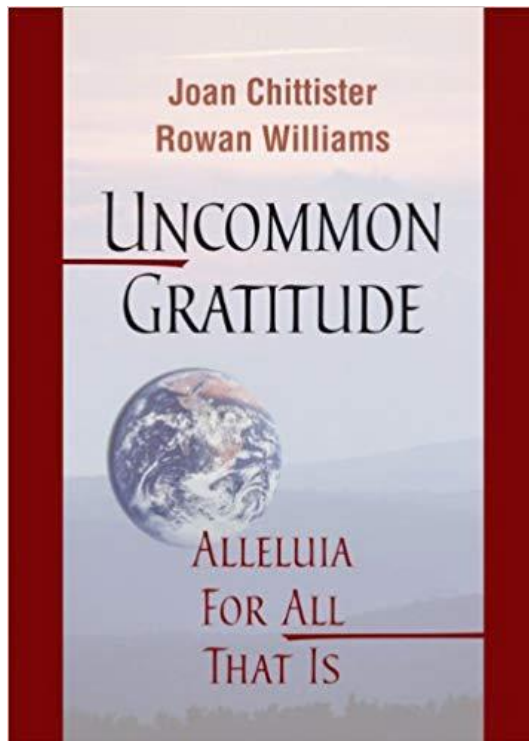
**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by **Hurricane Florence** on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction from the storm. The storm's path is cutting across areas still recovering from Hurricane Matthew (2016). PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries to meet with Presbyterian and community leadership to assist in coordinating relief efforts and mucking out homes and churches. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing spiritual and emotional care and long-term recovery to address the unmet needs of those impacted. While these winds and waters have meant loss and destruction, the work of PDA might become, as the psalmist says, “a river whose streams make glad the city of God.” Together with God, we draw hope out of the chaos. The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the **“GAP”—Give. Act. Pray.**

**\*\*The required form to attach to your donation is available in the Sunday bulletin (September 30 and October 7) and in the office\*\***

# YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How to love God, share the gospel, and live as Disciples of Christ



Join Tuesdays @ 10  
in October  
to read and discuss

*Uncommon Gratitude:  
Alleluia for All That Is*

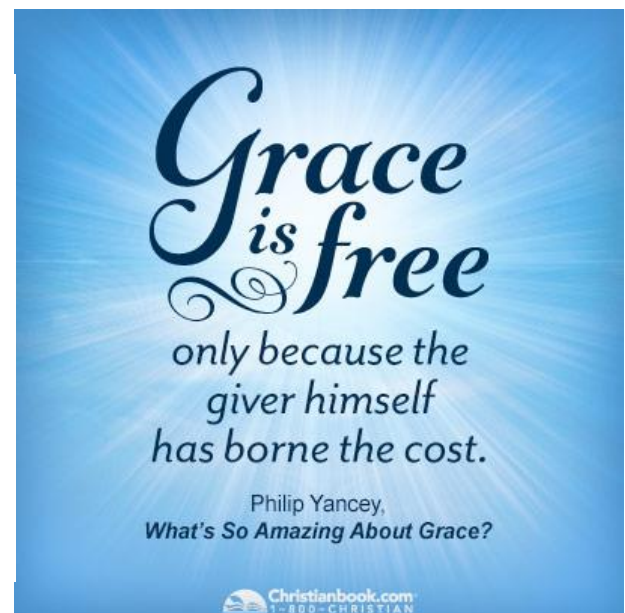
by Joan Chittister and  
Rowan Williams

## Adult Sunday School

*What's So Amazing About Grace?*  
by Philip Yancey

Offered Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.  
in the Lester Seminar Room

**\*All are welcome to participate\***





# WHO DO I CONTACT?

“I have a question about . . .”

Schedules, quarterly financial statement, newsletter, ordering flowers, bulletin information, ordering church supplies, using church facilities, etc. <i>And anything else!</i>	Keri in PCOP office
Hospitalizations, Emergencies, Member Care	Keri in PCOP Office Board of Deacons
Worship information, pulpit supply	Worship Committee Chair Roberta Dinsmore
Baptisms & Weddings	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Funerals & Memorial Services	Keri in PCOP Office Funeral Director
Mission Opportunities	Mission Chair Rex Lettie
Youth Group & Children’s Sunday School	Youth Group—Dana Hartman Christian Education Chair—Janey London
Finances & Giving	Finance Chair Richard Fetterman
New Members (Joining PCOP)	Clerk of Session Doug Chambers
Choir & Music	Music Director Nancy Pearce
First Tuesday Community Meal	Donna Anderson
Current Members of Session	Richard Fetterman, Keith Hughes, George West, Roberta Dinsmore, Janey London, Rick Nesbitt, William Cooper, Dana Hartman, Rex Lettie
Current Board of Deacons	Jennifer Gaston, Carole Haire, Melissa Polczynski, Greg Gaston, Pam Hogan, Kay Nesbitt, Lee Blose, Kathi Cessna, Jean Hughes

# OCTOBER 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 October newsletter info deadline  10 A.M. Tues @ 10 5 P.M. Community Meal	3	4  7 P.M. Choir Practice	5	6
7 World Communion Sunday & Peace & Global Witness Offering	8 Columbus Day	9 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	10	11 7 P.M. Choir Practice	12	13
14 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 5:30 P.M. Crosstown Food Pantry	16 10 A.M. Tues @ 10  World Food Day	17	18 7 P.M. Choir Practice	19	20 11:45 A.M. Saturday Friends Out @ Gimmick's
21 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 A.M. Deacons Meeting  Children's Sabbath	22 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	23 10 A.M. Tues @ 10	24 United Nations Day	25 7 P.M. Choir Practice	26	27 8 A.M. Men's Breakfast
28 Reformation Sunday	29	30 10 A.M. Tues @ 10  November newsletter info deadline	31 Halloween	<p><b><i>Be sure to check the bulletin board for coffee hour sign-ups!</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Everyone loves cookies and coffee!</i></b></p>		

## ~ Sunday Morning Schedule ~

9:45 A.M. Adult Sunday School in Lester Seminar Room

11:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

During worship: A Time for Young Worshipers

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Worship



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*Join us on  
October 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 11 A.M.  
to celebrate with  
our global  
Presbyterian  
family!*



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**