

# Under Our Roof

First Presbyterian Church, Covington, VA

October 2021

The session has been studying a book titled Sailboat Church. Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice by Joan S. Gray. At the last session meeting together we considered the question, "What is the church's mission?"

Following the Resurrection, the Bible tells us that Jesus spent 40 days with His disciples. He continued to instruct them on the Kingdom of God. In Acts 1 we hear Jesus' final words to the disciples before he ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father.

Jesus said; "And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world." (Acts 1:8, The Message)

The 11 disciples with Jesus that day were given specific instructions about what their mission was to be. They were to be Jesus' witnesses to the things that Jesus taught them about the Kingdom of God. A witness is one who shares what they have seen and heard.

So, the disciples were to tell what they heard Jesus say as he taught them about God and God's Kingdom. They were to tell about what they saw when Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, and provided for the hungry.

As I told the Sunday School classes, the book of Acts is the story of the early church, but it is a story that has continued from that day to now and will continue into the future. We are still writing the story. So, the words from Acts 1:8 were not only for the 11 men gathered with Jesus, they are words for us as well.

In the words of Joan S. Gray the mission of the church based upon Jesus instructions is "Sharing the good news and inviting people to abundant life in God..." (Sailboat Church, p. 34)

The session and I continue to consider the specific way that First Presbyterian Church in Covington will live out the mission of the church to be witnesses to the ends of the world, sharing the good news and inviting people to come to learn about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Every one of us is a part of that mission. We ask that you pray about it. We ask that you consider what your role as a witness to Jesus Christ should be.

*Pastor Susi*

# OCTOBER



## BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Kathy Howard**
- 4 Jim Oliver**
- 15 Jim Slate**
- 24 Susannah Cornelius**
- 25 Pam Pace**
- 30 Gary Pillow**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter THESE DAYS devotionals are still available for pick up. Or if anyone that would like a copy mailed to them, please let Ann Marie know in the office. The devotions start on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>



~Pastor Susi~

**You are Loved and  
Appreciated!**

## October Adult Education

We have begun our study of the book *Acts of the Apostles*. There are two opportunities to learn about the members of the first Christian communities.

Sunday morning the zoom call begins at 9:30 am with some time for folks to talk and catch up with each other. We then begin discussion on the material around 9:45 with the goal of being off zoom and preparing for worship around 10:30.

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Tuesday evenings the zoom call begins at 6:30 pm again with some time for folks to talk and catch up. The discussion begins at 7:00 pm. The only materials you will need as we study Acts is a Bible.

In October there is a slight change to the schedule since Pastor Susi will be away on vacation.

Class will meet on Sunday October 3 and Tuesday October 5. This will be a discussion of Acts chapter 2.

Jim Slate will be joining the class on Sunday morning October 10 to give an update for the South Covington Care Pantry and Men of Mission. There will not be a class on that Tuesday.

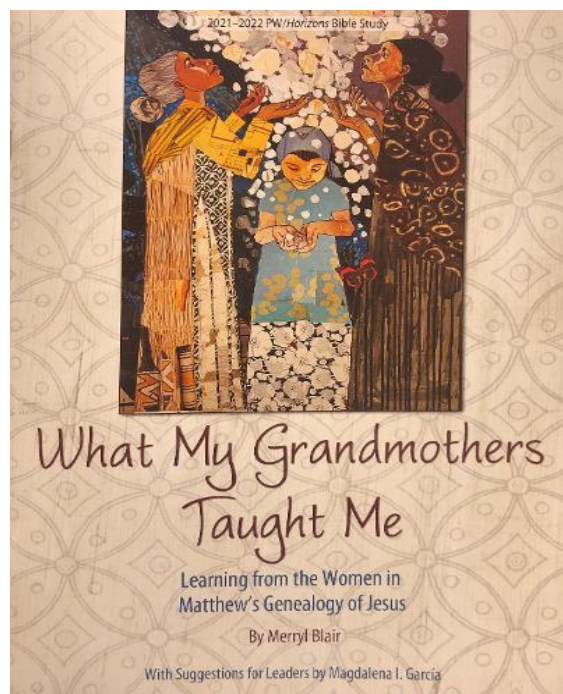
The study of Acts will resume on Sunday October 17 and Tuesday October 19 with Acts chapters 3 & 4, The class will meet each Sunday and Tuesday thereafter.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

Our Presbyterian Women will be meeting two weeks later in October due to Pastor Susi's vacation schedule. That date is Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. We will be studying chapter 2 in our booklets titled *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. There were eleven in attendance at the first meeting in the church sanctuary. I was so glad we could use the sound system and be able to social distance to keep us safe from the Covid virus.

Pam Pace



## ***A Minute 4 Mission***


**Sunday School September 19, 2021  
Virtual Visit by Brenda Linkenhoker**

We were enriched with the virtual September 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday School update by Brenda Linkenhoker on two local programs: the Christmas Mother program and also the Bridging the Gap program. As the 2020 Alleghany Highlands Christmas Mother, we received her insights especially from the COVID related changes necessary to make the program function and be successful. Comments from two participants, also previous Christmas Mothers, acknowledged the effectiveness of such changes and complemented improvements done to the program.

We support the Christmas Mother and Bridging the Gap programs financially via our Church's annual budget and also in prayer. Should you like to make a designated gift to support either of these programs, please send your check to the church office with a memo note of the program's name.

Thank you, Brenda, for your presentation to us and to all the important work you do in our community!

-- Mission & Service Committee



**World  
Communion Sunday**  
**OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Peace & Global Witness Offering & the  
2 Cents a Meal offering will be collected!**

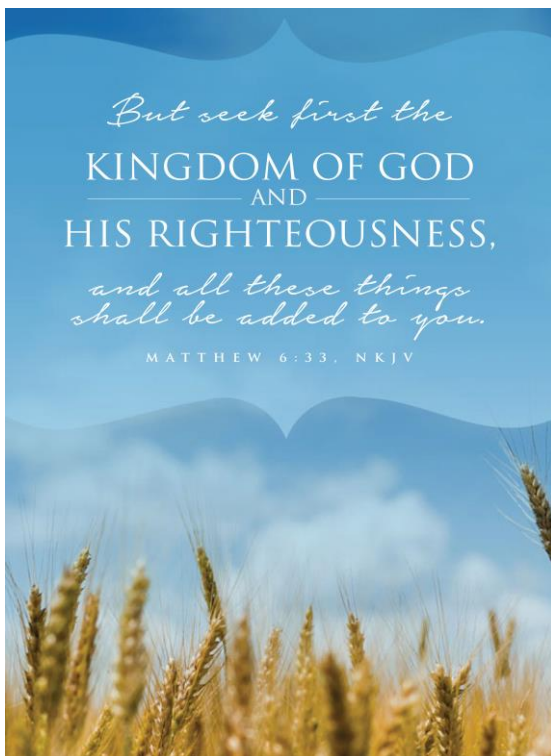
# Prayers and Songs

The Worship and Music Committee is still on hold with presenting music to the community. We are closely monitoring our local viral rate. When it is down from the current "hot Spot" rating, we will again continue our outreach in music.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> is World Communion Sunday and we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the rest of the World.

As some of you may know Pastor Susi is going to be on vacation the week of October 10<sup>th</sup> and our speaker for that service will be our very own Linda Trumbo.

The worship committee welcomes any input from anyone on how to make our worship service more meaningful. You are also welcome to attend our meetings which are usually on the second Tuesday at 11:00. (In person or zoom). Due to Pastor Susi's vacation schedule the meeting will be announced for this month.



# Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



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 \_ph\_s\_ \_ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D

Answer: F

# First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Will Be Held In-Person and on Our YouTube Channel  
 Devotions with Daniel Continue to Be Streamed on Our YouTube Channel  
 Sunday School via Zoom – Contact Pastor Susi for an Invitation @pastor.susi.ennis@gmail.com

## October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	2 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a
3 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  Social Time, 9:30a Sunday School, 9:45a  Worship, 11:00a World Communion 2 Cents a Meal Off.	4 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	5 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  M&S Comm. 3p via Zoom  TUESDAY NITE SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:30 p - ACTS	6 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  Choirs Handbell, 5:30p Chancel, 7:30p	7 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	8 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	9 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a
10 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  Jim Slate Sunday School 9:30a  Guest speaker, Linda Trumbo Worship, 11:00a	11 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	12 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  VOUCHERS DUE, 10a  NO TUESDAY NITE SUNDAY SCHOOL	13 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  Choirs Handbell, 5:30p Chancel, 7:30p	14 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	15 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	16 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a
17 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a Social Time, 9:30a, Sunday School 9:45a  Worship, 11:00a Session, 12:30p	18 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	19 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  TUESDAY NITE SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:30 p - ACTS	20 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  Choirs Handbell, 5:30p Chancel, 7:30p	21 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	22 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	23 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a
24 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a Social Time, 9:30a, Sunday School 9:45a Worship, 11:00a 31 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	25 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	26 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  VOUCHERS DUE, 10a  TUESDAY NITE SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:30 p - ACTS	27 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  Choirs Handbell, 5:30p Chancel, 7:30p  Newsletter Items Due 10a	28 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a  Presbyterian Women 1:00 PM	29 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a	30 Devotions w/ Daniel, 8a

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