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SPECIAL OCTOBER WORSHIP DATES 2nd - World Communion Sunday 16th - Commitment Sunday - Generosity Celebration at 12:00 PM 23rd - Reformation Sunday 30th - All Saints Sunday - 9:00 AM Worship in the Gathering Area



Generosity Campaign

My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. Psalm 18:2

Stones play an important part in the Bible, locations of divine revelation. We are in a building season at RCPC. Each person is in a building season of a life, needing foundation work, renovation, additions, etc. Here we mean scoundrels who use rocks for pillows, disciples who are solid as a rock but also dense as a rock, a tomb hewn from rock and covered by a stone at Jesus' death, and a stone that was rejected that becomes the cornerstone of our lives. How do we meet God in the rocks? What rock will be the structure for our life?

Pledged giving is how we make plans for God's work in the coming funding and restricting our mission to the world. With your pledge, we are able

year. Without this support, we risk underfunding and restricting our mission to the world. With your pledge, we are able to celebrate the goodness of God and practice faithful stewardship of your gifts to the Lord. Please bring your pledge card to worship any upcoming Sunday. You may also pledge online at rcpres.org/pledge, and remember Commitment Sunday is October 16.

Generosity Celebration: October 16

Join us October 16 for Celebration Sunday! This is the final Sunday of our "Built on the Rock" series and our Commitment Sunday when we turn in our financial pledges for the 2023 year. Please be sure to bring your pledge card that Sunday (or turn it in beforehand) and plan to stay after the 11:00 worship service for a congregational lunch. This is a day to celebrate God's faithfulness, and we have invited representatives from area mission partners to be in attendance, both those supported through our annual budget and through the generous gifts of the RCPC endowment. We hope you will eat with us and learn more about how we are partners in our community to bring hope, healing, and reconciliation to our city.



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Compton Biddle Jr. 7 Haley Arnold Janet Davis Sarah Stephenson 2 Ed Reynolds Marinne Williams **3** Michael Lockaby Henry Ward 4 Katelyn Burton **5** Courtney Cronin Joe Gray 6 Camilla Cabaniss Jenny McKenzie

Beverly Oliver 8 Nora Kessler Fielder MacGibbon 9 Josie Cook Lola Landers Charley Stephenson Betty Whitehead Ed Whitehead 10 Josh Williamson **12** Donna Britt Albert Sganga

13 Ann-Muir Moomaw 15 Dawn Long 16 Andy Harvey III Caitlin Smith Sandra Whitt **17** Donn Branch 18 Elise Fox 19 Emma McGraw Bev Stroud **20** Roger Lovern Henry Schaefer Henry Sganga Lynn Sperger

21 Alison Allsbrook Compton Biddle Sr. Jeremy Hardison **22** Bill Honeycutt Autumn Quinn Autumn Visser 23 Leonard Lindstrom 24 Tom Blackburn J.D. Hansard Jr. Abby Pierson 25 Brian Marsh Cailainn Ptomey

28 Chris Rippel Alec Travers **29** David Price **30** Ruth Rhaley

Special Anniversary Wishes:

Jim & Dixie Huff on celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on October 25.

Special Birthday Wishes:

Donn Branch on celebrating his 90th birthday on October 17.

Opportunity for Generosity: Haiti Mission

There is plenty of disturbing news to ponder daily here in the USA. Political turmoil abounds. Inflation persists. Supply lines are stretched and vulnerable. Schools are trying to deal with teacher strikes. It is easy to get caught up in the bad news of the day.

With little thought we can become quite centered in troubles of our own country and overlook the circumstances of our human brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. "Where on this earth are people really suffering?" is a great question to take a moment to ponder.

Haiti would be a very legitimate answer. Marauding gangs seemingly are stronger with each passing month. Inflation is approaching 30%. Gas is usually difficult to find and costs well over \$10/gallon. Food is in short supply.

The congregation of RCPC has long supported the small, remote St. Timothee School located in the village of Larevoir through funding of salaries for the teachers, improvements in the school structures and supply of daily lunches for the students and staff.

Later in October the long-standing mission of RCPC to St. Timothee School (our "Allison" school) will be the focus of generosity for a couple of Sundays. Keith Logan who directs Trinity/HOPE (the organization we work through to supply lunches at St. Timothee's) will be our quest on October 23. Please listen to his message and other information made available during the coming month and consider a personal contribution to the continued outreach of RCPC to the impoverished and neglected children at "our" school.

Pray for the children. -Haiti Mission Group

Pump-A-Pint Fall Blood Drive

RCPC's Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for October 4 from 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM. RCPC has collected a total of 152 units during our first three blood drives this year. Let's see if we can't finish 2022 with an even 200 units! The October schedule is available on the Red Cross website at REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG. You are welcome to schedule an appointment or you can contact Lillian Alexander at 540-632-8921 or email alexanderlj@yahoo.com) and she will gladly get you on the schedule! The Pump-a-Pint Mission Group would love to have you join the ranks of faithful donors here at RCPC. Come for the snacks and fellowship, leave knowing you have saved someone's life! Thank you for your continued support of this vital mission! Gratefully, Lillian Alexander - RCPC Pump-a-Pint Chair

Rally Day Breakfast Was a Success!







THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 7:00 PM - RCPC CHAPEL Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service Austin Frantz, piano



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00 PM - Fellowship Hall Worship Service to Follow - RCPC Chapel Julee Hickcox, flute Sanctuary Choir

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 7:00 PM - RCPC SANCTUARY The Sanctuary Choir and guest orchestra will be presenting Bach's "Magnificat" along with other Christmas choral favorites.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 7:00 PM - RCPC CHAPEL Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service Bill Parish, oboe



World Communion Sunday: October 2

World Communion Sunday is October 2 and we need your help. We will come to the Lord's Supper with a visual arrangement of breads from around the world. We are asking for world globes to use at this service as well as different types of natural fabrics such as silk, linen, batik, Indian cotton, and the link. Please bring your fabric and globes to the church by Wednesday, September 28 labeled with your name so that you can reclaim your items. Please plan on picking up your items after worship on October 2.

Fellowship Dinners

Fellowship Dinners this fall will happen each Wednesday from September 21-November 9 at 6:15 PM. Meals are a suggested donation of \$7 for an individual 12 years and up, \$5 for children ages 4-11, and free for 3 and younger, with a max of \$20 for a family. Please register by noon the Tuesday before each meal online at recpres.org/dinner.

MENUS:

10/5 - Apple Cider Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Mixed Veggies, Squash Loin, Bread with Whipped Cream

10/12 - Tacos, Red Rice, Beans, Chips & Salsa, Mushroom Tacos, Sopapillas

10/19 - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Lentil Loaf, Pudding Surprise

10/26 - Chicken Casserole, Salad Bar, Assorted Bread, Fall Veggie Casserole, Pie a la Mode

Flower Guild

The RCPC Flower Guild offers to arrange flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you would like to honor a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion on a specific Sunday, please contact Anne Currin at anne@ rcpres.org or call the church at 540 343-5541. The cost is \$80, which is for two arrangements placed in the chancel of the sanctuary.

College Care Packages



The Youth are planning on sending college care packages to our 18 current youth in undergrad on October 9. In order to fill boxes with things that will bring smiles to their faces, we need your help! Drop off mostly flat items in the labeled box in the Gathering

Area on either Sunday, October 2 or Sunday, October 9. Good items to donate are: microwaveable cups of soup or mac & cheese, fuzzy socks, chapstick, handsanitizer, stickers, and candy. Thanks for helping us make their day!

Fall Festival: October 23

Join us for the return of our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 23 at 5:30 PM in the RCPC parking lot to support our Preschool. There will be dinner, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Consider decorating a trunk or donating candy for those who do make a trunk. Sign up to decorate a trunk in the Gathering Area or in the This Week @ RCPC. A candy donation box will be in the Gathering Area later this month.

Youth Lock-In: October 14-15

The first RCPC Youth Lock-In of the year is October 14-15 and runs from 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM. Youth are asked to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, comfy clothes for sleeping in/ lounging in, and a sleeping pad/cot since they "sleep" on the Fellowship Hall floor. Dinner in Grandin Village and a light breakfast are provided. All youth are asked to bring a snack to share (no soda). Contact Isabella at isabella@ rcpres.org to RSVP or if you have questions.

	SATURDAY	1	8 9:00 AM - Rotary Club Food Packing	15 7:00 AM - Youth Lock-In Ends
October 2022	FRIDAY		7 9:00 AM - Preschool 11:45 AM - Al-Anon	14 9:00 AM - Preschool 11:45 AM - Al-Anon 7:00 PM - Youth Lock-In Begins
	THURSDAY		6 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Hunger Mission Packing 10:00 AM - Centering Prayer* 10:30 AM - AA 4:30 PM - Tai Chi 6:00 PM - BSA Council 6:30 PM - Hip Sober Chicks	13 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Hunger Mission Packing 10:00 AM - Centering Prayer* 10:30 AM - AA 5:30 PM - Tai Chi 6:30 PM - Hip Sober Chicks
	WEDNESDAY		5 7:00 AM - Communion 9:00 AM - Preschool 4:00 PM - God Alive 6:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner 6:45 PM - Soprano I Sectional 7:00 PM - Small Group: Sackett 7:15 PM - Christmas Music Rehearsal 8:00 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00 AM - Communion 9:00 AM - Preschool 4:00 PM - God Alive 6:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner 6:45 PM - Soprano II 7:00 PM - Soprano II 7:00 PM - Small 7:00 PM - Small 8:00 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	TUESDAY	pal Church	4 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - PW Coordinating Team 10:30 AM - AA 1:30 PM - Blood Drive 4:00 PM - Small Group: Dixon 5:00 PM - Fellowship Committee 6:00 PM - Fellowship Committee 8:00 PM - Tai Chi 6:45 PM - Eagle Board of Review 7:15 PM - Raleigh Court Ringers 8:00 PM - Small Group: Biddle	11 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:15 AM - Presbyterian Women 10:30 AM - AA 4:00 PM - Small Group: Dixon 6:00 PM - Tai Chi 7:15 PM - Raleigh Court Ringers 8:00 PM - Small Group: Biddle
	MONDAY	*Centering Prayer meets at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church	3 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:00 AM - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10:30 AM - Small Group: Whaley 6:30 PM - Cub Scouts 7:00 PM - BSA Troop 2 7:00 PM - Deacons	10 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:00 AM - Monday Morning Prayer Group: Whaley 6:30 PM - Small 7:00 PM - BSA Troop 2 7:00 PM - Deacons
	SUNDAY	*Centering Prayer meets	 2 World Communion Sunday 9:00 AM - Worship (Chapel) 10:00 AM - Worship (Chapel) 10:00 AM - Worship 11:00 AM - Worship 12:00 PM - Called Session for New Members 6:00 PM - Youth Group 	9 9:00 AM - Worship (Chapel) 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM - Youth Group Kickoff

	SATURDAY	22 1:00 PM - Living the Word	29 10:00 AM - Choir Retreat for Christmas Music	
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	THURSDAY	20 9:00 AM - Preschool 9:00 AM - Hunger Mission Packing Prayer* 10:30 AM - AA 4:30 PM - Tai Chi 6:30 PM - Hip Sober Chicks 7:00 PM - Evening Prayer Service	27 NO Preschool 10:00 AM - Centering Prayer* 10:30 AM - AA 5:30 PM - Tai Chi 6:30 PM - Hip Sober Chicks	
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	MONDAY	17 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:00 AM - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10:30 AM - Small Group: Whaley 5:30 PM - Stewardship & Finance 6:30 PM - Cub Scouts 7:00 PM - BSA Troop 2 7:00 PM - Personnel & Administration	24 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:00 AM - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10:30 AM - Small Group: Whaley 6:30 PM - Cub Scouts 7:00 PM - BSA Troop 2 7:00 PM - Session	31 9:00 AM - Preschool 10:00 AM - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10:30 AM - Small Group: Whaley 6:30 PM - Cub Scouts 7:00 PM - BSA Troop 2
	SUNDAY	16 Commitment Sunday 9:00 AM - Worship (Chapel) 10:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00 PM - Generosity Celebration	23 Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM - Worship (Chapel) 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship (Sanctuary) 4:00 PM - Youth Choir/ Bells Rehearsal 5:00 PM - Youth Group 5:30 PM - Fall Festival	30 All Saints Sunday 9:00 AM - Worship (Gathering Area) 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship (Sanctuary) 5:00 PM - Youth Bells/ Choir 6:00 PM - Youth Group