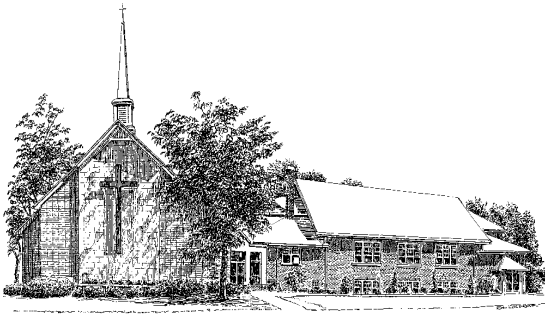


# First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca

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## The CELEBRATE October/November 2008

*"We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following  
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith."*

### October Highlights

**October 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30pm**

All Committee Night

**October 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:15am**

Confirmation Class parent meeting

**October 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Session Meeting

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**

1pm - CROP Walk

5pm - Halloween Potluck & Party

### November Highlights

**November 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 8:30am**

Garage Sale

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 11:15am**

Fall Outdoor cleanup

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 6:30pm**

All Committee Night

**November 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Session Meeting

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 11:15am**

Decorate the Church

**November 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30pm**

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service @ St. John's Lutheran

I can hardly believe that it is October already, but the air is crisp and the leaves are beginning to turn. I have been with you for three months and it truly doesn't seem that long. There is still so much to learn about you and there is much for us to do together. If you have been able to attend worship I hope that you have been having a good experience with my leadership. If you have suggestions or questions please let me know.



I am excited that our congregation received an invitation from the Congregational Transformation Team of the Presbytery to participate in a retreat this month. Members from Session and others will be participating in the retreat - and so will you! How? Well, you will be asked to fill out a survey during church in the next couple of weeks. We will take the survey information with us as we "Map the Journey" at the retreat, which should help us in setting goals for the congregation. Keep us in prayer.



### **Join a Committee**

Something that I hope you all will consider is joining a committee this year. We are going to try having an all committee night once again. I know that you had one here a while back and folks seemed to think it worked pretty well. Because of all the committees meeting on one night - we can carpool. If you don't like to drive at night - you'll be able to hitch a ride. And our plan is to have childcare available so that families can come too. We will begin with everyone at 6:30 for prayer and then we will break into our committees and I will run between them. With time being a precious commodity this way of meeting should work well for us. Our first all committee night is Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. see you there!


It is a blessing to labor in this part of God's vineyard!  
See you in church!  
Pastor Bronwen

## FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

October 2008

<i>October 5<sup>th</sup></i>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	<i>October 19<sup>th</sup></i>	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
<i>October 12<sup>th</sup></i>	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	<i>October 26<sup>th</sup></i>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Palm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

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<i>November 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	<i>November 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
<i>November 9<sup>th</sup></i>	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	<i>November 30<sup>th</sup></i>	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
<i>November 16<sup>th</sup></i>	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:31-46		

## FAITH EDUCATION

There will be an informational meeting for parents and students who are interested in attending this year's Confirmation Class. The class is open to all children entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older. The meeting will be held on October 19, 2008 at 11:15 AM in the parlor. Classes will start the following week, after church.



Any questions please contact the church office or Marcy Partacz at 674-6240.



### **HALLOWEEN POTLUCK**

Attention all ghosts and goblins, on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a Halloween potluck. It will begin at 5pm with a potluck dinner, followed by a parade and games. Each child will receive a bag of treats to take home.

Put on your costume and bring your favorite dish to share. The sign up sheet is in the entryway along with the box for treats. Invite your family and friends to enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship. We always have a ghouling good time.



Our first **Christmas play practice** will take place on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Sanctuary following Worship. Parents and their children are encouraged to attend. This is a great way for our children to share their time and talents with others. Children of all ages are welcome to participate, even those who have been confirmed. If you have any questions please talk to Dawn Corless or Sandy Perillo.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, our Christmas Play and Potluck will take place on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. This year we hope the weather will cooperate, but if it doesn't we have a back up date of Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm.

**Nursery News** – Our Nursery is available for children ages 2 and under. If you are in need of Nursery care for your child, please let the Usher know. They have a list of members in our congregation who are willing to spend time with your child while you Worship.



**WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Have you missed them???

“Who?” you ask, the greeters of course. We have heard from several people that the greeters are missed. So... they are coming back! The worship committee will be working to have greeters scheduled each Sunday. We are hoping to provide a warm welcome to all who enter our doors for worship. We take on this task confident that our church family will share in the responsibility and take a turn being greeters. *It is easy!* All you need is a smile and a warm hello! Greeting can even be done seated, so just ask the usher for help getting a chair if you would be more comfortable. Even our small children can be part of this church responsibility. It is a great way to share the warmth of Christian fellowship with others and at the same time, enjoy that warmth from all who enter. The following is a list of upcoming greeters:



October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Doll	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill & Nancy Hay
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	John & Margie Chrismann	November 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Goggins family
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Costa	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tom & Diana Kalinowski
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Janice & Richard Jones	November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Corless family
		November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Kissel



We start the month of October with **World Communion Sunday** and the collection of the Peace Making offering on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to bring in your collection banks that were distributed in church on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We will celebrate communion on this day and on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service** is being held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. This year our own Pastor Bronwen Boswell will be preaching at the service. As always a non-perishable food and a monetary offering will be collected. Please be sure to join us.



As all of the committees of the church move to a single committee night, please feel free to come join in. We are always open to new members and would love to have you participate. We will meet in the sanctuary for prayer at 6:30 p.m. on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> and will then break into separate committees. Come give it a try and help us to plan worship and music in our church!

**YOUNG AT HEART**

Our first luncheon has come and gone. We are getting back into the swing of things. It is nice to have the Gardenville Seniors sharing our meals with us. We will have luncheons on the following dates for October and November:

October 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>                      November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Following is a list of speakers that we will be having at our luncheons:

- 10/1 The Fire Museum
- 10/15 Botanical Gardens
- 11/5 Depression in Adults
- 11/19 Rienstine on Mammals



So far it looks like we are going to have a wide and interesting list of speakers. So keep the dates open for October and November and come and enjoy good food, fellowship and interesting speakers.

**YOUR HAPPY COOKS: DICK & EDIE FISCHER**

**STEWARDSHIP**



Watch for information this month about our fall financial campaign for Stewardship. Dedication of our pledges will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to prayerfully consider your commitment to this church when asked to give this year.

## CHURCH & SOCIETY

The peacemaking offering will be taken on World Communion Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. So bring your peacemaking banks that day – but if you forget we will continue to receive them – so don't worry.



**“WE WALK BECAUSE THEY DO.”**

This year our annual **CROP Walk** is Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Help us to retrieve the “Silver Sneaker” by walking or giving a donation. Please see Kathy Doll to sign up to walk – she can tell you the story of the silver sneaker if you don't know it! If you can't walk please be sure to say “yes” to someone who is, and support their walking with your monetary contribution.

<b>OCTOBER 2008</b>						
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
			<b>1</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	<b>6</b> All Committee Night 6:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship Confirmation Parent Meeting	<b>20</b> Session Meeting 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship 1pm CROP Walk 5pm Halloween Potluck	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Garage Sale Setup 9am	<b>30</b> Garage Sale Setup 9am	<b>31</b>	

# NOVEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Garage Sale 8:30am
<b>2</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship Fall Outdoor cleanup	<b>3</b> All Committee Night 6:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>23</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship Christmas Play practice Decorate for Advent	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ St. John's Lutheran 7:30pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>  <i>Church office closed</i>	<b>28</b>  <i>Church office closed</i>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10am Worship Faith Education 11:15am Fellowship <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>31</b>					

**Save the date:** On Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> after worship we will be having a fall outdoor cleanup. Please watch your bulletins for more details



## GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale ~ Saturday, November 1, 2008  
8:00-8:30am (early-bird admission \$1) 8:30am – 2pm

We are looking for someone to run the kitchen, organize the bake sale and make plans to have the unsold items picked up. If you can do any of these please see Diane at any time. Table rentals will be \$15 for the first table and \$10 for a second. See Dawn Corless for table rental.



**Barb Kissel is in charge of publicity** for the garage sale but, she has no email or internet access (isn't that hard to believe). So PLEASE help to get the message out to as many people, organizations, etc. as possible via email.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

NO used stuffed animals, no shoes unless new or like new. Clothes and linens should be cleaned and curtains and bedding labeled with the size and if possible put them in a clear bag. This helps to sell the item and keep the linen table cleaner. We will be counting on everyone to make this event a great success.

## In The Life of The Church

### OCTOBER & NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October	1 <sup>st</sup>	Amy Wilson
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judy Chrynowicz
		Edie Fischer
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Katelyn Gutowski
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Colleen George
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Bengert
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Elise Lesakowski
		Brendan Wilson
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rev. Bronwen Boswell
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Patti Piersa
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Rowe
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Ball

November	4 <sup>th</sup>	Marge Edington
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Dustin Chrynowicz
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Al Lesakowski
		Stephanie Wright
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Shriver
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Hendel
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Bengert

**Births**

Joseph Dennis Molnar      September 24, 2008

**Baptisms**

Delaney Grace Rodgers      August 10, 2008

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert

### Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Barry McCaskey (Helen Sommer) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Dave Miszko ♦ Erv Noblett (Diane Molnar) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakenham)

## OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Chris Kalinowski ⊛ Matthew Jones ⊛ Patrick Baskerville ⊛ Sammy Russo ⊛ Kimberly Trudeau ⊛ Steve Odebralski ⊛ Jason Zimmerman ⊛ Andrew Zalikowski ⊛ Nick Turvey ⊛ Kristen Pelc ⊛ Ben Schauss ⊛ Phillip Schott ⊛ Josh Winkler ⊛ Russell Molnar ⊛ Pat McCullough ⊛ Ryan M. Ratigan ⊛ Larry Lloyd ⊛ Joshua Feldman ⊛ Dan Dudziak ⊛ David Ferg ⊛ Zachery Goggins ⊛ Alison Lankes ⊛ Erik Brown

# *Happy Thanksgiving*



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<b>Class of 2009</b>	<b>Class of 2010</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>
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