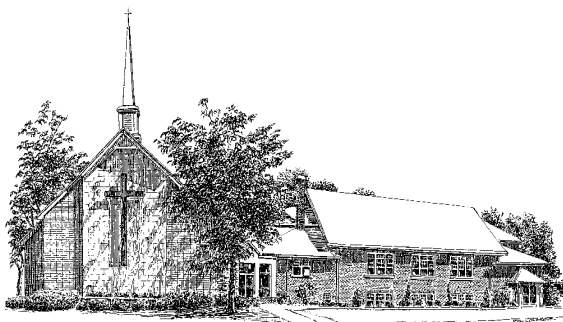


# First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca

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## The CELEBRATE October / November 2009

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

### October Highlights

**October 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

World Communion Sunday worship w/ Communion

**October 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Common Meeting Night

**October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 12pm**

Young at Heart Luncheons

**October 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 5pm**

Halloween Potluck

### November Highlights

**November 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 8am**

Garage / Book / Bake Sale

**November 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

Stewardship / Dedication Sunday

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 11:15am**

Advent Potluck & Decorating

**November 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30pm**

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ First Presbyterian

**November 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Worship Service

## BRONWEN'S BY-LINE

As the fall program year begins we are looking forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Presbyterian congregation in June 2010. That's right – this congregation has been at work for over 100 years. As with any organization there has been an ebb and flow to the life in this congregation. But in the midst of that ebb and flow this church has been here sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the neighborhood and beyond. As we move to our anniversary let us celebrate the good works of the past, the life of our congregation as it is now and plan for the continuing good work for the future! There is every reason for this congregation to look forward to another hundred years! We who worship together come for varying reasons. Some were raised in this church others have found a kinship within the congregation, some just like the space and closeness to home. Whatever we think brings us here week after week is only a part of why we are here. We are here as part of the body of Christ. This is where we feel comfortable learning about and sharing our faith. As this year progresses let us find ways to share who we are and why we are here and what it is we feel God is calling us to do. And as we think about what is special about this congregation for us and what we might do for the future let us prayerfully consider how we support our congregation. There will be the opportunity for us all to participate in the fall financial campaign but more than that I hope we will prayerfully consider how else we can help strengthen the fellowship, friendship and outreach of our community in Christ. For some we will continue doing much of what we have done in the past. But for others what could once be done is no longer an option – so we need to explore other ways for our membership to help build up the body of Christ. I look forward to the upcoming year and look forward to the opportunities to celebrate our life together.

See you in church,  
Pastor Bronwen



## FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

<i>October 4<sup>th</sup></i>	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	<i>October 18<sup>th</sup></i>	Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
<i>October 11<sup>th</sup></i>	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	<i>October 25<sup>th</sup></i>	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

<i>November 1<sup>st</sup></i>	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	<i>November 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
<i>November 8<sup>th</sup></i>	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	<i>November 29<sup>th</sup></i>	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
<i>November 15<sup>th</sup></i>	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13:1-8		

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### SPECIAL SERVICES FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Communion Sunday
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saint's Day Worship with Communion
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Stewardship / Dedication Sunday
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christ the King Sunday – Advent Potluck & Decorating
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service here at First Presbyterian
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### GREETER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Oct 4 BJ Rustic and Judy Gray	Nov 1 Deb Wilson
Oct 11 Perillo Family & Marilyn Mohr	Nov 8 Wilson Family
Oct 18 Judy Gray & Nancy Galley	Nov 15 Richard Jones
Oct 25 Paul & Betty Rasp	Nov 22 George Shaffer
	Nov 29 Goggins Family

<b>October 2009</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>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion 11am Fellowship <i>World Communion</i>	<b>5</b> Common Meeting Night 7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	<b>8</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10am Worship 11am Fellowship	<b>19</b> Session Meeting 7pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Young at Heart Lunch 12pm	<b>22</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10am Worship 11am Fellowship 5pm Halloween Potluck	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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<b>22</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Advent Potluck & Decorating	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm @ First Presbyterian	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Worship 11am Fellowship <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>30</b>					

## YOUNG AT HEART

We had our first Young at Heart luncheon and it was a great success. We had a speaker representing the West Seneca Fireman's Museum give a talk about what they have done so far and what they are planning to do in the future. The museum is located on Seneca Street just up from Union Road. We will be having lunches on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. In November we will only have ONE LUNCHON on the 18<sup>th</sup> and it will be our Thanksgiving luncheon. So please mark the dates down and join us for good food and fellowship.  
YOUR HAPPY COOKS: DICK & EDIE



## CHURCH & SOCIETY

### CROP WALK

Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 2pm  
Gathering and start at Ebenezer U.C.C.

### GARAGE / BOOK / BAKE SALE

**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm**

Plans are underway for this year's sale. The following is a list of the people who have stepped up and agreed to help make this day a success.



Dick Fischer & Mark Shriver are in charge of the **Upstairs kitchen**, Donna Cieslinski is in charge of **Disposal or regifting of all the leftovers**.

Sue Piersa and Kathy Saeli are chairing the **Bake Sale** portion of the day, Barb Kissel is chairing **publicity** for the sale, and Bob Doll is in charge of **picking up donations**. If you want to volunteer for any of these areas please see the

appropriate chairperson.

Because we are selling the books upstairs this time, we will not be renting tables. Any donated books can be brought in and placed upstairs behind the wall. We will be doing a bag sale from 1-2pm for the books and the items downstairs so we will need a lot of brown bags. Clothes & Linens should be clean and labeled with size. NO shoes or used stuffed animals. NO encyclopedias or magazines. Items needed: plastic bags, can pop (Coke, diet Coke, Orange or Sprite).

We will be setting up on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex the first week of October. Please consider helping out we need everyone to make this sale successful. 10% of the proceeds will be going to the flood relief in Gowanda and Silver Creek.

## COLD WEATHER TREE

What is that? It's a combination of our mitten tree and a family for Christmas. Church & Society decided to try something new this year. We will not take a family for Christmas but will donate winter items to two organizations.



Some items will go to Family Promise, which is the former Interfaith Hospitality Network. Many of you know of this organization but for those of you who don't it is a group that provides a way for homeless families to receive temporary shelter, meals, and assistance while seeking their own independence.

Other items will go to the Kathleen Mary House in the Southtowns. This is a new mission for our church, so here is a brief background. Kathleen Mary House provided a safe haven for abused women and their children. To ensure their safety, the exact location cannot be given. As the police usually bring the women to the site, they and their children arrive with only the clothes on their back. Staff and volunteers at this home provide food, clothing, shelter, as well as programs and workshops.

A general list of what both of these organizations are looking for is winter gear. In addition to gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. that we usually donate; they would like sweaters, sweatshirts, boots, and jackets, etc. Throws, blankets, and of course underwear/socks are always welcomed. Watch for a list with more definite items and appropriate sizes after Thanksgiving. However, for you early shoppers, the children usually range from infants to elementary age (10 or so) with their moms usually in their twenties. Yes, the tree will go in its usual spot so all articles can be placed on or under it. Please leave your gift unwrapped (tags may be on), as this will enable us to get it to the appropriate organization.

Once again, thanks for your big hearts and sharing what you have been given.

## FAITH EDUCATION

Our new Sunday School year is off to a good start. All the children are excited to learn, share and grow in their faith. I want to share with you the schedule for the next 2 months.

	<u>2nd - 6th graders</u>	<u>Pre-k - 1st grade</u>
October 11 -	Abraham & Sarah	Ruth
October 18 -	Sodom & Gomorrah	Ester
October 25 -	By Faith Abraham	Joseph the Dreamer
November 1 -	Abraham's children	Joseph the Ruler
	Isaac, Jacob, Joseph	
November 8 -	The Ten Plagues	Elijah the Widow
November 15-	Sinai	Elijah on Mount Carmel
November 22 -	Gideon	Elijah and the Boy

Please remember the Nursery is available for children 2 years old and younger. If at anytime you have a question or concern about our program please contact me. God's Peace, Dawn Corless

## **HALLOWEEN POTLUCK**

On Sunday, October 25th at 5:00pm we will have our annual Halloween Potluck. Everyone is encouraged to put on their costume and bring your favorite dish to share. Each child will receive a bag of treats to take home. The sign up sheet is in the entryway. Invite your family and friends to join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun.



## **COMMUNITY DAY 2009**

Saturday, November 14th at the Bon-Ton

This year the Faith Ed Committee will sell coupon books for a store wide shopping event at the Bon-Ton. The coupons are only good on Saturday, November 14th. Coupon books are available for \$5 each. Each book contains the following:

- 1 - \$10 off coupon
- 6 - 20% off coupons
- 1 - 30% early bird coupon (6am - 9am)

Coupon books will be available before or after church on Sundays. If you have any questions please see Dawn Corless.

## **ADVENT POTLUCK & DECORATE**

On Sunday, November 22nd all are invited to join us as we prepare our Church for the season of Advent. You can drop off your dish to share in Fellowship Hall before Worship (we will keep it warm or cold if needed). Following the service we will share a meal together. Afterwards we will make new ornaments for the Sanctuary and decorate our classrooms. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions please see Dawn Corless.



## **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>	Pastor Boswell
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Pattie Piersa
		Sharon Rowe
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Ball

November	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brody Stoklosa
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Dustin Chrynowicz
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Al Lesakowski
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Wright
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Shriver
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wasele Sadovsky
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Perillo
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Bengert

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Dawn Dulski ♦ Lill Kieffer ♦ Paul Rasp ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert  
The Wilczak and Labby families as they mourn the death of Marion Labby.

### Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Edward Cieslinski (Donna Cieslinski) ♦ 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) ♦ Cecelia Henery (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh, Dave & Pam Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer) ♦ Mark Schnorr (Corinne Northem) ♦ Annalynn Surace (Sue Piersa) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakenham)

### **OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

Chris Kalinowski ⊕ Kimberly Trudeau ⊕ Russell Molnar ⊕ Pat McCullough ⊕ Zachery Goggins ⊕ Alison Lankes ⊕ Erik Brown ⊕ James Schmidt ⊕ Matthew Jones ⊕ David Ferg

# Cookies for Friends

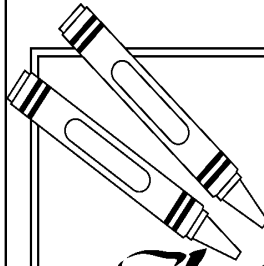
Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

## What you need:

- An adult to help
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1½ cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

## What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.



Just for

# KIDS

## A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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<b>Elders</b>		
<b>Class of 2010</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>	<b>Class of 2012</b>
Dawn Corless	Janice Jones	Sue Piersa
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