

"Walking together, experiencing and sharing God's love."

OCTOBER 2023

From the Pastor

Fall is my favorite time of the year. My memories of growing up in Michigan are watching the leaves begin to turn radiant colors of yellow, orange and red. Often it was a brief season of warm days and cool nights; that space between the heat and humidity of the summer and the cold and snow of the winter.

In the church, the season of fall is that wonderful space between the business of summer and family travel time, and the Holy Days of Advent and Christmas.

This radiant season of fall invites us to turn our attention toward the awareness of what it means that God calls us to be Stewards of all Creation.

We celebrate this calling as we generously give out of the abundance of our life - sharing our monetary gifts, as well as our time and creativity, to ensure the good news of Jesus Christ continues to reach beyond ourselves through our ministry and mission outreach.

We will dedicate our offerings on November 5th, which is All Saints Day, a day to celebrate the Saints of the church, those who have gone on, and those who are walking in our midst. The best reason I have ever heard for sharing the gifts God gives us was spoken by the chair of the Stewardship committee at a church where I once served.

Nan spoke about how life had changed for her and her husband Mark. Once successful business people, they were now struggling to make ends meet. They came to the conclusion they could not give to the church this fall. However, after a lot of prayer, they came to the realization they wanted to give what they could, because as Nan said, "It was the right thing to do."

May God bless us and open our hearts and minds to our special calling as Saints of the Church, created to share what we have with others. May we too remember "It is the right thing to do."

Kathryn



Session

Session met virtually in a Regular (Stated) Meeting of Session at 7:00 pm. on Thursday,

September 21, 2023, with the Rev. Kathryn Pyke as moderator. A quorum was present.

All of the following motions were approved unanimously.

- To grant the pastor's request for vacation leave, November 12-25.
- To grant the pastor's request for study leave. December 25-31.
- On a trial basis, to use another online donation site, Tithe.ly.com. There is no set-up or usage fee, just 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction.
- A contract with Clark Pest Control to set mouse traps inside the church building: \$735.00 initial cost plus \$240 per month for 11 months – a one-year commitment.
- Payment of \$700.00 to our landscaper for trimming the big tree behind the bottle brush tree, for planting California poppies, and adding dirt to the slope by the lower parking lot.

The next Regular (Stated) Meeting of Session is Thursday, October 18, 2023

If you have any questions concerning these proceedings, please contact an Elder.

~ Respectfully submitted, Marian Hardin, Clerk of Session

Faith Formation

The team met on September 17th. We look forward to hearing about the experiences of the Westminster Woods Scholarship recipients.

We have formed a 75th Anniversary Committee and our first meeting will be at 1:00 pm in the Calvin Room on Friday, October 13, 2023. All are welcome to help plan this event.

Save your books for the next book swap.

~ Respectfully submitted, Geraldine Thompson

Finance

Month	Income	Expense	Surplus/Deficit
August	\$12,019.81	\$9554.02	-\$1,304.81

Year-to-date surplus/deficit: -\$0.08

Ray Haddox will be chairing the Stewardship Committee. Pledge Dedication Sunday is

November 5, 2023, All Saints Day.

~ Respectively submitted, Martha Espinosa, Finance Elder

Worship Ministry

We thank the Rev. Enicia Montalvo for joining us here in our sanctuary on Sunday, September 17. We hope to have her back in the future.



Gerry Manis, Mike Allgire, Ingrid Dela Rosa, Janet Haddox, Rev. Kathryn Pyke, Penny Manis

We enjoyed lots of desserts at our Homecoming Celebration on September 10. It was great to see you all here.

We hope to see you all here on World Communion Sunday, October 1st where we will be sharing breads from around the world. Plans are underway for All Saints Day/Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 5th and the rest of the winter season.

~ Respectfully submitted, Perla Ibarrientos

Presbyterian Women

Autumn is here! The first day of autumn was September 23, but we had advance inklings of it in the air and scenery. Let's take a moment to enjoy the season and the beauty around us. There is so much upsetting news around the world these days that it can seem overwhelming. As we try to help those in need, it's also important to take care of ourselves and each other.

The Presbyterian Women are excited about this year's Bible study and invite all women of the congregation to join us. The study, "Sacred Encounters: The Powers and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts," was skillfully introduced by Pastor Kathryn Pyke at our Gathering on September 5.

It was a delight to meet in person in Tweedie Hall. During discussion, we realized that nothing is permanent; you must treasure what you had and use it as a springboard to something else. We hope you will be pleased with our decisions going forward.

<u>Circles.</u> We wish to combine the two Circles by alternating the meeting dates, hoping to accommodate all with this approach. For the upcoming months, the suggested dates for the Zipporah Circle will be Saturday, September 16, November 18, January 20. Abigail Circle will host on October 17 and December 19. All Circle meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. A brief business meeting will be held at the opening of each Circle meeting, and any necessary decisions will be made by those present.

Leadership. For the present, Eunice will continue as Moderator, Martha and Perla as Circle leaders, and Marian as Secretary. Eunice is hoping to find a volunteer to serve as Treasurer. PW Officers for 2024 are to be elected at the November meeting and installed in December. <u>Outreach.</u> Following discussion, this motion was approved: To hold three fund-giving events per year. Although we would like to hold a Fall Feast, the increasing COVID rates cause us to forgo that event this year. In lieu of the Fall Feast, we seek donations to the bilingual after-school program at Cameron House, and that project, "Bucks for BAP," is already underway.

~ Respectfully submitted, Marian Hardin, Secretary

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee has selected Psalm 107:1 as the inspirational scripture for our committee, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."

This year we have decided that we will focus on some of the scriptures that inspire us to be stewards for God. Our first scripture is from the first book of the Bible: Genesis.



We have been given a rainbow as a sign of God's covenant with us.

Genesis 9:1-3

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them. "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, and upon all that moves upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hands they are delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb I have given you and all things."

Genesis 9: 13-15, 17

I set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a token of the covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, and that bow shall be seen in the cloud. And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature that is with you for perpetual generations. And God said to Noah, "This is the token of my covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."

This story is another reminder of God's generous provision to humanity. Good provides for our basic needs and also establishes an everlasting covenant with us. Our response must be one of gratitude, and generosity for this abundant provision. We can be inspired by the image of the rainbow and the reminder that God will provide for us, so we are called to respond generously to provide for the needs of others through stewardship.

~ Stewardship members Ray Haddox, Marian Hardin, Perla Ibarrientos, Martha Espinosa, Gerry Manis

Nominating Committee

Please open your heart to your Nominating Committee! This fall, we need to nominate three elders and three deacons—so please give prayerful consideration to any inquiry you might receive from us. Thank you.

Church Member Update

Joan and Ollie Anderson

have moved to a place where they can be cared for together 24/7, such blessings. Update your church directories:

The Trousdale, 1600 Trousdale Drive, #525 Burlingame CA 94010



Will Holden, Jr.

It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of Will Holden, a longtime Choir member. Will came to Broadmoor with his parents in late 2001.

He loved working at his job in childcare and had great enthusiasm working with the youth of Broadmoor.

He had a nice tenor voice and loved to sing, led the 'gathering music' for Sunday services and we were blessed with many solo performances. As a member of BPC, he served on the Board of Deacons and participated on many other committees including the 'Men's Breakfast."

We missed him when he moved away in 2018. May he rest peacefully.

Inspiration

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ~ Matthew 5:15

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday. Recognized by the PC(USA) as well as other denominations, it celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world.

A prayer for World Communion Sunday

God of seeds and soil, your feast begins long before a morsel of food touches our lips. You begin with dirt and dust, with water and sun: ingredients that you supplied from the very beginning, knowing we would be hungry, understanding that we would be thirsty. You nourish us and provide for us before breathing life into us. You, O Great Creator, started providing your gifts for us from the very beginning.

You began this feast in the soil with your hands, And for that, we give you thanks. God of grain and grapes, you continued preparing for the feast by sending your son, Jesus Christ. You sent him to feed us; by his words and deeds, through his death and resurrection, he became the bread of life and the wine of compassion. Christ is the one who gathers us in, who calls each of us by name, who sets a place for us.

For the invitation, for the nourishment, and for Jesus Christ, we give you thanks. God of wheat and wine, long after your son first gathered his friends around a table in an upper room, your Holy Spirit has continued meeting us at tables: hand-crafted tables painted with intricate designs and weathered park benches that serve as a place to eat when needed: tables that are covered with homemade casseroles and tables with quickly opened fast food bags being passed around; tables that are surrounded by friends and families and tables where only one seat is filled. No matter what each table looks like, the food that is served, or the people gathered around it, your Spirit meets us still. For your ever-present Spirit, O God, we give you thanks.

God of second helpings, you promise abundance. Like a mother who heaps another spoonful onto our already full plates, you give more than we need. Yet, despite your generosity, there are those whose bellies are still empty, and those whose thirst is never quenched. As we celebrate your joyful feast today with our siblings in Christ around the world, we are aware that no amount of singing can hide the sound of grumbling stomachs and parched throats. Help us to trust in your promises. As we eat this bread and drink this cup, may we trust that there is enough to go around. Keep us from hoarding what you have provided so that all of your children might taste and see. drink and be satisfied.

God of tables and chairs, we pray for all eating spaces around the world today, where believers

are gathering despite risk and suffering. We pray for chairs that are empty where loved ones used to sit: for tables in places of conflict where bullets fly and bombs rain down; for spaces that have been ravaged by hurricanes, floods and fires. We also pray for eating spaces that are emotionally unsafe this day: tables where tensions are high and certain topics are off limits; placemats that are not set for someone because of the way they look, who they voted for or who they love. For all these spaces, tables and chairs where your children gather, Lord, we pray for your peace.

God of the joyful feast, today in the north and the south, in the east and the west, we are grateful as we meet you around tables full of gifts you have given us. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us so that when the meal is over and we leave this table, we might be a part of extending every table around the world. Help every meal we share look more and more like your heavenly feast; everyone welcomed, everyone fed, everyone nourished. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

BY MOLLY SPANGLER Molly received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from East Carolina University and her Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary. She believes everything begins with relationship and connection to one another. Worship, justice, mission, fellowship and pastoral care all depend on forging relationships of trust with one another and with God. She is the associate pastor at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, South Carolina



Candle Lighting by Perla Ibarrientos on Homecoming Sunday, September 10, 2023



Shirin Ramirez, Ruth Cruz ~ Homecoming, September 10, 2023



Perla Ibarrientos, Marian Hardin, Gregg Hardin ~ Homecoming, September 10, 2023



Fatos Bektas, Lorin Bektas, Martha Espinosa Celebrating Lorin's 7th Birthday ~ September 10, 2023

Broadmoor Church Officers

	Elders	Deacons		
Class of 2023	Bonnie Cobb Eric John Gravem	Jean Aro Mariah Gravem Rich Murray		
Class of 2024	Adelina Sana Geraldine Thompson	Janice Asfoor Gregg Hardin		
Class of Eunice Brabec 2025 Martha Espinosa Perla Ibarrientos		Ruth Cruz Ray Haddox		
Clerk of Session: Marian Hardin				

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World 1 Communion Sunday Blessing of the Peace & Global Witness Special Offerings	2	3	4 Meditation Group 10 am Zoom Choir 7 pm Zoom	PAT SAUNDERS BD	6	7 Ven's Breakfast 8am Pacifica
Coffee Fellowship		RICHARD MURRAY BD	JANICE ASFOOR BD	DENISE <u>SHREVE BD</u>		
8 B & G 11:30 am	9 Indiginous People's Day HERU <u>HARTANTO BD</u>	ANN TOGNAZZINI BD	11 Meditation Group 10 am Zoom Choir 7 pm Zoom	12	13 75th Anniv Committee 1pm CR <u>ARIEL PEREZ BD</u>	14
15		17	18	19	20	21
Faith Formation 11:30 am	16 Distinguishing Blessings for all October Birthdays	PW Abigail & Zipporah Circles 10:30 a CR	Meditation Group 10 am Zoom	Session 7p Zoom		
22 Guest Rev. Ben Lins Mission Ministry 11:30 am JACOB <u>PEREZ BD</u>	EUNICE BRABEC BD	24 United Nations Day	25 Meditation Group 10 am Zoom	26	27 God Bless	28
29 Reformation Sunday Personnel Ministry 11:30am	30 Admin Asst Vacation Week	31 TRICK TRICK TRICK TRICK TRICK TRICK TRICK TRICK TRICK TRICK	The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places. ~ Hemingway	CR Calvin Room GR Geneva Room TH Tweedie Hall WR Westminster Rm	Worship 10a Sanctuary/Zoom Contact the church office for the Zoom link	BPC



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