

# The Presbyterian Church of Floyd

*The Chimes*  
October 2017



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Dear friends,

I hear so many say that autumn is their favorite time of year. I can appreciate that. Growing up on a farm, autumn was a time when the hard work and hurriedness of the summer was over. The wheat was harvested, next year's crop was planted, the cattle were content, and it was time to rest. Somehow there was a sense of security and comfort. In Exodus 34:21, even the LORD says to Moses: "Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest."

Jesus, too, made it clear that rest was important. It is a time of renewal and rejuvenation. We replenish our strength. And perhaps we find time to sit quietly and hear God's voice, as he gives us guidance and direction.

The problem we have in today's culture, however, is that we fail to take the time to rest. We have so many commitments, children's events, work deadlines, self-imposed priorities, and simply too many things to do. At the end of the day we are tired, but we wonder if we really accomplished anything worthwhile. "Did I visit the sick? Did I feed the hungry? Did I bring joy to someone's life? Did I help a neighbor? Did I share the love of Christ? Did I pray? Did I thank God for all of the blessings that I have been given over the years?" At the end of the day, if we cannot say 'yes' to at least one of these things because we were too busy, perhaps we need to think about resting.

You see, the kind of rest that Jesus talks about means we will get our priorities straight.

***Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.***

***Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.***

***For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.***

--Matthew 11:28-30

In the peace of Christ,

*Pastor Bob*



## October Greeters

10/1 – Vestal Whitlock & Virginia Cromer

10/8 – Kevin & Stephanie Blevins

10/15 – Mark & June Allen

10/22 – Don & Brenda Williams

10/29 – John & Betty Getgood

If you are unable to be a greeter, please swap dates with another member.

A 2017 greeter schedule can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/1 – Ellen Vest

10/3- Cindy Britton

10/5 – Jim & Flo Richards (A)

10/16 – Beth Sagebiel

10/23 – Rick & Beth Willoughby (A)

10/24 – Laura Cantrell

10/25 – Gay Streithof

10/29 – Jessica Britton  
Chloe Vandervort



## Happy 500<sup>th</sup>!

We will be celebrating Reformation Sunday on October 29th during Sunday School hours, 10:00am - 11:00am. For those that can help, Cy has a list of easy and not so easy foods in the narthex. Please cross off any items you plan on bringing. All are welcome to celebrate.



**\*\*We will have special guests visiting us that morning - and they have traveled a LONG distance!\*\***

## Citizens Dinner

The Annual Citizens Stockholders Dinner will be held on October 21st at the Floyd County High School. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve and bring desserts. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those that are able to help.

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting following worship service on October 15th. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a nominating committee.

## Food Bank

Please remember to donate food to our local food banks. We have two collection tubs located in the back hallway, by the fellowship hall. Canned vegetables or fruit: dried beans, rice, peanut butter and any non-perishable food items are accepted. Tubs are delivered to Plenty! and New River Community Action, both of which play a huge role in feeding our hungry neighbors.



New River  
Community Action



## China

Shayley Martin will be giving a presentation on her trip to China on October 15th, during Sunday School. All are welcome to attend what is sure to be an enlightening experience!





### Celebrate National Candy Corn Day on October 30.

Candy Corn was created in the 1880s by George Renninger, who was employed by the Philadelphia Wunderle Candy Company, now named Jelly Belly Candy Company.

Candy Corn was originally called “**Chicken Feed.**” “**Chicken Feed**” initially had no association with Halloween and had the tagline, “Something worth crowing over.” Candy corn was such a success it “**carried the company through two World Wars and the Depression**”. -[Jelly Belly](#) It was only after WWII, candy corn was advertised as a Halloween candy!

Originally the candy was made by hand. Because of the tedious nature of preparing the candy it use to be only available during March and November. Manufacturers first combined sugar, corn syrup, carnauba wax, and water and cooked them to form a slurry. Fondant was added for texture and marshmallows were added to provide a soft bite. The final mixture was then heated and poured into shaped molds. Three passes, one for each colored section, were required during the pouring process. The recipe remains basically the same today.

In 1950, the price of candy corn was just 25 cents per pound.

Once opened, store candy corn covered and away from heat and light at room temperature; it should last approximately three to six months. If unopened, the packaged candy corn will last about nine months.

The National Confectioners Association estimates that **90 billion pounds** (just over 9,000 metric tons) of candy corn are sold annually. Just reading that makes my stomach ache!



### *Trunk-or-Treat*

October 31st will soon be here! Donations of candy, trinkets and other small items that can be handed out to children are needed. And of course, we hope to have a parking lot full of trunks for the treaters!



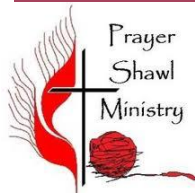


## *Prayer Concerns*

Janie Blanchard—cancer  
 Mark Femrite—cancer  
 Ike Janney (Minnie's brother)  
 G.E. Peters  
 Tim Peters  
 Melinda Read  
 Sheila Smith  
 Charles Streithof  
 Daniel Vandervort  
 Susie Vest  
 Jennifer Williams  
 Jane Zitta

### *All in harm's way*

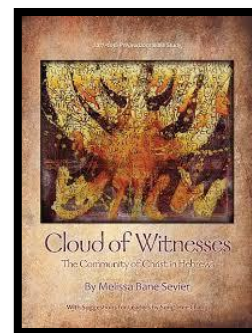
If you would like to add someone to the Living Prayer List, you may do so by adding them to the board in the narthex or emailing Jodi, [office@pcfloyd.org](mailto:office@pcfloyd.org). At the beginning of each month, we will begin with a clean slate. If you add someone, please remember to remove or edit as needed. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping our Living Prayer List as accurate as possible!



The Prayer Shawl Knitting group meets on the 1st & 3rd Mon. of each month from 3:00 -4:30pm in the fellowship hall. Beginners are welcome!



**Bible study** is on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm at the church. All are welcome to study Scripture and discuss short sermons from a video series. Light snacks will be served.



The Presbyterian Women will meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. Please join us the second Tuesday of each month as we delve into "Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews." All are welcome!



The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** is held every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Mark Allen.

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