



PRESBYTERIAN TIMES



*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)*

How are you at interruptions?

In my office, I have a personal open door policy. The only time my doors are closed is when I am on a phone, having a Zoom call, or I am not in the office. What always amazes me is when people come into my office, the first thing they says is "Sorry to bother you..." Yes, I had to stop what I was doing, look up, and greet the person who had entered my room. I was interrupted, but are interruptions all that bad?

Jesus would say, "NO!"

You would be surprised how many times Jesus was interrupted during his ministry.

By a Centurion (Matt. 8:5-13)

By Peter's mother in law (Matt. 8:14-15)

By the disciples (Matt. 8:25)

By demon possessed man (Matt 8:28-34)

By a paralyzed man (Matt 9:1-8)

By Jarius and the woman with blood (Matt 9:18-26)

By two blind men (Matt 9:27-31)

By Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

By children (Matt 19:13-15)

When Jesus came to earth he had an important mission to accomplish for his Father. Why would he allow his schedule be interrupted by so many people and personal issues?

There is a valuable lesson for us here. **People are more important than programs or agendas.** In the same way Jesus turned his attention to someone who interrupted what he was doing, we must do the same. Jesus put people ahead of programs. He constantly pivoted from what he was doing to the person right in front of him.

It's easy to put our agendas ahead of the people in our lives. The busier we become, the easier it is to miss the needs of the person right in front of us.

The other day, I called an auto dealer for a service appointment. I could not be booked until 10 days from now. I asked, "why so long?" She said that usually they are very busy, and it often takes 2 weeks to actually get an appointment. I guess I needed to be thankful that she was offering me 10 days rather than 14 days out. However, I felt like I was bothering them. They did not apologize for the inconvenience, they simply communicated to me that they were very busy. (continued)

When people look upon us, do they see someone who is too busy that cannot respond to their needs? I hope not!

We must see people through the eyes of Jesus, always pausing to take the second glance, and asking God to give us the change of heart to stop and address of the person in front of us.

To make people more important than whatever program, schedule or agenda you are pursuing, simply ask God to help you to become aware – to “see” the children, neighbors, co-workers, people in high or low positions and put their needs ahead of your agenda.

I hope you enjoy my favorite time of the year!

Blessings, Pastor Eric



10/01	Christina Freitag Martin
10/02	Tom Mioduszewski
10/03	Katie Guthrie
10/04	Hannah Dotson
10/06	Carol Lambert
10/07	Carol McDougall
10/07	Jacey Royalty
10/09	A.B. “Bud” Eargood
10/10	Jim Bates
10/10	Emma Warner
10/11	Gary Thomas
10/11	Peyton Dassell
10/18	Sophia Jourdan
10/19	Leslie Eargood
10/21	Lucy Bailey
10/21	Bill Fidler
10/23	Mackenzie Poe
10/25	Sandra Kaiser
10/26	Nelson Redmon
10/30	Bill Freitag

Anniversaries

10/01 Jim & Bettye Bates



Henderson Christian Community Outreach

We will be collecting **boxed stuffing** for HCCO during the month of October.

We collected 103 packages of ramen noodles during the month of September.

Thank you for your generous support of this organization!

HCCO also has a new fundraising effort “Help Fill Our Food Pantry and Feed the Hungry.” There are small boxes to collect money for them located in the back of the sanctuary. Please return the box to the church when you fill it so we can get it to HCCO.



We will **not** have a first Wednesday potluck supper in October, November or December due to our Holiday Dinners:

Halloween Dinner (potluck)

Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 pm

Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00 pm

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 pm



The flowers in the sanctuary during the month of October are provided by Terry Arnold and Glenn Ridley

Bible Study



We will have our Zoom Bible Study on Monday, October 3rd.

However, we will not have the study while Pastor Eric is on vacation.

We will resume on Monday, November 7th.

Meeting ID: 984 3627 7403

Passcode: 500727

Pastor Eric and Cynthia will be on vacation October 5th through October 25th. They are going to Israel to trace the footsteps of Jesus.

Our guest speakers during that time will be Ken Dick on October 9th, Rich Cooper on October 16th and Tom Sale on October 23rd.



We enjoyed hearing Brad Staton speak during our Wednesday Night Supper on September 7th





The Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, October 3rd. The Council will meet at 9:30 am in the Library and the Circle meeting will take place at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Carol Lambert will present lesson 8 for us. You may pick up a copy of the lesson at the mailbox table in the Fellowship Hall.

After the meeting, we will put together sacks for the residents of Henderson Manor. Everything will be furnished except for quarters so please bring any spare quarters that you may have.

Carol McDougall



After months of collecting items from members and friends of the church and a few days of intense preparation, the Presbyterian Women held their first fundraiser since before Covid hit. The yard sale on September 10th saw many shoppers who searched through tables full of bargains leave with armloads of goodies and smiles on their faces.

It was also a wonderful time of fellowship for our members and the men of the congregation who provided help wherever needed. We sincerely appreciate those who donated items and helped prepare for the sale. We took in \$1,561.30 and that will cover the majority of our budget for 2022-2023, much of which goes to local and Presbytery outreach programs.

We look forward to our year of Bible study and fellowship together and welcome all who can attend to join us.



October Handbells and Chancel Choir Schedule

Wednesday, October 5th

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, October 12th

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, October 19th

Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, October 26th

No rehearsals, enjoy the Halloween party!

The Chancel Choir will be singing on Sunday mornings on October 9, 16, and 30 and the Handbells ring Sunday, October 23.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Jones.



Grand Piano Fund

We have a special fund to raise money to purchase a grand piano for the sanctuary. The fund currently has \$3,275.00.

You can make your contribution in honor or memory of someone.

If you would like to contribute please make sure your donation indicates "Piano Fund."



congregational CARE

Please join us in ministering to our church family by extending love and care by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Please let the church office or Pastor Eric know if you have the desire to help in any way... such as praying, sending cards, phone calling, visiting, driving, meal sharing, etc.

As needs arise, every little bit of help makes a difference. Just as important, if you know of a particular congregational need, we welcome you bringing it to our attention.

Happy
Halloween

A simple illustration of an orange pumpkin with a green stem and leaves, positioned between the words "Happy" and "Halloween".



TRI-PRESBYTERY FALL YOUTH RETREAT

We hope you will join us for a spectacular weekend of fun, fellowship and faith-building in a beautiful atmosphere with other youth from around the state. Youth retreats are often an amazing highlight in a young person's spiritual life!

- For: All Middle and High Schoolers — Grades 6-12
- Date: Friday to Sunday, November 4-6, 2022
- Place: Camp Loucon in Leitchfield, KY (90 miles away)
- Theme: "Belonging Together"
- Speaker: Rev. Alonzo Johnson, Coordinator of Self Development of People, and Educate a Child, Transform the Word Initiative for the PC(USA)
- Registration: \$75 (scholarships available)
Registration forms due back by October 1st and are available in the church office or from Cynthia.



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