

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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OCT – 2023

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CHURCH ELDER INFORMATION

Class of 2025:

Marilyn Johnston -Clerk- 2nd term
Sarah Bowles -1st term

Class of 2024:

Linda Smith - 2nd term
Karen Fish - 1st term

Class of 2023:

Sandy Noland - 2nd term
Priscilla Hare -2nd term

WORSHIP

WE WILL BE SERVING COMMUNION ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST



Pastor Nominating Committee

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

God has a plan for our church. We just have to be patient and wait for him to make it clear to us. The PNC continues to search and wait for God to make it clear who He wants to pastor our church.

Prayers of patience for our congregation and PNC. Please also pray for God's plan to be made clear to us.

Sarah Bowles

SCRIP

October 1st is SCRIP Sunday. Please see Gaye Gibson in the library before and after the worship service if you would like to purchase gift cards from the SCRIP Program.

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

Operation Christmas Child 2023

First Pres OCC group hosted a Leadership Conference. We had a good turnout, we thought. There were booths set-up for Year-round volunteering opportunities, crafts to make for shoeboxes, educational items to put in shoeboxes, booths encouraging and proclaiming the necessity of prayer for boxes, and stories of those who had received a box and told how it impacted their lives. A presentation was given explaining how a shoebox distribution works. The audience played the part of children receiving boxes. We heard about The Greatest Gift and the Discipleship Program called The Greatest Journey. We received shoeboxes filled with educational materials. We had refreshments while we shared ideas with others. It was a very profitable meeting.





**Candlewick Commons Dinner
September 12th**

The residents always seem to have a good time and it is a great outreach project in our community.





remained determined and hopeful that many good things are on the horizon.

On April 21, we hosted our annual Fiesta fundraising event. Thanks to your support, Fiesta 2023 raised over \$110,000 for MdL, making it one of our most successful fundraisers in MdL history! We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to its success and to the many volunteers who helped to organize everything.

The day after Fiesta, a fire made its way to MDL from the community below. Our incredible staff was able to get all of our kids and dogs safely off the mountain, while community members worked to put the fire out. Because firefighters never arrived, those who rushed to help us are true heroes to us. The fire caused a lot of damage at our facility; we were without water and electricity for nearly two weeks. It's safe to say we felt incredibly blessed that our biggest fundraiser of the year was the night before, as the money raised from Fiesta went immediately to help our clean-up process.

There's a beautiful lesson in all of this. This type of work is full of incredible highs and lows. We've learned to embrace it all and have faith that a rainbow always follows a storm.

With appreciation,

Anna Jackson, Executive Director



Y HEALTHY KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

**Saturday, September 23rd
Packing Party**

It is great to let our kids experience missions at an early age! Great job Evan!



**Here's a
hard
working
little
packer.**



Montana de Luz

Dear MdL supporters,

Thank you all so much for taking the time to read the updates from our Mountain of Light in Honduras. The past few months have been marked by a lot of highs and a few lows, but our team has

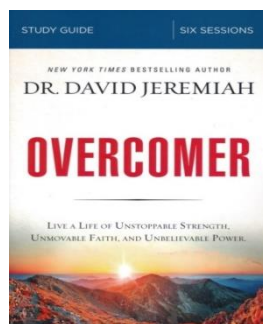
SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sheri Bogardus came and taught on the Feast of Tabernacles. She and Sandy Noland provided foods that would have been eaten during this celebration. Apples, figs, dates, Challah bread, fresh honey and a Jewish Apple Cake.

Starting on October 1st - The Overcomer by David Jeremiah

In this 6-session video study, Overcomer, David Jeremiah explores the armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-18 and provides practical ways for believers to equip each piece and persevere from a place of victory in Christ.



– Our facilitator is Carolyn Durr

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

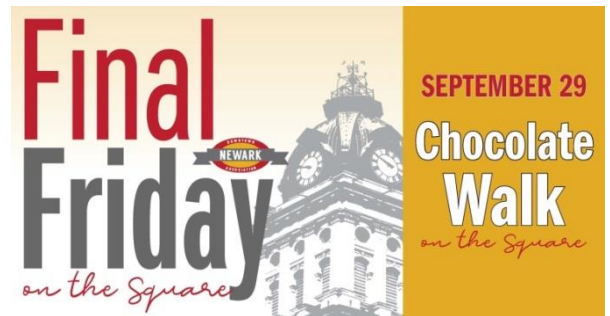


October Birthdays

Lisa Detrick	10/1
David Kittel	10/2
Emily Hare	10/4
Tanya Noland	10/11
Elias Bowles	10/18

October Anniversaries

Greg & Tina Angeletti	10/22
Bob & Deb Blamer	10/25
Jay & Wendy Hartman	10/27



Downtown Newark Association
September 29, 4:00-7:00pm on the Square



FUDGE MAKING

FUDGE WRAPPING



CHURCH LIFE

Good Morning Bible Study is in the Gold Circle room from 10:00am -12:00 on Thursday mornings. They are studying the book of Daniel. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a great time of Bible Study, prayer and fellowship.



Stacy, another one of the church mice, hard at work. Thank you Stacy for helping out!



TRICK OR TREAT

October 22 after worship, come prep the Pumpkin treats that we will be passing out at Trick or Treat on the Square in downtown Newark. Pizza will be provided to curb our munchies so we can keep from sneaking a pumpkin!

WE NEED SIX MORE JUMBO BAGS OF THE REESE'S PUMPKINS SNACK SIZE.



They can be turned into the church office or Becky Mahon by October 15.



We had a great turn out for the Presbyterian Picnic. Pastor Wes Humble filled in this Sunday as Pastor Jesse was sick, so we have Pastor Wes Humble and Pastor Todd from 2nd Presbyterian Church and a great turn out from our church family. There was plenty of good food and great fellowship too.





PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

KIRKIN OF THE TARTAN

October 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Second Presbyterian Church
(corner of 2nd and Church Str.)

NO SUNDAY MORNING CLASS on October 22 at First Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. "Kirkin of the Tartan" Reformation Sunday (a week early) celebration at 2nd Presbyterian.

Games and eats to follow the service.

NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME AND LOCATION

There will be flyers on the front pew for the "Kirkin' of the Tartans"

2nd Pres. would like to know if you would like to be a part of the blessing of the tartans as a simple act of dedication. If not, that is ok but please still fill out a flyer and turn them in to the church office if you are attending the luncheon so they can get a headcount for lunch.

2022 pictures below.



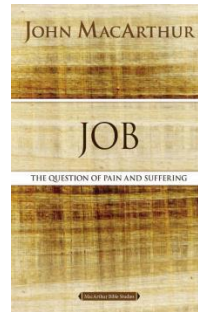
Guess who accidentally showed up as twins one Sunday in September! So cute!!



RICK BLACK AND TARA LEWELLEN PLAYING
A DUET ON THE PIANO AND ORGAN.

Bible study where you will find prayer and fellowship too.

Why do the righteous suffer?



Although a direct answer to this question seems important, the book of Job does not set forth such a response. Job never learned the reasons for his suffering. In fact, when God finally confronted Job, he could only put his hand over his mouth and say nothing. His silence underscores the importance of trusting God's purposes in the midst of suffering, because suffering—like all other human experiences—is directed by perfect divine wisdom.

Please Note:

The following are important meetings:

SESSION UPDATE MEETING

Oct. 8th following worship there will be a light lunch provided and Session will be sharing updates with the congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OCT 15th - There will be a Congregational Meeting following Worship (assuming we can line up a Moderator).

Oct 16th – Tartan flyers need turned in to 2nd Presbyterian Church.

October 22nd – No Sunday School this morning
Worship is at 10:00am at
2nd Presbyterian Church for "Kirkin' of the Tartan" (Make sure you fill out a flyer if you have a Tartan you want blessed.

Oct 22nd - after worship at 2nd Pres. there will be a Candy Packing Party for Trick or Treat on the Square.

Oct 26th - Trick or Treat on the Square from 5:30-7:00. Come help out if you can. Wear your best costume!!

KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS
October 22, 2023, at 10:00 am
Please join Second Presbyterian Church for our annual Kirkin' of the Tartans service. This one-of-a-kind service will include music from the Aladdin Pipes and Drums band. After the service please stay for a Scottish lunch and desserts.

***** it's time to "SIGN UP" to present your tartan*****

Kirkin' o' the Tartans is a church service following the ancient Scots tradition of blessing Scottish families by blessing clan tartans. This ancient rite began at a time when the tartan was forbidden. Fiery, independent Scots wore it secretly and had it blessed as an act of patriotism and courage.

At the present day Kirkin', Scots wear or carry their tartans to church to be blessed in a simple act of dedication. Acknowledging the importance of the Kirk and our own Presbyterian Heritage in shaping Scottish heritage and culture.

Tartan to be presented: _____ Return date:
Presented by: _____ October 16th
RSVP number of guest staying for lunch _____

When you bring in your Tartan please make sure to pin your name to it.
Place this form in your offering plate or make sure your office gets it.

GOOD MORNING BIBLE STUDY

They will begin the book of Job in the Good Morning Bible Study that meets in the Gold Circle Room on Thursdays at 10:00-12:00. Please feel free to come be a part of this