



THE VISITOR

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An Update from the Mission Committee

At our August Worship in the Park, Mission Committee chairperson, Marie Larson, led the group in a guided conversation about the church's mission statement in light of who we are today. Those in attendance gave thoughtful consideration to questions and provided their feedback. Here is an update on their analysis of the feedback:

Mission Survey Update

Thank You! Thank you to everyone in our Faith Community who joined in the conversation about "Who we are as the Presbyterian Church of Kane today" both by filling out the surveys and by filling out lots 😊 of post it notes. The Mission committee compiled ALL of your comments and right away could see certain thoughts that were repeated many times.

Reach Up

Gathering together to worship with music and prayer is important to us. However, we are open to how and where that worship happens.

Reach In

We love to gather together for fellowship outside worship and would like to have more opportunities to do so. These can be just getting together or something with more structure.

Reach Out

Seeking to make our communities better places is essential to us and we are busy serving and volunteering at an amazing number of varied groups out in those communities.

Involvement In Community Organizations (can be involved in more than one category)

Category	Totals
Service/Social Organizations	11
Education	10
Sports	10
Community	31

What is the best way to pass along church information to you?

Category	Totals
Letter	3
Email	17
Text message	16
Telephone call	4
Instagram	3
Facebook	5

Here's one more question,

"How would you like to keep this conversation going?"

- After church group get together
- Church luncheon/potluck dinner
- Any other way you can think of

Please share with Marie Larson or Bill Ryding how you would like to continue this conversation.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the PCUSA. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

PDA provides emergency assistance both nationally and internationally by

- Focusing on the long-term recovery of disaster impacted communities
- Providing training and disaster preparedness for Presbyteries and Synods
- Working collaboratively with partners such as ACT (Action by Churches Together), Church World Service, Food Resource Bank, National Immigration Forum, National VOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)
- Connecting partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in response such as the Red Cross, FEMA, World Food Program and the United Nations

The PDA has already begun its response to Hurricane Helen working with affected Presbyteries and National VOAD to share information and coordinate resources. PDA has deployed National Response Teams to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Several initial assistance grants have been approved and many more requests are anticipated as Presbyteries assess the needs in their communities.

If you would like more information about PDA response to hurricane Helene, information can be found at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-helene/>

If you would like to donate to PDA, you may donate online <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/> and designate your gift to DR000169 or donate through your weekly offering with the designation PDA- hurricane Helene.

Thank You!

The Kane Community Preschool began in 1989 out of the need for additional early childhood education in our community. It began with the creation of a board of directors, parent involvement and most importantly the support of the Presbyterian Church. The church offered classroom space and a willingness to sponsor the preschool. Over the years, many, many families were provided with a place for their child to learn and grow. Many happy memories, friendships, and a foundation for starting kindergarten were provided by the teachers, classroom helpers, board members, and our church.

The church members and session members throughout the years provided classroom upgrades, maintenance, accounting, safety procedures, served as a helper, and provided countless amounts of cookies for special events. Thank you to the wonderful family that is the Presbyterian Church of Kane for all that you have provided to the Kane Community Preschool.

Sincerely,

Becky Koza
and Diane Humphrey

Please note our new address



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World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is October 6th. This practice began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg in 1933. It was adopted by our denomination in 1936 and by the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor to the National Council of Churches in 1940. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world reminding us of our "oneness" in Christ we have with people around the world.

Community Blood Drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm at Grace Bible Church (corner of Rt. 321 and Hemlock Ave.). Walk-ins are welcome and appointments appreciated. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



Kane Area Food Pantry

For the month of October, the Food Pantry is asking for donations of packaged side dishes with pasta or rice. Please consider donating items or making a monetary donation to the Food Pantry. Items can be placed on the table in the hallway by the Chase Street entrance. Monetary donations can be made directly to the Food Pantry or to the church with "Food Pantry" in the memo field of your check.



Church Women United Fall Gathering

On Thursday October 10th at 11:00 am Church Women United will hold their Fall Gathering at St. Callistus Catholic Church Hall. The address is 342 Chase Street. There will be a presentation on Woodland Oils by Lindsey Novosel. The presentation will be followed by a salad luncheon. All women are invited. There are handicap accessible entrances from the back and side of the building.

Brief Updates

- ✓ Bell choir rehearsals resume on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome. Please contact Betsey Davis for more information.
- ✓ Voice choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome. Please contact Lynda Karger for more information.
- ✓ Coffee and Conversation resumes their weekly Sunday morning conversations on Sunday, October 6th at 9:30 am. Coffee and tea are provided. All are welcome. Please contact John Cleland for more information.
- ✓ A new assisted listening system was installed in the church sanctuary. If you would like to try one of the new listening devices during a worship service, please see Lori Fiscus or the usher for the day for a listening device and brief instructions.
- ✓ Welcome to the Girl Scout troop who will be meeting in our building on Sunday nights beginning in October.
- ✓ Session will meet on Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place.

The 2024 Leadership Team of the Presbyterian Church of Kane

<u>Session</u>		<u>Mutual Ministry</u>
John Cleland	Marie Larson	John Cleland
Lori Fiscus	Peggy Luck	Jim Coppersmith
Curt Hartman	Kal Lyons	Jody Larson
Lynda Karger	Dale McLaughlin	Sue Zook-Wilson
Clerk of Session: Matt Gayley		Pastor: Rev. Carol Sharp

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