

If you have ever listened to public radio for very long, or if you have ever watched PBS for very long, eventually, you will hear it: the dreaded “Pledge Drive”. For a week or so, every time you turn on the radio or TV, you will hear the broadcasters talking about how important it is that you give to their station. You will hear all about the wonderful programming they produce and how important it is that people like you give so that they can continue to provide the quality programming they provide each day.

Occasionally, churches will have the same kind of drive. They will show you all the wonderful things that they are doing and remind you that if you really care, you will give so that they can meet the budget they have set. They will remind you that they need a certain amount to meet their budget. If you care about your church, you will give so the church can meet the budget.

Unfortunately, stewardship that is driven by *meeting the budget* will always fall short, because that is not what God has called us to. The kind of stewardship that God has called us to is driven by a sincere understanding that all we have belongs to God: our money, our time, our spiritual gifts. And we live as faithful followers when we use those things for God’s glory. I will be talking about this and more from the pulpit for the next few weeks.

The Session and the committees are currently working on their budgets for 2023, which will be guided, in part, by your Financial Commitment Cards. I am confident that those expenses will be covered by your faithful giving. However, the reason it is so important for us to talk about stewardship is not because we want to meet our budget, but because we want to grow in what it means to be a Christian. We want to grow in our understanding that everything we have belongs to God, and it up to us to listen as God leads.

Over the next few weeks, we will be talking about giving faithfully of ourselves to God: both of our finances and of our time. On Oct. 16, please prayerfully complete both your Financial Commitment Card and the Worship + 2 form. The Financial Commitment Card helps us know how to be faithful stewards of the money that you give, so that we can best plan where our funds need to go. The Worship + 2 form will help us plan our committee and service groups for 2023.

Please pray about how you may serve your church in 2023 with a generous gift of your finances and your service.

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QRT
Quick Response Team

First Wednesday Community Dinner

October 5th 6:00 pm

The Rev. Reginald Hill will explain QRT and the unique faith-based component and how we, as people of faith, can help.

Congregational Meeting on Oct. 9

for the purpose of electing the
Nominating Committee.



Open to All Picnic

Sunday, Oct. 16. 1 - 4 pm at Ritter Park.

We are looking for volunteers to help pass out info about the church and represent Highlawn Presbyterian Church to our community.



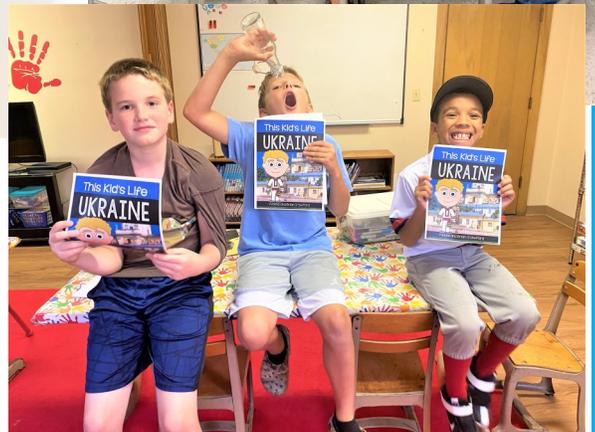
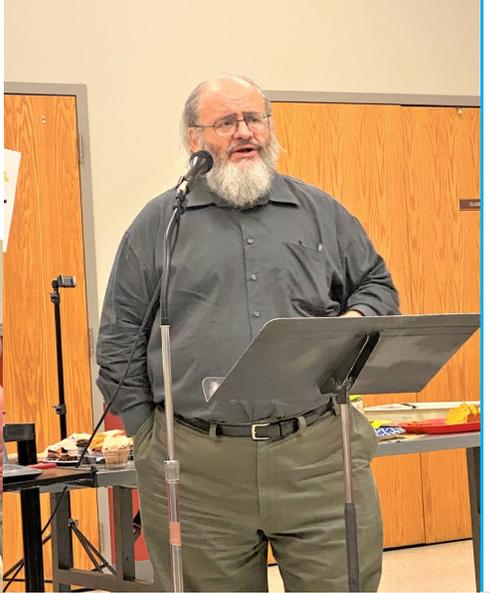
Or, just stop by Ritter Park and say hello!

Food will be served as long as it lasts, face-painting for the kids and other activities!

Our First Wednesday Community Night was a success!

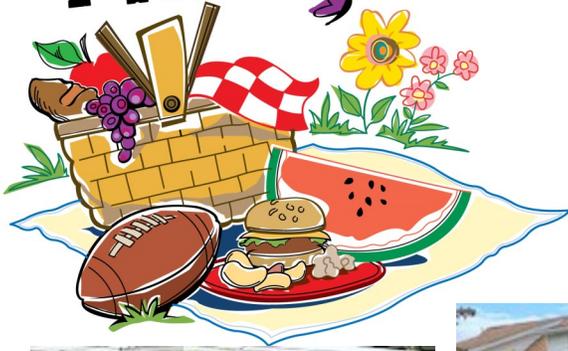
Professors Kateryna Rudnytzky Schray & Viktor Fet

“The Ukrainian Response to the Russian War”



Church Picnic

Such a nice day of community and friendship!



HIGHLAWN COMMUNITY

 *Fall*
FESTIVAL

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

LOCATION: HIGHLAWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

321 30TH ST.—HUNTINGTON, 25702

TIME: 4:00—7:00 PM

FREE OF CHARGE!

**BLUE GRASS BAND: BOBBY MAYNAYRD AND THE BREAKDOWN
THE ALCHEMY THEATER GROUP.**

**GAMES, CRAFTS, FOOD, PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST,
PUMPKIN DECORATING, FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS,
CAKE WALK, BONFIRES.**

**SPONSORED BY THE HIGHLAWN COMMUNITY GARDEN, THE HIGHLAWN
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, HIGHLAWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION,
HUNTINGTON FIRST NAZARENE, AND HIGHLAWN PRESBYTERIAN.**



October Newsletter



Oct 2: Youth Group 12:00-2:00

Oct 9: Youth Group 12:00-2:00

Oct 16: "Open To All Picnic" at Ritter Park

The Open To All Picnic at Ritter Park is scheduled from 1:00-4:00. The Youth are going to help man our table from 1:00-2:00 and then they can walk around and enjoy everything else that will be there. We will leave from the church around 12:20 and youth can be picked up at the park anytime before 4:00. I will be there the entire time so there will be adult supervision.

Oct 21-23: Fall Retreat at Bluestone

More information attached. Let me know if you and/or your family would like to attend so we can get signed up.

Oct 23: No Youth Group

I'll be heading home from the Fall Retreat

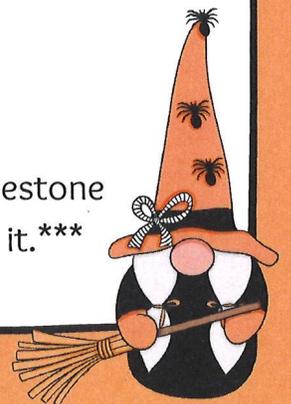
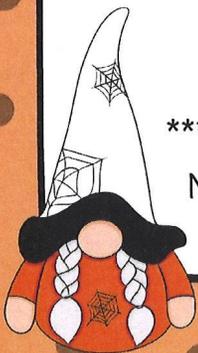
Oct 30: Pumpkin Carving with UKIRK 12:30-3:00

We will head to Marshall from Highlawn right after church. We will have lunch at the Campus Christian Center and then carve Halloween pumpkins with the UKIRK students.

Let me know if you ever need a ride or have any questions.

Sarah Specht
304-690-6667

Looking Ahead: There is a Middle/High School Retreat at Bluestone Nov 18-20. I will send out more information as soon as I have it.



CELEBRATING SABBATH

That's the title of the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study this year.

The Presbyterian Women at Highlawn continue their study of "**Celebrating Sabbath**" on **October 13, 2022**. We have two groups.....they both meet on the second Thursday of each month from September thru May. Neva Baldwin is the moderator for the afternoon group....they meet at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. And Sally Lowe is the moderator for the evening group which also meets in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

This month's lesson "key idea" "Sabbath celebration is something that God has built into the structure of creation. Receiving that gift is part of what deepens our friendship with God, others, and the rest of creation."

This month we will look at the book of Genesis---the beginning---what better place to start than at the beginning, right? I know you all know how it begins, but remember that after six days, even God takes a break! What does this rhythm of work and rest have to say about our "24/7" culture?

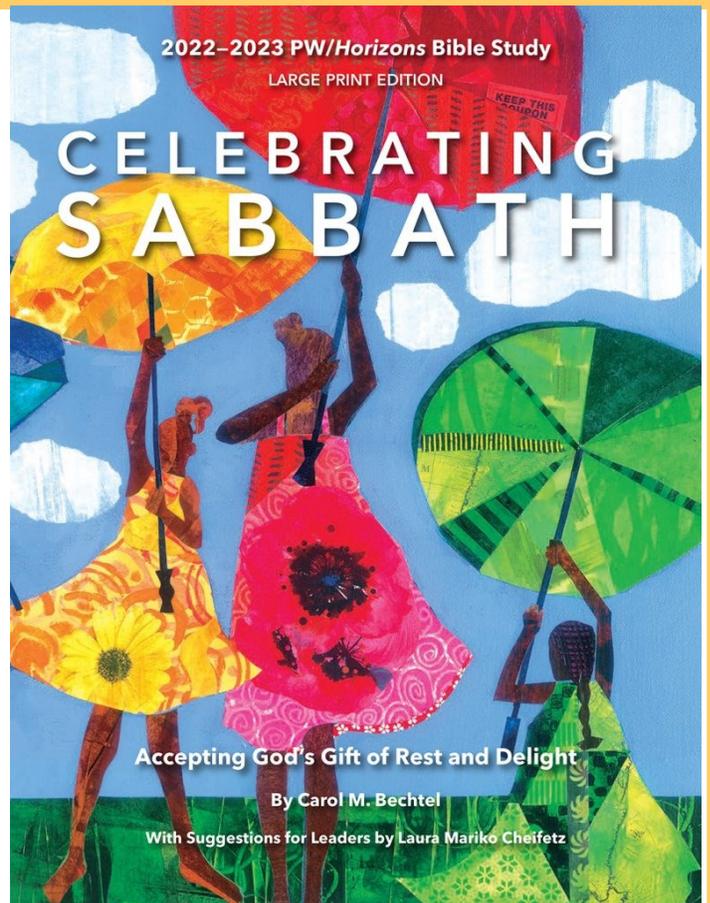
What will learning to celebrate Sabbath look like for you? First, there will be space for God. You will discover ways to deepen your friendship with God. Secondly, there will be space for community. And, finally there will be space to enjoy God's creation. Take a walk. Say grace. Eat good food slowly. Do something good for the planet!

So, as you can see, this month's lesson will help us to embrace our own personal rituals of Sabbath rest and delight. To our "regular" attendees of PW Bible Study....hope to see you Thursday, October 13. And.....If you don't regularly come to our bible study and would like to see what we're all about.... No commitment..... drop in anytime! The Welcome Mat is always there!

Shelia Brownfield—Moderator



Key quote.....*God does not ask us to be irresponsible. But God does invite us to take a hard look at our schedules and our responsibilities on the Sabbath. Remember it and keep it holy. And.....Remember to stop and smell the roses along life's path.*





We had a great turn out and lots of **fun at our last Work Party.**

We got lots accomplished. We worked on pencil bags, jewelry kits, tac tac toe games, jump rope kits, pillowcases and sewing machines.

Children's Home Society Pickup

We had lots of large children's toys, clothes and shoes to donate. We also sent a gently used backpack, books and some other fun stuff. Thank you for your generosity!

Ongoing Mission Opportunity Goals and Needs

***50 Shoeboxes boxes by Oct 31**

Needed Donations for shipping

Fun items for 10 -14 year olds.

What would you give your "tween" sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, grandchildren?

***Pillows with Pillowcases for Veterans by Nov 11**

We have red, white and blue pillowcases—Needed 12 pillows

***100 Salvation Army Children's Stockings by Dec 1**

Needed stockings cut and sewn

*** 20 Senior Stockings Salvation Army by Dec 12**

Needed Socks and Gloves, Lotion and Chapstick,

Notepads and Pens, Puzzle books and Playing cards, treats

Questions? Call Ann or Nancy

Mission Work Parties! Come join us!



Collection of Household Items for Harmony House

The Mission Committee of Highlawn Presbyterian Church has worked during 2022 collecting household items for clients of the Harmony House Rapid Re-Housing Program. The response from the congregation has been huge. Many carloads have been delivered to Harmony House, and at times, it was necessary to call for their truck to come and pick up furniture and larger bags of donations. Items donated during September included bedding, air mattress, curtains, towels, kitchen items, bar soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, puzzles, plates, pans, a clock, and bags of some items for their shelter, including t-shirts, shoes, and socks.



Every three months, we have updated their particular needs and suggested a new list of items. For our last quarter of 2022 (October, November, and December), they are needing **silverware, kitchen utensils, baking sheets, can openers, sauce pans/pots, pillows, trash cans (4 and 13 gallon), dish drainers, shower curtains and hooks, and foldable/collapsible shopping carts.** Donations may be new or gently used. This is not to discourage the donation of items not mentioned on this list. Household items can always be used. Also, if anyone would like to make a monetary donation, committee members are willing to shop for you. There is a display with the wagon in the Narthex with a poster reminding everyone of the items needed. When you bring your items to donate, you may leave them in the Narthex or in the room near the office, where the committee stores the items till delivery to Harmony House at the end of each month.



For any questions, please call Linda Hansen, 304-421-0860 or speak with any member of the Mission Committee.



The Mission Committee is asking the congregation to join us in supporting the food pantry ministry at New Baptist Church. November and December when there is a long break from school they send 100 bags of food home with students from Highlawn Elementary. These students are identified as being in homes that are food insecure. Our goal is to donate 100 small (16 ounce) jars of peanut butter for the food pantry to distribute.

So please pickup an extra jar when you are at the grocery store and bring it by the church. There will be a collection basket in the foyer. Thank you in advance for helping us fulfill this need in our community.





Oct 2 World Communion
 Oct 5 First Wednesday
 Oct 10 Worship Comm.
 Oct 12 Mission Comm
 Oct 13 Women's Circles
 Oct 16 Open To All Picnic
 Oct 21-22 Bluestone Retreat
 22—Fall Festival



Birthdays This Month

- 10/01 Margie Stone
- 10/05 Charles Woolcock
- 10/06 Elijah Dorey
- 10/07 Andy Blackman
- 10/09 David Woodward
- 10/16 James Lamp
- 10/16 Larry Miller
- 10/19 Gaye Fearing
- 10/22 Herb Myers
- 10/22 David DeMattie
- 10/25 Shelia Brownfield
- 10/26 Betty Barrett
- 10/28 Bob Lowe

Birthdays Beginning of Next Month

- 11/07 Sarah Lovejoy
- 11/08 Linda Beegle
- 11/8 Jean Taylor



From First Presbyterian Church—Mayfield KY:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Highlawn Presbyterian Church;

Thank you so much for the box of lovely handmade hats and other clothing items. There are so many who have lost so much and we will make sure these items get out into the community where most needed. Thank you for your willingness to help. And especially to all—thank you for your prayers! God bless you for the kindness you've shown.

Jacque Dale

Mayfield FPC



Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

**IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!**



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



WAYS TO GIVE



Through your congregation



Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/peace-global



Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444 or visit pcusa.org/peace-global for more information.



COVER ART: PRONOMA

**Thank you, God
for connecting us.**

Thank you for neighbors, each with needs and gifts to share, and for our church, the Whole Church, together, and for Jesus Christ, Amen.



Peace

is doing, not waiting.

Peace begins
with each of us.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid council to join with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



Please give what you can.

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Thank you!

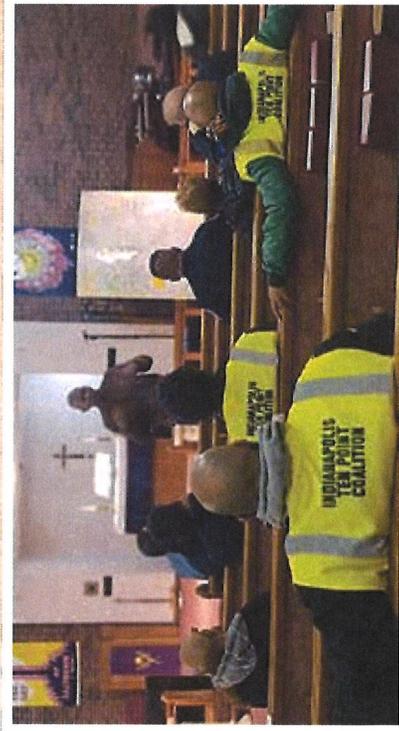


“I was thinking about how participating in Peace & Global Witness is so needed in our world now.

As a pastor and a Christian, what I really appreciate about the Special Offerings that have the national, international and local component is that they really do make it possible for us, as a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Then we get the nudge to look at what’s going on in our local community and how we can be actively engaged and contributing there.

It’s a wonderful balance and a new kind of challenge for us every time.”

The Rev. Charlotte Lohrenz
Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana



Faith Presbyterian Church uses their share of the Peace & Global Witness Offering to support Indy TenPoint, a not for profit organization in their community that works with young people to reduce gun violence, stabilize neighborhoods and build better lives.

