



Dear Friends,

There is a story about Albert Einstein and this one experience he had riding on a train. “The conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket, but he couldn’t find his ticket. He reached into his pants pocket, and it wasn’t there. So, he looked in his briefcase and still couldn’t find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him and couldn’t find it.

The conductor said: Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I’m sure you bought a ticket. Don’t worry about it!’ Einstein nodded appreciatively.

The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don’t worry; I know who you are. No problem. You don’t need a ticket! I’m sure you bought one.’

Einstein then looked up at him and said, ‘Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don’t know is where I’m going.’

I think many of us can relate to forgetting how to get somewhere or perhaps even remembering the place you are headed to or going. I remember, on several occasions, going into ShopRite, standing in the produce section and wondering why I went in...and for what? Now I know that might seem rather lame but I’m sure some of you understand what I’m talking about and have experienced the same.

Just for a moment let’s imagine we’re Mr. Einstein. We find ourselves traveling on a train, but, for a moment, let’s change it up and imagine this train represents the vehicle that takes us on a journey called life. And as we travel, we experience dealing with the bumpy track, stops along the way, and the many sharp curves along the way as well. Then it dawns on us that although we’re on the journey, we realize that we’ve forgotten our destination. We’ve lost the ticket that tells us where we’re going. So, we suddenly realize, like Einstein, that the journey on the track becomes unimportant and what becomes most important is finding that ticket, the one that allows us to see our destination, and the place where our trip ends. We undoubtedly struggle to find that ticket.

Is Jesus that ticket for you? I believe and trust that Christ is that ticket. This ticket does a few things. This ticket allows us to get on board and take the journey. However, this ticket also comes with a price. The journey is not free of charge. The holder of the ticket must be willing to take the journey no matter what...it is a trip that demands commitment, trust, and, at times, going beyond our place of comfort. This ticket also allows the holder to go a step beyond the seat and the spot provided for him or her on the train. It allows us to believe and have faith in the reason for Christ’s coming and what it means to trust in him fully and be loved unconditionally.

Now this has become a priceless ticket and is undoubtedly worth finding and saving. But you have that ticket...right? Make sure you hold on to it. Don’t get off that train no matter what. Stand firm and be courageous. Jesus loves you.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Jim

Mark Your Calendar

Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 1
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 2
 Needles & Pins 10:00 am.....Oct 3
 Church School/Adult Bible Study 9:00 am
 Worship/Communion 10:30 am.....Oct 4
 Facebook Devotions 8:30am/Deacons 7:00pm.....Oct 6
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 7
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 8
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 9
 Church School/Adult Bible Study 9:00 am
 Worship/ Facebook Live 10:30 am.....Oct 11
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 13
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 14
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 15
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 16
 Church School/Adult Bible Study 9:00 am
 Worship/Facebook Live 10:30 am.....Oct 18
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 20
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 21
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am/Session 7:00 pm.....Oct 22
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 23
 Church School/Adult Bible Study 9:00 am
 Worship/Facebook Live 10:30 am/40 + Luncheon.....Oct 25
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 27
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 28
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 29
 Facebook Devotions 8:30 am.....Oct 30

World Communion Offering Month of October

Our church will retain 35 percent of the offering to use for the Christian education portion of our budget...

*The balance will support ministries that work for **reconciliation and healing**, helping more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone, everywhere.*

Please consider giving a donation. Your contribution will be **matched** by the Kathleen Smith Fund! Checks should be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with "WC Offering" in the Memo.

Thank you, The Stewardship Committee



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Remember In Prayer



Prayer: Merciful Savior, you loved the world so much that you gave your life for us. We often receive your wonderful gift imperfectly, forgetting the abundance of it, and living instead in a spiritual poverty. As we pray, help us to understand that the healing of mind, body, and spirit, comes only by your grace and made known through the prayers of the faithful. Let us claim your wonderful promise, even now as we pray for the stranger, friend, and loved one.

Those ill or recuperating at home: John Scovell, Barbara Miller, Joan Miller, Peggy Westlake, Jim Vlossak, Vicki Morgan, Eleanore Jensen, Doug Foley, Linda Walsh, Joyce Parsons, Ronald & Joan Weber, Michael Housman, DJ Pesaniello.

Relatives of church members: Kathy Perry's nephew Arthur, Charlie & Roberta Kugelmeyer's niece Jackalyn Bolcar, Harold & Carolyn Teabo's daughter Kimberly Masi, Don Johnson's grandson Dylan, Callie & Mark Kresser, Linda Darwin's sister-in-law Jenny, Lynn Alleger friends of the Ours, Lee Ann Kubbishun's brother-in-law Harvey Hendershot, Pauline Albrecht's cousins Kathy & Bill, Harold Teabo, Judy Ours cousin Aurelius Newbold, Jim Morgan, Joe Kresser's brother John, Charlie Kugelmeyer, John & Elaine Boreman's daughter & son in law Jill & Ross Duncan, Joe Caldaro, Peggy Westlake's son-in-law Travis Jablonski, Barbara Miller's daughter in-law Julie, Patricia Handlos's great nephew Bear Shaw, Robert Stacie Ullrich's dad, Pauline Albrecht's cousin Pete Lekousis, Laura Housman's mother Betty Machauer, Joan Miller's sister in-law, Nancy Vlossak's niece, Vicki Tensfeldt's mother & niece; Kerri Caldaro's mom & dad Gail & Fred Mosher.

Those in care centers: Connie Allen, Joan Vasko, Bob Pesaniello, Nancy Vlossak.

Friends of the church: Kerri Caldaro's friend Jason Leonard, Pat Hawkins sister Susan and her husband John, Stuart Ours friend Don Walker, Fred & Karen Graf's friend Renee Wise, Carol Kain's friend John Vybihal. Joe Groff friend of Doug & Jolene Foley, Gale Soler & Ellen Gulick friends of Joan Miller, Barbara Miller's friend Patrick O'Malley, Carol Novak.

Also, pray for our servicemen and women and their families: Albrecht's nephew Captain Kyle Mogensen, Lee Ann Kubbishun's nephew Cory, Stephanie Farley's nephew John, Kathy Perry's nephew Jimmy, Linda Darwin's friend Sean Devine.

DRAGON TREE EDUCATION NETWORK

Dragon Tree Network would like to thank you for sharing your space with us. We offer math, reading and writing classes for homeschool students and individual and small-group tutoring after school for public school students. We are looking forward to using this great space you have available to help many children improve their educational outcomes. If we can help your children, or if you would like to talk more about what we have available for your K-12 student feel free to call our office. Our main office is Dragon Tree Reading Center at 269 Route 31 South, Washington and our phone # is 908-674-3239



October BIRTHDAYS



October 3

Rosemarie Hight

October 5

Laura Kretzer
Linda Watters

October 6

Robert Valinski

October 9

Harold Teabo

October 14

Beverly Stoskus

October 16

Diana Anderson
Sandy Archer

October 18

William Phelps

October 19

Kev Rega

October 21

Marge Sanders

October 24

Derrik Atkinson

October 31

Pauline Albrecht



Happy birthday

MUSIC NOTES OCTOBER 2026

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Psalm 46:10 - *Be still and know that I am God.*

While many of us welcome the natural beauty of the season of fall we can also easily feel overwhelmed with the onslaught of activities thrust upon us. Parents with children returning to school know what I am referring to! Gone are those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer which are now replaced with agendas, homework to complete, sports practices and games to attend, music lessons (I hope!), and the many things that bring fun into our lives right along with stress.

Take a breath. Stop for a few moments and just “be still” and know that God is in control of our sometimes chaotic lives.

Psalm 46 is a song of TRUST that describes God as a refuge, strength and protector during times of great trouble and chaos. If you don’t think our world is in chaos, you haven’t been paying attention! But there is only so much we can do to control any situation and realizing this fact will bring you much peace. The phrase “be still” translates from the Hebrew word *rapha* which means: *to let go, slacken, cease striving or drop weapons*. Indeed, we need to stop fighting and listen to God’s voice in times of quiet meditation.

I invite you to join me on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 at 11:00 A.M. in the sanctuary for **JOURNAL WITH JULIE**. This is an opportunity to explore your inner thoughts and feel God’s presence in your life. Journals will be provided with prompts (questions) for you to delve into and think about while listening to piano music played by Julie. If you are already an experienced practitioner of journaling, this is a bonus time for you to enjoy music and perhaps some questions you have not yet addressed. If you have never tried journal writing, I hope this experience will inspire you to keep it up at home and make it a regular part of your spiritual lives.

Peace,
Julie Stevenson



MEMBERSHIP PRESENTS



Trivia potluck



SUNDAY, NOV. 15

POTLUCK LUNCH 11:30

TRIVIA 12NOON



TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE, UNIQUE TRIVIA GAME FOR ALL AGES!

QUIZ . FOOD . FUN

HOSTED BY KYLE ROBERTS

WHO RUNS TRIVA EVENTS ALL OVER THE COUNTY

*KYLE HAS A UNIQUE & FUN WAY TO PRESENT
TRIVIA...INCLUDING AUDIO & VISUAL/VIDEO
CLIPS AS WELL AS TYPICAL QUESTIONS.*

PLEASE BRING FOOD TO SHARE

SIGN UP IN COFFEE ROOM



First Presbyterian
Church
Family Luncheon
honoring our
40 Year Members

-hosted by the Membership Committee

Sunday, October 25
following the church service

Everyone is invited!

Let us know you are coming!

Name _____

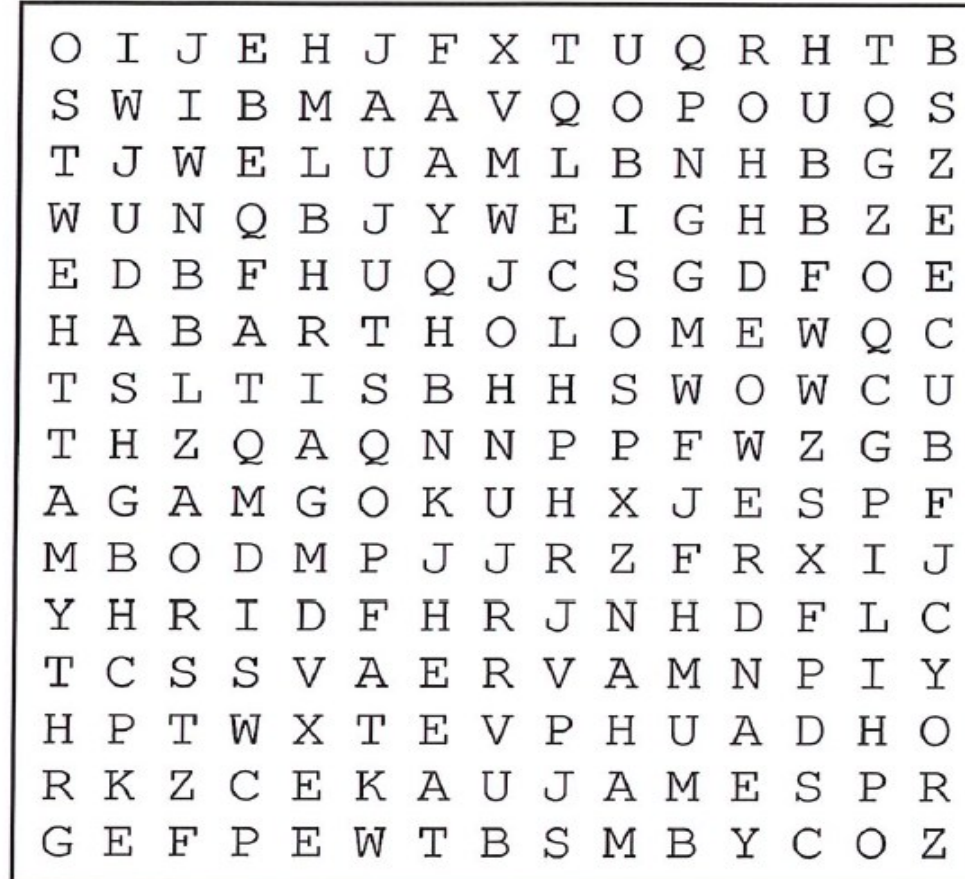
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Bible Word Search

Apostles / Disciples



Word list:

PETER

ANDREW

JAMES

JOHN

PHILIP

BARTHOLOMEW

THOMAS

MATTHEW

JAMES

THADDAEUS

SIMON

JUDAS



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