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10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship

Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month. Items may be sent to Editor,
 LeeAnn Burt: leeinkc@hotmail.com or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

Pastor's Corner



Hurricane Ian Update

It has been a couple of weeks since Ian, the fifth most powerful hurricane in our nation's history (or so I heard on the radio) visited us. During the storm Karin and I sheltered at home within block walls, a new roof and—Courtesy of Karin's mother some years ago—steel accordion shutters on all the windows and doors except for a clear hardened plastic cover on the front window. Along with Stevie and Ti-Li (our Golden Retriever and Black Labrador Retriever respectively) Karin and I rode out the seemingly endless storm. As, I suspect you did, we ventured out during the eye to survey the damage knowing that we had yet another half of a hurricane to go. And that second half was a doozy wasn't it? Behind that clear plastic shutter we watched the likes of which we had never before seen and which we hope never to see again. When Thursday morning came we—as did everyone else who rode out Ian—ventured outside to see the carnage.

Depending on location and structural circumstances, peoples' damage was different one from another. Some people in our church had minimal damage and some lost everything. Some are talking about moving out of the area and at least one family has already done so. Recovery is still in its early stages and we shall see what changes people choose to make.

Since our church building endured the storm unscathed (except for tons of agricultural debris), we have been given the opportunity to be of service to our community. We have been in contact with three organizations who are exploring the possibility of using our campus for their headquarters from which to go into the surrounding neighborhoods and help clean up, tear down, and/or rebuild.

Following an event such as the landfall of a category 4 (almost 5) hurricane believers' theology and faith are often tested. Questions emerge—questions most of which begin with the word “why.” While those questions are difficult to answer, we must remember that we are not ever promised freedom and immunity from disaster and tragedy, natural or otherwise. But we are called to be faithful knowing that he who has been will always be so. As we read Sunday past: “If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.” [2 Timothy 2.13]

The Lord be with you ...

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

All victims of Hurricane Ian
 All Military Overseas & at Home
 All 1st Responders
 All Educators
 Pastor, Church & Officers
 Debbie Anderson
 Lenny Barshinger
 Dixie Battin
 Bourdeau Family
 Harriet Brandt
 Paul & Betty Carlisle
 Daughtry Family
 David Farmer
 Scott Gallaway
 Joe Garcia
 Kelly Graham
 Rodney Green
 Cliff Gridley
 Diane Harland
 Larry Ickes
 Grace Johnston
 Betty Jones
 Phyllis Larranaga
 Lehman Family
 Sheri MacIntyre
 Gerald Marsh
 Joe Miller
 Molina Family
 Katherine Nolen
 Nolen Family
 Alishia Smith
 Sue Tiso
 Sherry Wilmer

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month, unless requested for longer. Please call the church office 239-694-2444 if you wish to add or delete a name.



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 2	KATHY ORRIS
OCTOBER 10	IAN MICHEL
OCTOBER 12	KELLY GRAHAM
OCTOBER 17	ELIZABETH ANKNEY
OCTOBER 25	MICHAEL HINTZ
OCTOBER 30	PAT FARMER
OCTOBER 31	JOANNE LOSE

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER 8	MIKE & MARY NOLEN
OCTOBER 19	TIM & KARIN STEWART





SAVE THE DATES!

Sundays at 11:00 am — Fellowship follows each worship service. Please come and join us!

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm—Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm — Wednesday Night Connection



Nursery Attendants

October 2 - Margaret Elyard
October 9 - Vicki McWhorter
October 16 - Janelle Webb
October 23 - Alexis Brown
October 30 - Kathie Saum



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship	3	4	5 9:30 -11:00 R&R 11:00 Mission CM 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	6 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	7	8
9 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship	10 Columbus Day	11	12 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	13 9:00 Labor & Landscape	14	15
16 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship	17	18	19 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	20 9:00 Labor & Landscape 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff	21	22
23 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship	24 United Nations Day	25	26 9:30 -11:00 R&R 4:00 Choir 6:00 Connection	27 9:00 Labor & Landscape	28	29
30 21st Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Day 10:00 Worship	31 Halloween					



For what it's worth ... it's never too late, or in my case too early, to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit. Start whenever you want.

You can change or stay the same. There are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it.

I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you've never felt before. I hope you meet people who have a different point of view.

I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you're not, I hope you have the courage to start over again.

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

Fundraising and Fish Fry Update

The celebration box is doing very well.

Bob and Donna Peterman and Alexis and I have purchased a new banner to advertise our fish fry. It will be placed in the front yard of the church,

We are still researching different equipment to make our Fish Frys more efficient.

Cal Brown
Fundraising Chair

Session Members

Class of 2022

Mary Edmonds
Margaret Elyard
John Jones
Roy Lipsett

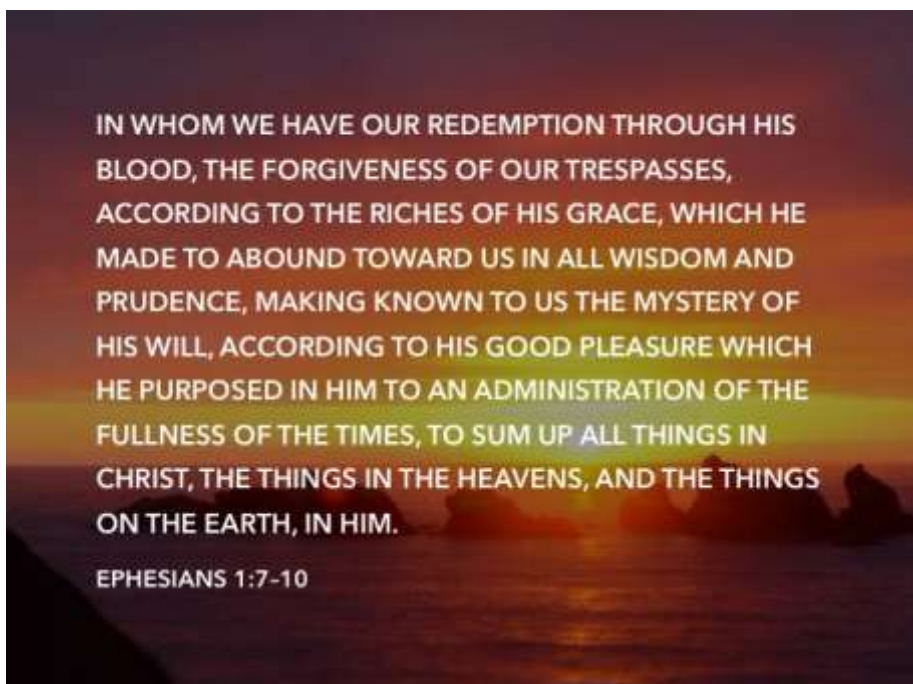
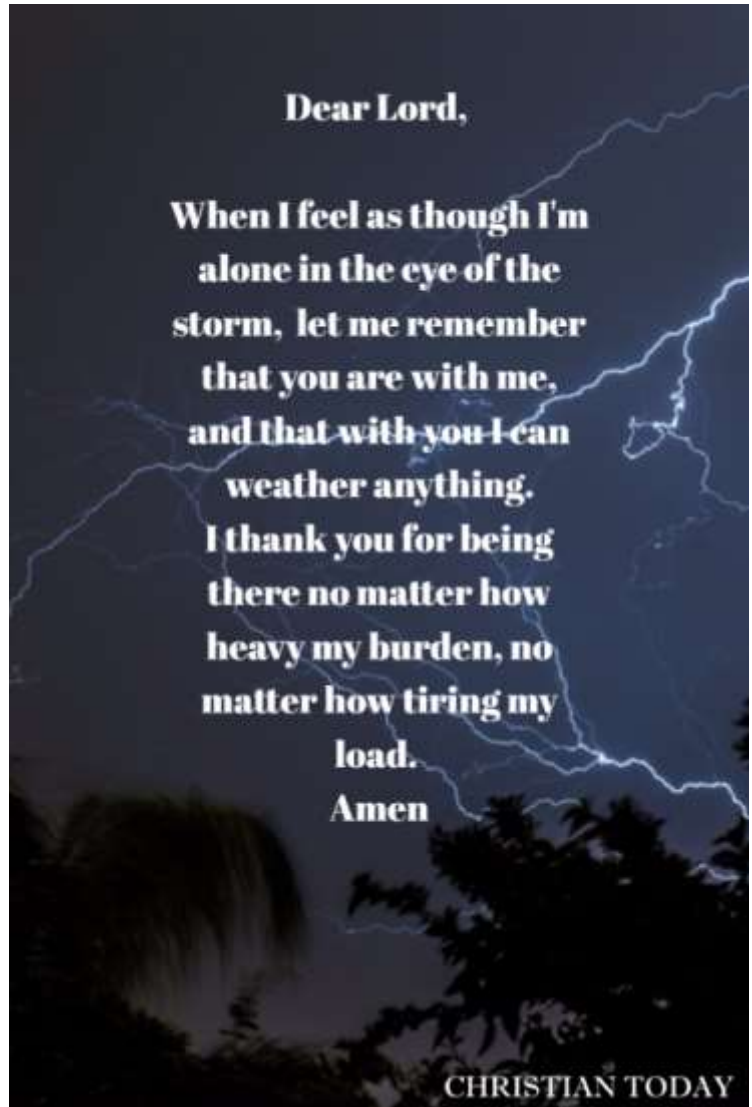
Class of 2023

Rodney Burt
Rodney Green
Kathie Saum
John Graham

Class of 2024

Cal Brown
Grace Johnston
Vicki McWhorter
Bob Peterman

Vicki McWhorter,
Session Clerk



SOMETIMES

we need a bridge and sometimes we are the bridge. No one I know has escaped troubled waters, rough seas and challenging, scary days. There are times in our lives when we could use a little help, and other times when we are given the chance to be that help for someone else. It really doesn't matter where you are right now. What matters is that you remember we are stronger together, and taking a hand is just as important as offering one.

Paul Boynton / Power of Words
presented with 



Stitch N' Stuff

Would a farm be perfect just because it didn't have weeds? By no means ... and so it is with people. If you go through life never doing wrong would that make you a perfect person? We must be productive with the kind of love that reaches out to people everywhere. We believe that Stitch N' Stuff sewing circle does our best to reach out with love with the various items we make for people in need of them for better health.

We'd like to see more of you out to visit us in Clayton Hall where we meet every other Thursday from 9:00-11:00 am. If you have any questions, please call Betty Carlisle at 239-728-1101.

PS We are still in need of Poly-Fil stuffing. Thank you in Christian love.



Musical Notes

Hello, Buckingham Presbyterian! My name is Jim Shubert, and I am the new Music Director here at Buckingham Presbyterian Church. Since most of you don't know me, here's a little background info.

I have been conducting choruses and choirs for 50 years now. Since my wife, Kathy, and I moved to Florida on a permanent basis from Chicago 13 years ago, I have been involved with several congregations. Most recently "Lamb of God" church in Estero where I was Music Director for four years. I also spent eight years directing the "*Paradise Coastmen*," the Naples/Ft. Myers chapter of the Barbershop Society.

I look forward to helping create a warm, welcoming and grace-filled experience at our Sunday Services, and that starts with rebuilding our choir. We are looking for a number of folks in the congregation to join with our dedicated band of singers already doing yeoman's work on Sunday mornings. So start getting your excuses lined up for when I tap your shoulder and ask you to come join our choir; I'll obviously ignore them, but that's half the fun. I am also looking for a few musicians to occasionally augment the music with possibly percussion, horns, violins, etc. I know a bunch of you probably played an instrument "back in the day," so give a thought to getting your lips back in shape and joining in making a joyous noise for our Lord!

Jim Shubert



This young man is my very first Great Grandson, Myles, of whom I am very proud.

