

Announcements for October 22– October 29

Scripture Readings for Sunday, October 26

Luke 18:9-14; Psalm 65:1-13; Joel 2:23-32

Scripture Readings for Sunday, November 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 149:1-9; Ephesians 1:11-23

Daily and Sunday Lectionary Readings can be found at <https://pcusa.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary>.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



2026 Congregational Nominating Committee Nominations are now open! The CNC is an elected body that performs the search and selection of church officers along with special search committees like an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, with slates presented to the congregation for their election. Please nominate yourself or those you believe would serve our church well in the coming year, using the online form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/4FDqjSs0S1> or completing a paper form available in the church office or back of the Sanctuary. **Please submit all nominations no later than Sunday, October 26.** The 2025 CNC, chaired by Elder Kaden Yealy, will review nominations and work to present a slate to the congregation before the end of the year.

UPCOMING Events

October 22—Communications Committee, 6:00pm, Conf. Rm
Personnel Committee, 7:00pm, Conf. rm

October 26—Heritage Sunday
Church Conversations, 11:30, Church Parlor
Youth Fall Carnival, 2:00, FH

October 29—Good Samaritan Dinner, 6:00pm, FH

November 1—Fall Festival at the Copley farm, 4:00pm

November 9—Church Conversations, 11:30, Church Parlor

Church Conversations October 26 and November 9 after worship in the Church House Parlor

Join Rev. Milford and other leaders for conversations about Reformed History, Presbyterian theology and polity, and to learn more about our congregation. Those who wish to join us in membership may do so on November 9. While this is designed for potential new members, all are welcome to come with questions and join the conversation!

All Saints' Day Remembrance and City Cemetery Dedication

On November 2, our worship in the Sanctuary will include giving thanks to God for the saints who have gone before us and remembering those loved ones who have died in the past year. Following worship, we will continue to the City Cemetery and offer words of dedication for this final resting place for members of our congregation.

LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

LIFT Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints—On October 26, our group will discuss the story of Rev. Will Gafney. The read ahead can be download from Realm. Please look under the Realm section on Groups to The Presbyterian Church Group. Look within the group and you see tabs on the top of the page. Select the resources tab and you will see the download file for Rev Will Gafney. It will be a printed document and a link for a YouTube video for her interview. Also, feel free to search the womanism or the women lectionary on your tablet or desktop. If you have any questions contact Jerry Zekert, email jzekert@comcast.net phone 540-847-5246.

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study. This fall we are exploring Bible texts using *A Women's Legionary for the Whole Church* by Dr. Wilda Gafney. Please join us at 9:30 am in Middle House's first floor classroom for fellowship, refreshments, and discussions. Guests are always welcome to join us. Class meets on Thursday mornings through Dec 4. Contact Debe Garrison or Nancy Raines for more information.

YOUTH NEWS—

TPC Youth will present a Fall Carnival on Sunday, October 26 from 2:00-3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kids of all ages are welcome (costumes are welcome too!). There will be games, crafts, candy, and a spooky stairwell. Canned food donations are being collected as admission.



Fellowship

Join us for Godspell— Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord for an unforgettable experience full of All Good Gifts where we'll witness a Beautiful City created by a moving performance. Please join us at 2:00pm on November 16 for a matinee performance of *Godspell at the Klein Theatre at the University of Mary Washington*.

We know that to Learn Your Lessons Well and secure All For The Best seats at \$21.00, you will need to act fast. You won't want to miss this Light of the World. Don't be the one to say, "Alas for You," because you missed it!

We will be taking reservations during the Community Gathering before Sunday worship, or you can reserve your ticket by contacting Scott Fischer at VaNavigator@msn.com or 540-899-6064. We Beseech Thee to sign up by Sunday November 2 if you want to Save the People and join us for this incredible show.

Churchwide Fall Festival—Come and enjoy fellowship under the full moon! Join us November 1st from 4:00-8:00pm for our annual Churchwide Fall Festival at the Copley Farm (63 Springfield Lane). We will roast hotdogs, make s'mores, paint pumpkins, go on hayrides, and more! Feel free to bring a chair or blankets to sit on. Please bring a dessert or salad to share!

Outreach

Thanksgiving Food Box Update: Our children have packed 20 boxes with 100 more to go! Please bring any/all of the following items to the lobby of the Ed building ASAP so we can provide for the families in the Fredericksburg City School system who are living with food insecurity! **Items needed: 2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans, 2 cans "other" veggies, 1 can fruit, 1 can cranberry sauce, 1 box instant potatoes, 1 box rice, 1 box mac & cheese, 1 box stuffing mix, 1 pack gravy mix, 1 box corn muffin mix, 1 box pie shell mix, 1 can pie filling, 1 box cake mix, 1 can frosting, AND 1 \$10 Giant/Walmart gift card for fresh ingredients.** Can't shop? A donation of \$40 will fill a box completely! Make checks payable to TPC with "food box" in the memo line. **AND....Don't forget those gift cards - we will be including one card in each box to cover the fresh ingredients needed!** Contact Krista (615-516-7011) or Tom Lovell with questions.

Ring in Christmas Joy for All

The holidays will soon be here and with the season comes the sounds of bells ringing beside Salvation Army red kettles. It's a sound that calls people to spread Christmas joy to those in need. Our congregation will assist the local Salvation Army by ringing outside the two main entrances to the Walmart in Central Park on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please consider signing up for a two-hour shift. Bring a friend or family member with you to greet shoppers and encourage them to share with the community. Contact Steve Spratt to sign up for a time slot, sprathomeimprovements@gmail.com, or check in Realm under Serving opportunities.

