

**Auburn Presbyterian Church**  
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## **OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

### **HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

USHERS: 2:            Ross & Nancy Clark  
          9:            David & Cheryl John  
          16:           Joe Dick & Phil Bryan  
          23:           Judy Ditmars & Polly Bassett  
          30:           ??? (please call the church office if you can usher on this date)

PROVIDING FLOWERS: Flo Webb, Stan & Mary Wilson, Joanne Aiken, Norm & Peg Yoder.

### **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER:**



**Do you enjoy playing cards? How about euchre? There has been some interest in starting up a Euchre Tournament at the church. If you are interested see Pastor David. Plans are to begin playing on November 3rd at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars to enjoy a free night of fun with plenty of fellowship! Snacks and prizes will be included.**

**FROM THE PASTOR:**

Brothers and Sisters:

I was thinking about what to write about and it occurred to me that so many of us are looking for some hope these days. We're trying to cope with an out of control economy while surrounded by war and rumors of war. Coronavirus and climate change only add to our sense of powerlessness and discouragement. The situation seems pretty hopeless.

Hopeless describes how the Israelites felt when they were trudging along in the desert during the Exodus. The Bible tells us how they gave voice to their sense of hopelessness. They asked Moses if he brought them out of Egypt just to starve in the desert (Exodus 16). They went on to say that in Egypt they might have been slaves, but they had food and water. The wilderness was a foreign land for the Israelites and they were struggling. In fact, it was so uncomfortable that the Israelites lost hope in God's promise and couldn't imagine anything good coming out of their journey. They felt so awful that they wanted to return to Egypt and slavery.

Even though we are separated by thousands of years ago, this is what we have in common with the ancient Israelites. Faced with enormous changes, it is like we're in an uncomfortable and threatening foreign land. Our sense of hope has evaporated and there are people today asking if this is the end. Like the Israelites, hope is in short supply. We're struggling to hear the good news and make sense of our world. We can't figure out what God is up to or where we're headed.

God heard the groaning of the Israelites in the wilderness. God led them with smoke and fire. God soothed their fears by providing manna from heaven and water from the rock. God was present with the Israelites and the divine presence fueled their hope. The desert was still foreign and difficult, but the relationship with God fed the hope of those desert wanderers and enabled them to hold onto their faith. They couldn't see the end of their journey, but they knew God was with them and that was enough to continue.

God hears our groans, too. We're struggling, but we don't have smoke, fire, or manna to inspire hope. We need to reawaken our ability to hear God's hope and see the Spirit's presence. Without those very visible Old Testament signs, where are you finding your hope these days? What's good news to you that assures you of God's presence? How can you share that hope with others?

Shalom, Pastor David

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:**



Presbyterian Women will **NOT**  
the Rummage Sale going on.

meet in October due to

**PW RUMMAGE SALE - OCTOBER 13, 14, 15**

**Thursday, October 13: 8:30 - 5 p.m.**  
**Friday, October 14: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 15: 8:30 a.m. – noon**



### **Hey, Hey, Presbies ...**

Have you any goods?  
Oh Yes, Oh Yes...  
THREE rooms full!

One for the best things,  
One for the better things that sparkle in the sun,  
And one for the treasure seekers who came just for the fun!

Presbyterian Women have decided to hold another rummage sale, only this time we have so many items already donated that we are calling it an Estate...Boutique...Tag Sale! If you have items you would like to donate you may bring your donations to Fellowship Hall beginning Wednesday, October 5. If you need to bring your items sooner than that please call Judy Ditmars or Cheryl John to make arrangements to do so.

Some suggestions for items needed are winter clothing (it is easier for the women, if clothing is brought on hangers), kitchen and decorative items, bedding, and holiday decorations. Please be sure your items are in good condition. The sale will take place on Thursday & Friday, October 13, 14 from 8:30 am - 5 pm, and Saturday, October 15 from 8:30 am - noon.



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The Building & Grounds Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help park cars during the fair week. We had perfect weather and the parking lot was full every day.

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### **OUR FREE LITTLE PANTRY**

Our Free Little Pantry is out of food and we are asking for your assistance in providing non-perishable items, such as **canned foods (soups, beans, tuna, chicken), peanut butter, rice, granola bars, dry pasta, crackers, cereals, baby food, boxed foods (mac and cheese, hamburger/tuna helpers), staples (flour, sugar, salt), hygiene products (soap of any kind, tooth paste, shampoo, feminine products, diapers,) or paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) ... anything that would not spoil in the hot weather.** We have cleaned out our church cupboards and need to restock. You may bring items to the church office anytime. Thank you!