



The Williams Bell

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October is a busy month on the Church Calendar.

In the Church throughout the world, October begins with World Communion Sunday on Oct. 6, and ends with the 502nd anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation on Oct. 31. Here at Williams Memorial, October also means receiving (pending session approval) the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering (formerly the Peacemaking Offering) on Oct. 6, followed by a worship service honoring our fire, police, first-responders, and teachers, either October 13 or 20. They do and sacrifice so much to make Charlotte and Huntersville, better communities. Of course, there will be a covered-dish dinner immediately after worship!

Reformation Sunday will be Oct. 30 this year. The Protestant Reformation began on Oct. 31,



1517, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door of the Wittenberg Cathedral. Presbyterian churches typically observe the Reformation on the last Sunday of October each year. It is not always the Sunday closest to Oct. 31, because All Saints Day is Nov. 1. Therefore, the last Sunday of October is Reformation Sunday, while the first Sunday of November is All Saints Sunday.

Presbyterian and Reformed churches trace their histories to the Protestant Reformation, specifically to the writings and theology of John Calvin (1509-1564). His theology, called “*Reformed/Presbyterian*,” is the basis for the theologies of the Reformed churches as well as Presbyterian churches. In continental Europe (Switzerland, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, etc.), Calvinist churches are called Reformed. In countries primarily speaking English (Scotland, England, and former British colonies such as the U.S. and Canada) Calvinist churches are called Presbyterian.

John Calvin was French, but his most important work occurred while he was pastoring a church in Geneva, Switzerland. Along with Martin Luther in Germany, Calvin was one of the most important figures in the Protestant Reformation throughout central and Western Europe, and many Christian preachers, leaders, and students of the Bible went to Geneva to study with Calvin. One of those who

went to Geneva to study with Calvin was John Knox of Scotland. Knox would take the theology and teachings of Calvin back to Scotland where he called it “*Presbyterian*” instead of “*Reformed*.” “*Presbyterian*” means “*government by elders*” because “*presbyter*” is the word for “*elder*” in the biblical Greek of the original New Testament. From Scotland, the Reformation spread throughout Great Britain.

Please join us in participating in all of our special events and activities in October, and look forward to even more of them in November and December!

Rev John-Nelson Pope

Fun and Fellowship

September meeting will meet at 12 Noon on Tuesday, September 10 at the home of Dolly Windle – 11200 Johnson Davis Road. Phone 704-875-9752 Lunch will be provided. (From Neck Road --Johnson Davis Road is the 3rd paved road on left. Dolly's home will be on your left.) Hope to see you there!!

October meeting will be October 8 at the Huntersville Farm Bureau Office – 15815 Brookway Dr, Lunch will be provided.

Williams Bell Deadlines Our goal is to make the Bell available on the last Sunday of the month. In order to make that deadline please provide Nov/Dec Bell submissions by October 20th.

September Birthdays

Sept 1 *Lindsay Fisher* Sept 27 *Billie McConnell*

October Birthdays

Oct 3 *Janet Hubbard* Oct 26 *Bobbie Reid*

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for your cards, calls and expressions of love for our family during Mom's passing. She had a true love for Williams and everyone that was a member. Words can't do justice for all the ladies that prepared the meal for us and helped with every detail that needed done.

Susan Dunn and Family

Memorials Received In Memory of:

Sarah Puckett

Fleta Windell

Mary Penninger

Laura Stroupe
Nancy Lewis
Jon & Wendy Leatherwood
Gail L & George M Shroyer
Richard C. & Darlene T Penninger
Jane Setzer
Betty & Fred Brown
Raymond M & Marilyn S Michue
Bonnie A & Tony R Nodine
Lillian & Alex Barnette
William & Ann Gaut

In the event of an emergency or a phone tree request please contact Pastor John, Cell 941.704.0561 or john-nelson.pope@montreat.edu

Prayer Request for:

Members and Friends...*Florence Alexander, Roy Baker, Andy Hassell, Janet Hubbard, Virgil Hubbard, Diane Kever, Don Parker, Nancy & Dickson Skipper, James Watson, and Rev. Phillip Williams.*

Members in the extended community ... *Lydia Pope.*

Those in military service

US Army –*Sam Caldwell, Justin Jackson* US Army Reserve – *Benjamin Glover*
US Coast Guard – *Matthew Baker*

Volunteers & Helpers for 2019

USHERS

September: Nathaniel Jones, Sarah Kiser

October: Earl & Mary Leatherwood

November: Marilyn Earnhardt, Alex Leatherwood

December: Ty Leatherwood, Jon Leatherwood

COLLECTION TABULATORS

September: Nancy Lewis, Kevin Auten

October: Edith Morgan, Amy Auten

November: Bobbie Reid, Lisa Fisher

December: Don Fisher, Mark Auten

COMMUNION SERVERS

September 8th : Sarah Kiser

October 6th : Nancy Lewis

December 22nd: Jon Leatherwood

November 3rd : Fred Hunter

January 5, 2020: Mark Auten

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Sunday Schedule

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Church Staff

John-Nelson Pope – Pastor

Billie McConnell – Music Director

Ted Auten – Custodian

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*Amy Auten – Editor Secretary*

*Wendy Leatherwood – Financial Secretary*