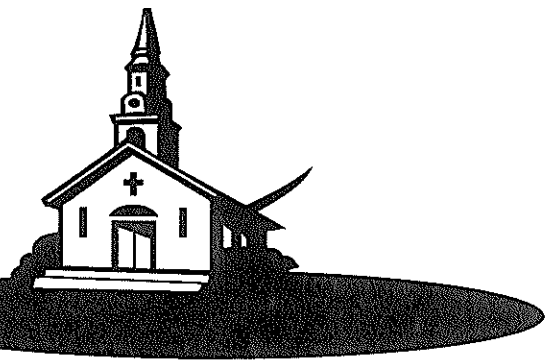


THE BELL TOWER



Paris Presbyterian Church
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Rev. Dr. Christina Hosler

Dear Friends,

The time has come for me to say, "Good Bye." I'm not sure how to do that. For some strange reason, the von Trapp children are in my head: "So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu; adieu, adieu, to yieu and yieu and yieu..." (OK, how many of you sang that as you read it??)

I want to take a minute to thank you for sharing your lives with me. You've invited me into your homes and your hearts, and I am grateful. I have learned a lot from you, and I hope you have learned as much from me. Thank you to everyone who participated in my classes, Bible studies, and retreats. I will always have fond memories of those times together. Thank you to everyone who served as Elders and Deacons over the years. It was an honor to be partners in ministry with you. Thank you to the congregation for accepting the challenges I put out each week. Because of your faithfulness, you have helped the community see Jesus.

Although my heart is breaking because I must leave you, I am looking forward to what God has in store for me next. Starting on Sunday, October 2nd, I will begin my new call at the Plain Grove Presbyterian Church in Slippery Rock, PA. The church does not have a manse, so I bought a house in New Castle, about 17 miles from the church. I will be a first-time homeowner, which is exciting and terrifying at the same time. Here is my new address: 3720 Old Pittsburgh Road, New Castle, PA 16101.

I will continue to pray for you as you enter this new season, and I covet your prayers as I begin a new season. I know that God has a plan for both of us, so remember everything I taught you, especially to stay grounded in the Word and prayer. If you do that, you won't go wrong. And so, friends, I pray that the Lord will bless you and keep you in His loving care now and always.

Love in Christ,

Rev. Tina

ATTENTION

Starting Monday,
September 5th,
the church office will be
open only on
Wednesday and Thursday
from 9 AM to 3 PM.

If the church is not open, and you have an emergency, please call
and leave a message at the church number,
(724-729-3450)
and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

CHURCH CRIER

SHOE BOXES READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

Last Sunday, Sue Marsh announced that empty shoe boxes were available, and if you were not at church, you can pick one up at the church during church hours on Wednesday or Thursday each week or on Sunday.

She reminded everyone that toothpaste, liquids, food, or war related items are not permitted in the boxes. This year the suggested mailing cost is \$10 per box. If you do not want to make a box perhaps you can donate for postage or items in the boxes.

The Packing Box Party will be October 16, and Collection Day for the boxes will be October 30. Each box represents a child's smile, a chance to introduce Jesus to those who do not know Him, and letting children know, both in the U.S. and all over the world, that someone cares for them. Anything that you give will be greatly appreciated!

FILL THEM WITH



RALLY DAY- WHAT IS IT OR WHAT WAS IT???

Many of you have fond memories of Rally Day when you were a kid. Not only did you start a new school year, but you also got to move up a grade in Sunday School! Those dedicated to the Sunday School such as teachers, officers, and those who attended on a regular basis were honored.

Rally Day may be a thing of the past, but we still offer Sunday School classes. Please feel free to join one of them Sunday mornings between the two worship services. If Sunday School does not work out for you, how about a small group or online Bible study? There are several available and would welcome you.

We have been presenting Bibles to students starting 1st and 7th grade, but this year we have no children who are that age.



Blessing of the Pets

The Annual Blessing of the Pets will be Saturday, September 17 from Noon to 1:00 PM. Low cost rabbi shots will be available for \$10. Bring your dogs, cats, and any other animal you have a let them make new friends.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held October 23 from 4-5 PM. Everything will once again be held outdoors in the parking lot. Cars decorated for the occasion will be featured.

If you would like to compete for 1 of 2 gas card prizes, start planning how you will decorate your car. If you are not into car decorating, don't let it stop you from bringing your car with a trunk full of goodies for the kids. In case you cannot come that afternoon, please drop your treats off in the library, and we will see that they are distributed. Plan on a good time!



UPDATES ON CHURCH ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY DAY

Community Day was held on July 30 with vendors, Dick Horstman's food truck, book sales, entertainment, a bake sale, popcorn, and lots of fun. Although the turnout was not as big as in the past, everyone seemed to have had a great time. Thanks to all who worked on the Outreach Committee, and all who helped on Community Day.

CORN ROAST AND FAREWELL FOR REV. TINA

Rev. Tina asked that the church not have a formal farewell dinner for her so her farewell was combined with our annual Corn Roast.

Even though the evening was cool, there was a good turnout in the pavilion to enjoy the corn, hot dogs, watermelon, and a special cake for Rev. Tina. The evening concluded on the church's front lawn with blue grass music. Many thanks to all who shucked and cooked the corn and hot dogs, served, and cleaned up.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Rose Ward's family would like to thank all of the people who came to visit, called, or sent cards when Rose was ill,

They would also like to thank everyone who came to the funeral, the funeral committee for serving the meal prepared by Marge at Pepsi Roadhouse, and all who sent food to the house. Their deepest gratitude to each and everyone.

OH, WHAT BEAUTIFUL BABIES!

Heather and Allen Baker recently had their baby, William, baptized along with his cousin, Chase, whose parents are Emily and Brandon Degenkolb. The proud grandparents of both babies are Gwen and Ken McCloud,

Also baptized before Rev. Tina left was Samantha Pulice, daughter of Amanda and Ryan Pulice. Her proud grandparents are Kim and Larry Uram. Her great-grandparents are Dan and Pat Grant.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



CHURCH CLEAN UP DAYS

Although our janitor, Rick Rine, does a fantastic job of cleaning our church, we do not throw anything away, or after church events, we drop signs and decorations wherever. Now we have a lot of clutter that needs to be cleaned out, put away, or discarded.

Jessica Fowler and Deanna Sentipal are chairing clean-up at the church on September 16-17. They are going to start in the basement, and don't worry, there will be something to clean for everyone who shows up. It will be from 9-4 each day so you can pop in any time and help. Lunch will be provided.

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

LEADERS NEEDED

People are needed to help give the children's sermons at both the 8:45 and 11 o'clock services. If you volunteer, you can give the children's sermon at one or both services. Yes, it is a little intimidating to stand up in front of people and talk, but kids are very forgiving.

Jessica Fowler has ideas for programs, and you can use those or your own ideas. Talk to Jessica about it, pray, and then volunteer. The kids will love you for doing it.

SESSION NEWS

Three Elder's terms are due to end this year, but they have opted to extend there terms in order to facilitate and continue managing the hiring process of a new minister.

The Session would like to bring in three more Elders in the near future so that they can be involved with the hiring process.

They are currently working with local pastors, the ECO Presbytery, and members to keep our weekly preaching services filled. The Elders will keep the congregation informed on their progress, and they ask for your prayers, patience, and continued support.

CAMP PINE SPRINGS

Camp Pine Springs will sponsor a "Women in the Woods" weekend from September 30-October 1. See web for info.

TUCKER METHODIST CHURCH

Tucker Church will sponsor an Old Fashion Hymn Sing on 9/18 at 6:00 PM at the church at 641 Steubenville Pike,



"We're looking for someone with the wisdom of a 50-year old, the experience of a 40-year old, the drive of a 30-year old and the paycheck of a 20-year old."

**WE STOOD FOR FREEDOM
BY ROGER J. ROBICHEAU**

We stood for freedom just like you
And loved the flag you cherish too.

Our uniforms felt great to wear
You know the feel, and how you care.

In step we marched, the cadence way
The same is true with you today.

Oh, how we tried to do our best
As you do now, from test to test.

How young we were and proud to be
Defenders of true liberty.

So many thoughts bind soldiers well
The facts may change, not how we jell.

Each soldier past, and you now here
Do share what will not disappear.

One thought now comes, straight from my
heart
For soldiers home, who've done their part.

I'm honored to have served with you
May Godly peace, help get you through,

And now I end with a request
Do ponder this, while home at rest

America, respect our day
Each veteran, helped freedom stay.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR OUR CHURCH AND THE CONGREGATION?

Depending on whether you are a glass half empty or half full person, might decide if you think we are a ship without a captain, or we have a fabulous opportunity for our church to grow even more. I will take the latter and hope that God wants us to grow spiritually and size wise grow more than we have in the last 19 years.

A church has two parts-the spiritual and the business. Both have to be in sync, or they do not work at all. The Session is working on the spiritual side. They are working with ECO on how to process getting a new minister. What works for one church does not work for another. In the coming weeks, they should have some answers.

It is not just a matter of looking for a new minister, but rather what does our congregation want and need from a minister. The Session and congregation should have input. There will be informational meetings and surveys. We should pray, pray, pray, and pray again. We should talk in our small groups and talk as a congregation so that when candidates are interviewed, we start to see which one fills the needs of the church.

When Rev. Tina applied, some of us had to fight for a women minister. This time it will be other barriers to climb over, but as long as we are praying, God will hear our needs.

As Presbyterians. we do not have our ministers appointed, but we chose them which puts a big responsibility on the congregation to be a part of the process. It behooves us to come to church and have our voices heard. God is listening.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THE CHURCH?

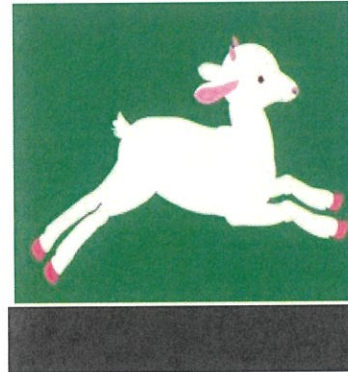
Many people do not like to think of the business side of the church, but without money the staff does not get paid, bills pile up, nothing is given for charity, and new projects do not get done.

If a ministerial candidate does his or her due-diligence, they will be looking at how much money is in the bank, what our expenses are, and how much we have to spend.

When I came back here 20 years ago, I was asked to be on the PNC. (Pulpit Nominating Committee) I said, "Maybe, if I knew what a PNC was." I thought it was a bank. After it was explained, I said yes.

Then I saw the finances, and I could not believe them. Every month, we robbed from Peter to pay Paul. Who would be paid, and who would have to wait? We started a garage sale to help pay bills.

Eventually after deciding on Rev. Tina, our ship started to right itself. Rev. Tina preached about tithing, and we got on a good financial footing. We need to continue our tithing and giving because God says we should.



TWO MEN AND A GOAT

Two men and a goat went into a bar....oops, wrong story!

Let's try this again. Two men came to our church and ask if they could sleep in the pavilion for a night or two, and they had a goat. The men were walking from New York to California and were taking the by-ways instead of major roads which usually do not allow hikers on them. Oh, and did I mention that they had a baby goat?!!

I should say the baby goat had them. As they walked in the vicinity of N. Kings Creek Rd., they or should I say a baby goat approached them and would not go away. It followed them all the way to the church.

One of them walked to Walmart and bought some kind of pen to keep it in so it would not get out on the road. (That night they endured a terrible thunder storm so it's a good thing they had a place to stay.)

The two men told their story on Sunday morning at the first service, and Sammy Patterson knew that a family near her was looking for a baby goat which the family thought the two men stole.

Sammy called the family who came and got the goat during church (It was watched outside by Kelly Ward so the owners could be reunited with their goat.)

The men went on their way only to be stopped in Steubenville because they carried some of their belonging in a baby stroller, and someone reported them to the police because they thought they had a baby underneath all of their stuff. We don't know any more of their story, but they can write a book about their many adventures on their hike after they reach California. You can follow their journey on The American Trail on Instagram, and from the Instagram page you can read their blog. The goat is doing well probably dreaming of his days of adventure!

Your Name

I wrote your name in the sand,
but the waves washed it away.

I wrote your name in the sky,
but the wind blew it away.

So I wrote your name in my heart,
and that's where it will stay, always,

Jessica Blade



IN MEMORIUM

**Our church family offers our deepest sympathy
to the families of:**

**Rosa (Rose) Ward, Donnie Grey,
Mike Livada, Eloise Evans,
James "Buck" Channing, Ron Riter,
and Lawrence Russell.**

ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

BOUQUETS OF ORCHIDS: To Rev. Tina for bringing us closer to God and for being our pastor, spiritual guide, and friend.

ORCHIDS: To everyone who volunteered to make the Summer Lunches such a success.

ORCHID: To all who worked the recent funeral dinner so that the dinners can continue.

ORCHIDS: To all teachers, bus drivers, maintenance workers, cafeteria workers, secretaries, and anyone else who teaches and protects our children when they are at school.

ORCHIDS: To everyone who helped Rev. Tina pack.

ORCHIDS: To the Session for all of the work that they will have in the future.

ORCHIDS: To Jessica Fowler and Deanna Sentipal for chairing clean-up days.

ORCHIDS: To Bobby Jones, Victor Carducci, Austin Michael, and Jessica Fowler for preaching or are going to preach in September until the Pulpit Supply can be used.

ORCHIDS: For all who helped at Bible School and Community Day. Activities do not happen unless people volunteer.

ONIONS: To: "You know who you are!"

ORCHIDS: To the volunteers who bring the food truck and give out free food in our parking lot to anyone who needs it on the first Tuesday of the month. Its not based on income. Anyone can get it.



WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF JESUS COME INTO YOUR CLASSROOM AND SAID HE WAS YOUR TEACHER?

Would you straighten up in your chair? Would you say please and thank you all day? How would you greet your classmates? Are there words you would not say to your classmates on the play ground because they are “bad words?” Would you do your homework, help clear the table, walk the dog, and go to bed on time just because Jesus is your teacher?

Would you feel your life was better or worse with Him as your teacher? You wouldn't want to cheat at a game or on a test, would you? What if you heard gossip about another student, would you repeat it?

What would you think Jesus would talk about in class? You know he was a carpenter. Maybe he would teach you how to read a tape measure, or maybe he would teach you public speaking. How about learning geography about the Middle East- you know Israel, Egypt, and Syria? Jesus walked a long way to preach, visit friends, and teach a new religion so he knows the area.

Oops, can't teach religion in school. How do you think Jesus would handle that? Would He teach about God his Father or maybe about the Holly Spirit?

How do you think He would sound? Would He have a voice you would want to listen to all day? Would you enjoy Him as your teacher?

Let me tell you a secret!! Jesus is with you everyday. He knows what you say, and what you are thinking of saying. He knows when you are good and bad. If you read the Bible, He will be your teacher, and yes, He is with you in school- all day, everyday.

SILLY JOKES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

QUESTION: Why did the new student steal a chair?

ANSWER: The teacher told him to take a seat.

QUESTION: What did one calculator say to another calculator?

ANSWER: You can count on me!

QUESTION: Why is $1+1=3$ like your left foot?

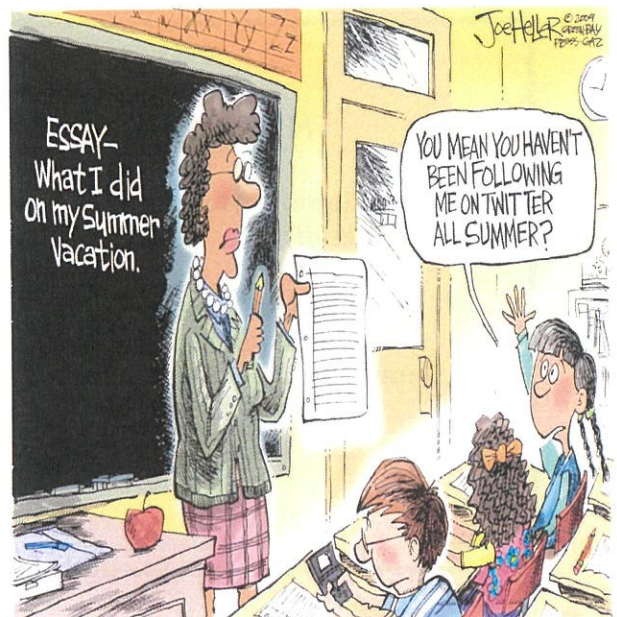
ANSWER: It's not right.

QUESTION: What is the world's tallest building?

ANSWER: The library because it has the most stories.

Thou shall not try me!

Mom: 24-7





NATIVE PLANT CULTIVARS PROS AND CONS

Recently I read a very interesting article in *Horticulture Magazine* about native flowers but with new cultivars, and it talked about how some attract bees and butterflies and others don't.

I was working in one of my flower gardens one day, and I saw first hand what they were talking about. I have an old fashion cone flower that is a dusty pink. It is not nearly as attractive as some of the newer flowers that I have in the garden. In fact, I have much prettier coneflowers in bright pink, orange, and purple. I watched as bee after bee flew close to the brighter coneflowers only to fly on by and land on the dusty pink one. Not one bee got on the new flowers, and the butterflies did not even bother with them.

Some of the newer cultivars are like tomatoes in the winter. They look bright red, are solid, but they have no taste. Another example is roses. My mother's old fashion roses spread their fragrances all over the yard. It was as if we were at the perfume counter. Many of the newer roses have little or no smell. They might as well be made of silk. They are beautiful, but they do little for the bees and butterflies.

So which do we plant—new or old cultivars? The answer is both. The newer plants are pleasant on our eyes, and the old standbys are a smorgasbord for the hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies.

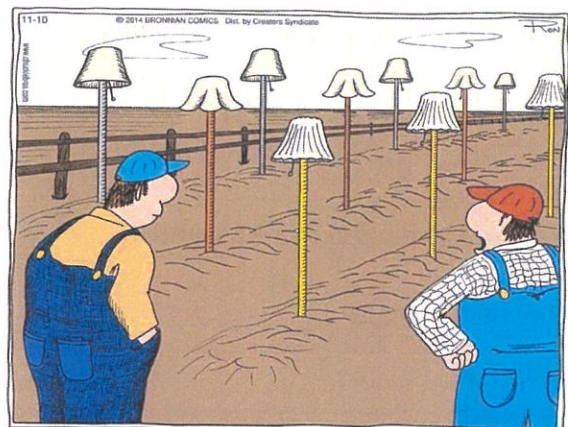
Planning for autumn helps to make all of the jobs such as racking leaves, cutting back plants, planting new plants, and taking out diseased ones easier. You don't have to take a whole day for fall work. It is amazing how much can be done in 30-60 minutes.

Break down the jobs into doable segments. Even kids appreciate quick jobs. Of course the weather does not always cooperate when the fall rains start, so make the most of the sunshine. (Oh, I forgot we are in the Pittsburgh area, and God thought we would love cloudy days.)

I fell in love with Asian lilies this year and plan to plant more this spring. They are perennial bulbs that bloom in July. They are very fragrant with most blossoms in shades of pink or white. Some even have double blossoms which are the ones I like.

The first year that they bloomed, I was not impressed. They were about 2 feet high and had small blossoms. The second year they were 4-5 feet tall and had a whole bouquet at the end of each thick stem. They take no work, look good, and are attractive to bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

We are up to 6 Mason bee boxes. We love watching them, and they fly around us but never sting.



"What kind of bulbs did you say you planted?"

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SEPTEMBER:

Thursdays: Praise Team-5 PM, Choir-6 PM
Fridays: Morning prayers at church-10 AM
11: Grandparents Day
16: Clean-up at church-9 AM-4PM.
17: Blessing of the Pets-Noon to 1:00 PM.
Clean-up (2nd day)
18: Old Fashion Hymn-Tucker Methodist Church-6 PM.
22: First Day of Autumn.

OCTOBER:

10: Columbus Day.
16: Packing Party for Shoe Boxes.
23: Trunk of Treat-4-5 PM
30: Shoebox collection day.

OCT: (CONTINUED)

31: Halloween

NOVEMBER:

06: Day Light Savings Time begins.
11: Veteran's Day.
24: Thanksgiving Day