

## October Link

*So, God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.  
Genesis 1: 27 (NRSV)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Autumn has begun and the leaves are just beginning to turn to the vibrant colors of the season. It is time for long drives soaking in the glory of God's miraculous earth. The reds and yellows and oranges glow will last for only a fleeting time. Take a moment to enjoy the season, praising God for its beauty and light before it is gone.

I read something interesting about leaves changing colors- they do not actually change! In the fall, we are seeing not the changed vista of foliage, but the true vista.

In the summer when trees are flowing with chlorophyll, the true color of the leaves is hidden behind all that green. Only when the level of chlorophyll is lessened do we see what the leaves were all along. They are not one mass of green, but brilliant, individual gifts of glory. Each one is special. We simply cannot see the gift until autumn. All summer long we are surrounded by beautiful variety of color that we cannot perceive.

In the eyes of God, we are not just one more member of the forest but individual gifts of beauty. God does not see us as one of many green leaves, but as we truly are created to be. God sees individual brilliant and precious creation in each of us.

We are created in the image of God. We are created in goodness and holiness even when our true colors are masked by the concerns of daily life. Even in those times when we are not acting as our best selves. God never gives up on us. You are a precious, brilliant, beloved child of God, not because of what you do, or who you are, but because of the glory and grace of God bestowed on each of us.

Walk through the rustling leaves of fall and listen to the voice of God, naming you His beloved creation. When we see ourselves as God sees us, our life will change. Let your true colors shine through!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Barbara



Family isn't  
always blood. It's the  
people in your life who  
want you in theirs;  
the ones who accept  
you for who you  
are. The ones who would  
do anything to see  
you smile & who  
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## Gospels for October

October 3: Mark 10:2-16  
October 10: Mark 10:17-31  
October 17: Mark 10:35-45  
October 24: Mark 10:46-52  
October 31: Mark 12:28-34

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## October Schedule

**\*\*We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Barbara at [barb\\_drew@hotmail.com](mailto:barb_drew@hotmail.com)**

October 3 October 10 October 17 October 24 October 31	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
October 3 October 10 October 17 October 24 October 31	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
October 3 October 10 October 17 October 24 October 31	<u>Children's Message</u>		
October 3 October 10 October 17 October 24 October 31	<u>Lector Readings</u>		

**\*\*Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

# October

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>MON.</b>	<b>TUES.</b>	<b>WED.</b>	<b>THUS.</b>	<b>FRI.</b>	<b>SAT.</b>
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3 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	4	5 10:00AM Prayer Group  7:00PM Trustees Meeting  8:00PM AA	6	7  6:45PM AA	8	9
10 10:00AM Worship Service	11 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank  	12 10:00AM Prayer Group  7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting  8:00PM AA	13	14  2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank  6:45PM AA	15	16
17 10:00AM Worship Service	18	19 10:00AM Prayer Group  8:00PM AA	20	21  6:45PM AA	22	23
24 10:00AM Worship Service	25 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	26 10:00AM Prayer Group  8:00PM AA	27	28  2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank  6:45PM AA	29	30
31 10:00AM Worship Service  						

## Church Humor:



A married couple never fought, not even once in 25 years of marriage. A friend of the couple asked, “How is that even possible?”

Husband replied, “Well, we went to a ranch for our honeymoon. While horse riding, my wife’s horse jumped and my wife fell off. She got up and patted the horse and said “This is your first time.” After a while it happened again and she said, “This is your second time”. When it happened the third time, she pulled out a gun and shot the horse. I shouted at her and said, Are you crazy?!? You killed the horse!!”

She gave me a look and said, “This is your first time.”

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A man and his wife are awakened at 3 o’clock in the morning by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. “Not a chance”, says the husband, it is 3 o’clock in the morning!” He slams the door and return to bed.

“Who was that?” asked his wife.

“Just some drunk guy asking for a push.”

“Did you help him?” she asks.

“No, I did not, it is 3 o’clock in the morning and it is pouring out there!”

“Well, you have a short memory. Can’t you remember, about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!”

The man does as he is told, gets dressed and goes out into the pounding rain.

“Hello, are you still there? Do you still need a push?” calls out the husband.

“Yes, please!” comes the reply from the dark.

“Where are you?” asks the husband.

“Over here on the swing!”...replies the drunk...

## **October Announcements**

### **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

All Saints' Day is a time for giving thanks for and celebrating the lives of those who are no longer with us. During the Sunday, November 7th Worship Service, we will remember those special people who have gone to be with the Lord. If you know of anyone you would like to have recognized who has passed away this past year, please let Re know by October 25th. Also, let people know there will be a special service to memorialize these loved ones.

### **Prayer Gathering/ Bible Class**

On September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, we will resume meeting in the Parish House for a prayer meeting and Bible Class meeting. The direction and subject of the gathering will be decided by the group. If you are interested, come join us and let everyone know your thoughts.

### **Storm Warnings**

As we approach winter, please remember to watch WFSB, channel 3 for any cancellations of meetings or worship due to winter weather. It's 90 degrees today, so it's difficult to imagine snow, but winter will come!

### **Covid Protocols**

Bishop Bickerton has requested for the safety of all, that we return to using masks during Sunday Service even if you have been fully vaccinated. Also, as you enter the church there is a sign in sheet. We ask that you all sign in, so that if we are exposed to Covid we can contact anyone who was in the church with needed information.

### **Children's Message**

If you would like to volunteer to give a Children message during worship, or if you would like to volunteer to be a liturgist (Reader) let Pastor Barbara know.

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Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:00AM to Noon, or by appointment.

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