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— REFLECTIONS —

*“Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and
renounce evil and its power in the world?”*

I do.

*Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept
him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in
his grace and love?*

I do.

*Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?”*
I will, with God’s help”

*-The Book of Common Worship,
PC(USA)*

The other day a friend posted a cartoon on Facebook that showed a picture of a priest at the baptismal font about to baptize three adults. The priest asked them: “Do you reject Satan and all his works?” The people about to be baptized said “I do but I’ll support him if he’s the nominee.”

We are in the final stretch of an important presidential election and it’s important to consider what our faith teaches us about leadership as we think about who we will support and for whom we will vote. To this end, in October I will preach about what the Scriptures tell us about leadership. Following worship I will hold sermon discussions for anyone who would like to participate.

As Christians we are to live by a different standard than world’s standard. We are not called to follow our own will or to just be nice people. We are called to follow, as best as we are able to discern, the will of God at work in our lives and in the world. We are commanded to live out our Baptismal vows.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans says it this way: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 12:2). Our lives are transformed by the goodness of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and we are no longer to be guided by what we perceive are our best interests. Rather, we are to be guided by the vision Jesus has for humanity.

Our allegiance therefore is not to any particular political party but to Christ. And although no candidate is perfect and no candidate embodies all the characteristics of a leader according to Jesus, we must be informed by his teachings when voting for the one who comes closest to his vision for the kingdom of God.

I look forward to our conversations in October and hope you will make every effort to join in the dialogue.

Blessings,
Angela



**Agape Sunday, a joint Love Feast
Breakfast and Service celebration!**

On Sunday November 20, back by popular demand! We are going to celebrate our second Agape Breakfast Service, in the Parish House at 10:00 am. We will assemble to share a “love feast” breakfast and a service giving thanks for our church and our community. A delicious breakfast will be served, hymns will be sung, prayers and readings will be shared. We need you to RSVP as we will be counting heads to make sure we have enough food and places set at the tables. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish House and/or you can also RSVP, by emailing nvoneckard@aol.com or calling Nina at 201-799-1410 and leaving a message. All are welcome.



Greenbush Presbyterian Church

The final worship service at Greenbush Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, October 23 at 10:30 am. The congregation continues to worship weekly until that time. After the final service, the Presbytery will begin to address future uses of the property. Greenbush celebrates over 200 years of ministry in our community. We share in their joy of this rich history and the grief of the dissolution of their congregation.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Bible Study Wednesdays 12:15 pm

October 2 Communion Sunday
October 5 First Confirmation Class, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
October 9 Food Week begins. Cents-a-bility
(Presbyterian Hunger Program)
October 11 Session, 7:30 pm
October 28 Movie Night, 6:00 pm

Fall Clean Up
Save the Date
Saturday, November 5
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Deacons' Corner

The Deacons hosted the reception following the Carol McGann Moore memorial on September 3 that was attended by more than 100. Thanks to all who assisted in all aspects of this event. The Deacons hosted a reception following the memorial service for Angela Langston's father on September 24. Deacons continue to host weekly coffee hours, set up and serve communion, provide rides to worship, oversee the prayer chain, send letters as requested to friends and members, and coordinate meals for those in need. Contact Margaret Allen or Denise Cae Tilberis if you or someone you know needs meals brought to their home. Contact Stephen Van Dyk for prayer chain requests.

Child and Youth Safety Policy

Over the summer, after a lengthy discussion, the session voted in favor of a Child and Youth Safety Policy that clearly states how cases of child abuse will be handled, lays out policies for church-run youth programs, and requires training and background checks for all adults that lead youth programs.

Our Sunday School teachers have already begun an online training course called Darkness to Light that is designed to give us practical information to help recognize, stop or prevent child sexual abuse. Members of Session will also be participating in this course and we can make it available via a group screening or the Internet to all others who may be interested.

This subject matter is difficult and upsetting. You may be asking yourself why we need to do this. This is not a problem that we have. We have known each other for years and we trust one another. Some of us literally grew up in this church. But the point of this is not to sow seeds of distrust. The purpose is to empower us by making us face a reality that is difficult, and to protect children by providing us with the tools to recognize when they may need help and are unable to ask. Being prepared to help any child that walks through our doors is just as important a part of our practice of hospitality as is coffee hour or midnight run.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk with any members of session or with Angela.

Lori Hylton, Ruling Elder



Movie Night

October 28, 6:00 pm

The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown and
The Peanuts Movie

Pizza and Popcorn will be served.



Fall Clean-Up

Our annual fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday November 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There's something for everyone, depending on your preference and expertise. We'll have outdoor work, kitchen work, sanctuary and parish house clean up. There will be refreshments, and it's a great opportunity for fellowship and fun while helping with the important work of cleaning and maintenance of our church. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish House on October 8. Call Sue Webb at 646-319-1518 or swebbstah@aol.com with any questions.

Confirmation Class begins Wednesday, October 5
5:30-6:30 pm in the Parish House for youth grades 8th-
12th. For more information email or call Angela:
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