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OCTOBER MESSENGER

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October

By Frances Cooney

See, the former things have taken place and new things I declare. (Isaiah 42.9) October is here and last month entertains a beautiful September song called "Try to Remember". The last words from that song are "...and follow, and follow" And so we will. It is now October, when grass grows slower but leaves turn to beautiful colors. It is a lovely time of year and unless weather interrupts, it is consistent. "Follow" as new activities have begun and weather is often mellow. October is spectacular.

Speaking of the former, time is an expanse that is difficult to contain. The First Book of Genesis 1 tells us of a mighty beginning. God made all there is. In 6 days He created these wonders that exist. First He made light, then sky, land and sea, vegetation, the great lights in the sky, and living creatures including mankind. On the 7th day He rested and made it holy and this is the day we attend our church. Just trying to imagine this creation is a wondrous experience.

As time evolves and life gets more complicated, nice memories can help us in coping with what is present. In our small farm in PA, our barn in back of our property was the perfect place for my parents to hold fall square dances (barn dances). Echoing in my memory are calls such as "Honor your partner", "Honor your corner", "Promenade", and "Do-Si-Do and Swing her around". There were sounds of feet hitting the floor and continued laughter. Neighbors and relatives were enjoying themselves. There were problems in those growing up days, but oh the memories of laughter and enjoyment. Time has passed and my parents sold their land to the County who made a park of it, with picnic tables and game areas. But the memories of prior days are strong.

Speaking of laughter, there seems to be no record of Jesus laughing in scripture. Most of us would bet He

did. All other emotions are evident such as anger, tears, affection, agonizing, etc.. Jesus was God, but there was that part of Him that went to dinners, weddings, and turned water into wine. He was fully divine and fully human. Before Jesus was ascended, his disciples in their boats spotted Him on shore. They landed and saw fire of burning coals with fish on it and bread. Jesus said, "Come and have some breakfast." If there was not laughter at that breakfast, there was surely much smiling. In the early end, the people thought they'd lost him, but in fact the best was yet to come. He is our risen Savior.

And God (In Jesus) sent us Paul who was a marvelous servant of our Lord. First, the instant change that occurred when God met him on the road to Damascus is beyond comprehending. He became that mighty servant. His life was not an easy one. He was beaten, jailed, shipwrecked and more. Still, Paul's letters are considered the epistle of joy. Paul understood that God wants us to be happy and joyful. This from one who wrote his letters while in chains on a dirty dirt floor where the walls were so small it is likely he had to curl up in a ball to sleep. It's said town sewage ran through his place. Yet he had joy... joy in the Lord. The apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians is considered "the epistle of joy."

John 6:29 "The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent."

Weekly Services: (services: in person & online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or

[www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church](https://www.youtube.com/ParksideNazareneChurch)

Life Groups are weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

Go to: <https://parknaz.org/ministry-news/> for details

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SIGNIFICANT OCTOBER DATES:

01: Lain's Anniversary



06: Communion

13: Finance Committee Meeting

14: Indigenous Peoples' Day

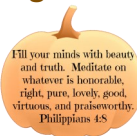


15: Gals w/Grace

19: Church Social

20: Church Board Meeting

27: Church Luncheon



31: Halloween

WELCOME FALL



It must be October—the trees are shedding their leaves and revealing their true colors.

Red, orange, brown, and yellow now decorate our bulletin boards, marking the arrival of fall. This month, our classrooms will participate in a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Voting will take place October 28-30, either in person or on our Facebook page, with the winner announced on Halloween (October 31). The Costume Parade will also be held on Thursday, October 31 at 10 AM, outdoors, weather permitting. Classroom parties to follow.

We're excited to welcome Miss Alyssa to our Preschool 1 classroom. She has fit in wonderfully and is already an amazing addition to our team!

Looking forward to another fantastic month!

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please contact Cheryl Sczcepanski or Nancy Lain in the school office.



October Birthdays

Kasey Kindle 07

Ben Kindle 07

Andy Murphy 16

Grace Burnham 21

October Anniversaries

Nancy & Pastor Don Lain 01

Cheryl & Ernest Sczcepanski 11

Debby & Harold Kimmey 23

Wanda & Mike Murphy 29

LUNCHEON



On Sunday, October 27 we will have a light luncheon in the Lounge following the Worship Service. Deli sandwiches will be provided. Please bring side salads to share. Examples are: pasta, fruit, potato and/or green salads. Desserts are welcome: cookies, brownies, etc... The luncheon will conclude prior to 1:00 p.m.

See Pat Whitney with any questions.

CHURCH SOCIAL



On Saturday, October 19, 2024 there will be a fellowship gathering at the church at 2:30 p.m. in the Lounge. All are welcome! Bring a snack to share (chips, popcorn, cookies, etc..) and, if you'd like, your favorite board game. Or you can just come and sit awhile and catch up. Bring a friend or two! Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Pat Whitney: 440-494-5847 or Pastor Don: 440-333-3998.

SMALL GROUPS

Pastor Kasey's Tuesday night group will be discussing Grief Share: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy. A start date will be announced soon.

