

## OUR MANY BLESSINGS

- Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked to make our yard sale a great success!
- We are so grateful for all the volunteers who came out to help with Little Dresses for Africa!
- We so appreciate Pastor Jo and all that she does for our church!

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## Fall and Winter Events

Fall and Winter are busy seasons at First Presbyterian Church of Milton, and we hope that everyone will take some time to enjoy this time of year with us!

On October 18th we will have a potluck lunch following our worship service where we will plan activities for 2016. This is your opportunity to have a voice in where our church is going in the future! Please make plans to attend!

On October 24 our Knotty Prayers Ministry will meet for the last time in 2015. Everyone is welcome to join this group in creating handcrafted gifts of love for those in need! You don't have to knit or crochet, you can simply tie knots in fleece blankets, or you can just join us for fellowship and prayer. We hope to see you there!

On November 15 we will have a prayer service to pray over our Operation Christmas Child boxes before sending them on their journey to many special girls and boys. Don't forget to have your filled boxes turned in by this date!

On November 22 we will hold our annual Hanging of the Greens event immediately following worship. This will be a fun and festive time as we decorate our church in preparation for Advent and Christmas. We will

have pizza for lunch and a special dessert for everyone who participates! You won't want to miss this!



## *Hanging of the Greens*

On December 4 & 5 we will host our annual Holiday Faire vendor event. This is an "all hands on deck" event, as we need many volunteers to make sure this event runs smoothly. Please make plans to volunteer during this event, and also to do some holiday shopping as our vendors always have some great items for gift-giving!

On December 13 our choir will present our Christmas cantata, "The Perfect Christmas," during the morning worship service. Our choir is already

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## Pastor's Pen

Have you been reading “The Story”? I pray that everyone is, because those who are have nothing but praise for the program. We are learning so much about the people of the past. This is very important because the past affects the future; it affects us! The decisions made by the Israelites determined the course of history, theirs and ours. Plus we are reading and understanding scripture like never before. You are investing in your future and your relationship with God. You are preparing yourself to become a worthy disciple because you are educating yourself. So far we have studied Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Gideon and Samson plus many more important people. We have learned the importance of obedience to God and the pitfalls the Israelites created. We know what “40 years” really entails! We are discovering how God uses the most unlikely of candidates to do His work and what a simple “Yes” can really mean in the life of a willing believer and follower of God.

And there's so much more! So continue to study and attend the Small Group of your choice. Each chapter is short but is packed with so much knowledge. If you have any questions, give me a call.

**Proverbs 1:5** *Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance...*

Yours in Christ, Jo

*“Thy word is a  
lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto  
my path.”*

*Psalm 119:105*

## Fall and Winter Events *(cont'd)*

hard at work making sure that this will be a wonderful experience for all!

And on December 24 at 6:00 pm we will hold our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—one of the most special services of the year!

Whew! And all of this is in addition to our normal activities like Bible Study, Open Hearts, etc. We hope you will all make time to join us!



**Christmas Eve**  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE

# Session Highlights

## September 10, 2015

Your session held a regularly scheduled meeting in September. Some of the items discussed were:

**Treasurer’s Report**—for the month of August we were ahead \$240.64.

**Clerk’s Report**—Jean is working on getting a historic marker placed in front of our sanctuary. Jean and Margaret have agreed to remain as session members for three more years. Margaret has agreed to be property chairman with her husband, Terry, as her committee. The nominating committee will meet again to select nominees for treasurer, auditor, nominating committee chairman, and one session member.

**Property** —Betsy spoke with King Air about installing a permanent air conditioner in the Open Hearts meeting room and was given an estimate of \$8,244. Betsy researched prices on window units for that room instead and found that they are available at Home Depot and Lowe’s for under \$1,000. The decision was made to purchase a window unit to put in that room.

**Christian Education**—Tammy reports that study of “The Story” has been going well. Women’s Bible Study has begun studying the book of Acts. A \$1,000 donation has been received to fund the Open Hearts ministry.



FPC Milton Monthly Report September 2015		
Average Sunday School Attendance .....	11	
Average Worship Attendance .....	22	
	Weekly	Monthly
Budget Requirement ...	\$851.25	\$3,688.77
General Offering:		
9/6/2015 .....	\$997.00	
9/13/2015 .....	\$277.00	
9/20/2015 .....	\$267.00	
9/27/2015 .....	\$635.61	
Ahead/Deficit (+/-) .....	- \$307.10 (per week)	
<b>YTD Ahead/Deficit (+/-)</b>	<b>- \$7,572.38</b>	

**Stewardship/Worship**—Margaret will send out the annual letter requesting estimates of giving for 2016. The organ has an intermittent problem which the organ repairman can’t fix until he sees it happening. Margaret will be away November 22 & 29; Sharon will play the piano on those dates. The Christmas Cantata is scheduled for December 13.

**Outreach**—A sewing day for Little Dresses for Africa will be held on October 3 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Fourteen vendors have been confirmed for the Holiday Faire. Linda has found a quartet that will sing on the steps of the sanctuary during Gallery Night.

The next scheduled session meeting will be October 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

*If you would like to see a full copy of the session minutes from these two meetings, please contact our Clerk of Session, Jean Mourey.*

*“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.”*

*Proverbs 16:3*

Your empty prescription bottles are needed by physicians serving in Malawi!

## Mission Spotlight

When was the last time you finished a medication and just tossed the empty bottle in the trash? Have you ever thought that that pill bottle might be useful for someone else? Well it is!

Medical personnel in Malawi often wrap pills in bits of paper for their patients, as they don't have pill bottles to put them in. Can you



imagine? The Malawi Project collects empty pill bottles to send to these physicians so that their patients have a way to keep their medications clean and dry.

You can help! Whenever you empty a pill bottle, simply remove the label and bring the bottle to the collection box the next time you attend church. We will then mail them to The Malawi Project for distribution. Please make sure that any sticky residue is removed from the bottle by placing it in boiling water or by rubbing it with Goo-gone.

A pill bottle—something so simple that we take for granted can mean the world for someone else! Please support this important mission if you are able!

## Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

### Oct 4

Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16  
Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8

### Oct 11

Job 23:1-9; 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31  
Amos 5:6-7; 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17

### Oct 18

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45  
Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16

### Oct 25

Job 42:1-6; 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52  
Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126

## Acts 2:38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, “Stop! Acts 2:38!” (..turn from your sin...). The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, “Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you.” “Scripture?” replied the burglar, “She said she had an AXE and two 38’s!”

# OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

*“Teach us to number  
our days, that we may  
gain a heart of  
wisdom.”  
Psalm 90:12*



## Schedule of Events

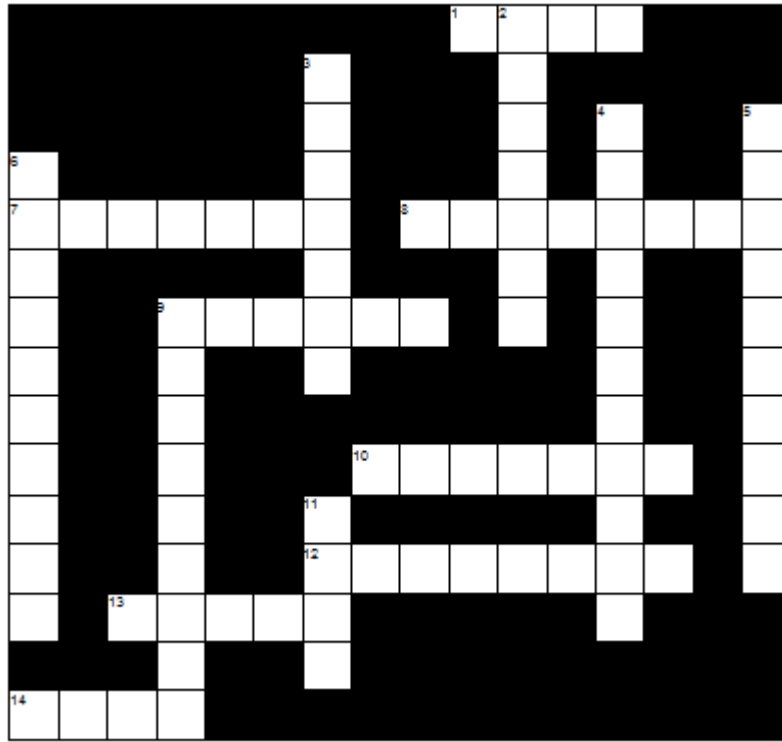
- Oct 3—9:00 am—Little Dresses for Africa Sewing Day
- Oct 4—World Communion Sunday and Fellowship Luncheon
- Oct 6—10:00 am—Women’s Bible Study
- Oct 7, 14, 21, & 28—6:30 pm—Open Hearts
- Oct 8—5:00 pm—Session Meeting
- Oct 18—11:30 am—Congregational Planning Meeting
- Oct 23 & 24—Ghost Walk
- Oct 24—10:00 am—Knotty Prayers

## October Birthdays

- Oct 3—Cheryl Nugent
- Oct 9—Bob Asmus
- Oct 11—Zach Morris
- Oct 16—Lynne Jones
- Oct 16—Anna Swafford
- Oct 18—Teresa Faulkner
- Oct 19—Steve Smith
- Oct 23—Wyatt Hayslip



### Bible Crossword



#### ACROSS

- 1 One of the Old Testament Prophets
- 7 The capital of Lesser Asia and celebrated for the temple of Diana
- 8 A noble citizen of Colossa
- 9 Number of Apostles
- 10 First of the Evangelists that wrote the gospel in Hebrew
- 12 Whose Creed?
- 13 Leader of the Apostles
- 14 Longest book in the New Testament

#### DOWN

- 2 Smallest book of the Old Testament
- 3 Long formal letter of sacred character
- 4 Number of books in the New Testament
- 5 Name for the five books of Moses
- 6 Other name for the New Testament book of prophecy
- 9 Other name for the Apostle Jude
- 11 One of the four Gospels