

Happy October Birthdays

3 – Roxanne McMillen	18 – Mel Moschler
4 – Travis Erickson	20 – Rusty Moorefield
5 – Vickie Musakka	22 – Neil Larson
7 – Jeff Kroll	23 – Angie Cantlon
9 – Sylvia Chad	25 – Jaclene Hjelle
9 – Emily Hadrava	29 – Dan Hestetune
18 – Jim DeVries	29 – Dawn Keelin
18 – Wyatt Koski	29 – Steven Peterson

Session Highlights

- Now that the steam conversion is complete and the final cost was what was quoted, Session voted to pay off the loan from the city in full. Since we paid it off so early, the city was willing to give us a rebate of ~\$4,000. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to our capital campaign to cover the full cost of the conversion!
- At the September HCPC Task Force meeting, the group felt that they had accomplished their goals and requested that Session dissolve the task force. Session voted to do that, and would like to express their thanks and gratitude to all the members of the task force: Sylvia Chad, Sue Stevens, Anne & Steve Badanjak, Irene Salo, Craig Mason, and Pete Wilhelm. And also a big thank you Rev. Kate Stangl for moderating the group!

Preaching Schedule

Oct. 5 – Rev. Doug Workman, World Communion
Oct. 12 – Stephanie Falkowski, Heritage Sunday
Oct. 19 – Rev. Doug Workman
Oct. 26 – Daniel Triestman
Nov. 2 – Rev. Kate Stangl, Communion
Nov. 9 – Irene Salo, Celtic Sunday
Nov. 16 – Pr. Ellen Taube
Nov. 23 – Stephanie Falkowski
Nov. 30 – Katie Larson

In Sympathy

- We offer sympathy to the family of **Kay Hoelscher** who passed away on Aug. 29. A memorial service was held at our church on Sept. 26. Memorials can be made out to HCPC with ‘Pantry memorial for Kay’ in the memo.
- We offer sympathy to the family of **Marge McPeak** who passed away on Sept. 18. A memorial service was held at our church on Sept. 28.

Heritage Sunday

Heritage Sunday will take place on Oct. 12. Thank you to the bag pipers and shortbread bakers for making this a special service!

Ladies Luncheon

A Ladies Luncheon potluck will take place at 12:30pm on Tuesday, October 14 at Barb Mason’s home.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness special offering will be dedicated on World Communion Sunday on October 5. 25% goes towards local peacemaking efforts (our Little Free Pantry). Another 25% will go towards peacemaking efforts in our region. And 50% of the offering supports peace and reconciliation work being done by Presbyterians around the world. You may make this offering anytime. Please make your checks out to HCPC with *Peace & Global* in the memo.

Pasty Festival

The Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability will host a Pasty Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4, 4-7pm at the Mt. Iron Community Center. Pasty meals will be available to eat, or find info about preordering frozen pasties at irpsmn.org.

Faithful Earth Keepers

The next Faithful Earth Keepers meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 20 at 10am in the church office. All are welcome to come share your ideas and your passion for caring for our earth!

Jack McKillop Annuities

Long before his passing, Jack McKillop quietly considered his devotion to our church. It was only after his passing that we learned of two annuities that he left for our church, which totaled \$553,014. We are immensely grateful to Jack for thinking about supporting us even after he has left us. Over the coming months, Session will prayerfully consider how we can utilize this gift from Jack to serve our congregation and community. One decision Session already made was to allocate \$3,000 of those funds to the Deacons to support our Little Free Pantry. At the suggestion of the Task Force, Session also is creating an ad hoc Pastoral Leadership Committee to evaluate the possibility of finding a part-time pastor once again. We should remember our church's mission statement as we consider how to best make use of the funds. Thanks to Jack's generosity and foresight, we will continue to feel his support and devotion for years to come. It's hard to believe that just one year ago, we weren't sure if our church would be able to continue. But thanks to the generosity of so many people, our presence in the community is assured for at least a few more years.

HCPC Mission Statement

"Hope Community Presbyterian Church shares Christ's love and concern for all people, emphasizing the unifying aspects of the Holy Spirit, by serving downtown Virginia and the surrounding communities of the Quad Cities."

Committee Revitalization

As we appreciate the time and dedication of those who served on the HCPC Task Force, Session sees the dissolution of the group as a jumping off point to revitalize the church committees that do much of the work to keep our congregation going. Members of the task force have already joined the Support and Worship Committees, and Session hopes that new energy and enthusiasm could help

revitalize some of our other committees that have been dormant for a while. Session hopes that congregants will consider playing a role on one of our committees. Below is a summary of our committees. If you are willing to join a committee, please contact the committee chair or the church office.

Support Committee

Chair: Mel Moschler

Purpose: To oversee church finances and the maintenance of our building and grounds.

Worship Committee

Chair: Judy Erickson

Purpose: To plan and oversee worship services.

Membership Committee

Chair: Janet Koski

Purpose: To serve our current and prospective members and to promote fellowship.

Christian Education Committee

Co-chairs: Sylvia Chad & Dawn Trexel

Purpose: To provide Christian education to all, especially our youth.

Memorial Committee

Chair: Carolyn Olsen

Purpose: To manage funds donated to the church in memory of loved ones.

Personnel Committee

Members: The chairs of some committees

Purpose: To oversee paid staff of the church.

Nominating Committee

Class of 2027: Georgia Day, Diane Hakala, & Gordy Hoelscher, plus a Deacon and an Elder

Purpose: To find candidates for new Deacons and Elders and Nominating Committee members to be elected at our annual congregational meeting.

Ad hoc Pastoral Leadership Committee

Chair: Sylvia Chad

Purpose: To evaluate the possibility of finding a part-time pastor, potentially shared with another congregation. (Not a Pastoral Nominating Committee.)

Christian Education News

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Children's Sunday School

October Weekly Thoughts

Sunday October 5 World Communion
Luke 17: 5-10

Doing one's duty

We help others, not for praise and thanks, but because it is what God asked of us.

Sunday October 12 Heritage Sunday
Luke 17: 5-10

Healing of ten lepers.

It is good to remember to give thanks when someone shows kindness - even God, and even if no one else seems to be.

Sunday October 19

Luke 18: 1-8

The Persistent Widow

Do not give up praying even if God seems silent, He does hear and wants to keep hearing from you.

Sunday October 26

Luke 18: 9-14

The Pharisee and the Publican

It is better to admit your faults than to brag about being better than others

**Treat everyone as
family**

World Communion

Sunday

October 5, 2025



Heritage Sunday

October 12, 2025



Come and enjoy bagpipes, fellowship,
and Scottish shortbread!



Be Faithful

Paul wrote to Timothy,
who was a person of sincere faith like his
mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois.

Find the letters E-U-N-I-C-E and L-O-I-S in the picture.



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Christian Education Calendar

Sunday Oct. 5	Sunday Oct. 12	Sunday Oct. 19	Sunday Oct. 26	Friday Oct. 31
World Communion Sunday Luke 17: 5-10 Doing one's duty.	Heritage Sunday Luke 17: 5-10 Healing of ten lepers	Luke 18: 1-8 The Persistent Widow	Luke 18: 9-14 The Pharisee and Tax Collector	Trick or Treat Safe & Happy Halloween