



**The First Presbyterian Church  
of Washingtonville**  
***The Good News-Letter***



October 2016

# World Communion Sunday



**Sunday, October 2, 2016**  
**Rev. Gavin Meek, Guest Pastor**  
**Interim Executive Presbyter,**  
**Hudson River Presbytery**  
**Luncheon to follow worship service**  
**All are welcome!**

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

**First Presbyterian Church  
of Washingtonville**

**Session Moderator**

Anne Wood  
Commissioned Ruling Elder

**Clerk of Session**

Deborah Chedister

**The Session**

Nancy Popoloski 2016  
Lois Dunikowski 2017  
Nancy Bruscano 2018

**Board of Deacons**

Beth Cooke 2016  
Beth Tyrrell 2017  
Karen Lipton 2017  
Mark Chedister 2018  
Debbie Woodmansee 2018

\*indicates second term

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Presbytery of Hudson River

[www.hudrivpres.org](http://www.hudrivpres.org)

**IN CASE OF  
PASTORAL  
EMERGENCY**



**Important News: Pastoral Emergency Care**

We have pastoral emergency coverage for our congregation. If you know of a need for emergency care please call the church office (496-3814) and leave a message if Cynthia is not there.

We have a church officer checking the answering machine three times a day when Cynthia is not working and in the evening on the days she is working. Pastors from area churches have volunteered to help us during our time of transition.

Any questions please email Lois Dunikowski at [lbd9999@hvc.rr.com](mailto:lbd9999@hvc.rr.com)

**Spirits of the Past  
Lantern Tour**

Friday, October 14th at 6:30 PM visit the First Presbyterian Church of Washingtonville, and hear the legends and tales of the amazing women interred at Washingtonville's All Faiths Cemetery. Learn about Naomi Sewell Richardson, Anna Gerow, Clara Hudson and Sara Francis Goldsmith, all of whom have left a mark on our village.

This is a FREE program, with donations going towards the upkeep and maintenance of the historic All Faiths Cemetery.

Register online or call 496-5483 x324 for more information.



## Worship Ministry

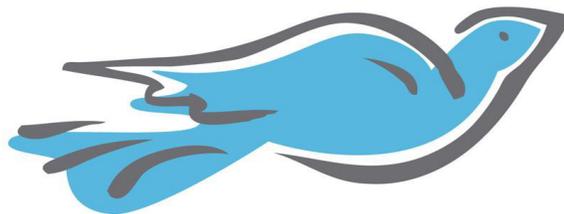
The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

This year FPCW will worship together in our sanctuary with Bethlehem Presbyterian Church on October 2, World Communion Sunday. Our guest pastor will be the Rev. Gavin Meek. Rev. Meek is the Interim Executive Presbyter of the Hudson River Presbytery. A combined choir will sing and a potluck luncheon will follow in Hazekamp Hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board and let us know what you will bring!

For the rest of October our guest pastors will be:

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| October 9  | - | Rev. George Doering |
| October 16 | - | Dr. David Jacobsen  |
| October 23 | - | Elder Lynn Costa    |
| October 30 | - | Dr. David Jacobsen  |

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<b>2</b> <i>The Lord's Supper</i> 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Gavin Meek World Communion Sunday 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 12:00-2:00 PM Small Membership Church Forum 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM N.A.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. George Doering 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM N.A.	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Spirits of the Past Lantern Tour	<b>15</b> 10:00 - 12:00 Girl Scouts #592 4:00-5:30 PM N.A.
<b>16</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 1:00-4:00 Troop 416 Court of Honor 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>20</b> 4:00 PM Girl Scouts #503 7:00 PM N.A.	<b>21</b> 4:00-6:00 PM Girl Scouts #493	<b>22</b> 4:00-5:30 PM N.A.
<b>23</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Elder Lynn Costa 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM Troop 416	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM N.A.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:00-5:30 PM N.A.
<b>30</b> 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 8:00 PM A.A.	<b>31</b> 7:00 PM Session					

Sundays - 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Church Office Hours are:  
Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



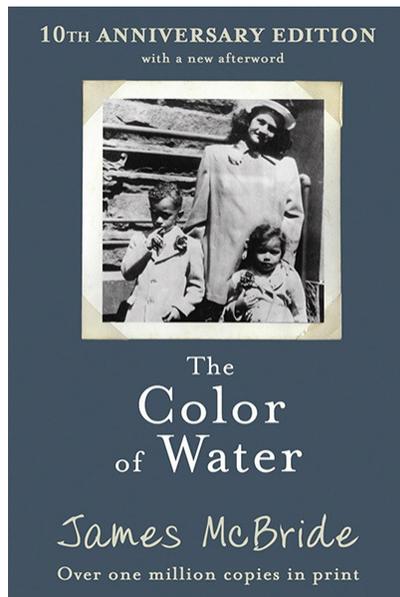
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

- 3 Derrek Cooke
- 12 Lynn Imperato
- 18 Mark Chedister
- 30 Nicholas Imperato

## The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax



### **The Color of Water** by James McBride



This fascinating, superbly written memoir was a New York Times bestseller for two years. To date it has sold more than 2.1 million copies worldwide and been translated into more than 16 languages. It tells the story of James McBride and his white, Jewish mother Ruth. Ruth was born in Poland and raised in Suffolk, VA, the daughter of an itinerant rabbi and a loving, disabled mother who spoke no English. At 17, Ruth fled the South, landed in Harlem, married a black man in 1941, founded a church, was twice widowed and raised 12 children in New York City. Despite hardship, poverty, and suffering, Ruth sent all 12 of her children to college.

Lavishly praised by critics, embraced by millions of readers, this tribute to a remarkable woman helped set the standard for modern day memoir writing. It is considered an American classic and is required reading in high schools and colleges across America. It is a perennial favorite of book clubs and community-wide reading events, including New York City and Philadelphia. But most importantly, it is an eloquent, touching exploration of what family really means.

James was working as a tenor sax sideman with jazz legend Jimmy Scott when he penned this book, which was written in hotel rooms, vans, airports, libraries and on buses. Previously he served for eight years as a journalist. He was a feature writer in the Style Section at the Washington Post when, at age 30, he quit the Post, moved to New to play jazz, and subsequently starved. He slept on mattresses played in blues bands, taught ESL to Polish refugees, and played "every kind of gig you can name -- weddings, bars, dances, clubs," he says. While struggling through self-described "unsettled angst," James realized that the key to finding peace within himself was not in his horn, but in the story of the most interesting person he'd ever known -- and the person he loved the most -- his own mother.

He set about interviewing Ruth McBride Jordan and searching out her mysterious past, a process that took 14 years and resulted in a book that is regarded as a landmark work. Says McBride of *The Color of Water*: "If I had known so many people were going to read that book, I would've written a better book."

The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax are reading this book for October. Meeting details TBD.

## Three kinds of Faith

There are three kinds of faith in Christ:

1. Struggling faith, like a man in deep water desperately swimming.
2. Clinging faith, like a man hanging to the side of a boat.
3. Resting faith, like a man safely within the boat (and able to reach out with a hand to help someone else get in).

-D.L. Moody

HOW GREAT  
IS OUR  
GOD

## Board of Deacons

**Food Pantry** The food pantry welcomes all donations. Especially needed are: dry or canned soup, canned chicken, canned tuna, pudding or Jell-O. Please add at least one of these items to your shopping list. Donations can be placed in the wicker basket outside Hazekamp Hall.

**Coffee Hour Needs** All kinds of cookies are welcome. Thank you all for helping the Deacons keep the kitchen stocked!

**Prayer Shawl** The Deacons are so happy to have this special ministry to help with their shepherding.

**E Prayer Circle** Please contact Lois Dunikowski at [lbd9999@hrc.rr.com](mailto:lbd9999@hrc.rr.com) if you have any prayer requests.

### **Emergency Use of the Church Building**

If any person in our church family is without power, water, or heat, and needs to use the church as a safe haven, please contact your deacon shepherd so he or she can direct your need to the appropriate ministry elder(s).

The Deacons are very happy to serve the members of this congregation. Please let your deacon shepherd know if he or she can help you in any way. (There is a list posted on the bulletin board in the Denniston Room if you are not sure who your deacon shepherd is.)

## **A Bubble Break**

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

- 2 Corinthians 4:18

A young boy showered my husband, Carl, and me with bubbles as he came running by us on the Atlantic City boardwalk. It was a light and fun moment on a difficult day. We had come to the city to visit our brother-in-law in the hospital and to help Carl's sister who was strugglign and having trouble getting to her doctors' appointments. So as we took a break and walked along the seaside boardwalk we were feeling a bit overwhelmed by the needs of our family.

Then came the bubbles. Just bubbles blown at us whimsically by a little boy in the ocean breeze - but they had a special significance to me. I love bubbles and keep a bottle in my office to use whenever I need the smile of a bubble break. Those bubbles and the vast Atlantic Ocean reminded me of what I can count on: God is always close. He is powerful. He always cares. And He can use even the smallest experiences, and briefest moments, to help us remember that His presence is like an ocean of grace in the middle of our heavy moments.

Maybe one day our troubles will seem like bubbles - momentary in light of eternity for "what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal? (2 Cor. 4:18)

*What gifts of grace has God given to you in a difficult time?*

*How might you be a blessing to others?*

*Jesus provides an oasis of grace in the desert of trails.*

**INSIGHT:** In fulfilling his calling as an apostle (Acts 9:15), Paul endured great sufferng. But in the midst of great opposition, persecution, and painful suffering, Paul's refrain is: "We do not lose heart" (2 Cor. 4:1, 16). His confidence is not rooted in himself but in God's sovereign power, in His sustaining grace, in Christ's resurrected life, and in the expectation of future reward and eternal glory.

--Our Daily Bread

With blessings of love from the Nurture Ministry



## **Calendar of Prayer for our Congregations and Leadership**

The endorsed calendar of prayer is a way for us to be united. It's an awesome responsibility and gift to pray for one another. To make our offering on behalf of one another. Each member congregation, staff member, elected servant leader, ministry team, and mission commitment of our Presbytery is represented:

Germonds PC New City, White Plains PC, Graham's PC Pine Bush, New Rochelle PC, Harrison PC, Validated Ministers, South PC Yonkers, and Elder Luis Antonio De La Rosa Interim Executive Director General Assembly Mission Council.



### **VISION STATEMENT**

*Together, we worship God through our  
Study, Stewardship, Service, and Song.*

Call Cynthia at **496-3814** or send an e-mail to [firstpres@frontiernet.net](mailto:firstpres@frontiernet.net)  
to share your news with our church family!



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