

# THE NEXUS

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## September 2017

### From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

I recently read an article in our Presbyterian Missions Crossroads Magazine that asked: "How does your Church do Mission?" As we begin the Fall Season with Labor Day, perhaps this is an excellent question we should be asking ourselves. Here are 10 questions:

- 1) Why have an ongoing relationship with a church or institute in another country?
- 2) What needs do we have that might be met through global partnership?
- 3) What gifts (spiritual, personal and material) do we have to share with a partner?
- 4) In what ways might this partnership help, hinder or be in community with our witness on our local community?
- 5) How do we, as a group, understand "mission in partnership"?
- 6) Are there any specific characteristics or qualities we are seeking in a partner church? Why?
- 7) Are there people with cross-cultural experience or language capabilities in our congregation who could provide their expertise?
- 8) Is our presbytery or synod already engaged in an international partnership?
- 9) Are there other congregations in this presbytery that might wish to collaborate to build a relationship with an international partner?
- 10) How might we encourage a reciprocal relationship with a partner when forming and maintaining a partnership?

At present, we do not have a specific relationship with a church or institution in a foreign country. I write this to begin a conversation considering exploring such an option as part of our mission commitment.

Peace,

Rev. Ed Freeborn

### Sponsor

This issue of the Nexus is being sponsored by **Bob and Lisa Elliott**. We thank you for your support. Please let the church office know if you are interested in sponsoring a future issue of the Nexus. We need sponsors for the remainder of this year.

### Treasurer and Stewardship Report Through July 31, 2017

Income	\$142,259.00
Expenses	\$141,022.00
Net	\$ 1,237.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	
Pledge Giving:	\$ 88,333.00
Non-Pledge:	\$ 11,415.00

## Communion Dates for 2017

World Communion Sunday      October 1, 2017  
Christmas Eve                      December 24, 2017



## Disaster Assistance

Hurricane Harvey has affected many people. We are asking you to consider making a donation to help those in need. Please look in your bulletins the next few weeks to read more about this cause. We have also placed “special offering” envelopes in the pews. Please make sure your donation is clearly marked *US Hurricane Response*. You may send it in directly, using the bottom portion of the insert, or if you would like us to send it in, please make the check payable to ESPC and we will send one check in to the cause.

## Nexus Deadline

The Nexus deadline for the October issue is **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

## ESPC's YouTube Channel

Yes, ESPC has a YouTube channel so that anyone can see our sermons! Just go to <https://m.youtube.com/user/ESPresbyterian> and view latest sermons and even some from the past 2 years!

## Adult Education Opportunity

Adult Education classes will resume in October at 9:00 a.m., led by Tim Swanson.



## Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays during **September**:

**Nancy Creveling, Jackie Flynn, Lisa Elliott, Cindy Schrick, John Dressel, Jr., Reese Wasylyk, Emily Gibbons, Rebecca Sanker, Ellie Buff, Nancy Armitage, Hayden Huffman, John Charpentier, Bob Elliott, Sheila Hopkins and Mary Lou Huber.**



## Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrating wedding anniversaries during **September**:

**Cort and Amy Huffman  
Richard and Sharon Laverdure  
Donald and Sheila Hopkins**

## Coffee Hours

The second Sunday Coffee Hour will be cancelled in lieu of Rally Day. The Deacon's coffee Hour will be held on Sunday, **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, after worship.

## Labor Day

Please note that the Church will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in honor of Labor Day.



**Labor Day**



## **Rally Day!!**

Please join us on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, following worship for a Rally Day celebration! We are asking everyone to bring a covered dish. We are hoping for main dishes and side dishes. The Fellowship Committee will provide drinks and left over ice cream! Please see the sign- up sheet in the narthex.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

## **Peace and Global Witness Offering**

Again this year, our church will be collecting for the Peace & Global Witness Offering, formerly known as, One Great Hour of Sharing. We will do this in conjunction with World Communion Sunday, which will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please look for inserts in the weeks before this date and also for the offering envelopes which will be available in the pews, beginning mid-September. Members of the Mission Committee will also speak on this cause during worship on September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Piano Student Recital**

Students of Jenny Collins will be performing solos and duets, Sunday, Sept. 10, starting at 3 pm. Everyone welcome!



## **Women's Circle**

The Women's Circle group will meet on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will continue with our study of 'Who is Jesus?' with Lesson 6, 'According to Hebrews'. All women are welcome.



## **Men's Lunch**

The Men's Lunch group will meet on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. All men are invited to attend.

## **Koinonea**

The Koinonea group will meet on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Braithwaite.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Worship, 10:00 Deacon's Mtg., 11:15 am Mission Comm. Mtg., 11:15	<b>4</b> Labor Day Church closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship, 10:00 Rally Day, following worship Piano Recital, 3:00 pm	<b>11</b> TOALC classes start	<b>12</b> Women's Circle, noon	<b>13</b> Men's Luncheon, noon	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship, 10:00	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship, 10:00 Deacon's Coffee, 11:15 Session Meeting, 11:15	<b>25</b> Nexus Deadline	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Koinonea Group, 7:00 pm at the home of Barbara Braithwaite	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>