



**First Presbyterian Church**



# PRES NOTES



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**“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”  
Mark 9:37**

Dear friends in Christ,

This past Tuesday, the morning Bible Study was treated to a movie! The movie was the documentary about The Rev. Fred Rogers called, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

Fred Rogers lived out his Christian Discipleship and his call as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament through writing, producing and leading in the television show, “Mr. Rogers Neighborhood.” This neighborhood was a neighborhood of welcome and unconditional love. Mr. Rogers said, “Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are gives us all the best opportunity for growing into the healthiest of people.” Mr. Rogers was talking about the unconditional love of God and the possibility we have of sharing that unconditional love with others and calling out the best in others and ourselves.

As I watched the movie for the second time (and I could watch it again and not be bored because it is so empowering), I was struck by how Mr. Rogers addressed the real issues and fears that not only children face but that humanity faces in general; war, death, diversity, etc. I was also in awe of how he managed to “preach the gospel” on national television and do it in such a way that no matter what religion or background you came from, the message landed on your ears as if it was just for you. His message was one of radical inclusivity; of welcome.

Mr. Rogers’ message was not just a “feel good” message of love and acceptance. It was a call to live as faithful disciples in God’s world. He said, “We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It’s easy to say, ‘It’s not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.’”

I invite you to look for the opportunities you have to express radical welcome and inclusivity. Sometimes, it takes the form of praying for others including those whom we have not even met. What might your neighborhood look like if everyone knew that we all can be loved exactly as we are?

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Cheryl Ann

## FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



Friday, October 12th @ 4:30PM

### Website and Facebook for our church

First Presbyterian Church of Horseheads now has both a website page and a Facebook page – the goal is to spread the word about the work our church is doing throughout our community.

Our website can be found at [www.horseheadsfirstpres.org](http://www.horseheadsfirstpres.org), and contains all activities of our church, our mission statement, a full calendar of those activities, and contact information.

We also now have a Facebook page on social media, @firstpreshorseheads – if you are a Facebook user, please like our page and then share with all your friends – **the work of our church will quickly spread throughout our community.**



### OUR PRESBYTERY CONNECTIONS

One of the greatest strengths of the Presbyterian Church is that we are a “connectional” church. Being a connectional church means that we share in the joys and concerns of one another, we share our resources and gifts for ministry, and we partner with colleagues from across not only the geographical region of the Presbytery but across the world!

The Presbytery however, is where we find our connections the closest and where they can have the most impact. In the Presbytery of Geneva for example, we share in the ministry of a camp where young people and old alike are nurtured in faith. The Committee on Ministry provides support for pastors and congregations alike. There are many other ministries that we share as a Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Geneva is blessed with the transitional leadership of a gifted and spiritually uplifting leader who will be present with First Presbyterian Church of Horseheads on World Communion Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please extend a hearty welcome to Ruling Elder Linda Badger Becker. Linda is the Transitional Leader for the Presbytery of Geneva. She has brought energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to the Presbytery.



**Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Pick-Up**  
**Saturday, October 13th**

We will assemble here at the Church and then leave at **8:30 am**.

Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex

Any questions,  
please see Doug Day or contact 739-5951

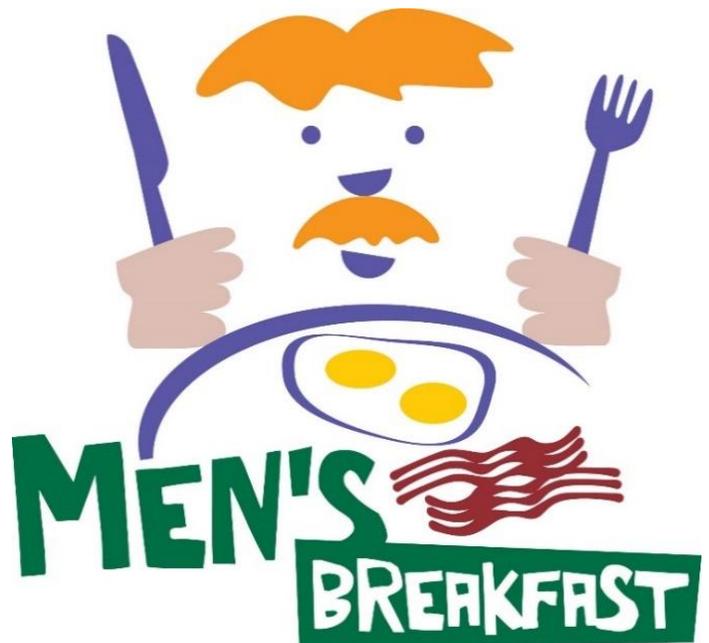
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Please join us  
for the

**Men's Breakfast**

this Saturday, October 6th at 9:00  
am.

(Here in the Narthex)



## OCTOBER WORSHIP INFORMATION

**Come and join us for our series on the Ten Commandments! Just what is involved in keeping these commandments?**

- 7** Exodus 20:1-2, 7; John 2: 13-25  
Ten Commandments Part 3: "What's in a Name?"
- 14** Exodus 20:1-2; 8-11; Genesis 1:26-2:3  
Ten Commandments Part 4: "Remember the Sabbath: Rhythm and Rest"
- 21** Psalm 15; Exodus 20:1-2, 16  
Ten Commandments Part 5: Speaking Truth from the Heart
- 28** James 4:1-3; Exodus 20:1-2, 17  
Ten Commandments Part 6: Being Grateful for What We Have



	LAY READER	HEAD USHER	Coffee Hour
<b>7th</b>	<b>Ellen Benedict</b>	<b>Jim McIntosh</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Jan Stillman</b>	<b>Doug Day</b>	<b>Community Meal</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Allen Oldfield</b>	<b>Guy Stillman</b>	<b>B&amp;G / Mission</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>Marty Oldfield</b>	<b>Joe Matejka</b>	<b>Christian Discipleship</b>



# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 10:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p PNC	<b>2</b> 10:00a Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:00a Bell Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00a Men's Breakfast
<b>7</b> 10:30a Worship Service	<b>8</b> 10:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p PNC	<b>9</b> 10:00a Bible Study	<b>10</b> 6:00a Bell Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:30p Community Dinner	<b>13</b> 8:30a Roadside Pick Up
<b>14</b> 10:30a Worship Service	<b>15</b> 10:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p PNC	<b>16</b> 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p LBA (widow & widower's group)	<b>17</b> 6:00a Bell Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Session Meeting	<b>22</b> 10:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p PNC	<b>23</b> 10:00a Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:00a Bell Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Deacon's Meeting	<b>29</b> 10:00a Coffee & Conversation 6:30p PNC	<b>30</b> 10:00a Bible Study	<b>31</b> 6:00a Bell Choir			