

A photograph of three lanterns on a wooden table. The lantern on the left is dark metal with a glass chimney. The two lanterns on the right are blue metal with glass chimneys. They are all on a light-colored wooden table against a light-colored wall.

# THE LANTERN

SAINT GILES  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINI NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

## Upcoming Events At-A-Glance

Sunday, October 4:

11:30am Zoom Coffee Hour

Monday, October 5:

7pm Zoom Elder Training

Wednesday, October 7:

7pm Theology for Liberal Presbyterians

Sunday, October 11:

9:30am Zoom Adult Sunday School Class  
2pm Church Hike—Yates Mill Park

Monday, October 12:

7pm Zoom Elder Training

Wednesday, October 14:

12pm Session Packet Deadline

This Sunday, October 4th, is World Communion Sunday. We will be serving communion during worship this week!

Please prepare a type of communion for yourself—whether it be crackers and orange juice or traditional bread and wine, please join us at Christ's table.

As you listen, read, and watch the worship this week, please serve yourself the elements at the appropriate time.

## *Message from Rebecca*

We are all chomping at the bit to get outside and hold family reunions, church potlucks, and attend a theatre performance.

Let's face it, date night has become pretty darn dull whether you've been married decades or dating for a week.

There is so much pent up yearning in us, that it is a wonder we manage to talk without tears streaming down our faces.

So. Much. Loss.

In a few conversations recently, I've also heard a different yearning - to share Christ's care to others. I find it touching.

The DNA of this congregation has put mission front and center for decades. There was a planned rhythm of international, regional and local mission projects.

This stubborn insistence on being Christ's hands and feet for others remains quite strong and currently frustrated.

How do we engage in this spiritual practice of our faith when it feels like both hands are tied behind our backs during COVID?

Yes, we can give money and we do. But we also want engagement that is intimate and relational because we know this will change us.

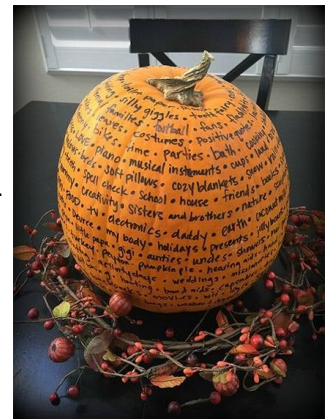
For now, I have no answers or projects to offer, but I trust that these yearnings, born of the Holy Spirit, will be our guide.

# Pumpkin Day!

Want to start a new family tradition that will teach your kids about thankfulness? Every night for the month of November, gather as a family, and add a few items to your Thankful Pumpkin!

We will begin our Thankful Pumpkins all together on **Sunday, October 25th at 2 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will provide the pumpkins and sharpies – you bring your family! (It is perfectly ok to do this as a single person too!)

When Thanksgiving rolls around, you'll have a beautiful Thanksgiving decoration!



## Church Hike at Yates Mill



Please join us for a hike! All church members and friends are welcome. We will be enjoying nature and each other's (socially distant) company at Historic Yates Mill! We had such a wonderful time on the last hike at Durant Nature Preserve that we can't wait to do it again.

The hike/walk will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. More details to come, but pop this on your calendar!

## ***Where have you seen God in the pandemic?***

The world may look different right now, but God is still working!

Where have you seen God?

Let us know by sending us a photo, a sentence, or a word that we can use on our facebook page or in



### **Zoom Coffee Hour**

Join us for a virtual coffee hour the first Sunday of every month at 10:30am! We're meeting online this Sunday, October 4th. You provide your own coffee, we'll provide the opportunity to chat and connect with your Saint Giles community. Jennifer Gospodarek will admit people from the "Waiting Room", so please sign on with a name that will be recognized.

Join Zoom Meeting

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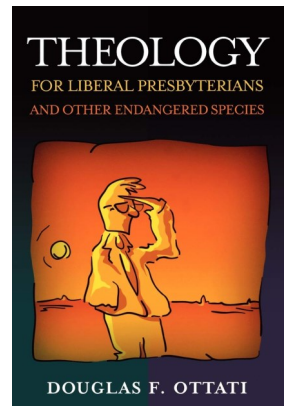
Meeting ID: 820 7427 0116, Passcode: 655358

### ***"Theology for Liberal Presbyterians and Other Endangered Species"***

Saint Giles is partnering with West Raleigh Presbyterian Church for a book group that meets via zoom on the **first and third Wednesdays** at 7:00 pm via zoom. It will be led by Mark Zaineddin. (Christine Zaineddin's son.)

There is a session on Wednesday, October 7th. We will be reading and discussing Douglas F. Ottati's book *Theology for Liberal Presbyterians and Other Endangered Species*.

If you want to participate, please contact Mark Zaineddin at [zaineddin@gmail.com](mailto:zaineddin@gmail.com) and he will send you the zoom link.



### **Adult Sunday School Information**

Join us every other week for Sunday School! Each week we watch a TED Talk and discuss the impact these words have on us as members of our church, our local communities, and the global community. Next week's mini newsletter will include the topic for October 11th.

### **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer is meeting every Wednesday morning by Zoom at 7am. If you would like to join, or if you have any prayer concerns or celebrations you would like the Centering Prayer group to pray for during their time, please reach out to Chris Maxwell at [cmmstgiles@earthlink.net](mailto:cmmstgiles@earthlink.net).



## St. Giles is building community in Habitat for Humanity's *Presbyterian Build 2020!*

This fall, St. Giles joins local Presbyterian churches and Habitat for Humanity of Wake County to build a home with a Habitat family -- one of 50 new homes Habitat Wake will build (along with repairing 20 others!) even in this unusual year. With our funds, prayers, and other ways to help (more on that next week!) local Presbyterians will build a house in southeast Raleigh for a family of four. The pandemic means no on-site volunteer builders at this time, but here are a few ways to get involved with more to come:



**Provide financial support:** 25% of the Peacemaking offering received over the next few weeks will go to support this new home!

**Pray:** Pray for the construction staff and homebuyers.

**Commission:** Participate in the October 15 virtual [Kick-Off Celebration & Commissioning Ceremony](#) and receive a video update from the construction team.

Look for more news here next week (including more about the family building alongside us) and contact Tom Augspurger (jillandtom@aol.com, 919-744-8510) if you would like to be more deeply involved -- you'll be part of an impactful part-

### October Birthdays!

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| 1  | Bob Lindsay      |
|    | Kristen Hess     |
|    | Jessica Knudsen  |
| 7  | Jack Van Stavern |
| 9  | Lib McClenny     |
| 10 | Sandra Richbourg |
| 11 | Walter Watson    |
| 16 | Carl Scharfe     |
| 19 | Marie Minani     |
| 20 | Cindy Hemminger  |
| 23 | Rita Hart        |
| 26 | John Hall        |
|    | Caryl Emmanuel   |
| 27 | Betty Fetvedt    |
| 28 | Nancy MacCormac  |
|    | June Gospodarek  |
| 29 | Pate Tremont     |
|    | Bill McChesney   |
| 31 | Chris McClure    |
|    | Phill Stiles     |

If you would like to be included in our birthday list, please email

### BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS.



By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries.

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. — John 14:27**

We are receiving the Presbyterian Peace and Global Witness special offering on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, which is also World Communion Sunday, a day of celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Gifts are used to work for peace through the General Assembly's Presbyterian Mission Agency (50%), presbyteries and synods (25%) and right here at St. Giles. Our session is guiding 25% to support homebuilding with Habitat for Humanity of Wake County; we help bring peace of mind to neighbors through this partnership in affordable housing. Checks can be mailed to the church over the next couple weeks and should be made to St. Giles with 'Peacemaking' in the memo line.