THOM’S THOUGHTS

Planning the ministries of a church is very important. Things do not just happen because they are on the calendar. They must be suggested, discussed, prayed over, planned out, recruited for, given adequate resources, then done, enjoyed and evaluated. It requires a fair amount of work to help keep a church functioning happily, effectively and smoothly.

Outreach activities like the Harvey Park Festival, Sheridan Celebrates and our own Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat need planning and preparation to be effective. Special worship services like World Communion Sunday, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunrise all need to be laid out and put together. Outreach offerings for Disciples Mission Fund, Week of Compassion and lots of other good ministries need planned for, promoted and supported by our prayers and offerings. Our wonderful potlucks and after-worship fellowships do not just happen on their own. Planning and preparation are very important, meaningful and fun parts of church life.

Our Board decided that a good way for us to get this all done will be through the work of a Ministry Planning Team. The MPT will include our pastors, Thom and Matthew. It will also include our various ministry & team leaders. We also need a few more people. Would you like to help?

The first meeting of the Ministry Planning Team will be on Tuesday October 2nd at 1pm. Can YOU join us? We know that some who might want to be part of the MPT cannot come at that time. Let us know when you are available and we will plan our future meetings with you in mind.

Let’s join together and plan the wonderful ministries of Harvey Park Christian Church! Let’s put together our energies, ideas and faith to build our church. We need your help! Please join us.

In Christ planning, Thom
IS IT GIVING OR DUES?

CHURCH GIVING:
1. Gifts are given with a heart of gratitude.
2. The giver never speaks of the funds as “my money.”
3. The giver has zero expectation of personal benefits from the church in exchange for the funds.
4. The gifts are viewed by the giver as part of his or her walk of discipleship with Christ.
5. The giver seeks no recognition, plaques or naming privileges for the funds.
6. The giver gives with joy.
7. If the giver has any regrets about the funds, it is that he or she really wants to give more.
8. The funds are “first fruits.” They are the first amounts taken out of paychecks and other sources of income.

CHURCH DUES:
1. Funds are viewed as membership dues with entitlement benefits.
2. The giver loves recognition for the funds donated.
3. The donor withholds funds when something does not go his or her way. Indeed, the person will often attempt to persuade others to do the same.
4. Money is almost always given with expectations. It is “my money.”
5. Funds are often given from what is left over rather than first fruits.
6. Donor sees money as a right to determine church spending without regard for the rest of the membership.
7. These donors love to give designated funds since they have more control over “my money.”
8. Giving to the church is a source of pride for the donor.

Attributed to Thom Rainer
**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

5 – Edith Gamet
9 - Stan Lewis
12 - Clair Mamigonian
24 – Iris Fisher

**ANNIVERSARIES**

4 – Stan & Georgenne Lewis

If you are an active member of Harvey Park Christian Church and would like to be included in the birthday and anniversaries list, please notify the church office with your information. Thanks so much!

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
SILLY QUESTIONS

Q: What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
A: Nacho Cheese.

Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?
A: Spoiled milk.

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
A: Frostbite.

OUR CHURCH CORNER

Outreach Ministries Last Month:

Timothy & Priscilla Fund $385.00

HPCC STAFF

Pastor Thom Albin
Ministry Interns Matthew & Taylor Smith
Activities Coordinator Carol Bilello
Administrative Secretary Betty VanArsdol
Keyboardist Jan Moore
Choir Director Sally Bishop
Custodian Jeff Case
Wedding Director Carol Bilello
Hark Editor Betty VanArsdol
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SERVING SCHEDULE

October 7, 2018
Elder: Stan Lewis
Lectern:
Deacons: Dave Perryman, Kara Van Horn,
Taran Gingery
Preparer: Faye Davin
Hospitality: Lindell & Sharon Catlett
Greeter: Ray Stockham
Scripture Reader: Beth Maurer
Nursery:

October 14, 2018
Elder: Brad Steele
Lectern:
Deacons: William Spalding, Ole Linden,
Pam Hohnstein
Preparer: Faye Davin
Hospitality: Della Hartley
Greeters:
Scripture Reader: Tia McDaniels
Nursery: Debbie Reher

October 21, 2018
Elder:
Lectern:
Deacons: Carol Bilello, Albert Arias,
Michele Arias, Alvin Hawkins
Preparer: Faye Davin
Hospitality: Beth Maes
Greeters: Steve & Laura Olson
Scripture Reader: Margaret Shane
Nursery: Mary Ullmer

October 28, 2018
Elder: Debbie Reher
Lectern:
Deacons: Clair Mamigonian, Ken Smith,
Jennifer Laso
Preparer: Faye Davin
Hospitality: Edie Gamet
Greeter: Beth Maes
Scripture Reader: Edie Gamet
Nursery: Faye Davin & Betty London