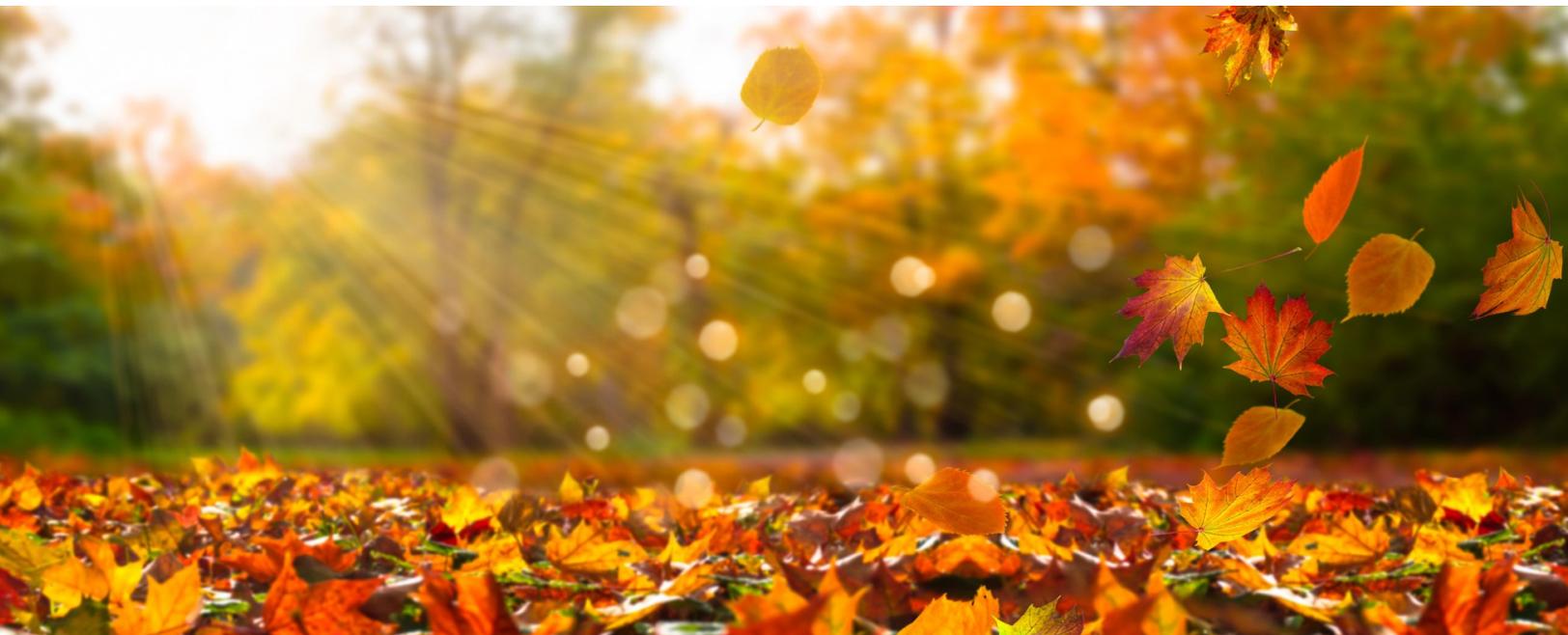


NEWS FROM NORTHAMPTON

Northampton Presbyterian Church
539 Buck Road, Holland, PA 18966

OCTOBER 2022



CONTINUE READING FOR:

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A Word from the Pastor

By: The Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the autumn leaves are preparing for their slow descent from the trees. Scientists tell us this is due to a combination of factors: the days growing shorter; leaves producing less chlorophyll; surging sugar concentrations that cause leaves to produce more of some color pigments.

The rate at which leaves change color depends on the temperature and how much light they receive. Sunny autumn days produce the brightest color displays, while overcast days give way to more yellows and browns.

Of course, we all love the brightest colors! Many of us plan road trips north to view the spectacular displays Mother Nature puts on. Others rely on photos taken by drones to capture the brilliance of this changing season. Those who live in climates that maintain constant, warmer temperatures miss this seasonal change entirely. And all of us are learning what effect climate change is having on this much-anticipated annual demonstration of nature's glory.

New Englanders who depend on income from the multi-billion dollar fall tourist industry fear that the combination of this summer's extreme heat and drought will dim the colors of the leaves. In some cases, the trees are so stressed they are dropping their leaves before the colors have a chance to bloom. Maybe you feel a little like those trees in the midst of unanticipated change.



Nature mirrors the effects of change as we too experience them. Too much change without sufficient nurture can leave us withered on the vine, unable to cope with stress and adjust accordingly. Even spectacular colors and vibrant landscapes carry the cost of change. How then can we accommodate what is new and different without withering from change-fatigue?

We can look to the trees once more. "The beauty of nature is sometimes found in the profound 'intelligence' it exudes. Perennials, which includes trees, must protect themselves in order to get through the harsh, freezing temperatures of winter. If trees did not shed their leaves, their soft vegetation would certainly freeze during winter time, damaging and, no doubt, killing the tree," (From www.smokymountains.com).

We too must protect ourselves from the extremes of too much, or too little, change. Every tree has a different timetable for turning its leaves into things of glory before they fall back to earth; so do we. Well-timed change at a rate we can tolerate can bring us into a season of new growth and vitality, one that might even look like a new variety of tree. One rooted in good soil with branches leading to places we've not been before.

Though we love the more brilliant colors of fall, it seems God also has a place for the subtle hues of brown. Not a leaf is wasted: every one that falls builds a layer of humus to nurture the trees through the next season of life. Even the unwanted fallout of change, then, is just fodder for the mill of another season in our collective lives. So: "... Let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy," (Psalm 96:12). May we sing along!

- *Pastor Judy*



Call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation:

*The Session of Northampton Presbyterian Church has called a special meeting of the congregation following worship on **November 6, 2022**. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Facilities Committee concerning the immediate need for building envelope (stucco) remediation; to approve said project and associated plan for financing, potentially including a capital campaign. No other business shall be conducted at this meeting.*

"FALL FOOD & FUN NIGHT"

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 26TH AT 6 PM

Bring a favorite soup or salad to share!

Signup here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aaaf23aafac16-fall>

Or email npcmissions@comcast.net.

Games will be available!
Come & enjoy a night of
Fall fellowship!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Fancy Fellowship **POTLUCK**

**"A CELEBRATION OF OUR
CHURCH HISTORY"**

We will be gathering in Fellowship Hall to walk through our church timeline, and enjoy food and fellowship with one another. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Recipe cards from our church cookbook are available in the narthex to inspire creating a taste of the past!

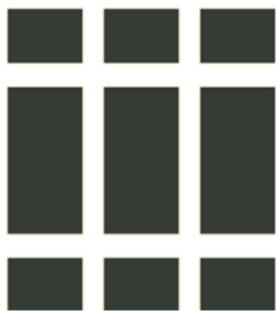


Help us build a

WELCOME HOME KIT

FOR "THE WELCOME CHURCH"

New Items Needed:



Please bring in items by

NOV. 20

- Dishes (set of 4-8), including glasses
- Utensils (set of 4-8)
- Pots/pans: two frying pans, two pots, one soup pot
- Dish towels/dishcloths
- Bath towels/washcloths (4 each)
- Queen sized bed linens: two sets (fitted & flat) and one blanket
- Two (new) pillows
- Toiletries
- Shower curtain/liner
- Bathroom accessories
- Two waste baskets & one garbage pail
- Two ice cube trays
- Plastic food storage containers

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>16</p> <p>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream & In-Person</p> <p>11:30 AM CLGs "Just the Basics"</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts Committee Mtgs</p> <p>7 PM Cub Scouts (Lions #4)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 PM Session Mtg</p> <p>7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11 AM Bible Study for Everyone</p> <p>7 PM Boy Scouts Board of Review</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1 PM Esther Circle</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 2545</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream & In-Person</p> <p>11:30 AM CLGs "Just the Basics"</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 PM Boy Scouts—Seabase '23</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 AM Women's Breakfast at Manny's Deli</p> <p>4:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 2934</p> <p>6 PM Fall Food & Fun Night</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream & In-Person</p> <p>11:30 AM Fancy Fellowship Potluck & Church History Celebration</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>NOV 1</p> <p>7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11 AM Bible Study for Everyone</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 2545</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</p> <p>10 AM Communion Service Livestream & In-Person</p> <p>11:30 AM Special Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 PM Cub Scouts (Bears #1)</p>	<p>8 ELECTION DAY</p> <p>7 PM Worship Committee</p> <p>7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Robin Hood Diner</p> <p>11 AM Bible Study for Everyone</p> <p>4:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 2934</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>12</p>

Livestream Information:

All "livestreamed" messages are broadcasted from our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/northamptonpresby
 Sunday Worship Services are additionally posted on our website: www.northamptonpresby.com/sermon-videos

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