## **October Link**





## "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"

Every place I went with Polly I went on Monday, people were voicing their opinions on "Standing or not standing" for The National Anthem by NFL players. It was the topic of the day from "Pop's Diner" in Canaan, CT to Dunkin Donuts in Bennington, to Cumberland Farms in Wallingford to The Vermont General Store in Weston, VT. The networks were all voicing their jaundiced opinions too!

But I have more impressed by the powerful words The Rev. Duffield, Jr. a Presbyterian pastor wrote about 170 years ago about the best stand and stance we can take:

He wrote: "Stand Up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers is the cross; lift high His royal Banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory His army shall He lead, till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed!"

People are taking all kinds of stances these days and stands for one cause or another. Our country is ripped apart by polarizing positions on almost everything! Our nation's enemies are smiling gleefully at our demise-into division. They are analyzing us and thinking "weakness", "opportunity", and "division."

Religious stances are also at standoffs! It seems to be "My churches way...or you're on the devil's Highway!" It's an attitude I've personally heard from other denominations pastors! Jesus had a very refreshing stance..."He who is not against us is for us." He said this in Mark 9:40. A group was throwing demons out of people in Jesus' Name! John told Jesus: "We tried to stop them because they weren't with us! They weren't United Methodists...they were Baptists! In verse 39 Jesus says: "Don't stop them. No one who does powerful things in My Name can quickly turn around and curse me." These guys are on our side! It's supposed to be all of us versus the Devil! He's the real dividing enemy!

So that's the stand I'm advocating! Stand with Jesus and all of His obedient children who are loyal to Him!

"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus!" Salute The King of Kings and Lord of Lords with your whole heart and life!

--- Pastor Lee

- 1) Sermon titles for October;
  - October 1 "A Stand"
  - October 8 "Pharisee Farmers"
  - October 15 "Who's Invited? Who's Going?"
  - October 22 "Taxing Questions"
  - October 29 "The Crux of the Matter"
- 2) We are looking for an Administrative Assistant to perform clerical tasks in a wellorganized and timely way.
  - a. Job duties;
    - Answer the telephone.
    - Check and send E-Mail.
    - Arrange, type, copy, collate and assemble the weekly Worship Bulletin.
    - Edit and distribute the monthly newsletter (The Link).
    - Pick up and drop off mail at the post office; deliver mail to internal mail boxes.
    - Maintain various telephone and address files.
    - Organize and file.
    - Other functions and duties as assigned by the Pastor.
  - b. Computer Skills
    - Must have enough computer skills to be able to arrange internal files.
    - Must be comfortable with Microsoft Word and have some skills with Microsoft Excel.
  - c. Please send your Resume to;

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- 3) Our possible Annual Charge Conference Date is November 19th 3:30 PM but is subject to change! Please save the date! Pastor Lee has forms for Committee Chairs and personnel!
- 4) From Mary Lou The exercise group is now known as "The Busy Bodies". They meet at 10:00a.m. Wednesdays and concentrate on Strength, Stretching and Balance. No fee is required, but members are encouraged to contribute to the food bank.
- 5) Church Humor:
  - A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

• Atheist: "Do you honestly believe that Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish?"

Preacher: "I don't know, sir, but when I get to heaven, I'll ask him."

Atheist: "But suppose he isn't in heaven?"

Preacher: "Then you ask him."

- The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."
- 6) The Bean Hole Bean Dinner is October 21<sup>st</sup>. Seating's: 5, 6 & 7 P.M. Adults (12\$), Youth 6 12 (\$5). Call Cathy Baum: for reservations: 860-379-9398.
- 7) The Tag sale brought in approximately \$550.00.

## **October Schedule**

	Nursery Care	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>				
Oct. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct. 29	Caprice Shaw & Dietz Hurley & Laurie Fenner Shirley Green & Pat Allen Caprice Shaw & Dietz Hurley & Laurie Fenner	Terri Collins Janet Lee Margo Fenn Pat Allen Simons	Shelly & Evan Bailey Joann Little & Judy McKay Barb & Steve Bailey Dawn & Wayne Renfrew Karen & Rui Carvallo				
Oct. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct.29	Counters  Gail Klein & Steve Bailey Richard Lavieri & Emil Klein Chip Simons & John Baum Ann Kramer & Steve Bailey John Baum & Mary Lou Centofanti	Greeters Judy McKay O'Brien Family Gail & Emil Klein Shaw Family Volunteer	Coffee Hour  Jennie Peck & Janet Lucas Margo Fenn & Barbara Sherwin Shelly Bailey & Shirley Green Suzanne Gerber-Hurley & Penny Church Pat Allen & Beth Lambert				
Oct. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct.29	Emil Klein Ann Kramer Tom Lucas Jonah Hurley Steve Bailey						
Oct. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct. 29	Lectionary Readings  Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799), Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32 Exodus 20:1-4, Psalm 19 (UMH 750), Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46 Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829), Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14 Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99 (UMH 819), 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22 Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46						

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	<b>TUESDAY</b>	WEDNESDAY	<b>THUSDAY</b>	FRIDAY	<b>SATURDAY</b>
-Worship Service 9:30a Communion	2 -Pastor Off	3 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -Trustees -AA 8:00p	4 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -*The Busy Bodies 10:00a -Potential Members -Mid-Week Prayer 7:00p	5 - 9:00a Pastor in Office AA 6:45p UMW 7:00P.M.	6	7
8 -Worship Service 9:30a	9 -Pastor Off	- 9:00a Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -AdMinBrd & Finance -AA 8:00p	11 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Potential Members -*The Busy Bodies 10:00a -Mid-Week Prayer 7:00p	12 - 9:00a Pastor in Office AA 6:45p	13	14
15 -Worship Service 9:30a	-Pastor Off -Tag sale cleanup 9:00a	17 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -SPRC -AA 8:00p	- 9:00a Pastor in Office -*The Busy Bodies 10:00a -Potential Members -Mid-Week Prayer 7:00p	19 - 9:00a Pastor in Office AA 6:45p	20 Setup for Bean Hole Dinner 5:00 Until	Bean Hole Dinner Preparations and serving 2:00A.M 9:00P.M.
-Worship Service 9:30a	23 -Pastor Off	-9:00a – Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -AA 8:00p	25 - 9:00a Pastor in Office -*The Busy Bodies 10:00a -Potential Members -Mid-Week Prayer 7:00p	26 - 9:00a Pastor in Office AA 6:45p	27	28
-Worship Service 9:30a -Baptism Axel Shaw	30 -Pastor Off	31 -9:00a – Pastor in Office -Prayer Group -AA 8:00p				

<sup>\*</sup>Mary Lou's Exercise Group