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GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Poet Helen Hunt Jackson expressed the joy of October by writing “Oh suns and skies and clouds of June, And flowers of June together, Ye cannot rival for one hour, OCTOBER’S BRIGHT BLUE WEATHER!” As summer wanes and harvest gains, we are blessed here in these beautiful mountains with bright blue skies and multicolored leaves during October, all painted by our Creator, who made everything good. Praise be to Him!

WORSHIP continues each Lord’s Day at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will celebrate Holy Communion during the service on October 5th. Our intern Sam Hodge will preach on Sunday, October 26th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults, led by Rev. Tom Osterhaus, continues at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Our intern Sam Hodge will lead the adult class on Sunday, October 12th. Sunday School for children 2 - 6 meets at 9:40 a.m. in the main building across from the nursery.

BIBLE STUDIES: The Ladies’ Study Group continues its series on Acts with Nancy Guthrie each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **The Men’s Study Group** begins a new study with a video by Dr. Steven Nichols on “Reformation Profiles” on Wednesday, October 8th, and continuing through October 22nd.

MISSIONS: September was Missions Emphasis Month at Cornerstone, but now having emphasized the importance of The Great Commission, we are called to put our understanding into action. Our annual request for your 2026 Faith Promise for mission support is being mailed out to your home. Please pray earnestly about your response, and then return your Faith Promise card to the church office. Your name is not required on your Promise card; it is not a pledge to the church, but simply a promise between you and God about what you plan to do. We only ask for the amount of your financial Promise so that we can see what level of support from our congregation we can send to our missions in 2026. We hope to receive Faith Promises of \$32,000 or more for 2026. We can do this!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We will gather together on Saturday, October 25th, at 10:00 a.m. to pack and pray over our Operation Christmas Child gift boxes. Contact Amy Holman for questions/details at (706) 685-0426 or at bgteacher31@me.com.

THE PCA LADIES’ FALL RETREAT will be held at Ridge Haven October 17th -18th. The speaker will be Chandra Oliver. For more information, contact Glenda Malenke at (706) 351-5926 or at glendamalenke@gmail.com.

RIDGE HAVEN KEENAGERS RETREAT: The annual Keenager’s Retreat at Ridge Haven is scheduled for October 20th - 24th. The popular 5-day retreat welcomes adults 50+ from all over. The cost for the full conference, including housing and all meals, is \$790 - \$895 for a couple and \$710 - \$820 for a single. If you prefer to attend the conference without staying overnight, the cost is \$55/day, which includes 3 meals/day plus all conference sessions. The Monday evening session with supper is \$18/person. If you plan to attend, register online at www.ridgehaven.org/keenagers or call (828) 862-3916 for more information.

GREENVILLE CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY: The Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC, will host this conference on “The Glorious Holy Spirit” October 31st - November 2nd. Speakers include Dr. David Strain, Rev. Rob Ventura, and Dr. Richard Phillips. For more information and registration, go online to spcgreenville.org/GCRT. Tickets are free, but registration is required. A pre-conference dinner can be purchased for \$10/person.

THE LADIES’ OCTOBER DAY TRIP: The Sisters Excursion Team will travel to Dillsboro, NC, on Thursday, October 23rd. We will visit the arts and crafts shops and, at 11:30 a.m., we will have a private tour of the newly-opened Appalachia Women’s Museum (fees determined by attendance) before having lunch together at someplace unique and having fellowship that will last a lifetime. To RSVP or to get further information, sign up on the sheet on the Women’s table in the narthex or call Rebecca Hagedorn at (828) 508-3516.

LADIES’ CREATIVITY DAY: Are you interested in making wreaths for your home and updating the church wreaths? There will be a “Wreathing Bee” on Saturday, November 15th, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Betsy Smith for more information at (828) 384-8887.

THE LADIES’ OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LUNCH will be held at noon on Tuesday, October 21st, at Pescado’s/Sunrise restaurant. Please RSVP to B.K. Decker at (828) 577-7722.

THE MEN’S OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH will be held on Wednesday, October 8th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall, following the Men’s Bible Study that day. Bring your own sack lunch and something to drink as we enjoy the company of our church brothers.

THE CONGREGATIONAL OCTOBER “POT-PROVIDENCE” LUNCH (the name has been “Presbyterianized” from the former pot LUCK) will be held at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on Sunday, October 26th. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate whether you will bring an entree, a salad, a side dish, or a dessert to serve eight people.

TIME CHANGE: Although we will switch back to Eastern Standard Time on November 2nd, this reminder is being put both in the October Newsletter as well as the November Newsletter. Remember “Spring forward, Fall back.” Before you retire for the night on Saturday, November 1st, reset your clocks one hour earlier, so you can enjoy an extra hour of sleep and still be on time for church.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Please pray for our pulpit committee who are now engaged in the search work for our future pastor. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead them to the right man and that the man of God’s choice will be led to our church.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT for the year to date eight months through August:

Operating Contributions:.....	\$ 166,885
Operating Expenses:.....	\$ 181,697
Missions Contributions:.....	\$ 15,795
Missions Budget:.....	\$ 20,933
Deacon Fund Contributions:.....	\$ 3,618
Deacon Fund Expenses:.....	\$ 1,544

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY will be published in late October. If you want to update/add your photo or to change your contact information, please see Rebecca Hagedorn or call her at (828) 508-3516 or e-mail her at Rnrhagedorn1124@gmail.com.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Brenda Raab (3rd); Kristi Whitley (3rd); Terry Bebout (9th); Rachel Cobb (15th); Rebecca Hagedorn (19th); Paul Sawyer (19th); Pam Dashiell (22nd); Dick Young (22nd); Paul Martin (24th); Joan Young (26th); Nancy Davis (29th). Take a moment to wish each of these October babies a HAPPY BIRTHDAY when you see them!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: “He has shown you, Oh man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”(Micah 6:8)