

Monday Minders – Week of August 29, 2016

First Presbyterian of Hector & Lodi Presbyterian Church

Dear members and friends,

This Sunday we will have a liturgi-ful morning! Since this is the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the Eucharist (communion). And since our elementary through high school children will be returning to school next week, we will have a blessing of the backpacks. And at Hector, we are baptizing two children. Whew!

Continuing on last week's theme of Eucharist (communion / Lord's Supper), when we gather around the table our celebration reminds us that we are united in the one body of Jesus Christ. So we are called to join in the Spirit's work of tearing down walls at church and in the world so all can feel welcome at the table. We are also called to care for our neighbors in need just as God in Christ cares for us by providing the food we need – both physical and spiritual.

Last week our church was blessed by a large donation of food and cleaning products to our pantry. Here is a write-up from Kitty Shallenberger (elder for Social Concerns) about this event:

On Saturday August 27th the first "Hands Helping Hector" was held on Peach Orchard Pt. in Hector. The boat brigade started at 11:30 am with a parade of boats picking up food and personal items on all the docks of everyone who participated. The response was over whelming and everyone was excited to be a part of it and would like this to become an annual event.

After all the items were collected they were taken to the Hector Presbyterian Church where they were counted, weighed and organized for the food pantry. We are thrilled to announce that we collected over 400 items (approx. 350 pounds) and all of these donations will be given out at our food pantry starting in September.

We would like to thank the Haughey family (Jack, Pat and Cheryl) for coming up with this idea and their follow thru from start to finish. This project was a lot of work and coordination and with their enthusiasm it was a win-win for everyone!! Also, thank you to Ben and Marian Saks, Molly Schamel and Margret Swinnerton for packing up all of the donations and bringing them to the church.

We would like to make this an annual event and next year we will give everyone plenty of notice. We will also add an additional dock location where people who would like to donate outside of Peach Orchard can come by boat to drop off their contributions. In the future if you would like to donate food, personal items, pet food, or make financial contributions, you can drop your donations off at the Hector Presbyterian Church designated for our food pantry which is growing every year. There are more people than ever who are in need and anything that you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

Again, we would like to thank everyone who helped make this project a huge success and we will see you again next year!

This will be a great annual event! But our extended Hector family doesn't have to wait until next August to help. Let's continue a tradition that goes back 2,000 years and bring donations to our food pantry on the first Sunday of every month as part of our Eucharist celebration. It's a way for us to share the love of God with our neighbors.

Grace & peace,
Pastor Jim

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Blessing of the Backpacks and Hands **During worship on Sunday, September 4**

Kids are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship where we will bless them and the students. And there may be a couple of surprises, as well!

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This week (Aug 29 – Sep 4):

- Tue: Bone Builders @ 8:30 am (Hector)
- Wed: Men's breakfast & discussion @ 8 am (Toni's Diner)
Bone Builders @ 10:30 am (Hector)
- Thu: Choir rehearsal @ 9 am (Hector)
Office for Aging luncheon @ 12 pm (Hector)
- Sat: Food Pantry @ 3pm (Lodi)
- Sun: Worship w/communion
@ 9:30 am (Hector) – followed by coffee hour
@ 11:15 am (Lodi)
Sunday school @ 10 am (Lodi)

Looking ahead:

- Hector Youth Connection: Sun, Sep 11 @ 5:30 pm (Hector)
- Session meetings: Tue, Sep 13 @ 6:30 pm (Hector) / Tue, Sep 20 @ 7 pm (Lodi)
- Hector food pantry: Thu, Sep 15 @ 8:00 am (Hector)
- Mobile food truck: Fri, Sep 16 @ 10 am (Hector)
- Majel's Free Lunch: Sat, Sep 24 @ 11:30 am (Lodi)
- Presbytery stated meeting: Tue, Sep 27 @ 9:30 am (Camp Whitman)

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Hector worship leaders for September:

Ushers: John Flowers & Paul Leahy

Liturgists: Gabe Santos (9/4), Sue Rocholl (9/11), [*open*] (9/18), Tammy & Ellie Clarkson (9/25)

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September birthdays:

- 1 – Lorrie Evans
- 2 – Roberta Dannenfeler Flowers
- 3 – Andrea Baumgardner
- 5 – Lindsay Wickham
Lydia Wickham
- 8 – Kristen Van Horn
- 9 – Ryan Baudendistle
- 10 – Thom White Wolf Fassett
Charlotte Bond
- 14 – Wilson Roedel
Morgan McGonigal
- 15 – PJ Conley
Charles Fausold
- 16 – Amanda (Tower) Hazlak
- 20 – Gabriel Santos
Marcy Clawson
- 22 – Mitchell Swartwood
Madison Conley
- 24 – Evelyn Jaeger
Savanna Crane
- 25 – Doris Karius
- 28 – Cindi Rossé
- 29 – Karen Melamed Smith