

Monday Minders – Week of September 5, 2016
First Presbyterian Church of Hector & Lodi Presbyterian Church

Dear members and friends,

Yesterday was Labor Day, the traditional celebration that marks the end of summer. And tomorrow our children (in New York) will start back to school. The seasons and holidays are a reminder of the cycles of life.

This Sunday, we will start a new cycle of the Narrative Lectionary. It's a way of sharing the overarching story of God's loving relationship with creation and with a people through whom all the peoples of the earth would be blessed. We will start in Genesis and the Garden of Eden, and move through the Old Testament. At Christmastime we will shift our focus to the gospel of Luke. After Easter, we'll move to stories of the early church. Some of the stories we have to tell this year lend themselves to being acted out – I am hoping some of you will volunteer to share your thespian gifts! I'm working on scripts.

As in the past, we will include a weekly devotional guide related to the Sunday text in the insert. I hope you will take this home for your family's use. One of the ideas presented at the Rethinking Sunday Morning conference I attended is called **Faith5**. It asks families to take 5 minutes every night to do the following:

1. Share highs and lows
2. Read a bible verse or story
3. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows
4. Pray for one another's highs and lows
5. Bless one another.

The bulletin insert can help you with this. And by following this simple activity every night, you will find your faith and the faith of your whole family growing together. For more information, check out www.faith5.org.

Grace & peace,
Pastor Jim

+ + + + +

Our love and prayers to Bobbi Beckhorn and family on the death of Dave Beckhorn. I have some information to share about funeral arrangements:

Because of the Vintage Grand Prix celebrations in Watkins Glen, all activities will take place in Hector this **Saturday, September 10:**

Calling hours will be at the church at 1 pm

The funeral service will be held at the church at 3 pm

The service will be followed by interment in the Hector cemetery,
followed by a ceremony and reception at the VLH Firehouse.

++++++

This week (Sep 5 – Sep 11):

- Mon: Euchre @ 6:45 pm (Hector)
Tue: Bone Builders @ 8:30 am (Hector)
Wed: Men's breakfast & discussion @ 8 am (Toni's Diner)
Bone Builders @ 10:30 am (Hector)
Choir rehearsal @ 7:30 pm (Lodi)
Thu: Choir rehearsal @ 9 am (Hector)
Office for Aging luncheon @ 12 pm (Hector)
Sat: Beckhorn family calling hours @ 1 pm (Hector)
David Beckhorn funeral service @ 3 pm (Hector)
Food Pantry @ 3pm (Lodi)
Sun: Worship
@ 9:30 am (Hector)
@ 11:15 am (Lodi)
Sunday school @ 10 am (Lodi)
Hector Youth Connection @ 5:30 pm (Hector)

Looking ahead:

- 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)
Lodi Free Lunch: Sat, Sep 24 @ 11:30 am (Lodi)
Presbytery stated meeting: Tue, Sep 27 @ 9:30 am (Camp Whitman)

++++++

Hector worship leaders for September:

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