

Monday Minders – Week of October 17, 2016
First Presbyterian Church of Hector & Lodi Presbyterian Church

Dear members and friends,

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...”

Dicken’s opening from “A Tale of Two Cities” could well fit the last two months in our communities. We have lost four saints, three at Hector (Dave Beckhorn, Gary Kirton, John “Bear” Bills) and one at Lodi (Anne Knight). In addition to the deep sadness and grief expressed by their families, our congregations have felt these losses. But I have also witnessed the outpouring of love and support from our congregations and communities.

Interspersed among these sad occasions were some bright moments – a wedding (Andy Gimbar, Jr. and Michelle Seeger), two baptisms (Cole Roedel and Quinn Searles), a 90th birthday celebration (Jim Preston). These, too, were times our congregations gathered to celebrate joyfully.

As the apostle Paul wrote about the church, the body of Christ: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26)

What is a constant in all these events is God’s presence in our lives. And God’s grace and love shared by you in times of need and in times of joy. Thank you.

Grace & peace,
Pastor Jim

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Facilities Improvement – Phase 2

After worship this Sunday, October 23, we will begin phase 2 of our Facilities Improvement Project at Hector.

We will be removing the pews, carpeting, and light fixtures in the sanctuary. The walls and ceiling will be painted, and new carpeting, new light fixtures, new pews and new pew cushions will be installed. We expect to worship in Fellowship Hall for about two weeks while the sanctuary is being painted. We hope to return to the sanctuary on November 13, using chairs as needed in place of pews under construction.

During this time, we ask for your patience and understanding, your prayers and support. This is the next exciting step in our journey together as we look ahead to serving Jesus Christ the next 200 years.

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Fall Harvest Dinner

Saturday, October 22, 2016

First Presbyterian Church of Hector

beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Roast Pork & all the fixings

Tickets: \$9 adults / \$6 children 5-12 / children under 5 are FREE

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Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30, 2016

First Presbyterian Church of Hector

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is a family centered event, that is designed as a safe, fun environment in which groups of grown-ups decorate their car trunk (and often dress up in costume) so children can safely go “trunk or treating” from car to car.

Inside fellowship hall we will have hot dogs, crafts and games.

We need volunteers to come with their car or truck, and bring “treats” for our young visitors. We also need volunteers to help with the food, crafts and games.

This as an outreach to the community – won’t you join us?

See Pastor Jim to volunteer / for more information.

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This week (Oct 17 – Oct 23):

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 @ 9 am (Hector)

Bone Builders @ 10:30 am (Hector)

Bible study @ 6:30 pm (Lodi)

Choir rehearsal @ 7:30 pm (Lodi)

Thu: Food Pantry @ 8 am (Hector)

Choir rehearsal @ 9 am (Hector)

Office for Aging luncheon @ 12 pm (Hector)
Bible study @ 1 pm (Hector)

Fri: Mobile food truck @ 10 am (Hector)

Sat: Food Pantry @ 3pm (Lodi)
Fall Harvest dinner @ 4:30 pm (Hector)

Sun: Worship
@ 9:30 am (Hector)
@ 11:15 am (Lodi)
Sunday school @ 10 am (Lodi)

Looking ahead:

Lodi Free Lunch: Sat, Oct 29 @ 11:30 am (Hector)
Trunk or Treat party: Sun, Oct 30 @ 5 pm (Hector)
Celebration of the Saints: Sun, Nov 6 during worship

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Hector worship leaders for October:

Ushers: Marie & Joe Baumgardner
Liturgists: Lois Carter (10/23), Tim Anderson (10/30)