



Many of us can identify with these edited comments from a blogger named Deb: Over the years Frost has said many things to me through these lines. He equates the life cycle of the leaf with his own life. He cries out that he has triumphed by surviving while the leaves have died. But the knowledge that his life is as fleeting as that of the leaves disturbs and frightens him.

Sometimes it is our own deeds that touch us with an invitation to grief. We become melancholy and even give in to fierce attitudes or actions. Later we usually regret our unhelpful decent into gloom. Thankfully, even when we tarnish a day with grief we can look forward to tomorrow's clean slate, and the chance to continue the process of transformation from closed and fearful to open-hearted and joyous.

A Leaf-Treader

I have been treading on leaves all day until I am autumn-tired.
God knows all the color and form of leaves I have trodden on and mired.

Perhaps I have put forth too much strength and been too fierce from fear.
I have safely trodden underfoot the leaves of another year.

All summer long they were overhead, more lifted up than I.
To come to their final place in earth they had to pass me by.

All summer long I thought I heard them threatening under their breath.
And when they came it seemed with a will to carry me with them to death.

They spoke to the fugitive in my heart as if it were leaf to leaf.
They tapped at my eyelids and touched my lips with an invitation to grief.

But it was no reason I had to go because they had to go.
Now up, my knee, to keep on top of another year of snow.

Robert Frost

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Oct. 16
5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

Thursday, Oct. 17
6:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 20
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teacher Schedule

Oct. 20, 2019

Nursery
Helen Steffen / Ciera Hiester

Kids' Time
Joyce Evan/ Marcia Liddy

LOL
Michelle Tonner

Stewardship Report

Oct. 13, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	1,758.00
Missions	120.00
Building/Maint Fund	60.00
Match Fund	110.00
World Mission Offering	550.00
Total	\$ 2,598.00



Budgets and Meetings

Each board is planning their budget for 2020 at their October meeting. The Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. to finalize it. The budget will be available to the congregation on Sunday, November 3 for preview. Then, on Sunday, November 10 we will have our Annual Business Meeting right after the worship service to hear reports and discuss/approve the budget.




We will continue to collect our World Mission Offering throughout the month of October. There are special offering envelopes in the pews. Thank you to those who have already given!



October is Pastor Appreciation

We appreciate Pastor Les and Debbie so much as they serve Jesus together with us. Your Deacon Board has placed a basket on the table in the church foyer. Everyone is invited to encourage Les and Debbie with uplifting notes or cards.

Thank You

Thank you so much for giving me another opportunity to receive the McFarren Scholarship. It is very helpful as I pay for school. Hope everyone at church is doing well! God Bless, Alexis Collins 

Prayer Points

Bud Abrams – Pray that his heart goes back into and stays in regular rhythm, and that he has no further problems with A-Fib.

Judy Bierie – Pray that her breathing gets stronger and that her oxygen levels would stay within an acceptable range.

Frank Davis – Pray that God gives his sister comfort in the passing of her husband (Frank's brother-in-law) this past week.

Elly Evick – Pray for her continued recovery after a recent hip replacement.

Stephanie Gerber – Pray she adjusts well following some changes in her family, and especially to her mother moving.

Charles Isch – Pray that his second round of chemo goes well this week, and that his kidneys remain healthy and strong. Ask the LORD to cast out all cancer cells from his body.

Cathy Jambora – Pray for Cathy to be healed from chronic pain that she has endured the last several months.

Carolyn McBride – Pray she would have relief from the severe pain in her lower back, and that scheduled injections would help.

Ruth Risser – Pray she would continue to experience good days as she recovers from some recent health concerns.

Clyde Shady – Pray he would keep on progressing in mobility after that previous stroke.

Doris Wolf – Pray her eyes would continue to recover after a recent surgery to relieve pressure.

Judy Ziegler – Pray she experiences strength and complete health.





Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B
Barb Smekens – Room 217B
Clyde Shady – Room 228B
Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service