

Monday Minders – Week of September 26, 2016  
First Presbyterian Church of Hector & Lodi Presbyterian Church

Dear members and friends,

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of Francis of Assisi. Besides being known for his vow of poverty and founding the order that we now call the Franciscans, Francis was known for his love for all of God's creation and creatures. Legend says he even preached once to the birds, and he is often portrayed with a bird on his hand. In 1979, Pope John Paul II declared Francis the patron saint of ecology.

On Sunday, October 2, our churches are invited to join First Presbyterian Church in Watkins Glen for a Blessing of the Animals service at 2 pm. We will meet outside, weather permitting (or in fellowship hall if the weather is inclement), to have a short service, bless the animals (and their owners!), and have some pet-safe treats.

Please come and bring your pet—all shapes and sizes welcome! If you are not able to bring your pet, bring a photo or picture on your phone and we will bless that. And be prepared to share one way in which your pet has been a blessing to you.

This Sunday, October 2, is also World Communion Sunday, plus we will take the Presbyterian Church (USA) offering for Peace and Global Witness. 25% of this special offering will be used locally for missions related to peace selected by our church sessions.

Grace & peace,  
Pastor Jim

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This week (Sep 26 – Oct 2):

- Tue: Bone Builders @ 8:30 am (Hector)  
Presbytery of Geneva meeting @ 9:30 am (Camp Whitman)
- 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)  
Earth Care Team meeting @ 7 pm (Hector)
- Sat: Funeral service for Anne Knight @ 11 am (Lodi)  
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:

- Funeral service for Gary Kirton: Sat, Oct 8 @ 11 am (Hector)
- Celebration of Jim Preston's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday: Sun, Oct 16 after worship (Hector)
- Fall Harvest dinner: Sat, Oct 22 @ 4:30 pm (Hector)
- Trunk or Treat party: Sun, Oct 30 @ 5 pm (Hector)

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Hector worship leaders for October:

- Ushers: Marie & Joe Baumgardner
- Liturgists: Linda Moore (10/2), Shelly Gimbar (10/9), Amy Deraiche & Lexi & Bri (10/16),  
Lois Carter (10/23), Tim Anderson (10/30)

October Birthdays

- 1 – April Moore
- 3 – Jill Stewart
- 5 – Jude Santos
- 6 – Winnie Willson
- 7 – Marion Auble  
Phebe Wickham
- 8 – Devon Searle
- 9 – Jennifer Williams
- 11 – Timothy Wickham  
Pat Wyckoff
- 14 – James Preston  
Joan Farrington  
Jonathan Frederick
- 16 – Cynthia Harvey  
Kyle Malecki  
Dorothy Scaggs
- 17 – Aaron Merrill  
Roger Butterfield  
Sally Chambers
- 18 – Abigail Brenna Rundle  
Alta Boyer
- 19 – Austin Dalrymple  
Bryce Aman
- 20 – Betty Calhoun  
Clara Moore  
Brenda Clawson VanEtten
- 21 – Priscilla Weir
- 24 – Susan Wright-Passmore
- 25 – Nick Budd
- 28 – Frank Popowich, Jr.
- 30 – Susan Kirton
- 31 – Margaret Kirton