

Monday Minders – Week of October 10, 2016  
First Presbyterian Church of Hector & Lodi Presbyterian Church

Dear members and friends,

Last week while on vacation, I was following the reports of Hurricane Matthew. Nancy & I lived in Saint Augustine, Florida for nine years and the images of waste-deep water flooding most of downtown was sad to see. One photo showed pumpkins floating down King Street away from the Methodist Church where they are an important annual fundraiser. Flooding and damage have been devastating in the southeastern states particularly along the coast.

The scenes from Haiti, though, are tragic. The southern peninsula was hit head-on with 145 mph winds. Most of the homes could not stand the wind and waves of Matthew. And the number of victims keeps rising as rescue teams finally reach areas that had been made inaccessible by the hurricane.

Once again, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is on the ground. Actually, they've been in Haiti since the devastating 2010 earthquake. When PDA responds to a disaster, they are in it for the long-haul. For this latest crisis, PDA is supplying essential food, water, and supplies. Once long-term needs are determined, PDA will shift to providing the assistance for a comprehensive recovery.

As sisters and brothers in Christ, we can respond:

**Give:** Financial support for relief efforts can be made online (go to [www.presbyterianmission.org](http://www.presbyterianmission.org) and click on the banner at the top of the page), by phone (800-872-3283), or by check designated to DR000148 with reference to Matthew (mailed to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700)

**Act:** Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed through Facebook (go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and "like" the page)

**Pray:** Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home or for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

Grace & peace,  
Pastor Jim

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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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***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.

We need you to volunteer to come with your car or truck, and bring “treats” for our young visitors. We are doing 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 10 – Oct 16):

- Tue:** Bone Builders @ 8:30 am (Hector)  
Session meeting @ 6:30 pm (Hector)
- Wed:** Men's breakfast & discussion @ 8 am (Toni's Diner)  
Bone Builders @ 10:30 am (Hector)  
Bible study @ 6:30 pm (Lodi)  
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: Food Pantry @ 3pm (Lodi)

Sun: Worship

@ 9:30 am (Hector)

@ 11:15 am (Lodi)

Sunday school @ 10 am (Lodi)

Celebration of Jim Preston's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday after worship (Hector)

Looking ahead:

Hector food pantry: Thu, Oct 20 @ 8 am (Hector)

Mobile food truck: Fri, Oct 21 @ 10 am (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: Amy Deraiche & Lexi & Bri (10/16), Lois Carter (10/23), Tim Anderson (10/30)