

Monday Minders – Week of September 19, 2016
First Presbyterian Church of Hector & Lodi Presbyterian Church

Dear members and friends,

This September has been a month of sorrow and of joy for both of our congregations.

At Hector, we lost two saints, Dave Beckhorn and Gary Kirton, who went home to be with the Lord. Thank you to all who helped Bobbi and family during this difficult time, and for your help during the family visitation and service on September 10. The service for Gary Kirton will be on Saturday, October 8 at 11 am. Thank you to all who are responding in the same loving and caring way to Sue and family.

We also baptized two babies on September 4: Cole Francis Roedel, son of Jenn and Carl Roedel (grandson of Ruth & John Bills), and Quinn Anderson Searles, daughter of Kelsey and Scott Searles (granddaughter of Barb & Tim Anderson). Thank you to the congregation for hanging in there through a busy Sunday morning – it was a joyous service.

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Hector food pantry on Thursday, September 15 and the mobile food truck on Friday, September 16. We helped over 40 families!

On Saturday, Sep 17, Andy Gimbar, son of Andy & Michele Gimbar, married Michelle Seeger. Another joyous occasion.

At Lodi, we also lost a saint, Anne Knight, who passed into the arms of the Lord on August 25. Her service will be held on Saturday, October 1 at 11 am. Thank you to all who are helping with the service and reception.

On Saturday, September 17, the Lodi food pantry served 37 families. A record! Thank you to all who volunteered with setup, serving, and cleanup. You are making a difference.

This past Sunday, we heard the story of God taking Abraham outside to look up at a sky full of stars and promising that one day his descendants would be just as numerous. The stars were a sign of the promise and power of God.

Today, part of our work as followers of Jesus Christ is to continue to look for God's signs that the promise continues. Baptisms, weddings, helping the vulnerable in our community, witnessing to the lives of saints who have passed, and caring for those grieving the loss of loved one. These are all signs of God's kingdom work. Thanks be to God.

Grace & peace,
Pastor Jim

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This week (Sep 19 – Sep 25):

Mon: Euchre @ 6:45 pm (Hector)

Tue: Bone Builders @ 8:30 am (Hector)
Lodi session @ 7 pm (Lodi)

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: Free Lunch @ 11:30 am (Lodi)
Food Pantry @ 3pm (Lodi)

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

Looking ahead:

Presbytery stated meeting: Tue, Sep 27 @ 9:30 am (Camp Whitman)

Funeral service for Anne Knight: Sat, Oct 1 @ 11 am (Lodi)

Funeral service for Gary Kirton: Sat, Oct 8 @ 11 am (Hector)

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Hector worship leaders for September:

Ushers: Sue Hazlitt & Gabe Santos

Liturgists: Tammy & Ellie Clarkson (9/25)