Worship - Sunday 10 AM
Sunday School - during worship
(Sep-Jun)

Twins Talk

October 2026

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Pastor's Corner

Fall is upon us with its glorious, clear days and wonderful colors, its call for sweaters and its softer, diminishing light! Still plenty of light to follow!

We are back at all the activities that suggest summer's end and autumn's beginning: the choir, Sunday school, the committee gatherings, our annual Octoberfeast, the increase in maple goodies at coffee hour, of cider being everywhere, all the products of local harvests. These and so many other things that reflect the joys of returning to the business of community.

At our session meeting on Sunday, it was decided that our participation in the 5th Sunday ecumenical services would end. It was a good experiment. Attendance has waned, enthusiasm drifted and the energy to get it done lost its priority. I hope it leaves a lasting reminder that other communities and traditions are not much different than ours; and that the practitioners of those traditions are in fact no different than you and I.

A new focus for the Twin Churches' ecumenical vision will be the traditional Tuesday evening Thanksgiving service. There is a multi-church tradition of this service that we hope can be rekindled and it does not require closing on Sundays, but simply the urge to go to church on Tuesday!

The message of being one with our neighbors is a good one and I hope HP will hold it close and help the new Ecumenical service prosper.

We are all God's children; it makes God smile when we remember that.

I came across this set of verses that speaks to the wonder of our diversity and oneness written by Thérèse of Lisieux:

The Story of a Soul

"Jesus set before me the book of nature; I understood how all the flowers [God] has created are beautiful, how the splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not take away the perfume of the little violet or the delightful simplicity of the daisy…. If all flowers wanted to be roses, nature would lose her springtime beauty, and the fields would no longer be decked out with wildflowers. And so it is in the world of souls."

Steve

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us!" *1 John 4:12*

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the Park Coffee House

Fall 2026
Showtime: 7:30

Oct 3 – Monk Rowe & John Hutson
Nov 7 – The Cadleys
Nov 21 – On the Porch
Dec 5 – Local Favorites

SENTINEL SNAPSHOT: Bells chime for freedom



Sentinel photo by John Clifford

Steve Vance, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent, rings the bell of the historic local church, which was founded in 1797. The bell was rung at 4 p.m. to commemorate the 1787 signing of the U.S. Constitution, America's founding document, 250 years ago. A host of volunteers helped mark the event and its historic anniversary by ringing the bells there as well as at other churches and venues across the region and nation.



Session Scene

- There will be no 5th Sunday Ecumenical Service in November. It is the first Sunday of Advent, and each church in our ecumenical group has their own plans for this special day. The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- Session is discussing new elders to serve for the upcoming 3-year term. If you are interested or know someone who would do a good job, please pass the information on to a current Session member.
- An analysis of the current utility costs raised some issues concerning increased usage, especially electricity. Session is looking into having an audit done and checking on a smart meter.
- Report from General Assembly this summer:
  - By a vote of 459-25, the Church rejected the idea of Christian White Nationalism. It is seen as a theological error incompatible with Jesus' teachings.
  - AI (artificial intelligence) is not to be used for sermon preparation or in pastoral counseling.
- The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 1 after worship.

Octoberfeast

October 17
Take-out only
Pickup 4-6 pm
Advance Sale Tickets Only - $18



It's that time again –
and we need your help!

Come join the fun,
socialize with friends
and feel the joy in serving.
Our community is counting on us!

Cook a Turkey – Sell Tickets
Pies - Squash - Kitchen Help
Sign-up Sheets in Coffee Hour

Tickets Available
at the church
Tues-Wed: 10 am – Noon
Thursdays: 3-5:30 pm
Call or Email: 315-865-5096
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Tabitha Supports





Last school year, ***Tabitha***, our Sunday School Sheep bank, did a great job of collecting money for the ***Kicks for Kids*** Project.

Thanks to everyone, she collected almost $200 and the children were able to purchase 10 pairs of sneakers for area school children. Each child in our Sunday School personally chose the pair of sneakers they wanted to send, and the Neighborhood Center made sure that every pair got on the feet of a local child in need.

We have not made a final decision on the charity for this year, but ***Tabitha*** is in her place in the hallway, waiting to take your coins and eager to help.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...

October

1	Julie Baum
1	Shirley Renninger
2	Kathryn Baldwin
4	Joanne Vance
5	Susan & Allen Solomon (A)
5	Kathy & David Heburn (A)
7	Grayson Marconi
9	Rich Aubry
10	Jessica (Aubry) & Ryan Meade (A)
20	Ken Hoover
21	Shawn Lemieux
22	Ben Phillips
24	Janet Hoover
27	Mary Preston
27	Lorie Philiips
28	Pat Bliss
30	Russ Golly

UPCOMING EVENTS

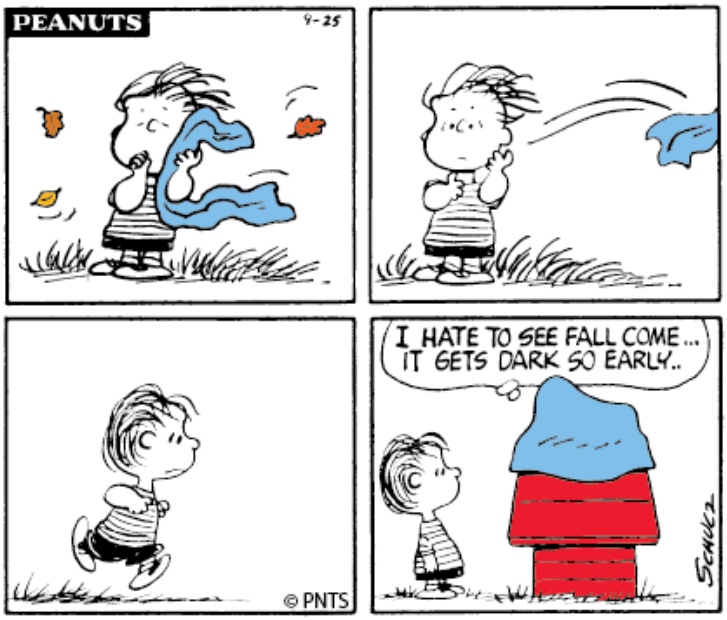
Worship Schedule

Oct 4 - Bonnie Tryon - *World Communion*
Oct 11 - Steve Vance
Oct 18 - Steve Vance
Oct 25 - Janet Stengel

Events

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 5:15 pm
Oct 1 - Stone Soup - *see Brenda Capodiferro or Debbie Bliss for info*
Oct 4 - Mission Committee after worship
Oct 17 - Octoberfeast - *see ad above*

Check our website at "twinchurches.org"
for a complete calendar of events





October 2026

Oct 4 – Deb Rowlands – *World Communion*
Oct 11 – Sonnel Suba
Oct 18 – J Burton, S Mazur,K Buell – *Octoberfeast Weekend*
Oct 25 – Lynne Howard

Janet Lanning – Phone 315-941-7409
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bits & pieces

Prayers are asked for:

- Patty Aubry's grandson, Marshall, who was diagnosed with viral meningitis after a long night in the ER with a severe headache. He is home recovering.
- Bob Griffith who is bouncing between Sunset Rehab and Wynn Hospital with chronic respiratory problems.
- "Mr. Jim" Allen and Vicky as they continue dealing with Jim's health struggles, but are grateful he can be at home with help from friends.
- Patty and Rich Aubry as Rich starts treatment for prostate cancer.
- Todd Finn who had a bicycle-deer accident, suffered several injuries and is facing a long recovery.
- Brenda Castle and her family on the loss of her mom last Thursday.. Continued prayers for Brenda's husband, Paul, who was having worsening symptoms and discomfort due to serious kidney disease. He is on dialysis and hoping for a kidney transplant.
- Dave Heburn and his wife Kathy as Dave begins treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. They are encouraged by doctors who say his condition is very treatable.
- Peggy Curtacci as she deals with Post Traumatic Concussion Syndrome following a recent fall. In true Peggy fashion, she is following doctor and therapist orders to remain as active as possible without worsening her symptoms.

Joys are shared for:

- Matt Curtacci who's recent hip surgery went very well and he is able to return to work.

Prayer Chain - Peg Curtacci phone: 315-867-7898 or email: pcurtacci.1947@gmail



Twins Talk News Deadlines

1st of Month Edition – due by the 27th of the prior month
15th of Month Edition – due by the 12th of the month

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