

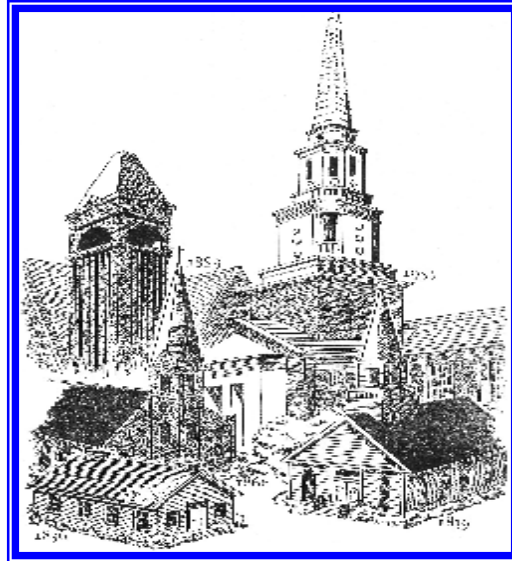


Tower Bell

OCTOBER, 2009

CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY

1834-2009



175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OCTOBER 11, 2009

9:30 a.m. Adult Education—*First Presbyterian Church History 1834-1890 led by Les Lamon*
Faith Steps Sunday School—*History Presentation by Eve Pierce in Costume*

10:45 a.m. Worship—“*Celebrate the Journey/A Festival of Hymns*” This unique service features significant hymn writers, from the 4th century through the 20th century, telling their own stories in the first person as well as highlights from our church’s history.

“A Festival of Hymns” is a cantata by Hal H. Hopson which includes choral and congregation singing. The combined choirs of First Presbyterian Churches of South Bend and Mishawaka as well as a children’s choir from our church will lead our music as we sing some of our favorite hymns accompanied by organ, piano, brass quartet, tympani and handbells.

12:00 p.m. Turkey Luncheon—The Congregational Life Committee, under the guidance of Chairperson Joyce Schalliol, will coordinate our anniversary luncheon to be held immediately following the worship service in the Social Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 4-12. Children under 4 are free. **Reservation Deadline is Sunday, October 4th** as a count must be turned in to the caterer on October 5th. Reservations can be made by filling out the Gold Pew Card, by Phone (574) 234-4159 or by E-mail at btlyer@fpcsouthbend.org.

1:00 p.m. Gala Celebration Program—Next we will gather in the sanctuary for further celebrations, seeing a video history of our church by Doug Marsh, as well as, honoring members who have been in our church 50 + years, recognizing guests and others, with Doug Hemphill and Dave Sykes as our hosts. It promises to be a fun time and momentous occasion.

9—2 p.m. History Display—Come and see how Alma McClelland and others have turned the Chapel into a time capsule featuring pictures, articles, notes, records and artifacts that celebrate our 175 years.

Your Invitation to World Communion

On **World Communion Sunday, October 4**, more Christians will come “*from east and west, and from the north and south*” to celebrate the Lord’s Supper than any other Sunday of the year. Celebrants will be of all ages, races and nations. They will be taking the bread and the cup as mystical symbols of their union with each other in Christ. Hopefully, as we break the bread and share the cup, our eyes will be opened to recognize the living presence of Jesus the Christ—Jesus crucified amid the tragic inequities of the world; Christ risen through the recreating love of God..

World Communion Sunday is also **Peacemaking Sunday**, a time to rededicate ourselves to the task of being peacemakers, to be witnesses to God’s peace by seeking to restore wholeness wherever there is brokenness in the world—among family and friends, church and school, where we live and work, in the community and the world. We are called to be ambassadors of reconciliation, to reaffirm our oneness with all people.

As Jesus said, “*Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.*”

Thus World Communion Sunday remains as it began,

“*a great opportunity to unite the membership in dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ.*”

Together, with people from the four corners of the earth, let us joyfully come in response to His invitation,
Do this in remembrance of me!”

Peace, Bob



Supplies Needed for “Ties to Malawi” Crafters

Please check your drawers and your closets and donate any or all of the following items to the “Ties to Malawi” Crafters Group:

- Beads
- Broaches/pins
- Buttons
- Doilies
- Fabric pieces and scraps
- Men’s Neckties
- Necklaces – especially long chains
- Pillow forms

Please leave the items in the church office. Thank you.



“Did you Know”? that Ernest M. and Ella M. Morris underwrote our Annual Turkey Dinners starting in 1936 and ending with the death of Mrs. Morris on February 19, 1969—one month following the thirty-fourth Annual Turkey Dinner. Eighty thousand dollars was raised for worthwhile projects.



South/Midtown Group, **Wednesday, October 14**, at 11:30 at Allie's Cafe, Mishawaka Avenue.

North Group, **Tuesday, October 20**, at 12:00, at American Pancake House, Roseland

Outreach Committee Update

The Outreach Committee wishes to express it's appreciation and thanks to all who so generously assisted in making the Ice Cream Social such a big success. It was a great time of fun and sharing, not only with our members and friends, but those from our community as well. **THANK YOU.**

Your phones will soon be ringing once again as Outreach connects with members and friends from 1st Church. It is our way of reaching out to you to remind you of several special events coming up in the life of our church.

CONNECTING....

Update from the Mission Study Group

The Mission Study Group has been hard at work, meeting many times through the summer. We started by presenting the results of the Congregational Life Survey to the Session. We also conducted focus groups with the Session and several church committees to delve further into the issues raised by the survey, and to ask them to reflect on their mission, programming, and future goals.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to meet with church committees and congregation members to explain the results and seek input on what the results mean to you and what our future goals should be as a church. The schedule for the remaining meetings will be announced soon. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Mission Study Group members, *Roberta Ferkins, Bill Hunt, Dennis Kaldenberg, Wendy Mott, Mercy Nyirenda, Sarah Proctor, or Carolyn Schult.*

ADULT EDUCATION

CHAPEL CLASS

The Sunday morning adult education Chapel Class, held from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., covers various themes and topics. During October the sessions will include:

October 4 – 2009 Malawi Trip Report - Margaret Eggleston, Jeremy Namwali, Phyllis Wezeman, and Stephanie Wezeman.

Please note that the October 4 Session will be held in the **Social Hall**.

October 11 – FPC Church History – 1834-1860 – Les Lamont

October 18 – FPC Church History – 1890-1920 – Les Lamont

October 25 – 1945-1970 – Les Lamont

ADULT SMALL GROUPS COPING WITH LIFE ALONE SERIES

The Coping with Life Alone Series is a support group for persons experiencing loss due to death, divorce, or separation. It will meet in the Parlor of First Presbyterian Church of South Bend for three more Tuesday nights – **October 6, 13, and 20 from 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.** October topics include:

October 6 – “Changing Relationships with Family and Others”

October 13 – “Coping with Memories”

October 20 – “Where Do We Go from Here?”

For additional information, contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

ECO-STEWARDS – BOOK DRIVE

Our Adult Enrichment Committee’s Eco-Stewards Group, in cooperation with Better World Books ... an international company, warehoused in Mishawaka, Indiana, that collects and sells books online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide ... will leave the collection bins in the Church office and on the Colfax porch for you to continue to bring books for mission projects. Twenty-five percent of items sold through Better World Books will be donated to literacy programs: twenty percent to Chibanzi C.C.A.P. Nursery School/Orphan Center and Primary School and five percent to Better World’s “Books for Africa” Program. For additional information, contact: Alisea McLeod, Eco-Stewards Coordinator, at 574-288-4784 or aliseamcleod@hotmail.com or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.



ECO-STEWARDS – OCTOBER OUTING TO PRAIRIE WINDS FARM

Prairie Winds Farm, in Lakeville, Indiana, is a working educational farm with eighty-five acres of restored wetland, prairie, and pasture plus heritage animals and abundant crops. Eco-Stewards will host an outing to Prairie Winds on Sunday, **October 4**. It will start, between 12:30 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. with a picnic lunch – brought by participants – and include a variety of activities and tours for people of all ages. For additional information, contact: Margo Shearman-Howard at 574-246-9587 or M-Shearman@comcast.net or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

EIGHT GREAT DATES ... FOR COUPLES “FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE” -- a marriage enrichment program based on the movie *FIREPROOF*

Couples have an opportunity for a “date” the second Friday of each month – October through April. The next one will be Friday, October 9. Please be sure to watch the entire movie in advance.

The format will be:

6:00 P.M. – Child Care and Children’s/Youth Activities (Meal Provided)

6:00 P.M. – 6:45 P.M. – Dinner for Adults in the Social Hall [Come when you can!]

7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. – Video/Discussion and Dessert

8:45 P.M. – Child Care and Children’s/Youth Activities End

Cost: \$10.00 per family per night. Reservations required BY the Monday prior to the date!

For additional information, contact: Linda Fox – 574-277-6317 or billorlynn@sbcglobal.net or Phyllis Wezeman – 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

ETHNIC EATING

Ethnic Eating, our quarterly culinary cuisine group for adults who enjoy food from around the world, will gather on Friday, **October 25** at 6:30 P.M. at Polito’s Italian Restaurant, 401 Hickory Road, South Bend. Please contact Kathleen English at 574-232-3846 or katmanduh@hotmail.com or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org to make a reservation.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our “Prayer Shawl Ministry” is a group of people who work individually in their homes crocheting or knitting tangible symbols of the presence of God in our lives. While each shawl is being created, prayers are offered silently for the person in need. When the shawl is completed, it is delivered to the recipient. For additional information or to suggest the name of a person for whom a shawl could be made, contact: Gretchen Klanke 574-273-9484 or gret4music@aol.com, Joyce Welter – 574-291-3617, or Phyllis Wezeman -- 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

TIES TO MALAWI

A small group for persons interested in arts, crafts, or sewing will meet once a month to create handmade items from recycled men's neckties and donate the proceeds to mission projects in Malawi. The next meeting of the group will be Wednesday, **October 21** at 10:00 A.M. in the Parlor. Sewing experience is NOT required.



TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study, at the home of Ruth Roll, meets every Tuesday night. On **October 6, 13, 20, and 27** they will study "Prayer: Conversing with God." Linda Fox is the facilitator. For additional information, contact Linda Fox at 574-277-6317 or billorlynn@sbcglobal.net or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

Wednesday Lunches are a monthly lunch and learn fellowship opportunity for men and women coordinated by Adult Enrichment and Presbyterian Women. The second one of the season will be held on the third **Wednesday, October 21**, from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. in the Social Hall. Besides a delicious lunch, catered by Sheila Herczeg of Royal Caterers, there will be a program on "*Rahab: A First Preson Story*" by Barbara Wirt, Commissioned Lay Pastor.

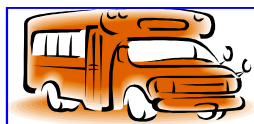
WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild is an association of Christian women who gather for Bible Study, Prayer, and Service. It is modeled after the Women's Guild of The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, and it is an extension of the Presbyterian Women's groups of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Meetings are held one Saturday a month, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, at the home of Ruth Roll. **The October date is the 17th.** The group is currently studying the Gospel of John. For additional information about monthly meetings contact Mlekwa Mwachande 574-289-5371 or mzaticmbewe@yahoo.com or Phyllis Wezeman 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

ADULT EDUCATION EXTRAS

GO & GROW OUTINGS

CONNER PRAIRIE BY CANDLELIGHT... A CHRISTMAS OUTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 [2:00 P.M. – Motor Coach departs FPC, SB Parking Lot]



Travel to Conner Prairie in Fishers, Indiana via luxury motor coach and go back in time to December 24, 1836 – two years after First Presbyterian Church of South Bend was established!

- Shop the unique stores
- Enjoy a lavish all-you-can-eat dinner buffet
- Be part of a sixty-minute guided tour of the Prairietown homes where residents are preparing for the holidays. Hear stories of the Ullman's Hannukah celebration, meet the German Pennsylvania Dutch version of Santa Claus, watch Mr. McClure, the town carpenter, put the finishing touches on Christmas gifts, and stop at the Campbell's for a holiday party with punch and cookies.

Cost of trip includes admission, buffet dinner, guided tour, shops, and transportation.

\$49.00 – Reservation and Payment by October 15
\$59.00 – Reservation and Payment after October 15

Gather family and friends and sign up now!

For information or reservations, contact:

Evelyn Shaw at 574-272-2971 or grangerevie@yahoo.com
Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org

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MISSION COMMITTEE

MISSION OF THE QUARTER FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER



Our Chibanzi Nursery School/Orphan Center and Feeding Site/Kitchen, plus the first two grades of the soon-to-open Primary School, at our partner congregation in Malawi, Africa will be the Mission of the Quarter for October, November, and December. Besides raising funds for its support through the Christmas Offering, we will be collecting school supplies. Crayons (preferably small packages of 8 or 16), markers, pencils, pens, and scissors are most welcome. Sharpees® (any color, but regular point and size) are appreciated as well. Please leave the items on the table on the Colfax Porch or in the Church Office. Thank you for your support.

FPC MALAWI ASSOCIATION

Our 2009 Malawi Trip Report will take place in the Social Hall, during the 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Education Hour, on World Communion Sunday, October 4. **Margaret Eggleston, Jeremy Namwali, Phyllis Wezeman, and Stephanie Wezeman** can't wait to show you the pictures and tell you the stories: children are being educated and fed at the Nursery/Orphan Center; the Primary School has been approved by the government to open in January; 31 wells are operating and 25 more are in the process of being installed; 43 people are making Africa Bags; classes on Creative Methods of HIV and AIDS Education are continuing, and so much more. Please plan to be part of this session – and invite others to come with you. Refreshments will be provided by the FPC Malawi Association.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

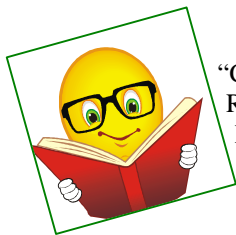
CHILD CARE FOR OCTOBER INFANT NURSERY & TWOS/THREES CLASS

Child Care is provided from 9:15 A.M. to 12:00 Noon for children through age three. Please pick up your child/children before attending the Fellowship time. Janet Mwachande is the attendant every week, assisted by faithful volunteers.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

To help celebrate our 175th Anniversary, we're re-forming a Children's Choir to be part of the festivities on October 11. Practices will take place during Second Hour on October 4 and children will participate in worship on October 11. **There will also be practice, if necessary, during the "Eight Great Dates" program on Friday night, October 9.**

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



"Check out" the new Children's Library in Room 221 on the second floor of the Education Wing. "Check out" of books is on the honor system.

CLUB 345

October Outing
Sunday, October 4, 2009
12:15 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
PRAIRIE WINDS FARM
Lakeville, Indiana

Prairie Winds Farm is a working educational farm practicing ecological sustainability, self-sufficiency, and diversity. We will tour the 85-acre facility, along with restored meadow, pasture, prairie, and woods, led by Charlotte Wolfe, who has a PhD in Environmental Science. Kids will enjoy playing in the barn, riding ponies, collecting eggs, and digging in the garden.

**12:15 P.M. – Leave from Church parking lot to caravan/
carpool to the farm.**
12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. -- Lunch
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. – Activities

Cost: \$3.00 per person; additional donations welcome
Note: Bring outdoor-type clothes and walking shoes (or "dress down" that day)

Please join us for this fun event! This is a great time to invite friends!

For information or reservations, please contact:
Margo Shearman-Howard (Event Coordinator)
(M_Shearman@comcast.net; 574-246-9587) or Phyllis Wezeman
(pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org; 574-234-4159).

FAITH STEPS SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE OCTOBER, 2009 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

October 4

Abraham & Sarah
Children's Library – Pre-K – 2nd
Judy Eaton, Leader
2009 Malawi Trip Pictures/Report
Social Hall – 3rd – 5th
Margaret Eggleston, Jeremy Namwali, Phyllis Wezeman & Stephanie Wezeman

October 11

175th Anniversary Celebration
[Tent]
Eve Pierce, Storyteller from 1834
[You may dress in 1834 costume as well]

October 18

Jacob & Esau
Drama
[Drama Room]
Margo Shearman-Howard, Teacher

October 25

Jacob & Esau
Cooking
[Tent]
Liz Rosencrantz, Teacher

"FEATURING FIRST KIDS" BULLETIN BOARD

Our "Featuring First Kids" Bulletin Board is located on the wall near the Church Office. It displays nametags for our Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children. Pre-Ks through Fifth Graders should pick up their nametags when they arrive at church, wear them throughout the day, and hang them on their "grade" ribbon before they leave the building.

PRE-K CLASS

Our Pre-K class, for children who have turned four by September 1 but who have not started Kindergarten, is held as part of Faith Steps Sunday School from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. each week. Children attend the 10:45 A.M. Service with their families, participate in the children's message, and may leave for Second Hour or they may remain in worship with their caregivers.

SECOND HOUR

Second Hour for October will include Choir Rehearsal on the 4th, 175th Anniversary Worship Service on the 11th, Missions on the 18th, and Sacraments on the 25th. Check the bulletin boards for locations.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

On **Sunday, October 18**, during the 10:45 A.M. Worship Service, the Third Graders of the congregation will receive their Bibles. Following the presentation, this group will hold a celebration in the Parlor – complete with a special cake from West End Bakery – where Ken Wezeman will help the children explore the Bible and explain its origins, including the Hebrew and Greek versions.

WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship with their parents or caregivers on Sundays and on Special Days throughout the year. Children's messages will be shared during the service. Following the Children's Time in the 10:45 A.M. service, Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade girls and boys may leave for Second Hour in the Education Wing or they may return to sit with their families. For Pre-Schoolers, Worship Bags are available in the hallways.



Make a Difference in a College Student's Life

In the fall and spring we send College Care Packages to our college students as a way of Sending Our Love Through the Mail. Show your love to our college students by donating "goodies" and school supplies. This year we will pack about 20 shoe boxes! Please mark cash or check donations for goodies, Bible devotionals or postage as "college care packages."

Donations accepted in the church office until October 18.



Addresses Needed for All Current College Students

Please update us with the current address. Please do not assume we have your child's current address, even if they are living at home. Send addresses and updates to pastorLcarnes@gmail.com or call the church office.



Lectionary Questions and Answers

...by Rev. Lindsey Carnes

What's the lectionary? The lectionary is a list of pre-selected scriptural readings from the Bible that can be used for worship, study or other theological uses. Some congregations use the Revised Common Lectionary which follows the liturgical year in a 3-year cycle and provides scriptural recommendations that compliment the current season of the liturgical year.

What's a liturgical season? Liturgical seasons are times in the church year when we focus on different parts of the Christian story. Each season is represented by a color in our banners and paraments:

- Advent - **Violet** or **Blue**
- Christmas - **White**
- Ordinary Time - **Green**
- Lent - **Violet** or **Blue**
- Easter - **White**

Pentecost – **Red**

What's included each week? Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament Gospel, and an Epistle reading. Each year the primary Gospel readings include John during holiday season and rotate between Matthew, Mark, and Luke in different years.

Who wrote the list of scriptures for the lectionary? In antiquity Jews read randomly, but by the medieval era the synagogues followed an orderly reading through the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. After the Second Vatican Council many Christian denominations got together and agreed on a three year cycle of readings that go through scripture in an orderly and comprehensive way with similarly themed scriptures for the four readings.

Do you have to preach from the lectionary? No, the preacher can choose to preach from any biblical text. Preaching from a variety of texts keeps the preacher from preaching only on their favorite topics and gives the congregation a wider hearing of scripture. Many pastors do not preach from the lectionary. John Calvin, for example, preached in an expository style through a book of the Bible. The lectionary is one of many tools that can enhance our worship life and reading of scripture.

From the Finance Office:

We are more than halfway through the year and have received \$234,044.55 of our \$395,380 in pledges. Thank you for your continued support of the church and its programs.

**NEW LOVE: NEW MERCY
2010 Stewardship Campaign**

During October our stewardship campaign for 2010 gets underway with our theme of "**New Love: New Mercy**" taken from Lamentations. By the middle of the month you will be receiving your opportunity to participate as pledge cards will be in the mail. Our church leadership, including our Deacons and Elders, are on board with this year's effort and will have already made their pledges by the time you get your letter.

Last year, pledges were up...amounting to \$395,000 for 2009, well above the \$316,000 received for 2008. That's truly remarkable and reflects the spirit of giving that has always sustained our church in good times as well as bad times. During this, our 175th year, we trust everyone will want to continue this trend by giving as generously as they can. Our church's mission really depends on our financial support. Already, we know that the Session, last month, made the difficult decision to reduce our expenses through personnel reductions. Even though we pledged more in 2009, it was not enough to sustain our operating expense level

Many of us are retired, some are seeking employment, and some may just be hanging on to their jobs as we are experiencing the worst recession in modern times. Although we are in uncertain times, the scripture for this year's campaign, reflects even harder times existed when Jeremiah wrote those passages.

When you get your donation card, please prayerfully consider all this church means to you, your family and other members.

Dedication Sunday is Nov. 1, All Saints Day. Hope to see you then as we dedicate our gifts for 2010.



IN MEMORY OF:

**Margaret K. Todd -8/31/2009
I. David Jones—9/12/2009**

Please remember that permission is needed to keep the church informed of anyone who is in the hospital or needs a Pastor or Deacon to call on them.

The church office does not get information from the hospital anymore due to HIPPA. We apologize if we have not visited with you, but we have no way of knowing unless you, a friend or family member tells us.

Thank you.



**A Big Thank You From the
House Committee...**

With lots of great work (and sweat) the Sanctuary, Chancel and Balcony were cleaned.. All the pews and holders were wiped down, pads and benches brushed (pads turned) and lots of Pledge and Murphy's used to clean, clean, clean. Guy St. John also swept between and under the pews.

Those participating:

Marty and Guy St John

Stan and Joyce Welter

Ruth Roll

Lois Friesner

Cathy Cates

Linda Fox

Dottie Taylor

Donna Rehbein

Judy Eaton

Donna and Marty deserve the kudos for organizing and recruiting!!

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THE NEXT TOWER BELL DEADLINE IS
October 16

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:15 – 11:45 a.m. – Birth – 3 yrs (Nursery)

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
for All Ages**

**10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Worship
(Sanctuary)**

11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time (Social Hall)



Redbud Trail Retreat

October represent the end of the Redbud season. The leaves have begun to fall in earnest and the cooler weather brings chills as the sun goes down each day. As the animals seek warmer climates and cozy dens so do we need to prepare Redbud for the winter. The water pipes will be drained and the water shut off. The cabins cleaned and furniture stowed. The buildings will be secured and protected from the winter snows.

However we still have some wonderful things that are happening at Redbud before the season ends. **Redbud Halloween and Potluck** is scheduled for **October 25th**. **We will meet at 1pm** and play games, trick or treat and have a blast together in the woods. We hope you can be there! As always kids are very welcome.