



Many of you know that I like the month of October for many reasons. One is the leaves begin to change color and are so beautiful (until they fill the backyard). Another reason is the memories I have of family birthdays as both of my parents were born in October.

This year they would have been 106 and 107 years old. The first Sunday of the month, October 2, is my dad's birth date and we celebrate World Communion Sunday. Rebecca and I both have a deep-rooted interest in missions and in marking this particular Sunday. She will tell you that her flight to Thailand, as she began her missionary journey, was on the first Sunday of October. Once again, we will adorn the Lord's Table with materials from other countries and there will be a wide variety of breads all noting that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." Join us on the first Sunday and throughout October as we celebrate world missions.

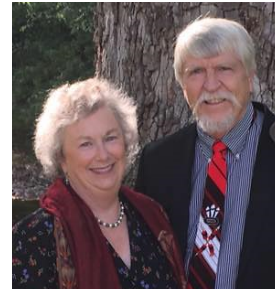
Our denomination, the American Baptist Churches in the USA, promotes and receives an offering each year in October to support our ministries around the world. The World Mission

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Offering gives us as a local church the opportunity to tell the stories of how God is working through

International Ministries. We will share videos, inserts, and stories in worship and there will be other occasions for sharing as well. On the last Sunday of the month, October 30, our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Stan Slade who has been an educational missionary / global servant for nearly 40 years. He will be coming to us after sharing in a celebration of ministry in Nicaragua early in the month and a week of teaching a Bible study in Kenya. Plan to join us for a special time of worship and sharing.

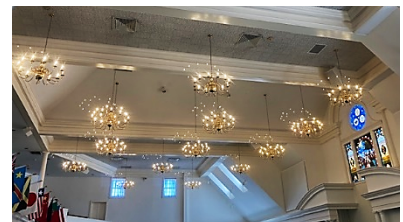


We are always thankful for shared hands-on ministry in the life of the congregation.



Recently a number of dead trees were removed from around the parking area and that left lots of logs and piles of rubbish. Teamwork is when folks work together. On a beautiful fall day Norm, Chris, Sal and Harry cut, pulled, and loaded branches into the truck and the trailer and made multiple trips to the land fill. Thanks so much for the hard work and the clean-up.

Oh yes, one more thing – the bulbs in the chandeliers in the sanctuary have been changed and the bright lights enhance our worship space. We are thankful for workers who assisted in this project and special donors who helped to cover the cost of the bulbs. Due to several Covid related delays the LED bulbs were very slow in coming after they were ordered. We give thanks!



As we gather to worship this month in the brightness of the sanctuary and celebrate world mission let's remember what Jesus tells us.

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8.12

May God's light shine on you and give you Peace,
Rev. Dan Taylor