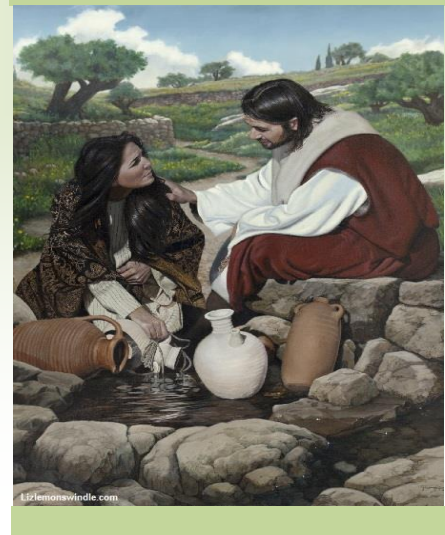




## Message from Pastor Bill Vincent



*“Try to remember the kind of September...”*

We certainly remember other Septembers, remembering life before COVID-19 and the disruption it has caused (and continues to cause) to our lives and daily routines.

But could it be that some of our remembering is not so good?

When what we remember is a skewed version of life, only as it was good *for us*, or only as it fit our narrow view of life. Remembering (or thinking that we remember) that *all* life was *always* good, and *all* and *always* going our way, and if only we could go back to the way things were, life would be fine and dandy and all would be well.

Like I said, a skewed version of remembering.

Perhaps, instead, we need to focus more on remembering *who* we are (children of God) and *whose* we are (God’s) and how God has guided us in days past; so that we have a better focus on how we are to live now, and we have greater flexibility to embrace life that may (still) be very different than what we remember; but we retain that flexibility because we send our roots down into the soil of God’s grace and provision, we draw from the well of God’s sustenance and new life, and we draw nourishment from the promise that the God who has seen us through the past will (always) see us through the future, even though it may not look anything like what we remember.

“Try to remember the kind of September,” not in order to recreate an unsustainable past, but to receive encouragement from God’s provision and guidance in the past, and to nurture within us a heart willing to embrace the future that God prepares for us and into which God guides us with love and compassion and grace-filled wisdom.

Try to remember *that* kind of September. And then embrace *this* September (and the months and days ahead) in *that* way.

*Grace and peace to you all!*  
*Bill Vincent*



There will be a CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 11**. This year we are encouraging participants to do a walk of your own creating - whether at a walking path or park or a walk in your own neighborhood. We will be in touch with walkers when we know the best plan for making donations.

As always, 1/4 of donations goes to local food pantries. 3/4 goes to hunger and clean water projects worldwide.

Thank you so much! Now more than ever there is a need for contributions.

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*Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all*

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**A reminder:**

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

**Foster Closet:**

The Foster Closet is up and running again with hours of 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. There is a "sign-up genius" on their Facebook page, and people wishing to get clothes can choose from three time slots - 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Those wishing to donate clothes for children must also use signup genius on their Facebook page. Three people can sign up to donate items at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. They will be met outside the church and volunteers will bring clothes inside.

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website ([www.unionfirstpresby.org](http://www.unionfirstpresby.org)), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: [www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchunion](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchunion)

Bulletin can be found here: <http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/church-bulletins/>