

The Logan Pres



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One of the intriguing aspects of modern life is a propensity to work on the Sabbath day. Hence the Sabbath becomes much like any other day. Moses is credited with giving us the 10 Commandments or Decalogue, which are widely incorporated into civil laws, e.g. the prohibitions against murder, stealing, adultery, etc. There was an additional prohibition included in the Decalogue, the 4th commandment, which advocates for keeping the Sabbath day holy, i.e. set apart from other days. "In it you shall do no work, for in six days the Lord created the heavens, the earth, the seas, and all that fills them. And on the seventh He rested. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and declared it holy." When he came to the section of his magnum opus entitled *The Church Dogmatics* theologian Karl Barth began his reflections upon the 10 Commandments with a focus upon the 4th commandment, in part because Barth indicates it is the easiest commandment to break. Indeed throughout the annals of history there have been efforts to disregard and even eliminate the Sabbath. During the French revolution, for example, the Sabbath was altered from being observed every seven days to every ten days. It didn't last long, however, because people soon became exhausted and fatigued; it was discovered that the human body needs periodic time to regenerate and renew. So the sabbath was reinstituted by one Napoleon Bonaparte in 1805.

It was a century later that the Russian communists abolished the sabbath day, only to discover that, once again, to quote an old maxim: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Atheistic communism learned to accommodate the Sabbath, because human beings need a day set apart. It was Jesus who taught in Mark 2:27 that "the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." Admittedly

there have been times when well-intentioned Christians have insisted upon strict adherence to the 4th commandment, which tends to legalize it rather than viewing the Sabbath as a blessing, which it was God's intention for us when instituting it in the first place.

It is my hope and prayer that you will regularly remember to keep the Sabbath day holy, not just for yourself but for the sake of the community(ies) of which we are all a part.

Yours in His service,
Pastor Keith Schmitt

*There are traditions which subdivide the 10 Commandments differently from our Reformed-Presbyterian tradition, i.e. Lutherans and Roman Catholics combine the first two commandments and then subdivide the 10th commandment in two.

Fall Worship

October 4 - World Communion Sunday

October 11 - CROP Walk

October 18 - Coffee Hour

October 25 - Reformation Sunday, Hymn Requests

Flowers for the Chancel

Flower dedications for the fall are available. The sign-up sheet for 2027 is in the Family Life Center or you can call the office Monday through Thursday from 9-noon and give Lesley your request. Fill in blank spaces with new requests, check your dates and confirm or delete as appropriate. Cost will remain \$20 for each flower arrangement this year. Use the envelopes by the sign-up sheet for your payment. Thanks.



Leaders

Session – Wednesday evening October 14th at 7:00 pm

Deacons – October 4th after worship

Zoom Links and Meeting IDs

Worship: Each Sunday Morning 11:00

Livestream on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2G_il-p0wlw

Choir

Everybody can sing. Keep the Logan choir alive! You will be amazed at how much fun singing together can be. Practice is at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings and 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Come to either or both. Really, you can do this!

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 in the Hoffman House. All women of the church are invited. Please see Sandy Bowen for more information.

Fall Clean-up Day

Fall Clean-up day will be held from 9 am til noon on Saturday 10/3. Come for as long as you can and help keep Logan beautiful and functional! See David McCormick for details or if you have something you think should be addressed.

Thrift Store

The Logan Thrift Store had a great start to the year in September with many of our regular customers and new shoppers filling the store to snap up bargains. The fun continues on October 10th and 24th from 9:00 am until noon. Please come in to check out our selection of Halloween decorations and costumes in addition to housewares, linens, clothes, toys, and more. Volunteers are always welcome on sale days or on our weekly set up day, which is Tuesday from 9:00 am until noon. If you have any questions, please see Meg Murray. Thank you for your donations and support!

Crop Walk

This year's walk to raise money for world hunger through Church World Service will be on Sunday, October 11th, spanning 2 miles through Audubon and Haddon Heights. The walk begins at 1:00. Walk, pray and/or donate!

Registration is now open.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/haddonheightsnj>

Church Officers

The Deacons and Elders of Logan are here to serve you and keep our church running smoothly. Please reach out to any of them with questions or concerns.

Deacons:

Kenny Cashman Jr.
Lori Corker
Lisa Hanson
David McCormick
Al Murray
Grace Murray
Betsy O'Hara
Becki Szkotak
Michael Smith

Elders:

Sam Bunnell
Ken Cashman, Sr.
Kevin Cashman
Ruth Gamble
Dianne Geissler
David Hancock
Al Harris
Gladys Miller

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast is cancelled until further notice.

Worship and Music

'Twas still a busy summer at Logan. Communion was shared with about 50 congregants in June, 40 in July, and down to 30 in August.

Flag Day was recognized, as well as Dads and Grads, in June. Our traditional Christmas in July service was held...yes! In July. With a tree, wreaths, and the singing of a couple Christmas carols, including "The Holly and the Ivy" we could forget about the heat for a brief time. Pastor Keith's related sermon about the historical data suggesting Christ's birth may actually be closer to July than our December date further enhanced the service.

I am still playing with ideas for Faith and Fun Time. Are people still interested in the videos? Do we think a children's themed mini sermon is necessary? I welcome any suggestions you can provide for me, as your input will provide some guidance for me as we enter the fall.

On a buildings and grounds note, flower beds were weeded over the summer and potted flowers watered. Whoever weeded our little patio, it was appreciated. As often stated, along with Thrift Store help, anyone who has a few minutes to help clean the interior of the church, weed or water a bit, would be appreciated. It is a huge property and building and "takes a village" as they say, to keep it up and running. Or if you like to shop I would like to have five new matching wreaths for each season (except Christmas)-for the church doors.

As we continue in this time of flux, don't be shy about sharing traditions you would like seeing Logan continue and/or any other suggestions you may have for the life of the church. Speak with any session member with your ideas.

Thanks, as always, to everyone who works so diligently to keep Logan active and present, not just in church, but throughout the community-with mission drives, Thrift Store, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy O'Hara

We were blessed to have Bruce Main and the Urban Promise International Fellows Choir worship with us on 9/13 and it was wonderful. The singers from countries in Africa sang/danced native tunes in their own tongue and in English. One young man accompanied them on the piano. It was uplifting. The members of the choir will eventually return to their native lands to continue their work in farming, and education, etc.

Bruce Main, Urban Promise creator and director, gave a sermon based on the "butterfly effect"-how every little thing each of us does touches others in some way and spreads the word of God throughout the world.



Mission Moments by Lori Corker

With everything that has been or is continuously being accomplished at Logan, it's hard to ignore how much our October mission, The CROP Hunger Walk organized by Church World Service (CWS), is still one of our most beloved traditions that we have supported for many years.

For a brief explanation of The CROP Hunger Walk, The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota (1969), and York, Pennsylvania (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty.

According to the CWS CROP Hunger Walk website <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/home>, hunger is one the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen!!!!

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will be on **Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 pm** and begin and end here at Logan.

You can register to walk and/or donate funds at the following website:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/haddonheightsnj>

There will also be designated CROP Walk fund envelopes in the bulletins.

MISSION UPDATES

July/August—Back to School Collection: As the pictures indicate below, your donations more than exceeded expectations. What a joy to share God's grace with our Audubon School District (specifically Haviland Avenue and Mansion Avenue Schools). Special thanks to Corinne and Rich Latini for their help with the delivery.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



June—Men's Health Network: We raised \$128 for this invaluable nonprofit organization leading the way in the field of men's health. Their goal is to help spread the message about the need to improve the health and wellbeing of men, boys and their families.

May—Church World Service (CWS) Period Packs: What an overwhelming amount of supplies received for this mission helping people navigate difficult circumstances often when it is needed most. We completed 12 period packs and also were able to donate approximately 115 assorted tampons and children's toothbrushes to our nurse's offices within the Audubon School District. Special thanks to Corinne Latini and the Board of Session for supporting this mission with monetary contributions.



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Julie and Les Spositi ♡♡

2 Sherry DeFrates
Betsy O'Hara

3 Joe Giambri

4 Nicholas Maldonado

5 Roberta Aungst
Robin Painter

6 Mary Louise Hand

7 Bill and Sandy Bowen ♡♡

8 Robert and Patricia Griffith ♡♡

9 Richard and Corinne Latini ♡♡

10 Ray and Ruth Gamble ♡♡

11 David McCormick

12 Courtney Jung

13 Courtney Wood

15 Robert Griffith

16 David and Suellen Hancock ♡♡
Becki and Peter Szkotak ♡♡

18 Jim and Sherry DeFrates ♡♡

22 Meredith Wood
Stan Hanna

24 Sara Lavecchio



Happy Fall

Let us not become weary in
doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.

GALATIANS 6:9





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Fall Cleanup Day 9:00 am - noon
4 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Worship 11:00 <i>Deacon's Mtg.</i>	5	6 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 a.m.- noon "The Chosen" 1:00 pm	7 Choir 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Thrift Store 9:00 a.m. – noon
11 Worship 11:00 <i>CROP Walk</i>	12	13 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 a.m.- noon Women's Circle 1:00 pm "The Chosen" 1:00 pm	14 Choir 6:30 p.m. <i>Session 7:00 p.m.</i>	15	16	17
18 Worship 11:00 <i>Coffee Hour</i>	19 Deadline for November Newsletter Articles	20 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 a.m.- noon "The Chosen" 1:00 pm	21 Choir 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24 Thrift Store 9:00 a.m. - noon
25 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> Worship 11:00	26	27 Thrift Store Workers 9:00 a.m.- noon "The Chosen" 1:00 pm	28 Choir 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31 

