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### **6 Tips for Relating to Visitors at Church-** Pastor Jordan Rimmer

We have all been there. We see a face in the church that we don't know. What do we do? We have problems if we ignore them. We can give them the impression that we don't want them there. We also have problems if we rush them like sharks on a chum line. This gives them the impression that we don't ever get visitors here. That is not a lesson we want them to learn. So, here are 6 tips for relating to guests at church:

**1. Introduce yourself.** There seems to be an inter-dialogue that happens in the minds of people in church. It goes like this: "Look, there is a visitor. Should I go introduce myself or just stare at them?" Easy answer- you should introduce yourself.

**2. Engage in a longer conversation by asking questions.** Conversations are becoming a lost art, so here are a few good ones: Do you live in the area? Did you just move to the area? What brought you to Westminster? What do you do for a living? Do you have family in the area? Do you have kids? What do you like to do when you are not working?

**3. Remember that welcoming is not the pastor's job.** People want to like the pastor but they typically stick around a church because of the people that they connect with. Don't just ask the pastor who that guest is. Ask that guest who that guest is. Then you can introduce them to the pastor or tell the pastor about them.

**4. Try to talk to them after church if you can.** Visitors tend to want to jet after church. Try to talk with them after church. Don't corner them or handcuff them to a pew, but do try to have more conversation. Ask them if they had any questions, if something really stuck with them from the sermon, and if they are looking for a church home. Invite them back to church next week or to another special event that might be upcoming.

**5. Remember their name, even if you have to write it down.** If they come back the next week then use their name, but also re-introduce yourself so that they don't feel bad if they forgot your name.

**6. One of the best things you can do for a person who comes into church is to connect them with another person.** For example, if they have young kids, make sure they meet others with young kids. If they are a teacher, see if you can connect them with someone else who is a teacher.

If a person shows up in church, they did so for a reason. Maybe they are struggling with something. Maybe they are looking for a church. Maybe they are seeking God over a particular decision. They are always more than potential members. They are people with genuine needs. We often only get one chance at a first impression in the church. Do your best to make it a good one.



### THE DATES:

**October 7- Calming the Sea**

**October 14- Sinners, Outcasts & the Poor**

**October 21- The Final Week**

**Lay Leaders:**

- 7 – David Reynolds
- 14 – Kip Haas
- 21 – Dennis Jameson
- 28 – Olivia Hudak



- 7 – Barb Brown, Darlene Kelly,  
Hazel Shannon, Kay Stiffler
- 14 – Charlene Daytner, Shelly DePaolo,  
John Leslie, Ken Thomas
- 21 – Kip Haas, Kacelyn Jameson,  
Tom Kaufman, Dan Umbs
- 28 – The Hudak Family

**Committee Meetings:**

- Mission** – Mon, Oct. 1, 6:00pm
- Worship** – Tues, Oct. 2, 5:00pm
- Christian Ed** – Tues, Oct. 2, 7:00pm
- Session** – Wed, Oct. 10, 6:45pm
- Corp. Affairs** – Thurs, Oct 18, 6:30pm
- Deacons** – Wed, Oct. 24, 6:30pm

**Nut Roll Season is coming...**

**Nut Season** is coming!! Nut roll season that is.

Beginning in late October and continuing several weeks into early December, volunteers will be making Nut Rolls.

Dough prep is on Monday afternoons (around 1:30pm), and baking is done on Tuesdays (beginning at 8:30am).

If you are interested in learning about baking nut rolls, please see Tom Kaufman. Soon there will be order forms in the Sunday bulletin for anyone that would like to purchase a nut roll or two.

Please note that at this time this is an 'in-house' fundraiser only to permit some of us time to get familiar to new surroundings and some of us time to learn.

Thank you!

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**Nut Roll Order Form:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Nut Rolls at \$10.00/each

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ sugar-free nut rolls \$10/each

**Snowbirds/Travelers** – Please note any days you'll be away, so your pick-up day is scheduled for when you're at home: \_\_\_\_\_



**Saturday, Oct. 27**

*Clothes, jewelry, books*

**9:00am – 2:00pm**

# Christian Fellowship



Cassidy Burrelli	10/9
David Dexter	10/9
Sally Porada	10/9
Nancy Shively	10/10
Laura Crawford	10/10
Randy Sumner	10/13
Ida Mae Conner	10/13
Becky Letera	10/13
Caitlyn Stitt	10/19
Brianna Stitt	10/19
Jean Ann Bradley	10/21
Bonnie Cleaver	10/21
Sheri Noga	10/25
Cynthia Book	10/25
Vern Brown	10/26
Pat Hixenbaugh	10/26
David Reynolds	10/26
John McClure	10/27
Julie Burrelli	10/27
Jan Sumner	10/27
Lucas Raiser	10/28
Nick Binder	10/28
Aaron Miller	10/28
Patty Sizer	10/29
Autumn Masters	10/29

## *Women's Luncheon*

Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am

at Millcreek Park (Boardman, OH)

We will be meeting at the church at 10:30am.

Please RSVP to Nancy Hudson, so we don't leave you behind! Thank you!!!

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

in the Conference Room

Our new study for 2018-19 is

"God's Promise: I Am with You"

Through nine lessons, we will discover how God's promise speaks to our circumstances, as individuals and as a community. We will be encouraged to know of God's presence with us wherever we find ourselves on this life's journey – through uncertainty and discouragement; during trials and times of powerlessness; when we seek God's guidance and, yes, during our everyday lives.

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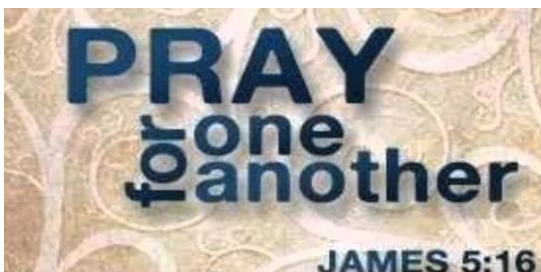
## PATHFINDERS

Wednesday, Oct. 3

6:00pm at Palates (Westgate Plaza)

For all church members, family & friends.

*Please RSVP by calling Nancy Gray (724-652-7055)  
or Charlie Weisz (724-761-6792) if you plan to attend.*



Sydney Angelo, Kosey Fennick; Lois Kulsic; Piper Ondrasik; Matthew Ringwellski; Ron Shaw; Jerry Stiffler; Soldiers & families; Politicians & elected officials; Police & protesters; Refugees; Israel; Arab world; Sudan; Victims of Natural disasters (fire, drought, flooding); Home-bound people.



*Glorifying God by reaching out,  
and building up for Christ.*



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