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Dear friends,

Brigid and I were very grateful recently to have some help in cutting things back in the Manse garden. Some of the bushes certainly needed it badly, and there are trees needing attention as and when that's possible. I'm not a great gardener but I do know that you cut back in order to foster new growth, and for the sake of shaping and managing.



It is quite a positive way to think of cutting back. There is a season for it. So might that help us as a picture for the season which is undoubtedly on the way for the churches across all of our area?

Well, it needs to be handled with care. In the garden uncontrolled cutting back could kill the bush altogether; you want to know what you're doing while you are pruning, and what the best time for it is. So in the church story that's the point which we are at. There will be fewer Ministers around, and there should be fewer buildings around. But how we do it, for the sake of new growth?

At the end of September the Presbytery had presented to it a draft Plan. It contained definite proposals – including quite radical cuts in the Calderbank and Chapelhall directions. That was painful to discover, but it wasn't helped by the lack of supporting explanation. There wasn't a strong case made for why this should be the Plan. Up to now, our own local cluster talks had anticipated definitely pruning in the Calderbank and Chapelhall directions, but we had not closed the discussions. In fact we positively wanted to work at our options. So I did speak up at Presbytery and discovered, as I imagined, that we were not the only cluster group who were struggling to understand the reasoning behind the specifics of the Plan. I moved that the Presbytery Planning Group should explain their thinking and solicit reactions from Kirk Sessions before the whole Presbytery were obliged to vote. And this passed.

The result is that the draft Plan is therefore still out for consultation, and we hope we will both hear a bit more of why the Planning Group made their proposals and how we might best respond to them.

Please continue to keep this in your prayers. And always feel free to talk / ask / dream about what is best.

Yours, Peter



Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 29th October at 9.30am.



Children in Distress Shoe Box Appeal

If anyone would like to take part please hand all boxes in to the Church by Sunday 29th October.

Boxes will be made up for babies, children and OAP's. Suggested contents include:

Unopened toiletries
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Soap/Flannel
Colour Books /Crayons



Balloons
Small Toys
Pens/Pencils
Glove/Scarf/Hats



A special Songs of Praise evening has been arranged for Sunday 22nd October at 6.30 pm. This is for the four congregations in our cluster – Calderbank joining with Cairnlea, Chapelhall and Clarkston. It will be held in Cairnlea Church.

Do plan to come! It should be a lovely time for us to worship together

Wedding thanks

It was such a surprise when we returned from our honeymoon to receive a very generous gift from the congregation for our wedding. We are extremely grateful for your generosity. Many thanks. Catherine & David Findlay



Brownies

Bonjour!

The Brownies started back in August and we've been learning French for our Languages badge. They're learning the basics and are all doing really well, multi lingual before we know it.

We've also had a lot of new Brownies joining this session and we're now at 20 girls which is the most we've had for a long time. To get to know each other we have been playing getting to know you games including Two Truths and a Lie. One of the girls truths was that her family in Romania have 29 dogs!! We also learned that one of them is a secret midnight snacker and her sister who is also a Brownie was very surprised, she'd been wondering where the snacks were going. There may have been some heated discussion between them that night at home but I can neither confirm nor deny that.

Now that we've seen how they work together they'll be sorted into their Sixes (Groups) and we'll have Mermaids, Unicorns, Dragons again and we are going to ask the Brownies what they would like the 4th Six to be. Sixers are in charge of each Six and they have a Secondar to help them out. Sixers and Seconders also help out the Guiders so it's all very much team work.





Dedication of Calderbank Guild

The Dedication of our own Guild will take place on Sunday
8th October at 9.30am

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IN
FAITH**

Calderbank Opening Social

The opening social will be held on Monday 9th October at
1pm.



Guild Diary

DATE	EVENT
16 th October	Margaret Muir
23 rd October	Charles Irwin- Beekeeping
30 th October	Marion Donald
6 th November	Michelle Deja Vu



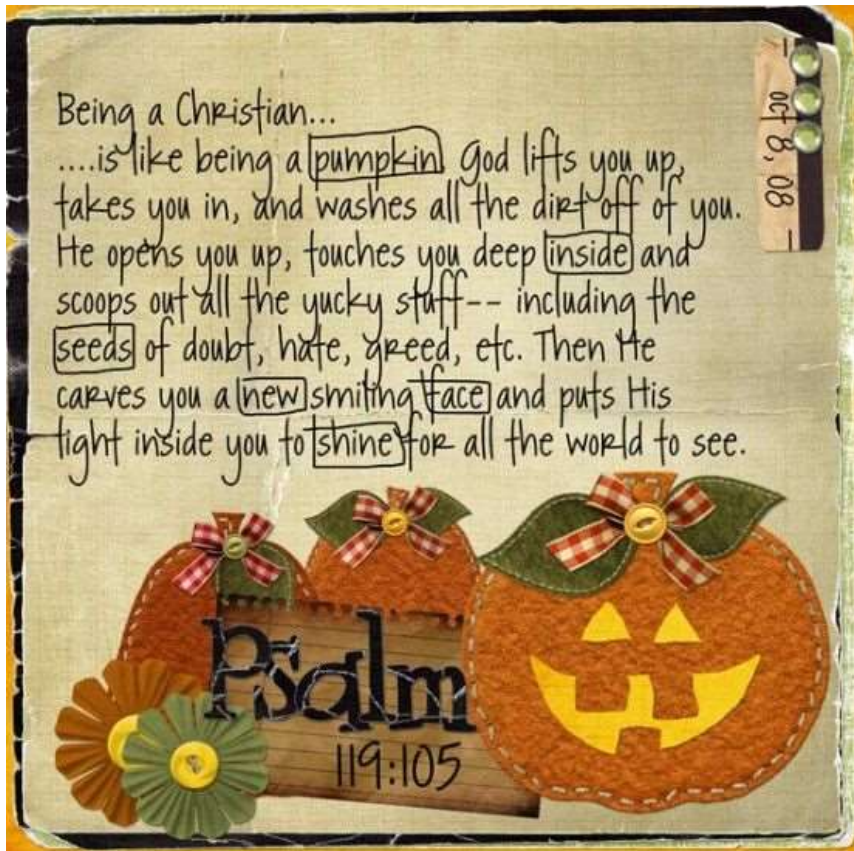
There will be a fun Beetle Drive on Tuesday 10th October, at 6 pm. Come and join with boys from our Boys' Brigade and their families. Light refreshments will be served. Any donations will go to the 1st Calderbank BBs. And if there's home baking, we'll hope to offer that at super prices!!

This month marks the 140th anniversary of the Boys' Brigade being founded. All sorts of events are planned, and activities for the companies. Amongst other things we're doing in Calderbank is a planned sleepover for the boys (let's hope there's some sleep!). We'll be doing that on the same night as all over the United Kingdom, and there will be a point when a Zoom call will be held to link all the companies up. The wonders of 21st century technology!



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 18th November from 11am to 1pm with all the usual stalls, teas and cakes.



HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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Halloween Tombstone Vampire Pumpkin Candy

Skull Ghost Bat Scary Spooky Witch Graveyard

Candy Corn Trick or Treat Costume Black Cat Full Moon Chilly

Hot Cider Eerie October Frankenstein Party Fangs Casket

The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,

As I carve my pumpkin,
help me pray this prayer:

Open my mind so that

I can learn about You;

(cut the top off the pumpkin)

Take all my sin and forgive

the wrong that I do.

(clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;

(cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for times I've turned up

my nose at what You've given to me.

(cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;

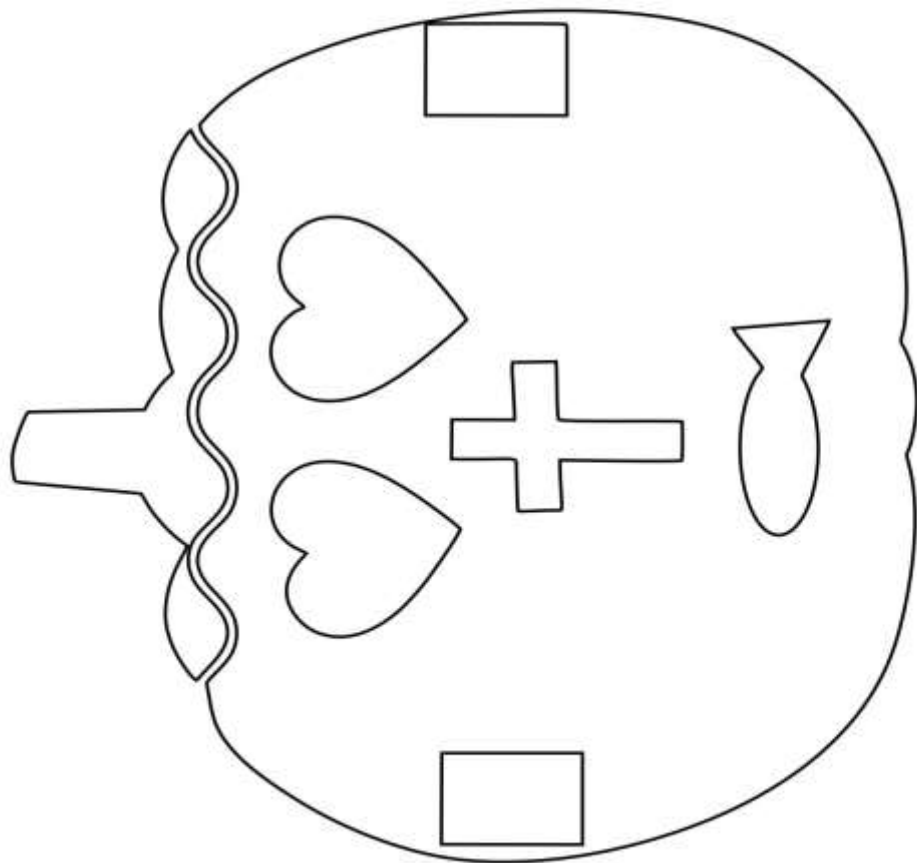
(cut ears shaped like a Bible)

Open my mouth to tell others You're near.

(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do!

(place candle inside and light it)



A Christian Pumpkin

I am a Jack O' Lantern
My light will shine so bright

For I am a Christian pumpkin
My symbols tell what's right.

My nose is like the cross
on which our Savior died

To set us free from sin
We need no longer hide.

My mouth is like a fish
The whole wide world to show

That Christians live in this house
And love their Savior so!

The story starts at Christmas
My eyes are like the star

That shone on Baby Jesus
And wise men saw from far

My color it is orange
Just like the big bright sun

That rose on Easter Day
Along with Gods' own Son.

And so on Halloween
Let's set our pumpkins out

And tell the trick or treaters
What Gods' love is all about!





Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Every Tuesday	Boys Brigade	6pm until 7.30pm
Every Wednesday	Brownies	7.00pm until 8.30pm
4 th October	Shine Concert Group	7.30pm
8 th October	Dedication of Calderbank Guild	09.30am
8 th October	Harvest Thanksgiving in Cairnlea Church	3pm
9 th October	Calderbank Opening Social	1.00pm until 2.30pm
10 th October	Boys Brigade Beetle Drive	6pm-7pm
22 nd October	Song of Priase in Cairnlea Church	7pm
29 th October	Sacrament of Holy Communion	9.30am
12 th November	Remembrance Sunday	9.30am
18 th November	Christmas Fayre	11am to 1pm

AUTUMN LEAVES



Why do leaves change color in the Autumn?

Most of the spectacular colors of autumn have actually been in the leaves all summer, however they were "covered up" by the dominant green of the chlorophyll. As weather cools, and shorter days settle in, the chlorophyll begins to break down, revealing new and varied color pigments. The brightest colors are seen when late summer is dry, and autumn has bright sunny days and cool nights.



White Birch



GREEN - Chlorophyll

Chlorophyll is responsible for helping trees and plants turn sunlight into food. For most months, it is the dominant color seen in most leaves until it fades away. As many trees shut down their food production, they turn to stored sugars to survive the winter.



Swamp Chestnut Oak



RED - Anthocyanin

Unlike other leaf colors that always exist in the leaf, anthocyanins are produced as the chlorophyll is broken down. The anthocyanins are often seen in leaves named for their autumn splash of red including Red Maples, Scarlet Oaks, and Red Sumacs.



Sugar Maple



ORANGE - Carotene

Sugar Maples may be one of the best examples of carotene in action. Their bright signature orange fills many hills and country roads throughout the northern US. Sassafras leaves also turn a slightly more muted orange. As its name implies, Carotenes are also the chemical responsible for giving carrots their unique coloring.



Aspen



YELLOW - Xanthophyll

Xanthophyll can be seen throughout the fall in trees including beeches, ashes, birches, aspens, and some oaks. It also contributes its bright yellow color to autumn squash and corn.

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Fall Leaf Sudoku

It's Autumn, Fall "brown leaf" Sudoku - Fill in the grid with the letters B, R, O, W, N, L, E, A and F, making sure no letter is repeated in every row, every column and within each mini grid.

b					n			r
l	r	n	e		a			
	f		l		b	e		
e	w				r	o	f	
n	b	f	w	e		a	r	l
r	a				f	n	w	
	n		r		l	b		
a	l	b	n		w			
w					e			n



Flower Rota



1 st October	Mrs E Gowans
8 th October	Mrs Greta McIntosh
15 th October	Mrs Gillian & Mrs Betty Thomson
22 nd October	Family of Mr D MacVicar
29 th October	Mrs Ann Burns
5 th November	Campbell, Helen & Stuart MacIver

Door Duty Rota

1 st October	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
8 th October	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
15 th October	Mr J Currie	Mr D MacIver
22 nd October	Mr D Stewart	Mr B Kinniburgh
29 th October	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
5 th November	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop



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5th November 2023



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Thank You

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