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Dear Members, Attenders and Friends of FPCO,

Homecoming Sunday!

This is what we are calling the first Sunday in October. October 2, 2022 begins our new programming year and we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 11 o'clock service. However, there is more to it than that. This the day that we are hopeful that those of you who have been absent from our midst during the last two years will rejoin us. Rejoin the body of Christ in person; rejoin those who have been meeting regularly week after week; rejoin and recommit to worship, service, fellowship with, and support of, your fellow Olney Presbyterian friends.

In the past few weeks, you have heard from the Trustees about the tenuous financial position of the church and you have heard from our Pastor, Randy Barge about, among other things, the struggles of the past COVID years have had on our attendance.

But God is not done with us yet.

The Christian Education Committee sponsored a summer Vacation Bible School and the Community Outreach Committee sponsored a clean up day. As Randy mentioned, October will bring our annual fall festival; November the Women's Association will hold a gathering on the 12th that features a former member and Elder Care/Estate Planning lawyer whose message is always timely; and our traditional pre-Thanksgiving dinner will return on the 20th. And, of course, December brings Advent and the coming of the Lord Jesus into our world.

Something else, something special, happens this fall. December 5, 1898 was the founding of the First Presbyterian Church of Olney! In 2023 we will be celebrating the 125th year of service.

Homecoming Sunday, October 2, 2022 – we look forward to seeing you at 11 o'clock.

The Worship Committee