

Presbyterian Press Celebrating All saints Day

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A note from the Pastor. . .

I pray that this news letter finds you well, and blessed. Let me tell you a little bit about what we have been working on in the life of our wonderful church family. Our mission study team is working to wrap up their work in order to publish a report that will be shared with the congregation, and the presbytery. This report will then be approved by the presbytery and used to begin the process of calling a permanent pastor. This is a necessary step toward moving from our transitional status to having a called and installed pastor here at First United Presbyterian, regardless of who that pastor may be. Transitional work is always difficult because it is born out of necessary change, but it is also a time of reflection, and growth, and this process has helped us to shape our vision for how this church lives and loves in this community and beyond. So please join me in thanking the members of this committee.

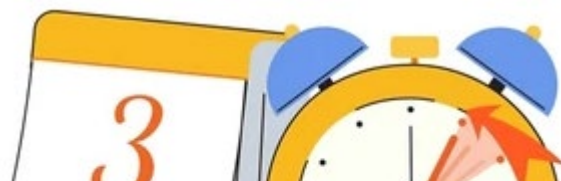
Recently we had the opportunity to celebrate All Saints' Day with a candle lighting and reading of the names of those who have transitioned into the arms of our Savior. It was a beautiful and heartwarming service that reminds us that we are so wonderfully and profoundly connected to those with whom we share the journey of life. Thank you to all who submitted names, and a special thank you to Holly VanBuskirk for assembling the names and coordinating this service.

We will be having a congregational meeting on November 17th, right after the worship service, please plan on attending as we always want as much input as possible, and for everyone to be as well informed as possible.

I am excited to be planning for what is an important season in our church, and doubly excited I get the opportunity to share the season of Advent with all of you. Advent is actually a much misunderstood season in the church. Because of the modern day excitement of the Christmas season, many think that Advent is Christmas. For the church however, the Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and runs until Epiphany Eve which is January 5th also known as the Twelfth Night. This is where the 12 days of Christmas song comes from. Advent is actually the beginning of the liturgical year and begins on the Sunday that is four Sundays before Christmas Day. There are four Sundays that each have a theme. The first Sunday's theme which is the overall theme of Advent is hope, the second is peace, the third is joy, and the fourth is love. You may notice that one of the advent wreath candles is pink, different than the others that are traditionally either white or blue. This candle is for joy which is set aside as a special emotion in advent as it is different than the lament over the reflection of what life would be without Jesus. Advent is a season to contemplate how the entrance of Christ into the world, not only changed the world over 2000 years ago, but how it changes our lives each day. It is a time to prepare our homes for the joy of the Christmas season and to prepare our hearts to be a place where the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ abide and to prepare our lives that they might be a vessel of those things to the world in which we live. As a part of this preparation, we will be sending out daily devotions similar to the ones during the season of Lent. I pray that those will be a blessing to you. We will also be doing some special things during our worship services beginning on December 1, so please do your best to attend.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Greg

DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS



Did you know. . .

Your mother must have been a saint! Anyone with rambunctious brothers and/or sisters (but it's mostly the boys. . .) has no doubt heard this more than once in their life.

Being Protestant, what do we really know about the saints? Everyone probably knows enough to get by, such as Saint Francis was kind to animals, St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland, and Saint Bernadette saw the Holy Mother in a dirty grotto in France.

The word "saint" comes from the Latin word *sanctus*, which means "holy". A saint is someone who is considered very holy or good, or who is officially perceived as holy within a religion or faith. A Patron Saint is one considered to be a defender of a group or nation. And the list of groups goes from Academics to Zookeepers!

To us, it is quite understandable to recognize Patron Saints for Scholars, Orphans, Firefighters, Chaplains, etc. but a Patron Saint for Astronauts, Clowns, Ice skaters and Saddle Makers? Well, yes, they need protection as well.

There are over 10,000 canonized Patron Saints but no real official count or complete list of them.

There are countries who have specific Saints watching over them. Scotland has Saint Andrew, the United States has Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, England – St. George, and Ireland – St. Patrick.

The Saints have a devotion to their respective groups. St. Francis is the Patron Saint of animals, St. Christopher, the Patron Saint of Travelers, hence the many references to a St. Christopher medal in movies, television shows and everyday life. The Patron Saint of Children is St. Nicholas, quite fitting as Christmas nears.

As protestants we do not practice praying with the Saints, but maybe we should. Just as we don't take on a big job without training or start a game without reading the instructions, the Saints serve as our guides in praising God, sharing our thankfulness, and easing our worries with their intercession.

The word "intercession" stems from the Latin verb *intercedere* meaning "intervene, come between, be between." We aren't praying to the Saints but with them. And they're always available — even at 4 a.m. when you can't sleep.

Each year we honor those who have gone before us as saints. A saint using the lower case is explained as people in heaven who have been blessed by God and asked for redemption.

Officially, a capital-S "Saint" is someone who the Church has deemed worthy of imitation and honor for their heroically virtuous life. But this isn't a simple process. It takes years and the testimony of many people to declare a person's sainthood.

Most important to understand, however, is that Saints lived their earthly lives out of utmost love for their communities — some in service, some in prayer, and some in martyrdom. This love for their communities doesn't stop at the end of their earthly lives. Rather, it is eternal.

So, remember your Mother, Father, Grandparents, Teachers who probably put up with more than you realize (again, mostly those boys) and ask for a little more blessing over them. After all, we can't all be saints on Earth, but we certainly can do a better job of patterning our lives after them.

Good News. . .



A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS!

Thank you for your sacrifices, for your valor, for the things you carry, for protecting us, and for defending our rights. Thank you to all our veterans for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe.



Established 1926

R. A. Boone

Father of Tom Boone

Michael A. Brienza – Captain

Father of Anne Brienza

Raymond Wical – Staff Sergeant

Father of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman



Established 1775

Raymond Boone

Uncle of Tom Boone

Russell Boone

Uncle of Tom Boone

John Boone

Uncle of Tom Boone

Roland A. Brady – Sergeant

Father of Michael Brady

Carmel Conley – Military Police

Father-in-law of Bonnie Conley

Edward K. Core Jr.

Husband of Joyce Core, Brother of Nancy Wisse

Robert W. Core

Brother of Nancy Wisse, Brother-in-law of Joyce Core

John Dearwester – Corporal

Husband of Sue Dearwester

Lawrence Hildreth – Master Sergeant

Uncle of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman

Burr Hines

Father-in-law of Marge Hines
Grandfather of Julie Stephens, Jon Hines, Jill Butler

Robert Hlavin – Captain
Christopher Jenkins – Sargeant 1st Class



Whitney Jenkins – Warrant Officer 2
James C. Kennedy – Sargeant

Michael L. King – KIA
Richard Kramer – Admin. NCO
John M. Matthews - Sargeant
Gary McKenzie
Charles E. McKenzie
Joseph Messner – Corporal

Roger Powers
Russell Prater – Staff Sargeant
Jerome (Jerry) Ritter – Private 1st Class



Kurt Spinney – Sargeant
Roger L. Vickers – 1st Lieutenant
Luke Waugh
John P. Webster
Jim Wical
Robert Williams
Ronald Wisse

Uncle of Joanne Ritter
Son of Edson and Cindy Jenkins
Daughter of Edson and Cindy Jenkins
Father of Karl and Lisa Kennedy
Grandfather of Andy and Natasha Kennedy
Friend of Gary McKenzie
Father of Karen Baldwin
Uncle of Holly VanBuskirk
Husband of Lois McKenzie
Brother of Gary McKenzie
Father of Joliece and Rick Reed
Grandfather of Finley and Jameson Reed
Father of Beth Powers
Father of Pam and Tom Ark
Husband of Joanne Ritter
Son-in-law of Brenda and Charles Oda
Brother of Sue Crawfis
Uncle of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman
Uncle of Nancy Wisse
Brother of Bill Wical, Susan Wortman
Uncle of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman
Husband of Nancy Wisse



Established 1947

David Bob – Colonel



Robert A. Day – Staff Sargeant
Bridget Hawkins – Master Sargeant
Robert Kerch – Tech Sargeant
Jenni Amidon Mann – Major

Son-in-law of Bill and Judy Wical
Brother-in-law of Bob and Debbie Day
Son of Bob and Debbie Day
Grandson of Bill and Judy Wical
Wife of Robert Kerch
Husband of Bridget Hawkins
Daughter of Woody and Katie Amidon

Harold Miller – Captain

Husband of Vera Miller

Pamela Robinson – Master Sargeant

Sister of Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch

Joseph R. St. Louis – Tech Sargeant

Cousin of Karen Baldwin



Established 1915

Richard H. Ortli – Petty Officer

Husband of Patricia Ortli

William S. Shafer – Machinist Mate

Stepfather of Karen Baldwin



Established 1775



Corbin Messner – Gunnery Sergeant

Brother of Joliece and Rick Reed
Uncle of Finley and Jamison Reed



Christina Rose-Messner - Sargeant

Sister of Joliece and Rick Reed
Aunt of Finley and Jamison Reed

Dr. F. Blair Webster

Uncle of Nancy Wisse

Joseph Williams

Uncle of Bill Wical, Jim Wical, Susan Wortman



Established 1798

Michael Chervenak - Lieutenant JG

Husband of Sandi Chervenak

Rexanne Wilgus Cole - Staff Sargeant

Daughter of Nancy Stokes

Rick Conley

Husband of Bonnie Conley

Donald T. Harris – Petty Officer

Father of Holly VanBuskirk

David O. Hesson – Lieutenant JG

Father of Karen Brady

April Hawkins – Chief Petty Officer

Sister of Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch

Christopher Hawkins – Petty Officer

Brother of Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch

John (Jack) Hines

Husband of Marge Hines

Father of Julie Stephens, Jon Hines, Jill Butler

Jon C. Hines

Son of Marge Hines
Brother of Julie Stephens, Jill Butler

Edson Jenkins – Electronics Tech

Husband of Cindy Jenkins



Chad McKenzie – Captain

Son of Gary and Lois McKenzie



Anthony Hawkins-Propst – Petty Officer

Nephew of Bridget Hawkins and Robert Kerch

Robert L. Stahler

Father of Ben and Sara Stahler, Robyn and Andy Wunderle

Charles Webster

Uncle of Nancy Wisse



Currently serving our country.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Proud of our nation, they answered her call,
Defending the freedom and safety of all.
On land or on sea, or in jets high above
They went out of duty, and honor and love.

But however they served, Lord, wherever they went,
Please bless them and help them to know what it meant.
And help us to thank them, on Veterans' Day
For we owe them far more, than we ever could say.



Many thanks to our volunteers who made our participation in the Pumpkin Walk a great success!!

Our Noodlers waste no time in getting the job done!!

Woody Amidon takes care of Quality Control!!



The empty chair at the dinner table, the automated voice at the dead end of a phone call relaying that the number has been disconnected, the longing to tell a story about something that happened in your day, something you know they would laugh at, they would be proud of, they would be

overjoyed to hear— these are the things that eat us alive when grieving the death of a loved one, the things that bring about a sense of emptiness within our souls that cannot be filled with anything this earth has to offer. We can miss a person for various reasons aside from death—a long lost friend due to a friendship that has faded, a beloved soldier due to having been deployed overseas, a past lover due to a relationship that has failed. While the intensity may be drastically more potent, missing a person is by no means unique to death.



Our KIDS NIGHT OUT Pumpkin Patch!



The weather was cool, but the PWA Annual Ladies' Retreat was a great success!!

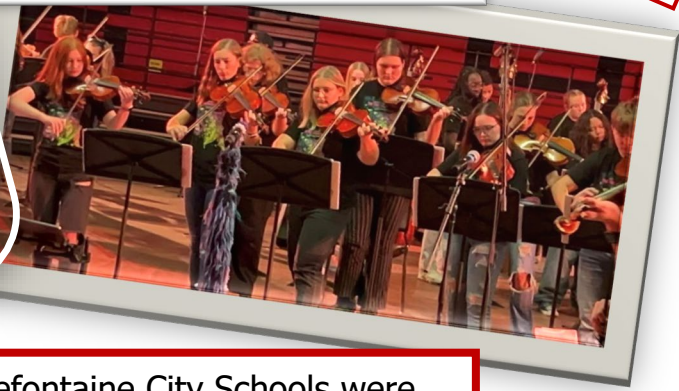
November is WorldWide Bereaved Siblings Month

Worldwide Bereaved Siblings Month is an annual designation observed in November. During this month, we encourage you to reach out to someone you know who has lost a brother or sister. Losing a sibling causes pain that nobody can even begin to imagine unless it's something they have gone through themselves. Many say that sibling grief has been overlooked in literature on bereavement. People tend

to console the parents, friends, and children of the person who died before thinking about their siblings. Some studies show this is because when someone passes away, their siblings generally try to take the reigns on funeral planning and making sure everyone else in the family is doing okay. Siblings suffer a great deal when they lose one another, especially if they die too young. But many people who have lost a brother or sister say they have felt "trumped" by the grief of other family members since the focus is usually on the parents, surviving spouse and children of the deceased. Surviving siblings often feel guilt, abandonment, loss of innocence, fallout from the family, somatic symptoms, fear and anxiety when their brother or sister dies.



MARK
WOOD



Recently, kids from the Bellefontaine City Schools were treated to a day of tutorials and talent with Mark Wood, a member of the TranSiberian Orchestra!

Mr. Wood and his wife brought together orchestra players and singers from the choir department and gave instruction, fun and fellowship to these musical kids.

Family members and the community were invited to quite a show of what was learned in this workshop.

Congratulations to all the kids who participated, what a wonderful day of music and Mark.

Tips for discussing death with a child. . .

Using age-appropriate language, talk openly about death.

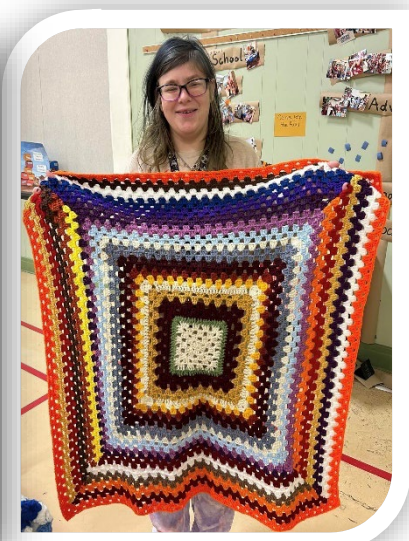
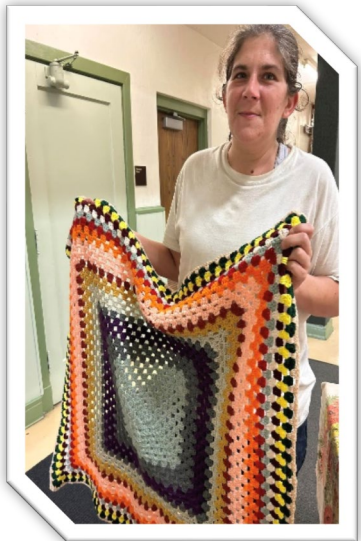
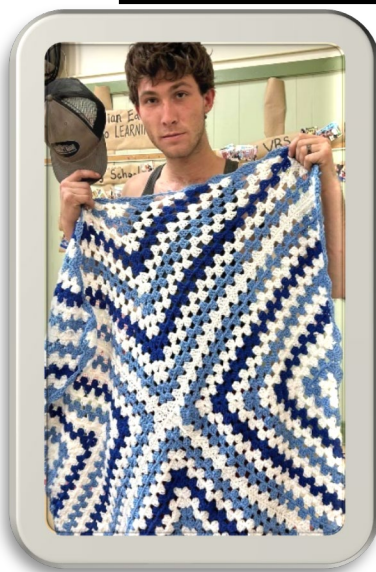
Share your feelings so the child doesn't feel alone.

Be honest and direct with they can understand.

Avoid confusion and fear by using the phrase "asleep" or "God's will" but explain the differences.

Give inviting, non-verbal clues. Lots of hugging and affection, allow questions.

Attend to your own grief as well, carve out some time for you



As usual, our October Dinner at the Pres was a success!! We served 25 guests with a meal of chili, corn muffins, and pumpkin pie, with hot dogs and chips for any kids who are not a fan of the chili.

As a surprise, our own Katie Amidon brought in beautiful lap blankets she had crocheted which were given away as a door prize.

We have one more month to serve before we suspend for the winter. Please come out November 26 to volunteer, or just to have a meal!

Thank You's . . .

**I will forever remember attending your church, precious memories were made that day. . .

~ LaVerne Stevens

**I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the total congregation's friendly treatment shown to my grandson, daughter and myself Sunday October 6, 2024.

We had the opportunity of attending your church that day when my grandson, Cody Myers, was guest speaker.

Prior to the service I was reading the bulletin and saw a name in the prayer concerns. After the service, I asked a member of the church to see if there was possibly a member of the Amidon family in attendance. What a great surprise when I asked about Rev. Forrest Amidon, only to be told that he and his wife were both sitting in the back of the church.

When I introduced myself and indicated I was a member of the Jamestown Presbyterian Church, I saw an immediate reaction from both. I told Rev. Amidon my husband and I had just celebrated our 59th Wedding anniversary and that he had officiated that wedding on September 4, 1965.

I then had the honor of introducing my daughter, Michelle Myers, and my grandson, Cody Myers. As I stood there I felt great pride that three generations were in the presence of the one who blessed it all so long ago.

A thank you is certainly not enough, but will simply have to do

With sincere gratitude,

LaVerne Stevens

Michelle Myers

Cody Myers

First United Presbyterian Church Family,

Thank you so much for your willingness to partner with us for Vacation Bible School! What an amazing blessing to see children give toward clean water for those who so desperately need it. You have truly changed the lives of a while community. THANK YOU! We are humbled and honored by your faithfulness!! BLESSINGS!

~Jean-Paul and Rita Tiendrebeogo

Kingdom Investment International

Thank you to those who allowed us to honor their Saints, those who have passed away in the past year. Our thoughts are with you and your loved ones as you remember your Saint with love.

Joy Baker – Mother of Pastor Greg & Wendi Menssen

Bob Hemminger – Brother of Joyce Core

Andrew Kaczar – Grandson of Judy & Frank Bozman
Tom Pelphrey – Cousin of McKenzie Family
Jerry Pelphrey – Cousin of McKenzie Family

Shirley Fino – Mother of McClelland Family
Art Hertlein – Uncle of McClelland Family
Phillip Howard – Cousin of McKenzie Family
David Howard – Cousin of McKenzie Family

Dear Church Family, We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful anniversary poster. We feel so blessed to be celebrating our 59th anniversary. It truly warmed our hearts to see all your signatures. Thanks to Ben for dropping it off today. Your love and support mean so much to us.

Love, Nate and Becky Weber

Those needing our Special Prayers. .

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Craig Sickles
Eleanor Brewer
Anne Heinlen
Mary Jane Baker

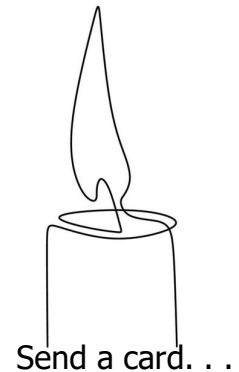
Mark Amidon
Vicki Shafer
Karen Primavera
Vera Miller

Chris Suman
Carl Wunderle
Mary Jane Baker
Ciara Ericksen

Bud Jackson
Pat Newman
Roxanne Fisher
Deardurff Family

With us in Spirit . . .

Sue Albano *104, 2739 Co. Rd. #91 Belleft. 43311
Byron Fullerton *316, 2739 Co. Rd. #91 Belleft. 43311
Vera Miller 10536 Manatee Drive Huntsville 43324
Lois Ashworth 209 E. Glen Belleft. 43311
June Coil 6559 US Rt. 68 S. West Liberty 43357
Bob Carter 6559 US Rt. 68 S. West Liberty 43357
Joyce Core 2450 Co. Rd. #118 Rushsylvania 43347
Bud and Mona Eichholtz 1328 Omaha Rd. Belleft. 43311
Anne Heinlen 741 E. Sandusky Ave. Belleft. 43311
Marcella Neeld 541 Center St. Belleft. 43311
Nate Weber 608 Newford Dr. Belleft. 43311

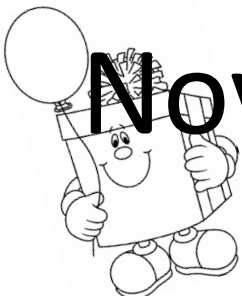


Celebrating a Birthday in

November. . .

November 2: Edson Jenkins

November 18: Dorothy Snapp



November 7: Krista Adelsberger
November 8: Bob Carter, Ben Sailors
November 9: Julie Caughenbaugh
November 15: Deacon Lloyd
November 17: Jim Hilliker

November 21: Becky Lentz
November 23: Kyle Lentz
November 25: Linda Hilliker
November 29: Jordan Butler
November 30: Reed Kennedy

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in November. . .

November 10: Holly and Jeff Core

November 15: Rod and Tara Bair

November 25: Mark and Jill Butler

In the Kitchen. . . *love*

All Saints Day Cookies (Ossi dei Morti)

Ingredients:

1 C. sugar

1 tsp. Almond Extract

1 egg

2.5oz. Ground Almonds

½ C. All Purpose Flour

¾ tsp. Baking Powder

Pinch of Salt

To Serve: Powdered Sugar



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. and line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium sized bowl, whisk together the sugar, extract, and egg until blended.

Stir in the almonds, baking powder, flour, and salt, and stir just until combined.

Dump mixture onto a lightly floured hard surface and gently knead a minute or two with your hands until smooth. (Dough will be sticky)

Divide the dough into three pieces and roll each into a 1-inch log.

Cut the log into 1 1/2-inch to 2-inch pieces, then use your fingers to roll each piece into ropes about 4-inches long.

Place the cookies 2 to 3 inches apart on the prepared baking sheets and bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until the cookies just begin to brown and the tops feel set when touched with your fingertips.

Cool completely, dust with powdered sugar and enjoy!

Throw an easy All Saint's Day Party with these goodies. . . .

St. Thomas Fingers – mini franks and barbecue sauce in a crockpot.



St. Bernadette Sticks – Pretzels Rods

St. Maria Stew – Dinty Moore

St. Francis Friends – Animal Crackers

Haloos of the Saints – mini doughnuts

Blood of the Martyrs – Red Jello Jigglers



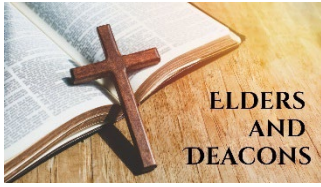
The Stewardship and Finance Committee announces Stewardship Sunday, November 17, 2024.

Until that day you will hear a Moment for Stewardship at every Worship Service. These will come from the Stewardship and Finance Committee as well as representatives of other committees in the hopes of helping people to understand exactly what goes on within the inner workings of the church.

On that Sunday, you may make your pledge for 2025. We are not asking for as much money as you can possibly give, we are asking for what money you are comfortable with giving. There is one person in the church who will know what your pledge is, that information is given to no one. Your pledge is between you and the Lord. We want you to contribute what you are satisfied you can afford.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

Committee calendar. . .



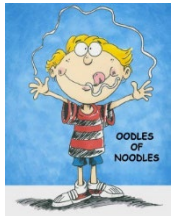
The Nominating committee is currently setting the line up for the newest members of the Board of Deacons and our Elders for Session. If you are interested in learning more about some of the inner workings of the church, please contact the Church Office at 1stupc@bellefontainepres.com or by calling 937-592-6611.



Our Daily Bread Bakers deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the third Monday of each month between the hours of 8:30am and 6:00pm.

November 18, 2024

Tara Bair Karen Brady
Anne Brienza Debbie Day



Noodles are still available! There were so many oodles of noodles made that we have some to sell!!

\$4.00 a pound, benefiting the PWA Election Day Lunch, but you better hurry!! They won't last long!! Contact the Church Office.



The Mission and Outreach Committee will be collecting gently used coats, hats and gloves to offer to our guests at the November Dinner at the Pres. If you have any of these to donate, please bring them to the Church Office!



Say hello to Tiny Jesus! He is always among us and is watching over you! But where is he watching from? He could be anywhere in the church and if you happen to find him, you can bring him to the Church Office and win a prize!

You will know he is the one you want to find because he will have a black mark on the bottom of one foot.

If you find his helpers, Tiny Jesus at the Pulpit, Tiny Jesus enjoying the bells, or Tiny Jesus listening to Tom play the organ, please do not get too excited. Those Tiny Jesus helpers are not eligible for a prize.



We have recently been gifted two walkers and two shower seats for anyone who may need to borrow them! The First Christian Church had been collecting items for their own use and ended up with many more than they really need. They have reached out to all the churches and offered to pass them along! A thank you card has been sent, but if you know anyone from that church, please thank them for their generosity!!



Pastor Greg would LOVE to put together a Youth Sunday and give our kids another chance to lead the service!! If your kids would be interested in participating in a Sunday, please contact the Church Office!! The more the merrier!



If you are interested in providing flowers for the Communion table on a Sunday, to honor someone, or just because, please contact Holly in the Church Office (937) 592-6611 or secretary@bellefontainepres.com for more information.



Volunteers to help in the nursery are always welcome!! You can spend time with our little ones, coloring or playing games! Brenda Jenkins, our Nursery Attendant is happy to have you during the time of the Worship Service. Contact Anne Brienza.



If you are fascinated by those who serve as Worship Leaders on Sunday morning and want to take a leap of faith to help out, please contact Anne Brienza for availability dates!



The more Special Music, the BETTER!! We are looking for anyone and everyone who would like to participate in special music for our Worship Services! You can do just about anything!! Sing alone, sing in a group, play an instrument!! Age doesn't matter, we want everyone to enjoy being a part of the musical section of the service! If you are available to participate, please contact the Church Office for more information!



How we love to see our acolytes bringing the Light of God and the Holy Bible each Sunday morning! This is not just an activity for the young ones, we would like to see our adults active in this part of the service! We would especially be happy to have family members working together! For more information, contact Sue Crawfis!



Do you have any small household projects that you just can't get to due to mobility? That pesky lightbulb that needs to be changed? An outlet that needs repair? A leak that needs a small washer replaced?

The Mission Committee sponsors **HELPING HANDS!** We have members of the church who would be happy to help you through those small jobs that you just can't quite get to! Applications are available in the Narthex and at the Elevator entrance from the alley.

There is no charge for this service! We just want everyone to be safe and comfortable in their own home!! Of course, there are some requirements. . .

If we are able to help you in any way, please fill out an application today, drop it in the offering plate or email it to the Church Office at 1stupc@bellefontainepres.com. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office (937) 592-6611 for more information.

Meeting in November . . .

The Church Office will be CLOSED Monday November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

The Handbell Choir will not rehearse Wednesday, November 27.

The Book Study will meet Tuesdays, 11:00am.

The Property Team meets Wednesday November 6, 1:30pm

The Church Growth and Member Care Team meets Sunday November 10, 12:00pm.

The Worship Team meets November 12, 1:30pm.

The Deacons meet Tuesday November 12, 5:00pm.

The Mission Team meets Tuesday November 12, 6:00pm.

The Stewardship and Finance Team meets Wednesday November 13, 12:00pm.

The CE Team meets Wednesday November 13, 5:30pm.

The PWA Leadership meets Sunday November 17, 12:00pm.

The Endowment Committee meets Tuesday November 19, 3:30pm.

The Session meets Thursday November 21, 6:00pm.

Serving in November . . .

Deacons On-Call: Pam Ark, Elaine Thompson

Welcome Team: Vicky Shields, Ruth Bowden, Steve Cox, Jim Wical

Worship Leaders

November 3: Rachel Daniels

November 10: Bridget Hawkins

November 17: Cindy Jenkins

November 24: Warren Taylor

Church Open and Close:

November 3:

November 10:

November 17:

November 24:

Nursery Assistants:

November 3:

November 10: Beth Powers

November 17: Betty Lloyd

November 24: Elaine Thompson



NOVEMBER 17

Financial Focus. . .

October 6, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 14

Sunday School Attendance: 21 Sunday School Offering: \$23.00

Worship Attendance: 65 Weekly Giving: \$6786.00

Received To Date: \$162,210.15

October 13, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 13

Sunday School Attendance: 25 Sunday School Offering: \$52.00

Worship Attendance: 55 Weekly Giving: \$3,723.00

Received To Date: \$165,933.15

October 20, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 12

Sunday School Attendance: 28 Sunday School Offering: \$35.00

Worship Attendance: 79 Weekly Giving: \$1,330.00

Received To Date: \$167,263.15

October 27, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 24

Sunday School Attendance: 26 Sunday School Offering: \$27.00

Worship Attendance: 80 Weekly Giving: \$1,958.00

Received To Date: \$150,749.15



NOVEMBER 17

Looking Ahead . . .



The Church Growth and Member Care Committee will sponsor the Christmas Open House, December 6, 2024.

There are many opportunities to help with this!! It will take place from 4:00 – 6:00pm, before the Santa Claus Parade!

We'll need volunteers to give short tours, tell stories and help serve refreshments.

Volunteers are also needed to provide, cookies, brownies, plates, napkins, etc.

Information will be forthcoming beginning November 17, provided in the Sunday bulletin, or call the church office at 937-592-6611.



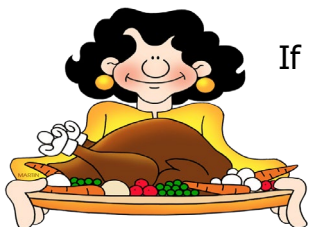
Our Daily Bread Bakers deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the third

each month between the hours of 8:30am and 6:00pm.

December 16, 2024

Nancy Farrington Patty Fitzpatrick

Amy McIntyre Lois McKenzie



If Thanksgiving is soon to be upon us. . .

Can Advent be far behind?



Mark Your
CALENDAR

November 3: Daylight Savings Time ends, Fall Back one hour!

November 5: Election Day Lunch!

November 11: The Church Office is closed in observance of Veterans Day!

November 27: No Bells rehearsal!

November 28: Thanksgiving Day!

December 1: The First Sunday in Advent – HOPE.

December 8: The Second Sunday in Advent – PEACE.

December 15: The Third Sunday in Advent – JOY.

December 22: The Fourth Sunday in Advent – LOVE.

December 24: Christmas Eve



We are honored to play host church to
a wedding, December 28!



December 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Years Eve

Kids Corner . . .



All Saints' Day Word Search



Y K N C M G Y T R A P H A E L J X X
N I C H O L A S R P M A R Y I U P R
V N T R C Z D A Y E A I M V D D Y M
V Y E I L M H I H O U T S B B E D I
O G N S A U V K Y G G K R P R H O C
I A W T R G W H J M U G A I A O J H
B B L O E I O Z O O S P K T C U S A
S R U P N F T V S N T E G B E K L E
R I C H U T R A E I I T D B F R V L
C E Y E Z M X I P C N E L U K E I N
C L S R W A G R H A E R O B X Z L U
D A C B E G B F A G N E S B Z B N K

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

AGNES
AMBROSE
AUGUSTINE
CHRISTOPHER
CLARE
GABRIEL
JOSEPH

JUDE
KATERI
LUCY
LUKE
MARY
MICHAEL
MONICA

NICHOLAS
PATRICK
PAUL
PETER
RAPHAEL
RITA

ALL YOU HOLY SAINTS OF GOD, PRAY FOR US!



Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable,
 always abounding in the work of the Lord,
 knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

~1 Corinthians

15:58



Each month, the Board of Deacons encourages you to help meet the needs of our 1stUPC family through your donation to our **2 Cents for Compassion Offering**. Your donation will support the Deacons in their efforts to support those members of our church who are in need. Donate 2 Cents (or more) for every compassionate thought or deed you have experienced in the past month and place it in the "2 Cents for Compassion" envelope included in the Sunday bulletin.

Our Lord Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

DINNER AT THE PRES! November 25 will be our next Dinner at the Pres and our last for this year! The Mission Committee would LOVE volunteers for this date! If you are available to help serve, please contact Vicky Shields! Our Daily Bread will continue to need our help with serving on certain days of each month. If you are available to help, please contact Evelyn at 937-592-6325!



God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.



Through the **Community Cash Program**, shop at Community Market, bring in your receipts and place them in the Donation Centers outside the Sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall and you can contribute! A portion of your sale will support the 1stUPC Sharing Fund, providing assistance to our church families as needed.

"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched
 and one who waters will himself be watered."

Using your Kroger Reward Card will support Youth Mission Trips! To make an automatic donation with your Kroger Plus Card, go to krogercommunityrewards.com. Log in or set up a new account. Our NPO (non-profit) ID number is HD313, and listed as First (not 1st) United Presbyterian Church. Each year, through the graciousness of our 1stUPC shoppers, this fund contributes \$800 - \$1000 to support our youth mission trips.



