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NEWSLETTER**

From the Desk of Rob Craig

I hope and pray that your Thanksgiving will be joyful. Please consider using either or both of the following resources that day, either alone or with others.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us, That Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations. Let the people praise You, O God; let all the people praise You! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the people praise You, O God; let all the people praise You! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear God!

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*The Worship Book*)

Gracious God: by Your providence we live and work and join in families; and from Your hand receive those things we need, gift on gift, all free. We thank You for the harvest of goodness You supply: for food and shelter, for words and



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- *All Saints' Sunday November 6*
- *Consecration Sunday November 13*
- *November 27, First Day of Advent*
- *Poinsettia Order Form*
- *Christmas Joy Offering*

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gestures, for all our human friendships. Above all, we praise You for Your Son, who came to show his mercy, and who names us his own brothers and sisters. Glory to You for great kindness to us and all Your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Paths of the Flock

Remembered during our congregational prayers in October, 2011 :
Chip, Julie, Devon, Corrine and Kristen Orben; Zack and Glinda Ellison; Ward, Nancy, Emma and Eli Edwards; Marilyn Richardson; Mary Ann Patterson; Luther, Linda, Brian and Laura Pierson; Rebecca Rehbein; Clai, Janet, Logan and Lydia Putney; John and Nancy Sawin; John and Carolyn Seltzer; Katie Shores; Debbie Shoultz; David Tiede; Gary and Sue Starewicz; Dan, Shelley, Jordan, Luke, Gabrielle and Alexis Spurgeon; Madonna Yates; Peggy Stevenson; Warren and Janet Ward; Keith and Marcia Weedman.



Care and Support

The website for Brooke and Barbara Tuttle is :

<http://caringbridge.com./visit/brooketuttle>

You may visit this site and share your care and support for Brooke and his family.

We also hold in our prayers, Charlie Farber's step mother, Vera Farber and father, Bob Farber.

Music at FPC



First Presbyterian Church is thrilled to present two local musicians in concert on Saturday, **November 5th** at 7:30 pm. Join us in the sanctuary for a concert of organ, piano, and oboe music. **Dr. David Lamb, organist**, is Director of Music at First United Methodist Church since 1996 and is also an adjunct instructor of Music at IUPUC. David has played in 27 states, as well as France, England, Germany, and Austria. He has ten CD recordings to his credit and will play at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City in 2012. Dr. Lamb will play Carillon de Westminster by Louis Vierne, Variations on All Creatures of our God

and King by Denis Bedard, and Final from First Sonata by Alexandre Guilmant, among others.

Sarah Hager, oboist, is pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in oboe performance and Arts Administration at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. She has performed with the New World Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Indiana Bandmasters Association All State Band, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra side by side programs, Indiana University Symphony Orchestra, and the I.U. Wind Ensemble. She has played under conductors Susan Kitterman, Andrew Altenbach, and Kevin Noe, and will present music by noted American composers, Howard Hanson and Alec Wilder, in addition to Danish composer, Carl Nielsen.

Celebrating the liturgical

Celebrating Advent

season of Advent is a challenge. On one hand, we are being asked by the Church patiently to wait, hope, and expect the second coming of Jesus Christ, while also being patient about celebrating his birth in Bethlehem.

On the other hand, stores and commercials are already using, and often misusing, images of Christmas. How do we maintain our tradition and still enjoy the excitement? Our worship schedule attempts to do both.

On Sundays November 27 and December 4 (Communion), we will focus on Advent themes. On December 11 we will bridge to Christmas themes young people will lead worship. We wish you a hopeful advent!

FPC Women's Book Group

The First Presbyterian Women's Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **November 1**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Reeves Room to discuss the book *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff. The book chosen for December 6 is *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. All women in the church are invited to share in these discussions.

All Saint's Sunday

On **November 6**, we will observe All Saints' Sunday. In addition to our liturgical remembrance of members and loved ones, led by Pastor Rob, the Worship Committee has planned a new banner to recognize our members who have died since last November. You who worshiped with us the past few weeks, have had the opportunity to further enhance the banner by remembering other family members or friends who have passed away (not only during the past year, but at any time). Those names have also been added to the All Saints' Banner.

Getting to Know You Luncheon

The next "**Getting to Know You**" luncheon will be **Wednesday, November 9, at 11:30 at Bistro 310**. All women of our church are invited to come for casual conversation, good food, and especially to get to know each other. Cost is \$11 which includes drink, tip and tax.

For December, Marty Newsom has invited us to come to **Four Seasons Retirement Center** for our regularly scheduled lunch on **Wednesday, December 14, at 11:30**. It'll be a special treat to see our Four Season friends and the beautiful Christmas decorations in the dining room. Cost will be \$11.00.

Please respond to Connie Hudson at conniejr@comcast.net or 372-8968 if you would like to come.

The Gathering of Presbyterian Congregations

The Gathering of the Presbyterian Congregations in our Region will be held on Thursday, **November 10th** at 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Martinsville. The program will include a tour of the Good Shepherd Clinic, introduction of churches new to the NC Region, announcements about upcoming events (e.g. youth and shared officer training), and a discussion about a Spring planning session for future NC Region gatherings. First Presbyterian Martinsville is located at 240 E. Washington St. in Martinsville. The cost of the meal will be \$6.00. Peggy Casteel is glad to arrange carpooling and meal reservations – just let her know.

Peace Offering a Success

"The converted person sees, hears, and understands with a divine eye, a divine ear, a divine heart!" Thank you for your peacemaking vision. Our collection for the PCUSA Peacemaking programming resulted in \$1,775.

Our local contribution(25%) will help to serve the mission of The Power of Love Foundation where they are making vibrant and tangible progress against HIV and AIDS. Children survive. Families are rekindled. People live longer with self sufficiency and hope. Your embrace of a vision of peace will come to fruition in many lives. Thank you for sharing the resources God has given you!

Ann Jones

Witness/ Social Justice Committee



Consecration Sunday is Coming November 13

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship and finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis again this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating

people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 13, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We also urge people to attend who prefer not to complete a card. The procedure is done in such a way that

no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship on November 13 there will be a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team, Session, and Deacons. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events November 13.

Chairperson's Council

Chairperson's Council – 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, **November 16**. Any Chairpersons are welcome who are seeking or offering support, networking, ideas, resources, problem-solving, etc. This half-hour meeting is periodically held prior to session meetings. All leaders are welcome.

Disabilities Task Force to Begin Work

In 1991, our Denomination adopted the phrase “persons with disabilities” to be defined as: a diverse group of individuals who have a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more life activities such as relating, self care, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

As the body of Christ, it is our responsibility to remove all barriers and

reveal a glimpse of God challenging all constructs that deny the full humanity of any person. Disabilities among persons are prevalent. Over 18% of people in the U.S. are living with some disability, either visible or unseen. First Presbyterian wishes to affirm, support, and advocate for the gifts, rights, and responsibilities of persons with disabilities in the life of the church. We are in the early stages of committee work on

disability concerns. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. Our intention is to do a thorough audit of accessibility and inclusion.

If you have suggestions for our committee, please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Peggy Casteel or one of the following committee persons:

Ann Jones
Judy or Jon Holdread
B Watt-Jorck
Sheila Bradley

Worship Highlights

11/6 All Saint's Sunday, communion, grateful Remembrance of those who have died, Adult Choir will sing.

11/13 Consecration Sunday, Rev. Gary Scroggins preaching. Youth and Children's Choirs will sing.

11/20 Thanksgiving Sunday

11/27 The First Sunday of Advent



“No one who could be saved will be lost.”

Communications Committee Newsletter Information

The Communication Committee – would like to announce a change to watch for in receiving monthly newsletter distribution.

With the new web page, there is the opportunity to have a more cost efficient, greener way of getting your newsletter to you – through the web.

Beginning with the **December** newsletter, members of the congregation will be asked to download the newsletter from the FPC website! We will also be able to send an email reminder when the newsletter is ready to view on the site.

This wonderful technology will make accessing important news and information much more simple and convenient. The newsletter will contain all the same great information - with the added feature of printing

it out from the web site.

Don't worry – if you don't have a computer or access to a the internet or a computer, the regular newsletter copies can still be mailed to you as they always have been. Also, as always, copies will be available for pick up at the church. Newsletter hard copies will continue to be mailed to assisted living facilities. If you have questions or concerns, please talk with Julie Orben or Pastor Peggy.

If you would like to continue having newsletters mailed to your address, fill out the form on this page and return it to the office before November 17, 2011.

We hope that this change will be easy and a simple way of communicating all the good news from FPC.

YES!

Check

I would like to continue to receive my FPC monthly newsletter by regular mail.

Name(s) _____

Address update if new or different _____

Preschool News

During November our preschool students are focusing on families and family life. Of course, our main theme will be family gatherings for Thanksgiving. The children will discuss and discover things that make them thankful. Many of our classes will also host their own Thanksgiving feasts.

Every year we like to take a look at the diversity of our student body through a parent survey. This year our survey yielded a 58% return rate and showed us the ethnicity of our students is 68% Caucasian, 11% Asian Indian, 8% Japanese, 6% Hispanic, 2% Chinese, and 1% Asian, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Phillipino and Vietnamese. This is remarkable to us in comparing results from 2005 when 85% of our students were Caucasian. We also learned that English is the native language for 67% of our students. Other native languages represented by our students are Japanese, Spanish, Hindi, Chinese, Taiwanese, Swedish, German and Russian. What a wonderfully diverse group of children we have!

Thanks to all who supported our Butter Braids fundraiser. Delivery will be on Monday, **November 21**. Orders can be picked up starting at

11:00 a.m. in the gym.

During the month of November we are collecting new and gently used toys for the Fireman's Cheer Fund and new or gently worn coats for Coats for Kids. If you would like to donate an item, please bring it to the collection box outside our preschool office door. Thanks for your generosity!

If you are a facebook.com user, please add First Presbyterian Preschool as a favorite! We already have quite the following!



Hanging of the Greens

The Worship Committee invites all members and friends to join us at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 10 to decorate our sanctuary, Laws Room and the outside fences for Christmas. All adults and youth are welcome. Coffee, milk, juice & donuts will be provided for our helpers. Please come. We look forward to seeing you.

A Note from Pastor Peggy's Pen

Report from the Youth Ministry Architect (YMA) team:



On Tuesday, October 18th the YMA gave a full report to Youth Nurture Committee and the Session of our church. Here are a few highlights of that report:

- The team was delighted to have so many interested teens, parents and members of First Presbyterian Church to visit with them – a total of 68 people.
- The team couldn't say enough nice things about our youth – such as: “they are so respectful, pleasant and wonderful to talk with”

and “Columbus You Have Talent as we loved seeing the youth come to youth group carrying their instruments and really wanting to participate in worship.”

- The Youth Ministry Architect team laid out a 15 month plan for the Youth Nurture Committee to consider as we move forward which includes the wants and desires of both the teens and adults while reflecting our Mission and Vision for our youth. The Youth Nurture Committee hopes to sponsor sessions to share the report in its entirety.

I am also delighted to continue to share with the church the Vision, Mission and Values that have been developed per a cooperative team between Youth Nurture Committee members, parents and several teens. To see a fuller

version of these statements, please see the youth bulletin board outside of my office.

Vision - To be a ministry sustained by engaging activities that builds youth leadership and kindles growth in the Presbyterian Faith.

Mission - To serve our world together and curiously push the boundaries of our faith based journey.

WE VALUE

- Inclusiveness and Acceptance
- Supportiveness
- Togetherness
- Honesty and Integrity
- Christian Mission
- Intergenerational Participation

Youth and Children's Nurture Times to Note:

Parents Day Out:

Saturday, **December 3** time for parents to get in some early Christmas shopping or some needed time alone. The youth group will be leading this event as a fundraiser for their 2012 mission trips.

Next Children's Singing Sunday:

Sunday, **November 13th**. We also look forward to our children's Christmas musical on Sunday, December 11th during the adult worship time.

Important Youth Nurture Times:

Junior High youth – are working together to redecorate their youth room. They are planning for a lock in soon at the church.

Senior High youth – Concert in Corydon with Great Romance Band, Saturday, **November 19th** leaving the church around 4:00 p.m.

Combined Junior High and Senior High youth events:

Youth Cluster Event – Sunday, **November 13th** at 5:00 p.m. We will challenge other youth groups from our region in some Minute To Win It Games.

November 4: 6:00 p.m.

Youth to meet with Lori Rowan to prepare baked goods for sale.

Fundraising events - Saturday November 5th – bake sale at **Walmart West** from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. – watch the bulletin for additional information and location
Sunday, November 20th baked potato sale after church.

Children's Nurture: November 2011

6 – Sunday School/
Children's Choir Practice,
Youth group night
13 – Children's and
Youth Singing Sunday
and Choir practice for
Christmas, Youth group
night

18 – Senior High Hot
Meals

20 – Sunday School/
Children's Choir
Practice, Youth group
night

27 – Sunday School/No
Choir Practice

December 2011

3 – Parents Day Out
12:00 – 4:00

4 – Sunday School/
Children's Choir
Practice, Youth group
night

10 – Special Saturday
Children's Choir Practice

11 – Children's and
Youth Christmas
Program, Youth group
night

16 – Junior High Hot
Meals

18 – Sunday School/
Children's Choir
Practice, Youth group
night

25 – No Sunday School
or Choir Practice

TBD – Junior and
Senior High Christmas
parties

Youth and Children's Nurture Calendar 2012

January 2012

- 1 – No Sunday School or Choir Practice
- 7 – First Family Fun
- 8 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
- 15 – Children's Choir Practice at 8:30 and Children's Singing Sunday, Youth Potato Lunch
- 16 – Youth Group Trip to Perfect North
- 20 – Senior High Hot Meals
- 22 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
- 29 – Youth Singing Sunday, Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night

February 2012

- 4 – First Family Fun
- 5 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice and Youth Super Bowl Lunch
- 5 – Youth group watches the Super Bowl
- 12 – Children's Singing Sunday, Youth group night
- 17 – Junior High Hot Meals
- 19 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
- 26 – Youth Singing Sunday, Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night

March 2012

- 3 – First Family Fun
- 3 – Youth Bowl for Kids Sake ???
- 4 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
- 11 – Children's Singing Sunday, Youth group night

- 16 – Senior High Hot Meals
- 17-25 – Spring Break
- 19 – Sunday School/No Choir Practice
- 25 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice
- 31 – Children's Choir Practice for April 1st - special practice

April 2012

- 1 – Children's Singing Sunday, Youth group night
- 7 – First Family Fun
- 8 – Easter Sunday, Sunday School/No Choir Practice
- 15 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
- 20 – Junior High Hot Meals
- 22 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
- 28 – Youth Lock-In To Be Determined
- 29 – PYOCA Visit/No Sunday School but there will be Children's Choir Practice

May 2012

- 5 - First Family Fun
- 6 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
- 13 – Sunday School/Children's Choir Practice, Youth group night
- 18 – Senior High Hot Meals
- 20 – Children's and Youth Singing Sunday/Promotion Sunday/Graduation Sunday
- 27 – Summer Sunday
School begins



Adult Nurture Class “Saving Jesus”

Who is Jesus and what is his relevance today?

Sometimes it seems as if Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left. Amy-Jill Levine says “We’re having a culture war and Jesus happens to be one of the weapons tossed about by both sides. “Saving Jesus” is a 12 session DVD-based exploration of a credible Jesus in the third millennium. Each class will start with a 30-minute video segment, followed by discussion guided by Luther Pierson. “Saving Jesus” is produced by the makers of the popular “Living the Questions” course, recently presented at FPC by Cindy McMillian. This series began September 11 and ends on December 4; and meets in the Crump Room.

Adult Nurture Series

“Saving Jesus” taught by

Luther Pierson

Adult Nurture Series: Planning for the Rest of Your Life and Beyond

The final class of “Planning for the Rest of Your Life and Beyond” will be held on November 6. A panel of several of the teachers who have previously spoken during the series will summarize the previous weeks.

Adult Nurture: Advent

Please watch future communications about an Advent class which will help attendees prepare for the first and second comings of Jesus.



World AIDS Day 2011:

December 1, World AIDS Day (**WAD**), is a day of awareness and action in the struggle to eradicate AIDS. The theme this year is “Getting To Zero” and our dream is zero new infections, zero discrimination, and zero AIDS-related deaths. We must continue to be sacred activists against a deadly epidemic that still infects 2.7 million new people and claims two million lives annually. While these global numbers are sobering, World AIDS Day this year notes some positive changes. At least 56 countries have either stabilized or reduced new HIV infections by more than 25% in the last decade. New infections among babies have dropped by 25% and now more than 4 million people are on antiretroviral therapy.

Recently a series of highly publicized scientific advancements have fundamentally altered future possibilities and equipped us to turn the tide on HIV and AIDS. In May 2011, researchers announced a breakthrough that proved treating HIV positive people with antiretroviral therapy can reduce the risk of transmitting the virus to uninfected partners. We now know for certain that treatment is prevention.

Despite emerging opportunities, we also know that public concern about HIV and AIDS has plummeted significantly since 1995. We are greatly alarmed that global AIDS spending fell in 2010 and among 9 states in the U.S. there are now over 8,500 persons on waiting lists for treatment.

Also, what makes this WAD and Presbyterian AIDS Awareness Sunday so significant is that it will begin the run-up to the International AIDS Conference to be held in Washington, DC in July 2012. This biannual conference is the premier gathering for thousands working in the field of HIV or living with the disease.

A recent report from Presbyterian General Assembly called upon all our congregations to become AIDS Competent Churches. This involves providing relevant educational activities as well as advocacy, fund raising, direct service and partnering. If you are not yet a part of Presbyterian AIDS Network, we encourage your membership and involvement. Within the context of faith we are called to transform public attitudes and policies. We invite HIV testing and encourage everyone to know his/her status. We believe it takes faith to believe in humanity in the face of what appears to be

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World Aids Day 2011:

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insurmountable problems. We have at least two opportunities to take action this year in memory of World AIDS Day. The local Seymour PFLG Chapter will have its annual event on World AIDS Day, December 1st, at 107 Community Drive in Seymour, IN. The speaker will be Cindy Chapman who will share about her recent trip to Zambia with members of the Granny Connection. On November 29th an event will be held at YES Cinema where the local Dames by Design will be present to show the movie "Calendar Girls" and sell their new calendars. The event will start with refreshments and a cash bar at 6:30 pm and the movie will begin at 7PM. The ticket price is \$10 and proceeds will go to HIV/AIDS affected families and children in Zambia and Tanzania.

Let us commit to building bridges between the world that is and the world that could be. Give of your time and your funds because it is one way the human spirit triumphs. Give because it is a privilege to support people working so hard in the world of AIDS. Give with courage - with heart - with faith.

Christmas Joy Offering



Like the shepherds, we are experiencing the power of the angel's message: **God's love is among us!** As we open our hearts

to that love, we can share it with others through the Christmas Joy Offering. Half of this offering is used to assist former Presbyterian pastors who are experiencing financial difficulties during their retirement years. Again and again, recipients of grants say that as important as the financial assistance was, what really sustained them was the knowledge that the church was standing with them in their time of need. The other half goes to support ethnic schools to extend educational opportunities to students who are considering the ministry. An envelope is included in this newsletter and you will receive weekly information throughout Advent beginning November 27. Please give generously to this program.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Again this year, the Worship Committee will include poinsettias as part of the Christmas decorations in our sanctuary. Please consider ordering in memory or honor of family members or friends. A list of donors and the people they are honoring will appear in the bulletins on December 18 and December 25. Thank you for helping to make Advent and Christmas special in our worship services.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA COUPON

IN MEMORY/HONOR of

Given by _____

Day phone # _____

____ I will donate _____ poinsettia(s) @ \$16.00; make check payable to First Presbyterian Church with poinsettia on the memo line and attach to coupon.

____ I wish to keep my plant(s) and will take after the Christmas Eve service I attend on December 24.

____ I wish for my plant(s) to be delivered to the senior members of the church who are unable to attend Christmas services.

____ I will help deliver plants to the homebound after the services on December 24.

ORDER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 4, 2011

Newsletter Deadline for December Edition

The Newsletter Deadline for the December edition is **November 17th**.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Mackenzie Geckler, Ethan Shoultz,
Mike Starewicz
- 3 Linda Darr
- 5 Terri Glackin, Luther Pierson
- 8 Jim Dietz
- 9 Meredith Newton,
Gina Niespodziani
- 10 Sarah Kilbarger-Stumpff,
David Larson
- 12 Maya Aufdermauer
- 13 Bob Smitherman
- 14 Janet Putney
- 15 Dan Herrick, Dee Jones
- 17 Avery Baker, Mary Henderson
- 18 John Connor
- 19 Eric Frey
- 21 Hannah Anderson, Gary Starewicz
- 22 John Kinnaman, John Sawin
- 24 Ellen Hacker, Jeanne Henderson
- 25 John Anderson, Aimee Miller
- 27 Gordon Peters
- 28 Jacob Harpring
- 29 Elizabeth Martin



Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Katie and Derick Olson
- 3 Jon and Judy Holdread
- 14 Marquita and Bill Tuck
- 20 Danny and Sarah Sanders
- 23 Carol and Jerry Pennington
- 25 George and Janet Anderson
- 28 Steve and Nena Franz
- 29 Erin and Ryan Cauble

November Calendar

Tuesday the 1st

- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Youth Nurture: Reeves Room

Wednesday the 2nd

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Deacon's Meeting: Crump Room

Thursday the 3rd

- 10:30 am - 1:30 pm - Men's Bible Study & Lunch: Crump Room
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Friday the 4th

- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group: Crump Room
- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Women's Support Group: Reeves Room
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals - St. Peter's Team: Gymnasium
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Prepare for Bake Sale: FPC Kitchen

Saturday the 5th

- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Bake Sale at Wal-Mart West
- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Music at FPC: David Lamb, Organ & Sarah Hager, Oboe: Sanctuary

Sunday the 6th

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Adult Choir Singing: Sanctuary
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Service - All Saints' Day
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture: Laws Room and Crump Room
- 11:10 am - 12:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Lunch for Deacons and Elders: Gym
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - FPC Youth

Monday the 7th

- 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm - Gentle Yoga: Gym
- 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga for Strength and Endurance: Gym

Tuesday the 8th

- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Group: Reeves Room
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Volunteers In Medicine: Laws Room, Kitchen, Gym
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal: Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Children's Nurture Committee: Large Youth Room
- 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm - Bread for the World: Reeves Room

Wednesday the 9th

- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Staff Retreat: Off-Site
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm - Getting to Know You Luncheon Location: Bistro 310
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Communications Committee -subject to change: Crump Room
- 7:00 pm - Worship Committee: Lindeman Room

Thursday the 10th

- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Regional Event at Martinsville:
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Stewardship and Finance Committee: Crump Room
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday the 11th

- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group: Crump Room
- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Women's Support Group: Reeves Room
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Prayer Circle: Crump Room
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals -West Side Team: Gymnasium
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Saturday the 12th—No Events Scheduled

Sunday the 13th

- 9:00 am - 9:30 am - Session Meeting: Laws Room
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Service - Consecration Sunday
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - 12:00 pm - Consecration Brunch: FPC Gym
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Children's and Youth Choir Rehearsals for Christmas Program
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Youth Regional event.

November Calendar Cont.

Monday the 14th

- 9:00 am - 10:30 am - Preschool Board Meeting: Crump Room
- 11:30 am - 2:00 pm - Preschool Staff Meeting: Large Youth Room
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Peace Fellowship: Crump Room
- 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm – Gentle Yoga: Gym
- 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm – Yoga for Strength and Endurance: Gym

Tuesday the 15th

- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Volunteers in Medicine: Laws Room

Wednesday the 16th

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Women's Bible Study at Four Seasons
- 6:15 pm Chair Council: Laws Room
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Session: Laws Room

Thursday the 17th

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - CAPPs (*Columbus Area Private Preschools*): Large Youth Room
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm—9:00 pm Session: Laws Room

Friday the 18th

- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group: Crump Room
- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Women's Support Group: Reeves Room
- 7:30 am - 8:30 am - Preschool Staff Meeting: Preschool
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm – Preschool “Dad's Feast:” Laws Room
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals -Senior High: Gym

Saturday the 19th

- 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Senior High Youth Concert: Off-Site

Sunday the 20th

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School

- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture: Laws Room and Crump Room
- 12:00 pm O & A Committee: Crump Room
- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Baked Potato Sale: FPC Kitchen
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - FPC Youth

Monday the 21st

- 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm – Gentle Yoga: Gym
- 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm – Yoga for Strength and Endurance: Gym

Tuesday the 22nd

- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal

Wednesday the 23rd

- Preschool Thanksgiving Recess
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting

Thursday the 24th

- Thanksgiving Day
- Preschool Thanksgiving Recess
- Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving! Normal Thursday events will resume next week.

Friday the 25th

Preschool Thanksgiving Recess
No Preschool and Wee Care

- Office Closed
- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group: Crump Room
- 6:45 am - 8:00 am - Women's Support Group: Reeves Room
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals -Senior High - Sanders' Team: Kitchen/Gym

Sunday the 27th

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - First Sunday of Advent
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture

Monday the 28th

- 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm – Gentle Yoga: Gym
- 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm – Yoga for Strength and Endurance: Gym

Tuesday the 29th

- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm - World Aids Day Event- Yes Cinema

Wednesday the 30th

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Nurture: Office

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“Simple Sundays” in Case of Bad Weather

If the Sheriff announces a snow emergency, urging cars off the roads, we will cancel all activities. If a Sunday morning appears **unusually** dangerous, but there is not a snow emergency declared, we may announce a **“Simple Sunday.”**

1. On a Simple Sunday, one or more of the Pastors will take responsibility for leadership that morning.
2. No other staff or leaders will be required or unnecessarily encouraged to attend.
3. Any members who wish to come to worship will be led by the staff in a simplified worship service.
4. The leaders will assign a few tasks from among those who attend. Notification will be made by e-mail; television channels 6 & 8; Republic; radio stations QMIX and White River, and through a phone chain if time permits.