

All Saints Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is **Nov. 3**. Please join us as we pay homage to our dearly departed saints and loved ones. If you have a loved one who has passed into the kingdom **within this last year**, please notify the Church office for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.

Stewardship Campaign for 2025

We are excited to announce that our Stewardship Emphasis for 2025 will be **November 3–24, 2024**. Our theme for this year is **Hope in the Lord**, based on Jeremiah 29:11: *“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”* Please be in prayer for your response. You will receive a letter/commitment card in the mail by **November 1**. God continues to move within our congregation. May each of us give cheerfully this coming year and watch how God blesses us all! To God be the glory!

Stewardship Speakers:

- Sunday, Nov. 3—*Pam Potter*
- Sunday, Nov. 10—*Jimmy Hall*
- Sunday, Nov. 17—*Andrew Wheeler*
- Sunday, Nov. 24—*Blythe Weston*



Collecting Donations for Ashland Youth Service Center



We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets through **November 10**. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We had an overflowing of items last year. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. Thank you for your giving spirit!

Instant Mashed Potatoes; Gravy; Stuffing; Biscuit or Roll Mix; Cranberry Sauce; Canned Green Beans; Cream of Mushroom Soup; Crispy Onion Straws; Canned Sweet Potatoes; Brown Sugar; Marshmallows; Pecans; Canned Corn; Pumpkin Pie Filling; Canned Milk; Coffee; Tea; Hot Cocoa Mix; Clothes Baskets

Unveiling of FPC Mural

Join us **Sunday, November 10** immediately following morning worship as we unveil the FPC mural on the floodwall. The artwork of our own First Presbyterian Church is simply amazing. Special thanks to the Presbyterian Women's Fellowship for providing the funding for this work. Visitors to the Ashland area will come to understand why FPC is *“The Heart of Ashland.”*



c. 1890s



Thanksgiving & Stewardship Commitment Dinner

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 24**, when we will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall following morning worship for a time of celebration and thanks giving for our Stewardship Emphasis success! The Church will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and drinks. We are being asked to provide salads, sides and desserts (you might even consider some cranberry sauce for Pastor Bill). We hope to see you as we celebrate together God's blessings in our congregation.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

In Christian joy, we celebrate the weddings of **Nicholas & Summer (Whitman) Blair** and **Michael and Rachel (Dillon) Adkins** who were united in marriage, Saturday, October 19! Please be in prayer for these two couples and their families in the days to come!



- Sunday Morning Study:** Sundays, 9:28 p.m.
- Armchair Theologians:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Harmony of the Gospels:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship:** 10:50 a.m.
- Men's Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
- Bells Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
- All Saints' Sunday:** Sunday, Nov. 3
- Crafternoon:** Sunday, Nov. 3, Noon
- Open Chapel:** Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5:30—8 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m.
- Operation Christmas Child Box Blessing:** Sunday, Nov. 10
- Youth Group Meeting:** Sunday, Nov. 10, 12:15 p.m.
- Ministry Teams Meeting:** Monday, Nov. 11, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, Nov. 14, 11:30 a.m.
- Horizons Bible Study:** Thursday, Nov. 14, 5:15 p.m.
- Sew Blessed:** Monday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.
- Finance Ministry Team:** Tuesday, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, Nov. 21, 1 p.m.
- Dames + Dinner:** Thursday, Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m.
- Stewardship/Thanksgiving Celebration:** Sunday, Nov. 24 following morning worship
- Empty Nesters:** Monday, Nov. 25, 5:30 p.m.
- Session Meeting:** TBA
- Men's Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m.

Family Night/Christmas Kick-Off
Please join us on **Sunday, December 1, from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.** in the Bethesda Hall for a Family Night of CHRISTmas FUN!! We will make Family Advent crafts, and Christmas Bingo!! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Kelly Hanni, 606.923.7826, with any questions.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for providing a lot of joy in the lives of children around the world with your OCC shoebox ministry. Please return your box(es) to the church by **November 10**. If you can provide \$10 for the shipping cost per box; we would be grateful. If unable to provide the money, please bring your box and we will make sure shipping is covered. Thank you for your generosity! The church will bless the boxes on Sunday, November 10.



- John Ferguson**—November 12
- Erik Adkins**—November 17
- Andrew Wheeler**—November 18
- Mary Patterson**—November 20
- Jan Winans**—November 23
- Thomas Hall**—November 27
- Dylan Lambert**—November 27
- Paula Jo Roberts**—November 27
- Barb Payne**—November 28
- Kate Hanni**—November 29



- Nanette & Bill Pollack**—November 1
- Christy & Glen Thomas**—November 3
- Jan & Charlie Holbrook**—November 11
- Cathy & Larry Wilson**—November 13
- Heather & Ryan Whitman**—November 18
- Judy & Dave Eby**—November 25
- Brooke & Brett Gehringer**—November 25
- Donna & Andrew Jones**—November 28

Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1**
- Daylight saving time ends, November 3**
- Veterans Day, November 11**
- Christ the King Sunday, November 24**
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28**

Teachers Needed!

The elementary-aged children need some extra teachers. The lessons will be planned for you. If you can help with this important ministry, please contact Lee McCloud (606.331.1017).





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

cordially invites you to our

Crafternoon Party

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
12:15—2:30 P.M.

We will have craft demonstrations and stations to make & take:

- * Wreaths for Christmas or other holidays (*Kay Ferguson & Kelly Hanni*)
- * Paper Christmas Crafts (*Jane Justice & Pam Potter*)
- * Making homemade salad dressing (*Melissa Rigsby*)

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Cookies and Drinks
Childcare provided

Please RSVP by Friday, November 1

Bettie George Frye (606.831.8579) or Cathy Wilson (606.922.6425)

First Presbyterian Church Bethesda Community Hall
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A love offering will be received at the door to help with the cost.

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*2nd term of service



**OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD,
FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER!**

PSALM 106:1, ESV

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
(1 Thessalonians 6:16-18)

There is a moment in our lives which invites us to consider our reasons to be thankful. November is that time for me. I share with you, the reasons I have to be grateful.

We will gather for worship soon to celebrate the lives of those who have passed on this past year. All Saints’ Sunday, November 3, will allow me the joy of remembrance as I reflect on the difference these persons made in my life. It is a meaningful moment for me to see how I am doing.

Election Day, November 5, is a constant reminder of the privilege and responsibility I have as a citizen of this country to cast my vote. It is essential that we as citizens and Christians exercise this right. Our nation deserves our response at the voting booth.

Throughout November, our Sunday worship will focus on our yearly Stewardship Emphasis response to God’s

call for the Church to do all we can for His Kingdom. Our prayers, presence, service and giving financially to support our various ministry opportunities is crucial. All of us are needed to participate in some way to make our congregation healthy and vibrant. Please worship with us each Sunday and listen for the “HOPE” that is ours in the Lord. We will conclude our stewardship efforts this month with a meal of thanksgiving, November 24 here at FPC. You won’t want to miss this occasion!

Then as a nation, we will celebrate our annual Thanksgiving gathering with family and friends. With all the challenges that face our country in these days, it will be good to take a breath and remember all the blessings provided by our Heavenly Father.

So, this is a month to celebrate! A month to give thanks! A month to join hands with one another in fulfilling God’s will for our lives. Let us rejoice, pray and be thankful for God’s blessings.

I am forever thankful for God’s goodness. Let us all be the same.

Pastor Bill