

First Pres



November 2022

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Sermons for November

November 6

All Saints' Sunday with Liturgy of Remembrance
Fill the Cart Sunday

Cultivating Contentment

Luke 12:13-21 & Philippians 4:10-14

Throughout his life, the Apostle Paul faced any number of challenges. Some were physical. Some were interpersonal. Some were spiritual. Yet in this letter to the church in Philippi he notes that he has learned how to be content with where he is and what he has. We'll explore how to move from striving to contentment.

November 13

The Life That Really is Life

Matthew 22:35-40 & 1 Timothy 6:17-19

What makes for "the good life?" As we look around us, it seems there are no shortage of answers. This week we'll turn to the Bible and find how the good life is not marked by the accumulation of things but by hearts that are open and generous towards others and God.

November 20

The Promise of Life

Luke 24:1-12

We'll return to and conclude our series on God's promises with God's greatest promise to us - the promise of life that pushes beyond the limits of our understanding. Here we return to the central story of Easter morning and visit the tomb once again with the women and with Peter opening ourselves to amazement and awe, even as we recognize the life giving aspects of Jesus' entire ministry.

November 27

First Sunday in Advent

There's Room For Every Story

Matthew 1:1-17 & Isaiah 2:1-5

In the long list of names at the beginning of Matthew's gospel, we remember the trauma and triumph of those who came before; each name holds a story and their story gives way to Christ's story. We'll explore the question -what are the old paths that we've followed, and where must we diverge into a new way?

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.

Galatians 2:19-20

As I write this, we are in peak jack o'lantern season and I am reminded of this oft shared description of the Christian life. It is noted that in some ways human beings are like a pumpkin that is to become a jack o'lantern. If you've ever picked pumpkins from the field, you know that no pumpkin is perfect. The task is to incorporate your pumpkins imperfections into the design you carve into it. You look at the pumpkin and begin to imagine what it can be. Next you draw on it a face of some sort. Then you come to the actual step of transformation. This is the messiest. You open it up, and you begin to scoop out all the slimy stuff inside. Then you carve the face or design that will be a conduit for light. Finally you place inside the light to shine through each crack.

In some ways, our Christian life is an on-going process of dying to self or scooping out those attitudes and actions that hinder our full participation in the life Christ offers. Then we replace those attitudes and actions with the light of Christ that shining through us can illumine the world. This month in worship you may notice we will be contrasting the impulses that our culture surrounds us with - centering on self, impulsive gratification, living beyond our means - with the practices of contentment and generosity that are part of Jesus' teaching. Come and join us as we connect the gratitude of the season with our walk of faith.

Pastor Heather

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Christmas Comes Early!

Hanging of the Greens on November 20th

Grab your coffee and post-worship snack and head over to the Gathering Space on Sunday, November 20th to help us decorate the church for Christmas. Advent starts early this year, so we're beating the rush. We'll be decorating everything in the church except the large Gathering Space and Fellowship Hall trees. (See other newsletter articles for information on their decoration) There are jobs big and small for all ages and all abilities. Questions? Contact Pastor Heather.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SCHEDULE

FULL PAGEANT REHEARSAL
Sundays, 11/13, 11/20 & 11/27 @ 9:00 a.m.

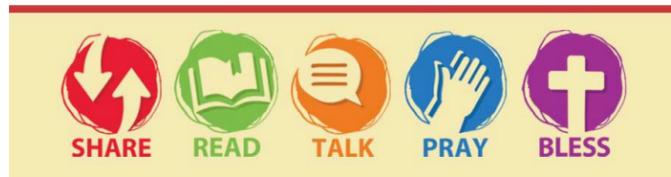
REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
SATURDAY! December 10th, time TBD

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday, December 11th
Practice @ 9 a.m.
Pageant @ 10 a.m.

Bible Presentation Sunday

November 20th @ 10am worship

On November 20th we will be celebrating our Bible Sunday Milestone- a time when we gift age-appropriate Bibles to each of our preschoolers and other elementary children who may not have had an opportunity to receive a Bible from our congregation when they were in preschool. Preschool families should watch their mail/email for more information on this Milestone and plan on connecting with us on Sunday morning, November 13th at 9:00 for a Milestone learning event on sharing the Bible with your child. If your elementary school child does not have a SparkHouse Bible at home, please reach out to Pastor Heather to connect with this event.



Faith 5

On communion Sunday each month, in place of children's Sunday School we are offering a family oriented program called Faith 5. This is inspired by an international ministry with the same name that empowers parents with 5 simple steps that can empower spiritual growth in their homes:

- **SHARE** your highs and lows of the day.
- **READ** a story, verse or section from the Bible.
- **TALK** about how your highs and lows relate to the Scripture.
- **PRAY** for one another's highs and lows.
- **BLESS** one another before turning out the lights on the day.

Our next Faith 5 will be on Sunday, November 6th at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on All Saints' Sunday when we remember our connections to the larger church. Hope to see you there!

Extra Mile Giving Calendar

At First Presbyterian we are so thankful for the generous support of our members and friends that allows us to do ministry on a daily basis. We also recognize, however, that during November and December, many members are looking for additional ways to impact our community. To help you choose how you might wish to allocate extra mile giving, we've created this giving opportunities calendar so you can steward your own gifts wisely.

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1 Cold Weather Clothing
Drive, New or gently worn

2 Star Tree Gifts

3 Poinsettias Orders

4 Reverse Advent Calendar

5 Christmas Joy Offering

† Last Day of Giving

Star Tree Gifts - November 6-27:

Single time purchase of a gift for children or young persons living in poverty.

Reverse Advent - Nov 27- Dec 24:

Daily practice of adding small items for those in need. Could be part of daily spiritual practice.

Christmas Joy Offering - December 24th: Single time offering during worship that supports retired clergy facing economic challenges and leadership development for the next generations of church leadership

Cold Weather Clothing - Ongoing:

Throughout the winter months we have an ongoing box in the Gathering Space to receive donations of gently used coats, mittens, hats, & scarves, as well as new socks. These are distributed to those in need through SEMP and the Food Bank.

*Poinsettias - November 20-December 11:

While not extra mile giving, we will also be offering poinsettias for purchase in memory or honor of someone. These will decorate our sanctuary on Christmas Eve and can be taken home.

Christmas Poinsettias

On Christmas Eve, the Sanctuary will be adorned with poinsettias. Now is the time to get your order in. **These may be ordered In Memory** of or **In Honor** of loved ones. Your order should be turned in to the office by **Sunday, December 11, 2022**. The cost is \$10. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church.

I wish to provide a poinsettia for December 24 and have attached \$10 in payment.

_____ Please deliver the poinsettia to a shut-in after the 11:00 p.m. service

_____ I plan to pick up the poinsettia after the 11:00 p.m. service

Donor's name (please print) _____

Poinsettia given in memory of _____

Poinsettia given in honor of _____



5 STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN STAR TREE

- 1 FIND TREE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL NOV 6, 13 & 20
- 2 PICK A STAR OFF THE TREE
- 3 LET MARY OR CARRIE KNOW WHICH STAR YOU CHOSE
- 4 BRING YOUR GIFT TO CHURCH WEEK OF NOV 27
- 5 DONATE MONEY INSTEAD OF A GIFT IF IT'S EASIER FOR YOU

Star Tree – 20 Years and Going Strong! November 6th, 13th and 20th

Each Advent our church works with a non-profit organization to provide requested Christmas gifts to their clients, and this year we are supporting Foundation 2 again.

If you have not participated in Star Tree before, it is a great opportunity to spread cheer and give gifts to young adults who may not receive Christmas gifts and the process is quite simple! Two of our members; Mary Noland-Houtz and Carrie Bryner have taken on the task of contacting the organizations and gathering wish lists from their clients. They put the gift requests on a cut out of a star and hang it from a tree so they can be chosen and shopped for!

The Star Tree with the gift requests is on the platform in the Fellowship Hall. Each Sunday someone will be available to assist you in selecting a star and in writing down your star selection. Please return your star and gift to the church the week of November 27th. **Please bring gifts in gift bags.** If it's more convenient, you may donate money toward a gift. Mary and Carrie would be happy to make the purchase on your behalf.

Per Capita - A Vital Part of a Connectional Church

An immigrant fellowship gathers each week to worship and praise God. But how do they connect with the larger church?

The World Council of Churches uses its network of Christian-based organizations to tackle the problems facing massive populations that are suffering from poverty and repression. How do Presbyterians become part of the solution?

A church is dealing with a problematic staff member. How does the church legally resolve the problem?

The national church, synods, and presbyteries make this kind of faithful work possible through networks of ecumenical partnerships and global reach. But these valued ministries would not be possible without something called per capita.

Per capita is a set amount of money — sometimes referred to as “apportionment” — per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Said another way, it is like a Presbyterian community fund — part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because Presbyterians share in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with performing the functions of that system are shared by everyone.

When Presbyterians participate in per capita, they're saying, “I'm in. I'm a part of this denomination. We are connected to it. We intend to support it.” We encourage you to check the per capita box on your own pledge card this year and participate in the work of the larger church with your gift of \$38.

All Saints Sunday

November 6th

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Presbyterian Church. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing witness of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. It is a moment to remember that our own lives of faith have been shaped and supported by the many that have come before us and that we shape and support to experience of the faithful for years to come.

At First Presbyterian it is our tradition to read the names during worship of those who have died to this life in the prior year and light candles in remembrance as we hold them in prayer. We follow this with communion for all. It is a special service for many and we hope you can join us.

Youth Schedule

Wed Nov 2: Continuing our Simpsons Series, Dinner provided by the Steenblocks

Sat Nov 5: Bowling with First Presbyterian Marion! 7-9pm at the Cedar Rapids Bowling Center.

Wed Nov 9: Game Night! Dinner provided by the Bureshs

Wed Nov 16: Packing our College Care Packages, Dinner provided by the Shoemakers

Wed Nov 23: No Youth Group! Happy Thanksgiving!

Wed Nov 30: Finale of the Simpson's Series, Dinner provided by the Youngers

Our Youth Group Lock-In will be on Saturday, Dec 10th!



The Evening Book Group will meet on **Monday, December 5**, 6:30 p.m., in the home of Gisele Steffe, 1225 13th St NW #302 (319-775-7498). This will be the group's only meeting during the holiday months of November and December. The book for discussion is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. This is the story of the friendship between a retired woman Tova who cleans at an aquarium and an octopus Marcellus who occupies a tank in the aquarium. Marcellus observes things about Tova and other people he sees, and he tries to find ways to communicate his observations to them. All are invited to join in the discussion. Our selection for the following meeting (in January) is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

Women's Bible Study November 10th @ 1pm

The Women's Bible Study will only meet once during November due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Our study will focus on the leadership of the prophetess Deborah and we'll explore prayerful discernment and what it means to lead from the perspective of faith. All FPC women are invited to attend - if you do not have our study book and are interested in this session, just reach out to Pastor Heather and she'll get you any reading you may need.

Thanksgiving-ish Meal & Tree Decorating

Do you miss out on celebrating Thanksgiving with others? Do you long to decorate a Christmas tree with friends? Join us on Saturday, November 26th at 11 a.m. Tom Lackner will be making turkey tetrazzini and salad for us to share. You are welcome to bring a small dessert or non-alcoholic beverage to share as well. After our Thanksgiving lunch we will be setting up and decorating the large Christmas tree in the Gathering Space and the tree that inhabits the Fellowship Hall. Depending upon the number of helpers, it could take until early evening. Please RSVP to Stasia@fpccr.org once you've made your decision to come. All are welcome!



Advent Devotional Contribution Invitation

*"Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and Holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him **from generation to generation.**" (Luke 1:48b-50)*

This Advent, we invite you to share your spiritual insights with us. We are putting together an Advent Daily Devotional that will include artwork, poetry, songs, personal reflections, and devotionals created by You; those who are part of our First Presbyterian Church family.

If you are interested, please submit a contribution that fits within the following four themes and reflects upon the Christmas story in some way. Submissions need to be received by Stasia Fine before Tuesday, November 15th. In your submission, please include your name and which week's theme your contribution best matches. If sharing a reflection or devotional, please try to keep it under 350 words. Submissions will be compiled into a booklet with pages set to 5.5 x 8.5 inches.

Week 1

There's Room for Every Story (Matthew 1:1-17 | Isaiah 2:1-5)

- What is your favorite Christmas memory?
- How do you encounter Jesus during Christmas?

Week 2

God Meets Us in Our Fear (Luke 1:26-38 | Isaiah 11:1-10)

- How has someone come alongside you during a time of transition?
- Where and when did you see a silver lining after a time of darkness?

Week 3

We Can Choose a Better Way (Matthew 1:18-25 | Isaiah 35:1-10)

- When have you chosen a different path than expected?
- How has life surprised you?

Week 4

We See God in Each Other (Luke 1:39-45; 56-58 | Luke 1:46-55)

- How have you encountered God in another person?
- Where do you find joy or a sense of blessing during the holidays?

FPC's Own Reverse Advent Calendar

Often an Advent calendar is used to count down the days until Christmas by opening a box and discovering an ornament or something that helps you focus on the Advent journey. A reverse Advent calendar focuses on giving something instead of receiving – a Christ centered idea indeed – since Christmas is all about the gift of God incarnate in Jesus Christ.

To that end we will be offering an opportunity to Reverse Advent in a special way this year at FPC. At the end of November you can pick up your Reverse Advent list and a box at the church or online. The lists will also be incorporated into this year's Advent devotional.

Starting on the first day of Advent (November 27th this year), just like a regular advent calendar, each day you should choose and add one item to your Advent box. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services, bring your box to the church and we will be receiving them during worship. Where will these items go? They will be sorted and used during February as First Pres hosts a month of love for the Food Bank and blesses its clients with some much needed items.

Stewardship Sunday November 13th

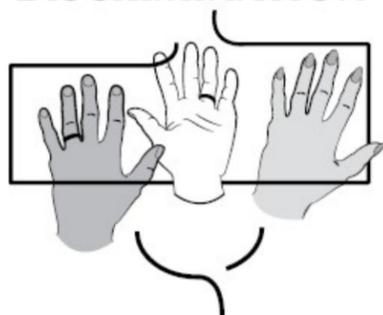
In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to give the first and best portions of the harvest as an offering. By giving the first fruits as an offering to God, the Israelites acknowledged that all the harvest—in fact, everything they had—came from God and belonged to God. The first fruits offering acknowledged God's ownership of everything, expressed thankfulness for God's provision, and anticipated what was to come.

On November 13th we'll be leaning into the imagery of the first fruits offering in our liturgy as we dedicate our own pledges, giving our best to God, expressing our thankfulness, and anticipating the fruitful ministry of 2023 that those gifts enable.

If you have not already had an opportunity to send in your pledges to the annual fund and building campaign, please bring them to worship that morning to be added in to the offering plates during the service. If you have misplaced your commitment cards, you may call the office in advance and they will be available for you that morning.



OVERCOMING DISCRIMINATION



How can Christian values help us focus on our shared humanity to prevent discrimination?

How can we instill each person in our community with hope and inspiration to pursue their goals and reach their potential?

11/6

What Gender Means Today

Georgia Robison, Attorney

11/13

What Gender Means Today for Kids

Molly Lamb, Roosevelt Middle School Math

11/20

Resolving the Urban & Rural Divide

Dale Todd, C. R. City Council

11/27

Refugees from Afghanistan

Anne Dugger, Catherine McAuley Center, Director of Refugee and Immigrant Services

12/4

Inter-cultural Families

Peggy Rubero, Director of Organizational Development and Partnerships, Catherine McAuley Center and **Abbe Freese**, Resource Navigator, Catherine McAuley Center

12/11

Inter-racial Marriage

Molly Lamb, Roosevelt Middle School Math

INTERSECTIONS

a civility project of Interfaith Alliance of Iowa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

(IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENT)

FOOD INSECURITY

PRESENTER: MALLORY STEWART, REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR FOR LINN AND BENTON COUNTIES, HAWKEYE AREA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (HACAP) FOOD RESERVOIR

Food insecurity is all around us, whether we take notice or not. Much of the time, food is the first item to be sacrificed when a household's resources are strained. Mallory Stewart, Regional Partnership Coordinator for Linn and Benton Counties at the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) Food Reservoir, will share how the HACAP Food Reservoir works and provide an overview of food insecurity in the Linn County area. Join us November 4 to learn how you can become involved and help alleviate food insecurity in your community.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER: Mallory Stewart serves as the Regional Partnership Coordinator for Linn and Benton Counties at the HACAP Food Reservoir. In her 18 months as coordinator, she has been responsible for onboarding new partners as well as monitoring and enforcing compliance standards with HACAP partners. A large part of the role—and quite possibly her favorite—is community engagement. Mallory speaks at various events throughout the year, educating communities about food insecurity and how individuals can help. She participates in neighborhood association meetings to stay current on the needs of the community as well as events like “Scouting for Food” and back to school nights.

There are three ways you can join for Intersections, check them out here:

<https://www.interfaithallianceiowa.org/get-involved/intersections> or call 515-279-8715

Session Notes

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dave Crew reported a surplus of \$17,000 in August, and a \$2,000 annual gift received from the Hall Foundation. The quarterly endowment distribution of \$29,000 was received. Fourteen early leadership pledges to the Standing on the Promises campaign (prior to campaign launch) total \$94,525 for the capital campaign and \$63,712 for the 2023 budget. **Motion made and carried** to receive the August 2022 Financial Report.

BUSINESS FROM COMMISSIONS: Discussed a digital file sharing system across commissions and seasonal teams, as well as a broad church calendar and a giving calendar. Advent begins Nov. 27; activities include a reverse Advent calendar with cold-weather items to be collected and brought to the church on Christmas Eve and sorted in church on Christmas Day (which is on Sunday). Extra Mile Giving opportunities were discussed, including youth mission support, One Great Hour of Sharing, Hunger Offering and Christmas Joy Offering, among others.

The homeless population was discussed, including possibility of available bus tickets being distributed by the Food Bank (and do we still want to fund bus tickets?). Sean Ullmer from the Museum of Art and Pastor Heather plan to meet with city representatives to seek a solution to the lack of public restrooms for the downtown homeless – a situation which has been adversely affecting aesthetics for both entities.

COMMISSION CHECK-IN:

Care Commission (Heidi Kiser): To-date, 60 photos have been taken for the new Directory. Discussed plans to increase response.

Discipleship Commission (Lynda Barrow): Re 175th Anniversary, reported on archival displays in the Gathering Space Gallery, an all-church celebration in May 2023 with possibility of inviting former pastors/staff, and a luncheon. Homecoming Team is planning the annual Fall Festival and various walks-for-a-cause. A Children's Education Update included, after meeting with parents, calling the Bridge Program “Sunday School” and the former SS hour “Bible Explorers”, with specific stations. AGAPE Kids will be 30 minutes on Wednesday evenings.

Proclamation Commission (Marty Brown, Rod Caszatt, Pastor Heather): Work continues on training/scheduling the Stream Team for staffing online worship.

Administration Commission (Dave Crew): Work continues on employee handbooks for Facilities Manager, Administrative Coordinator and Office Assistant. Received quote to repair and protect front steps. Authorized changes to elevator controls to prevent Food Bank patrons from access to other areas of the church; Stormy to approve repair/maintenance work up to \$500; and installation of ceiling grids in a Food Bank room.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Reviewed and discussed upcoming conversation involving Pastor Heather, Lynda Barrow, Dave Crew, Kris Keuseman, Betsy Kutter and 6-7 members and pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church regarding cooperation between our neighboring congregations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Pastor Hayes closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Caszatt
Clerk of Session

Rev. Heather Hayes
Moderator



If you can host during December and January, contact stormy at stormy@fpccr.org or call the church!

Tuesday Nov 1

5:30 pm Discipleship Commission Meeting

Wednesday Nov 2

6:00 pm Agape Kids
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Middle School Youth
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Youth Dinner
7:30 pm High School Youth

Thursday Nov 3

1pm Serendipity Book Club

Sunday Nov 6

All Saint's Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends Fill the Cart for Food Bank

9:00 Insight
9:00 – 9:50 Faith 5
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Fellowship
2:30 pm SEMP Prep
3:30 pm SEMP Dishwasher
4:00 pm SEMP Dining Room
4:00 pm SEMP Host
4:15 pm SEMP Greeter & Guide

Tuesday Nov 8

5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting
7:00 pm Care Commission Meeting

Wednesday Nov 9

6:00 pm Agape Kids
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Middle School Youth
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Youth Dinner
7:30 pm High School Youth

Thursday Nov 10

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study
1:00 pm Advent Seasonal Team Meeting

Friday Nov 11

Veteran's Day

Sunday Nov 13

9:00 Insight
9:00 - 11:00 Nursery
9:00 Children's Choir
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
10:15 - 11:00 Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
2:30 pm SEMP prep
3:30 pm SEMP Dishwasher
4:00 pm SEMP Dining Room
4:00 pm SEMP Host
4:15 pm SEMP Greeter & Guide

Wednesday Nov 16

6:00 pm Agape Kids
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Middle School Youth
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Youth Dinner
7:30 pm High School Youth

Sunday Nov 20

9:00 Insight
9:00 - 11:00 Nursery
9:00 am Children's Choir
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
10:15 - 11:00 Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
11- 2:00pm Hanging of the Greens
2:30 pm SEMP prep
3:30 pm SEMP Dishwasher
4:00 pm SEMP Dining Room
4:00 pm SEMP Host
4:15 pm SEMP Greeter & Guide

Monday Nov 21

5:30 pm Administrative Commission Meeting
6:30 pm Evening Book Group

Tuesday Nov 22

5:30 pm Proclamation Meeting
7:00 pm Session

Wednesday Nov 23

6:00 pm Agape Kids
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Middle School Youth
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Youth Dinner
7:30 pm High School Youth

Thursday Nov 24

Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

Friday Nov 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday Nov 26th

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thanksgiving-ish Meal & Christmas Tree Decorating

Sunday Nov 27

9:00 Insight
9:00 - 11:00 Nursery
9:00 am Children's Choir
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
10:15 - 11:00 Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
2:30 pm SEMP prep
3:30 pm SEMP Dishwasher
4:00 pm SEMP Dining Room
4:00 pm SEMP Host
4:15 pm SEMP Greeter & Guide

Wednesday Nov 30

6:00 pm Agape Kids
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Middle School Youth
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Youth Dinner
7:30 pm High School Youth

BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Timothy Blazek

11/1 Joseph Ryder

11/1 Megan Smiley

11/1 Cherie Thompson

11/2 Jim Weems

11/3 Diane Stevenson

11/3 Barbara Wagner

11/5 Rylie Frese

11/5 Leslie Kesser

11/6 Shirley Fisher

11/6 Mary Taylor

11/7 Bill Brause

11/8 Carol Bender

11/8 Jake Stark

11/8 James Tow

11/13 Harlan LeClere

11/13 Chad Proctor

11/15 Nancy Cobb

11/16 Bobby Farrier

11/16 Emma Kossayan

11/16 Dave Rasmussen

11/17 Mike Arthurs

11/17 Julia Luna

11/17 Gretchen Van Heukelom

11/17 Wally White

11/18 Pat Bjorseth

11/18 Isaac Denning

11/18 Karla Goettel

11/18 Gingie Hunstad

11/18 Nancy Parks

11/18 Anna Rohde

11/18 Tim Virden

11/19 Emily Baker

11/19 Mickey Meaney

11/19 Jennifer Pettyjohn

11/21 David Horton

11/22 Warner Mitchell

11/22 Matthew Stobb

11/22 Mary Tilton

11/22 Grace Zimmerman

11/23 Alexis Baker

11/23 Dave Bryner

11/24 Carroll Edmondson

11/25 Noble Flynn

11/26 Kayleigh Bryant

11/26 Gary Ellis

11/27 Mary Snapp

11/29 Diane Hayes

11/30 Jani O'Bannon

ANNIVERSARIES

11/1/2003

Carol & Glenn Bender

11/11/1977

Steve & Sue White

11/21/1992

Brian & Wendy Frese

11/23/1966

Jim & Patty Powers

11/24/1989

Christine & Susan Wagner-Hecht

11/28/1998

Chad & Jennifer Pettyjohn

11/29/1986

Jim & Mary Klinger

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Nov 6

Betsy & Dave Kutter
Joe Houtz & Mary Noland-Houtz

Nov 20

Bob & Sue Latham
Gayle Elliot

Nov 13

Priscilla & Tom Polehna
Dave & Martha Booth

Nov 27

Phil & Cherie Thompson
Diana & Jim Richardson

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