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Announcements  
November 12, 2023

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

### WHEN THEY CANNOT JOIN US, WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Lois Willhoite, Charlene Reeder

**RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED:** If you or others are hospitalized, please let the office know. Because of privacy laws the hospitals are often not able to provide your information to us.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **11/19** Emily Baker, Mickey Meaney, Jennifer Pettyjohn **11/21** David Horton  
**11/22** Warner Mitchell, Matthew Stobb, Mary Tilton, Grace Zimmerman **11/23** Alexis Baker, Dave Bryner **11/24** Carroll Edmondson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** **11/21/1992** Brian & Wendy Frese **11/23/1966** Jim & Patty Powers  
**11/24/1989** Christine & Susan Wagner-Hecht

### Insight Adult Education

#### **New series: *Religions In Today's World***

How are world religions similar? Religious conflict in the world today.

Today, Stasia Fine, our Director of Discipleship, spoke about *Evangelicals and Mainline Christians*. Join us next week when David Nordmann, Coe History speaks about *Why and How Have Religions Developed*.

### Pledge Dedication Sunday Next Week

Thank you to the many who have already turned in their pledges to our 2024 annual campaign. We will be dedicating all these gift commitments during worship next week. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, you may bring in your pledge card to worship next week or drop it in the mail before that date. A pledge card was mailed to you, but extras are available throughout the narthex and Gathering Space.

## Star Tree – Since 2002!

### LAST CHANCE TO GET STARS!

Each Advent our church works with a non-profit organization to provide Christmas gifts to their clients. We will be supporting Foundation 2 Crisis Services again this year. Foundation 2 is a nonprofit human service agency which assists young adults that have aged out of the foster care system, with housing, education and health needs. These “kids” often have no parents or guardians assisting them.

If you have not participated in our Star Tree before, it is a great opportunity to spread cheer and give gifts to young adults who most likely will not receive any Christmas gifts. Two of our members, Mary Noland-Houtz and Carrie Bryner, will be working with Foundation 2 staff to gather the wish lists from their clients. Once the lists are compiled, the gift requests will be transferred to stars and hung on the Star Tree that will be located in the Gathering Space.

Now the fun part begins. Just select a star(s) from the Star Tree, go shopping for the items listed and return the gifts along with your star(s) to the church, unwrapped and in a gift bag, during the week of November 26th. Financial donations will also be accepted, if that is your preference. Mary and Carrie would be happy to purchase the gifts on your behalf. Someone will be available each Sunday to answer questions or provide more information for you.

### Advent Festival

On Sunday, November 19th we are gathering after worship as a church family to prepare for the Advent season. Bring copies and a sample of your favorite Advent recipe to share. Prepare to collect pieces of a nativity scene or help with the costume distribution. Cheer on our youth as they build gingerbread houses. Activities begin following worship. Lunch will be served at noon.

**The Food Group** will meet at Sushi House (2665 Edgewood Parkway SW # 100) at 6:00PM on Thursday, November 30. All are welcome to enjoy some good food and pleasant fellowship. We will be discussing our outings for the coming months. Reserve a place at the table by contacting David or Carolyn Horton at [horton6902@msn.com](mailto:horton6902@msn.com) or 319-396-5369 no later than November 26. Hope to see you there.

### Winter Clothing Drive!

Each year we collect winter items for the homeless in our community through our Sunday Evening Meal Program. If you have any items you are looking to swap out this year, bring them in! These could be coats, hats, gloves, socks, blankets, whatever can keep them warm! If you have any questions, contact Stormy in the office or look for Roxi after church.

### New Chair Checkout

As we anticipate moving back into the Fellowship Hall, we are making a change in our Fellowship Hall seating. Between serving meals to the community and being a gathering place for people of all ages, we need chairs that are sturdy and easily cleanable. We have several options within our price point available for you to try out and give us input. Grab a cup of coffee at fellowship time and see how your seat fits the new seating. The most serviceable of our current chairs will be used in non-food areas of the building.

**The FPC Book Group** does not meet in November but we invite all interested readers to join us December 4th at 6:30 pm when we will discuss *American by Day*, by Derek Miller. In this mystery, a Norwegian investigator comes to upstate New York to find her missing brother, who is the person of interest in the death of his lover. Important issues of racial/cultural tensions and their implications in police work are interspersed with comedy as Sigrid maneuvers around the local law enforcement. RSVP to hostess Gisela Steffe (319-775-7498, or [giselasteffe@msn.com](mailto:giselasteffe@msn.com)), 1225 13th St NW #302. We look forward to having you join our discussion.

### Pianos Looking For A New Home

As we have been shuffling and sorting the breadth and depth of church belongings, we recognize that we have several small upright pianos that are not really being used in any capacity by our congregation. We would love to find these instruments new homes where they will be played and enjoyed. If you, or someone you know, or some organization you are connected with might have use for one of these pianos, please contact Mary Noland Houtz to learn more.

### The Wired Word

The Wired Word discussions take place Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Adult/Parent Lounge on the 2nd floor. Each week a news headline will be discussed from a Christian faith perspective. You can drop in any week or come every week. To see the article to be discussed in advance, email [Stasia@fpccr.org](mailto:Stasia@fpccr.org)



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## Year in the Bible - Jump On In

Don't worry about catching up. If you want to jump in and spend time in the Bible each day, just pick up a reading guide and start on the readings for the day. That way you're reading right along with everyone else. And don't forget, you can join us for the Lunch and Learn each Thursday at noon to discuss the readings and preview the upcoming scriptures for Sunday's worship.

19	Judges	1-3	12
20		4-5	13
21		6-8	14
22		9-12	15
23		13-15	16
24		16-18	17
25		19-21	18
26	Ruth	1-4	18

### Bible Question's from this week's readings:

*From Judges:*

Normally in Israel, rulers and leaders were men. What important judge in Israel was a woman?

*From John:*

On the night of the last supper Jesus has with his disciples, which disciple questions Jesus about where he is going?

### **Answers from last week:**

*From Joshua:*

Israel suffers after the fall of Jericho because of the sin of Achan. What does he do? Achan sins by keeping some of the loot from Jericho for himself.

*From John:*

To whom does Jesus say, "I am the resurrection and the life"? Jesus says those famous words to Martha.

*check next week's bulletin for the answer*



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