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**November 2025**

## CHURCH ELDER INFORMATION

Thank you, Session, for your faithful service to FPC.

**Clerk of Session** – Priscilla Hare

**Class of 2027:**

Karen Fish - Evangelism & Outreach  
Greg Angeletti - Property

**Class of 2026:**

Keith Hare - Finance  
Chris Rainey - Worship

**Class of 2025:**

Sarah Bowles – Church Life  
Becky Mahon – Personnel

## WORSHIP

### Pulpit Supply Pastors for November

**November 2: Liz Tietz, CRE**

*All Saints' Sunday with Communion*

**November 9: Rev. D. Paul LaMontagne**

*Veterans Day Recognition Sunday*

**November 16: Pastor Ricci Arthur**

**November 23: Liz Tietz, CRE**

*Christ the King Sunday*

*Thanksgiving Recognition Sunday*

**November 30: Liz Tietz, CRE**

*First Sunday of Advent*

## SCRIP

**Scrip** is  
fundraising  
while you shop!

The next  
Scrip order  
is  
**November**

**2nd.** Please consider ordering gift cards from our Scrip program. Remember that the funds generated are used for church needs. Thank you to all who order on a regular basis. See Gaye Gibson to order.

## Y-HEALTHY BACKPACK PROGRAM



FPC is still actively participating in food packing and food delivery at the facility on Swans Rd. If you are interested in participating in a Community

Packing Party please sign up at the link below:  
<https://signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C084FABA922A0F9C61-50942615-ymca>

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



### November Birthdays

Dwight Gibson 11/2

Joan Dobson 11/5

Lois Spangler 11/5

Louise Whitis 11/5

Greg Angeletti 11/7

Tina Angeletti 11/7

Evan Bowles 11/10

Marilyn Johnston 11/11

Karen Birtcher 11/13

Lauren Detrick 11/14

Deb Blamer 11/24

Sean Rainey 11/25

### November Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries this month.



# EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

## MINUTE FOR MISSIONS



This month's featured missionaries are Bevan and Laura Stein who are making a difference in Slovakia, Ukraine, and Uganda.

Bevan and Laura have been serving as full-time missionaries in Slovakia since 1996 with International Messengers.

*"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16

Whether it's strengthening a historic mission's movement in Slovakia, delivering humanitarian aid to war-torn Ukraine or providing Sudanese refugees in Uganda with hope, this verse motivates Bevan and Laura Stein to care for the "least of these" our brethren.

This month, join us in prayer for the Steins.

### What We Are Doing in Slovakia

- Providing summer camps for orphan kids which are rich in games, hiking, crafts and also Bible teaching and worship. Besides giving children the moral basis they need for life, we are leading the children to put their faith in Christ and become his disciples.



- Providing equine therapy to children with disabilities at our ranch. Our goal is not just to help them overcome their physical disability, but also the stigma and feelings that are attached to it.

- Serving as a chaplain to up to 1,100 bikers,

who would never enter a church. This means sharing Christ in a hostile

environment. One has to earn the right to speak to them by commitment, availability, and genuineness.

### What We Are Doing in Ukraine



- Working with the Slovak Lutheran bishops to organize around 1000 churches and private Christian schools to prepare "boxes of blessings." These are 45 lb. boxes of food and hygiene for small families for one month.



- Physically delivering aid in Ukraine to the recipients, praying with soldiers, meeting

the people in the trenches and on the front line of the war who are rescuing survivors.

- I personally have made 30 trips, carried over 2 million EUR worth of aid, and fed over 4 million people. – Bevan

### What We Are Doing in Uganda



- Feeding refugee orphan and widows who have fled from Sudan and South Sudan. (8,000 refugees arrive daily seeking shelter from the civil war that has been on-going for decades. They are attacked along the way. Most arriving at refugee camps have never heard the gospel in their Muslim nation and are very weary and hungry spiritually as well as physically.)
- Training widow women to work with their hands doing hair styling, sandal and basket making, knitting and sewing, to help provide for themselves.
- Clearing land to plant crops to help feed our children and teach our young men how to farm.
- Providing essential preventative health care, helping refugees get documentation, providing trauma counseling.



## EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH



Missionaries to Bolivia, Paul and Christy Knudson, along with their daughter, visited FPC on October 12th. Paul filled the pulpit for us for Worship and after E & O provided a bunch in the Fellowship Hall where the Knudsons were able to share about their ministry. A great time of learning and fellowship was had by all! Let's remember to keep praying for this family.

and a photo after. Come; join us, as we honor the members of FPC, who have been an essential part of this body of believers for 50 years or more. All are welcome!

**Our Cornerstone Members:** Deb Blamer, Donna Kinney, Kim Frick, Jim Peiffer, Ed Jobes, Rose Gibson, Robert Galbraith, Kay Kittel, Gaye Gibson, Chris Rainey, Kim Dershem, Jean Holman, Bob Blamer, Sharon Wills, Betty Dershem, Lorraine Cox, Louise Whitis, Dwight Gibson, and Carol Floyd.

Our newest cornerstone members are Deb Blamer and Donna Kinney, both joining the church in 1975. Carol Floyd joined FPC in 1952. To God be the Glory for the all of our members of First Presbyterian Church!

## CHURCH LIFE



Our church attended the annual Kirkin' of the Tartans service at Second Presbyterian Church on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your hospitality for this traditional service!

Join us after Worship on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for a lite lunch and our annual Hanging of the Greens tradition. We would love to see you there! Many hands make light work ☺



## MAKE ME A BLESSING

Thank you for your continued donations to the Blessings Box.



As the weather turns colder, please remember those in need with ready-to-eat soups, instant oatmeal packets, protein bars, and heavy socks. We welcome sweatshirts and jackets, hats and gloves for the box as

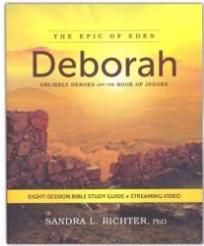
well.

Thank you for blessing our community in this practical way.



**You are invited to our annual Cornerstone Member Recognition Sunday on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** There will be a special presentation during our Worship service, followed by a reception

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY



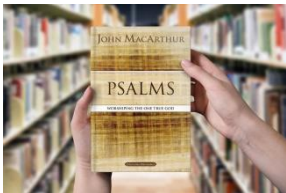
Adult Bible Class meets on Sundays at 9:15. We are studying Deborah: Unlikely Heroes and the Book of Judges with Sandra L Richter, Phd.

The Book of Judges narrates one of the most chaotic and morally dark eras of Israel's story. Into this morally-ambiguous time comes one of the most unlikely leaders of the biblical text—the prophet Deborah. Also a wife, mother, priest, and judge, Deborah responds to her call and transforms chaos into order by leading Israel in one of the most pivotal victories of her time.

Let's do some deep diving into the Word together. Please join us!

*After we finish this study, we will move into something new. Stay tuned for what's next!*

## GOOD MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The Good Morning Bible Study **meets Thursday mornings from 10-12** in the Gold Circle Room. Join Linda Smith and friends as they continue their study of Psalms and have prayer time together.

*\*To plan ahead: The Bible Study will take their winter break after the meeting on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and will resume in March.\**

## PROPERTY REPORT

### **FPC October 2025 Property Report:**

The cost of removing the signs and handicap awning from the front of the church is \$420.00. This is a huge bargain thanks to Robert Stokes and crew.

The first draw payment to Brothers Masonry for the masonry repair on the front of the church is \$37,500.00. They will work for a few more days and take a break and if the weather permits will return to work on the front.

Work on the south side of the Chapel continues. As usual "Murphy's Law" kicks in. We have to remove some bulging brick, inspect for hidden damage, and make repairs. It has been decided to coat the entire exterior of the



back of the chapel with a gray masonry bonding compound to seal the wall. The cost of the bonding compound is yet to be

determined.

The estimate to replace the buzzer system is \$1,790.00. This still needs approval from session.

-The Property Committee

## FINANCE REPORT



As of Wednesday, October 22, the account balances are:

Checking: \$9,600.93.

We have made the first payment of \$37,500.00 on the stone work on the front of the building. This money was pulled from the invested funds and immediately paid out. We will receive similar invoices every two weeks as the work progresses.

Savings: \$10,325.27. At the beginning of October, we transferred \$6,000 to checking to pay for one of the roof projects so this includes \$8,800 that has been designated for capital improvements.

SCRIP: \$2,342.65

-Keith Hare, FPC Finance Chair

# HYMN STORY: COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

By Lindsay Terry

"I do this day in the presence of God, and my own soul renew my covenant with God and solemnly determine henceforth to become his and to do his work as far as in me lies."

These astounding words of determination came from a lad only 16 years of age, in England, in 1826. His name was Henry Alford. He came from a long line of clergymen. His father, his grandfather and his great-grandfather were all ministers of the Church of England before him. He, too, became an Anglican vicar.



Henry Alford was born in London in 1810 and was reared in that great city. His first charge, after graduation from Trinity College, Cambridge, was in Wymeswold, Leicestershire. His gentle disposition, cheerful attitude and sheer genius

catapulted him to fame and high honor. He reached the top of his profession in 1857 when he became the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral.

He was a versatile man: an artist, an organist and singer, composer of verses and a very talented speaker. His literary ability was climaxed with the completion of The Greek Testament, a commentary of four volumes, which required 20 years of hard labor. It is reported that he loved to mingle with the common man. He never seemed to lose his vision of the pit from which he, too, had been lifted. He was thankful.

In the fall of 1844, while he was at Wymeswold, his first charge, the people of this hamlet decided to have a festival, rejoicing in

the abundant harvest already gathered into their barns.

For this particular occasion Alford wrote a song which has been sung, perhaps millions of times during Thanksgiving celebrations.

"Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home.  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home."

Read more:

<https://www.staugustine.com/story/lifestyle/faith/2015/11/26/story-behind-song-come-ye-thankful-people-come/16258126007/>

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING, CHURCH!

As we enter this season of thankfulness, I am so blessed to be used by God here at FPC. Being able to share your burdens, encourage you, and, most importantly, pray for you, has strengthened my own faith in a profound way. Watching the Lord, time and time again, work out the details is a continual reminder that He has everything under His control, in His Mighty Hand. May God abundantly bless you and your families as you count your blessings this season.

- Hope

