
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Our Mission Statement:

Welcome, Learn, Serve

**We Welcome persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
Learning together to live that faith in the real world;**

Serving God Together.

PRACTICING FAITHFULNESS IN ALL SEASONS!!

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Worship Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

NOVEMBER 2024

WELCOME



No getting around it – November is a tough month. There always seems to be at least a couple horrendous weather days. Speaking of days, the light is rapidly flickering as night takes over the longest part of each day, and we learn once again how best to fight the chill of winter.

We like to think that we come from hearty stock up here in the hinterland, and that may be true in some sense; but it has more to do with attitude than genetics, I think. We start to lose track of weeks and months to say nothing of hours and days. It's nice to have little "moments" now and then where we can relax and simply be.

One such moment occurs in the middle of this month for me on the 11th. Although it is indeed Veteran's Day, and I am very aware of that fact all day that day, there is a significance to the day that transcends the national commemoration. On November 11th, 1983, my beloved Stacy lost her sight. She was 19.

She chose to use that anniversary as a celebration each and every year of her life. It was the one and only day she would pray that if it were His will, her sight might be restored. Oh, how I admired her strength and wisdom to be able to take something as catastrophic as the loss of vision, and turn it into a very deliberate time to rejoice.

Part of her legacy is that courageous outlook. It sustains and informs who I am and how I try to approach the adversity in my life. To be able to stare tribulation full in the face and still “see” the glorious beauty of each moment is a powerful weapon in today’s very broken world. The fact that my arsenal contains such a weapon entirely as a result of my blind wife is a testament to the truth that “with God – all things are possible.”

Peace.
Always.
Pastor Wayne

Office hours:

Pastor Waibel is in the office on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am – 11:30 am
He can be reached anytime on his cell phone 612-750-3443.

LuAnn Dahn (secretary) -Wednesday and Friday mornings. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Prayers

Marilyn Johnson, Denise Johnson, Nikki Bartholomew,
Karen Wakup, Leona Fabel, Katy Keohen,
Gladys Oberstar, Earl Tiegs, Randy Baumgard (Denise’s brother).
Victims of violence; Leaders; Those hard to love,
gratitude for our friends, family, and community.



LEARN

Coffee hour Please join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am prior to worship service for coffee and fellowship.

SERVE

Meals On Wheels

First Presbyterian Church will be serving Meals on Wheels – Monday-Friday, October 28th – November 1st and also November 25th – November 29th.
Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.
Meals on Wheels coordinator and contact is Susan Volek at 952-873-6815 – mobile phone 507-381-2028





Our Monthly OFFERINGS September & October, 2024

September 1	17	\$ 495.00	October 5	10	\$ 360.00
September 8	15	\$ 955.00	October 13	17	\$ 780.00
September 15	15	\$2305.00	October 20	17	\$ 360.00
September 22	19	\$ 560.00	October 27	30	\$ 765.00
September 29	15	\$ 700.00			
Total Attendance 81			Total Attendance 74		
Total September Offerings \$5015.00			Total October Offerings \$2265.00		

**A detailed copy of the financial report is available in the church office.
For more information, contact a Session member.*

NOVEMBER LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon

November 3 Walt Lehtinen
November 10 Marilyn Johnson
November 17 Don Kowalke
November 24 Dick Coleman

Worship Leaders

November 3 Helen Lehtinen
November 10 Pam Pint
November 17 Pastor Wayne Waibel
November 24 Dick Coleman

Greeters

November 3 Walt & Helen Lehtinen
November 10 Dick Coleman
November 17 Jim & Carol Schmidt
November 24 Dick & Tammie Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE! FPC Church Website – Check it out – www.fpcbp.org

Reminder – If you are unable to attend a service at the church on Sunday mornings, Pastor Wayne is recording a message each week and this will continue even though we are meeting in the church.

Change Meter: Future change meter donations will go toward the Belle Plaine Food Shelf
Meter is in the office



A congregation church meeting was held on Sunday, October 27th following the 10:30 worship service. Minutes from the meeting will follow by email within the next few weeks and in our December Newsletter.



REMINDER – Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, morning at 2:00 pm
Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night



Operation
Christmas
Child

We will be packing boxes for OCC on Sunday, November 10th following the 10:30 am worship service. Please come and help if you can. Thanks.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service An Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by Belle Plaine area congregations will be hosted by First Presbyterian on Monday, November 25th at 7:00 pm. Refreshment will be served by FPC. The community is welcomed and invited to attend.

The Thanksgiving Worship is also intended to remember the needs of others. In this regard, people are encouraged to bring two kinds of offerings with them to the church. One is an offering of nonperishable food items to be donated to a local food shelf. Food shelves in our area have made it known that the need is great, and so a generous response would be welcome. The second offering goes to support the local "Good Samaritan Fund," supported by the participating churches, that provides help for transient people in our area. Again, a generous offering of support for this ministry is needed and welcome.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S:

Happy Birthday to : Tammie Coleman, Helen Lehtinen, Brian Stolt, Glen Schultz, Trenton Edberg and Mary Pat Munson

*Please note: If you, or someone you know is having a birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we may observe it in our newsletter. Please call the church office at 952-873-2966.

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All Saints' Day, which is a day to remember and honor all who have died in the Christian faith. It is usually celebrated on the first Sunday in November, the Sunday after Reformation Day.



REMEMBER to Vote – Tuesday November 5th

Be informed! Read up on political issues (both local and national) and figure out where you stand. Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedom, nor did many Americans in centuries past. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights.

November Lectionary - 2024

11-1-2024 – All Saints Day

Psalm 24

Isaiah 25:6-9

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

11-3-2024 - Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 146

Ruth 1:1-18

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

11-10-2024 -Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 127

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

11-17-2024 – Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 16

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

11-24-2024 – Reign of Christ Sunday

Psalm 93

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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Holidays: November has many holidays, including All Saints' Day on November 1, Election Day on November 5, Veterans Day on November 11, and Thanksgiving Day on November 25.

Historical events: Some historical events that took place in November include:

The signing of the Mayflower Compact: On November 21, 1620

The Gettysburg Address: Delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863

The signing of the armistice that ended World War I: On November 11, 1918