The Vision

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November
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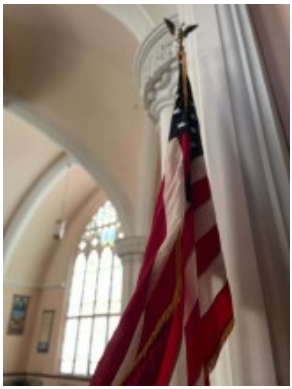
Dear Church Family,

As November settles over our beautiful Johnstown, I find myself reflecting on the many ways God has been at work in our lives and within our congregation. This season invites us to slow down, count our blessings, and recognize that gratitude is more than something we feel; it is something we are called to live.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. -Psalm 107:1

A Month of Faithfulness and Service

November brings several meaningful opportunities for worship and fellowship. We begin on November 1st with All Saints Sunday, remembering those faithful servants who have gone before us while joyfully welcoming three new members into our church family. What a beautiful reminder of Hebrews 12:1, that we are "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."



On November 8th, Pledge Sunday, we will reflect on Joshua's declaration, *"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:15), as we prayerfully commit to supporting God's continued work through our church. November 15th is Hunger and Homelessness Sunday, when we will share testimonies from The Open Door and consider Isaiah's call to *"satisfy the needs of the afflicted"* (Isaiah 58:10). On November 22nd, we will welcome a guest speaker and receive our annual Thank Offering. Each Sunday reminds us that our faith is not simply something we profess, but something we put into action.

Honoring Our Veterans

On November 11th, we pause to honor the veterans within our congregation, our families, and our wider community. We remember their courage, sacrifices, and commitment to service, along with the families who have supported them. We also remember those who carry the lasting burdens of war. As Jesus reminds us, *"Blessed are the peacemakers"* (Matthew 5:9). May we honor those who have served by continuing to pray and work for a world shaped by peace, justice, and compassion.

Thanksgiving: A Place at the Table

I am particularly excited that First Presbyterian Church will host our Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal at noon on Thanksgiving Day! This is a blessing to us in service, but also a blessing for our local community to receive a free meal and fellowship. With the help of our wonderful congregation volunteers and the combined confirmation class from Westmont Presbyterian Church and our own youth, we will welcome our neighbors to share a meal together. Hebrews 13:2 reminds us, *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers."* My hope is that this meal will offer more than nourishment. It will provide friendship, dignity, and the simple assurance that everyone deserves a place at the table. Thank you to everyone helping make this ministry of hospitality possible!

Looking Ahead to Advent

As Christmas approaches, I invite you to join us for our Advent study, *An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story* by Rachel Billups. Together, we will explore how God worked through unexpected people and circumstances to bring the greatest gift of hope into the world. Our first gathering will be Tuesday, December 1st, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, with sessions continuing on Tuesday mornings. Books will be available in the church office. Please contact Caroline or Pastor Danielle to get a copy prior to beginning our study. Whether you are a regular participant or joining us for the first time, all are welcome!

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A Heart Full of Gratitude



As we approach the end of this year together, I cannot help but think of Paul's words in Philippians 1:3: *"I thank my God every time I remember you."* What a wonderful year of learning, growing, and serving together it has been! From our worship and fellowship to the incredible ways this congregation has embraced new opportunities for mission, I see God's faithfulness woven throughout our story. Personally, I am deeply grateful for the love and encouragement you have shown me and my family. As we begin preparing for Christmas, I find myself especially thankful for the blessings of family, friendship, and the community of faith we share. These are gifts I never want to take for granted. Thank you for your willingness to follow where God is leading, even when the path is unfamiliar. I look forward to all that is still ahead of us! As we enter this season of thanksgiving, may we remember the words of 1 John 3:18: *"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."* May our hearts remain thankful, our doors remain open, and our lives continue to reflect the love of Christ.

With love and gratitude,

Rev. Danielle Kendig



November Preaching Plan 2026

Living Our Faith: Remember, Commit, Serve, and Hope
Throughout November, we will explore what it means to live out our faith in meaningful and tangible ways. From remembering the saints who have gone before us and welcoming new members into our church family, to renewing our commitments, serving our neighbors, and giving thanks for God's abundant blessings, each Sunday reminds us that faith is more than something we profess; it is something we live. As the month draws to a close, we enter the season of Advent with hearts full of hope, trusting that God is continually at work in our lives, our church, and our community, calling us to be living examples of Christ's love in the world.

— Sunday, November 1 —

All Saints' Day & New Member Sunday
Sermon Title: *A Faith That Lives On*
Scripture: Psalm 34:1–10, 22; Revelation 7:9–17

— Sunday, November 8 —

Pledge Sunday
Sermon Title: *As for Me and My House*
Scripture: Joshua 24:1–3, 14–25; Psalm 78:1-7

— Sunday, November 15 —

Hunger and Homelessness Sunday
Sermon Title: *When Faith Opens Doors*
Scripture: Psalm 146:5–10; Isaiah 58:6–12

— Sunday, November 22 —

Thank Offering Sunday
Guest Speaker: Sonya Dunlap-Horner

— Sunday, November 29 —

First Sunday of Advent: Hope
Sermon Title: *Hope in the Waiting*
Scripture: Genesis 16:1–6;
Luke 3:1–3, 7–18

Wellness Page



Online Health Info You Can Trust

Where to look for answers in the new era of AI

Querying Dr. Google is not the same as it used to be. Instead of pulling up a list of links that make it easy to identify information sources, most searches now first provide an answer or summary that's generated by artificial intelligence.

AI uses massive amounts of data to create almost humanlike answers to questions or prompts. And at least 17 percent of adults pose health questions at least once a month to chatbots – such as ChatGPT - which allow people to interact directly with AI systems - including 10 percent of people ages 65 and up, according to a 2024 survey. AI can be useful, says Ateev Mehrotra, MD, at the Brown University School of Public Health in Providence, R.I. "But there are places where the information is inaccurate," he says, "and it's hard for the user to know where."

3 Reasons to Be Wary

>Fabrications can be hard to detect. AI systems are known to "hallucinate," generating false but plausible-sounding scientific information. And they can be convincing even when they're wrong. According to a 2025 study, people often can't tell the difference between an AI-generated answer and one from a doctor. And they often rate AI answers as better even when they're less accurate.

> An answer might not apply to you.
An AI chatbot doesn't know you, says Kisha Davis, MD, a family physician and chief health officer for Montgomery County, Maryland. It doesn't know your specific health conditions or family history. It may generate advice based on a valid medical study, but that advice might not be relevant to your case, she points out. This is especially true for people who are underrepresented in medical research, such as women and members of minority groups.

> Personal info may not be protected.
AI systems aren't bound by the same privacy laws your doctor's

office is. Information you provide could be used by the company that owns the system or exposed in a data breach.

How to Use AI Wisely

A 2026 study found that when provided with all of the data about a particular medical case - like a sudden severe headache in an otherwise healthy young person - AI models were usually able to identify a relevant condition. But they performed less well when regular people chatted with the systems about those same cases because participants provided incomplete information.

Three steps can make a difference. First, in your prompt, tell the chatbot to rely only on information from major medical institutions, government websites, and studies published in reputable medical journals. Second, follow the links (which often appear in footnotes) to confirm whether the sources are trustworthy and the summary is accurate, Davis says. Third, talk to your doctor about what you find.

"Be skeptical," Mehrotra says. “Even though AI models are improving, they can still make mistakes or expose you to risks. Double-check what you learn before acting on it.”

Websites You Can Count On

If you're looking for answers online, stick with reliable websites. These include:

- **Official government websites, such as NHS Inform and MedlinePlus.**
- **Online health libraries of major medical research institutions, like the Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic.**
- **Sites affiliated with professional physician groups, like the American Academy of Family Physicians (familydoctor.org) and the American Geriatrics Society (healthinaging.org).**
- **Websites run by reputable health nonprofit organizations, like the American Cancer Society (cancer.org) and the American Heart Association (heart.org).**

DEDICATION SUNDAY

Pledge Sunday will soon be here—November 8th this year. Our theme will be: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" - Joshua 24:15.

Your pledge is vital to the continued growth and outreach of the church. We ask you to prayerfully consider to furthering our mission in this coming year.



A FRIENDS PRAYER

O Lord, let me be a companion in joy and a comforter in sorrow. Help me to find the courage to say what needs saying and the wisdom to know what doesn't. Let me care always — and always to find ways to show how much I care. Let me be the kind of person who can always be trusted, confided in, counted on. In every true sense of the word: Let me be a friend. In Christ's name, Amen.

Submitted by Isabel Cruse

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

Membership Anniversaries

We would like to recognize the following active members who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of November:

63 years	-	Harry Muncert
55 Years	-	Dorothy Wissinger
51 Years	-	Barbara Robinson
24 Years	-	Heith Bragg
24 Years	-	Michelle Bragg

Happy Anniversary! We are blessed to have each of you in our church family.



Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight saving time ends, November 1
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Christ the King Sunday, November 22
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26
- First Sunday of Advent, November 29

ICED PUMPKIN COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

COOKIES



- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

GLAZE

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease cookie sheet. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ground cloves, and salt; set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, cream together the 1/2 cup of butter and white sugar. Add pumpkin, egg, and 1 teaspoon vanilla to butter mixture, and beat until creamy. Mix in dry ingredients. Drop on cookie sheet by tablespoonfuls; flatten slightly.
3. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven. Cool cookies, then drizzle glaze with fork..
4. To Make Glaze: Combine confectioners' sugar, milk, 1 tablespoon melted butter, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add milk as needed, to achieve drizzling consistency.

JOIN US FOR OUR

Community

THANKSGIVING DINNER

You are invited to our Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Dinner will be served **promptly at 12:00 NOON** on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 26th, 2026.**

Reservations requested to get an accurate count to the caterer. Call the church office at (814) 536-8141 **by 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 19th.**





Congratulations to
Nina Foster & Cullen Kaschalk
who were married on October 11th.

Nina is the daughter of
John & Joyce Foster.

DEACONS

Happy November! I hope you have had the chance to enjoy the beautiful colors of the changing leaves? Apologies for the spaghetti dinner not being able to have happened in October, but hopefully once we get through the next few months we can get a takeout meal scheduled. We did shop for and donate a nice selection of school supplies to the new Street to Sanctuary Ministry, The Open Door. If you haven't had the chance to see our free store, please do check it out! We are all here to help and love one another. Check on your neighbors, call a friend, say hello, even give a smile to a stranger, we never know what they may be going through.

Blessings,
Wendi Sokira

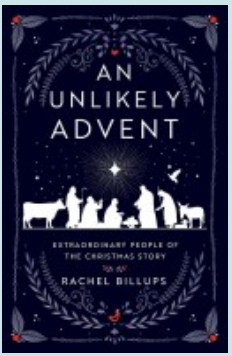
From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will. To the holy and faithful people in Christ Jesus in Ephesus. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ. — Ephesians 1:1-2,4

GENEVENS

Hello! It's so hard to believe we are into November! We will be taking a break for a little while, November-February, so while we are, please give me ideas on restaurants and opinion on sharing a meal (covered dish) at church too. Have a Happy thanksgiving!

-Wendi Sokira

All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the Lord! It's right for those who do right to praise God. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre! Sing praises to Him with the ten-stringed harp! Sing to Him a new song! Play your best with joyful shouts! - Psalm 33:1-3



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2026 Thank Offering
OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

"Little children, *let us love* not in word or speech but *in deed and truth*."

—1 John 3:18*



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Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering Sunday is November 23rd

Guest speaker:

Sonya Dunlap-Horner

Executive Director of Bridges Cooperative Ministry

Joyce Gerlach, Wendi Sokira, and Pat Betts will also participate in the service.

Envelopes are enclosed in this edition of the Vision. Thank you for your generosity.





Thank you for your ongoing donations of non-perishable food items, which are delivered weekly to the Franklin Street Church Food Pantry for distribution on Tuesday mornings.

Food pantries face especially high demand during the upcoming holiday season. You can help by picking up extra items - such as canned vegetables, peanut butter, or mac & cheese - during your regular grocery shopping and placing them in our donation baskets located at each of the three church entrances.

Thank you for your generosity!





NOVEMBER 2026

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sun, School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	3 Bible Study 10:30	4 Session 6:00	5	6	7 WPC Veterans' Day Appetizers 4:00PM Dinner 5:00PM
8 Sun. School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Dedication / Pledge Sunday Johnstown Concert Series 3:00 PM	9 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	10 Bible Study 10:30	11 	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45	16 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	17 Bible Study 10:30	18	19	20	21
22 Sun, School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Thank Offering Sunday Christ the King Sunday	23 6:30 pm Nar-Anon	24 Bible Study 10:30	25	26 	27 Office Closed	28
29 Sun, School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Communion First Sunday of Advent 	30 6:30 pm Nar-Anon					

Session Meeting Highlights
October 2026

- Membership – 76.
- Updates on upcoming roof replacement shared.
- From Treasurer – Receipts through August right in line with budget, with expenditures at or below budget. The balance sheet remained strong.
- The 2027 Draft Budget was presented.
- Approved Pastor's request for vacation.
- Discussed details of the repair of a leak in the main hot water line.
- Approved holding the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Volunteers will be needed.
- New members will be received November 1.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28





COMMUNION

We will receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th. All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake.



JOHNSTOWN CONCERT SERIES

IUP CHORALE

Sunday, November 8
3 PM

One of Pennsylvania's distinguished collegiate choral ensembles, the IUP University Chorale will present a rich and diverse program featuring music from its Spring and Fall 2026 repertory.



FALL BACK, NOT BEHIND!

Change your clocks and join us on time for worship, Nov. 1st!



The Christmas Joy Offering
will be received on
Sunday, December 6th.

Envelopes will be enclosed in the December Vision.

This offering supports two programs: current and retired church workers in financial need and students at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Thank you for your generosity.



43rd ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
December 4, 5, & 6, 2026

It is not too early to consider how you can help with this year's Festival:

- Carrying boxes down from upstairs storage rooms
- Setting up displays
- Sharing nativity/creche scenes and other religious decorations
- Providing security during performances
- Volunteering as a greeter
- Dismantling after the Festival is over
- Praying for this long-time event

We need lots of help to make this Spirit Gift to the Community a success! Call Caroline in the church office to volunteer.





YOUR DONATIONS of snack breads are needed for the Festival of the Nativity. You can place your breads in the freezer or bring them in and we can throw them in the freezer for you. We will also be accepting crackers and cheeseballs, all for the refreshment table. Thank you!

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR

ANNUAL VETERANS DINNER

A free dinner for Veterans, their families, and those currently serving in our Armed Forces.

Guest Speaker: Retired U.S. Navy SEAL Captain Andrew Pence

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Appetizers: 4:00-5:00 PM
Dinner: 5:00-6:00 PM

SATURDAY

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5:00 PM

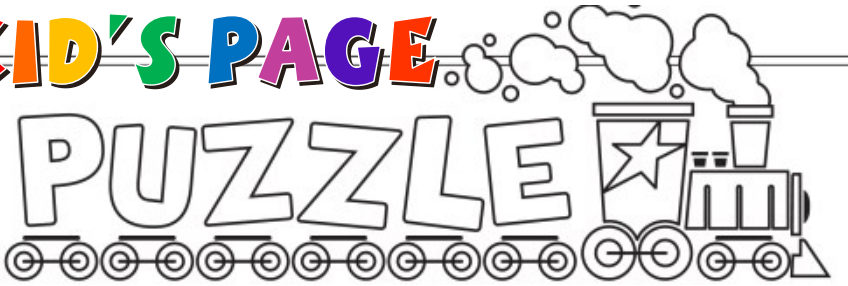
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Please call the church office to RSVP with the number attending by Monday Nov 2

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KID'S PAGE



Counting Our Blessings

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to "count our blessings." God blesses each of us daily in so many ways. Solve the following math problems. Then write the words on the numbered lines below to complete Ephesians 1:3, NIV.

14 - 7 = ____ Father	10 + 15 = ____ in
10 + 9 = ____ heavenly	6 - 3 = ____ to
10 + 5 = ____ blessed	12 - 6 = ____ and
2 - 1 = ____ Praise	6 + 6 = ____ Christ
7 + 7 = ____ has	18 - 9 = ____ our
11 + 11 = ____ every	22 - 11 = ____ Jesus
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10 + 10 = ____ realms	7 + 6 = ____ who
13 + 13 = ____ Christ	2 + 2 = ____ the
8 + 8 = ____ us	10 - 5 = ____ God
8 + 9 = ____ in	4 + 4 = ____ of
5 + 5 = ____ Lord	9 + 9 = ____ the
10 + 11 = ____ with	10 + 13 = ____ spiritual

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Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

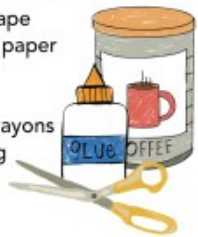
Give Thanks with Music



Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!

What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!

TURKEY TIME!!

Need to lighten the mood at your holiday dinner table? Share some laughter with these Thanksgiving-themed jokes.

What did the turkey say to the president?
- I beg your pardon.

What does G.I. Joe do at thanksgiving? - He gives tanks.

Why do turkeys make great comedians? -They love to roast.

How did the butter get to where it was going?
- It was on a roll.

Why did the turkey go to the doctor ?
-He was feeling stuffy.

Where do you find a turkey with no legs?
-Exactly where you left him.

If pilgrims were alive today, what would be the most surprising thing about them?
-Their age.



NO REGRETS

We came to Nar-Anon because our lives had become chaotic and unmanageable. Dealing with the addict had become stressful and exhausting. We learned that we could not control the addict's behavior. For many of us, months or even years had been spent dealing with our addicted loved ones and their behaviors.

Some of us struggled with regret, despair, and frustration over how our own lives had been altered by our attempts to deal with the addicts in our lives. We had become so focused on our loved ones and their problems that we often neglected ourselves and our own well-being.

We came to Nar-Anon only after we began to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. Many of us initially thought this would be a short process. After all, our loved one, the addict, had the problem—not us.

By attending Nar-Anon meetings, we learned about the Twelve Steps and how they could help us change our lives. We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. We then made the decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of our Higher Power, God as we understood Him.

By following and practicing the Twelve Steps, we learned to look inward and develop a fearless and searching moral inventory of ourselves. We began to recognize our own character defects and shortcomings. We learned to acknowledge them honestly, share them with our Higher Power, and ask for the removal of our shortcomings. We also learned the importance of making amends, wherever possible, to those we had harmed through our own behaviors.

As we continued to study and practice the Twelve Steps, we discovered that change takes time, patience, and willingness. Through prayer and meditation, reading Nar-Anon literature,

and sharing our experiences with others who understood our struggles, we gradually began to find greater peace and serenity in our lives.

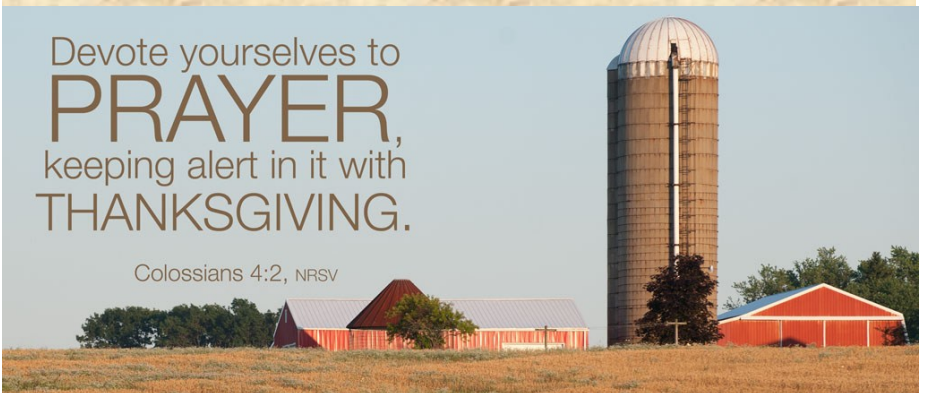
We also began to understand that we could not change the past or control the choices of our addicted loved ones. However, we could change how we responded to our circumstances. We could learn from our experiences, take responsibility for our own actions, and let go of the regret and guilt that had kept us from moving forward.

No regrets does not mean that we have never made mistakes or experienced pain. It means that we can acknowledge the past, learn from it, and allow our experiences to help us grow. Through the Twelve Steps, we can begin to release the burdens we have carried for so long and focus on living one day at a time.

As we continue to work our program, we learn that peace and serenity do not depend on whether our addicted loved ones change. They begin within us as we practice the principles of Nar-Anon and learn to place our trust in a Power greater than ourselves.

At the end of every meeting, we recite the slogan:
"Keep coming back! It works if you work it; it won't if you don't! So work it 'cause you're worth it!"

NAR-ANON meetings are held every Monday evening at 6:30 PM in the library at First Presbyterian Church. We thank the church for their ongoing support.



OUR STEWARDSHIP

GIVING IN SEPTEMBER		YTD
Member Giving	2790	37198
Major Repair Fund	60	661
Organ Fund	15	130
Loose Offering	674	4518
Special Offerings	0	400
First Fruits	0	1131
Total Giving	3539	44038

ATTENDANCE

Sept 06 - 22
Sept 13 - 21
Sept 20 - 26
Sept 27 - 27



Stewardship REPORT





FOOD PANTRY ITEMS ARE COLLECTED EVERY SUNDAY! THANK YOU!!



November BIRTHDAYS

1 Mandy Gindlesperger
2 Ryan Hull
4 Kirk Waterstram
5 Angie Rokita
10 Doug Gindlesperger
11 Jonathan Bragg
12 Melissa Davis
13 David Waterstram
14 Gregory Schultz
22 Janet Braude
22 Wendi Sokira

November ANNIVERSARIES

Ray & Wendy Vickroy
29 years
on November 4th

Jon & Rev. Danielle Kendig
16 years
on November 20th

Bob & Sharon Hull
45 years
on November 30th

There is no more lovely, friendly and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage. -Martin Luther



Prayer Concerns

Rene Bacon (Gindlesperger)
David Barrett (B. Thiel)
Joshua Barczak (Betts)
The Don Bash Family
Bonnie Bash
Judy Bash
Dave & Dorothy Belz
Sherri Bennett (Mapes)
Chuck Benson
Sue Benya
Robin & Paul Bergeron (Cruse)
Deb Bickel
Michelle & Heith Bragg
Friends of Janet Clark
Dale Cruse
Family of Mary Cruse
Teri Cruse
Family of John Davis
George Demchak & Family (Koch)
Marlene Eisenhauer
Family of "Ike" Eisenhuth
A. Scott Eisenhuth
Ashlee Fecko (Koch)
Family of Richard Feller
Diane Flemming (Gerlach)
Robert Flemming (Gerlach)
Randy & Leslie Freenock
Dave & Marilyn Gehlman
Joyce Gerlach
Roy & Agnes Gindlesperger
Jacob Gram (Gerlach)
Rod & Sonya Horner
Faye Huber
Marlene James
Bobbie Jean Klimek Family
Donna Kay
Tom Koch & Family
Ava & Dylan Kresak
Family of Mark Kresak
Family of Peg Lambert
Walt Leitenberger (Gindlesperger)
John Markley (Markley)
Bill & Bobbi Markley (Bragg)
John McClure (Kendig)
Family of Connie Meyers
Nancy Miller (Benson)
Serena Miller (Clark)
Family of George Moehler
Ron & Brenda Noon
Tom Osterbloom (Gindlesperger)
Annie Pearce
Sue Porsch
Pat Ripple
Tina Risbon
Kent Roach
Sheila Rogerson (B. Thiel)
Debbie Rummel
Lucas Sandford & Family (Davis)
Debra Semeski (Rummel)
John & Judy Sierocky (Foster)
Family of Michelle Smith
J. Andrew Smith (Gindlesperger)
Josh Sokira (Sokira)
Robby Sokira, Jr. (Sokira)
Owen Szanto (Gindlesperger)
Zowalla Thiel
Trista Wagner
Susan Weaver (B. Thiel)
Cynthia Weimer (Weaver)
Lynne & Bill Williams
Sharon Yoder (Bash)

Serving in the Military
Luther Flores
Richard Kovach

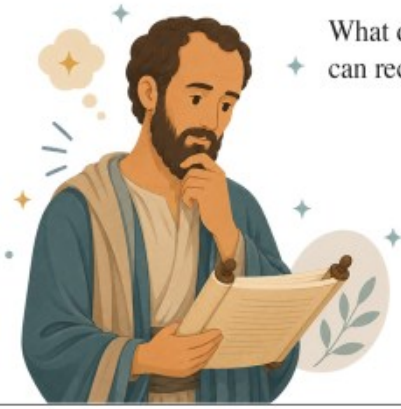


+Christian Symbol+

—DOOR—

A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and a personal relationship with Jesus: "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7, NIV). A door can also represent Jesus' loving invitation to open our hearts to him: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock" (Revelation 3:20, NIV). When we welcome him in, we receive the joy of fellowship and life with Christ.

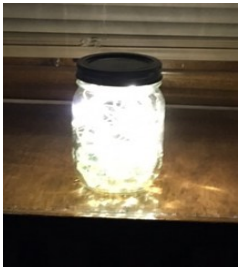
Bible Quiz



What did St. Paul teach about how people can recognize the existence of God?

A. They would have no understanding of God unless someone told them.
B. They could see evidence of God by observing creation.
C. God cannot be known in any way except through Jesus.

Answer: B (Romans 1:19-21)



Luminaries

We are actively planning and preparing for our 43rd Annual Festival of the Nativity and invite you to sponsor a luminary in memory or honor of a loved one. Sponsorship is $7 per luminary or 3 for $20. All funds raised go toward Festival expenses. Each luminary will be labeled with your name and the name of your loved one. Please complete the form and submit it to the church office with your check payable to First Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your generous support!

Name of Sponsor(s)

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1) In Memory/Honor of:
(circle one)

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2) In Memory/Honor of:
(circle one)

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3) In Memory/Honor of:
(circle one)

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Quantity ordered _____

Total Enclosed _____

Please return to the office no later than Nov. 25, 2026



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DISPLAY

POINSETTIAS will adorn our sanctuary again this Christmas. If you would like to order one or more poinsettias to place in memory or honor of someone special, please fill out the form provided below and send with your remittance by December 7th to the church office. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. You may also order by email or calling the church office at (814) 536-8141.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 7, 2026

6" Red ,White, Pink, or "Jingle Bells" (red w/white speckles) Poinsettia - **$9.50 ea.**

YOUR NAME _____

(as you want it printed in the bulletin)

(circle one) **In Memory / Honor of:**				
Color:	❑ Red	❑ White	❑ Pink	❑ Jingle Bells

(circle one) **In Memory / Honor of:**				
Color:	❑ Red	❑ White	❑ Pink	❑ Jingle Bells

(circle one) **In Memory / Honor of:**				
Color:	❑ Red	❑ White	❑ Pink	❑ Jingle Bells

Quantity Ordered _____ **Total Enclosed** _____

***THE BULK OF OUR ORDER MUST BE PLACED TO THE GREENHOUSE BY DECEMBER 7, 2026.**

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God's Blessings to: