

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Greetings Friends!

I cannot believe it is already November! Time flies when we're having fun!

This month is always a great time to reflect on all the blessings God has given us. On Sunday November 7, 14, and 21 we will be talking about stewardship. We will hear from church members, witness the kids give an amazing Vacation Bible School presentation, and close out our stewardship discussion at the Communion table. I look forward to exploring what it means to be a great steward of God's gifts and how we can best apply it to our lives today.

Save the date! On Sunday November 28th we will have our annual hanging of the greens service during worship.

Zoom Bible study is still going strong! Zoom Bible study is on Tuesday nights at 7pm. Please join us!

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul Riggs, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan and Gayle Kaufeld. Thank you to our liturgists for the month of November: Paulette Riedel, Kristy Johnson, Sue Alberts, and Jane Heser. Thank you to everyone who set up coffee and brought food for fellowship.

My verse for us this month comes from Paul's letter to the Colossians, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

May we live this month giving thanks to our Lord and Savior for the abundant life He has given us.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda





November 1	Greta Rausch
November 5	Stacey Erwin
November 6	Chris Wanous
November 8	Paul Leisen
November 10	Robert Gransee
November 14	Olivia Willert
November 15	Ambra Andrist
	Kristy Johnson
November 17	Joel Alberts
	Arlin Brigham
	Hartley Duff
November 18	Derek Frodermann
November 20	Owen Abbott
November 22	Dan Kaufeld
	Paulette Riedel
November 24	Paul Alberts
November 25	Deborah Dodds
November 30	Casey Hesar
	Charlie Hesar

Happy Anniversary!



November 1	Steve & Michelle Willert
	Wayne & Rosalie Trom
November 10	Howard & Elaine Gransee
November 16	Casey & Jessica Erwin
November 20	Randy & Lisa Carlsen
November 26	Don & Jane Hesar



Pray for our servicemen in the military.
 *Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force
 *Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.
 *Carol Prenzlöw - continuing rehabilitation.
 *Helen Leqve - recovering from a fall
 *Ruth Allen - recovering from a broken hip
 *Derek Frodermann - surgery
 * Donna Dutton - for health and continued well being.



**September Session
 Meeting on
 November 11th at 6:00 PM**



Worship Committee

**Worship Committee Meeting
 on November 7th after church.**

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 Worship 10:00 am



PW CORNER

Greetings all PW,

Looking back a year ago at the November newsletter, I found that as I wrote the PW article there was snow falling!! Thankfully that is not happening now, although it is currently raining. Hopefully it will not turn into the white stuff, right? Our fall weather has been quite nice so let's hope it will continue into November.

As we all know PW has not met for many months and the meeting in November is when we have our Thank Offering along with a related program. Therefore, a regular PW meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17 in church at 2:00 P.M. This is a change from our usual Thursday meeting but hopefully this will not be an issue for most members. The election of officers will take place at this meeting so please plan to attend. The Thank Offering will be taken at this meeting. Plans will be made to also have our usual meeting in December.

At this time we do not have the dates for when our church will be delivering Meals on Wheels, so if you would like to volunteer for that worthy project, please contact Sharon Law at 507-775-6643. As always, many thanks to all who have volunteered and also to Sharon for organizing our willing workers.

Continued prayers are needed for Carol Prenzlöw as she continues her rehab in the Pine Island Care Center. Prayers for healing are also needed for Ruth Allen who suffered a broken hip recently. Ruth was hospitalized for a short time and is now convalescing at home. Our prayers continue to be needed for Jack Heiserman and family as well as all members and families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Also, everyone in public service, military service, all medical workers, and all in ministry positions are in need of our prayers, may God bless them all.

As we all know, Thanksgiving will be soon be here; hooray for Turkey Day!!! Here are some interesting facts about this holiday:

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in the United States, Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well. The origin of this holiday can be traced back to the 16th century when the first thanksgiving dinner is said to have taken place. The legendary pilgrims crossed the Atlantic in the Mayflower and reached Plymouth rock on December 11, 1620 after a sea journey of 66 days, enduring many terrible storms. In 1621, due to severe drought, pilgrims called for a day of fasting and prayer to please God and ask for a bountiful harvest. God answered their prayers and it rained at the end of the day and it saved the corn crops.



PW Corner-continued

NOT ONLY FOR OUR FOOD

Not only for our food today, But for the blessings along the way –
For loved ones home from o'er the miles, For children's hugs and babies' smiles,
For Grandma's kiss and Grandpa's pat, For bouncing pup and sleeping cat,
For rocking chairs and hot cocoa Near the fireside's cheery glow;
For autumn leaves beneath our feet, For loving friends we rush to greet,
For water, sparkling, from the well, And amber mums with spicy smell,
For twinkling stars, the moon that glows, The sun that beams and wind that blows;
For woolly coats and mittens warm, And home---our shelter in a storm;
For health and wealth and joy and love, For God's good favor from above,
For blessings great and blessings small, We thank you, Lord, for one and all.

Barbara McCutchen

May God bless each and everyone of you, granting all health and happiness. Carol and I send you warmest wishes for a truly thankful and blessed Thanksgiving holiday, hoping you may enjoy all the blessings of family, friends, and bountiful food.

Blessings all,

Sue and Carol, PW co-chairs



Extra Thoughts & Announcements

*Sunday, November 11 -Select a Hymn Sunday

On Sunday November 11th members of the congregation are invited to eagerly call out the number of their favorite hymn during the worship service. Now is the time to look up your favorite hymns in the new Glory to God hymnal so you can come prepared!

*The Coronavirus subcommittee wants to remind everyone of the church's policy regarding masks.

Masks are recommended but not required

^They are recommended because there is a risk of indoor singing,
we have high risk people in our congregation,
and children are not able to be vaccinated yet.

^Everyone can make their own choice to wear one or not wear one.

*Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, November 17 at 2:00 for a regular meeting and the Thank Offering will be taken at that meeting.

*4th and 5th Grade Bible Presentation is happening on
Sunday November 14, 2021 at the 10:00am worship service.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Amanda at presbypastor@kmtel.com

Stewardship Letter

“Give, and it will be given to you. In good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, it will be put into your lap. For with the measure, you use it will be measured back to you.” - Luke 6:38

Dear members and friends of First Presbyterian Church,

The past few years have been very difficult year for each of us.

Emerging from isolation, we see friends, neighbors, and family that we haven't seen for a while. We also see our church family, our church building, and the changing community around us. Many opportunities have opened themselves back up to our Faith Family, both inside and outside our congregation. We can worship together again; we can fellowship together again, and we CAN SERVE GOD TOGETHER AGAIN.

Regardless of the ways in which you have engaged in the life of this faith community, we hope you can feel the movement of the Holy Spirit here. It's from this place of familiarity and renewal that we come to you about our stewardship campaign for the coming year, asking you to join us as we are still serving Christ together.

First Presbyterian is a congregation of generous people, who have invested much time, energy, and work, but commitments of financial gifts are also critical to our future. While much good work has happened, we must all continue to ensure our beautiful church is taken care of for future generations, our church life is strengthened, and our missions and outreach programs increase.

Stewardship is an invitation to participate in the work of the Holy Spirit at First Presbyterian.

Although we are not certain what future will bring to us, we do know two things must happen.

We must remain strong financially. In the past, the church members responded when needed so the church continually met its financial responsibilities. Please continue your financial commitment and, where possible, increase your support for the coming year.

What existing areas you are interested in helping with where possible. Examples could be Stewardship, Youth Activities, Christian Education, Worship, Fellowship, Property Committee, Mission Committee, and others:

Please help Session by offering your thoughts of how we could develop new ideas to strengthen our involvement with each other and with our God.

My suggestions/feedback are: _____

Your Name _____

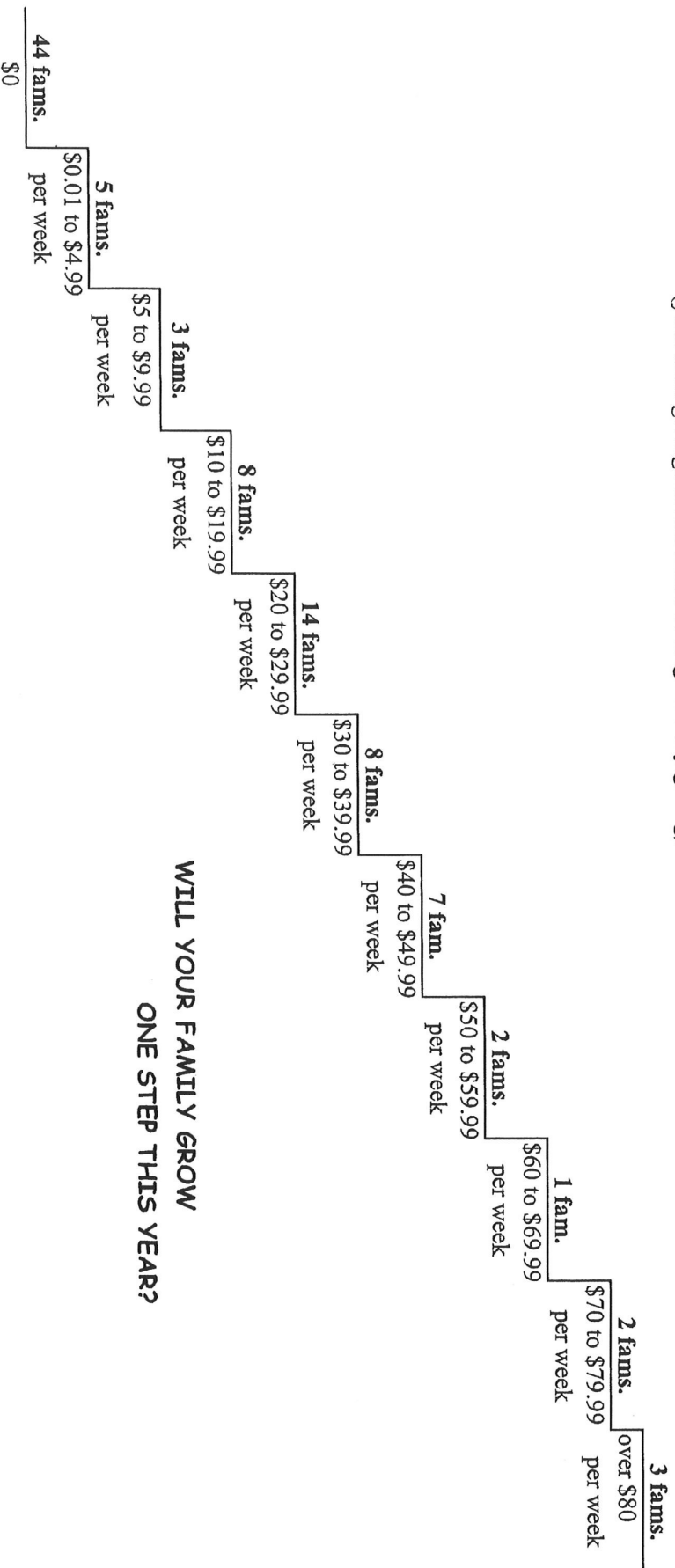
Please return to the church office or by email by November 21, 2021

Thank You,
The Stewardship Committee

A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S WEEKLY GIVING FROM JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2020

Special gifts are not included in these numbers

OF THE 97 FAMILIES IN OUR CHURCH,
FIND WHERE YOUR FAMILY IS ON THIS CHART
(your total givings divided into average weekly giving)



**WILL YOUR FAMILY GROW
ONE STEP THIS YEAR?**

Bible Study

Zoom Bible Study November 2021

Zoom Bible Study will meet virtually on Zoom starting on Tuesday nights at 7pm



Here's what we are studying in November:

Tuesday November 2 at 7pm- Animate: Bible- History: Parchment to Pixel

For this week's Animate Bible study, we will continue to look at the history of the Bible. Does the way we access the Bible change the way we read and interpret the Bible? Phyllis Tickle believes this question is paramount as technology makes it easier for us to carry the Bible in our pockets or look up a verse online and out of context. By tracing the history of the Bible from its origins as a set of oral stories passed down from community to community, to the days of the Bible being read to the illiterate masses in Latin, to our current open-source approach to the Bible, Phyllis suggests that access is everything.

Tuesday November 9 at 7pm -Animate: Bible- Testaments: One Story, Two Parts

For this week's Animate Bible study, we will look at how the Bible came together. What do we do with the Old Testament? That's the big question for Rachel Held Evans. For a long time, Rachel was troubled by the violence, the strange laws, and the treatment of women she found in the Old Testament. She's not alone. So how do we make sense of the images of an angry God with the God of love? How do we find the sweet spot between the Law of Moses and the Grace of Jesus? And how do we not only make peace with the Old Testament but actually find value in it? Rachel's suggestion might surprise you

Tuesday November 16 at 7pm- Animate: Gospels- Unexpected Good News

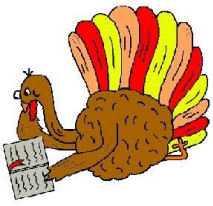
We know the four Gospels tell the story of Jesus. But why do they tell different stories? Why does Matthew say one thing and John something else? What does it mean to say that the Gospels are "good news"? Nadia Bolz-Weber peels away our assumptions about the Gospels and reminds us that Jesus didn't come to make us feel comfortable, but rather to upend our ideas about what "good news" really looks like.

Tuesday November 23 at 7pm-Animate: Genre-Rhythm of the Text

Poetry, history, songs, letters, prophecies, even dreams—this is the stuff the Bible is made of. So why do we struggle to make sense of the various genres of biblical literature. Jose Morales suggests there's more to understanding genre than just knowing the difference between a psalm and an epistle. We have to know how to dance with all the rhythms we find in this sacred nightclub.

Tuesday November 30 at 7pm- Advent Bible Study- Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

Learn about Joseph's trade as a carpenter and the influence Joseph must have had on Jesus. He encourages us to pay close attention to the opportunities we have to help children grow to know God.



Giving Thanks In All Things Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:18- In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Thanksgiving Day is a special time to spend with your family. Lots of families cook a turkey and have a really wonderful meal together. God has blessed you with many things in your life. Let's be thankful for his mercy and love that he has given each one of us.

We should be thankful that God sent his son Jesus to die on a cross for our sins. We have a loving God that sent his son so that we could have life. He provided a way for us to spend eternity with him. We do not have to die lost. He made a way for you and me.

There are some people you might know that do not have anyone to spend Thanksgiving with. You might send them a card or invite them over to dinner at your place. Be kind to those around you that are hurting. Give them the message that Jesus loves them and does care about them. He blessed us with an opportunity to share the gospel to one another to receive salvation.

Thank the Lord every day and be thankful for what he has done for you. The bible say's to gives thanks in all things. God has a plan for your life and wants to bless you. He will bless you so you that you can bless others. Being thankful is pleasing to the Lord.

When we are unthankful, that really hurts God. In the Bible there was a time when the children of Israel complained about everything. God did not like that. He wanted to bless them with the land of milk and honey but they just couldn't seem to trust him. Sometimes things might go wrong in your life, but we have to trust God that he has it under control. If you pray and ask him to take care of things, he will do it. We have to have faith and not complain. The children of Israel never saw the promised land of milk and honey because of their complaining and unbelief. God has many blessings for you and your family if you just trust him and stay thankful. Sometimes it might be hard to be thankful. We might find ourselves in a situation that makes it hard to trust God. But believe me; the word says he will take care of you. You can stand on the Word of God. It will never let you down.



Give thanks
to the Lord.
Psalm 136:1

NOVEMBER KID'S PAGE



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Give



Taste and see that the LORD is good. Psalm 34:8

Enter **H**is gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Psalm 100:4

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name. Psalm 29:2

Glory in His holy **N**ame; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Psalm 105:3

Let us **K**neel before the LORD our Maker. Psalm 95:6

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything. Ephesians 5:19-20



	1	Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM	2	3	4	5	6
				Choir Practice 6:30 PM			
*All Saints Day *Stewardship Sun *Worship Committee Mtg. after service *Daylight Savings Time ends	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM		Choir Practice 6:30 PM	Veterans Day Session Mtg at church @ 6 PM		
*Select a Hymn Sunday *Stewardship Sun VBS Youth Performance *4th & 5th Grade Bible Presentation *Congregational Mtg after service	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM		Choir Practice 6:30 PM			
*Christ the King Communion *Stewardship Sun	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM		Choir Practice 6:30 PM	Happy Thanksgiving 		
*First Sunday of Advent *Hanging of the Greens Service during Worship	28	29	30				
		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM					

← Meals on Wheels →

Notes: