



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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November 2018

Dear Friends,

Stewardship is more about discipleship than it is a *season* in the church year; it's more about one's relationship with money than it is about how much a person *should* give to the church; it is more about recognizing God's blessings in one's life than about dollar amounts.

As stewards of the amazing gifts of God, we make decisions each day about how we will spend our money and our time. In each of those small decisions, we affirm (or deny) the primacy of our relationship with God. Stewardship season in the church encourages us to take a careful look at what we have and its source; about who we are and the one to whom we belong. I encourage this on-going conversation and trust that your giving to the church of Jesus Christ will faithfully reflect your deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Elizabeth

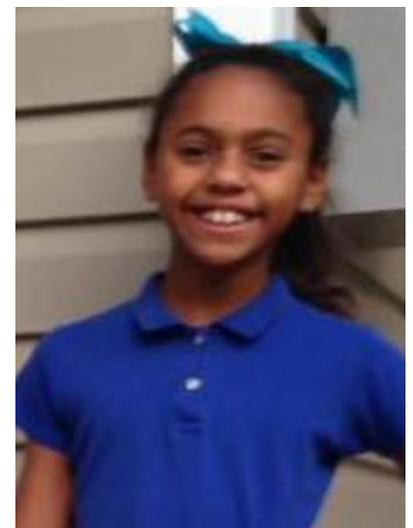
[In Ella Cumming's words, this is what stewardship is about...](#)

My name is Ella Cumming and I am a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Central Elementary School.

As a member of this church family and student at Central, I am blessed twice by your generosity. You supply volunteers for our school functions, support our backpack program, and serve meals to our teachers during back to school events. Central students and teachers are very thankful for the generosity you show our school.

You also support the youth activities at our church. From childcare to Youth Cubs, Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers, children have many opportunities to be a part of this church and grow spiritually.

In this giving season, I hope you will continue your abundance of generosity for children and all at our church.





**Sunday, November 4**

**All Saints Day/Consecration Sunday/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/  
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger**

We'll gather remembering God's generosity to us and the remarkable people who have graced our lives. The Faith Explorers will sing and the Youth Handbell Ensemble will ring during worship.

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

**Sunday, November 11**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

Grace Katharine Maust, daughter of Ashley (Marshall) and Keith Maust will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

**Sunday, November 18**

Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

**Sunday, November 25**

**Christ the King Sunday**

Scripture: Revelation 1:4b-8 and John 18:33-37

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**Ten-Cents-A-Meal**

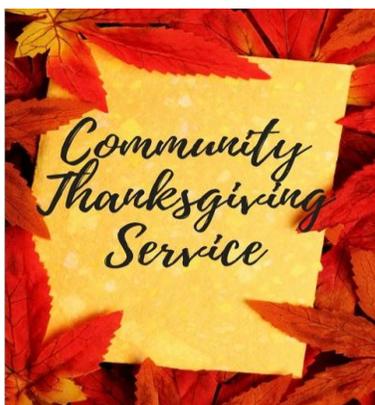
We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on November 4. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. We received a total of \$290.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in September.

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**2018 Flower Calendar**

The 2018 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any local florist.** Contact Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or [fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com)) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.

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**Community Thanksgiving Worship**

**Date: Sunday, November 18**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: The Gathering**

**(175 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Albemarle)**

**Preacher: Pastor James Laurence**

**of First Lutheran Church, Albemarle**

**Other downtown pastors will assist in worship.**

**A reception will follow.**

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**COMMUNITY ADVENT WORSHIP**

**AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**ON WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

Join in worship with others from the downtown churches during Advent at Christ Episcopal Church (428 Pee Dee Avenue). We will gather there on the following Wednesdays at noon in Advent: December 5, 12 & 19.





# Looking Forward to Advent

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. Following worship, Session will provide a simple lunch: Homemade Chili (vegetarian option), cornbread, dessert, tea, coffee, and water. There will be Advent activities for families and children. The Chrismon tree will be decorated.

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## Alternative Christmas Gifts

On November 25 and December 2, 9, and 16, there will be opportunities to purchase alternative gifts in the Pit Stop. You will be able to select from among both local and international recipients. For each purchase, you will receive one of several holiday-themed acknowledgement cards. The charities are: The Community Care Clinic, Homes of Hope/The Community Inn, Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM), and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).



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## Advent for All

Please join us on Sunday, December 2nd to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent! Everyone is invited to join us after lunch for some fun Advent activities in the Pit Stop. We will create Advent crafts, experience Advent rituals for home, decorate cookies, and make cards for the Community Christmas dinner. If you would like to be a helper for this special event, please contact Jane Snyder ([jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722).

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It will not be long before you will see our Angel Tree back in the Pit Stop, adorned with paper angels. They represent the Christmas wishes of Central Elementary School students and their siblings which would otherwise not be fulfilled. Each year, members and friends of this congregation have been very generous in their response to this program. In a few weeks, you will be informed when the tree is up, details in selecting an *angel*, and the deadline for return of the gifts to the church.

In the meantime, we want to remind you that gifts for an individual child should be limited to:

1. an article of clothing (the school uniform or a jacket or shoes);
2. a book; and
3. a toy (cost not to exceed \$50.00).

Should you have any questions, please contact Peggy Finley at 704-975-1136 or [maf447@windstream.net](mailto:maf447@windstream.net).

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## JOY Program Sunday, December 9

The program will be led by the children in Youth Club. Look for more details in the December newsletter and bulletins.

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**From the First Presbyterian Church Community Christmas Dinner Committee...**

### Community Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 25 at Central UMC

We are well on the way to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner with the following churches: Annunciation Catholic, Central UMC, Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, and First Lutheran.

Check the bulletin board for food and volunteer sign-up opportunities. We are looking forward to food, fun, fellowship and celebration on Christmas Day at the host church, Central United Methodist. Come out and bring your family...you will be blessed by the sharing of the season!

Food and Volunteer Sign-up Sheets will be on the Mission bulletin board soon! Blessings to all for helping provide a Christmas meal for so many in our community.

First Presbyterian Church Contact Person:

Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com))



# Consecration Sunday is November 4

## with lunch following worship

Menu:

Roast Beef with gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Apple Cider Infused Carrots, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Water

The Fellowship Committee is seeking volunteers to bring desserts.

Please contact Connie Wallace ([connie.wallace59@gmail.com](mailto:connie.wallace59@gmail.com) or 704-699-3715) if you can help.

## Sharing God's Many Blessings

Please plan to join us on Sunday, November 4, as we celebrate your generosity. First, you are invited to return your pledge cards for 2019 during the worship service. Then, following worship, you can enjoy a wonderful luncheon as we give thanks to God for his many blessings and enjoy fellowship with one another.

If you are unable to join us for this special celebration, we ask that you return your pledge card to the office as soon as possible so that your officers can prepare the 2019 budget.

## BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE

It seems impossible to believe we have been part of this church for almost 40 years. What a BLESSING it has been! We raised our three sons here, and now we are so thankful that our son Taylor, his wife Lisa and their daughter, Colette, worship here also. We feel especially BLESSED that Taylor is currently serving as an elder. Our other granddaughters have participated in many events here and wouldn't miss Music & Arts Camp! Little did we know when we became members four decades ago, that three generations of our family would be nurtured, supported, taught, loved, and prayed for by the special people of this congregation.

We feel especially BLESSED by the opportunities to be involved in mission projects sponsored by First Presbyterian Church. The emphasis our church puts on carrying out God's work in this way has been one of the biggest BLESSINGS we have received as church members. Local missions have become near and dear to us. Having the chance to go to Mwandu in Zambia and to travel five times to Montana de Luz in Honduras has changed us and enriched our lives.

The people in this church are truly family and we have been BLESSED by the relationships that have developed. Thanks to all of you for teaching us what it means to walk in God's image as we share God's abundance.

We certainly feel God's love surrounding us in this place.

Debby & Bob Johnston



# STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...SEPTEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

## GENERAL FUND

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	342,070.00	416,611.00
Total Expenses:	<u>390,855.00</u>	<u>421,483.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$48,785.00)	(\$ 4,872.00)

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET

**2018**

Pledges:	509,141
Total Income:	556,481
Total Expenses:	556,481

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,701

We are behind \$10,963 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in September : \$7,979

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for September: \$290

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## NEWS and NOTES

### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

#### Building Fund:

In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Peggy & Howard Finley.

In honor of Rev. Elizabeth Ayscue and Rev. Matt Drumheller, given by Jean Rabe.

#### General Fund:

In memory of Jane Childress, given by Anna Plyler.

#### Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Jane Childress, given by Jack & Joan Boling.

In memory of Jane Childress, given by C. Gray Hipp, Jr.

In memory of Jane Childress, given by Al & Connie Lentz.

In memory of Jane Childress, given by Glenn & Rebecca Miller.

In memory of Jane Childress, given by Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Rogers.

In memory of Jane Childress, given by Rich & Janet Schaefer.

In memory of Jane Childress, given by Leonard & Patricia Zeabart.

In memory of HESSIE Clark, given by Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers.

In memory of Ginny Connell, given by Dick Liles.

In memory of Ginny Connell, given by Larry & Nancy Sides.

In memory of Rodney Morgan, given by Dick Liles.

In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Dick Liles.

In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers.

In honor of Rev. Elizabeth Ayscue, given by Lynn & Martha White.

In honor of Holly Norwood, given by Dick Liles.

In honor of Angel Ochoa, given by Jim Hesley.

#### Music Fund:

In honor of Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, and the Chancel Choir, given by Jean Rabe.

#### Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Rodney Morgan, given by David & Ellen Whitley.

In memory of Tom Rabe, given by David & Ellen Whitley.

In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.

### SYMPATHY

To Wayne Childress and family upon the death of Jane on October 10.

To Becky Andrew and family upon the death of her father, Richard Long, on October 20.

To Peggy Rogers upon the death of her husband, Norman, on October 27.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Alison Whisnant who was named Carolina Panthers Teacher of the Week. Alison teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Central Elementary School.

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Circle #5 will meet on November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith Street, Albemarle).

# NEWS and NOTES

**December Newsletter Deadline on Tuesday, November 13.**

**Early submissions are always welcome!**

**If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to:**

**pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org.**



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## **SESSION NOTES**

At its stated meeting on October 21, 2018, Session heard reports from Worship, Stewardship, Property, Mission, and Nominating committees. The Worship committee would like to thank everyone who brought items for the World Communion display and the children who participated in the processional. The committee also reminded us that on Reformation Sunday, October 28, there will be a joint worship service with First Presbyterian of Norwood and Locust Presbyterian. Dr. Jan Edmiston, the recently installed General Presbyter, will preach at this service. The Stewardship committee reported that the letters and pledge cards are being mailed to the congregation. The theme of this year's stewardship campaign is "Sharing God's Many Blessings." Consecration Sunday will be held on November 4 with lunch following worship. The Property committee reported: issues with the HVAC system serving the choir room and upper floor classrooms; issues with staining on the gym ceiling are still not resolved; leaks on the ceiling around the sanctuary will be checked by a roofer; doors to the sanctuary will be checked because of uneven swinging on hinges. The committee expressed thanks to Harold Sharpe for cleaning the entrance steps to the sanctuary. The Mission committee reminded us that the SCCM Caring and Sharing cups are due back October 21. The committee reported that the Central School backpack program will resume in October, with backpacks being packed monthly beginning on October 24. Alternative gifts will begin on November 25 and run through December 16; non-profits available for donations will be Homes of Hope/Community Inn, Community Care Clinic, SCCM, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Angel Tree dates will be established shortly; Peggy Finley is coordinating. A Community Table meal will be provided on December 15. The Nominating committee reminded us of the Congregational meeting to be held following worship today, October 21, to approve the slate of nominees for the Diaconate and Session for the class of 2021, and to approve members of the Nominating committee for 2019.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

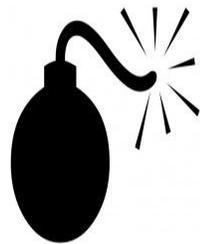
### **Thanks to:**

Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Martha White, and Ruth Ann Rogers for assisting in the church office in October.

### **Thank You to October's First Family Dinner Volunteers**

Our First Family volunteers are THE BOMB!!!

Mildred Andrew, Linda Anderson, Rebekah Ayscue, Jane Boone, Keith and Kristie Bryson, Katie Carpenter, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, John and Debbie Hahn, Bill Hall, Jennifer Hesley, Jim Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Don and Nancy Joines, Greg Lisk, Sarah and Ronnie Michael, Courtney, Natalie and Ellie Niederer, Frankie Palmer, Jeff and Kim Robertson, Jim Sawyer, Terri West, Faith Explorers and all that helped clean up the gym!!!



Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education and Fellowship



### **Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers**

**Deacon (Class of 2019): Penny Morton**

**Deacons (Class of 2021): Wiley Crutchfield, Melissa Eudy, John Howell, and Courtney Niederer**

**Ruling Elders (Class of 2021): Debbie Bennett, Steve Coats, Ben Jolly, Jacob Palmer ( 1 year term), and Jim Sawyer**

**Nominating Committee 2019: Bob Johnston, Nancy Joines, Morgan Kinley, and Barbara McManus**

**Training for the officers will take place on November 4 and November 11 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Please hold these folks in prayer as they prepare to serve the congregation.**

**Officers will be ordained and installed in January 2019.**



Do you ever see a name on the prayer list and think, *Now who is that?* Or forget what the relationship is? You are not alone as many folks have asked for help with this. The *Prayer List Connection* will refresh all our memories. Folks with chronic needs will be listed for a month in the bulletin. Following that month, we will keep them on the newsletter's *Prayer List Connection* for as long as we are requested to do so. Critical prayer concerns will be added weekly to the prayer list in the bulletin.

Friends of the Congregation:

- Doug Archer, cancer.
- Dale Benson, brother of Ann Crutchfield.
- Ted Biggers, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Margaret Brooks, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.
- Joan Bunn, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns.
- Michelle Honeycutt Cole, friend of Katie Carpenter; in remission-stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Jack Dickerson, father of Susan Pandich.
- Sara Dyer, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.
- Lindsey Efird, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.
- Glenn Fowler, possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery.
- Veronica Fraser, friend of Debby Johnston; pancreatic cancer.
- Kathy Miles Gordon, friend of Ruth Goodwin; pancreatic cancer.
- Marty Goforth, treatment for melanoma.
- Conor Granger, nephew of Laura McLeod; mental health issues.
- Jennie Green, sister of Kristie Bryson; recovering from fall.
- Calvin Hall, kidney cancer.
- Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Ben Kierstead, nephew of Leslie Carter.
- Jackie Lynn Kruis, eleven year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.
- Denise LaBoube, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.
- Junior Lambert, uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer.
- Molly Amelia Lowder, continuing health concerns.
- Diane Marks, mother of Kyle Marks; treatment for breast cancer.
- Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Frank Osborne, brother of Lillie Hancock.
- Karen Russell, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.
- David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Betty Stancik, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
- Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Sally Warburton, friend of Debbie & John Hahn.
- Eddie Wilson, brother of Elizabeth Wilson; health concerns.

Members of the Congregation:

- Blue Honeycutt.
- Dick Liles.
- Judy Murrell.
- Tommy Murrell.
- Holly Norwood.
- Linda Richards.
- Pete Smith.

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Visit the First Presbyterian Church  
Fall Art Gallery Exhibit  
GHA Autism Supports  
Creative Arts Program  
Theme: *FACE OFF 2018*





# November

## BIRTHDAYS

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| 01- Brody Campbell<br>Donna Gaither                         | 14- Carol Sasser                                     |
| 03- Bailey Holshouser Radanovich<br>Barbara Overcash        | 15- Blue Honeycutt                                   |
| 04- Connie Wallace  | 17- Taylor Johnston                                  |
| 06- Shannon Newport   | 18- Lee McManus                                      |
| 08- Leni Henkenjohann<br>Nancy Joines<br>Mary Louise Sawyer | 19- Gus Feather                                      |
| 09- Ann Duckwall<br>Ross Holshouser<br>Sarah Newport        | 21- Debbie Wainwright                                |
| 11- Rose Saltzman<br>Bill Stevenson                         | 23- Meredith Moses<br>Gayle Russell<br>Thomas Taylor |
| 12- Jay Andrew  | 24- John Earnhardt                                   |
| 13- Lori Ivey   | 27- Charles McLaurin                                 |
|   | 29- Janice Abernathy<br>Matt Drumheller              |
|   | 30- Bill Hall<br>Diane Stevenson                     |



# November

## ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|------------------------------|
| 03- Matt & Katie Carpenter                              | 22- Ned & Gayle Russell      |
| 17- Steve & Michelle Cumming<br>Richard & Joyce Lambert | 26- Mark & Kim Andrew        |
|   | 29- Skeet & Elizabeth Ayscue |



## Habitat for Humanity Project Update Groundbreaking for the Badin House Sunday, November 11 at 12:45 p.m.



We are prepared to break ground on the 52<sup>nd</sup> Stanly County Habitat for Humanity house! We will be partnering with the other two Presbyterian

churches in Stanly County to build a house in Badin. After church on Sunday, November 11, Norwood First Presbyterian Church Norwood, Locust Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church-Albemarle, will all gather at the build site behind the old Alcoa plant in Badin to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony and eat lunch together. We'll meet the homeowner, Kendra Johnson and her family. Bring a chair and dress casually.

This will be a great way to celebrate our joint project together and get this important build started. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project for helping us reach our goal! Thanks also to those folks who have returned their commitment cards with a list of their skills and their willingness to work on this project. If you still need to make a contribution or if you would like to send in your commitment card, please do so. We can use everyone's help!

### Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail  
Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Next Packing Date: Monday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.**



### SCCM NEED FOR NOVEMBER: Canned or Dried Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Rice

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Return Filled Boxes on Sunday, November 4



#### Time for Homes of Hope's Fall... HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Friday, November 9th

6:30 am - 9:30 am

Central United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

172 N. Second Street, Albemarle

Donations Accepted!

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:

Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits,  
Pancakes, Fruit, Grits, Gravy, Sausage,  
Juice, & Coffee



United Way  
of Stanly County



presented by

The Mary & Martha Center for Women

Saturday, November 17, 2018

9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

243 North Second Street  
Albemarle, NC

pottery  
soaps  
paintings  
jewelry  
woodcarvings  
gourd ornaments  
stained glass  
knitted dishcloths  
painted wine glasses  
home decor  
wreaths  
baked goods  
clay ornaments  
knitted hats & scarves

*and more work by regional artists!*

[www.themaryandmartha.com](http://www.themaryandmartha.com)

Facebook: The Mary and Martha Center  
for Women and Community Care



## SERRV Fair Trade Bazaar Sunday, November 11

### This is the place to find...

- ❖ Gifts with purpose – Working with a cooperative provides a path to quality employment for young moms in Chicago who are battling homelessness and poverty. They learn a trade while building the skills needed to make a brighter future. Cooperatives in 24 countries, building on traditional handcrafts, using sustainably harvested, native species, provide unique and beautiful gifts for us as they provide opportunity and hope for their artisans and farmers.
- ❖ Environmentally sensitive gifts – some organic or shade grown products which are shipped in recyclables.
- ❖ Fair trade gifts – artisan’s and farmer’s cooperatives have input in setting a fair price for their products.
- ❖ Gifts for under \$10.00 – coffee, tea, chocolates, baking cocoa, nuts, soup mix, jams, mango chutney, spice mixes, olive oil, and other food items.

**Question:**

Why do we at First Presbyterian Church support this mission?

**Answer:**

Small cooperatives who receive even a small, but steady income through fair trade have more food to eat, develop their communities, and send their children to school. It makes a huge difference in their lives – whether their cooperative is located in the United States or in a developing nation.

Women in areas where SERRV works often suffer astonishing degrees of discrimination and lack of opportunity, so by supporting this mission, we emphasize the empowerment of women artisans and support for their development in leadership skills, self-sufficiency, and independence.

**Will you help support this mission?**

**We'll be in the pit stop from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.  
on Sunday, November 11.**

**Bring your Christmas shopping list!**

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## Community Table on Saturday, December 15

First Presbyterian Church will host the Saturday lunch at the Community Table on Saturday, December 15. Volunteers are needed to prepare food ahead of time and to help serve and clean-up on December 15. For more information as to how you can help or to volunteer your services, contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723) or refer to the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop area.



# YOUTH GROUP

Fall is in full swing! Our last event was a corn maze and bonfire at the Howell's house, and we had so much fun making s'mores and playing games. On Sunday nights, our youth group has been learning about life transitions and facing our fears.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4: Youth Group

November 11<sup>th</sup>: Presbytery Fall Retreat at Sharon Presbyterian

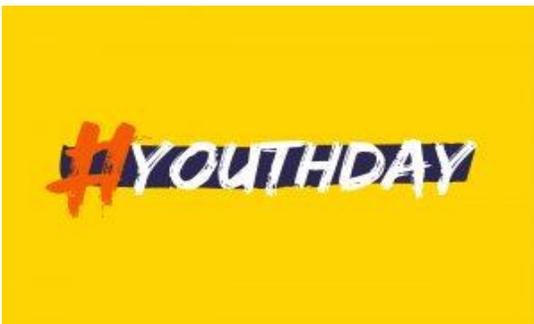
November 18<sup>th</sup>: Friendsgiving

December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Youth Group

December 9<sup>th</sup>: Presbytery Ice Skating

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Kitchen

December 23<sup>rd</sup>: No Youth Group



November 11th is the Presbytery Youth Day! It will be held from 3-6pm at Sharon Presbyterian in Charlotte, we will leave from the church at 1:45pm. There will be games, a mission project, worship & dinner. Cost is \$10 per youth which will help to cover the cost of dinner and our mission project. Please RSVP to [dhart@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:dhart@fpcalbemarle.org).



November 18th is our Friendsgiving event. We will meet at the church at 6pm for a potluck dinner, please bring a dish to share! Friends are welcome to attend. Let Dorothy know via email or text what you plan to bring.



All Young Adults are invited to meet for lunch at noon on the first Thursday of every month. If you are interested, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).  
November 1 at El Ranchito (720 NC 24-27, Albemarle)  
December 6 at Coach's (720 NC 24-27, Albemarle)

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**Chancel Choir Retreat**  
**Saturday, November 3**  
**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Henry Pfeiffer Chapel**  
**Pfeiffer University**

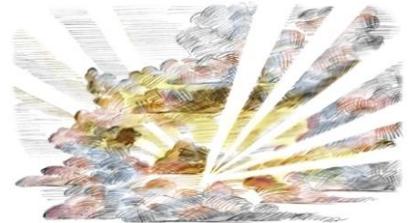


**!!! ATTENTION !!!**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4.**  
**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR**  
**CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

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### *All Saints Day...Sunday, November 4*

On the day we remember all those who have gone before us, the Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember your saint. Please pick up a daisy provided as you enter the sanctuary on Sunday, November 4. During the service at the designated time, you will have opportunity to place your daisy in a basket located at the front of the sanctuary as you remember your loved one.



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### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR**  
**FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**

Did you know that, in addition to making and sharing prayer shawls for our own members and friends, First Presbyterian Church's Prayer Shawl Ministry has given more than a dozen shawls to Esther House for their clients who have suffered abuse and will soon given some to the Mary & Martha Center, for their clients who come seeking hope and someone to walk alongside them?

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### **VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 4.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 11. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



### **VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

# First Family Dinner



Wednesday, November 7

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Menu: Taco Bar, Nachos & Cheese, Black Beans, Mexican Rice,  
PB & J Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Contact the church office to make reservations  
(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org)

by noon on Tuesday, November 6 to say you're coming.

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## Volunteers Are Needed for First Family Gathering

- Los Dessert Crew: Tuesday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Los Taco & Salad Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m.
- Los Set-up Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 3:45 p.m.
- Los Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Los Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, November 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Senora Jane Snyder at the church (704-982-2722) or on her cell phone (704-438-3358) if you would like to help!

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## **Cooking Class with Executive Chef, Jennifer Leamons**

**Friday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Cost \$15.00**

Come and join Chef Jennifer Leamons from Atrium Health. Chef Jennifer is so fun to be around and has a wealth of knowledge!

Email, Text, or Call Jane Snyder to sign-up. [jsnyder@fpcalbeamarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbeamarle.org) or 704-438-3358

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## **Tea & Conversation**

**Thursday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m.**

**In the Church Parlor**

In addition to good food and supportive conversation, our Kim Robertson will lead gentle stretches (which can be done sitting down) as she describes the full body benefits of stretching...and you'll feel them immediately.



**2018 Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance  
(formerly called Barium Springs Home for Children)**

**Sunday, November 18**



The mission of Children's Hope Alliance is to provide a safe, healing journey for hurting children and families – creating hope now and in the future. All of the services provided by Children's Hope Alliance create hope for hurting children and families in three ways...

- ❖ *Healing the hurt*
- ❖ *Providing a safe home and*
- ❖ *Encouraging a healthy start*

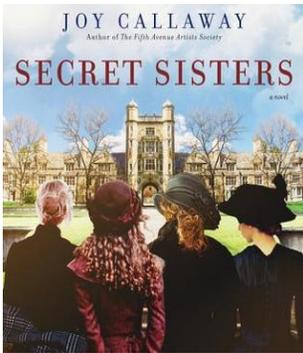
Your generous donation will make an impact on each child.

Bring your offering on Sunday, November 18.

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

John 15:12 (NSRV)

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**November Book Study**

**Monday, November 26**

**7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor**

***Secret Sisters* by Joy Callaway**

**Charlotte resident, Joy Callaway, has crafted a novel with an enormous heart. Set in 1881, in a liberal arts college, Beth Carrington has twin goals for her years in higher education – to obtain a medical degree and to establish a women's fraternity. Both goals are daunting and require Beth's skills and determination.**

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**LIVING WITH LOSS**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
**10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**  
**CHURCH PARLOR**

Join Elizabeth and Jane Snyder for this conversation as we look at life's losses (death, health, home, independence) in the past and others that will surely come. Using resources of faith, we will talk about some losses and how the community of faith assists in healing. Margaret Fields will provide helpful information.

*They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

(Isaiah 40:31)

Lunch will be at Second Stree Sundries (dutch treat).

Please sign up by November 12.

(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org)

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE

# Jingle AND Mingle

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT NOON

Visit the Roger Martin Sculpture Gallery. Roger's presentation will be *Creation of the Bronze Sculpture*. He will also show how sculptures are created and show some of his work. Then, we will enjoy a small buffet lunch (Dutch Treat) at 5 Points Public House restaurant in the upstairs room. Contact the church office ([klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) to say you are coming and/or if you need transportation.

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## From the Fellowship Committee

The JOY Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 9 following worship. Members of the congregation are asked to bring a favorite covered-dish to share – salads, meats, vegetables, fruits, breads, or desserts! Come join us for a great time of fellowship on Sunday, December 9!



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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS KITCHEN SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH GROUP

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Contact Dorothy if you are able to bake any treats to contribute.  
[dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org)  
or 828-244-3824.



During October and November our Youth Club children are sharing their musical gifts with us during worship by singing and ringing handbells. Our Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers fill our halls with their songs every week, and those in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade practice ringing bells each Wednesday afternoon.

**Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders):** Our Trusty Travelers have been spending this fall learning about some of the most important stories in the Old Testament, including the story of creation, Moses, and the gift of the Ten Commandments. They have been completing beautiful works of art (which you may see hanging around the church very soon), and, of course, they have been running, playing, and eating snacks.

**Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders):** Our Faith Explorers have been learning about Moses and the Ten Commandments this month. We have been discussing how to be faithful leaders when answering God's call, and how the Ten Commandments apply to us today. The Faith Explorers are continuing their singing and learning to play the handbells, and are gearing up to put on a play! Look for details about our performance in the coming months, and we hope to see you in the audience!

**!!! IMPORTANT !!!**

**The Faith Explorers will sing during worship on Sunday, November 4.**  
**The Youth Club Handbell Ensemble will ring on Sunday, November 4.**



**Youth Cubs**

**Youth Cubs...**Cubs will visit the story of Joseph this month. This story presents amazing insight into how God sovereignly works to overcome evil and bring about his plans. We even have a new Joseph coat of many colors, just the size for preschoolers! The children will enjoy taking turns wearing it as they listen to the story and participate in related art activities. We will learn about the first Thanksgiving and the faith the pilgrims had in God. At this time of year, we are reminded to give thanks each and everyday for what God provides in our lives.

**Submitted by Lynn Poplin**

**Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!**

- Who can come? 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
  - What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
  - When? Sunday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
  - Where? Media Room
  - Why? To pray together & build a strong community of faith
- Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.



**Faith Explorer Outing**  
**Hiking Morrow Mountain**

**Sunday, November 18 following worship**

The Faith Explorers will be going on a hike to Morrow Mountain following worship on Sunday, November 18. Bring athletic clothing to change in to and pack a lunch to enjoy at our halfway point. Contact Dorothy to sign-up (dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824).



# Looking Back at the Women's Retreat

A group of 20+ First Presbyterian Church women and friends enjoyed a wonderful retreat at the William Black Lodge in Montreat in late September. Gathering around the theme, *The Gift of Bread*, the women focused on the nourishing presence of God in the biblical story and in the story of human life. During our final worship together, several cinquain poems written during the week-end were shared. Among them...

Bread  
Broken, Risen  
Life-giving, Nourishing, Sustaining  
Fills all our needs  
Jesus

Plan to be part of the next Women's Retreat in Montreat, North Carolina.

Date: October 11-13, 2019  
Place: William Black Lodge  
Montreat, North Carolina

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Grandparent/Grandchild retreat is set for January 29, 2019.

Noon-2:30 p.m.

Grandparents of any age...

Children K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade...

Lunch in the gym followed by activities around the church.

Call or email the church office to sign-up.

(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)

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## SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia(s) or contribute to the holiday greenery fund as a Christmas memorial/honorarium, please make a check for \$20.00 for the poinsettia or for the amount you wish for the greenery payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for poinsettias or greenery. Please return the **check along with the form below to the church office by Monday, December 17**. A complete list will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 23.

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## SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

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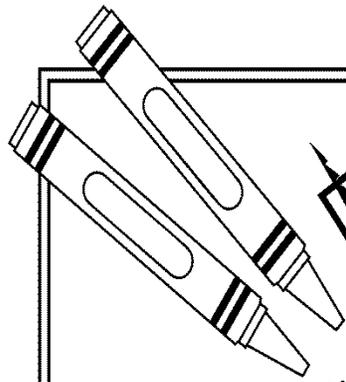
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I plan to take my poinsettia(s) after the 5:30 p.m. service on December 24.

I will leave my poinsettia(s) for delivery to a homebound member.

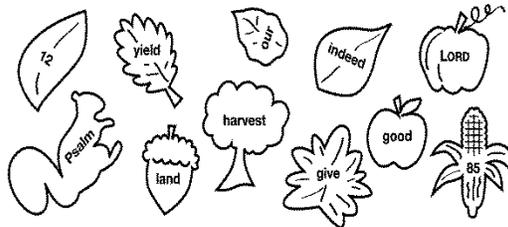


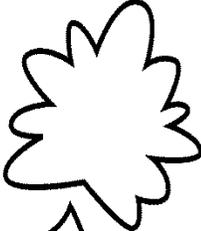
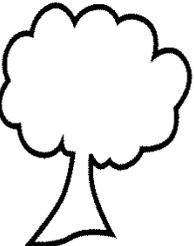
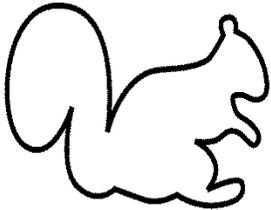
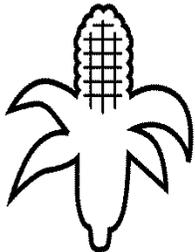
# PUZZLE

## HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

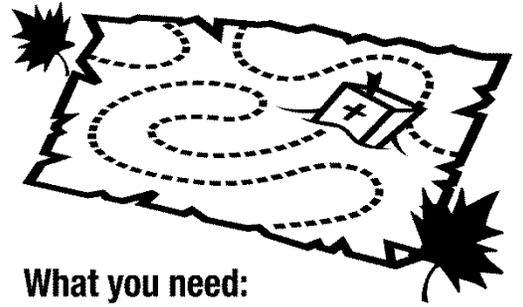
*Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.*



“The  will    
 what is , and   
 will  its .”  
  : , NIV

# FALL SCAVENGER Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



### What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

### What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV



**Thursday, November 1**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at El Ranchito  
(720 NC 24-27, Albemarle)

**Saturday, November 3**

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm Choir Retreat at Pfeiffer University

**Sunday, November 4** *Consecration Sunday/All Saints Day/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal/Faith Explorers Sing/Youth Club Handbell Ensemble Ring/Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes/ Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form/Daylight Saving Time Ends*

- 8:30 am Mission Committee
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am Faith Explorers' Rehearsal
- 9:45 am Youth Club Handbell Rehearsal
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Consecration Luncheon (Gym)
- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm New Officer Training (pit stop/parlor)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Called Session Meeting

**Monday, November 5**

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson  
(811 Smith St., Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

**Tuesday, November 6**

- 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

**Wednesday, November 7**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am First Family Taco & Salad Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 3:45 am First Family Set-Up Crew
- 5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 8**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Friday, November 9**

- 6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Breakfast at Central UMC  
(172 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Albemarle)
- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Cooking Class

**Sunday, November 11** *The Sacrament of Baptism/SERRV Bazaar in the Pit Stop/Veteran's Day*

- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:30 am-11:30 am SERRV Bazaar (Pit Stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:45 pm Presbyterian Habitat Build Groundbreaking (Badin)
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm SERRV Bazaar (Pit Stop)
- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm New Officer Training (Pit Stop/Parlor)
- 3:00 pm-6:00 pm Presbytery Youth Day at Sharon Presbyterian

\*childcare provided

**Monday, November 12**

- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

**Tuesday, November 13**

- 12:00 pm December Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, November 14**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 15**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Tea & Conversation (parlor)

**Saturday, November 17**

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm Mary & Martha Center Holiday Market  
(243 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Albemarle)

**Sunday, November 18**

*Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance*

- 8:30 am \*Session
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers' trip to Morrow Mountain
- 6:00 pm Youth Group Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner
- 7:00 pm \*Community Thanksgiving Service at The Gathering  
(175 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Albemarle)

**Monday, November 19**

- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program

**Wednesday, November 21**

*No Youth Club/No Choir Rehearsal*

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Thursday, November 22**

*Thanksgiving*

*Church Office Closed*

**Friday, November 23**

*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, November 25** *Christ the King Sunday/Alternative Gifts Available in the Pit Stop*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship

**Monday, November 26**

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

**Wednesday, November 28**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 29**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am-2:00 pm Living with Loss

\*childcare provided

**THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER**

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, Rose Saltzman

**Elder Greeters for November:** Lee Boone, Dona Lisk

**Nursery:**

**November 4:** Cortney Brown  
**November 11:** Cortney Brown  
**November 18:** Cortney Brown  
**November 25:** Emily Andrew

**Outside Ushers:**

**November 4:** Matt Carpenter; Eric Neiderer  
**November 11:** Mark Andrew; Jack Morton  
**November 18:** John Howell; Kyle Marks  
**November 25:** Wes Eudy; Ronnie Michael

**Diaconate Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 11**  
Cortney Brown

**Session Meeting**  
**November 18**  
Cortney Brown

**Acolytes:**

**November 4:** Natalie Niederer  
**November 11:** Elizabeth Bryson  
**November 18:** Thora Kilde  
**November 25:** Brent Lisk

**Children's Church for November:**

**November 4:** No Children's Church  
**November 11:** Lynn Poplin  
**November 18:** Lynn Poplin  
**November 25:** Lynn Poplin

**Kids Care Crew:**

**November 4:** Barbara & Chris Whitley  
**November 11:** Jack & Penny Morton  
**November 18:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael  
**November 25:** Debby Johnston & Carol Sasser

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