

Press Bytes



To all the saints at First Presbyterian

Greetings! As we move into November, we approach Thanksgiving, that time that we celebrate the coming together of the pilgrims and the Native Americans that were present in the land the pilgrims settled.

The pilgrims were in dire straits. Many of the ones who came over from England had died, many that were still alive were sick without the proper medications and starvation was closing in on all who remained. Hope for survival was fading.

Then something happened. The Native Americans came to their rescue. They taught them how to plant and how to survive. On what we celebrate as Thanksgiving Day, the pilgrims and native Americans came together and had a feast. Friendships were established and the pilgrims survived, and their numbers grew. History tells the rest of the story.

I bring this up because the two things that threatened the pilgrims are still with us today: food and health care. The S.N.A.P. program feeds millions of Americans; men women, children, the elderly. Medicaid helps pay millions of people to have medical insurance from the Affordable Care Act, or as it known, Obama Care. These programs are for the lower and poorer class of folks in our society. These are the people whom Jesus would call "the least of these" from Matt. 25, struggling to just get by. Many cant even afford any insurance. The food program feeds millions including children and the elderly who have little income. These programs are in danger of being eliminated Nov. 1 from the government shutdown. It will devastate millions who depend upon these programs for their literal survival. Our own Meals-On-Wheels program we have here at the church will lose the money it takes for this program to continue. Medical insurance premiums will triple and many will have to drop it, meaning they will not have any insurance for their families or themselves.

To me this is not a political issue. It's a moral issue. Politics can argue about their differences, but I would hope all politicians would not withhold food or medical coverage from people who need it. We are a very rich country and no one should suffer from hunger or sickness when so much of this could be avoided or helped.

In the medical area, it's not just individual people who will suffer but rural hospitals, clinics and nursing homes will close due to the cut off of funds that keep these places open. What will become of all these millions of people whose lives literally depend upon these places?

Let the politicians argue over whatever issues they want to argue about but tend to the "least of these" as we say in our pledge of allegiance, we are "one nation under God". If that be the case, let's continue to be that nation of care and compassion for those who cannot fully help themselves. It will define us as to what kind of people and nation we want to be. As we do it to the least of these we do it to Christ himself!

Peace,

C.O.

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PRAYER REQUEST



Ongoing Prayers

Jill Wheatley, Patty Costanzo, Betsy Hatherill, Patty Hirsch, Stephanie Elkins, Rob Patten, Aoy Laire, , Ester Baier, Ayla Busscher, Herb Myers, Anthony Gondesens, Wanda Medcalf, Carol Frankforter, Sassy Davidson, Charlie Finn, Dorothy Allen, Susan Langley, Cindy Waggoner, Miriam Ajayi, Frank & Leticia Delgado, Janette, Irene Peltier, Robert Therior, Paige Taylor, and the People of Jamaica.

Immediate Concerns : The Family of Rod Koberstein.

Please call the church office with updates.

Elder of the Month - Jason Elkins
Refreshments - Congregational Life

Pumpkin Carving Contest Fun

**Our winners will be announced
 Sunday, November 2nd during worship.**



Thanks to everyone for participating!

You have turned for
 me my mourning into
 dancing;
 you have loosed my
 sackcloth
 and clothed me
 with gladness,
 that my glory may
 sing your praise and
 not be silent.
 O Lord my God, I
 will give thanks to you
 forever!

Psalm 30:11-12



A Time of Remembrance



Sunday, November 2, 2025 is All Saint's Sunday

During the morning worship service we will have a time of remembrance for those church members, and those close to our church members, who have passed away this past year.

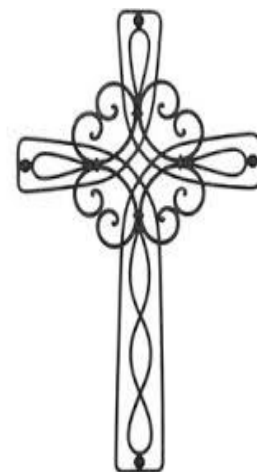
MEMBERS:

Bill Pannell	Nancy Williams
Wanda Cunningham	Lucille Beasley

Those who've impacted our lives :

Um Westphal	Jim Healy	Cynthia Drabek
Gene Ashley	Hank Sweetman	Dick Banks
Benny Howard	Tosha Day	Dennis Smith
Joshua Campbell	Ronny Barker	
Charlie Kirk	Rod Koberstein	

**Daylight Savings
Time ends
November 2nd**



"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Debbie Nance
2 Barbara Bennett
4 Max Gondesen
4 Scott Gondesen
6 Morgan Stanley
9 Clayton Ruskey
16 Sara Pannell
21 Annette Williams

ALVIN FOOD PANTRY

The first Sunday of every month we ask for a donation from the congregation for the Alvin Food Pantry. The next two months please remind yourself to bring a few items from your pantry to help fill this need. Items can be canned meat, cereal, canned vegetables, or peanut butter. Monetary donations may also be given.



Thank You!

This year, you are invited to sponsor a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. Rather than setting a fixed price, we are accepting love donations. All proceeds from the poinsettia sponsorships will benefit the Ron McClendon Camp Fund. A form is included in this newsletter for your convenience, and additional copies are available in the Narthex. Please return your completed form along with your donation—either by placing it in the collection plate or bringing it to the church office during office hours. Poinsettia sponsorships must be submitted by November 23rd.



**Poinsettia
Orders**

Support Our Sewing Group at Novemberfest!

Come out and show your support for our talented **Sewing Group** at this year's **Novemberfest!** They'll have a booth filled with beautiful handmade items — perfect for gifts or treating yourself to something special.

Date: Saturday, November 8th

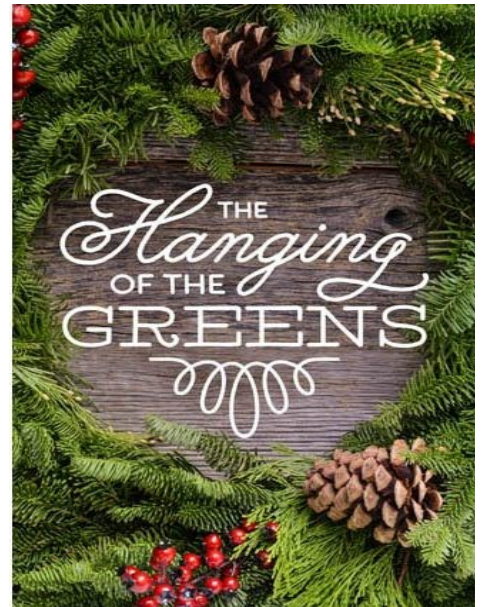
Location: National Oak Park

Every purchase helps support their ongoing ministry and creative work. Stop by, say hello, and see all the wonderful things they've been working on!

Season of Advent

We will begin this festive season in preparation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ during worship on Sunday, November 30th. The sanctuary will be adorned with the beginnings of the seasonal decorations, and we will complete the decorating with our Hanging of the Greens throughout service. It is a joyful time when we, as a church family, decorate the tree with Chrismons and remember and honor loved ones with the poinsettias. Be sure to be a part of these services.

We will continue with the Advent worship services each Sunday as we approach Christmas.



UPCOMING DATES !

Mark Your Calendar		
November	23	Session Meeting
November	30	Hanging of the Greens
December	8	Christmas Walk-A-Mile
December	13	Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

SHARING OUR TIME, TREASURE, AND TALENTS WITH THE MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

during this Season of Love, Peace, Joy & Hope

Christmas Families

We're excited to help families in need again this Christmas season! You can participate by choosing a tag from the church wall or by giving a monetary donation — our goal is to bless at least four families this year. We'll be collecting toys and donations through **December 7th**. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with those who might otherwise go without. Thank you for your generosity!

Adopt a Christmas "Person":)



Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Our congregation is once again partnering with the Salvation Army to support their Red Kettle campaign! We'll be ringing the bell at the Alvin Walmart on Saturday, December 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in one-hour shifts. A sign-up sheet is available in the church narthex — please sign up soon to reserve your preferred time slot. Thank you for giving an hour of your Saturday to serve in this meaningful outreach ministry!



Joy Gift Offering

Over the past few months, we've witnessed firsthand the meaningful impact of our special offerings and the lives they touch! As we enter the Season of Advent, our attention now turns to the Joy Gift Offering.

WHAT DOES THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING DO?
SUPPORT OUR PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...help change a life

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our hearts toward Bethlehem to celebrate the miraculous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we honor this gift by supporting current and retired church workers in times of need and by helping to nurture future leaders through Presbyterian-related racial and ethnic schools and colleges.

“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” — Proverbs 22:9





Faith Word Search

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