



This Week at FPC

October 6, 2025

The Pumpkins are Coming!

The FPC Pumpkin Patch returns this week, with set up on Thursday, Oct. 9!

Your help is needed with set up, unloading pumpkins, covering up the pumpkins, and taking a shift to sell pumpkins. (*And, of course, to buy pumpkins!*)



Unload Pumpkins & Set Up Patch: Thursday, Oct. 9, at 4 pm

Pumpkin Patch Open: Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday, Oct. 12, noon-6 pm. The patch will then close until the **Pumpkin Patch Party** on Saturday, Oct. 18. The patch will be open daily after that until Halloween. Hours are weekdays, 2-6 pm; Saturdays, 10 am-6 pm; Sundays, noon-6 pm.

Signup sheets for Pumpkin Patch shifts are available outside the church office.

Handbell Rehearsals Start

Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 3:30 pm

Our approach to the handbell (tone chime) season will be starting early!



To keep things less hectic for ringers, we will start the practices on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 3:30 PM, and subsequent Wednesdays at the same time. You will have time to acquaint yourself with chime-ringing do's and don'ts, and how to have success with ringing.

If you have rung before, or would like to give it a try, you are invited. It helps if you can (A) read music, and (B) count. Practice on Christmas season music will be emphasized, and we will plan on participating in worship for the CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY, which will be December 21.

We will be working on at least three pieces for the occasion, with and without the chancel choir and other instrumentalists. Promise it will be fun and fulfilling!

Any questions? Visit with Director Les Cramer.

This Week's Calendar

Monday, October 6

Personnel Committee 10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 8

Building & Grounds 10 a.m.

Friendship 1 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 2 p.m.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.

Admin 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 9

Pumpkin Patch Set Up 4 p.m.

Friday, October 10

Friday Bible Study 12/noon

Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 12

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Social Time 11 a.m.

Deacons 11:15 a.m.



Oct. 9: Carole Massman

Oct. 10: Linda Bench

Oct. 10 Mike Davis

Church Office Hours

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Coffee for Vets starts Oct. 13, continues to Nov. 11

The Mission & Outreach Committee will seek donations for Coffee for Vets, October 13 through Veterans Day, November 11.

We are hoping to collect coffee - either fresh roast in a can or the coffee pods are quite popular also - along with some of the shelf-stable "this & that" for putting into your favorite cup of coffee - coffee mate, sugar, etc.

Thank you for helping with this giving opportunity! Questions? Call Carol Gneckow, (406) 422-9914.



Bibles for Prisoners

Each \$10 sends a Bible to someone in prison



For three Sundays in October (12, 19, 26), the Mission & Outreach Committee is campaigning for Bibles for Prisoners.

In prison, authority is everywhere - but not all of it brings hope. The Bible carries a higher authority, one that speaks of mercy, truth, and redemption. When men and women behind bars open God's Word, they encounter the only authority that can truly set them free from shame, addiction, fear, and hopelessness.

Crossroads Prison Ministry program is running a campaign to raise \$100,000 to cover the cost of sending Bibles to men and women in prison who are desperate for God's Word. Every \$10 you give sends a Bible.

Questions? Call Carol Gneckow at (406) 422-9914. Thank you!



You're Invited!

Pumpkin Patch Party!

Saturday, Oct. 18

Noon to 2 p.m.



First Presbyterian Church

535 N. Ewing St.

Kids' Games! Free Hotdogs!

Bounce Houses! Treat Bags! Pumpkins!

