



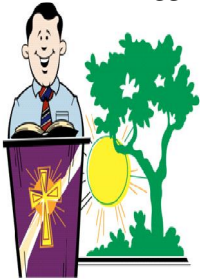
# Presbyterian Press

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## Fall Vespers Service



Vespers around the campfire will be

November 11 at 6:00 pm

There will be smores and marshmallows.



Dear Deacons and congregation, Many thanks to the Deacons for organizing the annual Mustard Baby Shower. The Baby Layette project sponsored by the Mustard Seed is a lovely way to welcome new babies in low income families. Our congregation responded again this year with such generosity! The items contributed were perfect for assembling the essentials for baby in his/her first month. Thanks you so much for this loving response,

Harriett Northey  
Layette Chairman



New Babies



Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 18<sup>th</sup>



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### Sunday Worship

Church School  
9:30 a.m.

Worship  
10:45 a.m.



## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Cantata

"Touched by a Child,

Touched by a King" will be presented on December 16, 2018 during morning worship. Anyone wishing to participate in the choir, as narrator or in the live nativity during the musical, please contact Jeanne Harris (304) 669-9191 or Work (304)-624-6445.

The choir practices every Sunday from 12:00 - 1:00. The following is the extra practice schedule:

November 10th: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
November 27th: 5:00 - 6:00 or 6:30?  
December 15th: Dress Rehearsal 10:00 - 12:00 (We will practice with sound, children and narrators)

We look forward to sharing this special event with you and your families. Invite your family, neighbors and friends.

It's a great witness to our wonderful Savior and Lord!



# Worship Schedule for October

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>: 24th Sunday after Pentecost- Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**SCRIPTURES:** \*1 John 4:7-8 \*Mark 12:28-34  
**SERMON TITLE:** ðSomething to Do with Unconditional Loveö  
**THEME:** God is unconditional love, but we can't give unconditional love until we experience it for ourselves. Jesus displayed that kind of love when he died on the cross for us. He died for us, the unworthy, so that we may know what it is like to be loved unconditionally, and so that we can then love in the same way.

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>: 25th Sunday after Pentecost- Women's Thank Offering Sunday**  
**PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE. GUEST PREACHER: REV JAMES A. HARRIS**

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>: Stewardship Dedication Sunday**  
**SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 127 \*Mark 12:38-44  
**SERMON TITLE:** ðWe Are All the Recipients of Someone Else's Generosityö  
**THEME:** Jesus is always thrilled when sees genuine faith lived out. One of the ways that we do that is extravagant generosity. The widow who gave the two small coins was engaging in extravagant generosity. She gave more than Bill Gates and Warren Buffett together.

**NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>: Christ the King Sunday**  
**SCRIPTURES:** 2 Samuel 23:1-7 \*John 18:33-37  
**SERMON TITLE:** ðElvis and the Kingö  
**THEME:** Elvis the King of Rock N Roll versus Jesus Christ the King of Creation. Rev. Susan Sparkspoints out that diehard Elvis fans refuse to speak of Elvis in the past tense. They believe that he is still alive. They go out into the world and share his message. They play Elvis's music; they dress up as Elvis impersonators; they decorate their homes with Elvis memorabilia. ðWhether through word or music, or impersonators... Elvis fans proudly proclaim the message of the King.ö Which poses the question, ðWho or what do our actions proclaim as King of our Lives?ö

## Activities & Meetings for

DEACON MEETING ó November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00  
 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ó November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00  
 SESSION MEETING ó Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/WORSHIP COMMITTEE ó Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
 PRAYER GROUP ó Monday Mornings at 10:00  
 BIBLE STUDY ó Wednesdays at 6:30

## Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
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### NURSERY ATTENDANT

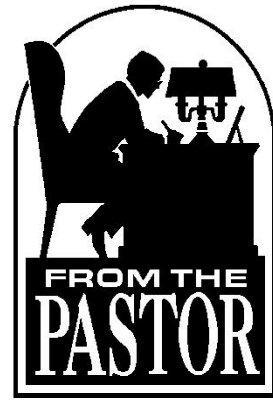
Isabella Keller



## Treasurer's Report

NET CASH FLOW - SEPT	2017	2018
INCOME	\$120,615	\$138,244
EXPENSES	\$125,582	\$120,143
NET INCOME	\$-4,966	\$10,516

# Pastor John's Jottings . . .



As we approach Thanksgiving Day, I am reminded of an old legend.

This story is recounted by Glenn Van Ekeren. There was a servant whose master died and left him a bag full of blessings. The master left a message for the servant telling him that the bag would always be full as long as he remembered four magic words. The servant went out and immediately began using the blessings which filled the bag. Soon the bag was almost empty. The servant recalled the words of his master that the bag would always be full as long as he remembered the four magic words. Unfortunately, the servant had forgotten the four magic words and was almost out of blessings. Finally he went to a wise man and asked his advice. The wise man suggested the possibly the four magic words were: I WISH I HAD. öI wish I had this.ö öI wish I had that.ö

The servant tried using the words öI wish I had,ö but the bag remained almost empty. Another friend suggested that the magic words might be, GIVE ME SOME MORE. Alas those words did not work either.

In despair the servant flopped down on a bench. He took a loaf of bread out of his bag and started to eat it. A hungry child off the street, alone and abandoned, approached him and asked for the bread. The child was obviously in great need, so the servant gave him the bread. The child bowed his head and prayed, öI thank thee Lord.ö

The servant's eyes lit up and he began to dance in the streets. That's it, he said. The four magic words are I THANK THEE LORD. He said those words and immediately the bag of blessings was full once more. (Dynamic Preaching, November 2018, pg. 43)

This legend has at least two great points. The first is that we need to remember to thank God for our blessings. That is certainly true. Thanking God for our blessings helps us remember how much the Lord has done for us. If you have a roof over your head, warm clothes to wear, and are able to eat well, you are better off than millions in the world today. We have much to be thankful for. Also the more we thank God, the more we realize how blessed we are.

The second point of the legend is that we are blessed to be a blessing to others. It was only in giving to this hungry child that the servant was reminded of the magic words. We don't help others in order to be blessed. We help them out of love. Yet at the same time, it is in helping helping others that our own bag of blessings overflows.

My prayer for you this Thanksgiving is that you will not only remember to thank God for your blessings, but that you will also be a blessing to others.

Hope and Confidence,

Pastor John

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### **Wednesday Night Bible Class**

Join us on Wednesday nights with Pastor John. We gather at 6 for social time, with a lesson beginning at 6:30. Currently we are studying the different Christian denominations.

McClelland-Parlor Class invites you to attend Sunday School Class taught by Wayne Northey on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We spend a little time in fellowship with the lesson starting at 9:45 and continuing until 10:30. Currently we are studying the synoptic gospels.

*Monday Morning Prayer Group*  
We invite you to join us at 10:00 to a relaxed and friendly meeting to lift up the prayers and praises of our church and our members, their families and friends, our community, and ourselves.  
*Presbyterian Women*

# First Presbyterian Church

## Session Highlights

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:30 p.m.

-Approved the purchase of a refurbished 2017 photo copier from James & Law.

-Discussed having the front doors refinished by a professional. That was deemed too expensive. We will redo them ourselves.

-Fall Festival coming up this Sunday from 5-7 p.m.

-The personnel committee will be meeting with the staff for annual reviews.

-November 18<sup>th</sup> has been set for Stewardship Dedication Sunday.

-Engaged a church coach, Rev. Bruce Stevens for our officers' retreat. If that goes well, we may engage him for a longer term.

-Elected Bryon Delawder as our commissioner to Presbytery for the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Pastor's Report:

**hospital visits:** 4      **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 7

**Sacrament of Communion:** Was celebrated on October 7.

**Home communion** has not yet been served this month.

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2018

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
January	11	11	\$ 691.03	\$ 691.03
February	9	9	\$ 765.60	\$ 765.60
March	13	13	\$ 900.22	\$ 900.22
April	13	13	\$ 888.65	\$ 888.65
May	19	19	\$ 1,118.81	\$ 1,181.81
June	17	17	\$ 1,001.85	\$ 1,001.85
July	7	7	\$ 477.42	\$ 477.42
August	8	8	\$ 508.00	\$ 508.00
September	7	7	\$ 443.25	\$ 443.25
<b>TOTALS</b>	104	104	\$ 6794.83	\$ 6794.83



# Volunteer Schedule

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

November - 4 Dick Ogden  
 November - 11 Beckie Alvaro  
 November -18 Jeanne Harris  
 November -25 Pam Mitchell

## WORSHIP LEADERS

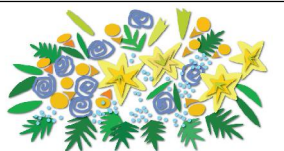
November - 4 Harriett Northey  
 November - 11 Doris Holt  
 November -18 Beth Allen  
 November -25 Jenna Bennett

## DEACON GREETERS

November - 4 Dottie Rinehart  
 November - 11  
 November -18 Harriett Northey  
 November -25 Judith McQuaid

## ACOLYTES

November - 4 Hannah Burnett  
 and Molly Hugus  
 November -11 Bradley Burnett and  
 Anderson Mitchell  
 November -18 Hannah Burnett and  
 Gia Corsini  
 November -25 Bradley Burnett and  
 Anthony Corsini



Reredos Flowers

**Dates available:**

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>



1 - Spencer Linville  
 2 - Mike Lonsinger  
 2 - Cole Delawder  
 4 - Rev. John Koerner  
 4 - Gary Nickerson  
 5 - Wilma Oldaker  
 6 - Mark Garrett  
 7 - Theresa Koerner  
 8 - Isabella Keller  
 8 - Kevin Corsini  
 11 - Judy McQuaid  
 11 - Jeff Strange  
 11 - Linda Wyckoff  
 18 - Ian Glaser  
 20 - Frank Simmerman  
 22 - Marjorie Faris  
 22 - Gia Corsini  
 29 - Alex Weaver



## In Special Care Facilities:

Robertta Davis  
 Marj Faris  
 Carrie Waters  
 Sara Graham

Please  
Pray  
for...



*IN OUR THOUGHTS  
& PRAYERS...*

ADKINS, Charles  
 FOWLER, Angie  
 GAINER, Hugh  
 HEGER, Suzi  
 HOLT, Jack  
 HOOD, Robbie  
 KING, Buddy  
 KESLING, Lee  
 KUHENS, Eric  
 LYNCH, Jeanne  
 MCCAMMON, Kyle  
 MORGAN, Misty & Todd  
 MUMMERT, George  
 OLDAKER, Kenneth  
 OLDAKER, Wilma  
 SHIFFRA, Donna  
 SHIFFRA, Everett  
 SMITH, Donna  
 STROMBERG, Rosemary