

OUTLOOK

FROM THE PASTOR

FIRST
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CHURCH
BUCHANAN

*SEE GOD'S LIGHT
HEAR GOD'S LIGHT
BE GOD'S LIGHT*

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In the secular world we have Halloween (which I love). But on the church calendar, it's All Saint's Day, which falls on November 1st.

All Saints' Day began as a commemoration of Christian martyrs as early as the 4th century, and by the early 7th century it had evolved to commemorate all the Saints, martyred or not.

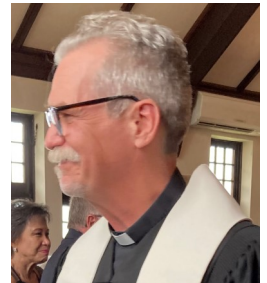
Then, around the early 11th century, there was a day set aside to commemorate all the faithful departed and this would go on to be known as All Souls' Day.

All Saints' Day was typically reserved for the Saints who have been canonized, while All Souls' was set aside for all the Saints/fairful departed of the church. The Roman Catholic Church still separates the two, while most protestant traditions tend to merge them both into All Saint's Day because our traditions don't have a canonization process.

Whether it is one day or two, I think it's a wonderful opportunity to sit down and remember the Saints who have impacted your life and your faith. And, when you receive the Lord's Supper, remember that the Elements of Communion still connect you to them.

In the mystery that is the Eucharist, they are never far from you. It is none other than Jesus the Christ who is the link between the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant. Because of this, we can take comfort in knowing that the faithfully departed rest in the promise of the sure and certain hope of a world without end. Amen.

Grace
and
Peace,
Pastor
David



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

**NATIONAL
FAITH & BLUE
WEEKEND
2022**

Participating in the annual National Faith & Blue Weekend, we again dedicated a portion of the worship service to honor our local law enforcement, including Tim Ganus and Amy Schmidt shown at right with greeters, Steve and Amy Bender and grandson, Alex.



After worship, all were invited to the parking lot for a one-time opportunity to write a message on a designated police car to thank our friends in blue for their service.



“And to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.”

1 Thessalonians 5:13

From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:16

Meeting weekly since the 175th Anniversary Celebration, the Capital Campaign Committee has been tracking and reporting fund statuses to Session. They now report ***we are ready to proceed with Phase 1, the elevator installation!***

Our team of building consultants have been asked to refine and present a final budget and timeline for review and presentation.

So—when will the elevator in fact be installed? We don't know. Like everyone else today, our experts are facing labor shortages, supply chain issues and more. But as soon as the details and timeline come to Session they will be presented to you, our loyal congregation.

It's true that Phase I is becoming a reality. But the excitement for, and need to continue to Phase 2 (ADA upgrade of downstairs restrooms) certainly must move forward. The Capital Campaign still gratefully welcomes continued donations. If you wish to write a check, please include "Capital Campaign" on the memo line. Checks should be mailed or dropped off to the church office, or placed in the collection plate during the worship service offering.

If you are considering a gift through charitable distribution from your 401k IRA, or brokerage account, please note that it must be *IN* the Capital Campaign account by December 31st. Your personal financial advisor can help you with this process.

Sunday, November 6

Come share our traditional Veterans' Day program featuring those who have already, or are still serving in the Armed Forces. Following the presentation, we will pause in reflection for those who passed on in 2022.



Sunday, November 20

HISTORY-IN-THE-MAKING!

Don't miss the dedication of our carillon chime system. It will be a joyous celebration of music and praise to God's glory, and will usher in a new era for our church and community. A traditionally delicious Soup Supper will follow. Friends and family are welcome!



Sunday, November 27

Marking the beginning of our Journey of Light, the Advent Candles will lead us from Hope, through Faith, Joy, and Peace in the realization of God's promise in Christ's birth.

After worship, the sanctuary will be adorned for the season when interested parishioners join in The Hanging of the Greens. The tree will be raised and decorated the following day in preparation for Chrismon Sunday, December 4.



Recently the church was gifted with the installation of the electronic equivalent of cast carillon bells, whose church uses date back to 400BC. Our new system, designed for the 21st Century, features the resonance and tones of its ancient counterparts, with the versatility and convenience of remote control programming and scheduling.

JOYOUS SOUNDS RISING

Our heartfelt thanks to the Buchanan-born Habicht family, including Pastor David, brother Rob and sister Ann, who all grew up in the traditions of this church. Their prayers are that the chimes will become yet another beacon of God's presence in Buchanan and our church's 175 years of ministry.



Chimes

Scripture

Music

*"Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me,
Spirit divine!"*

"How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears"

2 Samuel 7:22

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

Redbud Area Ministries (RAM) has been making miracles happen in the Buchanan area since 1982. However, "It's been a particularly rough year," according to Director Jan Nowak Walters. "Thanksgiving and Christmas are great times for donations, but January hits and they get less and less. We're making it, but it's hard. There are more seekers and less donations coming in."

MIRACLES IN THE MAKING

ADVENT MIRACLE CALENDAR Please share in this joint venture with our Mission Committee and Annette Wesner. Simply set aside one food item per day as listed above, then bring to FPC to help RAM keep miracles happening throughout 2023.



KIDS' COATS FOR RAM

Cheryl Warner and Pat Johnson (our "secret shoppers") report a record year of 34 coats purchased for RAM kids. With targeted donations from FPC members, they begin hitting local sales in October for the following year. Donations are currently welcome. Please include the word "coats" on the memo line of your check or place cash in a marked envelope and leave in the church office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galations 6:2

Growing in Christ and Community

First Presbyterian Church Buchanan shares a passion for community service with many local churches and organizations. This page is available for those groups to post activities and events. To submit your group's information, please notify our office through the contact info below.

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Buchanan College Club's 7th Annual

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Holiday Market

Come enjoy an afternoon of holiday shopping while supporting the Buchanan College Club! We provide interest free loans and scholarships to Buchanan graduates.

There will be a wide array of local vendors with gift selections for everyone on your list!

Lehman's Farmhouse
204 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan
Sunday, November 6th
12:00-4:00 PM

For more information:
collegeclubbuchanan@gmail.com

A bold new mural on the north wall of Buchanan's Honor Credit Union was unveiled October 13. The mural honors hometown hero, Hannah Roberts, who, at just twenty years old, competed in the Tokyo Olympics last summer, bringing home a silver medal. Hooray, Hannah!



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Veils 10am WMS & Deacons 11am 90th Birthday, Mary Soales 11am	7 175th Comm 10am Drum 6:30pm	8	9 Drum 6:30pm	10	11	12
13 Thank Offering Liturgist: Marie Remington	14 175th Comm 10am Peace & Mission 10am Drum 6:30pm	15 Session 11am Women's Assoc 1pm Outlook info to office—deadline	16 Book Club 2pm Drum 6:30pm	17	18	19
20 Chimes Dedi- cated 10am <i>Soup Celebration</i> 11am Liturgist: Mary Aalfs	21 175th Comm 10am Drum 6:30pm	22	23 Drum 6:30pm	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Advent Hang- ing Greens 11am 2 Cents/Meal RAM food coll	28 175th Comm 10am Decorate Tree Drum 6:30pm	29	30 Drum 6:30pm			