

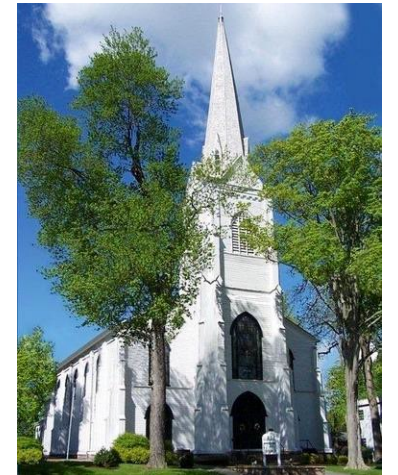
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**NOVEMBER
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A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR

Welcome, FPCH!

This month has been busy as we prepare for the upcoming holidays in November and December. November 3rd is All Saints Celebration, so consider bringing a photo of deceased members of your family to church. On November 11th, we will honor our members who served in the military. And to prepare for Thanksgiving, we are requesting canned or jarred goods so our food insecure may access items at our Little Pantry. Also on the 24th, our choir will join with other local choirs to sing at Gethsemane Lutheran Church at Hymn Fest.

Please check out all the news and highlights from the past month. These events tell a story about FPCH. To echo the sentiments of Pastor Erin, we learn of stories presented to us in the Bible. Each week at worship, we hear the stories through the sermons our Pastor provides which are based on the gospels read. We learn valuable lessons from those stories, but there are other stories from which we can learn.

Beginning this month and in December, and all through next year, Pastor Erin would like each of us to recollect a story about our connection to the church which holds significance to us. Therefore, I encourage you all to consider writing to me so that I can publish your narrative for all to hear/read. Please send your story to maryann.simmons3@verizon.net and I will include it in the upcoming publications.

Until next month...

Yours in Christ,
MaryAnn Simmons

DATES TO REMEMBER - NOVEMBER 2024

- 03: Confirmation Class - 9 - 9:50 AM in the Conference Room
- 03: Worship and communion - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; All Saints Day Celebration; Sunday School; Joyful Noise/Unity Chimes Rehearsal after worship; New Members class after worship
- 04: PLEFF Dinner - 6 PM at Maria Bonita, Route 46, Hackettstown
- 05: Election Day: Please **VOTE** Today!
- 06: Yarn Girls - 1 PM - Conference Room
- 07: Music Rehearsals - FPCH Ringers at 6:30 PM and Senior Choir at 7:30 PM, both in the Music Room
- 09: Men's Breakfast - 8:15 AM - River Star Diner
- 10: Confirmation Class - 9 - 9:50 AM in the Conference Room
- 10: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; Veteran's Day Celebration; Sunday School; Joyful Noise/Unity Chimes Rehearsal after worship
- 10: Second Sunday -11:30-1:30 PM at the Chapel - SIP AND PAINT
- 12: Deacon's Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Conference Room
- 12: Stated Meeting of the Presbytery - 7-9 PM via Zoom
- 14: Music Rehearsals - FPCH Ringers at 6:30 PM and Senior Choir at 7:30 PM, both in the Music Room
- 16: Ladies' Breakfast - 9 AM - River Star Diner
- 17: Confirmation Class - 9 - 9:50 AM in the Conference Room
- 17: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; Sunday School; Joyful Noise/Unity Chimes Rehearsal after worship; New Members class after worship
- 19: Session Meeting - 6:30 PM, in the Conference Room
- 21: Music Rehearsals - FPCH Ringers at 6:30 PM and Senior Choir at 7:30 PM, both in the Music Room
- 24: Confirmation Class - 9 - 9:50 AM in the Conference Room
- 24: Worship - 10 AM; livestream through Facebook; Pantry offerings before worship for Christ the King Sunday; Sunday School; Joyful Noise/Unity Chimes Rehearsal after worship; Christmas Ornament sale after worship
- 24: Hymn Fest at Gethsemane Lutheran Church - 7 PM - remember to bring a food item for the Little Pantry
- 26: Ladies Who Lunch-12 PM at Bruno's in Hastings Square
- 28: Music Rehearsals - FPCH Ringers at 6:30 PM and Senior Choir at 7:30 PM, both in the Music Room
- 28: Happy Thanksgiving! Church office is closed

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Story to Tell, Thanks and Giving Season

When my daughter was in preschool we began telling stories together. She would start, "Once upon a time." I would continue after the introduction. We went on some wild rides with fairies, unicorns, and ponies. She told me, "Mommy, I thank God for stories." Amen. I do too. From the very beginning we have been a people of stories. Think about the stories from your own family. Do you remember the stories that your uncle or grandmother told? They shaped how you understood yourself in the world and what life is all about. Stories give us life.

From the very beginning we learned about who God is through story. Our Bible is mostly stories of faith passed down by word of mouth and then written down. The blessing of the Holy Spirit helps them come alive in and through us.

To be a disciple of Jesus is to be part of God's grand story of resurrection and new life. Following Jesus requires us to weave our own story into that of God's work in the world. To be a witness of Jesus is to tell the story of God's transforming work in our lives. Each of us has a Story To Tell. Over the month of November we will hear stories from our church family about how and where they see the work of God. I am excited to see how we might be encouraged along the way.

As you listen I invite you to consider how you might use your resources to support the ministry here at First Presbyterian Church for the year of 2025. Each gift is a wonderful reminder of what God can do with our willing hearts. You are already part of the story of God, so let's see what we can create together by the power of the Spirit.

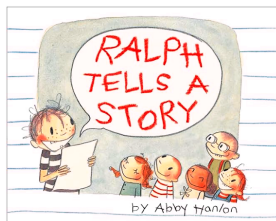
In Christ,

Pastor Erin

BOOKS FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE

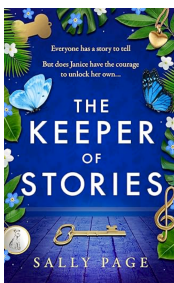
BY: MARYANN SIMMONS

This month I offer you books about storytelling and its importance in our lives.



Nothing ever happens to Ralph. Every day when it's time to write stories, Ralph thinks really hard. He stares at his paper. He stares at the ceiling. But he has no stories! With the help of his classmates, Ralph realizes that a great story can be about something very little...and maybe he really does have some stories to tell. **Abby**

Hanlon's debut book ***Ralph Tells a Story*** is for kids ages 5-7.



Everyone has a story to tell. But does Janice have the power to unlock her own? This debut novel by **Sally Page** will help you to understand why it is important to listen to the stories others in our lives tell us. As Janice gathers her stories, they are helping her understand those she encounters each day. They also help her to come to terms with formulating her own story to tell.

I encourage you to try these books. They might give you the courage to stand up before the congregation to tell your own story one Sunday during worship.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3rd

The Peace and Global Witness Offering affirms that the peace of God, which is central to the gospel, starts with us. We are there to sow seeds of peace by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. We at First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown will be accepting this special offering on Sunday, November 3rd.

Note that 25% of this offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community, 25% goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking in our region, and 50% supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please consider a generous donation on this day to ensure that our own community and the world will be in a better position to provide peace and end injustices. Thank you.

“WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO”

MATTHEW 6:21

BY: LORINDA RAVO

November's treasure is laughter, and we're hoping to take a group trip to the Mansfield Cineopolis to see the movie “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” a PG movie based on the book of the same name. Keep an eye out for more information!

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some highlights of our October worship services, music ensembles, the community dinner, and Charlie Prestopine who gave a tour of our cemetery in October. Highlights from our Second Sunday and the church workday can be found in another section of the newsletter. Enjoy these memories.



NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

BY: JUSTIN SIMMONS

The Deacons continue to work diligently to maintain their missions throughout the year.

In Little Pantry News, Seventh Heaven Farms recently made a large donation. Although Nicole from the farm was upset that food was apparently being taken primarily by only a few people, the Deacons at this time choose to continue with the free open access to the Pantry. In addition, as noted in the special dates in November, we will be seeking donations from our congregation for the Thanksgiving season. See the separate article regarding this endeavor.



Our Free Market in late September and our Clothing Drive in early October were hugely successful. We collected 295 bags of clothes and shoes, 16 bikes, toys, and strollers, amounting to approximately 2,149 pounds and earning us \$449.80. Our next clothing drive is tentatively scheduled for May 3, 2025. Extra drop-off date will be April 29 from 5:30-7 PM and on May 3rd between 8-9 AM. We discussed the possibility of offering a pick-up service for church members only. We will report back to you about this at a future date.

Kyle Larga, a scout seeking to earn his Eagle badge, has been approved to build a pergola in our prayer garden. We anticipate completion of this project by June, 2025.

As you have witnessed in the final pages of the newsletter, we have a form for Christmas Poinsettia flowers. This form will be distributed in church on November 17, 24, and December 1, 8. We hope you will consider sponsoring a flower "In memory of" or "In Thanksgiving for" a loved one.

Finally, our confirmation students spent time taking Halloween photos of our youngsters and their families on October 27th. We are glad many children enjoyed this event.

Thank you for your continued support of our missions. If you have any questions or suggestions, please be sure to reach out to a Deacon.

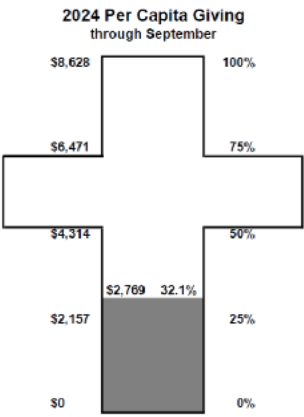
OCTOBER 2024 FINANCIAL \$NAPSHOT

BY: AL RAVO

The Expenses Paid and Income amounts below do not include the funds transferred from the Endowment to meet the church operating expenses.

| | SEPTEMBER | Year to Date |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Income | \$14,506.23 | \$149,215.73 |
| Expenses Paid | \$14,758.87 | \$167,450.51 |
| Net Operating Income / (Deficit) | (\$252.64) | (\$18,234.78) |
| Amount of Schwab/Edward Jones funds used to pay operating expenses | \$0.00 | \$9,000.00 |
| Amount Needed from Endowment | \$0.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| Total amount of Endowment, Schwab & Edward Jones funds used to pay Operating expenses in 2024 | \$0.00 | \$19,000.00 |

Financial Comments / Observations:



1. The five largest operating expenses in September were:

- 1.) **\$7,378.77** – Pastoral expenses (payroll, Board of Pen-sions, etc.).
- 3.) **\$4,205.75** – Staff payroll & payroll processing ex-penses.
- 5.) **\$547.59** – Electric expenses (3 buildings).
- 2.) **\$431.48** – Comcast.
- 4.) **\$360.00** – Grounds care.

2. The operating net income / (deficits) were **(\$252.64)** in September and **(\$18,234.78)** Year To Date.

• The actual September operating expenses were **\$4,574.46** below the average monthly budgeted expenses.

• The actual September operating incomes were **\$2,327.10** below the average monthly budgeted incomes.

- The Year-To-Date operating expenses were **\$6,549.49** below the average YTD budgeted amounts.
- The Year-To-Date operating incomes were **\$2,284.27** below the average YTD budgeted amount.

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3. In September, the value of the MassMutual Investment accounts increased **\$5,521.25** to **\$364,664.77**.
4. The total endowment fund at the end of September was **\$369,742.32**. The total endowment fund was up **\$5,546.28** since the beginning of September and up **\$30,076.69** since January 1, 2024.
5. The September community dinner expenses were \$281.54. The donations collected at the dinner were \$73.00. The total cost to the church for all community dinners since September 2021 is **\$754.02**.
6. The Men’s breakfast expenses for September were \$89.80. The donations collected at the breakfast were \$81.00.

The 2024 Per Capita is \$42.50 for each of the 203 members of our Church. (The number is the membership of FPCH on December 31, 2022.) The total amount due in 2024 is \$8,627.50 or \$718.96 monthly. In September, **\$0.00** was received for Per Capita leaving the total received in 2024 at **\$2,769.28** or **32.1%** of the amount due. No Per Capita payment was sent to the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ in September leaving the total sent in 2024 at **\$2,769.28** or **32.1%** of the total amount due.

Please contact Al Ravo for questions or to discuss the Church’s operational finances, the Endowment Funds, Per Capita or the Building On Generosity Capital Campaign.

BUILDING ON GENEROSITY (BOG) CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Donations received during September, **\$320.00**.
- Total donations received from church members, non-members and anonymous from September 2019 (the BOG Kickoff dinner) through the last day of September 2024, **\$647,260.02**.
- Expenses paid using the BOG funds in September, **\$0.00**.
- Total BOG funds are **\$13,659.26**. The breakdown is **\$8,809.26** for the next BOG project with an additional **\$2,500.00** designated for parking lot pavement and **\$2,350.00** designated for the Chapel range hood replacement.
- Donations breakdown by source:
 - **5.3%** - **\$34,184.76 from nonmembers**
 - **86.1%** - **\$557,002.05 from members**
 - **8.6%** - **\$56,073.21 from anonymous & dinners**
 - **100.0%** - **\$647,260.02 Total**

Please contact Al Ravo for questions or to discuss the Church’s operating finances, the Endowment Funds, Per Capita or the Building On Generosity Capital Campaign.

COLORING FUN FOR KIDS



THANK YOU FROM BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

BY: DIANE HULL

Thank you to all who attended the church and grounds clean up event on October 19th. Our members who like to work indoors made our sanctuary shine, providing polish to our pews and woodwork and windex to our windows.



Those who enjoy working outdoors beautified our church flower and shrub beds and fixed areas in the parking lot including the signs and the handrails as well as marking the church lot for parking spots.



In addition to our busy bees, we had an unexpected visitor who decided to stroll through the church grounds and onto Main Street. Poor Larry Cook was scared out of his wits, as the city boy had never encountered a bear in these rural parts.



Thank you again, to all who used their talents to prepare our church for the Fall season.

WELCOME CHARLOTTE BURDY D'ANDREA

We are proud to announce the baptism of Charlotte Burdy D'Andrea on September 29, 2024. Our youngsters enjoyed witnessing this ceremony and were glad to learn about the importance of the congregation's involvement in this indoctrination into the church.



Congratulations, family and friends on this wonderful occasion.


NOVEMBER GREETERS

Nov 3: Pat and Geof Gohlich

Nov 10: Winnie and Mark Slatcheka

Nov 17: Pattie and Dennis Huff

Nov 24: Carol Granitzski and Brenda Neice



GREETER

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

Thankfulness is probably what quickly comes to mind when we think about November, but there are other special days that we will be recognizing at church during the month.

On Sunday, **November 3**, we'll be observing **All Saints Day**, and we invite you to bring a photo or two of your loved ones who are now joined with the saints in heaven. If your photos are framed, that's great, and if not, we'll have some frames and a bulletin board to help display them.

On Sunday, **November 11**, we'll be **honoring** those in our congregation who have served in any and all branches of **the military** with a special display on the Communion table.

Finally, on Sunday, **November 24**, our Communion table, decorated as a harvest table, will display your **donations of canned/jarred goods for our pantry**. Please consider bringing one or more food items, and you can add your donations to the shelves we set up!

We hope to see you at church each Sunday for these special occasions.

MUSIC NOTES

Music for the month of November will be:

November 3: Take of the Wonder - Sr. Choir

10: Simple Gifts - FPCH Ringers Chime Choir

17: We Gather Together-Sr. Choir

Sing Alleluia - combined Joyful Noise Bells and
Unity Chimes

24: Jesu Tawa Pano - Little Lights Sunday School Choir

HYMN FEST at Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Our Senior Choir members will be joining with choirs from Gethsemane Lutheran and Panther Valley Ecumenical in our annual Hymn Fest on Sunday, November 24 at 7 PM. The three choirs will combining to sing anthems, and between the anthems will be hymns that are well known and all, choir members and congregation alike, will be raising their voices together in song.

You're invited to this joyous evening of favorite hymns and beautiful anthems being held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on 4th Street and Baldwin Street in town. The program is FREE, but we do ask that you bring a canned/jarred food donation that will go to our Free Little Pantry.

Sharing God's Bounty

We are Accountable

The need for us to be accountable is well illustrated in the Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25:14-30. Three servants were entrusted with a lot of money before their master went on a journey. One servant was given five talents, one two, and one one. They were given a period of time to put their funds to work. In Matthew 25:19 we read, *"After a long time the Master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them."* The servants knew the Master would return from his trip, and they would have to give an account of the money given to them.

There would be a Day of Judgment, an accounting of their responsibilities. Two servants were very faithful and went out and invested their talents wisely, and they heard the words we all want to hear, *"Well done, good and faithful servant."* For those who do well, the accounting is a time for rejoicing. If a man is able to turn his talents from five into ten, he is praised for doing good work.

The parable is truly a picture of life itself. We are born into the world with certain talents and abilities which we do not choose. They are gifts from outside us, talents from God. Each of us is given a period of time in which to use these talents—our life span. Then at the end, beyond death, comes judgment, an accounting to render of our days upon earth.

As stewards, we understand our need to be responsible in our stewardship because we know that at some time we will be held accountable. Our accountability provides an encouragement for us to use our time, talents, and treasures faithfully and properly. Accountability does imply hard work and effort. It conveys our responsibilities, not to take our tasks lightly. However, we know that God is always with us, and, with his help and strength, we can accomplish much.

We are accountable to God because he is the creator and owner of all. We become his stewards because he has chosen to entrust us with his love, grace, and mercy for which we are to render faithful and wise service. As the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 4:2, *"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."* Jesus' words, recorded in Luke 12:48 are, *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."*

God, who loves us and calls us each by name, will enable us to be faithful and accountable stewards.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR A CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR IN DECEMBER

The second Sunday of Advent is called the Peace Sunday, so we will be observing that in a very special way. We'll be singing the beautiful song "Let There Be Peace On Earth", and we invite all in the congregation who would like to be part of choir for that day to join us. Kids and adults are welcome and encouraged to be part of this special choir. Information will be coming about rehearsals! See Lorinda if you have any questions.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?

Beginning in January, we'd like to help you celebrate your birthday by playing your favorite hymn during the worship service: it might be the prelude, offertory, or the postlude on the Sunday closest to your birthday! Please use this short form, and give it to Lorinda. She'll be happy to play your favorite for you!

Name _____

Birthday (day/month) _____

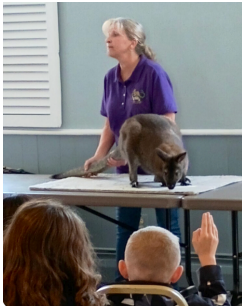
Favorite hymn _____

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

If you've been thinking about being a part of any of our music ensembles here at FPCH - Senior Choir, FPCH Ringers (adult chimes), Joyful Noise Bells (for young ringers) or Unity Chimes (for kids grade 3 and up) - please be sure to speak with Lorinda for more information! People are welcome to come in and give it a try at any time throughout the year.

SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

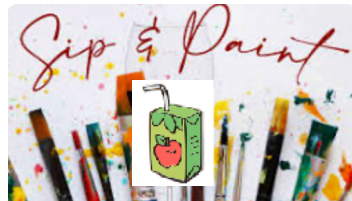
We had so much fun at our **October 13** Second Sunday with a presentation from Linda Mooney with Eyes of the Wild, located in Hunterdon County. Live animals - including a tortoise, ferret, dove, Angora rabbit, and wallaby - were the focus of our attention at this educational program. Over 50, yes, 50 kids and adults attended. Thank you, Eyes of the Wild, for a wonderful day with animals.



Photos courtesy of Lorinda Ravo

Our next Second Sunday event on November 10 will be a “Juice Box and Paint” event. (You’ve heard of “Paint and Sip” parties for adults, with “adult” beverages? Well, we’re using the concept and creating it for kids.) Mrs. Diann Carrajat, the art teacher at Hatchery Hill and Willow Grove Schools, will be guiding the participants through creating a special painting.

This month’s event is geared for grades K and up. In order to have enough canvasses, easels, brushes, and paint, we **MUST** have all participants pre-registered, so please sign up on the table in front of the church.



A POEM IN HONOR OF ALL SAINTS DAY

What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.
God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.
But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Annie Johnson Flint

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Celebrating the
Bible
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TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HOW TO PRAY

This activity is designed to put a Bible verse in a decorated matchbox to keep as a reminder that God's word is always with us. It is impactful because the action of hiding a piece of paper in a tiny box feels like hiding away a secret. It provides a very ceremonial feel and allows children to explore the idea of telling their most profound thoughts to God and hiding them away in a special box. This is designed for children ages 6 and up.

MATERIALS:

1. Empty matchboxes
2. Construction or scrapbook paper
3. Glue
4. Scissors



TIME:

20 minutes to make the box plus 30 minutes for the activity.

HOW TO:

Explain to the children that you are going to make a very special box, but do not reveal the box's purpose at first.

1. Cut a strip of paper that will wrap around the matchbox to cover it.
2. Glue the paper in place over the matchbox.
3. Cut small pieces of paper that, when folded, will fit inside the matchbox.

EXPLAIN AND USE THE PRAYER BOX:

1. After everyone has had a chance to make a box and cut the pieces of paper, explain the purpose of the box - it is a prayer box. Family members can write their special prayers on their pieces of paper, fold them up, and put them into the matchboxes. Explain, "We can put our prayers in our boxes knowing that God hears each of our prayers, even if God doesn't always respond in ways we would have wanted."

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HOW TO PRAY

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EXPLAIN AND USE THE PRAYER BOX:

2. Help children find special places to put their boxes, and encourage them to take out old prayers and put new prayers in when they have special prayer requests to God.

NOTES:

1. Reassure children that their boxes are private, between them and God, and that you do not need to know everything they put in them.
2. Use this activity to answer the children's questions about prayer as they come up: "Why is it hard to know if God heard my prayer?" OR, "I prayed for grandpa to get well and he still died! Did God ignore my prayer?" Answer honestly and don't be afraid to say, "That is a mystery."
3. Model the use of boxes by having one of your own and talking about it.

VARIATIONS:

1. Use another type of box instead of a matchbox.
2. Decide which prayers you would like to write down as a family rather than have it be an individual project.



This practice is excerpted from the book ***Faithful Families: Simple Practices for Daily Family Life*** by Traci Smith, published by Chalice Press, 2017, All rights Reserved. Used by Permission.

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA



In celebration of the 2024 Christmas Season the Deacons are asking you to help fill the sanctuary with color by sponsoring a silk Christmas Poinsettia. Sponsorships are \$5.00 per plant. May be *In Thanksgiving for...* anyone dear to you or *In Memory of...* friends or family that have enriched your life.

Please make checks payable to The Deacons and mail to: First Presbyterian Church, c/o The Deacons, 298 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 or you may drop off your forms and payment in the church mailbox.

All forms and payment must be received no later than Sunday, December 8th.

Please return this form with your payment. If you need additional space you may use the back of this form or submit an additional piece of paper, thank you!

Sponsor:

In Memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

Plants Sponsored:

Amount Enclosed:

Have questions? Need more Information?
Please contact: Pat Butts – 908 391-2006
or Pat Gohlich – 201 925-7158

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Marc Heil
- 2: Roy Pierson
Cody Gelsinger
- 3: Harry Knauer
- 4: Margo Gregory
- 5: Grace Clegg
- 6: Sandy Sentner
- 7: Tyler Newton
- 8: Dennis Huff
- 15: Linda Gardner
Amari Melendez
- 20: Bev Saunders
- 21: Lori Fleischman
Otto Fleischman
Pat Butts
- 28: Quinn DeCaro
- 29: Megan Gelsinger
- 30: Cindy Pierson
Les Carpenter

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6: Mark & Marsha Gulick
- 23: Bruce & Ellen Bergman
- 26: Gianni & Heather DeRosa

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following
in your prayers:

Eris Bunnel
Rod Cameron, father-in-law of
Michele Cameron
Eugenie Chetangie
Churches throughout
the U.S.
FPCH and Friends of
FPCH
Dan Gardner
Terry Gretchen
Joan Grover
Barbara Hall
Jose Irby
Carol Levine, mom of Michele
Cameron
Maikuu congregation,
Kibwezi Kenya
Members of the Armed Forces
Carol Miller
Barbara Pace, niece of the
Prestopines
Alice Phoebus
Pam Sampson, sister of Jan
Courtright
Carol Spitzer
Muriel Stellingwerf
Gail Thompson, cousin of
Diane Hull
The food insecure
The homeless
Those struggling with
addictions and mental health
Those recovering from surgery
Richard Westby
Barbara Yankiv

