

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# THE LARGER VIEW

# November

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**NOVEMBER 3—DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 2019**

- Adult Study - 9:00 AM
- K-6th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
- Confirmation Class - 9:00 AM
- Worship (Comm)- 10:30 AM
- Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
- Faith Development - 11:45 AM
- Hospitality - 11:45 AM

**NOVEMBER 10**

- Adult Study - 9:00 AM
- K-6th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
- Confirmation Class - 9:00 AM
- Worship - 10:30 AM
- Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM
- Shine the Light Committee - 11:45 AM
- W & M - 11:45 AM

**NOVEMBER 17 - COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

- Adult Study - 9:00 AM
- K-6th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
- Confirmation Class - 9:00 AM
- Worship - 10:30
- Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM

**NOVEMBER 24 - HANGING OF THE GREENS**

- Adult Study - 9:00 AM
- K-6th Grade Church School - 9:00 AM
- Confirmation Class - 9:00 AM
- Worship - 10:30
- Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers
- Coffee Fellowship - 11:30 AM



**Special points of interest:**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

**All Saints Celebration**

**Commitment Sunday**

**Poinsettia Order Form**

**Reverse Advent Calendar**

**Hanging of the Greens**

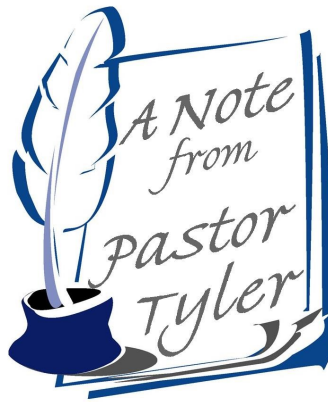
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**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**



*The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Highland  
is to be  
the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ*



Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! November begins with the celebration of All Saints' Day and closes out with Thanksgiving. What fitting bookends to mark our life together this month!

We Protestants often have a gut reaction against naming or acknowledging saints. Such has been the case since the Reformation itself, when the reformers rightfully challenged certain practices of devotion to the saints. As a Presbyterian pastor, however, I find myself grieving because of our inattention to the saints. I find myself longing for our tradition to reclaim rituals of recognizing and honoring those who have joined the resurrection.

Our scriptures often make reference to "saints," using the term to describe any fellow believer. Over the past several months we have been making our way through the book of *Acts*, paying close attention to Paul's journeys and the communities to which he would later write his epistles. Paul's epistles abound with the language of the saints. For example, he writes in *1 Corinthians* to the church of Priscilla and Aquila: "To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." In this sense, every single one of us is a saint! For All Saints' Day we specifically pay attention to the saints who have come and gone before us, those who are now seated at the banquet table in the presence of God. We honor the things they taught us and the joy they brought us. We remember how they impacted us and the Kingdom. We recognize that they are still with us as the Church triumphant, worshipping the same God and perhaps even singing the same hymns of praise.

This season is especially poignant for me, as it was exactly two years ago that I presided over the funeral of Saint Teresa Marshall, also known as Aunt T. Saint Teresa, my mom's older sister, was a second mother to all of us nieces and nephews. She loved us fiercely to the end and consistently expressed that love by showing up in our times of need and celebration as well as in the mundane activities of our daily lives. I will never forget my life with her. I will never forget standing by her bedside as she breathed that special final breath of the Holy Spirit. I will never forget eulogizing her and speaking the words of commendation on All Saints' Day 2017. Saint Teresa showed me the love of God through her unconditional love for my family. I am sure that every single person in this congregation has people in their lives like Aunt T, saints who have taught us how to love and thus who have taught us how to know God. I pray that we will all take time this season to reflect on them, to imagine the glory they are now in, and to honor them in the ways that we go about our lives.

I close in thanksgiving, our other bookend, with these words from Paul's epistle to the church in Philippi, the church of Lydia: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."

In Christ,

*Rev. Tyler Orem*

# SESSION SHORTS

- Rev. Tyler thanked all those who worked to get our church up and running again following the power outage. Thanks to the Trustees and Vicky Braun, our IT consultant, for getting the boilers working and the phones and internet back running.
- Session accepted and welcomed the transfer of membership of Jesse and Heather Casiano from the Presbyterian Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico.
- There will be a congregational meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> after worship to accept the report of the nominating committee. We will then be electing our officers and committee members. All members should attend.
- Shine 98.7 FM radio contacted us about becoming one of their highlighted churches of the week, and Session voted to have Rev. Tyler contact them about this opportunity.
- The Meet and Greet open house that we hosted for Rev. Tyler on October 16<sup>th</sup> was felt to be very successful. Community leaders and mission partners were able to network with Rev. Tyler and some of our officers. Session would like to have this type of meeting several times a year to see how we can work together to help others in the community.
- Elder Lois Fozkos reported on the Presbytery meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Geneva Center where she was a commissioner.



## PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON







# SESSION



It's Stewardship season and a time to reflect about "How can I help the FPCH help people." God calls us to action to use our gifts for the benefit of our family and for those who need our help. Your action determines our collective response. On November 10th, Stewardship Sunday, pledge cards will be distributed. The following Sunday, November 17th is Commitment Sunday when your pledge card and coin jar are returned in worship and everyone enjoys lunch following worship service. Friends, guests, members and families are all invited to share a meal together and celebrate "How I can help the FPCH help people." We look forward to seeing everyone.

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## MEET AND GREET WITH REV. TYLER



On October 16th, approximately 25 people attended an open house that we hosted to introduce our pastor, Rev. Tyler, to Highland leaders. Several pastors from Highland churches, representatives from the Highland Chamber of Commerce, Love INC, Salvation Army, Meals On Wheels, and Veteran's Life Changing Services along with some of our trustees, elders and deacons shared ideas on community needs. Rev. Tyler led the discussion and it was especially helpful to learn how we can better work together as partners in Christ.







## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month of  
September 30, 2019

	Month of September	Monthly Budget	Year to Date
Operating Revenue	\$10,033.62	\$10,087.00	\$88,979.65
Operating Expenses	13,636.94	12,679.00	104,939.84
Excess (Deficit)	(\$3,603.32)		(\$15,960.19)

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As presented on October 13<sup>th</sup> worship service

With the third quarter now behind us, it is time for me to communicate to you our church's financial results thus far for 2019. You may remember the old cop show, "Dragnet" where Sargent Joe Friday, aptly played by Jack Webb, often stated - "Just the facts, ma'am." Well, ma'am- here are the facts.

As a reminder, after compiling our 2018 stewardship campaign consisting of your pledges which is the majority of our church's income and determining our plans for spending which included our commitment to Tyler, our new minister, we viewed 2019 as a deficit budget year. Through the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 months of the year our church remains about 30% better than our planned deficit. I reported a similar improvement a quarter ago.

As I had reported last quarter our ministries have continued to spend less than their planned spending but since the last quarter report to you there has been a falloff in our member's generosity with 40% of our pledgers not supporting our church at the level or pace of giving that they individually committed to.

"Just the facts, ma'am."

May God be in your hearts as you reflect on your individual commitments to our church, not only for the remainder of this year but also as we commence our stewardship and budget planning for 2020 which is currently gearing up.

Vince Catania  
Treasurer



## **Gifts given in the months of October to the Endowment Fund include:**

In Memory of: Wanda McCullum, Dr. Lowell Steen

### **These gifts were given by the following donors:**

Bob & Charlotte Abernethy, Norma Bauer, Ron Blashill, Peter Bomberger, Carol Callaway, Vince & Debbie Catania, Jerome & Jo Ann Chandler, Lee Ann Cheesebrough, Peter & Gale Churitch, Barb Dye, Eason & Nancy Engle, Lois Fozkos, Rodney & Peggy Fozkos, William & Sharon Gall, Kevin & Jennifer Gallery, Dave & Kathy Gortat, Carolyn Ham, Bill & Anettia Holmes, Laura Jones, Sandra Lalich, Robert & Carol Lestina, Doran & Karen Lounsbury, Shirley McKnight, Mary Lou Mybeck, Paul & Sandy Nicholls, Jan Oprea, Winnie Owen, Rick Parker, Bryan & Elizabeth Ann Pierce, Tom & Pam Porter, Viola Porter, Mar-jean Reed and Family, Harriet Rincon, Thomas & Kathleen Rogan, Eric & Laurel Schumm, Craig & Heather Scott, Linda Skaggs, Jay & Jean Smith, Prasit & Antoinette Sri, Nell Stevenson, Gareth Steen, Elwyn & Caroline Studer, Marie Smith, Kimberly & Dale Sylvan, Ron & Cathy Toren, John & Judy Toren, Don Wiltfong, Robert & Susan Witzke

### **A Donation made to Mission's Feed the Hungry in Memory of Dr. Lowell Steen:**

Arletta Schaefer

### **A Donation made in Honor of Revs. Tyler, Linda and Leroy:**

Carol Callaway





### Community Trunk or Treat Event

No tricks – but we had plenty of treats, smiles and laughter at the Trunk or Treat Event on Oct. 27. The Town of Highland sponsored the event at Main Square Park, and this is the first year our church participated. The line of kids and families who attended was steady for an hour and a half, and stretched all the way from the playground back to our church at one point! The Casiano family donated the use of their “trunk” and it was decorated with giant spiders, a spider web, string lights, and an animated tree trunk that sang a Halloween song, plus two church banners so everyone knew who were. Thank you to everyone who generously donated lollipops or other candy; to the Youth Group who taped special church messages on all the candy (more than 600 pieces!); and to Bonnie Perryman and Robbie & Tristan Casiano for being there and passing out the candy. It was a beautiful day of fun, community togetherness and spreading the word about our church.



**Fall decorations for the sanctuary made by the church school kids - Lucy, Tristan and Ella.**





## HAYRIDE AT OAKRIDGE PRAIRE

### It's S'more Fun Together!

On Oct. 6, about two dozen members and friends of the church gathered at Oak Ridge Prairie County Park in Griffith for a fun evening of fellowship. First everyone settled into the hay and straw aboard the tractor-pulled wagon for a fun hayride around the park. When they got back from the ride, a warm glowing campfire greeted everyone, along with all the hotdogs and s'mores they could eat. It was a perfect fall evening where all ages gathered together. (More pictures are available on the church's Facebook page.)





It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettias! Lansing Florist is offering red and white poinsettias for \$20.00.

This is a good way to honor or remember loved ones. Donations may also be made in LIEU of flowers. Your order and money are due in the church office by Friday, December 6th.

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

(Please Print CLEARLY)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

	Number	Price	Total
Red	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____
White	_____	\$20.00	\$ _____

Donation in LIEU of flowers \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: Friday, December 6, 2019

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# WORSHIP & MUSIC



Luke.  
24 chapters.  
December.  
24 days  
until  
Christmas.  
Countdown.

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Tristan Casiano received his God and Family religious award during the worship service on Oct. 13. This is an award created by the P.R.A.Y organization and is an optional activity to help Tristan earn his Arrow of Light rank in Cub Scouts. Tristan worked with Pastor Tyler throughout the summer on this award, using pizza as a metaphor for a family. They discussed types of families as well as the “ingredients” that make up a family, and read stories about different families in the Bible. Tristan learned that in addition to the family he lives with, he has a great church family as well her at FPCH. To celebrate earning his award, Tristan and Pastor Tyler enjoyed a pizza lunch together. Tristan says eating pizza is way better than talking about it!



**Dedication of Prayer  
Shawls on  
October 27th.**





## October Shelter Report

On October 12th, Highland Kiwanis prepared the meal and served at the Rescue Mission. Kiwanis is a "global organization dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Our organization currently has about 20 members ranging in ages from mid 20's to mid 80's. Our focus is primarily on our supported-youth clubs which include five K-Kids Clubs in the four public elementary schools, Builders Club at Highland Middle School, and Key Club at Highland High School. We supply the elementary clubs with their meeting materials and we support our high school Key Club members with funds for attendance at their leadership conferences. Twice a year we read books to the kindergarten classes in all six elementary schools (including Our Lady of Grace and Highland Christian School) and then give every student a book of their own to take home. At one of our weekly meetings in May, we invite our sponsored-youth Advisors (all of whom are teachers in their respective schools) for lunch at Langel's and give them the opportunity to speak about the accomplishments of their clubs. We deliver Meals on Wheels three times/week, and we prepare and deliver dinner to Haven House on the 4th Saturday of every month. During October's Fire Prevention Month, we prepared and delivered dinner to the first responders at the fire station. Other service projects include: donating to the Little Food Pantry on Kennedy Avenue, making fleece blankets for parents of patients at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, collecting S&VT receipts for the Builders Club, and collecting and delivering "wish list" items to Haven House. Fund-raising projects include peanut sales and fruit sales. Some of the proceeds are used for our \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who is a member of Key Club. We have guest speakers from local not-for-profit organizations and/or local community members who keep us up-to-date on what is happening in our town. Highland Kiwanis meets every Thursday from 12:00-1:00 at Langel's. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Carol Callaway at 924-4251.





# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.**

- 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

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**BUY-A-BRICK**

Now is your opportunity to purchase a brick for the garden path to commemorate a family member or a loved one. We'll sell bricks during the next several months and install the bricks during spring 2020, when we plan to rehabilitate the garden path.

A brick can be used to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, special people, express a thought, recognize an event or memorialize a meaningful bible verse or saying. A brick makes a special and unique birthday or Christmas gift.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BUY A BRICK PROGRAM ORDER FORM**

We have a great opportunity to improve our garden walkway and help the church raise funds for projects and mission opportunities. We are offering engraved bricks to replace the plain ones in the memorial garden walkway. Here's what's available to order:

- Engraved 4 x 8      18 characters per line with maximum of three lines at a cost of \$50.00
- Engraved 8 x 8      18 characters per line with a maximum of six lines at a cost of \$100.00

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Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick(s) as follows:

ANY SYMBOL/SPACE IS COUNTED AS ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)  
ALL TEXT WILL BE CAPITALIZED AND CENTERED

**4 X 8 Brick**


**8 x 8 Brick**


**EXAMPLE**

B	L	E	S	S	E	D		B	Y		F	A	M	I	L	Y	
W	I	L	L	I	A	M		A	N	D		S	H	A	R	O	N
								L	A	F	L	E	C	H			

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Highland**  
**P.O. Box 9219**  
**Highland, Indiana 46322**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

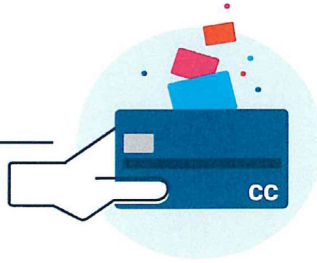
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEN ORDERS WILL BE ACCUMULATED BEFORE A NEW ORDER IS PLACED WITH THE VENDOR.**  
 If you have any questions, please call Sharon LaFlech (219) 838-3346



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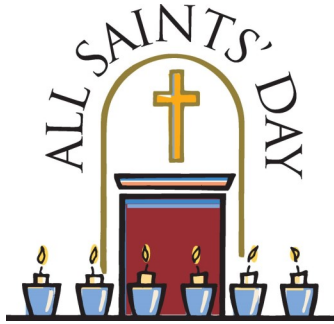


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On Sunday, November 3rd, we will be having our annual All Saints' Day service at 10:30. As part of that service, we will be naming those persons we have prayed for or about since last November who have passed from death to new life in Christ. A candle will be lit as each person is named.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!**



Don't forget that Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day.

FPCH will be a voting site for Highland, Precinct #8



Be present in worship on Sunday, November 24th as we dedicate our 2019 Pledge to God through Jesus Christ for the Mission & Ministry of First Presbyterian Church.



**Sunday, November 24th**

In anticipation of the first Sunday of Advent, we will be decorating our building for the Christmas season by “Hanging the Greens.” Plan on joining us for worship services on Sunday, November 24th at 10:30 AM and help us decorate the building.



**GLADYS' TABLE**

**The next meal will be Saturday, November 30th from 12 to 1 PM**



**THE BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 21st at 2:00 PM at the home of Debbie Catania to discuss the book “A Fatal Grace” by Louise Penny.



- 2 Shirley McKnight
- 6 Jeanne Nestor
- 9 Max Sendejas
- 12 Jill Elman
- Liz Zuke
- 16 Eason Engle
- 17 Catherine Black



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 1:00 PM in the Youth Room.



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the soup chefs**





# Prayers of Christian Sympathy to:

Cheryl Steen and Family on the death of  
Dr. Lowell Steen on October 5th.



## Ongoing Prayers



The Prayer Circle prays for the people on this list, and for all other concerns named at that time. Please include the persons listed here in your daily devotional time. Thank you.

- Debbie Abernethy
- Anthony - Suzanne Gruoner's son
- Alaina (Callaway)
- Marge Ashton
- Bapst Family (Callaway)
- Sonny Buono
- Ina Chappell
- I Sun Chong (Oprea)
- Marian Clayton (Morton)
- Ruth Dekker
- Barb Dye
- Gracie Helmer
- Bill Holmes
- Willie Key
- Daniel Litwicki (Catania)
- Murray Faris
- Marlys Furnas
- Jennifer (Reed-Daughter of friend)
- Laura Jones
- Linda Kubiak (L. Fozkos)
- Mary Ann (Perryman)
- Calvin Scott
- Bonita Sutton (Nolen)
- Steve & Melinda
- Gary Studer
- Dennis VanKooten
- Mattie Welch (Rena Martinez)

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 Due to federal regulations about privacy, ***we are no longer called by hospitals*** about patient admissions. Even if they ask you for your church affiliation when checking in, they do not call. If you or your loved one would like a visit while hospitalized, or would like a home visit, please call the church office at 219-838-6850.  
 Thank you!

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- We pray for those undergoing treatment for cancer, the mentally ill and their families, those recuperating, those undergoing treatments and those waiting for transplants.
  - We pray for our country.
  - We pray for our firemen and police who help keep us safe at home.
  - We pray for our service men and women.
  - We pray for the unemployed, the under employed and the homeless.

- We pray for those who are traveling.
- We pray for those we hold silently in our hearts.
- We pray for all children in the world.
- We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit within the life of FPCH and within each of us, that we may indeed be and make disciples in each new day.
- We pray for our home-bound.

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In order to keep the prayer list current, we need your input. If there are people you would like to have added or if there is someone who can be taken off the list, please call the Church Office (838-6850).



**USHER SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 3**

Kikkert Family

**NOVEMBER 10**

Jan Oprea  
Tracy Oprea  
Thor Severson

**NOVEMBER 17**

Casiano Family

**NOVEMBER 24**

Norma Bauer  
Donna Helmer  
Kelsey Helmer

**FLOWERS**

**NOVEMBER 10**

Carolyn Ham

**NOVEMBER 24**

Norma Bauer  
Elwyn & Caroline Studer

**LITURGISTS**

**NOVEMBER 3**

Lois Fozkos

**NOVEMBER 10**

Jean Smith

**NOVEMBER 17**

Laura Jones

**NOVEMBER 24**

Eason Engle

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**NOVEMBER 3**

Adult Bible Study Class  
*"Bible in Today's World"*

**NOVEMBER 10**

Ham Family

**NOVEMBER 17**

OPEN

**NOVEMBER 24**

OPEN

**HOSPITALITY HOSTS:**

11/3: Debbie Catania  
11/10: Nancy Engle  
11/17: Arletta Schaefer  
11/24: Barb Dye

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:**

11/3: J. Smith/G. Churitch  
11/10: L. Fozkos/P. Fozkos  
11/17: H. Casiano/J. Smith  
11/24: H. Kikkert/D. Catania

**COMMUNION: November 3**

Carol Callaway  
Jan Oprea  
Tracy Oprea  
John Toren  
Judy Toren

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Please call your Deacon



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