E-Blast News

October 25, 2026– November 1, 2026

Dear Saints,

It is strange how someone can wonder about something for almost a whole life time and miss the answer which is in plain sight the whole time. Every year I find myself struggling with whether Reformation Sunday or All-Saints day should take precedence at the end of October/beginning of November worship planning.

Then this year I read a statement I must have heard before. Martin Luther inaugurated the Reformation with his 99 thesis nailed to the cathedral door on October 31. All-Saints Day is November 1.

Reformation Sunday reminds us of our place within the Christian movement around the world. All Saints Day reminds us of the 'Saints' whose great faith calls us all. For those of us in the Reformer Tradition it reminds us that we are all saved (made saints) by the grace of God.

But we can't put off celebrating All Saints Day merely because the Sunday following Reformation Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Oh the tangled web in which the liturgical Calendar weaves us!

Martin Luther did not choose All Saints Day accidentally. He meant for his thesis to be connected to All Saints Day.

And here I thought it was just to make things difficult for worship leaders."

Yours in Christ

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A treasurer's request

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

Edward, Treasurer

Thanksgiving Baskets



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Please help us help those in need.

Each family will receive a **$30 gift card** for a turkey/ham/ pie of choice

Nov 1: 1-2 boxes of each: stuffing mix, instant potatoes

1-2 cans of sweet potatoes

Nov. 8: 1-2 cans cranberry sauce and

1-2 cans of green beans

Nov. 15: 1-2 packages pre-cooked dinner rolls

If you would rather donate, please add Thanksgiving to memo on your check. For cash use the brown envelopes in the pew and mark Thanksgiving on the outside.

Thanksgiving Baskets will be given out on Monday, November 23rd from 9 am to 12 pm.

Due to the large number of families that we will be helping, please just buy the above items only.

This helps us to be able to give each family the same vegetables. Thank you

Adult Sunday school class to resume

The Ray Vander Laan video series " That the World May Know" resumes next Sunday, Nov. 1 at 9:45 am in the parlor of Pfrangle Hall. Please come and join us for a journey of the Bible in the cultural context in which it originated!



Who is Ray Vander Laan? Vander Laan taught high school in Michigan for 35 years and is an ordained minister receiving his Master's of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1976. Vander Laan has taken over 10,000 people with him on his study tours of Israel, Turkey and Egypt where the series filming takes place.

Ray Vander Laan believes that to understand and appreciate the Bible, one has to have a sense of the land and the culture from which it sprang. This perspective on the Bible highlights God's call for His people to be a transforming influence on their culture.

He uses research from the top scholars in the fields of archaeology, history, and Biblical study as tools to explore the Biblical text. His gifts, expertise, and calling are to link that cultural information and the Bible so that its message applies to our lives today.

Look what's coming...

Sunday	**October 25**	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Monday	**October 26**	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels
Wednesday	**October 28**	12:30 Bible study
Friday	**October 30**	12:30 Men's Luncheon
Sunday	**November 1**	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Bill's Paper Angels
Sunday	**November 22**	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Decorate Sanctuary
Monday	**November 23**	9-12 Distribute baskets
Friday	**December 18**	Poinsettias order deadline

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.

Please speak with Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic.

Contact information

Homebound members' addresses

For those sending cards...

Jackie Combs	9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657
Peggy Dees	1346 NE Hansel Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Skip & Terry West	1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266

Military

CM1 Ryan Maassen	13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA 23306

Church prayer list

FPC - MEMBERS: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, and Jackie Harris.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrewsen, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, family of Sue Fender, family of Eduwigis Angeles Fortanel, Esther Harvell, Ansley Head, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, family of Kathy Latimer, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Josselyn Lopez, Thomas & Jane Mooney, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, and Sharon Shatney.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, family of Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, Bjorn Jiskoot, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, Margaret White and Laurie York.

MILITARY LIST: Julian Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; Sean Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; E6 Curtis Johnson, U.S. Navy Medical Corps; CM1 Ryan Maassen, U.S. Navy Seabees ; Airman Roland Phelps.

Missions at work

Bill's Paper Angels

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1st Sunday of the month.

Nov. 1 (next collection date) **Oct. 26 (next distribution date)**

NEEDED: plastic grocery bags

Arcadia Center for the Needy

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next collection date: November 15, 2026

NOTE: You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

Church information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Sunday: **21**
Offering: 10-11-26—**$5,128.00**
10-18-26—**$3,575.00**

Viewed on Facebook:**18**
Year to Date: **$121,923.44**

Session

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

Catch us on Facebook

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page.

Also, visit our website www.firstpc.church we have information, pictures, services that you can listen to if you can't make it to church. If you have questions, or problems call the office. 863-494-4434.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

Type in www.firstpc.church
You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.

Celebrations



October birthdays

October 4—Rodney Hollingsworth
October 8—John Burtscher
October 14 —Layfe Jiskoot, Mac Martin
October 19 —Mike Cooley
October 20 —Cassie Lawrence
October 21 —Terry West
October 24 —Eden Esposito
October 29 —Ann Pepper
October 30 —Remi Jones