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From the Pastor:

November is the month of Thanksgiving, this is good, but the Bible does it one better. In I Thessalonians 5:18 we are instructed to “Give thanks in all circumstances”. Notice that it doesn’t tell us to be thankful for every circumstance, but to give thanks no matter what our circumstance. Give thanks that God is with us, that we are loved by God in ways that transcends our circumstance, and to know that God can use even the worst of circumstances to draw us closer to Himself.

I find it a helpful exercise to itemize what I am thankful for and to do this in a prayer of thanksgiving, vs. 17 says, “pray without ceasing”, so we are to be in a never ending prayer of thanksgiving. I have found that

the more I give thanks in prayer the more aware I am of the things in my life I have to be thankful for.

With great frequency I am thanking God for our congregation and the people that make up our congregation. I am so thankful to know you and to walk with you as a brother in Christ.

Three groups of people that I regularly give thanks for are our elders, deacons, and trustees. These folks serve the Lord and our congregation faithfully and sacrificially.

Here are the nominees for officers for the class of 2019:

Elders: Mark Speake (2nd term), Jessie Walsh (2nd term), Victor Vogel, Marcia Thomas, Gene Heid (alternate).

Deacons: Marilyn Gaver (2nd term), Ann Miller (2nd term), Sharon Pearce (2nd term), Glenn Dobbs, Amber Lind, Alesia Foster (alternate).

Trustees: Mark Heid (2nd term), Bill Snyder, Ed Dame, Katy Cavanaugh (alternate). Please keep these nominees and their families in your prayers these days, in the years to come, and thank God for them and their God given gifts.

I am thankful for our nominating committee who has prayerfully and diligently put together this slate. Our congregational meeting to elect our officers (there is always an opportunity for nominations from the floor) will be held after worship on Sunday November 13.

Jim

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November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 - Bill Shutt
- 2 - Emma Heid
- 3 - Molly Graver
- 4 - John Tirpak
- 5 - Fletcher Bell
- 6 - Beth Shutt
- 7 - Kristin McVicar
- 9 - Bill Dittmar, Abigail Gilger,
Madalyn Redding
- 11 - Joan Bush, Lisa Stancavage
- 12 - Wayne Samuelson, Joshua Tirpak
- 13 - Caughlen Watts
- 14 - Joseph Santorine
- 15 - Nicholas Zellmann
- 17 - Ashley Cox,
- 18 - Tom Rich, Sarah Reif
- 19 - Jim Apple, Timothy Taylor
- 21 - Pat Oberlin
- 24 - Kaylyn Watts
- 27 - Karen Miller, Logan Miller
- 28 - Marianne Barlett, Hannah Kraus
- 30 - Shirley Grose, Becky Lumpkin,



- 2 - Bill & Lisa Bernard celebrating
their 19th wedding anniversary
- 3 - Kirk & Nicole Jarrett celebrating
their 10th wedding anniversary
- 7 - Larry & Marian Fletcher celebrating
their 46th wedding anniversary
- 10 - Jeff & Richelle Jones celebrating
Their 26th wedding anniversary
- 12 - Daryl & Janine Fisher celebrating
their 34th wedding anniversary
- 20 - Mark & Leslie Temple celebrating
their 23rd wedding anniversary
- 24 - Cliff & Nina Leshner celebrating
their 28th wedding anniversary
- 25 - Chris & Joyce Zellmann celebrating
their 38th wedding anniversary
- 26 - Bob & Sharon Kribbs celebrating
their 50th wedding anniversary



College Student Care Packages



We will be sending care packages to our college students the first week in December. The students that have received the boxes in the past have been very appreciative to know that their home church is thinking of them.

If you would like to provide something for the boxes or

have a student that would love to receive one, please sign up in the church bulletin or email Lauren at lhalteman@first-presby.org.

If you would like to contribute something to the boxes please drop the items off in the box located in the Parlor by Nov. 29th. We send out approxi-

mately 50 boxes!

Requested items are: chapstick, hot chocolate packets, hard candy, small tissue packs, pocket size hand sanitizer, gum, ramen noodles, individualized microwaveable soups or mac n cheese, etc.



Grace and Gratitude

Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits ... and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

The Heidelberg Catechism,
Q & A 86

Craig Barnes, pastor, professor, and president of Princeton Theological Seminary, describes the feelings of his tour group in Florence, Italy, as they stood before Michelangelo's larger-than-life statue of David: "...we were all stuck. We were staring at an artistic rendering of what it means to be made in the image of God. It wasn't just the physical beauty of a human form that we found so attractive, but Michelan-

gelo's depiction of the human soul adored by God. Michelangelo understood that God loves what he has created. We were looking at the best image of our true selves, and we couldn't take our eyes off it" [Craig Barnes, *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 2012*].

Michelangelo's approach to sculpture was that by chipping away at the block, the artist frees the image that already resides within the stone. For God to see us at our best requires no such chipping. Because of what his Son has done for us, God looks at us and sees Jesus. If we have accepted God's gracious forgiveness, we have been grafted by the Holy Spirit into the same relationship with the father that Jesus enjoys. We are God's beloved.

And one more thing is happening to us: since we are still sinners, the

Holy Spirit is sculpting us daily into more thankful, godly people, fit to live with God in eternity. The grace that enables God to see us as he sees Jesus dissolves our guilt over the past and frees us, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to be Christians through and through. Our proper response to God's grace is a lifetime of grateful living for him—so that by our example "our neighbors may be won over to Christ" [Heidelberg Catechism 86].

Karl Barth wrote that grace and gratitude "belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder [follows] lightning. If God is, in essence, grace, then we are, in essence, gratitude."

May we breathe in grace and breathe out gratitude every moment of our lives. Happy Thanksgiving!

Bob Kribbs



Thanksgiving Dinner



For many years we have been providing a free Thanksgiving meal to the community. The Zellmanns have again agreed to organize the dinner. Chris will be cooking and Joyce will be hosting but we are in need of a crew of helpers to be able to serve and deliver this meal. Contact the church office or sign up at the welcome center. A clipboard is also available at the welcome center listing needed items for the dinner. Please consider joining this endeavor as many people count on this meal.

Youth Summer Mission Trip

A group of high school students will travel to Valdosta, GA June 24-July 2 for a week of service. They will be doing home repairs for people throughout the community while growing in

their faith and relationship with Christ. YOU can support this mission team by praying for their trip but also through attending the fundraisers throughout the year!

Christmas Cantata

The First Presbyterian Choir is rehearsing for the Christmas Cantata . We cordially invite any of you who are interested in singing but can't commit to a weekly basis to join us for this special event.

The cantata will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 18 during the morning worship service. Rehearsals will take place every Wednesday (with the exception of two Monday rehearsals on Nov. 21 and Dec. 12) from 8:30-9:00 pm in the choir room.

Please prayerfully consider joining us as we present the story of the Son of God becoming the Son of Man in "Go Tell It!" You may email Jonathan Walz at jwalz@first-presby.org.

Join Us for Shoebox Madness

Operational Christmas Child Shoebox Madness is coming up on Nov. 19th from 5-9pm.

The youth have been collecting throughout the year but have a need for many **more stuffed animals, small toys and wash-cloths.**

Please place donated items in

the OCC collection boxes in the Parlor or outside the church office.

All are welcome to attend Shoebox Madness this year!

Email Lauren Halteman at lhalteman@first-presby.org for more information.



Save the tablets, dream catchers, stickers, cards, etc that you get in non-profit promotions this time of year. Perfect for shoeboxes! .



Kid's November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Chimes at 5pm	3	4	5
			JAM 5:30pm			
6 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30am	7	8	9 Chimes at 5pm JAM 5:30pm	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30am	14	15	16 Chimes at 5pm JAM 5:30pm	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30am 11:45 Christmas Program Rehearsal	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	25	26
27 Worship 10:30am	28	29	30			







Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Girl Talk 2:45 -4pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am	Guys Games 2:45-4pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30am Fuel 5-6:30pm Refuge 7-8:30pm		Girl Talk 2:45 -4pm Guys Wing Night 7pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am	Guys Games 2:45-4pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30am Fuel 5-6:30pm Refuge 7-8:30pm		Girl Talk 2:45 -4pm	Breakfast & Devos 6:30am	Guys Games 2:45-4pm		Shoebox Madness! 5-9pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30am Fuel 5-6:30pm Refuge 7-8:30pm						
27	28	29	30			
Worship 10:30am						





Fuel and Refuge Photos





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
PRAYER TIME: 8:30AM			PRAYER TIME: 7:00AM			
6 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 NA 5:00 Fuel 7:00 Refuge	1 10:00 Staff Mtg 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 NA	2 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 12:00 50+Amish Lunch 5:00 Chimes 5:30 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:30 Choir	3 3:00 DBR 7:30 NA	4 7:00 NA	5 7:00 NA	
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 NA 5:00 Fuel 7:00 Refuge	8 10:00 Staff Mtg 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 Cong. Life	9 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5:00 Chimes 5:30 JAM 6:00 Bells 7:30 Choir	10 3:00 DBR 7:30 NA	11 7:00 NA	12 7:00 NA	
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Mtg. & Luncheon 5:00 Fuel 7:00 Refuge	14 9:15 Trainers	15 10:00 Staff Mtg 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 NA	16 6:30 Y Breakfast 10:00 LAMBS 5:00 Chimes 5:30 JAM 6:00 Bells	17 3:00 DBR 7:30 NA	18 7:00 NA	19 5-9 Shoebox Madness 7:00 NA
20 Shoebox Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Christmas Rehrrsl. 5:00 Fuel 7:00 Refuge	21 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Session, Trus-tees 7:30 Choir	22 10:00 Staff Mtg 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 NA	23 6:00 Bells	24 Thanksgiving Dinner 11-1 7:30 NA 	25 7:00 NA	26 7:00 NA
27 10:30 Worship Hanging of Greens	28	29 10:00 Staff Mtg 3:00 Girl Talk 7:00 NA	30 10:00 LAMBS 6:00 Bells			

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Nursery

6- Dame,

13- McSween, Jusko

20- Heid, Papson

27-Kraus, Mast

Coffee Social

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Natalie Van Fleet

None

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Dinner By River Teams and (Devotion Leader) : **3:** Jordan Team (Linda Shaffer) **10:** Miller Team (Rick Gathman) **17:** Beaver UMC (Bob Kribbs)

Fall Annual Mtg. Luncheon: Dave & Ruth McCord, Bob & Christena Harder, Roget & Nancy Curran, Mark & Liz Speake, Jim & Patty Apple, Jim & Marilyn Zaiser

Hanging of the Greens: Carol Thomas, Peg Erdley, Melanie Brown, Skip Miller, Leslie Temple, Marilyn Gaver, Susan Erdley, Jeff Creighton, Alice Marquart, Jack & Rebecca Mignot, Keay Hathaway



Catching Up With Technology

New beginnings when it comes to how we communicate! First Presbyterian would like to message you with updates to our groups and activities, but we want you to be in control of what comes into your email and phone.

Starting now you can sign up for what you would like in your inbox, or text message. We would like to effectively communicate with all of our worshipers! Please go to this link and sign up for what interests you! We look forward to growing in faith together through real relationships!

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