

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Prayer List

Today: 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, chapel
CWS Blanket Offering received
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Classroom, upper level
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Youth & Young Disciples Blanket Project
4:30 p.m. - Council on Caring meeting, f. hall
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (FPC Council on Caring), fellowship hall
7:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service, First United Methodist Church, Newton

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - Creative Hands
6:00 p.m. - Handbells
7:00 p.m. - Choir

Tuesday - Wednesday, Nov. 29th - David Roquemore out of the office

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations Home school

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group
9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting

Thursday & Friday: Happy Thanksgiving! Church office closed.

Next Sunday: Christ the King Sunday
10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Classroom, upper level
No Youth Fellowship
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Beth Eden Boy Scouts), f. hall

The flowers are given today by Frances Ervin to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Mullinax Harbinson.

The family of Ed & Jean Nolley want to thank our church family for everything they did in such a quick turnaround for Momma Jean's service. We were able to have all their grandchildren present since we were able to have it on Sunday. Wonderful service and joyful celebration reception. Since we only had immediate family for Daddy Ed's service at the columbarium, it was wonderful to celebrate both their lives at a church they were members at for 65 years. Blessings!

The Rhinehart, Nolley, Teem and Sparks families

Week of November 19th

Elder on Call: Gary McDougal
Ushers: Ron Roscoe, Barry Wilson, Karen Mills, Delilah Bragg
Lay Leader: Melva Cooper
Sound System: Bruce Deese

Week of November 26th

Elder on Call: Charles Moody
Ushers: Leo Yenderusiak, Randy Miller, Taylor Rhinehart, Lamarr Jefferson
Lay Leader: Margy Butterfield
Sound System: Bruce Deese

CHURCH MEMBERS: Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoe family, Kay Long, Jeannie Clark, Elise Yaussy, Jo Todd, Judy Fulton, Terryl Anderson and family, David Roquemore, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Dale Whitaker, Tom Witherspoon, Norris & Gail McRee, Eric Ellis, John Taylor, Sheindlin Gray

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Zachary Ausel, Maryia Johnson & family, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Keith & Shelley Moretz, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Luke Ohman, Shirley Harwell, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Leenie Vallandingham, Nanelle McAlpin, Katie Day, Megan Bergman, family of Leah Lowdermilk, Gary Hefner, Sheila Jones, Melissa Girard, Amanda McDonald-Miller, Toby Hemphill, Sabryah Alghrari, the Frazier family, the Porterfield family, Nancy Kiser, Brooke Powell, Kenny & Vickie McConnell, Jean Bentley, Julian Isley, Dr. Chris Bensen, Dawn Vosburgh, Robin Wood, Mary Williams, Family of Doug Boliek, Judy Kennon

Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Janet Drum, Richard Foley, Pete Keel, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Johnsie Abernethy, Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Frances Inscoe, Frances Ennis, Wanda Hicks, Ann White, Peggy Templeton, Richard Hedrick

Prayers for those in the Military:

John Hardin, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK
(Cindy Baldwin's nephew)
Captain Joshua Smith, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
(Brenda Smith's son)
Major Christopher Walker, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, KY
(Tammy Walker's son)
LT Max Morrill, U.S. Navy, Virginia Beach, VA
(Joan Inscoe's grandson)

Attendance - November 12th

10:00 a.m. - 101

STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of October 2023

2023 Pledge Budget	464,000.00
Pledge Budget through October 31, 2023	386,666.60
Pledge Receipts through October 31, 2023	390,786.20

Announcements – Week of November 19th

Luminaries of Hope - Friday, December 1st

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Who is participating?

Beth Eden Lutheran Church, First Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church

Where is this to be held?

Outside of Beth Eden Lutheran Church & First Methodist Church, Newton

When?

Friday, December 1st, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in conjunction with "Light Up the Town" Christmas event downtown Newton. Luminary lighting will begin at 4:15 p.m. at Beth Eden Lutheran and will end at First Methodist. Each church will share music during the hour.

Why?

A community outreach to share the hope and joy of the season and the gospel in a non-threatening way with our community. Hot beverages will be served as we wish each other and our community "Merry Christmas".

All here at FPC are invited to join the FPC choir in singing Christmas carols for this event. We will meet in the fellowship hall parking area at 3:45 p.m., get our carols songbooks, and walk to Beth Eden Lutheran to join them and First Methodist for the festivities. Come be a part of sharing the peace, hope, love and light of the gospel and the season with our neighbors and community.

Christmas Wishes Tree

(formerly known as DSS Angel Tree)

Adopt a foster care child by taking a gift tag off the tree located in the narthex beginning next Sunday, November 5th. Gift ideas are on the back of the tag. We are being asked to spend \$30 to \$50 on your child or youth. Please do not wrap the gifts. A bag with tissue paper will work just fine. Deadline for gifts is Sunday, December 3rd. Thank you for supporting this Young Disciples service project.

Christmas Goody Bags for Seniors

FPC Newton is working with Catawba County Seniors Morning Out to provide Christmas goody bags for their clients and for other homebound seniors in our community.

We are still in need of the following items for our Holiday Goody Bags:

Large Print Activity Books (Ollie's and Dollar Tree are good sources)

Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Facial Tissue (full size boxes), Toothbrushes (individually packaged), Monetary donations are welcome! All items are needed by November 30th.

2024 Pledge Cards

The Finance Committee is requesting that if you have not turned in your Pledge Card, to please do so as soon as possible. Last Sunday we only received 52 of the estimated 120 pledge cards (43%). It is very hard to complete the budgeting process for 2024 with so few commitments. Please remember that no gift is too big or small to be counted, but will definitely help us provide the church with an accurate budget for next year. Thank you!

Christmas Baskets!

Circle 5 members will again make decorative Christmas baskets containing your choice of coffees, chocolates, nuts and olive oil. This project supports the farmers who grow these products and our mission projects.

Baskets will not be on display this year, but we will gladly take orders. All baskets will be decoratively arranged, covered with cellophane and topped with a lovely bow. Please allow two weeks for baskets to be made; large orders will take longer, and may require us to place orders for additional products.

Order forms are available in the church reception area or from Karen McDougal at karenmcdougal@gmail.com. You may also call Karen at 828-320-3717 for more information. Deadline for orders is December 8th.

Honoring Family & Friends at Christmas

Your \$15 donation will be for the poinsettias in the sanctuary.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

By: _____

Total: _____

Deadline to be listed in the bulletin is Nov. 27th