

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP



Communion was observed on Oct. 31st by the congregation and Rev. Steven Merold. There is no other Communion scheduled for the rest of Nov.

November Worship

~Bringing the Message~

Nov. 7th – Linda Smith

Nov. 14th - Rev. Steve Merold

Nov. 21st – Rev. Steve Merold

Nov. 28th – Rev. Steve Merold

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~Bringing the Worship~

Nov. 7th – Val Matula

Nov. 14th – Val Matula

Nov. 21st – Val Matula

Nov. 28th – Val Matula

~Secretary Office Hours~

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm

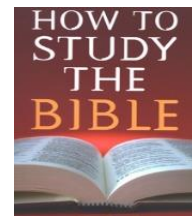
Come join us at 10:15-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall between Sunday School & Church for some wonderful fellowship time. See Peggy Lieb to sign up to bring a treat to share.



Prayer Chain Updates – Please send all prayer requests to Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net or you can do a reply all on a previous prayer chain email. Please state whether requests are for Prayer Chain Only or should also be distributed to the church body.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class will continue with the study simply entitled “How to Study the Bible”. In the past few studies, we have been reminded about the importance of getting into God’s Word, so it seemed prudent to do a study on how to get into God’s Word. Whether you have been studying God’s word for years or are looking for a refresher on how to study God’s word, or are interested in getting started, this 5-week study should be helpful. Books are only \$1.25. Please see Peggy if you would like a copy. We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.



Please join us at 9:15 Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall or by Zoom (link opens at 9:00).

Here's the Zoom link for November - December.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88533277707?pwd=SUhJV29PZEtNa2lpZ1lWVS81bFhJUT09>

Meeting ID: 885 3327 7707

Passcode: 244333

Or join by phone (landline or cell):

301-715-8592

Starting Nov. 28th - When God Comes Down



Advent is the season in which we watch, wait, and prepare to bear witness to the coming of the true light of God's presence in Jesus Christ. Through worship, Scripture, and prayer, we train our eyes to see God's presence so that in the hubbub of the "holidays", we are prepared to celebrate a "holy day"- when God came down among us in human flesh.

Beginning November 28th we will begin the 5-week study “*When God Comes Down*”, and explore the lives of Zechariah & Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary and the Innkeeper who all witnessed the miracle in the Incarnation. We will reflect on their stories and see how Christ’s birth impacted them and experience the effect it can have on our lives.

Study guides are available (\$11.00, if able). Please see Peggy for a copy.



Christmas will be here before we know it. Last year we were dealing with COVID, this year it's 'supply chain issues'. Giving gift cards might be the perfect gift to give this year! They also come in handy when doing your shopping (in person or online).

First Pres is continuing to sell gift cards through our SCRIP program. Hundreds of retailers participate, so there is a great selection to pick from (restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, etc. (even those not in our local area). We make a profit on each card sold and those profits help us purchase non-budgeted items around the church.

We will be taking orders Nov 21st and Dec 5th. Orders will be available the following Sundays.

To order you have 2 options. Email Peggy (liebsp@gmail.com) or give her your order in the sanctuary. Make checks payable to *1st Presbyterian SCRIP*.

You can also order from SCRIP's website. You will need to set up an online account with SCRIP and place an order for eGift Cards and Reloadable Cards. Here's how you do it:

1. Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com and select Join a Program. Or on your phone, go to MyScripWallet.com and choose Create an Account.
2. You'll be asked for an Enrollment Code. Enter **6L5F4F5D27326** and select Register.
3. Fill in the enrollment form to finish setting up your account.
4. Register your phone for two-step verification.
5. Once your account is set up, you will have the option to link a bank account to easily pay using your checking or savings account. Or you can use a credit card by entering your card information at checkout.
6. Now you're ready to shop and earn online.

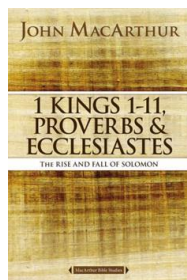
The retailer list is available online <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Retailer List'.

CHURCH LIFE

Trick or Treat On the Square could not have been more perfect. Gary Clarke provided muscle for the heavy lifting and set up. Carolyn Durr and Emily Hare joined him passing out candy to about 500 kids. The rains held off till after the event was over. Fun was had by all!



Good Morning Bible study meets on **Thursdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall**. They are studying I Kings through John MacArthur's study book. If you haven't been a part of this Bible study but would like to, request the study guide from Linda Smith. Come enjoy some fellowship, Bible study and prayer time.



EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

Wrapping and packing of Shoeboxes continues.
November 15-22 is National Collection Week. Thank you to all that helped pack or donated items or money for shipping.



VERTICAL 196 Training Available

We have an opportunity to serve God and our community at the Vertical. The Vertical is the local day time drop in shelter operated by the Licking County Jail Ministry. The Vertical is located at 169 South Fifth Street in Newark. It is open Monday - Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. In order to serve inside the building and minister to the guests all volunteers must take the Vertical training. Training is available on the 1st. and 3rd. Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm. It lasts from 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Call the Vertical phone 740-349-0090 and leave a message someone will get back to you. Linda Smith

FATHER FACTOR



Father Factor will resume and meets on **Wednesdays** from 6-8pm, October 6 through December 1. They will be meeting in Room #99 at the end of the hallway. Would

you like to again bless this group with a treat each week? The sign-up sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your kindness!

(Dates, for the next Father Factor session are: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1)

Some Thanksgiving Fun Facts according to the National Turkey Federation:

According to the National Turkey Federation, around 44 million turkeys were served at Thanksgiving in the United States in 2017. That's compared to 22 million pounds at Christmas and 19 million at Easter. The average weight of each, meanwhile, was 16 pounds, which means we're gobbling up 704 million pounds of turkey across the country.

The first Thanksgiving is believed to have taken place in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Surprisingly, there's actually very little information on record about this "first" Thanksgiving. But we do know that it was a three-day festival to celebrate a bountiful harvest, and that it was attended by pilgrims and the Wampanoag people.

President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday.

For more than 200 years, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. In 1863, amid the Civil War, President Lincoln made Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday, according to the History Channel.

What meats were served at the first Thanksgiving?

Believe it or not, there is no record of turkey being on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, swan, duck, and goose were likely served instead. People also feasted on seafood, including lobster, oysters, fish, and possibly eel.

Jingle Bells was originally written as a Thanksgiving song.

First published in 1857, Jingle Bells was written by James Lord Pierpont and intended to be sung on Thanksgiving. If you listen carefully to the lyrics, you'll notice there's no mention of Christmas!

The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in New York City in 1924.

It featured live animals from the Central Park Zoo, Broadway performers, Macy's employees, and small floats. The last float held a Santa Claus who waved to spectators.



November Birthdays

Dwight Gibson	11/2
Phyllis Fish	11/4
Joan Dobson	11/5
Lois Spangler	11/5
Louise Whitis	11/5
Tina Angeletti	11/7
Greg Angeletti	11/7
Cheryl Holman	11/7
Brian Lieb	11/8
Evan Bowles	11/10
Marilyn Johnston	11/11
Karen Birtcher	11/13
Lauren Detrick	11/14
Deb Blamer	11/24

November Anniversaries

Sam and Peggy Lieb	11/20
Bruce and Dee Weekly	11/21



"Lord, I pray that the message of Christ and His sacrifice is the root of gratitude in my heart; that His gracious gift leads me to thankful living, setting an example for my children. That they will have their own relationship with Jesus one day, and that You would grow gratitude in their hearts and the acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. Lead us to do everything in the name of Jesus and give thanks to You through Him." — Marie Osborne, Contributor

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:15 Adult SS in FH & Zoom 10:15-10:45 Coffee Hr. FH 11:00 Church – Sanctuary	8	9 10:00 Church Mice	10 6-8:00pm Father Factor –Room #99	11 10:00 Good Morning Bible Study - FH	12	13
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“Older than our nation itself is the hallowed custom of resting from our labors for one day at harvest time and of dedicating that day to expressions of gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings which He has heaped upon us. Now, as the cycle of the year nears completion, it is fitting that we should lift up our hearts again in special prayers”.

Thanksgiving Proclamation of President Harry S. Truman, November 10, 1947

