# The First Presbyterian Church of Meadville, Pennsylvania

October 4, 2026

**We welcome you as we gather in the name of Christ!** If we can be of service to you, please contact the church office b y phone (814–333–2161) or via the contact form on the church's website (www.meadvillefpc.org).

## Serving Us This Morning:

- **The Liturgist** is Henry Dewey.
- **The A/V Operator** is John Alexander.
- **The Greeters** are Frank and Diana Smith, Marty Malone, and Doris Morrow.
- **The Acolyte** is Eva Fischer.

## Please Pray For:

✝ **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Ruth Cooper, Bob Aiken, Darrell Sivik, Joyce Ladner, Scott Douglass, Marilyn Stallard, Linda Bennett, Marilyn Robb, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Cheri McFate.

✝ **Concerns of the Lake Erie Presbytery:** Franklin, First Presbyterian and Rev. Barry Jenkins; Garland, Franklin, and Rocky Grove Ave Presbyterian Churches.

✝ **The work of Fairview/Fairmont Family Center Staff:** Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director; Emily Seibel, Assistant; and Allegheny Bonner students Cristina, Mia and Mary Jane.

✝ **Our Mission Committee Focus for this month: Cash donations for the Second Harvest WINs program** which provides weekend food for school children. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with the word 'WINs' in the memo. Thank you for your support!

**The next Deacons meeting** will be on Monday, October 12th at 6:30 PM.

## ▪ Happening This Week ▪

Oct. 4 — Children's Sun. School (9:00)
Youth Group (9:00)
Choir Warmup (9:15)
Worship/Communion (10:00)
Adult Sunday School (11:15)

Oct. 5 — Pastor Ben's Birthday
Bell Rehearsal (5:30)

Oct. 6 — Praying for Children (1:00)

Oct. 7 — Session Meeting (5:30)
*Soulstice* (7:15)

Oct. 8 — Women's Bible Study (1:30)

Oct. 11 — Children's Sun. School (9:00)
Youth Group (9:00)
Bells Warmup (9:15)
Worship (10:00)
Adult Sunday School (11:15)

**Stephen Ministry:** If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on–call Stephen Minister listed below. **For this week, the on–call Stephen Minister is Phyllis Carr.** She can be reached at 814–763–3926.

Our next *Soulstice* gathering will be this

Wednesday, Oct. 7th. Join us in the downstairs chapel at 7:15 PM for a half–hour of music, prayer, candlelight, and silence: an oasis of tranquility in the midst of your hectic week!

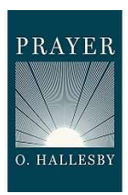
SHOUT OUT TO THE LADIES that have supplied cookies on Sunday mornings for the last couple years: Suzie Malone, Doris Morrow, Diana Smith, Cathy Pruskowski, Sylvia Bridge, Sandy Janes–Edwards! If you would like to help, just see anyone on the committee and we would be more than happy to have you join in.

**Knit Unto Others** will meet on Wednesday, October 14th at 1:00 PM in the church library.

**The WiNS Project** is once again collecting clean, used plastic shopping bags (but not from the Wine & Spirits store, please!) Place your bags in the designated spot across from the main church office. Thank you!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:** The Stephen Ministry needs your help! We are collecting submissions for our 2026 Advent Devotional. This year's title is "A Season of Expectation." Please drop off your devotional at the church office or send it via e–mail to maryzahora@meadvillefpc.org. Thank you!

**Hope Bible Study** will be meeting Thursday, Oct. 8th at 1:15 PM. We will continue our study of the Gospel of John. This month we examine chapter 8 which encompasses John 15:1—16:33. Our Bible study is open to all women of the church: let the church office know if you need a copy of this month's lesson.




**Adult Sunday School** begins today! Join us after the 10:00 AM service in the Culbertson Room as we dive into the wonderful little book, *Prayer*. Written in 1931, this book draws on the life and ministry of Ole Hallesby (1879–1961), a Norwegian Lutheran theologian and teacher whose writing emphasized the practical, everyday life of faith.

**Elementary Sunday School:** Welcome Back! It's great seeing you all on Sunday mornings. We will be working our way through some of the better–known stories in the Book of Genesis, starting with Creation (it took how many days? Check out the posters in the hallway toward the classrooms!) Our mornings begin with music in the chapel led by Mr. Dill at 9:00 AM.

**A New Members Class** will be offered on December 6th following worship. Lunch will be provided. There is no commitment to join the church simply by attending: this will be an opportunity to learn more about our church and what it means to be part of this congregation. Everyone is welcome!

**Librarian's Picks for October:** It is OWLWAYS wise to read! Come in and check out some good books. Please remember to sign out your books and then return them in a timely manner. Thank you!

**"Praying for Children"** (momsinprayer.org) Say "YES" to praying and believing in God and seeing what only He can do!! Each child and every school needs prayer. Join with others to pray for our children and grandchildren and their schools on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the church library. All are welcome!

**If you would like offering envelopes for 2027,** please call the church at 814–333–2161 or drop a note in the offering plate. We will be ordering envelopes on October 21.