

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, November 19

THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

Guest Preacher - Mission Worker:

Rev. Josh Heikkila

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - Worship

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal

Kate's Angel Tree

Monday, November 20

7:00 p.m. - Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 21

1:00 p.m. - Praying for Children

5:45 p.m. - Liberty Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23



Office Closed

Friday, November 24

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Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - Worship

No Sunday School

Kate's Angel Tree

Last Week - November 12:

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

Attendance: 8:30 a.m. 35/11:00 a.m. 119

Online Views: 33

Total Giving - \$9,610.00

2023 Per Capita to date - \$2,596.00

(2023 Per Capita per member - \$33.00)



MEMBERSHIP IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

Have you considered membership at First Presbyterian Church? One becomes a member by affirmation of faith, reaffirmation of faith or letter of transfer from another congregation. The Session acts to receive a person into membership and then during worship those person(s) are recognized. If you have been thinking about church membership, please speak with Dr. Corll, any of our staff, or church officers.



Welcome Rev Josh Heikkila to our worship today!

Rev. Josh Heikkila (PCUSA World Mission Co-worker, Ghana; West Africa Liaison), will have some news on some changes happening within the PC(USA) World Mission.



When someone says "every Christian is a missionary," it's based on the assumption the Great Commission was given to all believers (Matt. 28:18-20). While Jesus invested unique authority in the Twelve, many understand we're all similarly sent (John 20:21).

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 19, 2023

Welcome to this service of prayer and praise at First Presbyterian Church. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available downstairs in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

SERVING THIS MORNING

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is Ryan Claspy at 11:00 A.M.
- **The Liturgist** today is Margaret Nelson.
- **The Greeters** today are Lois Kafferlin at 8:30 A.M.; and Cynthia and Chana Hopkins at 11:00 A.M.
- **The Acolytes** today are Alyssa Moose at 8:30 A.M.; and Emmet Stoner at 11:00 A.M.

The Chancel Flowers today are given by Dan and Shelly Smith and Family to the Glory of God and in honor of Josh Smith's birthday the 21st.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Marlene Braham, Dr. Priscilla Suntay, Christianne Marawba, Lydia Marquinez, Virginia Oback, Linda Bennett, Mary Truran, Bonnie Murphy, Ruth Cooper, Darrell and Kathy Sivik, Cathy McKinney, Erin Hart, Harold Mumau, Marilyn and John Robb, Tom and Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.
- † **Sympathy to Selene McGowen and Family** on the death of her brother, George H. Laird, Jr., on November 11th.
- † **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** District Pastor, Rev. Seth Nipani, Second Pastor, Rev. Salome Oye, Katiejeli District Upper Northern Presbytery, 9 Congregations; District Pastor, Rev. Victor K. Tulasi, Second Pastor, Rev. Sylvanus Gawuga, Bolga and Wa Districts, Upper Northern Presbytery, 4 congregations.
- † **Members' and Friends' Loved Ones Being Deployed:** Kirk Mumau, Tyler Schmidt, and Shawn Woolstrum.
- † **Service Personnel:** Karalyn Adams, Ben Bartoe, Donald Albaugh, Andrew Hall, Travis Jensen, Kirk Mumau, and Kloe Peterson.
- † **"The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center."** Staff - Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director, Emily Seibel, Assistant, and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.
- † **The mission work of Ross and Mary Hunter (Ecuador), Rev. Celestin Musekura (E. Africa - ALARM), Donnie Brake (South Sudan - SEA Partners), Andrew and Amy Funka (Czech Republic - Along Side Ministry Int.), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Presbytery of Redstone, (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children - Carlos and Mimine (Compassion International), Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Thailand - Payap University), The Carter Foundation, Josh Heikkila (West Africa - PCUSA), Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar (U.S./Mexican Border - PCUSA), Cindy Corell (Joining Hands Against Hunger, Haiti - PCUSA), Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez (Migration and Human Trafficking, Philippines - PCUSA), Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA).**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below. Please note this is meant to supplement, not replace, the prayer line, which offers long-term, ongoing prayer. Our goal is simply to offer the important ministry of one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer as the immediate need arises. We can visit with you by way of phone calls, virtual connection, or social distancing. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Phyllis Carr. She can be reached at 814-763-3926.**



THE PRAYER LIFELINE

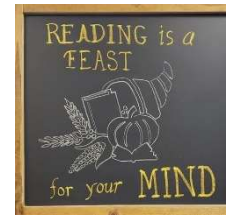
is available to pray for your joys and concerns. Call the church office at 814-333-2161 to make your request. You can also e-mail Laurel Porter at hlporter20@yahoo.com. All requests will be kept confidential.



The WiNS Project: We plan to send peanut butter and graham crackers home with the children for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter breaks again this year. If you see a good sale on 16 ounce jars of peanut butter, or 14-15 ounce boxes of graham crackers, feel free to buy a few and drop them off at the church office. Monetary donations can be made to The WiNS Project and sent to Suzie Malone, 886 Leslie Road, Meadville, PA 16335. We also continue to need clean, intact plastic grocery bags (but not from the Wine and Spirits store). Thank you again for your prayers and support!



The Presbyterian Women's mission focus for November is the Thank Offering. By giving to the Thank Offering, we support ministries that help lift up people through arts and technology programs, community gardening, mental health, safe housing, improved access to health care, and so much more. **Thank Offering will be received today.**



There are many selections in our Church Library for your research, spiritual encouragement, and enjoyment. Stop in the Library, or by the Book Display at the top of the stairs. Feast on some good books and DVDs this month. **"Come in and Check Them Out!"**



NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS BEGUN ITS WORK.

The Nominations Committee has begun work to secure members for the positions of Elder, Deacon and Trustee and next year's Nominations Committee. Persons of faith, devotion and leadership capacity may be nominated, with their agreement. Nominations Committee members are: Sandy Janes, Diana Smith, Doris Morrow, Nancy Alexander, Bob Fischer, Shirley Hart, Marsi Claspy, and Vickie Fischer.

December Adult Education: Classical Art



On December 3rd Doris Foster will be presenting a class on the stained-glass windows in our sanctuary. **On December 10th and 17th** Marianne Woods will be sharing about classical artists' renditions of the Nativity.

We hope you can join us!



Help Us Decorate: Yes, it is that time of year! Our beautiful sanctuary is ready to be adorned in its lovely Christmas finery. **The**

decorating date has been changed to Saturday, December 2nd starting at 9:00 a.m. Call Mary or Kris at the church office and let them know if you can come. 814-333-2161.



Poinsettias will be sold between services and after the 11:00 a.m. service on November 26 and December 3rd. The choices are red, white,

and pink. The Cost is \$15.00 for a foil wrapped 6-inch potted plant. The plants may be dedicated in memory or in honor of a loved one. Orders can also be placed at the church office.



IT'S BACK! "Chili, Cornbread, & Carols" will follow the 11:00 a.m. service on December 3.

The Worship and Music Committee will provide the main course; *the congregation is invited to bring a dessert to share. (Did we mention there will be carol singing too?)*



Ornament tags for Kate's Angel Tree will be available in the lobby before and after church services beginning today and next Sunday, November 26. Please stop and pick up an ornament tag and help make Christmas brighter for a needy family.



PASTORAL VISITS AND MINISTERIAL CARE.

If you or a loved one have been hospitalized, have undergone a large life change, or need spiritual guidance and would like a visit from your pastor, please contact Dr. Corll or the church office. Additionally, The Stephen Ministry has 6 persons who are available to pray with you and render spiritual support.



Attention Men of the Church!

Men's Basketball will be playing every Monday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Come join us!