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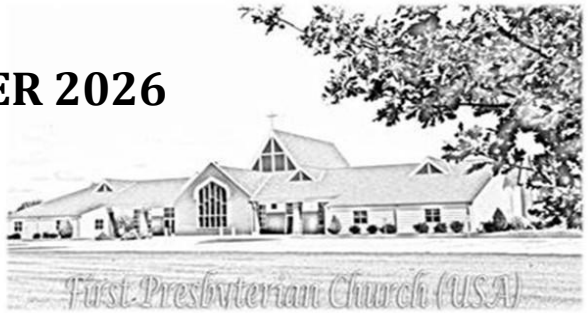
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Church & Home

NOVEMBER 2026

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We are in the homestretch of our fall Bible study on Tuesday mornings. As with each study, we have had some great conversations. While we are studying the Sermon on the Mount, one of our sessions focused on God as a loving parental figure.

In this session, our video presenter argued that to know ourselves, we must first know God, and to do that we are to go to prayer. However, we are not to be in "hypocritical prayer." We are called to spend time in prayer alone, in worship, and with others, but not call attention to ourselves by boasting that we are indeed praying. After receiving these teachings in Matthew 6, Jesus then offers the Lord's Prayer.

As you know, the Lord's Prayer, no matter the variation, begins with *Our Father in Heaven*. Dissecting these four words to open the prayer offers us greater insight into knowing God as a loving parental figure. God sees us as God's children and wants us to call upon God with confidence, as loving children ask their loving parent. We are invited in to live in an intimate relationship with God.

I shared with the group a snippet from the *Small Catechism with African Descent Reflections*. Among the Kiga people of northern Rwanda and Southern Uganda, God is seen as both mother and father. The Kiga people call God "Bibeko," which means "the one who carries everyone on their back." This description is from the "African custom of women or girls carrying babies on their backs." This name, "Bibeko" designates God as one who nurses and treasures people. It explains the tender love and care of a mother, just like that same love and care we experience with God.

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This special day – All Saints' Day – is a beautiful way to begin our month. We honor those Saints who have completed their holy and earthly journey in the past year. Those Saints from our congregation include:

Joe Conger, Lowell Fenster, and Matt McCarthy.

While All Saints' Day is technically on November 1, we will pay our tributes, as with many churches, on the first Sunday of November. This year the first Sunday of November happens to be Nov. 1. We will honor these Saints with a special liturgy, a candle, and a ringing bell as we acknowledge them joining the church triumphant.

The tradition of celebrating All Saints' Day on the first Sunday of November can be traced back to the eighth century. A day to honor saints by the church with a special liturgy began as early as the second century.

In many Anglican churches, the day is typically to honor all of those saved through Christ and does not denote whether they were distinguished in life or death. In the Reformed Protestant tradition, All Saints' Day is a day to remember in thanksgiving to God for the faithfully departed.

"We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
~ 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Emily



Prayer Request

Pam Ames, Justin Durboraw, Glenda Feeney, Keaton Kloss, & Louise Steele.

Prayer Emphasis for the month:

Thanksgiving for God's blessings and mercy.



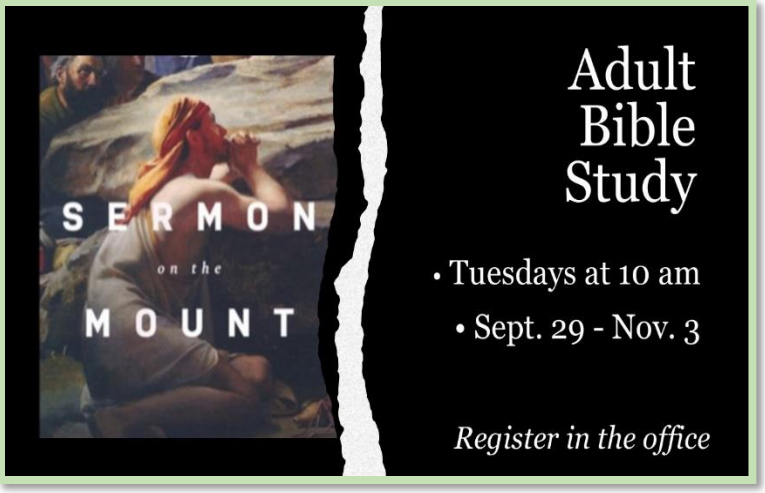
November birthdays

01 – Shad Connick	10 – Tanya Connick
06 – Gaylene Lombardi	12 – Dave Glenn
07 – Nick Henline	12 – Linda Dimmitt
08 – Tammy Miller	20 – Blakley Staroska
08 – Sarah Kaminski	22 – Amy Cauffman
08 – Tanner Sims	26 – Susan Petersen
09 – Robert DeVoe	28 – Carroll Miller



November anniversaries

Doug & Kay Wright
11/02/1985





All Saints Sunday

- Honor deceased Saints with a candle on Nov. 1
- Deadline is Oct. 27



Thanksmas offering

Designated to Grace Ministries Food Pantry & Episcopal Church for Wednesday night dinners.

Collected Nov. 29-Dec. 30


Fellowship potluck
All are welcome!
Sign up to bring a dish if you like
Nov. 8 after worship


Hanging the greens
Nov. 22 after 10 am worship
Volunteers needed!


'Go Tell It On The Mountain'
•Dec. 13 • 10 am
•Intergenerational Program


Christmas Brunch
Dec. 13 after worship
"Love offering" to be collected


CHOIR PRACTICE
SUNDAYS AT 9 AM
STARTING NOV. 1


COMMITTEE NIGHT
Standing committees will meet ...
Third Monday every month at 6:30 pm


Nadia Henline
Special Music
Nov. 29
Offertory hymn



Friends,

For a few months, the Session has been considering safety at the church. To be proactive, the Elders elected to purchase and install a Ring doorbell at the front west double doors near the church office. Beginning Nov. 1, the church doors will remain locked during office hours. Should you need access to the church, simply ring the bell to the right of the doors, and Mia will communicate with you and let you in.

In times when there are gatherings for Bible studies or groups meeting, she will unlock the door for easier access and then lock it again once everyone has arrived.

The new precaution will not change the request for a code for access and church rentals. It is to keep staff and church members as safe as possible.

If you have questions or concerns, please visit with me.
In Christ, Pastor Emily





Nadia Henline "Student of the Month"
at McDonald Elementary



Malcolm Henline "Character Builder"
at McDonald Elementary

Grace Ministries Food Pantry

November 2026

September Figures:

Households served: 143
Individuals in those households: 427
Pounds of food given out: 9,136
Families with children under 18: 91
Prefilled sacks given out: 272
Emergency customers: 22

Co-Directors :

Sue Darling 520-2774

Francine Mckenzie 530-0436

Leigh Henline 530-2601

Donations:

StoneBridge Christian Church
North Platte Kiwanis
Anonymous



Please welcome Sue Darling! Sue has taken over Tammy Miller's co-director position and is already hard at work! Sue is a long time volunteer at the Pantry, so she has lots of practical experience in all aspects of the Food Pantry. We all know her, and know she will do a great job for the Pantry and the hungry in our area. She has big shoes to fill, that is for sure. We all say **"THANK YOU TAMMY for your dedication, determination, and warm heart."** Tammy has many, MANY years in service to Grace Ministries, and will be missed greatly! Something tells me that she will pop her head in occasionally, however, and we will always be happy to see her.

A big thank you to **North Platte Kiwanis** for a $2,000 donation to buy food! As you may know, NP Kiwanis is the group that organizes and implements the Pasta for the Pantries event that is held at First Presbyterian Church each Fall. Leigh was on hand to accept their generous donation. This group also contributed to Catholic Communities Food Pantry, NPHS Food Pantry, Salvation Army, and the Hershey/Sutherland Food Pantry.

Fresh Foods continues to get us food when we cannot get it at the Food Bank for the Heartland. They give us paper and plastic bags, they deliver TO us, the give us sale prices whenever they can, and we earn points from our own purchases which can be used for a LOT of free MILK! Earlier in October, Fresh Foods delivered over $7,000 worth of food in one week. Goodness, our shelves look better now!!

Grace Ministries Food Pantry operates at 114 East C St.
PHONE NUMBER : 308-520-7458 (Answering during operating hours only)
We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-3pm, except holidays.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:15am-9:45am 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org Communion	2	3 Bible study 10:00am	4 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC Downtime in devotions 12:15pm	5	6	7
8 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org Fellowship potluck	9 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts	10 Emily gone	11 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC Downtime in devotions 12:15pm	12 PW Morning Spirits 10:00am PW Evening Spirits 6:00pm	13	14
15 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org	16 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts Committee night	17 Emily gone	18 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC Downtime in devotions 12:15pm	19	20	21
22 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org Communion Session meeting Hanging of the greens	23 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts	24	25 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC Downtime in devotions 12:15pm	26 Office Closed! HAPPY THANKSGIVING:)	27 Office Closed!	28
29 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org	30 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts					

In Church Worship Service on Sundays at 10am