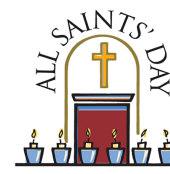


November 2022 Newsletter

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ALL SAINTS DAY—During our November 6th Worship Service we plan on celebrating All Saints' Day. Take a moment to consider those saints who shared your life, and who have died and entered the Church Triumphant in the *last year*. Please let Heather know of any names by Wednesday, November 2nd.



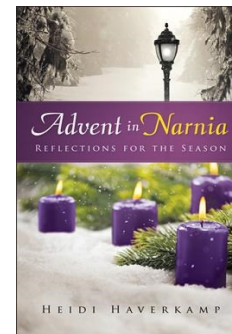
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th at 8:00 a.m., at Perkins in Dandridge.



MIDWEST FOODBANK PICKUP—We are in need of volunteers to help with our next delivery of food from Midwest Food Bank on Wednesday, November 9th at 11:30 a.m. We will need help unloading, sorting and stocking the goods.



POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT—One of our cherished traditions is to decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias during Advent. These beautiful flowers are placed in front of the church in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones. We will only order a specific number of the flowers, so please be sure to check the box on the order form if you would like to take yours home after the Christmas Eve service. Look for the order form in the Sunday bulletins. The cost is \$11 per plant. *The last day to order poinsettias, is Sunday, November 13th.*



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL—Our Advent Devotionals will be available beginning Sunday, November 13. If you would like to make a donation towards your devotional they are \$10 each, but it is not necessary. We ask that you only take one per family. This year we have chosen, *Advent in Narnia*. With its enchanting themes of snow and cold, light and darkness, meals and gifts, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope—and even an appearance by Father Christmas—C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* fits naturally into the Advent season. As the reader seeks a storied king and anticipates the glorious coming of Christmas, these twenty-eight devotions alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Each devotion also includes questions for reflection. The book also provides several resources for churches, including four sessions for small group discussion and ideas for creating a "Narnia Night" for families. Readers will ultimately come to know God better while journeying through Narnia.



CHRISTMAS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY—This year Christmas in Jefferson County will be done as it was the last two years. Before that, First Presbyterian Church had collected over 1,200 boxes of Mac and Cheese that we then donated to the Chamber for their Christmas in Jefferson County food boxes. Again this year, the Chamber *will only be collecting monetary donations*. If you wish to give monetarily to this mission, checks can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church and noted Christmas in Jefferson County or donate from the church website. If you have any questions, please call the church office. We will collect donations through Sunday, November 27.

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MISSION CORNER

This year the Mission Committee, rather than Creation Care, is partnering with SERRV, as an international mission outreach opportunity. For 70 years, SERRV has made it a priority to ensure that artisans and farmers living in poverty are treated with respect and dignity, and are paid fairly for their work. With our help, they are connecting families and strengthening communities worldwide.

If you wish to support this effort, please use this URL to shop on the SERRV website for Christmas or other gifts, or simply items for yourself: <https://www.serrv.org/?a=FPCJC>. If you use this link, 20% of your purchase price will be donated to the Mission committee, to support other mission projects. You should see an orange banner that reads "20% of your online order today will be donated to First Presbyterian Church" at the top of the home page. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Antoniewicz (carol.antoniewicz@gmail.com or 865-438-7524). Thank you in advance for participating in this project!

Please pray for Isaiah 117 House. In their mission grant request earlier this year, they asked: 'Pray for our construction to finish quickly, for us to be good stewards of the money our county has donated, and for all our volunteers as they help their hearts to serve these children on what is likely their worst day (removal day). We thank God for the support of our community and the army that He is building to help us care for the children of Jefferson County.'



OFFICE CLOSED

The office will close Wednesday, November 23 and will reopen on Monday, November 28. The December Newsletter will not be mailed until the week of November 28. If you have any questions, please contact Heather in the church office.




B&G CORNER

The repair and repainting of the east church sign is complete and the sign is back up!

Well the ice machine is acting like a horror movie. Every time we think it is fixed another problem develops haunting the service technicians and us. However, after another service visit the ice machine seems to be acting better...for now.

The Audio-Video Task Force is still waiting for feedback about the technology grant request we submitted to the Synod of Living Waters. We are hoping by the beginning of November we will be informed of the results of our request.

And finally it is leaf season. The east lawn and sidewalks can get pretty messy. Please watch your step and enjoy the color while it lasts.



OCTOBER MONTHLY INCOME

\$8,875.00

(\$15,422 is needed monthly to meet budget)

ACTUAL - YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) INCOME/EXPENSES			
	ACTUAL	PRORATED	YTD
INCOME	\$157,271	\$145,751*	\$154,225
EXPENSES	\$143,103		\$211,819

ACTUAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$12,168

YTD PRORATED INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$2,468

**** Some members pay their entire yearly pledges in January. This number has been adjusted to reflect what actual giving through October would be, if completed yearly pledges, were divided out monthly.**

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—OCTOBER 12

- Received report from the Pastor Nominating Committee. The PNC has selected their choice for the new pastor. The Terms of Call have been sent to the Committee on Ministry along with the candidate's PIF. The COM will conduct a background and credit check on the candidate and have an online interview with the candidate. Once the COM is satisfied, the Session will call for a congregational meeting to allow the congregation to vote on accepting this person as the new pastor.
- Reviewed the calendar for November and made minor additions.
- Presbytery accepted the Session's invitation to host the meeting of Presbytery on November 7, 2023.
- Received the report from the Finance & Stewardship Committee. At the end of the third quarter, the church had an adjusted surplus of \$11,138. Heather predicts we should end the year in the black for 2022. We need to remember this is with a very minimalist budget with trimmed spending by the committees. Stewardship letters have been sent to 45 potential giving units in the congregation. Stewardship Sunday will be October 30, 2022. All committees have been requested to hold their projected budget requests at last year's level where possible. Committees need to submit their budgets by November 6, 2022.
- Received the report from the Mission Committee. For the first nine months, 957 bags of groceries have been provided, about 100 per month. This effort requires 15-20 people to purchase/collect the food, pack bags and distribute those bags, twice a month. This program has benefited 110 different families thus far in 2022. AMOS was formerly known as Appalachian Outreach (AO). We participated in the AMOS backpack effort. During AMOS week, 197 meals were prepared for the visiting church and volunteers. Currently, we are working with AMOS Coats for the Cold. Congregational donations to KARM continue to provide the church with gift cards that are given to CSC families.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1		2 Building and Grounds 6:30 p.m. Taylor Anne Bates	3 Mission Com. 11:15 a.m. Zoom Fellowship 7:30 p.m.	4		5
6 Communion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. ALL SAINTS' DAY	7	8 ELECTION DAY, PLEASE VOTE Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Church Street Café	9 Midwest Food Bank Pickup 11:30 a.m. Session 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Kerry Antoniewicz	14	15	16 Zoom Fellowship 7:30 p.m.	17	18 Tyler Needs	19
20 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	21	22 Church Street Café 4:30-6:00 p.m.	23 OFFICE CLOSED Tom Kirkpatrick Phil & Kay Williams Larry & Mev Musick	24 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving 	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. HANGING OF THE GREEN SERVICE	28 Rachael Williams	29 Jim & Del Deaton	30 Zoom Fellowship 7:30 p.m.			

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please remember to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 6th.