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All Saints' Day



Greek icon of saints and angels around Christ's throne (c. 1700)

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.

(from PresbyterianMission.org/AllSaintsDay)

All Saint's Sunday Nov. 5

At First Presbyterian Church, we will honor our loved ones on All Saints' Sunday on November 5, 2017, at our *One Table Service*. Please call or e-mail the office with the names of loved ones who have died since November 1, 2016, if you wish for them to be remembered during the service on November 5, 2017.

Church Reception Nov. 12

On November 12, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., Deacons will host a "thank-you reception" for one of our living *saints*, Miley Palmer. If you would like to bless him with a card, please bring that with you to the reception. You may also mail cards to the church.

Deadline

Monday
Oct. 23
Noon

Note: Please notice date on lower left banner that your articles are due by noon on the Monday before the Tower Notes are mailed or emailed to you.

Calendar . . .

Wednesday, October 11

10:00 – Prayer Shawl Group
4:00 – String Band Practice
5:15 – Choir Practice

Thursday, October 12

9:30 – Parish Visitors
12:00 – Children and Youth Mtg.

Sunday, October 15

8:45 – NewSong Worship
9:45 – Christian Education
11:00 – Sanctuary Worship

Monday, October 16

1:30 – Women’s Bible
Study
3:30 – Administration Mtg.
5:00 – Finance Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

5:00 – Tower Ringers
6:30 – Evangelism and
Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 18

2:00 – String Band at Eagle
Ridge, 875 W. McKinley Ave.
5:15 – Choir Practice
5:30 – Soul Friendship Class

Thursday, October 19

4:00 – Hoe Down at Primrose
with String Band, 1145 W.
Arbor Drive

Sunday, October 22

8:45 – NewSong Worship
9:45 – Christian Education
11:00 – Sanctuary Worship

Monday, October 23

7:00 – Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 24

1:00 – Worship Planning
4:00 – Health Ministry
5:00 – Tower Ringers

Wednesday, October 25

9:00 – Flu Shot Clinic
4:00 – String Band Practice
5:15 – Choir Practice

Thursday, October 26

10:30 – First Friends @ 1st Pres
5:30 – Women’s Night Out,
Doherty’s Pub, RSVP

FLU SHOT CLINIC

On Wednesday, October 25, Health Ministry has scheduled a flu shot clinic from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room.



In Memoriam

Michael Lowe

November 5, 1942 – October 3, 2017

Uphold us now, O Lord, as we entrust him to your boundless love and eternal care.

*Cards of condolence may be sent to Mike’s brother, Mark S. Lowe,
30 Grand View Ave. #303, San Francisco, CA 94114.*

Their mother was Zelna Lowe who was our organist from 1941-1996.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Force. Her father Glenn Nicol died October 5, 2017, in hospice in North Carolina. A memorial service is scheduled at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. on October 28, 2017.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

We are settling in our new apartment home in Venice, Florida, after an adventuresome September, including cancelled airline flights – as well as our rental moving truck – Hurricane Irma, of course – and an unexpected two-week visit to our son’s home in Raleigh, NC.

We miss you all, as well as your warm, friendly greetings. Trust you are all doing well with the new schedule and other starting activities of the fall.

Oh, there was little storm damage here in Venice – power outages for up to six hours and downed trees and branches. Venice power plant had to close after a water main broke, but they have quickly recovered. Residents here did not evacuate, but gathered on the second floor for a tense overnight, fed with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches!

Best wishes,

Barbara and Jerry Redford

Dear Church Family,

You are an amazing group of caring Christians!

We are grateful for your prayers, food, flowers, cards, calls, rides, visits, and emails during and following my surgery Sept 7th. Your prayers were such a comfort and we rejoice that the results were very positive.

Special thanks go to Parish Nurse Phyllis, Pastor Jean, and Elder Susan Moore who organized some delicious meals. We have experienced God’s love through you! Hallelujah!

Jane Spires

NEW ADDRESSES

Peg & Earl Carpunky
4545 Sweetwater Ct.
Decatur, 62526

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marty Grohne is in Room 118,
Hickory Point Christian Village.
She welcomes all friends to visit.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

9:45 AM Christian Education

1. The **EVERYDAY ISSUES CLASS**, Dining Room.

October 15 and 22 – “Clutter No More, Live Simply”

Our “stuff” can be bad for our health and our general sense of wellbeing. In the average American home, there are 300,000 items (LA Times 2014). Taking care of our stuff can be stressful, time consuming and costly, all of which takes us away from experiences that could make us happier and give us a sense of freedom. We will explore how we know if we have too much stuff and what we can do to choose a simpler life.

We hope you will join us as we explore how to control the stuff in our lives rather than the stuff in our lives controlling us!!

2. Continuing every week, Pastor Bob leads his class called **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**, during the Education hour in the lower level of the church.

This class is intended to reach out to some of our younger adults who haven’t found their way to other Adult Education opportunities in the past and will engage them in some lively conversation covering a wide range of topics. There is, of course, lots of coffee and perhaps a few donuts! Anyone is welcome to come and join the conversation.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017



First Sunday happens next month! Share your blessings with the needy as you bring your food donations to all services for WSOY this month. You may also bring food or monetary donations on Monday morning.



Also, on the first Sunday of the month, the Peacemaking committee will sell olive oil and Equal Exchange coffee, tea and cocoa in the Gathering Room. Thank you for your support.



As the Stewardship Campaign gets underway and you receive your pledge card, think of what you are being called to do for God at First Presbyterian Church for the Year 2018! Please prayerfully answer your call as generously and joyfully as you can for our “New Year” ahead.

THANK YOU

Twelve members renewed or newly subscribed to Presbyterians Today. You will enjoy a year of inspiring stories about people and congregations.

LAST SATURDAY

October 28

Dinner

Downtown

First United Methodist, 201 W. North St., needs donations of desserts to feed the hungry for lunch at noon. You can deliver pies (no cream, no nuts), cakes or cookies (no nuts) from 9:30-11:30 to 201 W. North St. They would also like to have serving assistance for Dinner downtown if you are free from 11:30-1:00.

Sunday, October 29

- 8:45 – NewSong Worship
- 9:45 – Christian Education
- 11:00 – Sanctuary Worship

Tuesday, October 31

- 5:00 – Tower Ringers

Wednesday, November 1

- 4:00 – String Band Practice
- 5:15 – Choir Practice
- 6:45 – Taizé Service

Thursday, November 2

- 9:00 – Volunteers at Good Sam
- 5:30 – Soul Friendship Class

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday

- 9:45 – Christian Education
- 11:00 – *One Table Service*

Monday, November 6

- 5:00 – Facilities Meeting
- 6:00 – Peacemaking Mtg.
- 6:30 – Mission Meeting
- 7:00 – Worship and Music Mtg.

Tuesday, November 7

- 1:00 – Worship Planning
- 5:00 – Tower Ringers

Wednesday, November 8

- 10:00 – Prayer Shawl Group
- 4:00 – String Band Practice
- 5:15 – Choir Practice
- 6:30 – Evangelism & Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 9

- 9:30 – Parish Visitors
- 12:00 – Children & Youth Mtg.

Saturday, November 11

- 9:00 – New Officer Training

Sunday, November 12

Ordination and Installation

- 8:45 – NewSong Worship
- 9:45 – Christian Education
- 10:30 – Miley Palmer Reception
- 11:00 – Sanctuary Worship
- 6:00 – Just Flicks - *Silkwood*

Monday, November 13

- 3:30 – Administration Meeting
- 5:00 – Adult Ministry Meeting
- 5:00 – Finance Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

- 5:00 – Tower Ringers

First Friends

On October 26, we will meet this month at First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. The program is open to the public. Mayor Julie Moore-Wolfe will speak on *The State of the City*. Persons of all ages are always welcome to join the program. You don't need reservations – JUST COME & BRING A FRIEND.

Women's Night Out

Women's Night Out meets on Thursday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Doherty's Pub. Taking RSVPs – 429-4195 or fpdec@comcast.net

JAPANESE-AMERICAN INTERMENT AT AAUW

If you missed Brian Shimizu's power point presentation at First Pres' *Everyday Issues* class, here is another opportunity to see it.

The local chapter of AAUW (American Association of University Women) is sponsoring Brian to speak on his parent's involvement with Japanese/American internment that took place during World War II.

The program will be held at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 17, 2017, in the Madden Auditorium at the Decatur Public Library.

The public is invited.



**Greet
with a
smile!**

Won't

you consider being a greeter on Sunday mornings before the 11:00 service? Please sign up at the Gathering Room table.

JUST FLICKS 2017-2018

SILKWOOD ON NOVEMBER 12, 6:00 P.M.

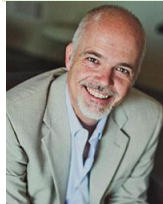
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
650 W. WILLIAM STREET

Silkwood is the true story of union activist Karen Silkwood who blew the whistle on faulty security protocols and unsafe practices in the manufacturing of plutonium pellets in the Kerr-McGee Plant in Crescent, Oklahoma. When the story drew the interest of the New York Times in 1974, Silkwood's life was put in jeopardy. Rated R, 1983.

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650 W. WILLIAM STREET

UPCOMING CONCERTS

October 15, 4:30 p.m.



Doug Ashcraft will perform a piano concert. He has performed in New York, Los Angeles, and London, and was a student of Aldo Mancinelli.

October 22, 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

More than 250 students perform in one of four choirs from Millikin's choral program. At 2:00, the Collegiate Chorale and Millikin Women perform, and at 4:00 the Millikin Men and University Choir sing.

**Primrose is inviting ya'll to their
Annual Primrose**

Hoe Down!

Thursday, Oct. 19

The event with dinner and entertainment by our String Band begins at 4:00 and ends at 6:00 p.m. Please call Kate at 217-619-2034 to RSVP. Primrose Retirement is located at 1145 W. Arbor Drive.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

201 W. NORTH STREET

\$5 CONCERT

October 29, 4:30 p.m.

Sara Quah from Normal, IL performs as a singer-songwriter—lover of music and always humming harmony. The band Taking Me Back will play with Sara. Tickets, 423-9711 – Childcare for ages 3 and under.

Julie McLarey & Friends Piano Concert

Sunday November 19, 2:00 p.m.

Tabernacle Baptist Church – 650 N. Wyckles

Offering will be taken for The Salvation Army – Free Admission
Friends include Doug Nicholson, Bruce Gibbons, and more!