



Among Friends

NOVEMBER, 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings;

Thanksgiving is soon approaching and while we have much to be thankful for many of you in the Friendship Family have had a really difficult year. I have been reading Max Lucado's book "You Were Made For This Moment" and his words brought comfort and hope. I would like to share some of it with you.

Springtime seems like forever from now, I know. But, friend, it isn't. The story of Esther dares you to believe that God though hidden, is active. He brings life out of broken things. The apostle Paul was summarizing Esther when he wrote: ***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28)."***

"We know," Paul said. There are so many things in life we do not know. We do not know if the economy will dip or if our team will win. We don't always know what our kids are thinking or our spouse is doing. But according to Paul we can be dead certain of four things.

We know ***God works***. He is busy behind the scenes, above the fray, and within the fury. He hasn't checked out or moved on. He is ceaseless and tireless.

He never stops working ***for our good***. Not for our comfort, pleasure, or entertainment, but for our

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(((ONLINE WORSHIP)))

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SPECIAL DATES IN NOVEMBER

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight saving time ends, November 6
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Christ the King Sunday, November 20
- Thanksgiving Day, November 24
- First Sunday of Advent, November 27

Deadline for
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submission of
information is
NOVEMBER 28

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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

good. Since he himself is the ultimate good, would we expect anything else?

To do this he uses **all things**. God works, not through a few things or just the good things, best things, or easy things, but in all things God works.

He works for the good of those who love him. Good things happen to those who trust God. The umbrella of God's providence does not extend to cover the evil and hard-hearted. But for those who seek him and his will, in all things God works.

Relief will come.

My prayer is this; that even in the midst of darkness you will be able to see God at work. Even though winter is approaching, springtime will come. Even though the days have been difficult, God is at work in your life. Even though you feel like God hasn't been paying attention, He is at work in your life. Yes, we have much to be thankful for.

In His love,



USE IT ALL UP

About two-thirds of Americans say eating Thanksgiving leftovers is more important than eating the actual holiday meal. That's one of the few times people hope food is left on the table.

When it comes to giving out blessings, God doesn't want any leftovers to remain. In Genesis 12:2, God blesses Abraham so he will be a blessing to others.

Charles Stanley writes: "A hoarded blessing is never enjoyed as richly as a shared one. Using your gift to meet someone else's need glorifies God by demonstrating his grace at work in your life. Don't let his generous provisions end with you. Pass them on and discover the joy of a never-ending cycle of blessings."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The recent Old Testament lessons led us through a study of Abraham's family, and then the move of that family into nationhood. These studies trace the "arc of salvation history." November lessons move to the book of Ephesians and the early church. We are called to rejoice in God's plan to adopt us through Christ and urged to let God open our hearts to his wisdom, power and hope. All are welcome to join us at 9:45 a.m. for a time of Bible study, discussion and sharing.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The children will be studying the different sections of the Bible to show the importance of God's word in their daily lives. They will see that the Bible can guide, challenge, and strengthen them. They will find that connecting with God's word is an essential part of each day. We meet at 9:45 a.m. each week.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

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| NOV 6, 2022 | WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE
Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| NOV 9, 2022 | PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. We will be doing a Bible study on jealousy. We will be working on a craft for Meals On Wheels for Thanksgiving. Hostesses for the evening are Michelle Whitehouse and Cindy Cross. All women of the church are invited to attend. |
| NOV 12, 2022 | SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT will feature the Olde Town Harmony Chorus from Grove City. This will be the 3rd time they have entertained us and it promises to be an evening of fun, fellowship, and good music. REMINDER: Winter break: No concerts December-March. |
| NOV 13, 2022 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| NOV 14, 2022 | OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DROP OFF CENTER at the Community Center opens for collection of OCC Shoeboxes. See more details and schedule on page 4. |
| NOV 20, 2022 | WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |
| NOV 27, 2022 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. |



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Submitted by Wendi Vukson

A pleasant way to open and close each day is to pray.

1st	Lord, today let me see your face...hear your voice in all I say and do.
2nd	Lord, make me accept this day, come what may.
3rd	Lord, let me see what faith in you means.
4th	Open my ears to hear the good news.
5th	Lord, your words are words of wisdom.
6th	Lord, you translate my weakness into strength.
7th	Lord, everything that surrounds me speaks to me of you.
8th	Lord, all is sunlight that speaks your name.
9th	Lord, you give life to me more than breath itself.
10th	I praise you as my God, for your love that surrounds me.
11th	Lord, give the chance to see, admire, search, discover and thank you as my God.
12th	Lord, help me to break down the fear that keeps me from loving my neighbors.
13th	Lord, I am a sinner in need of your help.
14th	Lord, make me stand up for what I think I believe.
15th	Lord, make me do the things that need to be done in your name's sake.
16th	Lord, help me keep in mind that I am a brother to all mankind
17th	Lord, help me spread your peace.
18th	Lord, help me to know right from wrong.
19th	Lord, help me to really care.
20th	Lord, make me realize that God is in our land.
21th	Lord, open my heart.
22th	Hear O Lord, and have mercy.
23th	Lord, in you I place all my cares and troubles.
24th	Lord, make me appreciate the small things in life.
25th	Lord, put your spirit in my heart.
26th	Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
27th	Lord, your love makes me free.
28th	Lord, in you, today dawns bright with hope.
29th	Lord, show me the way today, and day after day.
30th	Lord, give me the trust that binds men together
31st	My soul is longing for your glory.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is fast approaching. Watch for the following:

- Short videos during the worship service to show you how Operation Christmas Child has affected the lives of those receiving the showboxes.
- Sign-up sheet for workers to man the Drop Off Center
- Shoeboxes that you and your family may fill and donate
- Information leaflets

Our Drop Off Center at the Community Center will be in operation on the following dates and times:

- Monday, Nov 14.....6-8pm
- Tuesday Nov 151-3pm
- Wednesday, Nov 16.....5-7pm
- Thursday, Nov 17.....1-3pm
- Friday Nov, 18..... 9-11am
- Saturday, Nov 19..... 9-11am
- Sunday, Nov 201-3pm
- Mon Nov 21..... 9-11am



REMINDER: On behalf of Wolf Creek Cemetery we will be participating in the “Wreaths Across America” program which honors American veterans who have served our country. Jeff Cross and Michelle Whitehouse

are the Location Coordinators. The cost for a wreath is 15 dollars. (The deadline for ordering is November 20)

Wolf Creek Cemetery has graves of 80* veterans who fought in the Revolutionary War, Mexican American War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War. We hope, with help. we can honor each one on December 17.

**This is an increase over what was listed last month...thanks to a verification walk-through of the cemetery by Jeff and Michelle.*

Prayer List

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*



Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie of Georgia
Christy
The Alben Family
Gary Allison
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Candy Boulanger
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Martie Cooper
Phyllis Cooper
Louise Corbett
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Heather Datt
William Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs.
William Jamieson

Jesse Kelley
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
The Family of Jerry Lorenz
Joe Lowers
Amber Matteo
Will McCoy
Mary Messer
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie Rihel
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Cindy Solman's
Mother and Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
Joan West
Woman from Michigan
Our military at home & abroad

Persecuted Christians
around the world
Alpha Omega Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Cooperstown Church
Family
Friendship Church
Family
Trevor Wood's Ministry

All those who have
been impacted
COVID19

All who have been
impacted by recent severe
weather
conditions around the
United States and around
the world.

The people of Ukraine and
Russia, their leaders, the
world leaders and the
world's people.

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity “to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation.”

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when “they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

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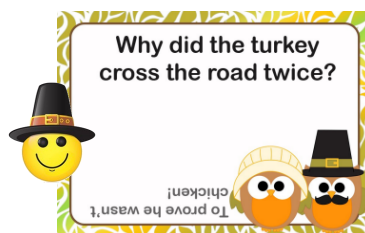
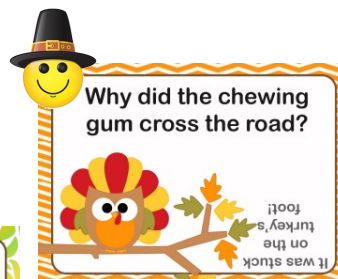
November

Birthdays

Doris Allison, 11/1
Paul Merkle, 11/6
Matthew Sybert, 11/16
Mark Finch, 11/24
David Sybert, 11/26
Lydia Frampton, 11/28

Anniversary

Nancy and George Natali
11/19



THE SATURDAY CONCERT

OCTOBER 8

On October 8, our Second Saturday Concert featured Country Gospel singer, **Dan Schall**. Dan has been with us many times while we were the Friendship Parish and it was a pleasure to welcome him back. Dan provided an inspirational program of gospel songs interwoven with his testimony and stories of the work of Jesus Christ in his life. Dan was accompanied to the concert by his wife of 48 years, Linda. It was a wonderful evening that was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Photographs by
Micheal Adams



NOVEMBER 12

The November concert will feature the **Olde Town Harmony Barbershop Group** in a benefit concert for the Slippery Rock Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard. This group has performed for us before and is a member of an international barbershop organization that supports the Feed the Children program. All proceeds will benefit the Slippery Rock food cupboard. Snacks and fellowship begin at 6:30 p.m. and the music starts at 7:00 p.m. Please invite friends and family. As always, church members and friends are asked to bring snacks and desserts.



Second Saturday Concerts will take a break over the winter months and will return in April, 2023. If you know of or hear a person or group who might like to do a concert for us, let Evelyn or Ruth know.



JUST FOR FUN

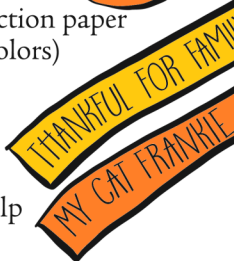
Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

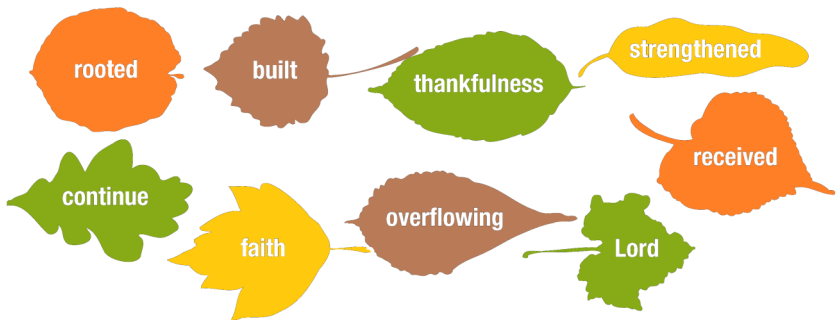


PUZZLE

Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves. What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____ ,

_____ to live your lives in him, _____ and

_____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you

were taught, and _____ with _____ .

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness





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Goodbye October!



Hello November!

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