



Among Friends

NOVEMBER, 2021



FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK



Greetings;

As Thanksgiving is just a few short weeks away and I wonder; are you thankful? I mean, truly thankful for everything?

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Paul tells us that there are no exceptions and no excuses—in everything give thanks. No matter what is happening in your life, Paul is telling us that there is always, always something to be thankful for. Are you sick? Thank God for the good days. Are you terminally ill? Thank God for the salvation and hope he offers. Are you struggling financially? Thank God for the things you have. Are you dealing with a broken relationship? Thank God for the friends and family that you do have. Have you lost a loved one? Thank God for the memories that you still have. Are you thankful for the difficult days? It is those days that make you closer to Christ. Is Jesus your Savior? Then you have much to be thankful for.

Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:18b-20

Paul is saying, “When you are filled with the Spirit, then you will be filled with thanksgiving and joy. Even in the difficult days Paul gives us this scripture:

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God.”

Even on the days that you are dealing with fear and worry and stress...BE THANKFUL.

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DECEMBER

**Newsletter
Deadline**

November 23

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SPECIAL DATES IN OCTOBER

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 7
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 25
- First Sunday of Advent November 28

Deadline for DECEMBER submission of information is NOVEMBER 23

Submit to:
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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
Colossians 3:15*

Folks, no matter what, you can have peace when you have Christ. And no matter what, as Christians, we always have something to thank God for.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. And remember to give thanks!

In His love,
Diane



LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of humor and encouragement.



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

**DON'T BE TRICKED
BY THE DEVIL
WHEN YOU CAN BE
TREATED BY JESUS**

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

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**THE ONLY GHOST
AROUND HERE IS
THE HOLY GHOST**

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grat·i·tude

[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

—Melody Beattie

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Noted Bible commentator Warren Wiersbe writes that "the most important activity of the local church is the worship of God, for this is the activity that we will continue in heaven for all eternity." Our November lessons conclude a series of lessons about celebrating God. We will be exploring John's vision of celebration in Revelation as people from every nation praise God and all heaven rejoices. The unit ends with the good news in Acts that even the Gentiles can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to join in Bible study, discussion and sharing at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday morning.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The children's Sunday school class is learning about the creation and how humans were the most important creation. We meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. each week.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our Community Center will once again this year be a drop off center for Operation Christmas Child. Volunteers will again be needed to help receive boxes and then pack them in shipping boxes. Watch for the sign up sheet. Dates and times are as follows:

- Monday, November 15 — 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 16 — 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 17 — 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 18 — 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 19 — 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, November 20 — 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 21 — 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 22 — 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Shoe boxes and instructions will be soon available for those wishing to contribute a packed shoe box.



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

On Wednesday, November 10 the FPC Presbyterian Women will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the worship center. Josh Strelbicki, assistant director of the Butler County Children's Advocacy Center will be speaking on the work the center does. Hostesses for the evening will be Ruth Keith and Evie Vargo.



(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION OF MEETING)



BUTLER COUNTY
VETERAN *of the* **YEAR 2021**



Our own Dave Walker has been named Butler County 2021 Veteran of the Year! Each year the honoree is chosen based on their continued service to their community, especially veterans, in Butler County and beyond. Other traits considered are personal qualities of honor, leadership, compassion, and commitment. Dave will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday, November 13. Congratulations, Dave!

Dave enlisted in the US Army in 1949 and was honorably retired from active duty in 1973 as a Sergeant First Class. His training started as a Neuropsychiatric Technician. Throughout his 23 ½ years of service he increased responsibility to include Senior Medical NCO and acting First Sgt. His wartime service was for one year with the 312th Evac Hospital in Chu Lai and the 95th Evac Hospital in Da Nang. He was wounded from shrapnel on the day he was scheduled to leave Vietnam which earned him a Purple Heart.

Dave is a life member of Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 862, The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 519, and the DAV Chapter 64. Some of his accomplishments include fundraising \$18,000 for a Purple Heart Memorial in Clearfield, PA as well as in Reynoldsville, PA. He currently is serving as the Senior Vice Commander for the DAV Chapter 64 and is the prime driver for the annual Forget-Me-Not fundraising campaign.

Dave devotes countless hours volunteering at the Butler VAMC, including 4 years driving the DAV van, and 7 years working the front desk. He has accumulated over 2100 hours of volunteer time, and is not planning on stopping anytime soon.

Outside of the veteran community Dave has been an elder in his church for the last 8 years. He volunteered his time with the Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years teaching gun safety and operating at the rifle range. His past 28+ years with the Game Commission, as well as his impeccable service to his country has served him well in teaching the Boy Scouts the importance of gun safety.

Dave is always ready and willing to assist veteran or civilian alike when they are in need. Over the last 72 years he has been an asset to our community, and his commitment to his fellow veterans, country, state, and local communities has earned him the title of Veteran of the Year.

WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

On Veterans Day we honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America's quest for world peace and our nation's desire for justice and freedom throughout the world — our nation's higher goals.

Veterans Day is actually rooted in Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918, America and her allies met with German leaders to sign a truce ending World War I. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson decided that our nation should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor those who served in the military. He called the holiday, Armistice Day. Armistice means "truce."

In his proclamation the president wrote that Armistice Day was an "opportunity ... given to America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The name Armistice Day was kept until 1954 when Congress changed the name to Veterans Day honoring veterans of every era. President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day remembering the sacrifices of veterans and "the task of promoting an enduring peace."

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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*



I BELIEVE IN THE SUN

Submitted by Ruth Keith

This is a poem or song lyrics that I came across recently. It is based on an anonymous text inscribed on an underground wall in Cologne, Germany during WWII

*I believe in the sun,
even when it is not shining.*

*I believe in love,
even when I feel it not.*

*I believe in God,
even when He is silent.*

*I believe in goodness,
even when evil frightens.*

*I believe we shall live,
even when death surrounds,*

*I believe in God...
God is my light.
God is my salvation.*

*When shadows fall, whom
shall I fear?*

*I rest in safety under his wings;
In his strength my courage and
hope.*

*I believe that someday we shall
live in God's own peace,
I believe in God....*

Believe

(be.lieve) verb;

1. Accept (something) as true; feel sure of the truth
2. To have faith, confidence and trust

Anne D.
April and Todd
Bonnie and Angie
(of Georgia)
The Alben Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Kay Curtis
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
David Hall

Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs. William
Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen and Roy Pepper
Bernie and Linda
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Cindy Solman's Mother
and Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Joe Vivelo

Seth Vogan
Joan West
Woman from
Michigan
Our military at home
and abroad
Persecuted Christians
around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler
Presbytery
Cooperstown
Congregation

All those who have
been impacted by
COVID19



BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARY

George and Nancy
Natili
November 19

REMEMBER OUR FRIEND IN THE NURSING HOME

Jessie Myers
Grove Manor
435 North Broad Street
Grove City, PA 16127



**DON'T FORGET!!
NOVEMBER 7**



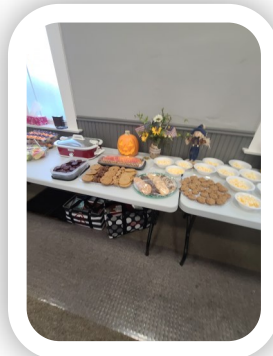
**Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries**

SATURDAY CONCERT

October 9, 2021

Second Saturday Concerts are back! On October 9, we hosted our Second Saturday Concert featuring **Olde Town Harmony Chorus** who provided a wonderful collection of gospel songs, favorite “oldies,” and contemporary music all in the “barber shop quartet” style. Another delightful evening of food, fellowship and music at Friendship PC Community Center!

Photos by Micheal Adams



THE GIFT OF MUSIC

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them.

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

—Martin Luther



JUST FOR FUN

PRAISE-FILLED
petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e o r c j
7 2 4 1 6 3
w y l a s
3 5 2 4 6 a

continually,

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
2 4 1 3 6 5

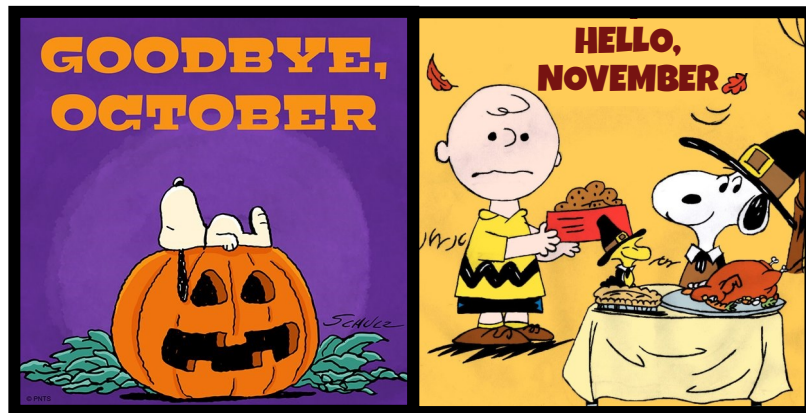
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks





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