

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## October 2021



## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

There are some holidays that need to be celebrated more than once a year. Who couldn't use a little more Christmas spirit? Or Easter? How about Thanksgiving? For me, Thanksgiving should be a year round event. Actually, every day should be Thanksgiving. Or at least, filled with giving thanks.

It goes without saying that we all have a lot for which to be thankful. Only one of those things is our church. Where would we be without it? And to make things happen here takes lots of time and effort and people. All of that to say, we have many people to thank for keeping the church up and running!

On Saturday, September 18, we had a work day in which lots of folks did lots of things to clean up and dress up the building. The Richards, the Andrews, Pat Davitt, Michael Gilliland, Larry Davis, Cordell Klein, Greg Brown, Margo Strickland, Betty Anthony, Ronnie Walraven, Charlie Jackson all went above and beyond to clean out the basement, the garage across the street, the flower beds, etc. And we had a lot of fun doing it!

But there are things that are done on a regular basis that you may not know about. Did you know that Kurt Andrews and Charlie Jackson have been filming our worship service on Sunday from the beginning? Did you know that Sue Ellen Hall sends out the taped service on Sunday afternoon, plus any email communications to the congregation? Did you know that Charlie and Nancy Jackson (along with helpers Brian and Stephanie) prepare and clean up the elements for communion? Did you know Gail Cogbill bakes the loaf of bread for communion and Sue Ellen Hall prepares the wafers? All of this takes a lot of time and effort and people.

Is it ever too early to celebrate Thanksgiving and tell people how much we appreciate all they do for the church? Is it ever too late? Let's start today! Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

Faithfully yours,

Dianne

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Class  
 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (live-streamed on Facebook)  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

### MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Annex

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Card Ministry  
 (Every other Wednesday)  
 6:00 p.m. Family Night Potluck Supper  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (in-person & Zoom)  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

### THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Angel Quilts

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SUNDAY, October 3

Communion - World Communion Sunday

### WEDNESDAY, October 6

5:00 p.m. C.E. Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

### MONDAY, October 11

1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Meeting

### TUESDAY, October 12

10:00 a.m. Beck/Greisser PW Meeting

### THURSDAY, October 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. Drive Through Flu Vaccine Clinic  
 6:00 p.m. Zelle/Moore PW Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, October 20

5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY, October 21

9:00 a.m. Drive Through Flu Vaccine Clinic  
 5:10 p.m. Session Meeting

### THURSDAY, October 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### SATURDAY, October 30

1:00 p.m. Fall Festival - Downtown

### SUNDAY, October 31

All Saints Day  
 3:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat



**Watch for news coming soon  
 about Thanksgiving baskets.  
 It's about that time!**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Erin McCasland	27 - Merilynn Johnson
1 - Robert Veon	27 - Valerie Buster
2 - Blanche Barber	30 - DeeDee McHenry-Pope
4 - Sherry Wilburn	30 - Joshua Davitt
4 - Caitlin Hernandez	
8 - Danny Gray	
13 - Cordell Klein	
16 - Anissa Thomas	
23 - Margo Strickland	
23 - Stephen Burns	

### *In Loving Memory*

*Joe Edd Penney*

*February 15, 1937 - September 12, 2021*

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 Aimee & Michael Gilliland  
 31 Merilynn & Don Johnson



## Presbyterian Women October 2021

**PW Coordinating Meeting: Monday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Beck/Greisser Circle (in-person and Zoom): Tuesday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. -**  
**Fellowship Hall/Zoom**  
**Zelle/Moore Circle: Thursday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. - Zoom**

### 'Tis the season...for the flu! Get your vaccine!

As we are entering flu season, FPC will be hosting a DRIVE THROUGH FLU VACCINE CLINIC for the congregation and the public on Thursday, October 14 & 21, 2021. College Hill Drug & Medical will be hosting the clinic. Stephanie Jackson will have forms that participants will need to complete prior to the clinic. There will be no charge if you have health insurance. A \$25 fee will apply if you are uninsured. Please contact Stephanie at 903-559-3547 with any questions, or feel free to speak with her at Sunday morning or Wednesday evening services.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Downtown Fall Festival – FPC will be there!

FPC was contacted regarding a booth at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Downtown Fall Festival, which will be held on Saturday, October 30, from 1-5 PM.. Crossties Event Venue is hosting the event, and the booth will be free of charge!

#### OUR NEEDS:

Lots of individually wrapped candy for the trick-or-treaters, -or- donations will be accepted and the church will purchase the candy.

Want to work a shift and hand out candy?  
Let us know!

As we seek to promote FPC in the community more, this will be a great event to show our presence and our support of our community. Attached photos are some ideas we are looking at for our booth. Watch for reminders in the Sunday programs. As always, thank you for your support...our participation in these events is made possible by each and every one of you!

Stephanie Jackson  
Moderator, Evangelism Committee



## HERO'S PANTRY

Hero's Pantry, which helps to feed local Veterans in our area, welcomes donations of any non-perishable food items. Bins are set up outside of the Fellowship Hall in which you can place your items. They will be taken to Hero's Pantry at Trinity EPC during the third week of each month. FPC's challenge for October will be peanut butter and jelly.

Thank you from the Diaconate!

It's that time again! Halloween will be here before we know it, and this year it will be on Sunday, October 31. Once again we will have a "Trunk or Treat" celebration for our church family and guests. The residents of Evergreen and Opportunities will be invited to participate, along with our children, grandchildren, youth and their guests. Hot dogs, chips, and water will be served. So plan now to open up your decorated trunks and join the fun! Trunks open at 3:00 and close at 5:00.





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Susan Andrews, Moderator of Diaconate

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**CARD MINISTRY**

The Card Ministry is still active in this church; however, they are only meeting every other Wednesday due to COVID-19. Birthday, Thinking of You and special occasion cards are still being made. Christmas cards will not be made this year, but some Christmas cards made from prior years are available. If you are interested, just leave a note with your name in the Card Ministry room or contact any member

of the Card Ministry:

Val Buster

Margo Strickland

Chris Walraven

Cynthia Wesley

Hopefully, in 2022, the Card Ministry will be back working every Wednesday. If you need a special handmade card for an occasion, please let us help you. Thank you for letting us work on this important Diaconate mission.