

NOVEMBER

Open Door

2023

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Philippians 4:8). In this season of Thanksgiving, I offer a few questions to help you think about how to be filled with gratitude:

1. What aspects of your city or neighborhood are you grateful for?
2. What have others done in your life that you're grateful for?
3. How many of your basic needs do you not have to worry about meeting today?
4. Have you had a chance to help someone recently, and how did that make you feel?
5. What's something you look forward to in the future?
6. What's something enjoyable you get to experience every day that you've come to take for granted?
7. What about today has been better than yesterday?
8. What relationships are you grateful for?
9. What's one thoughtful thing someone did for you recently?
10. What made you laugh or smile today?

Take some time each day to reflect on these questions and let God fill your heart with gratitude.

Pastor Ray



Sunday November 5th

Daylight Saving Time ends

So don't forget to set
your clock back 1 hour

Saturday night



Special Vases

On the Communion Table as well as on the Organ Console are beautiful Autumn flower arrangements. The Vases are special in that they belonged to Mary VanBeber Freeman. Tim and Ross live in the home which was hers. With the home they bought the contents.....so they have these vases and Tim brought them with the Autumn Arrangement. Those who remember Mary will enjoy remembering her, even when she was in the Assisted Living, dressed in her Neiman Marcus clothes each afternoon in case someone came to call!

Nancy Gee



November 5 Debbie Chase preaching
November 12 Love Keeps No Record of Wrong
November 19 Love Is Filled with Joy and Truth
November 26 Love Never Ends



November

Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.

Kum Ba Yah topics:

November 1 Genesis 12
November 8 No KBZ
November 15 Genesis 13
November 22 No KBZ
November 29 Genesis 14

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

November 5 Hope #1
November 12 Hope #2
November 19 Hope #3
November 26 Hope #4

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. Each week since the 2023-2024 school year has started the number of students receiving backpacks for the weekend has increased. We started with 41 and the last week of Oct it was up to 52. So far for the year of 2023 we have delivered **1,004** backpack bags to Roosevelt Elementary School.

If you have not helped with this ministry before and want info please get a hold of Dave Foster or the office.

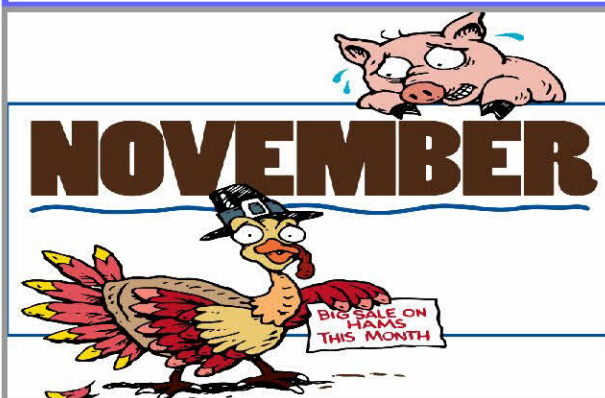


MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on October 17, 2023. They decided to give in Local Missions this month **\$300.00 to The Friends of Miami Public Library for "Dolly Pardon Imagination Library"** and **\$1000.00 to the Food Pantry here at First Presbyterian Church.**

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission".

The Deacon's Shoe ministry has already given out **45** pairs of shoes since the beginning of the year.





Thank You!! Community of Christ Church

You are always faithful to bring in a cart full of food to support the Backpack program each month. Your donations fill our shelves and enable us to skip a week of shopping. We at First Presbyterian Church are grateful that you've partnered with us in this ministry to meet the needs of children at Roosevelt Elementary. Many kids now have food over the weekends due to your generosity and love.

Once again, Thank you for your partnership, faithfulness, love, generosity, kindness, and giving spirits.

Kanike', Quapaw Tribe! (Thank You, Quapaw Tribe!)

Another year of a great partnership in our Backpack Program with the Quapaw Tribe. Once again, the Quapaw Tribe has generously donated to the Backpack program. This year they have donated \$500.00. Your generosity will provide underprivileged children of Roosevelt Elementary with nutritious food over the weekend that they would not have if not for the Backpack program.

Thank you for your generosity, kindness, caring, and community involvement. The Quapaw Tribe has been and will continue to be a wonderful partner in our community and, hopefully, in our Backpack Program for many years to come.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints' Day 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom 	2 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack packing 7:00 GA	3 10-12 Food Pantry	4 
5 Daylight Savings Ends 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship 11:30 Choir	6 10-12 Food Pantry	7 Election Day 10-12 Food Pantry 	8 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 NO KumBaZoom	9 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack packing 7:00 GA	10 10-12 Food Pantry	11 Veterans Day 
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- Janice Johnson 11/3
- Doris Jean Price 11/6
- Judy Abel 11/19
- DeMaris Gaines 11/20
- Ashley Lomax- Walker 11/21
- Marcia McManigal 11/23
- John Thiesing 11/27
- Emily Carden 11/29
- Rebecca Carden 11/29
- Nancy Gee 11/30

Should your name be here?
Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!

Veterans Day
Saturday, November 11th
Parade 3 pm



Veterans Day Dinner
Miami Elks Lodge # 1320 4 pm - 6:30 pm
Vet+ 1 eat Free, \$10 adult, Kids 5 and under \$5



Full Throttle Band
(21+ event)
6 pm
Vet + 1 free, Adult *\$5 cover charge

*Cover charge is going to a band member towards getting a headstone for his fathers grave. His father was a Vet.

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Wednesday November 1st - All Saints' Day



Tuesday November 7th - Election Day




Saturday November 11th - Veterans Day



Thursday November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day



Sunday November 26th - Christ the King Sunday



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Servers in the Lord's House		
	Coffee Host	Backpack
November 5	Open	Nov. 2 Diana S. & Cindy Holt
November 12	Open	Nov. 9 Chuck & Kit Ulrey
November 19	Open	Nov. 16 Karin & Clyde Shaffer
November 26	Spaghetti Dinner	Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Break
		Nov. 30 Open

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!



Happy
 Birthday
 Pastor
 Ray!



A Dinner Without Turkey!

On Sunday, Nov 26th following worship, we will enjoy a spaghetti dinner and crafting project. Each household will take home an advent wreath to be used as we approach the celebration of Christmas.

Please join us !



FOOD PANTRY

Thank You Dianna Minick
for finding another great deal on
food for the Pantry.



- Cereal - 7 cases
- Oatmeal - 4 cases
- Granola - 3 cases
- Tortillas - 4 cases
- Chocolates - 5 cases



**Score!!! Touchdown!!
Homerun!! Goal!!
Hole-in-one!!**



Christmas Food Baskets



Deacon's Christmas Food Baskets

We will soon have the total of families we'll be making Christmas baskets for. Right now, at the end of October, we have 27 families. Last year's total for the Christmas baskets was just over \$3000. Ross took the list from last year and punched in the number for 27 families, and the cost came out to be right at about \$3290. Ross adjusted some of the items on the list, due to not being available anymore, and some being less expensive if you bought a product online and, in another brand, and got the shopping list cost to about \$3050.
(costs could change between now and December)

We still need your help to meet our goal. Please, continue to be in prayer about giving to the Deacon Fund for the Christmas Baskets. The families of Roosevelt Elementary deserve to have a house full of food over the Holiday and not have to worry about feeding their kids.

Thoughtfully and humbly your servants,
The Deacons



*Do you have a story to share?
A poem? A song lyric? Has God
done something extraordinary in
your life recently? Don't keep it to
yourself; let us know about it!*

*Stop by the office and let Ross
know, or email or call him so he can
get the story in the Open Door for
all to hear the good news.*



*Let's Give a Great Big 1st Pres Welcome
to Our Newest Members:*

Clyde & Karin Shaffer

Welcome to the Family!!

*We Look Forward to
Serving & Worshipping
the Lord with You!*

*(And all of those beautiful grandkids you
bring with you)*



1 Chronicles 16:34
"O give thanks unto the
LORD; for *he is good*; for
his mercy *endureth* for ever."



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