

November 2020



First Presbyterian Church E-News

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September Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met virtually at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 15, 2020 for its stated monthly meeting. The Rev. James Young served as Moderator. Jeff Getty served as Clerk.

The Session took the following actions:

*Approved the Membership Records as of October 14, 2020.

*Approved the request from the Worship and Music Committee to organize and promote a Christmas fundraiser with the proceeds to be used to purchase a new projector for the sanctuary together with any funds raised from the showing of the St. Olaf Choir performance which will be a prerecorded concert as a secondary source.

In addition the Session heard:

*From the Mission Committee that they will collecting hygiene items until November 15, 2020 for distribution to the Union Rescue Mission.

*From the Faith Formation Committee that they are looking for Advent activities that can be done at home since the COVID pandemic limits our traditional Advent activities – this includes a mid-week video featuring readings, mediations and an activity – all virtual.

*From the Worship & Music Committee that during worship on November 1, 2020 we will celebrate All Saints' Day by remembering those members of the congregation who passed away over the last year.

*From the Buildings and Grounds Committee that they will hold the Fall cleanup day on November 7th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk or the Moderator.

**Join us this evening for
"A Summer Night Concert"
by Vienna Philharmonic,
with Gustavo Dudamel & Yuja Wang**

To keep our spirits up (between the Covid-19 and the election), you are invited to come and enjoy a showing of THE SUMMER NIGHT CONCERT by Vienna Philharmonic, with Gustavo Dudamel & Yuja Wang **this evening at 7: 00 PM**. Face mask will be required and proper social distance measures will be in place. There will be no intermission, so people do not congregate, but refreshments will be available during the concert.



Just a reminder that this Sunday, November 1st,
marks the end of Daylight Savings Time.
Please remember to set your clocks back one hour!

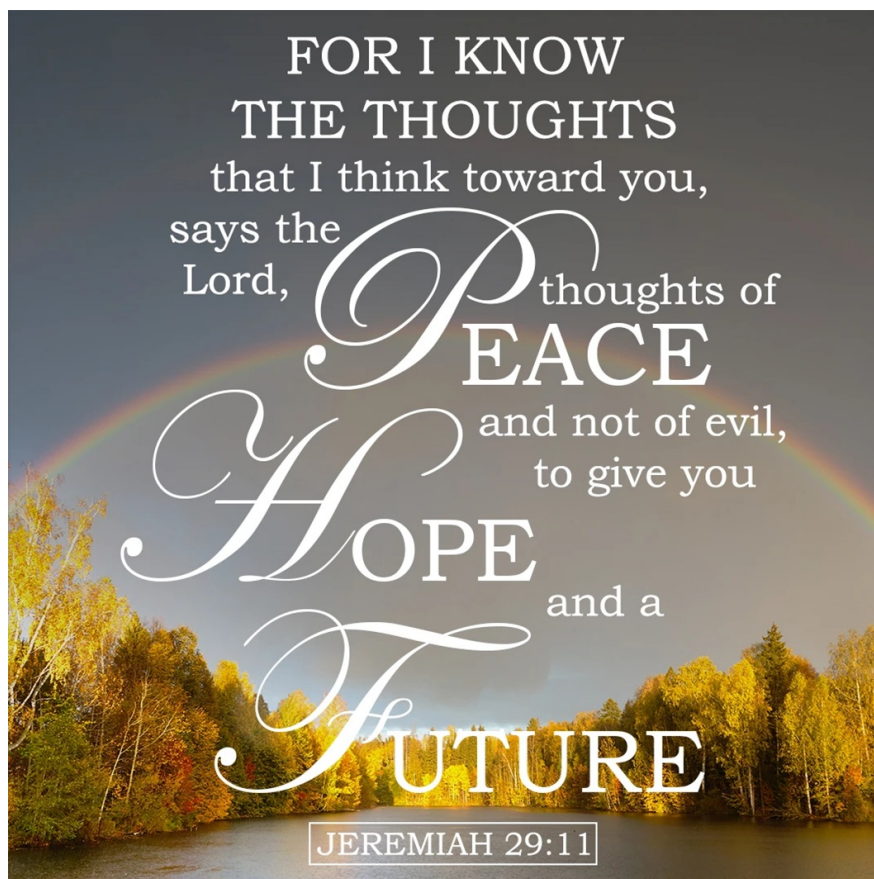
Fall Clean Up Day



On Saturday, November 7th, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean up the church from 9:00AM-12:00PM.

Join us for Consecration Sunday on November 8th!

**Peace, Hope, and a Future
2021 Stewardship Campaign**



On Sunday, November 8th, we will consecrate our financial pledges for 2021 and give thanks for all that God makes possible through the ministry of this congregation. We hope that you will join us for this special service.

Online Pledge Submission is Now Available!

This year, we have created a way to submit your pledge for the upcoming year online via our webpage. If you are interested in submitting your pledge online, [click here](#).



Please note that the church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



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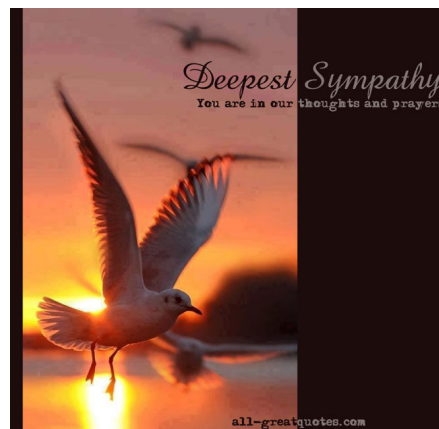
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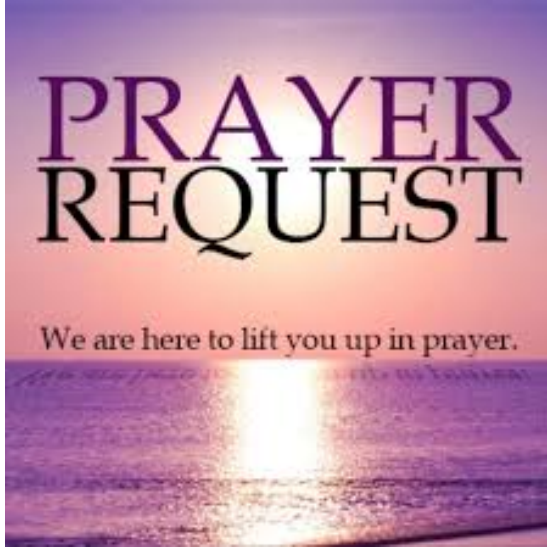
November

Matt DiNola 2-Nov
Bob Dawson 8-Nov
Sheri Corley 9-Nov
Kelsey Parker 9-Nov
Louise VanMeter 11-Nov
Shirley Lacy 12-Nov
Jack Workmeister 12-Nov
Christopher Fritz 13-Nov
Randy Sterne 15-Nov
Haris Medina-Guess 15-Nov
Cheri Duncan 17-Nov
Kathy Getty 18-Nov
Kim Mills 21-Nov
Marilyn Nelson 21-Nov
Jane O'Rourke 29-Nov

Sympathy and prayers to the family
of Carol Lee, on her death on
Sunday, October 11th.



If you have prayer requests that you
would like to add to First
Presbyterian Church's prayer chain,
please contact the church office or
you can now submit your prayer



request on the FPC website under the nurture tab.

Opportunities to Serve

Reason for the Season News

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46)

*Is there a light at the end of the 2020 tunnel?
Can anything good come out of 2020?*

As Judy Stern said in her Stewardship moment, "Mission...answers God's call to love and serve one another...Difficult times are an opportunity for new growth."

Our church has been providing the means for "hope and a bright future" for lives locally and around the globe for over 20 years through "Reason for the Season". It's an alternative giving opportunity that can be a donation, or a gift to a friend or family member in lieu of a material gift.

Each highlighted mission has a close connection to our church. This year the projects are:

***Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan** - continuing scholarships for "our" seven students (and possibly more?), to give them and ultimately Pakistan a better future.

***"This Child Here" in Ukraine** - training of more foster families for children in need of a healthy family that can give them a strong foundation for their life in the years ahead.

***Q Mountain Connection Emergency Food Fund, Lesotho** - good for the immediate needs of the people of Qholaqhoe, including "our" five sponsored students, so they *have* a future.

*** Western Maryland Food Bank** - a refrigerated truck in order to provide fresh food for people of Cumberland and the surrounding area, for a more healthy life.

***Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** - support for children who need someone on their side to guide them through the local court system, which

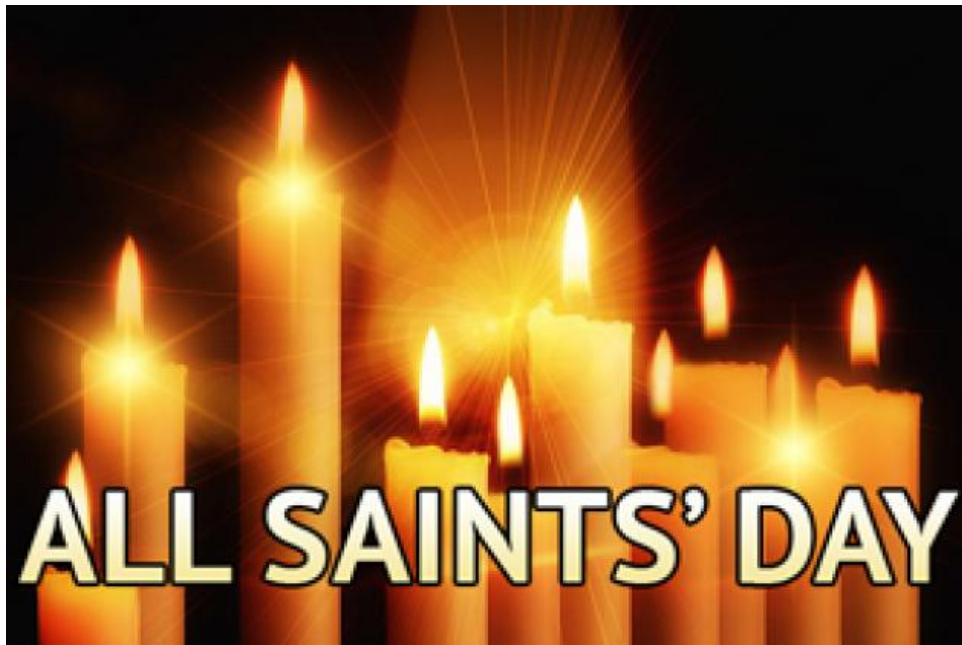
will impact their adult life.

There will be more about each project, and possibly another one, in the December newsletter. Any of the other missions our church supports may be donated to also, such as Special Ministries, Union Rescue Mission, Juna Amagara in Uganda, etc.

There will also be an insert in the December bulletins for you to mark which mission(s) you'd like to help, or just jot them down on a piece of paper. Inserts and checks or money can be put in the offering plate, in church office, or given through Realm.

Please prayerfully consider giving this year to something that you feel a strong connection to. It's not too late for something good to come out of 2020...hope and a bright future for us all. Look what came out of Nazareth!

Worship With Us



Our church will be honoring those members who have passed away in 2020 on All Saints Day, this Sunday, November 1, 2020. A bell will be rung as each person's name is read to the congregation and music will be reflective of honoring all those who have passed. There will also be an opportunity for congregants to name those friends and relatives who have died during 2020.



Advent is upon us! **The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th.** We plan to have the wreath and the tree up in the sanctuary. For Advent this year even though we can't sing in our usual way, we will still have ample opportunity to share in the joy of the music of the season, both in person and virtually.

SAVE THE DATE! Hanging of the Greens will take place on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM. Come one and all to help make our sanctuary bright and beautiful for the season. Masks and social distancing will be required. There will be cookies!

*In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus
concerning you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

