

November Newsletter



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

High School Youth

7:30 p.m. Sundays

(First Presbyterian Church)

6th—12th Youth

6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

(First Christian Church)

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November

A Month for Stewardship and Thanksgiving.

At First Presbyterian Church we are going to highlight the hymn, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” words by Martin Luther. Remembered as the great reformer, a writer, translator and preacher, he was also an amateur musician. Written during the darkest time of the Reformation with widespread persecution from the Catholic Church, its impact was so powerful, it was dubbed the “Battle Hymn of the Reformation.”

We may not be as familiar with castles as fortresses, and we may stumble with less familiar words like bulwark and kindred and Sabaoth. The message of Psalm 46:1 “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,” rings clear in “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.”

Barb Green

Stewardship Sunday is November 10th. Thanksgiving Dinner is on November 21st.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.



November 3

Scripture—Ephesians 3:20-21

Sermon—God’s Work, Our Hands

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

November 10

Scripture—Psalm 46:1-3

Sermon—A Mighty Fortress 1

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

November 17

Scripture—Psalm 46:4-7

Sermon—A Mighty Fortress 2

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley

November 24

Scripture—Psalm 46:8-11

Sermon—A Mighty Fortress 3

Preaching—Rev. Dr. Susan Presley



NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 10:00—10:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Wired Word—Room 200

Knit Wits—Room 204

Fenlon’s Class—Room 305

Sermon Discussion—Room 201

Young Mom’s—Westminster Room

PreK-1st—Room 105

2nd-5th—Room 104

Confirmation Class— Room 206

Middle & High School Youth—Room 307

Nursery is open 8:45—11:00 a.m.

STREAM SUNDAY WORSHIP ON LINE @ YOU TUBE

Just go to: www.youtube.com

and search for: **Mexico First Presbyterian Church.**

Scan this QR code

(We are also on Facebook.)



Wednesday Youth Group

6th grade & up

6:00—7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church

Sunday Night Youth Group

9th grade & up 7:30-9:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church



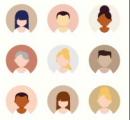
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN Inquirer’s Class?

Pastor Susan will lead a class for anyone who might be interested in becoming a church member, or anyone who wants a refresher or has questions about the church.

10:15 A.M.—BOARD ROOM

Next class is: Sunday

November 17th



CURRENT REQUESTS



- Melissa Fayad
- Larry Bauer (Jessica Olson’s father)
- Shirley Brauer
- Betty (Joan) DeJaynes
- Mary Beth Dicus (Phyllis Wirth's sister-in-law)
- John & Crisi Roberson (Fran Robley’s daughter and son-in-law) who are traveling to Lithuania to adopt a little boy.

LONG TERM REQUESTS

- Barbara Neumann
- Anna Rentschler
- Rona Wilson
- Bonnie Kimbel
- Daniel Nunnally
- Bob Kimes (Pam Miller’s father)
- Judy Wagner
- Connie Robley
- Judy Lowery (Jody Fetterhoff’s sister)
- Bob Wilburn (Janis Strode’s son-in-law)
- Clark Slagle (Bruce & Cheryl Slagle’s grandson)
- Jessica Jolly
- Kyler Green (deployment)
- Michael Schuessler (friend of the Ray’s)
- Denzil McNeal (Micah’s uncle)
- Cole Nettles (Sandy Weber’s nephew)
- Linda Baker (Lana Parmenter’s sister-in-law)
- Stan Beard Jr. (Becky Fischer’s brother)
- Nancy Fischer (Scott Fischer’s sister in law)
- PK Karrenbrock (Tori Webber’s friend)
- Tom Biesemeyer (Linda Sue’s cousin)
- Lydia A. Neill (Linda Sue’s cousin)
- Don Munford (Robby & Cara Miller’s brother in law)
- Dan Kriwiel (Peggie’s husband)
- Debra Kreyling
- Lucas Coari
- Luke Pickett
- Cathy Scholz (Betty Coari’s friend)



LUNCH BUNCH

The October Lunch Bunch met at Pizza Hut. Join us at 11:30, November 20th at: **Pig Up & Go**



Confirmation Class & Youth



2nd grade Bibles—Brice, Clara & Charleigh (not pictured—Emmie & Everett)



Kids for Christ



New Members—Steve & Laura, Nathan, Jessica & Malena



Wired Word

**PLEDGE DEDICATION
SUNDAY**

Please return your pledge cards on or before November 10th.



Thanksgiving Soup and Sandwich Supper

November 21st at 6 p.m.
FPC Fellowship Hall



Lets gather together to enjoy food and fellowship.
Dinner provided by the Fellowship Committee.
Please bring canned food or a monetary donation for the Help Center.



Congratulations to Don and Sharon Lins

Gail Hatfield	1	Andrew Cauthorn	17	Ollie Toellner	26
Judy Frey	2	Mary Creason	17	Phyllis Bowen	27
Layne Meyers	2	Nancy Ekern	17	Judy Dye	27
Ashleigh Rice	2	Kaylee Hutcheson	18	Jackson Lamb	27
Sandy Weber	3	Elwood Rice	18	Joyce Lowry	27
Donald Bishop	4	Peggy Barjenbruch	21	Lana Parmenter	27
Bob Krueger	4	Bucky Green	21	Sarah Gleeson	28
Janet Walden	4	David Loucks Jr.	21	Bill Woods	29
Bob Allen	6	Jessica Olson	21		
Marissa Randolph	6	Allison Smiley	21		
Kirby Weber	6	Erika Smiley	21		
Nat Phillips	7	William Teague	21		
John Skinner	7	Larry Wagner	23		
Kirk Ekern	9	Gary Baumgartner	24		
Chris Webber	9	Lawanah Gillette	24		
Ann Jolly	11	Nathan Olson	24		
Lisa Ovaitt	11	Robert Cox	25		
Susan Presley	16	Tony Robertson	25		



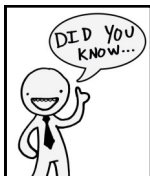
Blessing Box

November—pasta & sauce

Place items in the barrel by the office, the box outside of Fellowship Hall or directly in the blessing box. All donations are appreciated!



Creeds and Confessions—Month 5



During our summer Sunday school class, we had a session in which we learned about the PC(USA)'s creeds and confessions. Some 25 years ago, women of our church made beautiful, intricate banners to represent each creed and confession.

Month 5 (November) The Second Helvetic Confession (Switzerland, 1566)

The blue and white are the heraldic colors of ancient Switzerland.

The cross (across the middle) is again dominant on this banner because of the extensive discussion of salvation in the Confession.

The hand and the burning heart were a traditional symbol for John Calvin, father of Presbyterianism in its Swiss homeland.



Christmas Caroling

The Adult Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to an evening of Christmas caroling on **Sunday, December 8th**.

We will meet at the church at 4:30pm and then head out together. After caroling, we will come back to the church to enjoy hot chocolate. Bring a snack to share with one another if you can.

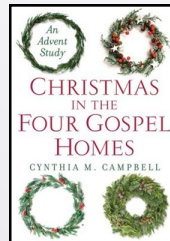


ANNOUNCING ADVENT STUDY 2024

The Christmas Season is soon upon us and with it brings the joyful season of Advent for Christians. During the holiday season, many of us look forward to decorating our homes or visiting loved ones' and observing their decorations and relishing the food and hospitality served to us there. This season, Vicki Briggs will be teaching a four- week Advent study which will depict each gospel that tells the birth story of Jesus as a unique home preparing for Christmas. This approach will require our imaginations and inspired thoughts to share together and give a special meaning to Advent.

The topic is based on a study written by Cynthia M.

Campbell, Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes and imagines the Gospel books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as houses set for Christmas. Study books are available for \$10 in the church office. Please join us for some special Christmas time together. Vicki Briggs



Lets go to the Presser Pipes Holiday Concert!

Join us:

Thursday, December 19th
We will meet at Dagwoods at 5:30 p.m. for a bite to eat and hang out before heading to the performance at Presser Arts Center. The program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Fellowship Committee



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER 21, 2024

The session met on Monday, October 21, 2024. The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Susan. The consent agenda was accepted into the record, including prior minutes, financial reports, and the amended meeting agenda.

Adult Fellowship: Three Tables of Eight groups have been formed. Christmas caroling will happen on December 8 at 4:30. On December 19, there will be fellowship time for all at Dagwood's before moving to the Presser Pipes concert.

Columbarium: The committee met and voted for a one-time amendment of the policy regarding whose ashes may be inurned. The motion passed unanimously.

Fellowship: The Thanksgiving Soup and Sandwich Supper will be on November 21 at 6 PM.

Local Mission: The committee reported a donation of \$500 to Angel Wings and work with providing meals for the Sustainability Project.

National and Global Mission: The committee gave \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief for hurricane relief.

Property: The concrete work on the ramp to the north door is complete; rails are in the works. The recent painting is completed.

Stewardship and Finance: Written reports were received. Both income and expenses were under budget as of September. The committee is now completing quarterly audits. An update on this year's stewardship campaign was given.

Old Business: Concerning the property on the south side of the creek: A motion was made that the elders of the church look (in the course of the next 3-4 months) to find strategies of how to use the property, rehab and function-wise, so that we can evaluate the utility of the property going forward. The motion passed unanimously. The child protection policy, bylaws, and sexual harassment policy were approved unanimously.

New Business: Micah McNeal was elected as the Commissioner for the next Presbytery meeting on November 16 at Versailles. A new anti-racism policy was distributed for review and will be voted on next month.

Clerk's Report: The clerk attended a Session Minutes Review covering records for 2023. The minutes passed the review. The clerk reported that our church welcomed four new members in the past month. Session approved a request from Stephen Long to be removed from membership. Three deaths were reported.

The meeting closed with a devotion and prayer from Robby Miller and the meeting was adjourned. The next Session meeting will be November 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM.





Hickory Ridge Orchard Fellowship Event

September
29th



SUMMER FLOWERS

As the summer of 2024 closes, I would like to say many thanks to the following ladies who have shared in the duties of watering the beautiful potted flowers outside of the church. Special Thanks to Nancy Baker, Linda Woods, JoAnne Nelson, Sue Chitwood, Julie Huffman, and Sandy Weber. They have contributed their time for making sure our church remains very welcoming!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
Liz Schutte

Stephen Ministers are trained to be CONFIDENTIAL and compassionate listeners to persons experiencing special needs:

- **Loss of Loved One**
 - **Separation or Divorce**
 - **Terminal Illness**
 - **Job Crisis**
 - **Financial Stress**
 - **Loneliness or Depression**
 - **Hospitalization**
 - **Being Homebound Spiritual Crisis**
- ... And many more!



If you or someone you know could use the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Susan or send your name and phone number to the church in care of "Stephen Ministry, Confidential," 400 Lakeview Rd., Mexico, MO 65265.

Memorials

Nancy Werbach
Katherine Staley
Bill & Marian Rentschler

Columbarium Fund

Katherine Staley

Collins Scholarship

Katherine Staley

Disaster Relief Memorial

Nancy Stuart



(This monetary memorial was received in the last 30 days)



Sunday Morning Nursery

Infants and children are welcome to come and play during worship and/or Sunday school. Our caregivers are Barb Brandt & Piper Higgins.



Help Center

Please bring your plastic grocery bags and egg cartons to the barrel by the office or drop at the Help Center.



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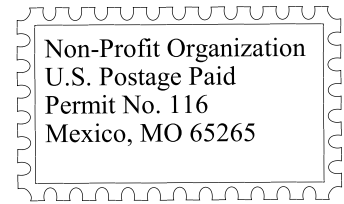
**BUDGET REPORT
As of 10.15.2024**



INCOME	Actual \$	Budget for Year \$	Actual vs Budget %
Pledged Giving	\$225,691.18	\$325,000	69.44%
Non pledged	\$89,646.23	\$87,250	102.75%
Other Income	\$17,939.10	\$12,750	140.70%
Total all income	\$333,276.51	\$425,000	78.42%
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$2,760.34	\$6050	45.63%
Adult Ministries	\$1,604.76	\$850	188.80%
Children's Ministry	\$2,792.13	\$4,000	69.80%
Local Mission	\$6,526.76	\$13,000	50.21%
National & Global Mission	\$36,400.00	\$42,280	86.09%
Other programs	\$2,608.76	\$3,500	74.54%
Outreach	\$1,114.34	\$2,200	50.65%
Property	\$43,609.22	\$66,810	65.27%
Personnel	\$249,158.21	\$318,548	78.22%
Technology	\$7,483.37	\$8,000	93.54%
Worship	\$3,332.01	\$4,500	74.04%
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$1,464.20	\$6,000	24.40%
Total all expenses	\$358,854.10	\$475,738	75.43%

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Return Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

2024	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Liturgist	Dr. Jim Scott	Mark Schnake	Katie Thomas J.R. Cauthorn	Abby Ray
Children's Message	Joanne Nelson	Steve Haag	Lana Parmenter	Micah McNeal
Flowers		Larry Webber	Shirley Brauer	
Ushers	Lana Parmenter Paul Parmenter Lori Ray Ron Ray Molly Hanley Lauren Hanley	Nancy Oliver Bruce Oliver Linda Woods Bill Woods Jude Yancey Myles Yancey	Brad Brett Jan Douglas Pam Miller Stuart Miller Fayeth Schutte	Donna Haerer Karen Linnemeyer Mary Creason Bob Fenlon Ashleigh Rice Madison Rice
	Communion Servers Jim Dye Micah McNeal Elaine Mensching Stephanie Robinett Josh Yancey	Communion Preparer Tori Webber	Deacon Of the Month Liz Rice	