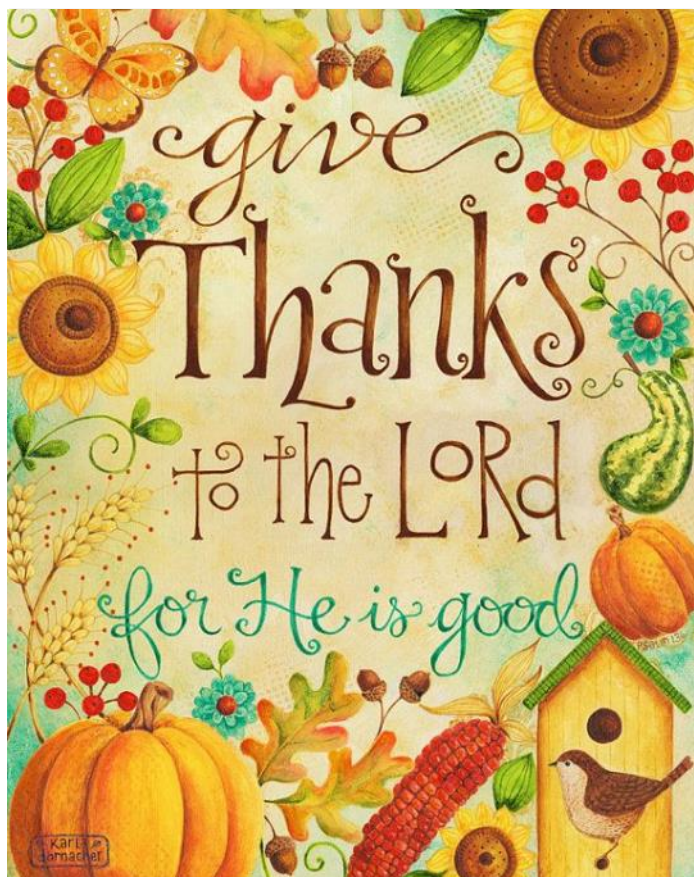




First Presbyterian  
Church of Sheridan

# The Good News

November 2022



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## All Saints Sunday

**November 6th**

Please share with the church office, names and date of death of loved ones or of a long-time saint in your life who have passed away.

We will share those names in the bulletin and ring a bell for remembrance of each during worship on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 6th.



**Sunday,  
November 6**  
Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
Don't forget to set you clocks back an  
hour!

## Congregational Meeting

First Presbyterian Church will be holding a congregational meeting immediately following 10:30 am worship on  
**Sunday, November 13.**

The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders for the new year.

## Christmas Tree Gathering

Meet at the Bowl (Arrowhead) at 11 am on Saturday, November 26th to cut the tree for the sanctuary.

If you'd like to cut a tree for your home at the same time, please get your own tree permit.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served!

Dear Ones,

We are entering an exciting season in the church year and I'm not even talking about Advent! The first few weeks in November are among my favorite worship services of the whole year.

We begin by celebrating All Saints Sunday (Nov 6). This is a day when we fondly recall the ways in which those who have gone before us ran the race, passed on the faith, and nurtured us by their love and faithfulness. We chime a handbell as we read the names of those who have passed in the last year and the names of those submitted by all of you as the saints in your lives. If you would wish to add someone to that list for the liturgy, please let Juanita ([juanita@sheridanfpc.church](mailto:juanita@sheridanfpc.church)) or myself ([karl@sheridanfpc.church](mailto:karl@sheridanfpc.church)) know by November 4. This year, I will be giving thanks for the witness of my aunt, Nancy, who lost a multi-year struggle with cancer in September. Until the point she could no longer physically do so, she served her little Presbyterian church in Montana by putting together the slides for worship each week. In my life, she, an accomplished scientist, showed me how faith and science went together quite well.

Advent always marks the turning to a new year on the church calendar, but on the Sunday before Advent, we wrap up the current year by celebrating Reign of Christ Sunday (Nov 20). This is a day when we see that all of what we have moved through in the different seasons of the church year as well as all of what we move through in our lives culminate in Jesus Christ and in Christ's kingdom. As we did last year, this will be a Sunday with LOTS of singing as we take the Sunday to move through the whole church year in just one service! Before we turn the page to Advent, we see how those stories all weave together. So long as the ship in time (a tall order these days), we will premiere and dedicate our new hymnals and pew Bibles that day.

In between those two Sundays, we will start a new tradition this year. In the first week, we consider the stories of our ancestors in the faith. In the third week, we consider the story of Jesus Christ, the Church, and our own story within that. In the week between (Nov 13), we will take a look at the story of the whole Bible and the threads that weave through the entire story as I share a sermon that I'll call, "The Bible in 15 Minutes." I will say, it might be 20, but we'll go from Genesis to Revelation in one service and you won't miss your brunch reservation.

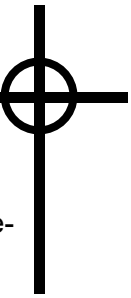
The hymn that comes to mind to describe all of this is "Blessed Assurance" when we sing,

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long!*

We have stories of the great cloud of witnesses that have passed this faith on, the written stories of God interacting with humankind from the Scriptures, and the story of Jesus Christ that ties it all together as "Christ is before all things and in Christ all things hold together" (Col 1:17). I hope you can join us in November as we celebrate these and see that they are really just one big story.

Be blessed and be a blessing,

Pastor Karl



I remember "It takes a village to raise a child." being the catchphrase when I was growing up. I heard about it in school, on the news, and in books. I remember staying home sick from school and watching the "Today Show." One of the segments featured Hillary Clinton talking about her book and using that phrase. I believe her book was titled with the same expression. I was like, "What village? I live in a town there aren't any villages around." But, of course, I may have been a sarcastic teenager.

Reflecting on my life growing up, I remember several adults that were always around. My mom's friend would stay with us when she had to go out of town for work, or I would stay with a different friend, or my grandma would stay when my mom had to work late. My grandma took me to the doctor when I was sick because my mom couldn't get time off. I remember staying with the pastor and his wife one weekend while my mom had to go out of town for training. When I was older, I realized these people were the village that the phrase referenced. I also learned that it is an ancient African Proverb and not a brainchild of the 1990s. Each person contributed to my memory and showed me how to help someone in need and, sometimes, how to be a friend.

I don't remember talking or learning about All Saint's Day when I was younger. Instead, I remember learning about the Day of the Dead in Spanish class and seeing All Saints' Day on the calendar but never really understanding it. It wasn't until I was an adult that I remember talking and celebrating All Saints' Day. Reflecting on All Saints' Day, I offer my thanks to my paternal grandmother and maternal grandfather for taking me to church. My grandfather held my hand and dropped me off at Sunday school. My grandmother would sing and talk to me about the hymns. I had a couple of other saints in my life that influenced and nurtured my faith, but these two are the first to come to mind.

I had an opportunity recently to visit Izabel. I am proud of the adventure and the success she is having at college. Izabel shared that a friend we met while we lived in North Dakota took her out for supper. He told her that he wanted to take her back to Wahpeton so they could go to church there together. It warms my heart that she has that connection close when I cannot be there. Or that my close friend loves Izabel and that she drove two hours to go to Izabel's concert so that she would have a face in the crowd. These are saints that God brought into Izabel's life. Unfortunately, she may not know who they are at this stage of her life.

Izabel also told me one of the things that she misses from home is the church people. She misses the conversations and hugs on Sunday mornings, the hellos, and how are you when she sees everyone out and about. It is the interaction of people that Izabel knows who care about her, her saints. She said she didn't think about the connection at the time, but now that she doesn't have those, she misses them.

As I look around, I see the many saints that walk among us. They shape and mold us into who we are still striving to be. They lead by example. The little things they do every day are the most meaningful things people will remember. Listening to your stories of the wonderful saints, I did not have the honor of meeting. But, I heard love, dedication, and personal connection in these stories. The stories of those included in an event, the smile they shared when they met you at the door for Sunday school, or who had candy for the kids at church were the connection of the saints.

In today's fast pace, ever-changing, busy world, you need the village of saints to surround you. Help you realize that it is okay to be you just the way you are, to lend a hand when needed, or to show you the way when you are lost. Being a saint is about embracing the diverse relationships that God puts in your path.

The church and our faith are about relationships. Building relationships within our walls, outside the walls, the lost, the found, and everywhere in between. Be the saint when no one is looking because you never know who may see you.

Once I became a parent, I noticed more saints in my life. Because of the connections and relationships, I asked more seasoned parents questions like, what do I do (fill in the blank)? My child is doing this; what do I do? My child throws a fit about (fill in the blank); my child is dating; what do I do? My child left/will leave for college; how do I do this parenting thing now? If I didn't have relationships with fellow parents, I think Craig and I would have gone insane. So, to help save fellow parents' sanity, I invite all parents to come to Smith Alley on Sunday, November 13, at 5 pm to share a meal and hopefully a few laughs and stories and spark friendships. If you are in the stage of parenthood where childcare is needed, childcare will be provided at the church free of charge. Please RSVP to me (cj@sheridanfpc.church) for planning and reservation purposes by November 9. It will be a fun night of connecting with fellow First Presbyterian parents.



# Good News at FPC



Prakash Landis, Lucy Gerber, Carter Steidley, and Ethan Milne are members of the Sheridan High School Marching Band which received a superior rating at state in their first year returning to competitions. The SHS group was one of just four 4A schools to receive the top score.

Judi and Sig Palm are excited with the arrival of their first great grandchild! Arthur Torje Johannsen was born October 18.



Linnet McGoodwin's dogs, Sara and Sophie, competed in the Nosework Dog Trials recently. Sophie earned 3 Elementary Titles and 1 Novice Title. This was Sara's first year of competition and she had a 2nd place finish.



Did you know FPC's highway cleanup crew found a \$50 bill while cleaning roadways. They put the bill in the Sunday morning offering. Thank You!



# ***FPC in Action!***

Youth at The Bridge have recently learned about the days of creation.



About 41 people had a wonderful time at the Pumpkin Patch Party in October. Rides in the wagons, snacks, and so much fun gathering and picking out a special pumpkin or 2, or 3, or 4!





**Happy November from Presbyterian Women!**  
**Thanks for all you do and who you are in the body of Christ!**

We want to thank Leah Mentley, Physical Therapist, for her presentation on Women's Health. It was quite informative.

**Our Purpose**

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit we commit ourselves:

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- To support the mission of the church worldwide
- To work for justice and peace, and
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the Promise of God's kingdom.

All women of the church are Presbyterian Women. You are welcome to visit PW meetings, gatherings and Circles to see what it is like – you are always invited! Pray about it and see what the Lord reveals to you. If you can only attend sporadically – that is not a problem.

The Circles (small groups) gather on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Circle 1 gathers at 10:00 am in the Parlor

Circle 2 gathers at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Circle 3 gathers at noon in the Fellowship Hall (bring your own lunch)

The Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study for 2022-2023 is "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol Bechtel. In our fast paced lives, do we forget to rest, turn from seeking our own pleasure and Celebrate the Sabbath. Consider visiting one of our Circle studies to find out more.

PW collected ABC donations on October 14<sup>th</sup> for the "Everything Beautiful Thrift Store" in Lane Deer. Thank you to all of the folks who donated items, prayed, advertised or helped in any way! Thanks to the sorting crew: Sherry Laughton, Jeri Joy, Gloria Dierking, John Jackson, Gary Joy, Judi Palm, Elaine Roberts, Jean Morgen and Rhea Cooksey-Dixon. On Saturday we loaded the items in the van from Lane Deer. Thanks to the loading crew and those who brought hand trucks: Willis Busenitz, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Everything Beautiful Store; Randall Busenitz; Jean Morgen; Sherry and Gary Laughton; Jeri and Gary Joy; Elaine Roberts; Rhea Cooksey-Dixon and Judi Palm. We had a Dodge Ram cargo van stacked to the ceiling and almost full to the back doors. It was a blessing to see how much was donated! Praying that God will bless the gift and the giver.

The November PW Luncheon program will be an overview of our Camp Story Retreat. The program was called "A Cozy Mountain Lodge." We will be having some comfort food to go with the theme. There might be a skit and some fun activities! Looking forward to seeing you there! Bring a friend!

Bring new or very gently books for K-6 students to the church before the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. The Food Group will sort and wrap them for delivery as Christmas presents in December. Thanks to the folks who pack food bags for the Food Group! During Covid it came down to just a few First Presbyterian folks doing it and that has continued. Bless you for what you do!

The December PW Luncheon will include the Spectrum singing and dancing group from Sheridan High School performing at noon.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit., Romans 15:13

Keep a thankfulness journal and give thanks with a grateful heart!

Love and blessings from your sisters in Christ,  
Helen 673-1710 and Rhea 683-2362



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly Session meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### Noteworthy News--

- Communion is usually the first Sunday of the month, but in December there will be a cantata service lead by Ryan Landis on that day, and Pastor Karl will be on leave, so Session voted to move communion to the next Sunday, from Dec. 4 to Dec. 11.
- The Budget, Finance & Stewardship Committee asked Session to increase the Columbarium fee to \$1,000 per space. Currently the fee is \$425 for one person, \$850 for two people. The increase is for maintenance of the Columbarium and for the plaques, both new ones and replacing old ones that become weathered and worn. The new fee will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.
- The Personnel Committee announced three changes-- Mary Apple was hired for the 8 am worship service as organist and pianist; Ryan Landis has been named Music Director as he has assumed both the role of choir director and bell choir director; and Rod Fuller, who has been handling the duties of maintenance and grounds has also accepted the duty of custodian.
- The Worship Committee is proposing a different way of recruiting ushers for the 10:30 worship service by assigning each committee a month in which that committee will be responsible for finding ushers, either from their committee members or from the Congregation. Feel free to volunteer!
- There will be a Congregational meeting on November 13 for the purpose of electing elders.

Gary Joy, Clerk of Session

### The church office is open during these hours.

8 am - noon - Monday – Friday

Please call 672-1717 to leave a message.

office@sheridanfpc.church

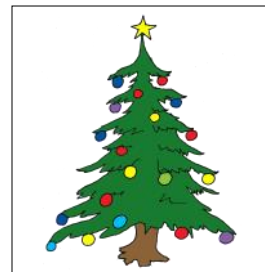
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## Creative Christmas Giving

If you are scratching your head, wondering what to give your family and friends this holiday season, consider the following gifts from the heart for those in need:

Fishing Net	\$15
A Family of Chickens	\$25
One Piglet	\$40
Educate a child	\$25
Farming Tools	\$10
Sapling Set	\$30



These life-giving Christmas ideas and many more can be purchased through the [Presbyterian Giving Catalog](#), available in the Narthex, or online at [presbyteriangifts.org](http://presbyteriangifts.org)

You can even create personalized e-cards or paper cards.

Mission Committee has kicked off the holiday season by purchasing gifts of the heart to honor long time Mission Committee member **Marion Reed**. Please join us in our best efforts to feed the hungry, comfort the broken hearted and share our faith.

We believe in the power of giving.

Your Mission Committee

Questions? Please feel free to contact Committee Elders: Rachel Mathews - Landis and Tina Ander-

### Financial Summary for 2022 thru the end of September.

#### Giving:

Actual Giving	\$256,344
Budgeted Giving	\$282,644
Difference	-\$26,300

#### Expenses:

Actual Expenses	\$256,717
Budgeted Expenses	\$280,676
Difference	-\$23,959

#### Net:

Actual Giving	\$256,344
Actual Expenses	\$256,717
Difference	- \$373

These numbers reflect that a few large annual donations received in January are divided by 12 and then added to each months actual giving.

*For their service to the church during the month of October, the Worship Committee would like to thank these faithful servants...*

**Musicians:** Miriam Nance, Ryan Landis, Mary Apple, FPC Choir Members, Carter Steidley

**Worship Leaders:** Tod Windsor, Gloria Dierking, Gary Joy, Beth Thurow, Eli Clem, Aiden Milne

**Ushers:** Tina Anderson & Mike Stoll, Gary Laughton, Gloria Dierking, Loren Ruttinger, Kim Wells, Catherine and Dave Engels

**Communion Prep:** Su Rappleye, Denise Mueller

**Audio/Visual Systems Operators:** Ted Knapp, CJ Clem, Eli Clem, Craig Clem, Gloria Dierking

**Coffee Sponsors:** Mission Committee, Pastor Karl & Kendra Heimback, Gary & Sherry Laughton, Ryan and Rachel Mathews - Landis



**Keep them in  
your prayers.**



**Ongoing Prayers:** Margie Elkins, Karen Townsend, Darlene McNair, Kathleen Shafer, Jerry & Myrna Saunders, Sig Palm, Leonard Hurst, Robert Ruttinger, Cathy Coggins-Allen, Annette Reed, and Roy Davis.

**Prayers for Healing:** Howie Fitzpatrick, Julie Bughner, Sandy Browne, Jae Satterlee, Jeannette Ruttinger, Bob Koester, Diana Miller, and Dick Birkholz.

**Prayers for our Mission Partners:** Union Presbyterian (Evanston) and our local Food Group

If you have prayer concerns that you would like shared, please call the church office at 672-1717.

**FPC Family Events**

**November 13**  
Parents' Night Out  
We will gather at SmithAlley at 5 pm. Need childcare? No worries, we got you covered. Childcare will be provided at the church (for free!). Please RSVP to CJ by Wednesday, November 9.

**December 11**  
Advent Afternoon  
Gather at 4 pm to share the Advent season through stories, crafts, and ideas to start Advent traditions. Join in an afternoon of fun, laughter, food, and memories!

**January 8**  
It's Epiphany!  
What is Epiphany? Join us at 4 pm while we explore what Epiphany is and why we celebrate it. Our exploration will include stories, activities, and imagination.

The church office will be closed  
Thursday and Friday,  
November 24 and 25th for the  
Thanksgiving Holiday!



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1 - Harvey Johnson, Jerilea Phillips  
Rachel Mathews-Landis,

November 2 - Melissa Rieger

November 3 - Louise Semino

November 6 - Julie Bugher, Dennis Ledgerwood

November 7 - Dennis Schreffler

November 10 - Tina Anderson

November 12 - Nickie Arney

November 13 - Jason Szewc

November 14 - William Graves

November 15 - Cheryl Madden

November 16 - Kevin Bailey, Jan Deaver,  
Robin Smith

November 17 - Mary Apple

November 19 - Jae Satterlee

November 21 - Ruby Szewc

November 25 - Craig Clem, Eli Clem,  
Todd Phillips

November 26 - Sandy Browne, Sig Palm

November 27 - Carley Motsick, Tod Windsor

November 29 - Jim Douglas, Jack Elliott



## Happy Anniversary!

November 5 - Bill & Phyllis Cunningham

November 11 - Tom & Miriam Nance

November 13 - Dennis & Lorrie Ledgerwood

November 23 - Gene & Becky Bard

November 25 - Dick & Sandy Birkholz,

Jerry & Myrna Saunders

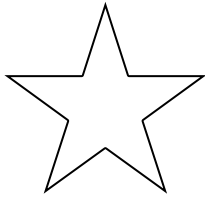
November 28 - Dennis & Karen Schreffler

## Youth Happenings

Youth Group meets once a month on the 3rd  
Sunday of each month from 4 to 5 pm.

This is an opportunity for the youth to  
explore their faith through unique activities  
and projects.





## Space Force

**Ryan Laughton** (Son of Gary & Sherry Laughton)

## Air Force

**Jason Browne** (Son of Sandy and Rick Browne)

**Bryce Williams** (Son of Mike and Teresa Williams)

**Brennan & Sydney Negrete** (Grandson & Granddaughter-in-law of Carol Maloy)

**Megan Price** (Granddaughter of Karen Fosher)

**Captain Rory Montgomery** (Great Nephew of Harvey & Linda Johnson)

**Brandon Fitzpatrick** (Son of Howie & Sandy Fitzpatrick, Grandson of Jim & Margaret Litle)

## National Guard

**Allen Price** (Son-in-law of Karen Fosher)

**Carsie Mitchell** (Grandson of Jim & Dianne Perry)

**George Johannesen** (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)

**Bendix Johannesen** (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)

## Navy & Navy Reserves

**William Ferries** (Son of Jane Buell)

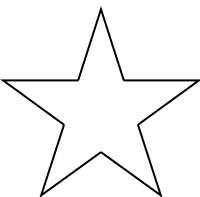
## Army & Army Reserves

**Ethan & Johnna Hall** (Grandson & granddaughter-in-law of Carol Maloy)

**Jacob Botten** (Son of Jon and Rene Botten, Grandson of Joan Botten)

**Jacek Aksamit** (Grandson of Mary & Larry Apple)

**Henry Johannesen** (Grandson of Sig and Judi Palm)



If you would like to have your loved-one in the military listed on this page, or if you would like to have their address printed in the newsletter, or their picture on our picture board, please give the information to the office.





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