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November 2020

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pre-packaged elements will be used in upcoming observances of Communion.



ALL SAINTS' DAY



We will observe All Saints Sunday, commemorating all those saints who have been called to life eternal this past year through prayers, liturgy, and special music. There will be an opportunity to come forward and light a candle to honor the memory of a loved one.

THORNWELL OFFERING

Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, South Carolina, has cared for abused, abandoned, and neglected children since 1875. Our annual offering for this ministry will be received on **Sunday, November 29**. Through the generosity of countless individuals and churches, Thornwell has been and continues to be a place of hope and healing for thousands of children.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY

Lessons & Carols

On Sunday morning, December 20, the Chancel Choir will be leading a Lessons and Carols program. The choir will be meeting each Wednesday beginning on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. In addition to these times there will be five extra rehearsals to prepare for the Lessons and Carols—November 15, 22, 29 at 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the choir room and December 6 and 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room.

If you would like to sing with the choir for this program please let me know and try to attend as many of the rehearsals as you can. Christmas and Music—what a beautiful marriage. So let's fill the choir loft as we recall the story of the birth of our Lord and Savior through the reading of God's word and through song. I look forward to hearing from you.

Raymond Tucker
Minister of Music

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 22, 2020

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

First Presbyterian is once again participating in this Thanksgiving Day meal along with First Baptist, St. Paul's Methodist, Cornerstone and several other churches in our area. There have been adjustments for this year but your opportunity to participate is even greater. St. Paul's and First Baptist are using their kitchens to do all the cooking. They have asked us to contribute some of the nonperishable foods that they will cook. Also included are thawed turkeys and desserts.

NONPERISHABLE items **MUST** be delivered to the table on the **RIGHT SIDE** of the gym in the **CENTRE** by **Sunday, NOVEMBER 15**. These include:

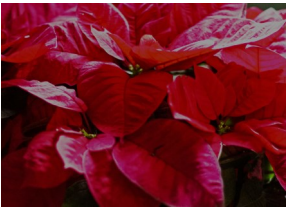
Extra large (6 lb.) cans of cut green beans (18 needed);
Jiffy Cornbread mix (24 boxes);
Chicken broth (25 quarts);
Yellow onions (10 Three lb. bags);
Light brown sugar (6 lbs.)
Small marshmallows (8 bags);
Elbow macaroni (10 large boxes).

Items to be in the Centre Kitchen on
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24:

Non perishable **DESSERTS** and
THAWED TURKEYS (8-10) delivered in aluminum pans with giblets in a zip lock bag and placed in the refrigerator.

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing any part of this list to help provide a meal for those who would otherwise do without. If you have any questions please contact Susan Smoak at 803-535-5926 or Chalmers Mikell at 803-536-1255. Thank you.

TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS



If you wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Advent Season, your order must be received by **Sunday, November 1**. Envelopes are

on the table in the narthex or information may be sent to the church office. *Orders cannot be accepted by telephone.* Poinsettias are \$15.00 each. (Please make checks payable to the church.)

COME HELP US DECORATE!

The church sanctuary and grounds will be decorated for Advent and Christmas on Monday, November 30, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us!



MEMORIALS

Given in Memory of

Nancy Frampton

Lu Richardson

Peggy Crocker

Given By

Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler
Bert and Julianne Shuler
Danny Fogle
Dr. and Mrs. David Gillespie

Saundra and Randy Smoak
Mrs. Frances Lytch
Jeanne Gue
Dr. and Mrs. Dawes Edwards

Martin and Janet Gilchrist
John Knox Class
Mr. and Mrs. Drake Perrow
Jimmy and Chris Walsh

Shelby and Delle Bolen
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilkes
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Patterson
Rex and Diane Johnson

Thanksgiving



We all know the fourth Thursday of November has been declared a national holiday for giving thanks. As Christians we are thankful each and every day all day long. All of us have so many things for which to praise and thank God. Primarily for His love, death, resurrection, grace, mercy and forgiveness. Take time now and fill in the blanks with 10 things for which you are thankful and don't list your family by names. Bet you can list many more.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Even in the midst of this pandemic we are blessed. We know God is in charge and never leaves us. Sometimes

we may get complacent and making a list helps us put the focus back on God. Hallelujah and Praise God!

As you know, we, here at First Presbyterian, started in person worship on September 13 and everything is going well. We are phasing in many other activities. The one I want to talk about is

Sunday School

which will be starting November 15, observing all safety protocols. We have included the session approved plan in the newsletter. Please read carefully and let's keep each other as safe as possible. ADULTS: please notice the time for the class will be 9:50-10:30 due to zoom component.

CHALLENGE: Go thru the alphabet beginning with the letter, "A" starting on November 1 and name at least one thing that starts with an "A" for which you are thankful. "B" would be November 2 and end with "Z" on November 26, Thanksgiving Day.

PRAYER:



Serving in thanksgiving together.

Kaye

Christian Education Coordinator

THANKSGIVING BOXES

We will provide Thanksgiving Boxes again this year to help those less fortunate in our community have a happy Thanksgiving.

We are once again asking you to donate the items to fill one or more boxes. Through your generosity, last year we were able to fill and distribute 135 boxes. Please find below the list of items for each box. Each box costs roughly \$50 to fill, depending on where you shop. The Evangelism Unit includes a gift certificate for \$20 in each box to be used to purchase a ham or a turkey.



We are changing procedures somewhat this year. Instead of a distribution where we deliver the boxes to the recipient's homes, we will have them pick up their box here at the Centre.

In order for this to work properly, **we need all donations completed by Wednesday, NOVEMBER 11th**. Once we have all donations, we will know how many of the requests we can honor and start the process of notifying those recipients that they can pick up their box at the Centre on Saturday, November 21st, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.

We are asking for volunteers to help with the pick up on Saturday, November 21st.

As in the past, if you are unable to purchase the items for the boxes, the committee will do the shopping for you. Make your check payable to the church with a designation to the Thanksgiving Box Ministry. You can turn it in to the church or give it to one of the committee members. **Remember to have your donation in by Wednesday, NOVEMBER 11th**.

There will be copies of the list of items to purchase in the McLees Gallery and in the Centre. There will be forms in the Centre that you can use for tax purposes to show your donation.

Thank you once again for your support.

Evangelism Unit
Thanksgiving Box Ministry
Elise and Gerald Myers—Co Chairs
803-682-3721

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| • Meat – 1 can (beef stew, Vienna, etc.) | • Jelly – 1 jar (plastic) |
| • Seafood – 2 cans (tuna, salmon, etc.) | • Dessert cookies (Oreo, Choc Chip, etc.) |
| • Vegetables – 2 cans (large) | • Crackers – 1 box (saltines, Ritz, cheese) |
| • Pork & beans – 1 large can | • Spaghetti sauce – 1 jar (plastic or can) |
| • Dried beans – 1 package | • Dry macaroni noodles – 1 medium box |
| • Soup – 1 large can | • Spaghetti noodles – 1 medium box |
| • Fruit – 2 cans | • Box meal (hamburger helper, etc.) |
| • Cranberry sauce – 1 can | • Rice – 2 lbs. bag |
| • Cooking oil – liter or quart | • Stuffing – 1 box |
| • Dessert – Jell-O, pudding, brownie mix, cake mix | • Sugar – 4 or 5 lbs. |
| • Evaporated milk – 1 large can | • Flour – 5 lbs. |
| • Cereal – 1 large box | • Salt – 1 box |
| • Grits – 2 lbs. (quick) | • Hot chocolate |
| • Peanut butter – 1 jar (plastic) | • Jiffy cornbread mix – 2 boxes |

Optional: a stuffed animal



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS IN PERSON ON NOVEMBER 15.

Many people have researched and discussed safety protocols and we ask for your cooperation. Please practice safety guidelines: wear a mask and physically distance including one person at a time in the bathrooms. We will have hand sanitizers, wipes and spray in each room and bathroom. Temperatures will be taken at entrances.

ADULT

We are excited and are looking forward to seeing everyone. We have not had in-person Sunday School in so long, we have planned for adult classes to meet together. This way we can continue to build relationships and grow together spiritually. This will be a time to also promote unity and fellowship. The class will meet in the gym where we can physically distance yet be together socially. Enter through front doors with temperatures being taken. Rev. Raymond Tucker has agreed to teach this class through December 13. He has chosen to teach the book of James. Our traditional birthday party for Jesus will be Dec. 20 with COVID safety modifications.

There will be a Zoom component to this class and we have a new free standing podium with speakers to enhance audio. **Due to Zoom component, this class will meet from 9:50-10:30.**

CHILDREN and YOUTH

We are delighted to once again have in person Sunday School and we are trying to make the environment as safe as possible. So please read carefully and follow the outlined protocol which is the result of extensive research. Suggestions are welcomed.

YOUTH and MIDDLE SCHOOL meet upstairs in the Centre; room will be divided. Use door nearest to the stairs to enter and exit. Temperatures will be taken and masks are required. Do not use front doors or elevator. If bathroom is needed, co-ordinate one person at a time.

ELEMENTARY. Use door to fellowship hall that is closest to playground. One family at a time. Parents will sign children in and ring the bell for Sunday School teacher to meet children, take temperature and then take to classroom. Parents should not go further than the table set up inside door with sign in sheets, bell and sanitizers. When picking children up, please ring bell and teacher will release your child. Everyone use bathroom closest to classroom following safety protocol. **People scheduled to teach also teach at OCTEC and public elementary school.**

PRESCHOOL and NURSERY. Use door to nursery wing which is nearest the playground and bathrooms closest to classroom. There will be a table set up just inside the door to the building. Parents, one family at a time, are to stop here, sign the child in and ring bell. The teacher will meet you, take temperatures and then take the child to classroom. PLEASE use this same door to pick up your child. Stop at the table and ring the bell to alert the teacher. **Parents: The person scheduled to teach is also teaching at USC.**

GENERAL FUND 2020

For month ending Sept. 30, 2020	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$39,293.96	\$338,084.49
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$51,280.87</u>	<u>\$296,088.65</u>
	< \$11,986.91 >	\$ 41,995.84

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Return Service Requested



NOVEMBER 2020

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01	James Shepherd	11/17	Aaron Bruner
11/02	Emma Cuttino	11/18	Faye Bull
11/04	Kim Wolfe		Carol Felder
11/05	Shirley Salley		Andy Trimmier
	Dean Flansburg	11/19	Virgil Simpson
11/07	Janet Brailsford		Wayne Lorick
11/08	Vivian Hutto	11/20	Ramsey Albergotti
	Lisa Boltin	11/21	Emily Shirer
	Joni Thackston	11/22	Billy Kelley
	Tripp Wingard		Robert Wall
	Erin Axson	11/23	Howard Shirer
11/09	Nancy Runager		Al Thomas Hughes
	Mary Margaret	11/25	Phyllis Wilson
	Dempsey		Kurt von Besser
11/11	Gale Riley	11/28	Lewis Lanier
11/13	Keith Byers		John Colston
	Jeffrey Axson		Strickland
	Maggie Hughes	11/29	George Ware
11/14	Emmaline		Evan Campbell
	Dangerfield		Abby Thackston
11/16	Annie Blair Davis	11/30	Catherine Cuttino

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you to the First Presbyterian Church family for your many acts of kindness during Jack's recent hospitalization and rehab. Your prayers, cards and calls were greatly appreciated.

Jack and Norma Shaffer

Dear Church Friends,

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind messages and cards during and after my recent surgery. I also appreciate the wonderful and delicious meals, which have sustained me in the past weeks. It has been a great comfort to know that you are praying for me. Thank you very much for your care and concern.

God's peace and love to all,
Nancy Nance