

November 2022



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Newsletter from First Presbyterian Church of Delaware

Worship Leaders

- Nov 06 Nikki Hogarth
- Nov 13 Dana Thacker
- Nov 20 Cathy Courtice
- Nov 27 Dick Thayer

Greeters

- Nov 06 Kent & Michele King (F)
Fred & Bunny Allen (B)
- Nov 13 Maharry Family (F)
Stroupe Family (B)
- Nov 20 Walter Family (F)
Mampe Family (B)
- Nov 27 The Flurys (F)
Bob & Nancy Rietz (B)

Upcoming Events

- Nov 06 Daylight Savings Time;
Consecration Sunday
- Nov 12 Youth Retreat @ Camp Akita
- Nov 13 Veterans' Breakfast @ 8am
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day
(Office Closed Nov. 25)
- Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent



From Our Pastor's Heart

Dear Friends,

First, I want to say thank you so much for the meals, cards, prayers, and visits. Brian is progressing well. It's tough, but he is doing it! After 12 days he is moving to a cane. Never thought I would say that!

On another important note, it is kick off time for our annual Stewardship Campaign. This is a very important event in our church life. Your financial pledges help us determine how we will continue and hopefully grow our ministries. This is the first year in over 10 years that we have experienced a 25% decline in our endowments, and this is due in part to the volatility of the stock market. In previous years, we have experienced generous returns which have allowed us to try new things and expand on our mission work. Now there is concern that these strong ministries may be in jeopardy.

So, we find ourselves in a tough spot. We want to maintain the integrity of the principle of our investments. Financially savvy people have assured me that if you wait the market will move in an upward direction. I am not a financial person. I am a person of faith who listens to those who know more than I do. I also believe that WE are the ministries of FPC. It is up to us to keep these important ministries afloat.

This church requires a staff to make things run smoothly. This church requires volunteer hours and financial support from you to make this all happen. We are the true church

November Acolytes

- Nov 06** Liam DeJaynes
- Nov 13** Abbi Cunningham
- Nov 20** Caity & Cody Stroupe
- Nov 27** Emily Walter & Shep Hogarth

Fellowship Events

Veteran's Breakfast

November 13th @ 8am

Calling all Veterans! Please join us for breakfast at **8:00AM** on **November 13th** in the Social Room. A traditional GI breakfast will be served. We will swap sea stories and Veterans will be honored during worship. Spouses are welcome too!

Please RSVP to Wenda or Dick Thayer and let us know if you plan to attend.

Babs Tull 90th

Birthday Party

Nov. 4, 6:30-8:30pm (Open mic 7:30pm)

Willow Brook Village, Terrace Room (Enter main building at door A or B, then use elevator to 3rd floor)

Cake, Coffee & Cider! Please send thoughts or remembrances to:

mchristytull@gmail.com or 667 Yaronia Driver S., Columbus, OH 43214

when our ministries intersect at the place of the needs of our neighbors. So, I ask you to consider how you might help us bridge this financial gap. We don't want to have to cut our mission work. I know we are all stretched due to inflation, and this a great challenge for all of us.

We have set a lofty goal for our Stewardship Campaign of \$300,000. At first glance this seems like a tall order, however we can do anything. With God, all things are possible. As members and friends of FPC we are called to pray about what our part is in God's work at FPC. We need to pray and trust that God will help us with this lofty goal. I strongly believe that the solution begins with us.

Therefore, I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider how you and your family can financially support the work of FPC. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this most important matter.

Peace,
Pastor Deb

Laundry Love

Dear Laundry Love Friends and Family,

Laundry Love is moving back to IN-PERSON starting in November. We can't wait to be face-to-face with our guests again. The relationships that we built through this ministry have withstood the challenges of COVID- but we are ready to be together again! This means WE NEED YOU! We are calling all volunteers to get this ministry back up and running! **We will have a Laundry Love Meeting on Sunday October 30th @ 11:30AM following worship.** Snacks and Refreshments will be provided. If you are able to come- please do!!

Here are the Laundry Love dates for 2022- In Person @ Super Wash and Tan:

Monday, November 14th 5-8PM

Monday, November 28th 5-8PM

Monday, December 12th 5-8PM

Monday, December 26th 5-8PM

Please call Nikki for questions! No RSVP required for the information meeting, just come and jump in!



Ornaments

The beautiful new First Presbyterian Christmas ornament has arrived! The Membership Committee will begin selling them every Sunday beginning November 6th. A committee member will be in the Social Room following worship. The price is \$11, cash or check made out to First Presbyterian.

An ornament will be available to see during Coffee Time for the next 2 weeks. We know you will love them!

Handbell Workshop

On Sunday, November 20, 1pm-5pm @ New Beginnings UMC, the handbell choir will be participating in a handbell workshop led by Stephen Smith. This event will take the place of the annual handbell festival.

Chimes Return

Maddy Herzog has organized a varying group of children to play the chimes marking the beginning of the service. It is an opportunity for the children to contribute to the service music, and to learn about the challenges and rewards of making music together.

If you know any children who might enjoy the experience, please encourage them to let Maddy know, and speak to Maddy about their possible interest.

Kitchen Ministry

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and the Kitchen Ministry plans on doing Thanksgiving in a Bag again this year. In the next couple of weeks you will be getting information on how you can help us provide Thanksgiving meals to people in need in our community. Last year we passed out over 100 bags that contained everything a family would need to make a Thanksgiving feast. With your help we hope to do over 100 bags this year. Stay tuned for more information soon!

Pipe Organ Project

For many years –decades actually– the organ has had a significant flaw: its pitch is far below standard. (No one knows exactly why). As a consequence, many instruments, especially those that cannot be readily tuned (such as a piano, or handbells for example), cannot be adjusted to harmonize with the organ. Since we want to be able to play instruments like the piano or handbells with the organ (many pieces are written for those combinations), the organ must be re-set to standard pitch. The Session recently has approved proceeding with the necessary work.

All modern instruments can adjust their pitch slightly: they can be tuned. The length and complexity of the tuning process can vary greatly. Why? A violin can be tuned in a few minutes by the player, a piano in about an hour by a technician, and a small pipe organ like ours in about half a day by two or three technicians. Just as a violinist adjusts the tension on each of the four strings to get her instrument in tune, the piano tuner must adjust each of the 230 strings on conventional piano, and the organ technicians must adjust each and every pipe to tune an organ. But instead of 4 strings, or 230 strings, our Blanchard organ has 1,371 pipes.

A regular tuning of the Blanchard organ takes several hours and costs hundreds of dollars, which is one reason it's tuned just twice a year. Re-setting the organ to standard pitch, however, will be much more difficult and time-consuming than the usual tuning process. It will require significant adjustments, like cutting some pipes. It will probably take a week, and will cost as much as \$8,000. Fortunately, thanks to generous donors, the funding is available to correct the organ's pitch, and Peebles-Herzog, the organ company that has been maintaining the organ since about 2000, has been contracted to do that work. They promise to complete it before Easter.

Your Library

Look for a special new book in the church library: **Glory in the Margins: Sunday Poems** by Nikki Grimes. Jennifer Thacker recommended it for our library. It's delightful. Grimes is a NY Times bestselling author and poet.

She writes, *"I know there is always glory to be found in the margins because of the Lord's presence in, and with us. As Poet Laureate of my Grace Brethren Church in Southern California, it's my job to distill the heart of the weekly sermon into a poem."* She looks for *"the glory to be found in the margins of life."*

Trustees

Heard a presentation from Joe Musser regarding correcting the organ pitch. Referred to Session.

Still working through lightning damage issues.

Exterior windows cleaning estimate accepted.

Accepted contract for snow removal.

Tree trimming scheduled for mid-November.

Trustee Fall Workday to be scheduled soon.

Deacons

"Gratitude is one of the most powerful human emotions. Once expressed, it changes attitude, brightens outlook and broadens our perspective."- GK

May we give God our thanks for all the blessings we enjoy.

Reclaiming the Meaning of Stewardship

Two men were marooned on an island. One man paced back and forth worried and scared while the other man sat back and was sunning himself. The first man said to the second man, "Aren't you afraid we are about to die?" "No," said the second man, "I make \$10,000 a week and tithe faithfully to my church. It's Stewardship Month at my church. My pastor will find me."

In many, if not most churches, stewardship is pretty much synonymous with giving. That one-dimensional view of stewardship is neither appropriate nor biblical.

The concept of stewardship comes to us from the days of castles and realms in England. The lord lived in his castle in the middle of the realm. He owned everything: land, farms, forests, buildings, commerce, and so on. The lord's steward lived nearby and managed everything that belonged to the lord, but didn't own anything himself. The steward managed the crops, labor force, taxes, banking, commerce and the lord's other interests. The steward was the "asset manager" for the lord. So, in the early 1600s when the translators of the King James Bible needed a word to describe how God wants believers to handle his creation, the idea of stewards and stewardship was a natural fit.

Thus, the big shift in our thinking when we become Christians is that God, as Creator, has absolute right of ownership over all things and we are His caretakers. If we don't have that imprinted on our hearts, we won't grasp the biblical concept of stewardship. In the very beginning, God gave Adam and Eve "dominion" (stewardship) over creation, and that hasn't changed. That's the assignment God has given us, and it's quite a task.

More often than not, when we think of good stewardship, we think of how we manage our finances and our faithfulness in paying God's tithes and offerings. But as we're beginning to see, it's much more than that. In fact, it's more than just the management of our time, our possessions, our environment, or our health. Stewardship is our obedient witness to God's sovereignty. It's what motivates followers of Christ to move into action, doing deeds that manifest their belief in Him.

Stewardship defines our practical obedience in the administration of everything under our control, everything entrusted to us. It is the consecration of one's self and possessions to God's service. Stewardship acknowledges in practice that we do not have the right of control over ourselves or our property - God has that control. It means as stewards of God we are managers of that which belongs to God, and we are under His constant authority as we administer His affairs. Faithful stewardship means that we fully

Session

Doug Buck joined the Session meeting and gave a financial report.

Dana Thacker was in attendance and shared that a draft budget for next year will be in place for the next meeting. Also, Stewardship campaign is approaching.

Session voted to change Taylor Smith's title to Media Specialist and approved the Director of Family and Outreach job description.

Session voted to hire Dr. Lisa Withrow to work as a consultant on a renewal and reconnection plan.

Session approved to repair/retune the organ to A440 pitch. This will allow accompaniment with other instruments. Funds will be taken from Peebles Memorial Organ Fund.

Christmas Caroling will be held on Dec. 18, 2022.

Session approved to hold one Christmas Eve Service with prelude starting at 5:30 and service at 6:00.

A Christmas party will be held on Dec. 10, 2022 at Andrew's House.

Address Change

Scott Anstaett has moved to Sarah Moore in assisted living.

He's in Room #306 in the new North wing.

acknowledge we are not our own but belong to Christ, the Lord, who gave Himself for us.

The ultimate question, then, is this: Am I the lord of my life, or is Christ the Lord of my life? In essence, stewardship expresses our total obedience to God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

FPC Year to Date Sep. 2022 Summary

Total revenues continue to be at budgeted expectations and are approximately equal to prior year results for this point in the year. Operating expenses are slightly lower than planned, but have increased approximately \$30,000 over prior year due to the opening of the church after the pandemic and increases in budgeted spending. Discretionary giving has increased approximately \$15,000 over prior year due to growth in missions projects.

To meet operating expenses and discretionary spending, withdrawals from Endowment have increased approximately \$50,000 over prior year. Year-to-date the total Endowment is down \$1,051k (34.5%), which includes approximately \$250k to support operations, PMP repairs and specific missions, and \$800k in market losses.

Year-to-Date Sept Actual Operating Results (\$)

Revenues	185,699
Operating Expenses	322,341
Discretionary Giving	<u>30,350</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	(166,965)
Transfer from Endowment	<u>167,000</u>
NET INCOME	35

Presbees

Presbees will meet Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at noon in the Social Room for a luncheon and presentation by our own Peggy Hawse on SourcePoint. There will be a charge to offset the cost of the meal.

Reservations are required by end-of-day Sunday, Nov. 13th, to Peggy or Chuck Stringham, 740-834-9025 or 740-816-0295 or email casnpeg@msn.com.

In Sympathy

We send our condolences to Elaine and Michael Nortman on the loss of Elaine's sister, Ann Wilson.

Please pray for Emily Hinton and Family. Emily lost her father, John, in early October.

Prayers for Matt Walls and Family on the loss of Becky Krause, a very special aunt.

We send our condolences to Peggy Hawse and Family on the loss of her nephew, Steve Majewski.

Birthdays

- Nov 01 Nancy Johe, Kit Gordon
- Nov 04 John McNeal
- Nov 05 Richard Smith (99), Cathy Courtice, Christopher D'Arcangelo
- Nov 07 Barb Tull (90), Susi Lehtomaa
- Nov 09 Becky Fair, Logan Franklin
- Nov 10 Floyd Griffith (94), Melissa Curtis
- Nov 12 Amy Jo Sommers, Lisa Macri
- Nov 14 Madelynn Macri
- Nov 15 Robin Cochran
- Nov 16 Alison Miller, Cate Artemus
- Nov 17 Virginia Griffith (94)
- Nov 19 Claudia Macri
- Nov 22 Elizabeth Cory (89)
- Nov 23 Drew Niemi
- Nov 25 Jeanne Wasil, Eileen Wesley
- Nov 27 Gloria Easterday
- Nov 29 Mary Gray

Anniversaries

- Nov 02 Phil & Vicky Grubbs (48)
- Nov 04 Joseph & Emily Walter (27)
- Nov 06 Todd & Alejandra Miller (18)
- Nov 19 Wenda & Roger Smith (39)

Advent Study Begins Nov. 7th & 9th

An adult study looking at the birth of Jesus from the perspective of each of the four gospels begins Nov. 7th and Nov. 9th. We will be discussing Magrey deVega's book, "Awaiting the Already". Used copies of the book may be purchased from Amazon.com starting at \$6.00. Christianbooks.com has new copies including large print versions for \$12-\$15.00.

Participants may attend either the Monday evening class from 7-8 pm or the Wednesday morning class from 9-10am in the church library. The Wednesday class will also be available via Zoom. If you are unable to participate in one of the classes, consider reading the book on your own as an advent devotional. Please register for class with Peggy Stringham, 740-834-9025 or email @casnpeg@msn.com.

Hayes Singers @ FPC Dec. 4th

We are pleased to announce that the Hayes Singers, under the direction of Dara Gillis, will provide the choral music for the service on Dec. 4th, the Second Sunday of Advent, as they did last year. The Hayes Singers, part of the music program at Delaware Hayes High School, will sing much of the service music, leading the congregation in the hymns and liturgical responses. In addition they will sing anthems appropriate for Advent. The Hayes Singers traditionally are very busy performing for numerous occasions and groups during the Christmas season, so we are fortunate that they will participate in and enrich our service on Dec. 4th.

Thank You

I do not have enough words to thank all of you for your love and support during this difficult time. The cards, flowers, messages and food have been overwhelming. I feel blessed to have such a wonderful and loving church family.

Love, Emily Hinton


I'm still enjoying the broadcast of the service. Thank you so much! (I realize it is extra work.)

From Dianne Almendinger

Thank you for donating to the Unity Community Center! We appreciate you!

From Natalie Wilson & Team

November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 6:30pm - Deacons	2 10am - Meditation 6:30pm - Bells 7:30pm - Choir 7pm Fellowship	3 6pm - Finance 6pm - Trustees	4 6:30pm Babs Tull 90th Birthday Party @ WB Village	5 A REMINDER <i>It's Fall Back</i> SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th @ 2:00 AM
6 Consecration Sunday 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - HR	7 6pm - Scouts 6:30pm - W&M 7pm - Advent Study	8 7pm - Session	9 9am - Advent Study 10am - Meditation 6:30pm - Bells 7:30pm - Choir	10	11 	12 10am - Blue Grass Group Fall Youth Retreat @ Camp Akita
13 8am - Veterans Breakfast 10am - Worship Service 5pm - Free Carry Out Meal	14 5pm - Laundry Love 6pm - Scouts 7pm - Advent Study	15	16 9am - Advent Study 10am - Meditation 10am - Membership 12pm - Presbees 6:30pm - Bells 7:30pm - Choir	17 7pm - Abigail Circle 7pm - DEI	18	19
20 Communion Newsletter Deadline 9:30am - Kids Chimes 10am - Worship Service 3:30pm - Presbytery	21 6pm - Scouts 7pm - Advent Study	22 10am - Gathering @ WB Del	23 9am - Advent Study 10am - Meditation	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	25 Office Closed	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am - Kids Chimes 10am - Worship Service	28 5pm - Laundry Love 6pm - Scouts 7pm - Advent Study	29	30 9am - Advent Study 10am - Meditation 6:30pm - Bells 7:30pm - Choir	1	2	3