



First Presbyterian News

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What are your expectations of God and what responsibilities do you have towards God?

Our response reflects the nature of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Some individuals believe they deserve something from God and, as a result, frequently grumble when their expectations are not met. These are the ones who are always dissatisfied and consistently discover something to complain about.

Conversely, there are individuals with an attitude of gratitude. They recognize that God doesn't owe them anything and appreciate even the smallest blessings as gifts from God's grace. They believe that everything God does for them deserves heartfelt praise and thankfulness.

Let's pause and consider our life journey thus far, asking ourselves: "Is there anything I can claim I truly deserve?" As Jesus was walking to a place called Jerusalem, he passed through an area between two regions, Samaria and Galilee. Along the way, he reached a village. In that village, there were ten people who had a sickness called leprosy. They saw Jesus coming from a distance. Because people were scared of catching the sickness, those with skin diseases had to stay away from others and tell anyone who was coming too close to them. They were social outcasts, never permitted to be part of the community.

Can you imagine what it must have been like for them to see Jesus approaching? What emotions do you think they experienced at that moment?

They shouted to Him, "**Jesus, please help us, be kind to us!**" They were in such desperation, asking for His help and healing. When Jesus saw them, He said, "**Go and show yourselves to the priests.**" According to the book of Leviticus (Leviticus 13:2), people with leprosy had to be examined by a priest to see if they were clean or unclean. Upon receiving Jesus' instruction, they followed it, and on their way, they recognized that they had been cleansed.

If you were one of the lepers and experienced a sudden healing, how do you think you would react? What would be your immediate response?

Out of the ten lepers, one returned to Jesus, knelt down, and with a loud voice, praised God and expressed his gratitude. According to Luke, this person was a Samaritan. As you may know, in the time of Jesus, Samaritans were often overlooked by the Jewish people. This one was the only one who returned to Jesus to express his gratitude. Then Jesus asked, "**Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?**" It appears that the other nine lepers were likely Jewish, and Jesus was indeed surprised by their lack of gratitude.

Feeling thankful is not enough; we must express our gratitude through our words and actions, or it's as if we're not grateful at all.

When was the last time you genuinely expressed your gratitude to the Lord for a particular blessing or event in your life? How did you demonstrate your gratitude during that moment?

Let's delve deeper into this and consider: When was the most recent occasion when we conveyed our gratitude to our family and friends who've stood by us? Have we taken any actions to demonstrate our appreciation for their support and affection?

As November arrives and Thanksgiving draws near, it's an opportune time to reflect on how we can express our gratitude. Let's consider the ways we can show our appreciation for the blessings and people in our lives, as we prepare to celebrate this season of thanks.

Let's make a list of the blessings from God and appreciate how others have made our lives better. Embrace November with a heart full of gratitude.

Happy Thanksgiving FPC Family and Friends!

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



Presbyterian Women Circles

Each Circle meets once a month—Elizabeth is on the 3rd Monday of each month, contact Mary Ann Dentino for more details. Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month, contact Teresa Primmer for more details. A list of dates and times can be found on the church bulletin board. If you find yourself free, you are very welcome to join us.

Vendor/Bake Sale

Vendor/Bake sale is in full speed ahead. October 28th at 10 a.m. is our noodle making morning. Tuesday, November 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. is our cheeseballs and soup making day.

I will be sending some of you emails to remind you about some favorite cookies that we really hope you make again. Whatever you made last year was great, it was a big hit. Feel free to increase your quantities by a dozen, that's perfectly up to you. A few of you will be asked to make one batch of cookies for our customer across the street at Riverside. We do this a couple weeks after the sale, Judy Green will be speaking to you personally. Remember to share our vendor/bake sale information with everyone you know—invite friends, family, and coworkers. Table set up will be November 5th in Fellowship Hall. All strong people are welcome! PW thanks you in advance for all your help with this event.



Judy Green

Upper Room News

Please remember that when you donate items, be sure to check them to make sure that they are in good working order and free of dirt, stains, or tears.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make the Upper Room the best it can be! The next work day is set for **November 15th from 10 a.m. until Noon**. If you have an hour to share, your helping hands will be put to work. Thank you!

Thank you to those that donate to the food cart every week. This month, we delivered 41 lbs. of food. Typically, the food pantry will serve 60-75 households every week.

Canned items, rice, pastas, and cereal are staples on every cart. Toiletry items always welcomed and needed.

* Nothing perishable and please watch for expiration dates.

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Alliance of Care**



Thanksgiving Baskets

Our congregation will be delivering 16 Thanksgiving baskets to folks that may not have a Thanksgiving dinner. The baskets will be delivered on November 12th, which is a week earlier than last year. This will give them plenty of time to get their Turkey and have it thawed out in time for the oven on Thanksgiving Day. To fill the baskets, you will find a list of the items needed below.

There will be a box for your items in the CE Lobby. Donations are always accepted and we can shop for you. Please bring all basket items no later than November 10th. Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Thanksgiving Basket Items

3 cans of green beans
 Fried onion rings
 Mushroom soup
 Cranberry sauce
 2 bags or boxes Turkey stuffing
 Can of sweet potatoes
 Large box of mashed potatoes
 Jar or can of Turkey gravy



Mission Committee

Baby Bundle Needs

We are in need of newborn sized girl outfits and onesies. We are completely out! We always need heavier blankets. Goodwill has raised their prices, and we can't afford to buy as many. Once Upon a Child is a great place to find bargains as well. As always, make sure they are stain free and in excellent condition. Thanks so much!

Chris and Lynett



Prayer Shawl

Prayer shawl ministries is now making Pray pockets. There are patterns in the small dining room by the prayer shawl book. They will be given out to those who already have received a prayer shawl. If you quilt, we would love for you to make a prayer pocket as well. The pockets have a cross on the front and the back is plain. If you can't do any of the above, donations of yarn would be greatly appreciated. 4 to 5 skeins per color is best. There will be a demonstration on how to crochet them soon. There are samples in the Small dining room. These bring comfort and peace to all who receive them.

Thank you for all your help and blessings to all!

Judy Sulak, Prayer Shawl chair



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Church Officers and Committees**Session:***Clerk of Session:* Teresa Primmer*Christian Education:* Darlene Seufert*Facilities/Operations:* Chuck Wukovits*Finance:* John Rice, treasurer*Mission:* Mary Ann Dentino*Personnel:* Mary Watt*Worship and Music:* Judy Sulak**Board of Deacons:***Moderator:* Lynett Heritz

Bill Bellairs, Angela Bellinger, Jenn Frey,

Teresa Primmer, Jim Stanz

Book Club: Judy Green**Newsletter:** Katie Robertson**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz**PW:** Moderators—Chris Wukovits and

Judy Green

Special Gifts:**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE****November... Mary Ann****December... Judy G./Carole****Please Send information for the December/January Newsletter****to Katie Robertson by November 17th.****fpcmishawaka@gmail.com****Thank you!****Book Club**Book Club: **November 19th** at 2:00 p.m is *"I Swear: Politics Is Messier Than My Minivan"* by Katie Porter. Host, Judy Green
Leader, Teresa PrimmerBook Club: **December 17th** at 2:00 p.m. is *Christmas in Tinsel Tree Village: A Holiday Novella* by Wade Rouse. Host, Teresa Primmer
Leader.,

Thanks, Judy Green

**Worship & Music**

Greetings from worship and music,

Autumn is so colorful and crisp and harvest is being picked and preserved for the colder months of winter. Apples, apple cider, and pumpkins are in abundance. I hope you taking time to enjoy the fall colors and the crisp, cool air the season brings.

November is busy. We have All Saint's Day. Do you have a loved one you would like to have remembered? Please send the office the names and information of your loved ones who have gone ahead of us this past year. Saint Andrew's day is at the end of the month. Len Sailor will be playing the bagpipes. We need someone to carry the banner and Beadle, as well as someone to read the Old Scots Benediction and the Old Scottish version of the 23rd Psalm. Please contact me or the church office.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as ushers. Contact me or the office. We have a very caring church.

Be a blessing to all you meet today and every day!

Blessings to all!

Worship & Music team

**The Remembrance of First Presbyterian Church Saints for 2023**

Cory—January 22, 2023 (Grandson of Anna Bowers)

Ron Hough—March 26, 2023

John Meengs—May 10, 2023

Betty Tschida—June 21, 2023 (Mother of David Tschida)

*All Saints Day
Remembrance*All Saint's Day Remembrances List from Special Gifts

Deacons Christmas Shopping, Gail McLean; Camper sponsorship to Geneva Center, Claudia Riggs and Lucille Wallis

Worship 10 am



November



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Cookie Monster Day 	3	4
5 <i>Communion</i> All Saints Day Greeter.. Usher.. Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chuck Wukovits PW meeting after worship	6 National Nachos Day  <small>shutterstock . 1170595108</small>	7 Bake sale work night 6-8 p.m.	8 National Cappuccino Day 	9	10 Set up for Bake Sale starting 8 a.m. Items for T-giving baskets needed	11 Bake Sale from 9-2 Veterans Day 
12 Greeter.. Usher..Carole Polk, Michael Green W.L. Dyan Phillips Deacon's Meeting after worship T-giving baskets delivered	13	14	15 Upper Room work day 10-Noon	16	17 QoV 9-2	18 Mickey Mouse's Birthday 
19 Greeter.. Usher..Michael Green W.L. Alan Camren	20	21	22	23	24 T-GIVING <i>Office closed</i> 	25
26 St. Andrew's Day Greeter.. Usher..Ryan Frey W.L. Judy Sulak Session meeting after worship	27	28	29	30		