

For the month of November, we will be collecting cold cereal for FISH!



Seneca Session is Back this November

Jake Clark will be hosting a series of short talks entitled “Seneca Sessions” to support Native American Heritage Month. Join us in our lounge on November 8th “Love your Neighbor”, November 15th “Care for Creation”, and November 22nd “The Harms of Native Mascots” at 8:45am. FPCEA is located at 9 Paine St. with a parking lot accessible off Main Street. All are welcome to these peaceful gatherings. Nya:wëh.



Bazaar Time is Upon Us!

The Bazaar (sponsored by Presbyterian Women) is coming November 14, 2026 from 9-2. We will gladly accept your donations of household goods, decorations, toys, tools, and knick-knacks. Please box your clean donations. All clothing should be donated to the clothing bin in the parking lot. We do NOT take electronics!! We will have room for some small furniture. (this can be delivered 11/8-11/12.)

Set up will be the week of 11/8. We usually work from 9-12, and then in the afternoon. Helpers will be needed for the set up. Lunch (soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink) will be served from 11-1. There will be a bake sale table.



Our Stewardship campaign is off to a great start! Our goal is \$200,000 and our current total is \$180,804! If you haven’t returned your pledge card, please do so! Thank you!

November Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

- Judith Beebe

Carl Beyer

Matt Bindig

Marielle Burt
- Eleanor Byer

Julia Clark

Kylie Guppenberger

John Hamms
- Luke Krieger

Macie Majchrzak

Barrett More

Emily Seifert
- Jackson Suckow

Sue Thornley

Join us for worship Sundays at 10am, in person or on Facebook!
The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month.

The Chimes

Calendar

Advent Decorating: Nov 22, 11am

Al Anon: Nov 5, 12, 19, 10am

Book Club:
Nov 5, 6:30pm @ Natemeg Farm

Back Row Boys:
Nov 4, 9am @ The Iron Kettle

Bible Study:
Nov 4, 11, 10am

Christian Education:
Nov 16 , 6:30pm

Deacons:
Nov 24, 7pm

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
Nov 3, 10, 11, 17, 24, 10:30am
Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, 4:30pm

Session:
Nov 9, 6pm

Worship Committee:
Nov 15 , 11am

We hope you have a wonderful holiday!
We are so thankful for all of you!



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PW Woman of the Year



Congratulations to Colleen Carlson, PW’s Woman of the Year! Thank you for all your service to our church and community, Colleen!

Matt Black Concert

Matthew Black is back! Joinus on Sunday, November 8th as he brings his beautiful music to FPCEA! Matt will be participating in service with us in the morning, and at 4pm he will perform a concert for us, followed by dinner. Join us!



In the Halloween Spirit!



FPCEA is ready for spooky season! Thank you to those who took the time to decorate!



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Christian Education Update

Thanksgiving Time!!.... a great time to remember all the things FPCEA CE has to be thankful for:

- The CE Committee has workshopped a couple of pending items:**
- o The Confirmation Prep class format is solidified. This Sunday School class is designed for 7thgrade youth and up. It is a discussion formatted lesson that helps youth investigate questions related to their spiritual journey.
 - o A date for the next Confirmation Class has not been set. CE and Pastor Jesse will be working to identify the best time and format for a confirmation program.
 - o The monthly schedule for the 3-6 grade class has changed. They will have class all Sundays except for the 3rd Sunday of the month so that they can participate in the “alternate service” being offered this year. The new schedule starts this November. (“Music with Brad” will still take place on the 1st Sunday of the month for pK-2.)

Bible Study:
We are currently in the middle of a study of Proverbs, “The Wisdom Way of Life”. This study runs from September through the end of December. Class is 10am in the Lounge on Wednesdays excluding November 18th and 25th. All are welcome.

Teachers and Assistants:
As always CE celebrates the amazing volunteers, children and youth that make this program a strong mission of the church. Please consider volunteering as a teacher or assistant. It is seriously fun and rewarding to teach. You learn so much about the children and youth of FPCEA as well as developing a deeper connection with the Sunday School Assistants. FPCEA is truly blessed!

Youth Group:
Natalie Hernandez and Pastor Jesse are organizing the Youth Group Adventures. Youth group welcomes all youth of FPCEA and their friends, grade 5 through grade 12. This year the program will feature opportunities for full group activities, younger youth activities and older youth activities. Stay tuned for the calendar which should be available very soon. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jesse (pastor@fpcea.org).
November will feature potential “pop-up” moments along with a possible mission experience. Stay tuned.

Upcoming Events:
November 1st – “Music with Brad” pK-2
November 4th – Bible Study “Walking Straight” Proverbs 4:20-27
November 8th – Monthly Confirmation Prep Class in the Youth Room
November 11th – Bible Study “Choosing Your Delights” Proverbs 5:1-23
November 15th – “Alternative Service” 3-6

A Note from the Pastor!

November is an interesting month, theology-wise. We’ll begin the month celebrating All Saints Day on November 1. We’ll remember those who we have lost this past year as well as those we’ve lost over our lifetimes. We’ll light candles to symbolize that their presence remains with us, and we still hold them “in the light.” We give thanks to God that we have so blessed to have so many wonderful people in our lives – parents, children, grandparents, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, friends, coworkers, even pets. Saying goodbye is always hard, but as Tennyson proclaimed – “It’s better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all.”

Then, we’ll offer our gratitude to God for all the many blessings in our lives on Sunday, November 22 – it’s Thanksgiving, after all!. We’ll praise God for the endless ways we are cared for, the ways we are loved and guided, the ways we are shored up during hard times, the many ways we experience the abundance and joy of living. Indeed, all we have and all we are is because of God’s grace. When we focus on all that we have to be thankful for, we find that our storehouses are amazingly full.

Finally, on the last Sunday of the month – November 29 – we’ll kick off the holy season of Advent. Advent is a time of holy expectation. As we look towards, Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus was born into the world and he will come again. Christ is our hope all the days of our lives.
These three holy days reveal much to us about the nature of God – that we are loved profoundly, that death is not the end of our journey, and that God is a living God who is still very active in creation.

As the days and weeks race by, let us continue to gather for worship (and in other ways) so that our faith would be strengthened for the many ups and downs of living. Worship helps us open our eyes to the presence of God in our lives; we have so many reasons to be thankful and so many reasons for hope. Thanks be to God!

-Jesse



Advent Season is Upon Us!

Join us on Sunday, November 22 to decorate the sanctuary and church for advent. Many hands make light work, and then everyone can get home in time for the Bills game at 1pm! Pizza and refreshments will be served! Please join us!