

First Presbyterian Church
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November

2018



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 Rev. Matthew Froeschle

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Administrative Assistant
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Youth Director
 Toby Montgomery

Music
 Scott Hines

Church Custodian
 Rick Plummer

Sunday Worship

Adult Bible Study
 8:30 a.m.

Worship Service
 9:30 a.m.

Children's Church
 9:45 a.m.

(after Children's Chat)

*Childcare provided

Wednesday

LOGOS

5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Special Events

Church Bazaar
 Nov. 3rd
 7:00 a.m.-noon

Polling Place
 General Election
 Nov. 6th
 6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Church Thanksgiving
 Dinner
 Nov. 18th
 11:00 a.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive
 Nov. 26th
 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

From the Pastor

Rev. Matthew D. Froeschle

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

-Ephesians 1:13-17 (NRSV)

To know Christ and to make Him known - this is at the heart of the church's mission and ministry. After all, why call ourselves "Christian" if we are not centered in the life, death, and ministry of Jesus Christ? What makes our faith unique among the religions of the world is that at the heart of our faith is a relationship - a personal friendship with the Word - the author of life.

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6) He didn't say, "I'll **TEACH** you the way, the truth, and the life," He said "I **AM** the way, the truth, and the life." Truth is found in relationship with Jesus, not just in a book.

When the apostle Paul wrote his letter (we call it "Ephesians") to the church two millennia ago, he was expressing his desires in a prayer for the church - that they would rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit (a "deposit" guaranteeing their inheritance of eternal life) and that they would be given wisdom and revelation **SO THEY COULD KNOW CHRIST BETTER.**

The more our relationship with Jesus deepens, the more our own desires will change. No more will we be striving to be "living out our religious principles," we will be joyfully growing more alike in character and passion to our best friend and Savior Jesus.

See the difference? One method (the religious method) is "ME-focused," concentrating on what I should and shouldn't be doing. The other method is love-based, and relationship-focused. The glory and focus is on Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of faith.

As a pastor, what I want you to know is just how good and wonderful Jesus is. I want you to be in a deep and deepening relationship with the Word - the Word who became flesh. As that relationship develops, it enriches ALL your other relationships - personal and professional. And then you discover your priorities changing - and your love confirmed by charitable *actions*.

We will make a difference. The church has power and agency to transform the world. But **ONLY** inasmuch as it is connected to its source - Jesus Christ.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Amen. Oh church, I pray that you will know Jesus even better by the end of this month than you do right now, at the beginning of November.

Yours in Christ's love,

Pastor Matthew



Thursday, November 1

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 3

Holiday Bazaar
7:00 a.m.-noon

Sunday, November 4

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
New Members Class 10:45 a.m.
Mission Stitches 2:00 p.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6

General Election Polling Place
6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Worship Committee 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 7

Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Membership Committee 10:00 a.m.
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 8

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 11

Veterans Day
Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m.
Youth Group 5:00 p.m.

Monday November 12

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, November 13

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Sarah Circle 10:30 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Personnel Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Priscilla Circle 7:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14

Stewardship & Finance 1:15 p.m.
B & G 2:15 p.m.
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 15

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 18

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Thanksgiving Dinner
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20

PEO 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Quadrangle Book Club 1:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 21

NO LOGOS

Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 25

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.

Monday, November 26

Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Deacons 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Session 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28

LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 29

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.



Thanksgiving Dinner

You all are invited to delicious Thanksgiving Dinner at the First Presbyterian Church, Mattoon Fellowship hall on November 18 at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up in the Narthex or call Cherry by 11-9-18, to reserve a spot at our tables.



PW will be hosting a craft/bake sale on November 3rd 7:00 a.m.-noon Those interested in donating their creations, contact any of the PW board members.



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Now is the time to start thinking about Christmas Shoeboxes!! Please consider sharing the love of Jesus with a poor child by filling a shoebox with toys, books, crayons, puzzles, hygiene items, (no chocolate - no glass bottles - no violent toys). There is a more detailed list of items to include with the boxes. If you have questions, please ask Sue Gathmann (217-254-3487) or a member of the Mission Committee. Empty shoeboxes are in the narthex. We need the shoeboxes back by November 11th.



Voting for the 2018 General Election will be held here
Tuesday,
November 6, 2018
6:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.



First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Blood Drive on
Monday, November 26th
2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.



Kemmerer Village is having a Christmas raffle for a set of Christmas stoneware dishes. These were donated to the village to help raise money for the Children's Christmas.

**“We can build a Snowman”
Christmas Stoneware Set**

Set includes:

12 Dinner Plates	2 Decorative Trivets
12 Salad Plates	Salt and Pepper Shakers
4 Dessert Plates	Creamer and Sugar Bowl
12 Coffee Mugs	2 Bread Baskets (7" and 9")
8 Footed Mugs	Kitchen Tool Set (Pitcher/4 wooden utensils)
8 16 oz. Water Glasses	Extra Kitchen Tool Set Pitcher
4 9" Serving Bowls	Cookie Jar
1 14" Meat Platter	Juice Container
	3 Glass Storage Bowls w/lids

Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Even if you don't want or need these dishes this is an easy way to support the village. I will have tickets with me after worship and every Sunday. Until Nov. 11th. Elsie Carter

The Quilt of Valor is finished. It will be sent to Donna Guzy in St. Joseph, IL. where it will be put together and machine quilted. From there it goes to the regional office in Marshall, IL and will be sent to a hospital in Germany. When a soldier leaves the hospital, each is given a quilt. Susan Montgomery, Renee Fuller and Elsie Carter put the top together.

Sarah Circle will meet at 10:30 on Tuesday morning, November 13th, in the church parlor. We are continuing our video Bible study by Max Lucado as he explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4:4-8. Karen Stone will have devotions and Diane Coen will lead the discussion. Anyone interested in being a part of this Bible study is invited to attend. Contact Mary-Nance Miller for more information.

Priscilla Circle will meet Tuesday November 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Beaver, 1112 Lafayette Ave. Alice Jeisy will give devotions, and Suellen Dunlap will lead the Bible Study. Please read chapter 7 in your study book "Cloud of Witnesses". The Thank Offering will be taken at this meeting. New members are always welcome. If you need a ride or have any questions. Call Alice Jeisy at 644-2625

First Presbyterian Church

Head Usher List for November

November 4

Haiden Wickline

November 11

Bobbie & Frank Kingery

November 18

Terry & Joyce Seldomridge

November 25

Pam Montgomery



Food pantry items are being gathered.

Please keep the food coming
to help those in need.

Food may be left in a box in the
Narthex

November: Instant Potatoes



Keep saving the Box Tops for
Education
for

Kemmerer Village.

Place them in the box in the
Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to all who save them.



2nd

Brandie McDaniel

6th

Luke Keller

13th

Sam Wood

14th

Laura Glenn

16th

Joe McKenzie
Robert Riggert

17th

David Cline
Layken Maulding

20th

Lorrie Gagnon

21st

Jerry McRoberts
Dave Woodyard

23rd

Joyce Moore
Sheri Grant

26th

Roy Druin

28th

Lee Bollinger

29th

Linda Wilson
Sue Armstrong
Alaina Nolte

30th

Karen Willaredt



Continued prayers

For those having treatments for medical conditions:

Catherine Beachy
Kathy Beaver
Jean Beard
Earl Bennett
Joan Dickens
Evelyn Furry
Jo & Harlan Heller
Jeremiah Parker
Dorothy Phillips
Betty & Bob Miller
Betty Martin
Elnor Oliver
Ed Wright
The Barta family

For all those who are serving in Armed Forces, including:

Matt Gathmann
Kyle & Kelly Martin



November 16

Charles & Andrea Keller

November 26

David & Sue McDowell

November 27

Edward & Marilyn Royse

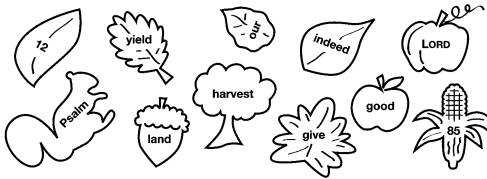


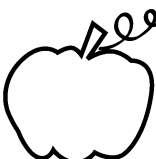
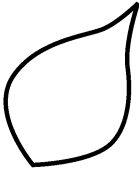
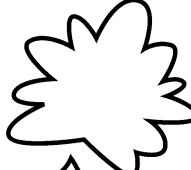





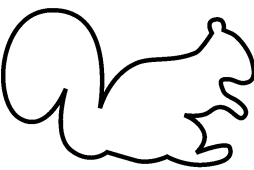
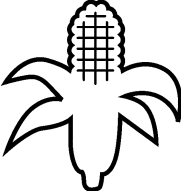

PUZZLE

HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



“The  will  
 what is , and 
 will  its .”
  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV



**ATTENTION!
 Parents and
 Grandparents
 of College Students!**

We will I again be sending final exam care packages to all our college students. We need current addresses so that these can be delivered in time for final exams. So, if you have or know of a college student, please get their current address to me—
 Sue Gathmann 254-3487
 or to the church office
 234-6722 by
 November 11th.



Snow Alert

Winter Weather Hotline... If you happen to find a winter wonderland on Sunday morning and are concerned or wondering if there will be church services.... our contact person is **Paul Daily** or tune in to **WMCI 101.3** on the radio. Paul will be in contact with Rev. Froeschle and a determination will be made regarding the weather and our services. Paul's number is: 234-9667 or 232-9667.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends
 November 4, 2018.**

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Return Service Requested

THE FIRST ALERT

