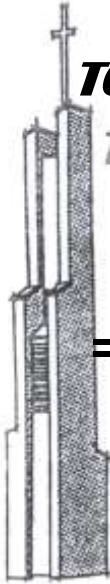


First Presbyterian Church

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TOWER TOPICS

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LANCE LOVEALL, Pastor

DATED MATERIAL

November 1, 2018



Join us on Sunday, November 11th at 6:00 pm for an Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. All ages are welcome!

Operation Christmas Child collection week is November 12th – 19th.

Boxes can be dropped off at the following times:

Mon, Nov. 12th – 6-8 pm

Tues, Nov. 13th – 6-8 pm

Wed, Nov. 14th – 6-8 pm

Thurs, Nov. 15th – 5-7 pm

Fri, Nov. 16th – 5-7 pm

Sat, Nov. 17th – 1-5 pm

Sun, Nov. 18th – 1-5 pm

Mon, Nov. 19th – 4-6 pm



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pictured to the right is a sample of a communion token. From about 1560 to up into the 20th century, communion tokens were used in Reformed churches as a way "to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Table." Pastors and elders would go out to the members of the church to discuss with them their faith, their knowledge of the Scriptures and doctrine, their spiritual practices, and their piety and moral behavior. Once they were convinced that the parishioner was serious about his/her faith, knowledgeable about the Scriptures and doctrine of the church, and of sound moral character, the minister or elder would issue them a communion token. On Sunday when it was time to go forward for the sacrament, only those with tokens were allowed access. This seems harsh to us, but it was an important part of the early Reformed Church's understanding of communion and the preparation it took to partake of the sacrament. You had to take your faith seriously to be allowed such grace.



In the Digging Deeper class we discussed how some in the group had preparations to make on Saturday for the upcoming Sabbath day. Chores needed to be pre-done if possible, food prepared, the house and yard cleaned for the Lord's day. This was necessary because the Sabbath day would be spent at church for the most part. Our discussion became about ways that we either prepare or fail to prepare for worship.

Many people come to church looking to "get something out of" worship. The communion token idea is that you prepare and put something into worship. What you get out of worship is overshadowed by the more important concept of what I put into worship.

Do we prepare for worship? Do we spend time getting ready to worship God? Matthew 5:23-24 says: Therefore if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift...." Roman Catholics are to go to confession before Mass on Sunday. Do we prepare in any way for meeting our Lord in Word and Sacrament on Sunday morning? Do we consider what we say and do during the week as preparation for worship on Sunday? Do we make life-long learning a part of our preparation for worship on Sunday?

Reformation Day was October 28th which got me thinking about communion tokens and how we prepare for communion. Though almost no churches use tokens these days because of the exclusionary element of them, we have also lost our understanding that just as we prepare to give a concert, practice a sport for competition, or rehearse a play for performance, worship is something we do (not something done for us or at us) and as such something for which we need to prepare. How do you prepare for worship with your week?

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Treasurer's Report:

General Operating Fund

Beginning Balance	9/1/2018	\$36,560.89
Receipts		\$28,551.37
Disbursements		<u>\$29,851.76</u>
Ending Balance	9/30/2018	<u>\$35,260.50</u>

Building Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance	9/1/2018	\$56,161.08
Receipts		\$ 94.30
Disbursements		\$ 0.00
Interest		<u>\$ 4.30</u>
Ending Balance	9/30/2018	<u>\$56,259.68</u>

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;

Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism, and service;

Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.

We welcome all to our community of faith.

IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT

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## **SHALOM SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

On October 2, 2018, volunteers from our church served 63 adults and 18 children at the 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue location of the Soup Kitchen. (There is also a satellite location at a local church) The soup was made by Chefs John Infante and Tana Baldwin. Many thanks from the customers and second helpings were requested.

Our church does not serve at Soup Kitchen in November, as another group is scheduled. Our next date to serve is Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet for making soup, cupcakes, sandwiches and serving will be in the Narthex.

**Our next Deacon's meeting is Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

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SNOWMAN MITTEN COLLECTION

The Deacons will be collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for school age children in our community through January. The snowman is located in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Frost.

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| <b><u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u></b> |     |
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| October 7                        | 133 |
| October 14                       | 95  |
| October 21                       | 132 |
| October 28                       | 141 |
| Sunday Average                   | 125 |

## DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### NOVEMBER 2018

- Nov 1** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; Isa. 26:1-4,8-9,12-13; Rev. 21:9-11; Matt. 5:1-12
- Nov 2** – Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; Nahun 2:13-3:7; Rev. 13:1-10; Luke 12:13-31
- Nov 3** - Psalm 63, 149, 117, 139; Nah. 3:8-19; Rev. 13:11-18; Luke 12:32-48
- Nov 4** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; Zeph. 1:1-6; 1 Cor. 12:27-13:13; Matt. 18:21-35
- Nov 5** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Zeph. 1:7-13; Rev. 14:1-13; Luke 12:49-59
- Nov 6** - Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; Zeph. 1:14-18; Rev. 14:14-15:8; Luke 13:1-9
- Nov 7** - Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; Zeph. 2:1-15; Rev. 16:1-11; Luke 13:10-17
- Nov 8** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; Zeph. 3:1-7; Rev. 16:12-21; Luke 13:18-30
- Nov 9** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; Zeph. 3:8-13; Rev. 17:1-18; Luke 13:31-35
- Nov 10** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Zeph. 3:14-20; Rev. 18:1-14; Luke 14:1-11
- Nov 11** - Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; Joel 1:1-13; 1 Cor. 14:1-12; Matt. 20:1-16
- Nov 12** – Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; Joel 1:15-2:2; Rev. 18:15-24; Luke 14:12-24
- Nov 13** – Psalm 123, 146,30, 86; Joel 2:3-11; Rev. 19:1-10; Luke 14:25-35
- Nov 14** – Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; Joel 2:12-19; Rev. 19:11-21; Luke 15:1-10
- Nov 15** – Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; Joel 2:21-27; James 1:1-15; Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
- Nov 16** – Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; Joel 2:28-3:8; James 1:16-27; Luke 16:1-9
- Nov 17** - Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; Joel 3:9-17; James 2:1-13; Luke 16:10-17
- Nov 18** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; Hab. 1:1-4, 12-2:1; Phil. 3:13-4:1; Matt. 23:13-24
- Nov 19** – Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; Hab. 2:1-4, 9-20; James 2:14-26; Luke 16:19-31
- Nov 20** - Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; Hab. 3:1-10, 16-18; James 3:1-12; Luke 17:1-10
- Nov 21** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Mal. 1:1, 6-14; James 3:13-4:12; Luke 17:11-19
- Nov 22** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Mal. 2:1-16; James 4:13-5:6; Luke 17:20-37
- Nov 23** - Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Mal. 3:1-12; James 5:7-12; Luke 18:1-8
- Nov 24** - Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; Mal. 3:13-4:6; James 5:13-20; Luke 18:9-14
- Nov 25** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; Zech. 9:9-16; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Matt. 21:1-13
- Nov 26** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; Zech. 10:1-12; Gal. 6:1-10; Luke 18:15-30
- Nov 27** – Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; Zech. 11:4-17; 1 Cor. 3:10-23; Luke 18:31-43
- Nov 28** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; Zech. 12:1-10; Eph. 1:3-14; Luke 19:1-10
- Nov 29** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; Zech. 13:1-9; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 19:11-27
- Nov 30** – Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; Zech. 14:1-11; Rom. 15:7-13; Luke 19:28-40

## **JAM MINISTRY LOOKING UP (AND ONWARD)**

The Jam Ministry has not come to a sticky end! We continue to make jams available and you continue to donate to the **3M: Move Madagascar's Mountain Project**. One large donation and a good response to the fall jams of apple and pear butter have meant that we have passed the \$4,000 mark – and are pressing on. That word “pressing” brings back images of the hours spent putting fruit through the food mill – pushing that handle round and round to obtain the smooth apple or pear sauce to be cooked down to the spicy buttery spread just like what your mother or grandmother used to make.

We are so blessed to have access to fruit and vegetables produced locally or easily available from nearby stores, access to safe running water in our homes, access to healthcare (though not for all people), and to a system of education (with all its flaws) that is open to all children. The people of Madagascar are not so fortunate. That is why the PC(USA) supports the attempts of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM for short) to provide help with agriculture, clean water, healthcare, and schools.

Heckler, the mission co-worker we have been planning to help return to work on upgrading the church schools in Madagascar has had to extend her leave in the USA because of ill-health. However, her Malagasy associate is continuing her work organizing the gradual retraining of teachers using Experience Based Method Instruction (EMBI), and that work has born fruit (not jam, though!). Doug Tilton, mission co-worker responsible for PC(USA) outreach in much of southern Africa, including Madagascar, wrote the following in an e-mail to me about meeting officials of the FJKM earlier in the year:

*“They shared with us glowing reports on the performance of the learners in the classes where EBMI teaching methods have been demonstrated to date, noting that scores on national exams have jumped dramatically, going from the 60% range to the 90-95% range in these classes.”*

*“They signaled their commitment to integrating EBMI teaching methods into the FJKM schools to the greatest extent feasible. It seems at this stage that the cost of retraining all existing teachers would be prohibitive. However, they are exploring ways to roll out the methods gradually, as opportunities present. The most encouraging sign was that they have agreed that the EBMI initiative should no longer be a demonstration sponsored by the PCUSA, but it should be integrated into the usual budget of the Schools Department. They are also eager to begin incorporating the method into the training of new teachers at the FJKM's teacher training college. That was very good news to us.”*

Our gifts through our **3-M Project** will continue to support this work.



FJKM school for some . . .



No school for others

## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Join Fireside Friends as we honor veterans who reside at the Dayton Residence Center and those from our church family who also served in the armed services Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. For further information contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio.

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SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will NOT meet in November. Also, please note that we will meet one week earlier than normal in December – December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 4th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

VETERAN'S DAY

November 11th is Veteran's Day in the U.S. It is a day to thank those who have served their country. The following is a list of men and women from our congregation who have served in the Armed Services. Thank you!

Anderson,	Gary	Air Force
*Anderson,	Henry	Air Force
*Anderson,	Sheldon K.	Air Force
*Andrews,	Jerrold Sr.	Navy
*Andrews,	John R.	Army
Azuma,	Steven	Navy
Barnes,	Scott	Navy
*Becker,	Arnold W.	Army
*Billen,	Raymond	Army
*Billingsley,	Henry	National Guard
*Burger,	LeRoy Stephen	Air Force
*Callan,	Mr. Francis E.	Navy
*Chapman,	Ralph O.	Army
*Christiansen,	Rev. Donald G.	Air Force
*Dreher,	Steve	Army
*Dykshoorn,	Wim	A.F. (Netherlands)
*Eaton,	Virgil	Navy
*Eaves,	Howard T.	Army
*Ferguson,	David Oswald P.	Army (British)
*Foreman,	Bernard F.	Army
*Frederick,	Alan	Navy
Frieman,	Bryan	Army
*Frieman,	Henry H.	Army
*Fromm,	William S.	Navy
*Fuller,	George W.	Army
*Goodwin,	John W.	Navy
*Griffin,	Richard	Army
*Hansen,	Carl Peter	Army
*Hanson,	Clifford O.	National Guard
*Hanson,	Dale	Army
*Hauter,	Rev. Jean Pierre	Army
*Higgins,	Rollin L.	Army
*Holseth,	James	Army
*Houston,	R. Robert	Air Force
Ingraham,	Royce	Coast Guard

*Irvine,	Russell K.	Army
*Jankowski,	Alex	Army
*Johnson,	Clarence (Kelly)	Army
*Joling,	Robert Bob J. "J.D."	Air Force
*Jorgenson,	George	Army
*Joslin,	Joseph D Jr.	Army
*Keuck,	Edward A.	Army
*Kosman,	Walter	Merchant Marine
*Kronholm,	William	Air Force
*Lang,	Eldon	Air Force
Leicht,	Charles	Army
*Lemmen,	Dallas A.	Army
*Levering,	Willis R.	Army
*Lindquist,	Louis T	Army
*Lundin,	Edwin C.	Army
*Mackey,	Thomas T.	Navy
*Madison,	Louis A.	Army
*Martelle,	Joseph Richard	Navy
*McGibany,	Carl	Army
*McGibany,	Wayne	Army
*Miracle,	Herbert	Army
Misamore,	William	Army
*Mueller,	Dean L.	Army
*Murray,	George B.	Army
*Ogilvie,	Varde S.	Army
*Patterson,	Ellwood	Army
Peterson,	Clifton	Navy
*Phillips,	Philip William (Bill)	Army (Canada)
*Piehl,	George William	Army
Piehl,	Harold	Marines
*Piehl,	Warren	Marines
*Plew,	Donald H.	Army
Pottorff,	Krist	Navy
*Powell,	Margaret	Army
Prager,	William	Navy
*Pynaker,	John S.	Army
*Ray,	Paul C.	Army
Riley,	Gery	Marines
*Roders,	Joseph G.	Marines
*Seal,	Benjamin C.	Army

*Seals,	William	Army
Schiller,	Edward	Army
Spottswood,	Paul	Army
*Stamm,	Ray E.	Army
*Steinseifer,	Werner	Army
*Stevenson,	Herschel	Army
*Stone,	Harold	Navy
*Swonek,	Arthur Andrew	Navy
*Taube,	Harvey H.	Army
*Thomas,	Thomas W.	Army
*Thompson,	George William	Army
*Thoney,	Clarence A.	Air Force
*Van Caster,	Richard	Navy
*Van Caster,	William L. Sr.	Air Force
Van Dahm,	Thomas	Army
*West,	Robert	Army
*White,	Ray B.	Navy
*Williams,	Dr. Frank C. Jr.	Navy
*Winters,	Arnold	Navy
*Wolff,	Richard Lee	Air Force
*Zumann,	Marcus	Navy

*indicates deceased

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## **THANK YOU**

To all my church friends at First Presbyterian,  
 First I want to thank Pastor Lance for doing such a nice service for Billy. I appreciate it greatly. Second, thank you all who have been sending cards to me for so long. They really do help! I also want to thank all who sent cards or attended Bill's memorial service on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. It meant so much to all of us.

---Maureen Klopstein and Family

## **TEAM TANNENBAUM TIME!**

All ages are welcome to participate in this community outreach event. Team Tannenbaum is a church-wide mission project that brings a bit of Christmas joy to individuals and families by providing them with a decorated Christmas tree. Please attend any or all of the preparation dates listed below to experience Team Tannenbaum!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **November 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday at 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

First inventory of Christmas trees, lights, and decorations  
Pizza will be served

#### **November 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

Second inventory to begin packaging of Christmas trees with decorations for tree delivery

#### **November 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Final inventory of all Christmas trees for delivery  
Pizza will be served

#### **December 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday**

Delivery of all Christmas trees to scheduled facilities/homes (all participants in the tree delivery program will be pre-notified of locations and times)

\* Sign-up sheets posted in Fellowship Hall

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MARINERS MEETING

The Mariners Annual planning meeting, Election of Officers and Potluck will be Held Sunday November 18th at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The Port Watch will bring the Main dish. Starboard should bring a side dish and the Aft watch can bring dessert. If anyone is interested in finding out exactly what the Mariner Group is all about, please come and join us. For more info, please call Dorothy Thompson at 262-942-1442.

PARISH NURSE NOTES

October has flown by, and we are fast approaching setting our clocks back an hour, early darkness, colder temperatures, and Thanksgiving. November is known as the “transition month” as we move from autumn into winter. For some of us, it is the beginning of our winter “hibernation” and staying put inside the house. I would suggest that we might use these days as a time of introspection and making a point of focusing on the good things in our lives. Spend some time thinking of others, too. Sending out a “thinking of you” card with a short note can make a world of difference for someone, especially if that person is dealing with a loss, a personal problem or loneliness. Give it a try!

Time for some more sleep information (again thanks to National Geographic magazine from August).

- Aristotle wrote an essay about sleep (“On Sleep and Sleeplessness”) way back around 350 B.C. The questions he raised remained unanswered for 2,300 years. Only in the past few decades, with the invention of the EEG and other imaging machines, have scientists become closer to understanding the brain’s inner workings...and everything learned emphasizes the importance of sleep to our mental and physical health.
- It was long thought that our brains were less active when we sleep. We now know that they are just differently active. As we fall asleep, our brain stays active and fires up its editing processes—deciding which memories to keep and which ones to toss.
- We have about 86 billion neurons that form the World Wide Web of the brain. When we are awake, they form a sort of jostling crowd, communicating via electrical and chemical signals. As we fall asleep, the brain turns inward, with the neurons firing more evenly and rhythmically. Sensory receptors are muffled, and we fall asleep. This is Stage 1, our most shallow stage of sleep. We are easily awakened, and often some aspects of our waking thinking become incorporated into our sleepiness. This stage lasts only about 5 minutes, and then we enter Stage 2....stay tuned for more about this important stage next month! In the meantime, aim for 7-8 hours of sleep every night.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 13, for the mini blood drive here at church from 2-7 p.m.!

Good health to all! Blessings,



November Birthdays

- 4thBrenda Langerman
- 17thEdward Schiller
- 18thRalph Kamphuis
- 20thNathan Brandes
- 22ndLance Loveall
-Natalie Ingraham
- Emma Conran
- 23rdRon Meinhardt
- 25thNancy Vogelmann
-Arnold Brodjeski
- 28thJerome Hufendick
- 29thGrace Houston

DEACONS

Tana Baldwin, Lori Barnes, Sherry Craig, Jane Frost, Lisa Hawley, Penny Ingraham*, Brenda Langerman, Nancy McGovern, Carole Serpe



ANNIVERSARIES November

- 7thArnold & Lynda Brodjeski
- 10thLisa & LaMoyne Hawley
- 26thMary Jane & Bill Misamore

SESSION

- Gary Anderson (Fellowship, Memorial)
- Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel*, Nominating*)
- Scott Barnes (Building & Grounds)
- Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education*, Mission*)
- Mark Bourque (Building & Grounds*)
- Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds, Nominating)
- Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance*)
- Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel, Memorial)
- Shari Infante (Fellowship*, Mission, Memorial)
- Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music*)
- Bill Misamore (Stewardship & Finance)
- Leslie Pottorff (Mission, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)

() indicates committee assignments; *indicates Team Leaders



NOVEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE



Head Usher: Jourene Frederick

November 4th

N. Door Greeter: Penny Ingraham
Greeters: Barb Grund
Reader: Sandy Billingsley
Sound System: Todd Kotten
Counters: Pat Koesser
Nancy McGovern
Nursery Helper: Jane Frost
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

November 18th

N. Door Greeter: Jane Frost
Greeters: Pat Hanson
Reader: Markie Peroutka
Sound System: Todd Kotten
Counters: Pat Koesser
Nancy McGovern
Nursery Helper: Tana Baldwin
Fellowship Host: Fireside Friends

November 11th

N. Door Greeter: Sherry Craig
Greeters: Jennifer Hamin
Reader: John Infante
Sound System: Jerry Jones
Counters: Pat Koesser
Nancy McGovern
Nursery Helper: Karen Edenhofer
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

November 25th

N. Door Greeter: Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Robert & Susan Hanson
Reader: Volunteer Needed
Sound System: Don Mandry
Counters: Pat Koesser
Volunteer Needed
Nursery Helper: Mandy Bergeson
Fellowship Host: Mariners

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

