



From the Pastor

Come You Thankful People, Come

“O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever.”

Psalm 136:1

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because it is an opportunity to particularly reflect upon the ways God has provided for us and our lives during the past year. It is an opportunity to say thank you to God and to one another for our relationships, for our material and other blessings, and to give or give back as we are able out of our gratitude.

In addition to my thanksgiving for my health, for my spouse, for my family and friends, for a roof over my head and food to eat, I am thankful for having had the opportunity to serve with you in mission and ministry this past year.

I am thankful to serve with our wonderful staff – Linda Rose, Dorothy, Gabe, Melissa, Ralph and Lila.

I am thankful to serve with our Ruling Elders serving on Session – Susan, Dorothy, Carol, Rich, Mike, Dale, Georgia, and Bev, and for the many and varied ways they lead and serve.

I am thankful to serve with Laura as she leads us in our Welcoming Table ministry.

I am thankful for members willing to serve on the Yoked Designated Pastor Nominating Committee – Susan, Rich, Georgia, and Dorothy and for the service they have begun toward identifying the pastor God is calling to serve with our two churches.

I am thankful for our band and choir members leading us in song and praise each Sunday morning.

And I am thankful for each and every member and friend who worships, participates and shares in our mission and ministry together, jumping in when and as you see a need and are able.

See you in worship, at the Welcoming Table dinners, and around the church, as we continue serving together during this time of ministry transition!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Marilyn

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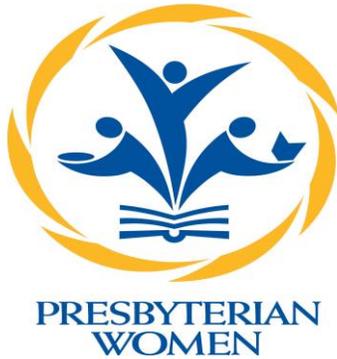


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Dates to remember



Saturday, November 3

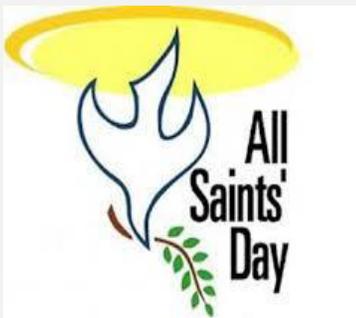
Neighbors United Undoing Racism (NUUR)
Harvest Dinner at First Presbyterian Church, Union
 Pot Luck Dinner at 4 p.m.
 NUUR will provide roast turkey
 Bring a side dish or a dessert
 All are welcome

November 6

Presbyterian Women are hosting a brunch
Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 All are cordially invited - no charge
 Program presented by Church Women United
 Speaker: Mary Albert, with information on the
Maplewood Sanctuary Church

Worshiping and serving God, loving and accepting all

Special All Saints' Sunday Worship November 4, 2018



Join us Sunday, November 4 when our worship with communion service will include an opportunity to remember and honor the lives of loved ones and members now enjoying their eternal rest at home with God.

During what we are calling the "Time of Remembrance with Thanksgiving for the Lives of Our Loved Ones and Cloud of Witnesses" everyone who chooses to participate will have the opportunity to come forward and take a post-it leaf, write and speak the name of the person or persons you are remembering today, and place the leaf or leaves on our "Tree of Eternal Life" to commemorate the lives of their dear ones.

Sunday Morning Worship for November

November 4 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday – Communion – "Tree of Eternal Life" Time of Remembrance – "Remembering Our Cloud of Witnesses" from Hebrews 12:1-3

November 11 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost/Veterans Day – Time of Thanks to Veterans – "Living Our Loyalty" from Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

November 18 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost/Thanksgiving Sunday – Food Collection for Second Blessings – "Waiting in the Wings of Tomorrow" from 1 Samuel 1:4-20

November 25 – Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday – "Reigning Forever and Ever" from Revelation 1:4b-8



Fellowship List for November | **Usher List for November**

Nov 4	Carole & Dutch Hutchinson	Nov 4	Bonnie Woodruff, Barb Vancil
Nov 11	Jackie Jany, Bev Stobie	Nov 11	Rich & Leighann Hoekel
Nov 18	Bonnie Wooruff, Barb Vancil	Nov 18	Carol & Myron Gruber
Nov 25	Violet Lansford, Karen Calvin	Nov 25	Ralph & Dinah Sudholt

If you are not able to fulfill your assigned Sunday, please ask another member to take your placed and let the secretary know of the change. Thank you



CROP Walk

The Franklin County CROP Walk and Rock-A-Thon received donations of \$5,576. Church Women United, who sponsored these events would like to thank all who participated in these events.

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship November 18, 2018

Join us Sunday, November 18 when we will observe Thanksgiving in our morning worship service, including singing thanksgiving hymns and receiving and dedicating a special thanksgiving collection of food and financial gifts for the Second Blessings Food Pantry housed in our church.

The list of items needed are on page 5 of this newsletter.



Preparations for Advent and Christmas

Your help is needed with the Preparations of the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on November 25th following the worship Service. The Christmas Tree will be decorated, and the window decorations will be placed. Everyone is invited to help with these preparations, and we will have refreshments afterword's.



Special 100th Anniversary Veterans Day Worship November 11, 2018

Join us Sunday, November 11 when our worship will include an opportunity to honor our members and participants who are and who have served in any branch of our nation's armed services. Veterans are invited to wear their uniforms as part of our plans to recognize and thank them for their service.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of what is now called Veterans Day. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Our Yoked Designated Pastor Nominating Committee Members

During called congregational meetings at each of our two churches the following members and alternates were elected to serve on our Yoked Designated Pastor Nominating Committee:

Pacific

Jim Guinther
Marianne Perez
Karen Whitlock

Alternates:

Becky Reed
Kathi Risenhoover

Union

Susan Buchanan
Rich Hoekel
Georgia Paulus

Alternate:

Dorothy Clarkson

Thanks to each of you for accepting God's calling to serve!

Please keep the members of our Yoked DPNC in your prayers as they begin their work getting organized and writing the Yoked Ministry Information Form that will represent the ministries of our two churches to prospective pastors. Once the Yoked MIF has been approved by both Sessions and the Presbytery's Pastoral Transitions Team Commission it will be posted to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Church Leadership Connection system for matching with prospective pastors and for prospective pastors to view and consider applying to serve with us as our next pastor.

First Presbyterian Church will be observing a “Share Your Abundance” on **Nov. 11 and Nov. 18** during our celebration of Thanksgiving time.

We ask you to bring an offering of food to share with the Second Blessings Food Pantry. There will also be envelopes available for a monetary donation if you prefer.

Below is a list of items that Second Blessings Pantry needs:

- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Canned fruit
- Jelly
- Canned carrots
- Canned Mixed Veggies, and Misc. veggies, i.e. Spinach
- Instant Potatoes
- Boxed Sided dishes such as Hamburger or Tuna helper
- Bags of Beans or Rice

Please place the items on the table at the front of the sanctuary for a special Blessing during the Worship Service on November 18.

Thank you for your donations.

November 2018

First Presbyterian Church
Union, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm– 3:30pm	2	3 Presbytery Gathering Set your clocks back!
4 All Saints Sunday U-Kirk Dinner 7-9 pm	5	6 CWU Brunch/Program 9:30-11 am The Welcoming Table - Zion UCC Serving 6:00 PM	7	8 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm– 3:30pm	9 Yoked DPNC 6:30 p.m. at Pacific	10
11 Veterans Day Sun- day	12	13 Worship Committee 1:30 p.m. The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	14 Session meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm– 3:30pm	16	17
18 Thanksgiving Sunday	19	20 The Welcoming Table - Second Blessings Serving 6:00PM	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27 Yoking Committee 1:00 p.m. at Union The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 6:00PM	28	29 Second Blessings Pantry Day 1:30pm– 3:30pm	30	