



First Presbyterian Church, Union MO

## Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

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### A STANCE of **TRUST**.

The prophet Isaiah refers to it as “rest”:

*In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.*

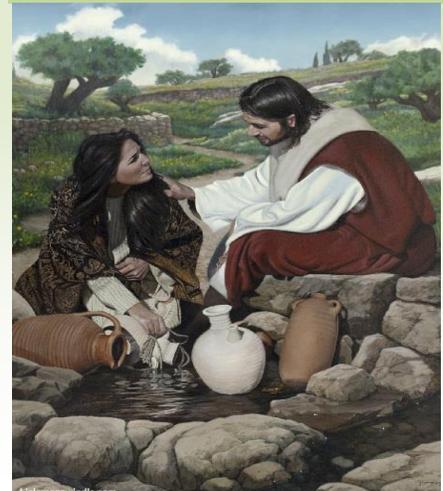
(Isaiah 30:15 NRSV)

A quiet faith that God is in control and God is with us and God will provide what we need.

### A POSTURE of **HOPE**.

As the prophet Jeremiah said, to those in exile who felt like they were without hope:

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 NRSV)*



God does indeed have plans for us, and so we place ourselves in God’s hands...for God’s plans.

### An ATTITUDE of **GRATITUDE**.

As Paul reminds the Philippians:

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7 NRSV)*

Gratitude – and peace – that God is with us. Gratitude for all that God has done for us and promises to do for us. Gratitude for God’s grace and goodness.

A STANCE of **TRUST**.

+ A POSTURE of **HOPE**.

+ An ATTITUDE of **GRATITUDE**.

= **THANKS-GIVING!**

*Peace in Christ,  
Bill Vincent*

**Day Light savings time ends  
on November 7, 2021.  
Don't forget to change your  
clock back the weekend of  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.**



## Dates to remember

Communion will be served on the following dates in November:  
 the 7<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of the month  
 and  
 the 28<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Advent

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, **December 5, 2021**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of...

- \*hearing and acting on the Nominating Committee report (officers)
- \*approving the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2022
- \*receiving the 2022 Budget.

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*Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all*

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### SHARE YOUR ABUNDANCE

First Presbyterian Church will be observing a "Share Your Abundance" on November 21, 2021 during the Worship Service.

We ask you to bring an offering of food to share with the Second Blessings Food Pantry. Food may be brought on November 7, November 14, or on November 21.

Please place the items on the table in the Sanctuary. You may also make monetary donations. There will be envelopes available on the table or you may send a contribution to the First Presbyterian Church, 105 E. Main Street, Union, MO 63084. Please make your check to Second Blessings Food Pantry.

A list of items needed for the food pantry are as follows:

Boxed Side dishes such as Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Scalloped Potatoes etc.

Canned pasta such as Ravioli, Beefaroni

Instant Potatoes

Cereal

Pork and Beans, Baked Beans

Canned Carrots

Canned Peas

Baking items such as Cake mixes, Icing, Muffin Mix, Pudding mix

Anything else is absolutely appreciated

Thank you for your Donations.





## Crop Walk 2021

Dorothy Clarkson, Myron & Carol Gruber, Pastor Bill & Deanna Vincent, and Mike & Laura Hill from First Presbyterian Church of Union, participated in the annual Crop Walk. This year celebrating 30 years! There were 47 walkers participating this year.

## Poinsettia Orders,

We will decorate our Church Sanctuary with Poinsettias for the Advent and Christmas Season. The 2021 cost is \$10.00. The deadline for order is **Sunday, November 21, 2021**. You may leave your order at Church by placing it in the Collections Plate in the Narthex or you may mail your order to the Church with you form. Please make checks out to the First Presbyterian Church and include with your order. The order form is a separate attachment in your email with this Newsletter.



### A reminder:

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website ([www.unionfirstpresby.org](http://www.unionfirstpresby.org)), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: [www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchunion](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchunion)

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