

NOVEMBER 2021

First Presbyterian Church



Greetings from the Session -

The session voted and is requesting permission to form a PNC (pastor nominating committee). Once that is approved, Deanne Jackson, elder & chair of the nominating committee, will work to bring a slate of members to the congregation for a vote. Concurrently to that process, the session will finalize the direction the church wants to go in mission. We will also guide the PNC on salary and other issues.

The session and interested members of the church have been working with Greg Emery during this transition process. Susan shared some of this in her sermon on October 31st. Simply stated, we have three options in front of us: 1) hire a traditional minister to maintain the current church, which has been declining in membership as people move or pass away, 2) hire a minister with the sole focus to build a new church, which would diminish the support for our current congregation, and 3) a hybrid model with a minister who will spend a portion of time working to build a new worshipping community that can be merged into our congregation gradually overtime. We can do this by sharing the load of leading the church between our pastor and others. Option 3 could include occasional sermons from elders or pulpit supply and visits to homebound members by deacons and others. The consensus has been for the hybrid model (option 3). Details have not been figured out, and some will depend on the person we hire.

The denomination (PCUSA) has a campaign called 1001 new worship communities.

We encourage you to look at some short videos about the program and some of its successes.

Overview Videos - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/about-1001/the-definition/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nYkwcw0-g0&list=PLnbBavwjtclTpfjtLq-Etk1r6xWnoZeuc&index=3>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU1cMOysGE8&list=PLnbBavwjtclTpfjtLq-Etk1r6xWnoZeuc&index=19>

Examples of New Worshipping Communities including from Susan's sermon: Collide, Open Table, Missing Peace, and Underwood CrossFit

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/about-1001/videos/>

As we continue on our journey we ask you to:

Pray like the church's future depends on it
Talk to a neighbor, not just your friends, about their needs and dreams
Participate in the discernment process for God's will for our church
Be open to change

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE



This year when we asked GRACE how we could help with GRACE for Christmas,

it was suggested snack bags for teen age boys.

Gift Bags are available on a table inside the door with a suggested list of snacks. The bags need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 28th.

If you wish to give money in lieu of filling a bag, please note Christmas Bags on you check.

PW News

Honorary Life Member of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Honorary Life Memberships Awards were established by the Presbyterian church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church in a tradition that began in 1912. Cheryl Koederitz and Mary Kwantes are the 2021 ladies recognized by Presbyterian Women for their commitment to Christ and the mission of the church. Jo Ann Anderson is the 2020 recipient of this award.

Please join in offering thanks for these ladies' faithful service. Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to celebrate with them in our Spring Meetings.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES
FOR NOVEMBER GO OUT TO**

KELLY LOOK,
SUSAN BOWLES,
JEFF SANDQUIST,
BILL NEELY,
CHUCK BENNETT, JANICE ZANDERS



**ANNIVERSARY WISHES
FOR NOVEMBER GO OUT TO**



RUSSELL & TERESSA FOX,
BOB & JO ANN ANDERSON,
BOB & CARLENE MAY.

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS:

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS RECORDED
AND ON THE END OF
YEAR STATEMENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE
TO HAVE THEM TURNED IN BY
DECEMBER 15TH.

NOVEMBER 25TH

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING. WE WILL REOPEN MONDAY NOVEMBER 29TH AT 8:00 AM.



PRAYER REQUEST

KELLY DEAN (CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE),
BARB FORD AND KELLY'S BROTHER

TOM EYCHANER (WHO STAYS WITH BARB AND HAS
ADVANCED PARKINSON DISEASE),

CARLENE MAY
(RECEIVING CANCER TREATMENTS)

BOB MAY (RECOVERING FROM CANCER TREATMENTS,
BACK AND KNEE PAIN)

DEBBIE HALL(SINUS SURGERY)

CONNIE DEWITT (ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES)

CARLA SIMMIONS (RECOVERING FROM HEART ATTACK)

JANET BROWN (SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA)

**THE PRAYER REQUEST LIST WILL START OVER ABOUT EVERY
TWO MONTHS.**

**IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS
PUT ON OR TAKEN OFF THE LIST,
PLEASE CONTACT KATIE IN THE OFFICE**