



Steeple Notes

A Message from Pastor Sara

The Associated Press says that seven of ten people are anxious about the election. That's a lot of anxiety!

As we watch political ads, listen to political stump speeches, and observe social media rhetoric on the election, it is no wonder we feel anxious. By Wednesday morning, I suspect many folks may not have any fingernails left!

An evangelical Presbyterian pastor in Michigan used to say, "God doesn't bite his fingernails." In all things and all ways, God is sovereign. There is nothing Christians need to fear because we can trust in a God who is not distant. As Psalm 46 says, "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. . . The Lord Almighty is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge." So, keep a proper perspective if the election doesn't turn out as you like. Kingdoms rise, and kingdoms fall, but God goes on and on.

God's people in both the Old and New Testaments would be shocked by our system of governance. In their time, kings and rulers were not chosen by the population but through family lines or political and military conquest. Although God provided Israel with anointed judges and monarchs for 800 years or so (between Judges and I and II Kings), most

of the time, Israel was ruled by those who had Israel as a target of their conquests.

As Americans, we experience governance differently. We are blessed with the ability to express our views at the polling place. Rather than being the subjects of a king or queen, our elected leadership is subject to us. Because we vote, we are the leadership.

Romans 13:1 says, "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." In our nation, God has blessed us with this authority. Without the people's consent, one cannot become a President, Congressional Representative, or school board member.

I keep this in mind when I vote. It's a blessing to live where we are not subjects to be ruled over by others but total participants in our governance. Only one authority ultimately reigns over us, and that authority is God.

If you haven't already, I urge you to share the blessing of voting. Once you've voted, put it all in God's hands. Whether your favorite wins or loses, God is still God and always will be.

Thank You For Serving



The Wittmer Family would like to thank the people of this church for all the prayers during the recent difficult time of David's death. Thank you to the Church for the memorial service and the wonderful meal served by Presbyterian Women.

Thank you to Sarah Blakeman and Ellen Drumm for bringing the FPC Huron hospitality touch to the Red Cross Blood Drive. We served sandwiches, cookies, deviled eggs, and other treats to the donors and staff.



On Tuesday, October 29th, the Huron Rotary Club hosted the annual Trunk or Treat at Fabens Park. This is the third year FPC Huron has hosted a table. Around 400 kids attended. We gave the kids candy while "treating" the adults to pens, notepads, and crosses. Thank you to Cindy Kaman, Ann Pullano, and Gail Burke for operating our station!



Our Sunday School children packed clean up buckets for those impacted by Helene and Milton. Thank you to everyone who donated, to Marcie Muntz and Katy McGraw for helping the kids assemble the buckets, and to Pastor Sara for transporting them to Church World Service's drop-off point in Columbus.



Christ Community Meal

Every Monday at 12 p.m.

The second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

All are welcome!

"A pastor I know once said "It's hard to pray with your head in the toilet"! How true this is! We are not expected to pray when we are so miserable. Hence, we need others to pray for us. These are prayers of supplication, or intercession. That's why we ask for prayer requests and there is a box in the parlor at the welcome stand for these requests. Sometimes we don't want everyone to know our troubles and the prayer group is very confidential. But God knows and all the saints and angels in Heaven know. And we need to give God thanks for these.

But how about those unanswered prayers? I think of Hebrews 11, the Bible's 'Hall of Faith'. These saints never saw the fulfillment of God's promises to them but they died in faith and it was counted to them as righteousness. So never fear, don't be afraid. (This command is mentioned about 360 times in the Bible – just about one for every day of the year.) God is serious. He knows the plans he has for you and all his promises for you will be fulfilled, all your prayers someday will be answered perfectly, according to His will. Jesus tells us to pray for each other and He prays for us too. What more could we want?"



Prayer Group
November
11th & 25th
at 1 p.m. in the
parlor.

Prayer concerns

Mackenzie Marsh, Kristine Welser, Dr. Pfahl, Judy Burgee, Ward DeLamatre, Pam Heschel, Paul Brown, Mark Crumrine, Harry and Ann Wright, Kristine Wesler, Pat Marrion, John Nichols, Jr., Eldon Zimmer, Delores Hodsden, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger, Mike and Karen Bork, Sarah McCoy, Ann West, Cameron James, Carol Kopkas, Denny Velliquette, June Franduto, Paul Brown, Brad Mason, Gabe Phillips, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer, Sharon Carnal, Barb Gettman, Roberta Leimbach, Billie Urie, Roger and Barbara Gravlin.

Local Congregation Prayer Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>
11/3	Zion Lutheran Church
11/10	First Presbyterian Church Pastor Sara Hodsden
11/17	Salvation Army
11/24	Christ Episcopal Church Father Michael Floyd

Pray for Our Troops

Dominic Parisi, Ben DeLamatre,
Dan Work, and Emily Stellpflug



Chapel time with Pastor Sara continues, the children enjoy this time!

The children were excited to sing happy birthday to Pastor Sara, they each made a birthday card and together they made her a little ghost!



Monthly Visits with Ms. Melissa from Huron Library continues, the children love when she comes to visit!



October is fire safety month, Huron fire department stopped by for a visit, the children had a chance to checkout the fire truck!



PIZZA DINNER & RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! Little Wonders will host their first dine to donate soon at Huron Pizza House. Little Wonders will receive 15% of all dine-in and take-out sales on Monday, November 18th from 4:00pm-9:00pm.

We also have another dine to donate scheduled with Jim's Pizza Box all day on Wednesday, December 18th.

Keep an eye out for a flier coming home soon with more details! All proceeds from the dine to donate will go towards purchasing new "big play" equipment as well as replenishing the Evelyn Bauer Preschool Scholarship.



THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 25-28





Election day

Tuesday, November 5th, 2024 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Voting will take place in the fellowship hall.



Church family thanksgiving dinner will be held Sunday, November 24th after worship.

Closed

The church office will be closed

Thursday, November 28th.

for Thanksgiving!



Ladies Lunch will be at Berry's restaurant in Norwalk on Friday, November 8th at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming



Scout News

Pack 31 meets every Monday at 6:00 p.m. In October the Pack camped out at Firelands Scout Reservation and rode the miniature trains at Osborn Park. This month, Pack 31 will focus on boat safety with a field trip to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and holding a Raingutter Regatta. Our Pack members will be awarded with 55 advancements at their November Pack meeting. Thank you to Mark Koch for volunteering to teach the Cubs about flag etiquette.

Troop 31: Thank you to everyone who purchased mums to support the troop. Coming in December: the spaghetti dinner! Troop 31 is looking forward to giving you a night off from cooking.



Filled by the Spirit, We Fill the Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, we invite you to join us in our stewardship campaign, "Filled by the Spirit, We Fill the Church." This theme beautifully captures the essence of our faith journey, reminding us that as the Holy Spirit fills us, it also calls us to fill our church and community with love, generosity, and service.

In Ephesians 5:18, we are encouraged to "be filled with the Spirit." This divine presence empowers us to live out our faith boldly and inspires us to share our gifts and resources. Just as the Spirit filled the early disciples at Pentecost, we, too, are filled with the purpose of impacting our church and the world around us.

From October 13-November 3, we will focus on the various ways to embody this theme. Each week will center around a different aspect of stewardship:

- Spirit of Generosity: Let us reflect on how we can give of our time, talents, and treasures.
- Spirit of Service: Join us in exploring opportunities to serve our church and community.
- Spirit of Prayer: We encourage you to pray for guidance as you consider your commitment.
- Spirit of Gratitude: Together, we will celebrate the blessings we have received and how we can share them.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute during this campaign. Your pledges will help us fulfill our mission and continue our vital ministries. Our pledge goal is \$183,000. Please return your pledge card no later than Sunday, November 17th.

At the conclusion of this campaign, we celebrate God's generosity at our Thanksgiving meal.. We will share how we've been filled by the Spirit and the ways we've collectively contributed to filling our church with hope and service.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church family. Your support and commitment are crucial as we seek to live out our faith in tangible ways. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire you as we embark on this journey together.

In Christ's love,

Francesca Lendrum, Chair, Stewardship Committee
First Presbyterian Church of Huron

November Communion

11/3	Communion
Set-up	Cynthia Brown Mthews
Servers	Cynthia Brown Mahews, Kathy Kirby, Katy McGraw, Francesca Lendrum

November Liturgist

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
11/3	Janet Mueller
11/10	Karen Brown
11/17	Jack Arthur
11/24	Chuck Kaman

November Ushers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Counter</u>
11/3	Chuck & Cindy Kaman
11/10	Bob & Marcie Muntz
11/17	Jack & Marica Arthur
11/24	John & Sara Blakeman

November Counters

<u>Date</u>	<u>Counter</u>
11/3	Francesca Lendrum & Ellen Drumm
11/10	Bob & Marcie Muntz
11/17	Jack & Marica Arthur
11/24	John & Sara Blakeman



Happy Birthday

<u>Date</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
11/19	Deborah Schisler
11/20	Joanna Phillips
11/25	Kerry Glann, Ava Moser
11/26	Brian McGraw
11/29	Parker Muntz

Flowers



11/3	Ron Ruble - To the Glory of God and all those recovering from illnesses and surgeries.
11/24	Jan Glann- In celebration of Kerry's birthday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10-Worship 11- Fellowship Hour 11:15 Communion Training	4 12 p.m Community Meal 6 Scouts	5 Election 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall	6	7 10 a.m. Bell Choir 8 AA	8	9
10 10 - Worship 11 - Fellowship Hour	11 12 p.m Community Meal 6 Scouts	12	13 5 p.m Community Meal	14 10 a.m. Bell Choir 8 AA	15	16
17 10 - Worship 11 - Fellowship Hour	18 12 p.m Community Meal 6 Scouts	19	20 6:30 p.m. Session	21 10 a.m. Bell Choir 8 AA	22	23
24 10 - Worship 11:00 Thanksgiving Dinner	25 12 p.m Community Meal 6 Scouts	26	27 5 p.m Community Meal	28 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed 8 AA	29	30