



Steeple Notes

November 2025

A Message from Pastor Sara

As Thanksgiving nears, we naturally feel gratitude for our blessings. Gratitude is vital to the Christian life, but Scripture shows it must lead to action—it must "grow legs."

Paul connects gratitude and action, saying, "whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks..." (Colossians 3:17). Gratitude isn't passive; it shapes our deeds. Recognizing life as a gift makes us want to give in return.

This is why the New Testament links gratitude and generosity. Paul encourages giving because "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7) and our generosity "will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11). Gratitude fuels generosity, which in turn inspires more gratitude—a holy, multiplying cycle. I see this when acts of gratitude in our church ripple outward, inspiring further service.

Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Gratitude lights this lamp, shining God's love through our actions.

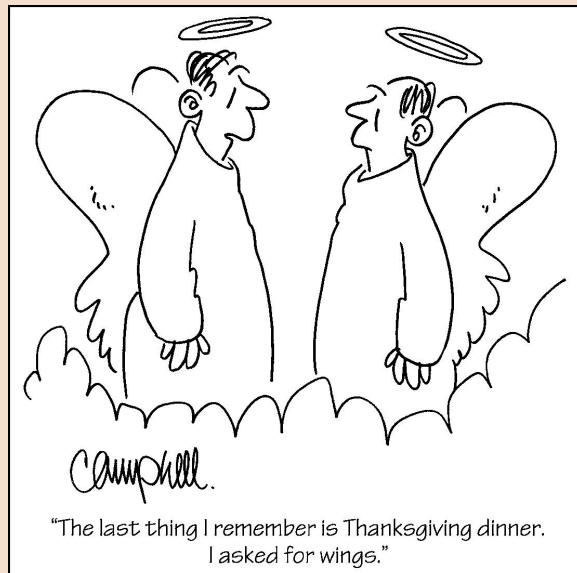
Gratitude must be cultivated. In a world focused on lack, we must practice pausing daily to say, "Thank you, Lord." Spiritual maturity comes from learning to give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

This November, make gratitude a spiritual practice. Keep a journal, listing three daily gratuudes. Ask how that gratitude can

take action. The world needs people whose thankfulness becomes "grace in motion."

Let gratitude move us this November—to serve, give, and shine. The best way to thank the Giver of "every good and perfect gift" (James 1:17) is to share those gifts with the world.

May your November be full of giving thanks and of experiencing the joy a giving heart beats.





Prayer Page

Let's
Pray

THE GIFT

Jesus has given you the gift of prayer. God the Father hears your prayers on account of Jesus Christ, who has given you the Holy Spirit, who drives you to pray. Prayer is a gift from the triune God, given to all who believe.

Churches of Huron

11/2 St. Peter Catholic Church
Father Doug Garand

11/9 Huron United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

11/16 Zion Lutheran Church

11/23 Presbyterian Church
Pastor Sara Hodsden

11/30 Salvation Army

Remember Our Military

Ben DeLamatre, and Emily Stellpflug

Please Pray For.....

The family of Connie Greer, the Becker family, Angie Kwok (the mother of John Glann's girlfriend Cecilia), Guy Munafo, Jeff Blankenship, Jennifer Kelley (Kerry Glann's Mother-In-Law), The Family of Rev. Mike Leonard, Kathryn Skelley-Watts, and her parents, Revs. Roger and Joan, Rita Phillips, Larry Klaiber, Zac, The family of Thomas Litz, Mackenzie Marsh, Kristine Welser, Pam Heschel, Paul Brown, Harry Wright, Eldon Zimmer, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger, Sarah McCoy, Ann West, Carol Kopkas, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer, Roberta Leimbach, and Billie Urie.



Do you have a prayer request?
Contact Pastor Sara at 419-433-5018
or
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Stewardship



Pledge Campaign

By now, you've likely received your Stewardship letter, pledge card, and current giving statement in the mail. We invite you to start prayerfully considering your 2026 giving. Feel free to bring your pledge card to worship services through November 2nd, or you can drop it off at the church office whenever it's convenient for you.



Help us reach the pot of gold!

Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts keep FPC Huron in ministry.



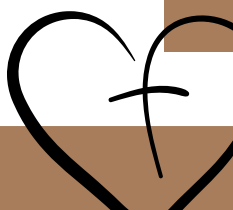
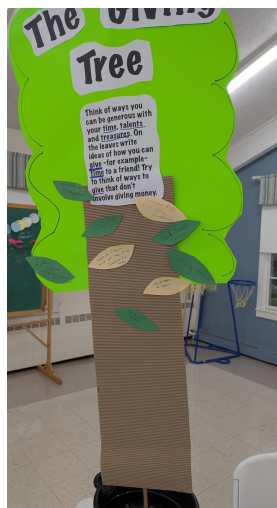
Messy Stewardship Sunday



On Messy Stewardship Sunday, we celebrated all creatures great and small. Back to the Wild visited, we painted blessing rocks, added to the Giving Tree, and met Phoebe, Ann Pullano's certified therapy dog. We all have gifts to use, and we are called to use these gifts to God's glory.

Later in the day, Pastor Sara blessed 14 pets.

Thank you to Marcie Muntz for putting our Messy Day together.



Upcoming

Table of Abundance

A Retreat led by:

Rev. Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, St. John's, Milan

Rev. Sara Hodsden, First Presbyterian, Huron

Saturday, November 8th, 12 p.m. - Sunday, November 9th, 11 a.m.

Holiday Inn Express, Port Clinton, Ohio



Together we will celebrate God's gracious abundance with worship, conversation, wine and food. We will attend two wineries and a brewery.



Ladies Who Lunch

THURSDAY

Ladies Who Lunch on Thursday!



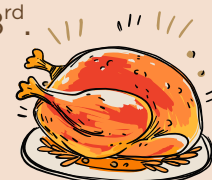
The November Ladies Who Lunch will be held on Thursday, November 6th, at the Young Chef Inn at EHOVE.

Although the day of the week has changed, our reservation is at the usual time-11:30. Please let Dawn or Marcie Muntz know if you plan to go to lunch, as we need a count by Nov. 4. We look forward to joining to break bread together and support our local young chefs!



Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sunday, November 23rd. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.



Whats New...

Clocks

Don't forget to change your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 2nd.



Voting

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th.
Voting will take place in the fellowship hall.
6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Trash & Recycling

Many have observed our vibrant, bright pink dumpsters! We were fortunate to partner with a company that offers a competitive monthly rate and a larger recycling dumpster. Our new dumpsters can be found at the rear of the parking lot!



Sidewalks

The repair of several sidewalks has been finished and now meets the standard code set by the City of Huron!



Mark your calendar!

Scouts Troop 31 will hold their annual spaghetti dinner on Friday, December 5th.
Stay tuned for more details!



190th Anniversary

On Sunday, November 23rd at 10:00 a.m., we invite you to a very special worship service as we celebrate 190 years of ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Huron. From our earliest days in 1834 to today, God has been faithful to this congregation, guiding and sustaining us through every generation. This service will be a joyful time to remember, give thanks, and look forward with hope.

Together, we will lift our voices in worship—singing hymns that echo the faith of earlier eras and remind us of the saints who have gone before us. We will listen to the promises of Scripture that have anchored this church for nearly two centuries, and reflect on the countless ways God has worked through the people of FPC Huron to bless our community and beyond.

During worship, we will also take time to honor and celebrate those who have been members of our church family for 50 years or more. These individuals embody decades of service, love, prayer, leadership, and steadfast faith.

As we celebrate 190 years of ministry, we do so with hearts full of gratitude for God's goodness, for the legacy we have inherited, and for the calling that still lies before us. We are here today because of the faith and commitment of those who came before us — and we worship with the trust that God is not finished with us yet. There is still more grace to receive, more love to share, and more neighbors to serve.

Please join us for this meaningful celebration of faith, history, and hope. Come ready to sing, remember, rejoice, and give thanks for all God has done and all God will continue to do through First Presbyterian Church of Huron.

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." — Psalm 90:1

October Highlights

Red Cross Blood Drive

We love hearing the positive feedback; it's such a blessing that many lives were impacted by those who were able to donate blood!



"Everything went great yesterday! Thanks again for all that you did to coordinate, recruit and promote for your blood drive and making it a success! There were 23 donors that presented, and we were able to collect 20 productive products for area patients. Since each pint of blood has the potential to help up to three patients, your blood drive could potentially impact over 60 lives."



THANK YOU to Nurture and Mission for providing lunch and snacks for not only the workers, but donors as well!!!



"Please tell Sarah Blakeman thank you for the wonderful food and her support!"

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who donated items to and/or helped with PW's fall rummage sale. The sale brought in over \$1,800 -- a new record. A special thank you to our Scouts of Troop 31 for carrying stored items down from upstairs and from the packed coat room. Thanks again!

Trunk or Treat



Rotary's Trunk or Treat was held on Tuesday, October 28th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Fabens Park. Our team had a blast dressed as Biblical characters.



Session Highlights

The walk-in cooler/freezer is complete. The unit looks very nice on the exterior with the landscaping.

The Bunn coffee maker has to be unplugged when it is not in use because of a leak. Chris and Deb said they will plug it in on Saturday afternoon so that the water will be hot for use on Sunday morning.

Norwalk Custodial has been employed to help with the cleaning around the Church and preschool areas.

The Worship Committee is planning for our Church's 190th anniversary for November.

Serving and Growing in Christ

Birthday Box

Want to make a child's birthday brighter? Join Birthday Box to help provide birthday treats for a child who would otherwise be unable to afford treats for their class on their birthday. All treats must be pre-packaged due to health department regulations. Our church is handling October and November. See Pastor Sara, or sign up in the narthex if you're interested.

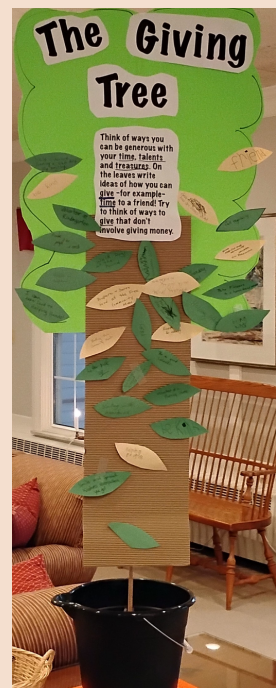
190 Items for 190 Years

To celebrate 190 years of ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Huron, we're collecting 190 non-perishable items for Helping Hands Food Pantry. Please bring donations now through Sunday, November 23 (collection area in the narthex).

Some ideas for donations:

- Canned goods (soup, tuna/chicken, beans, vegetables, fruit)
- Pantry staples (peanut butter, pasta, rice, cereal, oatmeal)
- Quick meals (mac & cheese, pasta sauce, boxed dinners)
- Breakfast/kid-friendly (granola bars, fruit cups, applesauce)
- Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Dish soap, laundry detergent
- Diapers, wipes

What can we do to make a difference?



From the giving tree:

"Be good to your friends."

"Help others"

"Help someone in need, especially with food."

"Helping people"

"Be Kind"

"Visiting with the homebound"

"Volunteer at a nursing home"

"Be a good listener"

"Pray"

"Take food to Helping Hands"

"Help clean up my toys."

"Help someone having a bad day by smiling."



Christ's Community Meals

November 3, 10, 17, 24 at noon

November 12th at 5:00 p.m.

No Meal on November 26th.



Closed

The Church office will be closed
Wednesday November 26th and
Thursday November 27th in
observance of Thanksgiving!

Schedules

Liturgist

11/2 Liturgist: Katy McGraw
Communion Set up –
Kathy Kirby, Gail Burke, Chris Hakeman

11/9 Steve Koenig

11/16 Cynthia Brown Mathews

11/23 Wendy Quinn

11/30 Amy Nevison

Usher

11/2 Rick & Cynthia Mathews

11/9 Janet Mueller & Francesca Lendrum

11/16 Phillip Hopkins & Kitty Cunningham

11/23 Marcie Muntz & Betty Reed

11/30 Francesca Lendrum & Janet Mueller

Flowers

11/2 - none

11/9 - none

11/16 - none

11/23 Jann Glann, in celebration of
Kerry's birthday!

11/30 - Bob & Marcie Muntz in
celebration of Parker's 36th birthday!



November Birthdays

11/19 Deborah Schisler

11/20 Joanna Phillips

11/25 Kerry Glann, Ava Moser

11/26 Brain McGraw

11/29 Parker Muntz



Counters

11/2 Ellen Drumm & Francesca Lendrum

11/9 Jack & Marcia Arthur

11/16 Bob & Marcie Muntz

11/23 John & Sarah Blakeman

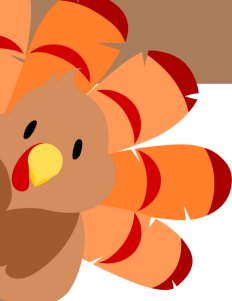
11/30 Chuck & Cindy Kaman

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now posted
in the parlor. Reserve a week to glorify
God through flowers at worship. You can
purchase communion table flowers in
honor or in memory of someone, or just
because!

The cost of the flowers is \$24.00, checks
can be made payable to First
Presbyterian Church

**DON'T
MISS OUT!**





Little Wonders Preschool

October Highlights



Fire Safety Week

The Children learned all about being safe if there is a fire. They were able to listen to the sirens and bells. While also checking out the big yellow firetruck!



Morning play



Before learning begins, they enjoy a little bit of morning play time!

Star Leader Day

The Children look forward to Star Leader Day. They get to bring in snacks and share their special toy.



Harvest Party



Games, snacks, and Lots of fun!



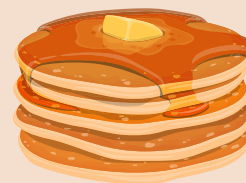
Whats Happening in November



Little Wonders Flapjack Fundraiser
Sunday, November 16th, 2025
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Applebee's Restaurant Sandusky

Tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased through Little Wonders or by contacting the church office by November 10th.



There will be a 50/50 raffle held at the restaurant.

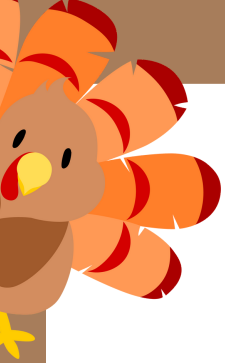
RAFFLE



Picture Day Wednesday, November 5th.

Thanksgiving Break will be November 25-28





November 2025

Mark
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Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 10 A.M. WORSHIP 11 A.M. FELLOWSHIP	3 12 pm CC Meal	4 6:30 a.m. Voting 7 pm AA	5	6 10 a.m. Bell Choir 11:30 a.m. Ladies WWho Lunch 8 p.m. AA	7	8
9 10 A.M. WORSHIP 11 A.M. FELLOWSHIP	10 12 pm CC Meal	11 LW FH USE 9-10 & 1-2 7 pm AA	12 5 p.m. CC Meal	13 10 a.m. Bell Choir 8 p.m. AA	14	15
16 10 A.M. WORSHIP 11 A.M. FELLOWSHIP	17 12 pm CC Meal	18 LW -FH USE 9-10 & 1-2 7 pm AA	19 6:30 p.m Session	20 10 a.m. Bell Choir 8 p.m. AA	21	22
23 10 A.M. WORSHIP 11 A.M. THANKSGIVING DINNER	24 12 pm CC Meal	25 7 pm AA	26 Office Closed No Community Meal	27 Office Closed 8 p.m. AA	28	29
30						