

# PRESBYTERIAN PRESS

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*Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.—Ps. 100:3-5*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a beautiful fall we have had! The trees have really impressed this year. When we get to November my mind turns directly to Thanksgiving. Many thanks to all of you who have been here at the church this fall keeping the place in good repair. I am sure that I do not know all that you have done, but I am going to mention some that come to mind.

Thanks to Julie Lindsey who beautified our Elm Street entrance and restroom, organized the third-floor rec room, and is in the process of organizing the office vault with the help of Linda Bristow and Mary Beth Gilts. Thanks to Mary Beth for the beautiful seasonal décor for The Table that we get to enjoy Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. And for the updates to the bulletin boards in the hallway. Thanks to Eileen and Randy Phillips for weeding, trimming, mulching, etc. everything along the building's exterior. Thanks to Cathy Robinson who pitched in as well. Thanks to Stephen Potts and Matt Hollar whom I have glimpsed helping out with leaf collection and branch removal. I suspect you have done a lot more (and probably Michelle Chavez too).

And the biggest thanks to Don Youel who continues to work on all kinds of building projects known and unknown to us. Thank you, Don, for your excellent stewardship of this facility. We in the church office are particularly grateful for the clean and openable windows!

Finally, thank you to all of you who have turned in your financial and time and talent pledges for the coming year. Having a sense of our financial outlook helps us make plans for the maintenance and care of this facility.

Things to keep in mind this November:

- 1) Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 6**. We “fall back,” that is, we turn our clocks back one hour Saturday night.
- 2) Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. I encourage you to vote your hopes not your fears.
- 3) Veterans Day is Friday, November 11. Remember those who have served our nation in military service.
- 4) Consider making time to join The Table this month on **Wednesday, Nov. 16**, at 5:30pm.
- 5) And make plans to help us Hang the Greens on **Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 6:00pm**. There will be tortellini soup for us fancy folks and pizza for the kiddos.
- 6) Thanksgiving: The church **office will be closed Nov. 24 and Nov. 25**.
- 7) Advent begins on **Sunday, Nov. 27**. If you get asked to do the Advent wreath lighting, we hope you will say, “Yes!”

God bless you and keep you, Pastor Katie

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*By Julie Lindsey*

What a success!!!! You all raised \$400.00 to be used for Youth activities throughout the year. We hope we can have a trip to Urban Air very soon.

The first Hot Pizza, Hot Topics gathering was also very productive. The youth decorated the candy shoot, filled bags with tons of candy, and decorated pumpkins which you will see on the tables in fellowship hall. Thank you Darcy and all the adults who assisted with this a fun-filled event.

Our college students and young adults starting their careers have received their StarBucks gift cards from our church. This is intended to remind them that their church is always here to encourage and support them. We have included a note asking them to let us know what they are up to. We will share this information with you as it is received.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our Sunday visits from very interesting Saints during the children's message this month. Who knew that St. Francis started out in a very privileged lifestyle and gave up everything to become the patron Saint of animals? We all do now thanks to Darcy!

COSTUMES IN CHURCH!!!!!! Yes please!!! This Sunday, October 30, the children are encouraged to wear a costume to church. We will have a costume party during Jr. Worship with a lesson, games, and of course, just a few sweets.

## TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*By Selinda Schultz*

As we finish the last chapters of Fresh Air and our enlightening discussions on the Holy Spirit, we are thinking ahead to the upcoming Advent Season. Starting November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have the treat of using Adverbs for Advent to provide daily quiet reflections for a noisy time. These short readings will provide many avenues of discussion during our weekly Tuesday morning gatherings.

But first, during the middle three weeks of November, the topic will be prayer:

*The paradoxes of prayer*

*The practices of prayer*

*The expressions of prayer*

Come join our weekly discussions as we journey to Christmas. Call Selinda with any questions at 419-865-8383.

### Advent Resources For All Ages

Advent Booklets of readings and activities for adults, families and children will be available at church before Thanksgiving to guide us on the way to Christmas.

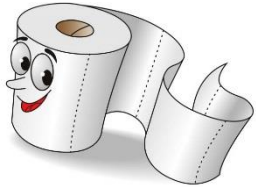
Be sure to get your copy!!!



## Randy Phillips, Team Leader

By Mary Beth Gilts

“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.” W. T. Purkiser



**NOVEMBER'S PCU COLLECTION ITEM:** Toilet Paper

**PERRYSBURG HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Hygiene & Cleaning Products.



Drop off site: Church vestibule. Donations are greatly appreciated.

**PCU UPDATE:** Total of 179 clients in August. Supply chain problems are limiting bulk purchasing – considering a reduction in monthly visits and increase in gift cards to offset these problems. The September blood drive collected 51 pints. This amount was down from previous blood drives. Looking ahead – The next blood drive will be at Zoar in January.

**The monthly PCU collection item is now posted on the Mission bulletin board.**

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND:** Through September of this year, \$1625.00 in gift cards has been provided for 59 clients. Traditionally, this fund is supported by individual donations, our current balance is \$23.00. The Mission Team will provide monetary support the remainder of this year.

**PEACE & GLOBAL OFFERING:** To date, the total donations from the congregation was \$487.00. Thanks to all who participated! Mission will additionally donate \$250.00 to this ministry.

**THE TABLE:** October's Table had a Halloween theme, including pumpkin centerpieces decorated by our congregational youth, mission members in costumes, and Pastor Katie being the “star” of the night. There were multiple new faces at this dinner. Thirty-nine people attended and we received wonderful compliments on the main entrée chicken and noodles.

The Table will serve the traditional Thanksgiving dinner on November 16th, at 5:30 pm. There will be a sign –up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

**ELM HOUSE MULCH PROJECT:** This “beautification” project was completed by the following individuals: Julie Lindsey, Cecilia Richardson, Randy and Eileen Phillips, Jay Salvage, Rick and Mary Beth Gilts. Thank you to everyone for a job well done!

**NEXT MEETING:** November 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

By Mary Beth Gilts

## **WORSHIP/MUSIC**

**By Marty Sloan**



**Worship:** A special thank you to Randy Phillips, Allison Mackin, Kathy East and Selinda Schultz for sharing your team's "Money Story" to highlight specific objectives and ambitions of each team. Thanks also to everyone for their participation in the Stewardship drive for 2023!! Your pledges will help our church meet our goals in reaching out to share the word of our Lord!

**On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring an object to church which carries memories of a deceased Saint in their lives. The keepsakes will be placed on a table near the altar in memory of our beloved saints and a candle will be lit in their honor.**

November is a month of focusing on giving thanks. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week this year is November 12-20, 2022. This is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. Our next Table is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> where all are invited and welcome to attend. We will keep all those suffering with hunger and homelessness in our thoughts and prayers. Also noteworthy is Giving Tuesday (a global day devoted to giving) scheduled for November 29, 2022.

**Advent:** Advent Season begins on November 27, 2022!! The theme this year for the Advent Season is "Living Advent". Pastor Katie will be blessing us all with a daily word and prayer message during Advent.

**Music:** The music coming from the First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg on Sunday morning worship has been especially delightful. We are thankful each week with worshipful music provided by our choir and Music Director Steven Naylor. Steven is already busy planning special music for Christmas Eve service!

**Flowers:** Christmas Poinsettias in red or white are available for purchase. Remember to get your Christmas Poinsettias order into the church office by November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas!! Order forms are located near the hallway bulletin board.



## ***POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY – 2022***

Orders must be placed by Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

(For “**In Memory**” or “**In HONOR**” of)



This order form is for ordering the Poinsettias to be placed in church for the Christmas season. These poinsettias will be for you to give “In Memory Of” or “In Honor Of” a special loved one(s). **Friday, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**, will be the last date to order poinsettias. **No late orders will be accepted.** If you wish to place an order, please complete the information requested, and place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, mail or return it to the church office. Please include your payment with the order! **Poinsettias will be red or white! Please designate your color choice.**

#(R) \_\_\_\_ #(W) \_\_\_\_ of 4 ½” Table Top X \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_

#(R) \_\_\_\_ #(W) \_\_\_\_ of 6 ½” Single Plant X \$ 7.50 = \_\_\_\_

#(R) \_\_\_\_ #(W) \_\_\_\_ of 7 ½” Double Plant X \$12.50 = \_\_\_\_

#(R) \_\_\_\_ of 8 ½” Triple Plant X \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Given In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the back of this form if you need to list more names.

***PLEASE*** take the poinsettias home with you after the last Christmas Eve Service and enjoy them. A list of poinsettias given will appear in the bulletin.

# “PRESBY PIES”

Beautiful weather - many wonderful customers! One couple who had happened upon us last year on their way home from Washington DC to Chicago and remembered the Farmers Market and the pie sale, so they stopped again!!!

Total for the year \$4338.00! Expenses were just under \$200. Buying through Amazon saves us so much in shipping.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EACH AND EVERY ONE! The sale could not happen without each one of you!

Nancy Gates

## ELM HOUSE LANDSCAPING PROJECT



Eileen Phillips, Julie Lindsey and Cecelia Richardson helping spread mulch around the apartments.



Randy Phillips spread many loads of mulch.

# PRESBY-BRATS



Below are some highlights of the Brats sale:

- The Saturday bratwurst fellowship event was again successful!
- We had many repeat customers from past years and also had new people share our hospitality.
- This is probably the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event.
- This year's event was held in conjunction with the Sunday church picnic permitting unused product to be used at the picnic.
- Bahama Mama's from Schmidt's Sausage Haus in German Village were totally gone and appear to be the crowd favorite!
- Although advertised as a fellowship event, we make a little money each year which goes toward Mission Projects.
- Due to high inflation, profits were less than normal because of the increased cost of products 😞
- We cleared approximately \$400 this year and a good time was had by all!



Doris Currie and Jan Martell enjoying their day at the Brats and beer!

## SERVING CHART FOR NOVEMBER, 2022

	<b>HEAD USHER</b>	<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b>	<b>LITURGIST</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	<b>POWER POINT</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>
6	Stephen Potts	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Rusty Phlegar	Pastor Katie	Nancy Gates	Rick & Mary Beth Gilts / Jack & Linda Simmons
13	Don Youel	Carol Sprague / Lowrie Gilmore	Michelle Chavez	Darcy Metcalfe	Kathy Jarosz	
20	Stephen Potts	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Kathy Jarosz	Darcy Metcalfe	Gretchen Downs	
27	Don Youel	Marty Sloan / Selinda Schultz	Randy Phillips	Kathy East	Stephen Potts	

If you have a conflict with assigned date, please try to trade with another volunteer and inform Marty Sloan. Call 419.973.0623 or email [mssloan107@me.com](mailto:mssloan107@me.com). If unable to resolve conflict, contact Marty as soon as possible. Thank you for your service to FPC.



## SERVING CHART FOR DECEMBER, 2022

	<b>HEAD USHER</b>	<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b>	<b>LITURGIST</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	<b>POWER POINT</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>
4	Stephen Potts	Marty Gluth / Marty Sloan	Gretchen Downs	Sarah Magoun	Nancy Gates	Julie Lindsey & Margot Quick / Jon & Chelsea Grimm
11	Don Youel	Carol Sprague / Lowrie Gilmore	Mary Beth Gilts	Christmas Pageant	Kathy Jarosz	
18	Stephen Potts	Sarah Crawford / Lizzy Crawford	Fay Mitchell	TBD	Gretchen Downs	
25	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	

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# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	2 6:00 p.m. Mission Team Mtg.	3 3:30 p.m. Worship/ Music Team Mtg.	4	5
6 10:00 a.m. Worship/ Communion DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	7	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	9	10	11	12
13 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	14	15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Presbytery Mtg.	16 5:30 p.m. The Table	17 1:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team Mtg.	18	19 Christmas Trees Delivered 10:00 a.m. Pray As You Go Check In
20 10:00 a.m. Worship	21	22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. JoyBelles, Hanging Greens	23	24 THANKSGIVING  OFFICE CLOSED	25  OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	28 5:00 p.m. Congregational Life Team Mtg.	29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	30			

# Birthday Wishes

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 6 Mary Beth Gilts  
November 6 Abbie Simmons  
November 8 Macie Downs  
November 8 Jane Merrell  
November 12 Marco Chavez  
November 12 Ronin Chavez  
November 20 Mike Kelly  
November 26 Phyllis Gogel  
November 26 Susan Fyten  
November 27 Kelly Schuh

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 2 David Sloan  
December 12 Sarah Crawford  
December 12 Pat Hayden  
December 12 Megan Greek Matthews  
December 14 Sue Williams  
December 17 Rick Gilts  
December 20 Tom Machin  
December 22 Eileen Phillips  
December 22 Cathy Robinson  
December 23 Abigail Youel  
December 23 Lizzie Crawford  
December 24 Walter Celley  
December 28 John Jarosz  
December 28 Beau Merrell  
December 28 Kate Merrell  
December 29 Rick Modrzynski  
December 30 Nancy Gates

If you have a birthday that is not listed, please contact the church office so that we can update our records.

## PARISH CONCERNS

**Please remember these members and friends in your daily prayers:**

**Joe Brainard  
Eva Lengel  
Barb Modrzynski  
Mary Ellen Pratt  
Chris Stuart**

**Dorothy Darr  
Geraldine McGue  
Rick Modrzynski  
Pat Sheridan  
Ed & Sue Williams**

### **ADDRESS CHANGE:**

Gillian Mitchell  
3740 Creswick Circle, Unit C  
Orange Park, FL 32065

# November 2022 Newsletter

## Service Time:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Children are excused during the worship service to attend Sunday School

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month

## *Session Members*

### Jo Salvage – Clerk

Nancy Gates, Co-Clerk

Jack Simmons, Co-Clerk

Kathy East

Mary Beth Gilts

Jon Grimm

Allison Mackin

Randy Phillips

Stephen Potts

Jay Salvage

Marty Sloan

## *Staff*

Pastor .....

Rev. Katie Rivera Torea

Adult Education Director .....

Selinda Schultz

Youth Director .....

Darcy Metcalfe

Music Director .....

Steven Naylor

Treasurer .....

Don Youel

Secretary .....

Linda Bristow

Financial Secretary .....

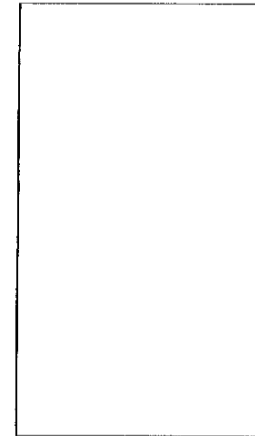
Tom Connolly

Custodian .....

Kristin Burgoon

Nursery Attendant .....

Kate Magoun



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