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# THE MESSENGER



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Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's love endures forever. Ps. 118:29 "The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; God is strength in time of trouble." Ps. 37:39

## Kim's Korner

One of the things that I love about our scriptures is that they are stories of real people, with real experiences and real feelings. If you read the stories of the Bible, they are not stories that are all happy-happy joy-joy, or of people who are always nice and kind and well-behaved (despite what our children's versions of the stories often tell us). The cloud of witnesses from across history demonstrate all kinds of life experiences with very real reactions, from anger to celebration, from joy to despair, from arguing with God (even wrestling with God!), to making a deep life commitment to God and those who choose to walk away from God. The Psalms are about 50% joy-filled, trusting songs of praise or thanksgiving. Yet nearly 70 of them are some kind of song of lament - that is, a Psalm that cries out to God in distress. The psalm writers make no apologies for having feelings and expressing them, and don't say "oh, I shouldn't feel this way." This has been a year of mixed emotions, and in that I have found the Psalms to be helpful in my prayer life. From the election to Thanksgiving, to anxiety about the rising numbers of those affected by the pandemic, to considering what may be next for the life of the church, feelings of grief or thankfulness, anger or excitement, anxiety or joy are cause for lifting our words and feelings up to God. In a month in which we are reminded to express our thanks to God, one of the things I am thankful for is that we can be our real selves with God, even with all of our feelings, and trust that God's love does not leave us. "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?... I will hope in God; for I shall again praise the one who is my help and my God." Psalm 42:2, 11b Thanks be to God! Pastor Kim



If you know or hear of a prayer need and would like to have one started on the prayer chain, notify the Deacon on Call for the month to initiate your request. If you cannot reach that Deacon, call the Church Office and speak to Pam, or leave a voicemail message.

The Deacon on call for November is Denine Dulde 414-412-0149

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## Stewardship Commitment Sunday

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus... Philippians 2:5*

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34*

During November you will be receiving several letters and hearing from speakers about this year's stewardship and your opportunity to show Gratitude through Giving. Our stewardship campaign will conclude on November 15th with a commitment Sunday. You will receive a commitment card in the mail and will be invited to return that card to the church on or before the 15th.



As always, if you have any questions about your pledge for this year or need to make a change, please simply let the church office know.

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## Thanksgiving Worship



This year, our Fab Four pastors have worked together to have a recorded worship service for Thanksgiving. Because Pastor Kim will be out of town on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 22), our worship service on that Sunday will be the pre-recorded Thanksgiving service of worship. You may watch from home using the weekly YouTube link (you can find this on YouTube or on the church webpage), or you are welcome to come view the service in person in the sanctuary. If you are worshipping from home, please have communion elements ready for that portion of the service. If

you will be worshipping with us in person, communion elements will be provided as part of the in-person service.

A special offering will be taken to support the Tippecanoe Hungry Hearts Program. You can make out a check to Tippecanoe Church, marked DI Hungry Hearts Community Meals or Or, you can make a donation directly at: <https://bit.ly/TippeDonation>.



Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm on Zoom or  
Thursday 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with masks.

Have you ever wondered what the Bible might have to say about what is going on in the world around us? Join Pastor Kim for a weekly look at current events seen through the lens of scripture. We will be using a curriculum called "The Wired Word," a weekly series written by an ecumenical group of ministers to provoke thought and conversation from a Biblical perspective. Our lesson time will run one hour, from 7 – 8 p.m. every Wednesday or 1 – 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Sanctuary, with masks. All you will need is Zoom-ability and a Bible! Email Pastor Kim at [RevKimFPPC@outlook.com](mailto:RevKimFPPC@outlook.com) if you would like to receive the Zoom link and join in.

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We are getting to that time of the year when our lectionary Scripture readings are focusing on end times - leaving this world and moving on to the next. These scriptures point out the love that God has for us, as well as the losses that occur that, with our free will we choose a path other than the one that God has offered. It is not difficult to identify with these readings, when we see nature around us preparing to go into hibernation for the dead of winter in a few months: leaves changing color, falling off of the trees and then turning a crispy brown; flowers no longer being produced by plants and only evergreens retaining their show of the color green. At the same time we experience less sunlight each day. Along with all these biblical citations, I shall be doing my best to choose special music that focuses on hope and the love that God has for each of us. Anyone willing to come forward with their talents in music, prose or poetry are encouraged to do so by contacting either Kim or myself. Together let us keep hope alive!

Jack Serwe, Director of Music

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Dear Friends:

It is our pleasure to acknowledge your gift of \$700.00 on 10/9/2020 for addition to The Theological Education Fund of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Your generosity, together with the investment management provided by the Presbyterian Foundation, continue to safeguard those whom God and the Church call as our next generation of ministers.

Thank you for supporting future ministers of Christ's Church. To learn more about the impact of your gift, feel free to reach out to me by phone or email, or visit [www.presbyterianfoundation.org/tef](http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/tef).

Sincerely,  
The Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty  
Senior Director, Theological Education Funds Development

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Pastor Kim's outdoor meetings have concluded for the winter months. However, please feel free to contact Kim to set up a meeting, coffee time, or other opportunity to chat! You can call the church office or email her directly at [RevKimFPCC@outlook.com](mailto:RevKimFPCC@outlook.com)

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## Deacons Corner:



Deacons will be putting up a giving tree with leaves on it, on the leaves are items Orchard Lane, and Poplar Creek schools are in need of. Please take a leaf and purchase that item and return to church under the tree. The giving tree will be up till November 29th. Thank you ahead of time for your continued donations. Any questions, contact your care giving Deacon.  
Sincerely, The Deacons



Forest Park is continuing its ongoing collection of aluminum cans. Bag your rinsed and crushed cans to church and put them in the boiler room. Money received is given to Mission.

Thank you



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## Angel Tree Information Coming Soon!

We will again be participating in the Angel Tree program, purchasing gifts for children (and their caregivers) of incarcerated parents in time for Christmas. A special thanks goes out to Karen Zobel for continuing to coordinate this loving project.

At this time we know we will receive names of 26 children, and probably 10-12 names of caregivers. Because of Covid, the program is moving a bit slower this year, but the enthusiasm for it is even stronger! Gifts should be in the \$20-\$25 dollar range. They can be brought to church where they will be sorted and wrapped for pick up. Again this year, we will be asking for volunteers to bake cookies for the families who are receiving the gifts.

As the Mission Committee does not yet have the names, we do not have the process for selecting names or due dates for the gifts to be brought to church. Information will be forthcoming as soon as we get the names.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR		
Sun 11/1	9:30 am	Worship Scrip Orders Taken
Mon 11/2	6:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm	W&M (Zoom) Troop #53 Fellowship Hall
Tues 11/3	3:30 pm	Personnel (Zoom)
Wed 11/4	7:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu 11/5	1:00-2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study – Sanctuary Deacons
Sun 11/8	9:30 am	Worship
Mon 11/9	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop #53 Fellowship Hall
Tue 11/10	5:45 pm	Building & Grounds (in person)
Wed 11/11	7:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu 11/12	1:00-2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study - Sanctuary Finance (zoom)
Sun 11/15	9:30 am	Worship – Messenger Deadline Dec/ Jan)
Mon 11/16	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop 53 Fellowship Hall
Wed 11/18	7:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu 11/19	1:00-2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study - Sanctuary Session (zoom)
Sun 11/22	9:30 am	Worship—Communion
Mon 11/23	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop #53 Fellowship Hall
Wed 11/25	7:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu 11/26 & Fri 11/26		Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving
Sun 11/29	9:30 am	Worship
Mon 11/30	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop #53 Fellowship Hall

### Scripture Lessons for Sunday Worship in November

November 1– All Saint’s Day  
Joshua 3:7-17  
Matthew 23:1-12

November 8  
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15  
Stewardship Commitment Sunday  
Matthew 25:31-46  
Matthew 22:14-30

November 22  
Thanksgiving Service with Communion  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

November 29—First Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
Mark 13:24-37





## LITURGISTS AND USHER SCHEDULE

	LITURGIST	USHERS
11/1/20	Garrett Pomeroy	Ron Reuteler Denine Dulde
11/8/20	Mary Ann Jurasinski	Gordy Willey Jim & Sara Grant
11/15/20	Mike Washic	Gary Stigler Pat Janecek
11/22/20	Betty Marr	Ron Reuteler David Hermann
11/29/20	Jim Gillespie	Gordy Willey Colin Hermann
12/6/20	Sally Daugherty	Gary Stigler Cindy Stigler
12/13/20	Jeff Krogmann	Ron Reuteler Art Reimer
12/20/20	Maureen Wise	Gordy Willey Marne Willey
12/24/20	Wendy Bennewitz	Gary Stigler Cindy Stigler
12/27/20	David Hermann	Ron Reuteler Anna Gillespie
1/3/21	Mary Ann Jurasinski	Gordy Willey Garrett Pomeroy



11/4 Benjamin Tan  
 11/4 Elizabeth Tan  
 11/6 Ron Reuteler  
 11/7 Betty Peterson  
 11/14 Carol Krogmann  
 11/19 Denine Dulde  
 11/25 Lee Tan  
 11/26 Carol Powell  
 11/27 Jeff Krogmann



Thanks to all the helpers who  
 raked, trimmed, and helped to  
 ready the church yard for winter!  
 Many hands helped share the  
 work and make it fun!



**Thank You!**