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*“Together Building Christ’s
Church –
with Love, Faith and Sacrifice”*

November 2011

STATE OF THE CHURCH

NOTES OF THANKS

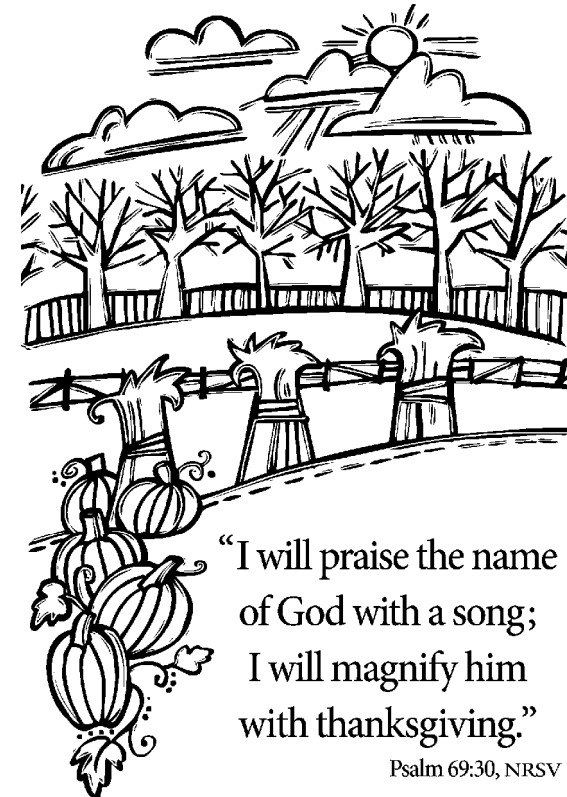
October 23, 2011					
2011 Receipts Report					
Congregational Portion Budget Category	Needed Yearly	Needed Weekly	Needed Year to date	Received to date	Plus/Minus to date
Original Pledges	\$262,654.00				
discount '2011 (4%)	\$10,506.00				
Pledges	\$252,148.00	\$4,849.00	\$208,507.00	\$198,116.69	-\$10,390.31
Non-pledge amount	\$39,000.00	\$750.00	\$32,250.00	\$33,780.09	\$1,530.09
Loose Offering	\$5,500.00	\$105.77	\$4,548.08	\$3,817.97	-\$730.11
Sunday School	\$2,000.00	\$38.46	\$1,653.85	\$1,785.84	\$131.99
Misc. Offerings	\$3,000.00	\$57.69	\$2,480.77	\$3,631.00	\$1,150.23
TOTALS	\$301,648.00	\$5,800.92	\$249,439.69	\$241,131.59	(\$8,308.10)

Dear 1st UPC, thank you so much for all the cards, prayers and well wishes. Also thanks to the "Retreat" ladies for my wonderful angel. I can just picture all your busy fingers at work and it is deeply appreciated. Thanks also for the "Prez" dinners (delicious!!) and to Gene, Marty and Rob for delivering them. In Christ's love, **Janet and Byron Fullerton**

Dear First UP Church Family, thank you for remembering our 50th wedding anniversary. The "We Care" poster is greatly appreciated. Your messages exemplified the wonderful church family you all are and we are so fortunate to share. Again, we greatly appreciate your kindness and support. **Ralph and Kathy Morrison**

Dear Friends, we wish to **THANK YOU** for your continued financial support of Our Daily Bread. Your \$200.00 donation will help to feed those less fortunate. Bless You. **Glenna M. Theis**, Manager/Director Our Daily Bread
(This \$200.00 monthly donation is made possible through your generous support of 2-cents A Meal)

*Sharing of Your Time, Talents and Treasures are very much appreciated!!
Thank You!*



"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

Church News

THE SYMPATHY AND LOVE OF THE 1ST UPC FAMILY OF FAITH is shared with

- **Kent Amey and Family** following the death of his brother, **Steven Amey**, in California
 - **Art Lloyd and Family** following the death of his father, **Richard Weldy**, in Bradford, Ohio
- Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!**

The Presby Book Club will meet on **Mon., Nov. 21st**, in the home of Rachel Lang, 730 E. Columbus Ave. at 7:00 PM. The book for the month is "**Home to Harmony**" by Philip Gulley. Hope to see some new faces and all the old ones.

Mark your calendar now for the best family potluck dinner of the year - **Sunday, Dec 4**. We'll give you more information next month, but want to make sure you have the date set aside now!



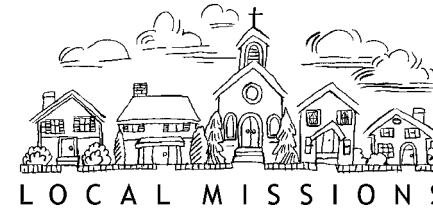
The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Holland Theatre. The Indian Lake Senior Choir will be in attendance to share songs during the service. Pastor Kenn Barton will present a message entitled "Doing Thanksgiving".

FYI.....Sunday's bulletins are on our website as well as sermons, prayer list, events calendar, birthdays, pictures, newsletters, etc.

Check it out!!

www.bellefontainepres.com

December 2011 Newsletter Deadline: Monday, Nov. 28



LAST TUESDAY COMMUNITY DINNER. Our church serves an evening meal on the Last Tuesday of each month. This is a great opportunity to serve others in need. Please see Ranae Lentz to volunteer.




An ongoing project of our Board of Deacons, our **2-cents-A-Meal Offering** is an attempt to help meet hunger needs locally, within our own community. The basic idea is this: Bring 2 cents for every meal you have eaten in the previous month and place it in the **2c-A-Meal** boxes at each of the entrances to the sanctuary. Our Board of Deacons will see that these funds go to help feed the hungry locally through Our Daily Bread and the Lutheran Food Pantry. Remember the parable of Jesus feeding of the 5,000! Five loaves and two fishes fed a multitude! It only takes a little on your part – but it sure helps a lot when it comes to helping to feed hungry people!

Habitat for Humanity

“Building a Strong Community takes a Community”

Building a strong community takes a community. Habitat for Humanity in Logan County can use our help. Keeping Habitat in our prayers, sharing of our treasures and of our time. If you are interested in serving others through Habitat, please contact the church office or Kathleen Bow 539.0275.



It is the easiest, quickest, and fastest way for our organization to raise money!

Simply shop at any of the participating Community Cash supermarkets, save your cash register receipts and 1% cash back will be donated to us for qualifying purchases (tobacco, alcohol, purchased services and sales tax not included). Simply shop, save and support our organization!

Remember, save your cash register receipts and return them to our organization!

You'll get great prices, service and value by shopping locally, and our organization will receive much needed charitable funds.

Thanks for your Support!

Our Organization: First United Presbyterian
Our Community Cash Stores: Fulmers & Community Mrkts.
Our Organization Contact: Joyce Core



Remember Community Cash on your next shopping trip!

All proceeds benefit our 'In Church Sharing Fund'

Serving in November:

Deacons "On Call": Colin Yoder & Dana Heydinger

Nov. 6:

Greeters: East Entrance: Kevin & Laurie Harris
West Entrance: the Butler Family Back Door: Judy Wical
Ushers: Steve Mast, Frank Turner, Audrey Hurley, Toby & Jennifer Oelker,
Betty Lloyd, Jeanne Zupp, Steve Cox, Adam Wunderle and Betty Kindell
Sound Tech: Eric Caughenbaugh
Acolytes:
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool: Tracy Huffman & Jenna Fannin
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Tony Core West: Elder Sue Dearwester

Nov. 13:

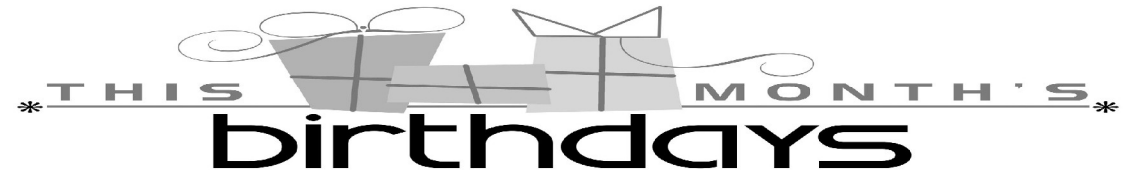
Greeters: East Entrance: the Clark Family West Entrance: the Chervenak Family
Back Door: Karen Brady
Ushers: Margaret Appel, Bud Eichholtz, Jim Hilliker, Bridget Hawkins, David Ritter,
Mark & Landyn Butler, Janice Bowsher and Rose Shoemaker
Sound Tech: Rodney Willis
Acolytes:
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool: Taylors & Sage Caughenbaugh
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Carla Murdock West: Elder Judy Wical

Nov. 20:

Greeters: East Entrance: Peggy Hatcher
West Entrance: Margaret Appel Back Door: Carla Murdock
Ushers: Margaret Appel, Michael Brady, Jon Hines, Betty Hunt, Ryan Lane, Ty
Rader, Cathy Draper, Vance Holloway and Allen Huffman
Sound Tech: Paul Deardurff
Acolytes:
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool: Kim Forsythe & Brooke Turner
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Mark Butler West: Elder Joyce Core

Nov. 27:

Greeters: East Entrance: Sue Crawfis
West Entrance: the Costin Family Back Door: Becky Mast
Ushers: Michael & Courtney Chervenak, Brandon Standley, Peggy Hatcher, Eric
Caughenbaugh, Vicky Petty, Pam McBrien and Jeremiah Vigansky
Sound Tech: Colin Yoder
Acolytes:
Nursery: The Amey's Preschool: Heather Myers & Connor Adelsberger
Elder Greeters: East: Elder Gene Marine West: Elder Betty Lloyd



- November 1: Teresa Vigansky & Carter Yoder
- November 2: Edson Jenkins
- November 4: Mark Fowler
- November 5: Gene Marine
- November 6: Sabrina Lloyd
- November 7: Marlene Carter, Jerry Ritter & Krista Adelsberger
- November 8: Bob Carter, Ben Sailors & Cameron Deardurff
- November 9: Julie Caughenbaugh
- November 10: Tom Notestine
- November 11: Gloria Grove
- November 12: Dameon Jones
- November 15: Eileen Miksch, JoAnne Sharp & Deacon Lloyd
- November 16: Abby Godwin
- November 17: Vicki Gardiner, Jim Hilliker & Sally Moyer
- November 18: Dorothy Snapp, Emma & Ella Costin
- November 19: Nikki Sidders & Jenna Champion
- November 20: Brooke Turner
- November 23: Jill Peters & Kyle Lentz
- November 24: Dee Hamm, Rodney Willis & Brayden Murdock
- November 25: Linda Hilliker
- November 28: Jim Wasinger
- November 29: Jordan Butler
- November 30: Dale Snapp & Curtis Champion

Happy Birthday to You

Happy Birthday to You

And many more.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If we have missed a birthday, please call the office at 592-6611. We don't want to leave anyone out!!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....WHAT'S NEW?

- The excitement is building as we anticipate the annual Election Day Luncheon & Bazaar, the biggest project of the year for our Association. Everyone in our church family is invited to participate in this venture. Please read the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and identify how you would like to help. Then just complete the form and drop it in the offering plate or at the office.
- November 1st we'll be gathering for another "Craft Night". We plan to complete our Angels and create some "gifts in a jar". The several women who attended the first night had a great time. **Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00 pm.** You're invited too!
- Several people provided crafted items or baked goods for the Bazaar last year. Your items are welcome again this year. Please let Joyce Core (468-2553), know what you plan to donate.
- If you are reading this before Monday, October 31st, check to see if we're making noodles that night, and if so, join us if you can.
- **Thank Offering Sunday - On Sunday November 20th the Women's Association will lead the worship service.** Remember our discussion of this at the September Retreat? We decided to join our voices for the anthem on that day. So...all women, whether you were able to attend the retreat or not, are invited to meet with Jean Ann McLaughlin in the choir room prior to the service (10:15a.m.) to practice. We'll be singing a familiar song selected from the ones we sang at the Retreat.
- During the service on November 20th, we will install the new officers elected at our Fall Retreat to serve for the coming year. They are: **Moderator**-Krista Adelsberger, **Vice-Moderator**- Becky Mast, **Secretary**- Joyce Core, **Treasurer**- Vicky Petty, **Board Members** - Karen Brady, Janet Fulton, and Bridgett Hawkins.
- Coming in December.....Cookie Exchange.....Watch for details!
- Look for our Women's Corner at the November Coffee Hour. Learn more about what we're doing. Both your questions and thoughts & ideas are welcome!

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON

The Women's Association is currently planning and organizing the annual Election Day Luncheon. **Everyone** in our church family is invited to participate in this traditional, worthwhile event. We need lots of help on Election Day, but there are other important ways you can help. Just let us know what you'd like to do, using the check list below. You may drop it in the offering plate on Sunday or at the church office. We will contact you with details.

I Can Help with the Election Day Luncheon.....

I Will....

Donate money to purchase meat

Bake Pies (please MARK THE TYPE & NUMBER of pies you will be bringing)

#___ FRUIT PIE #___ PECAN PIE #___ CRÈME PIE

#___ PUMPKIN PIE

Make salads (please (CIRCLE) which salad you are bringing)

TOSSED BROCCOLI PASTA

MACARONI JELLO

Work on Tuesday, Nov 8th, serving, cutting pies & salads, working in dining hall, cleaning up, etc.

Deliver food on Tuesday

Help fill orders on Tuesday

Name _____ Phone _____

ALL the proceeds will benefit various Mission Projects.

YOUR HELP IN ANY MANNER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Women's Association

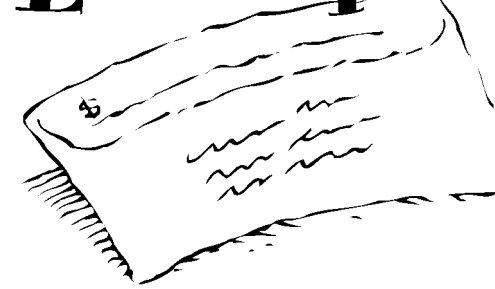


“Count your many blessings, count them one by one-And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done...” Janet shared that song with the ladies that gathered at Camp Wesley for the PWA retreat in September, and it has stuck in my mind every since. Have you counted your blessings lately? I hope you have. Late one night or early one morning however you want to look at it, an idea came to me (I jokily call these ideas middle of the night thoughts)-we need to do a “Thankful Tree”. At one of my preschools, every November we put up a tree in the lobby and had our families wrote what they were thankful. The tree was always beautiful...so with the help of the First Friday group we are going to have a “Thankful Tree”. So during Coffee hour on November 6, we hope you will come and do a leaf for our “Thankful Tree”, I am sure that our tree will be beautiful. “Count your many blessings, count them one by one-And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.”



Ms JoAnne

Offering Envelopes



2012 Offering Envelopes: As a cost-saving measure, the Stewardship & Finance Ministry team will be handing out 2012 Offering Envelopes again this year instead of mailing them. Sunday, December 4th thru December 18th a member of the Stewardship & Finance Ministry team will be standing at the tables (before & after worship) on the EAST side of sanctuary to hand out offering envelopes. If you choose not to use offering envelopes, please let us know. We will not be mailing envelopes this year.

Thank you for your continued financial support of our church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

It is that time again to order your Christmas poinsettia. You may order a Christmas flower in memory or honor of a loved one, to loan to the church for decoration. Following the Christmas Eve service, you may then pick-up your flower to take home.

Flowers may be ordered by using the form below. The price is **\$12.00** for a Poinsettia

DEADLINE FOR PLACING ORDERS IS MONDAY, NOV. 21st
PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE ORDER.

Some of our members prefer to make a donation to the church's Endowment Memorial Fund in lieu of flowers. If you would like to do this, you may also use the form below.

Christmas Flowers/Endowment Memorial Gifts

Name of Person (s) ordering the poinsettia or making the monetary donation: _____

I would like to order # _____ poinsettia @ \$12.00 each

I would like to make a donation to the Endowment Memorial Fund \$ _____

Please write below exactly how you want it printed in the bulletin:

In memory of: _____

In honor of : _____

Enclosed, please find my check in the amount of \$ _____

Make checks payable to: 1st United Presbyterian Church

50 Years Ago Continued 1961

Internationally Vietnam was making news as the Viet Cong were killing 200-250 people per month as the U. S. became involved. In the space race the Soviets put Maj. Yuri Gagarin into space a few weeks before the U.S. sent Alan Shepard up for a 15 minute trip.

In the National news the Civil Rights movement was moving into Jackson, Miss., where racist mobs waged brutality against 100 protesters and the Freedom Fighters, an integrated bus group. The federal minimum wage was upped to \$1.15 @ hour.

Locally the First Presbyterian Church was forming their Every Member Canvass in September. Revision on the rolls took place as 27 names were designated as suspended members. An Every Church Visitation for Self-evaluation and Consultation visit was planned from Team #3 for our church before the end of the year.

There were discussions between the trustees and session about the financial problems of the church during the last months of 1961. Pledges for the year covered only 62% of the budget. P. Q. Freeman resigned as clerk of session, which was a paid position at the time, to ease the struggle of meeting the salaries of staff.

A congregational meeting was called for Dec. 17 for the purpose of electing a pastor. Rev. D. Earl McKinney of Springfield, OH was called to be moderator of the meeting. The report of Pastoral nominating committee was given placing the name of William C. Thompson of Flint, MI as pastor of this congregation. A secret ballot was held and the result was 236 affirmative and 3 negative votes. The Pastoral nominating committee issued the unanimous call to Mr. Thompson who was present in the church. He was escorted back into the sanctuary with his wife where he accepted the call.

Then on January 7, 1962 a special meeting of session was called to read a letter from Mr. Thompson stating he felt under obligation to decline the call for personal reasons. The pulpit committee was reactivated when a special congregational meeting was called on Jan. 14.

On March 12, 1962 L. T. MacGillivray, pulpit committee chairman made the presentation of Rev. J. Lowell Hays, than pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Columbia City, IN, to the congregation as the candidate to fill the pulpit of the church. At the Congregational meeting on April 1, Mr. Robert Kerns gave the pulpit committee report stating that J. Lowell Hays was the unanimous choice for pastor. Ballots were distributed to the 196 voters and only 1 negative vote was cast. Rev. Hays expressed praise for the nominating committee's enthusiasm and appreciation of the congregation's action. He and his wife looked forward to being the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Bellefontaine and serving them.

Mission Accomplished!

Marty Marine



The Mission & Outreach Ministry Team invite church families to help with our

Christmas Sharing Project

Once again this Christmas we have teamed up with the Lutheran Community Services to adopt **40** families in need. Fifteen of our families are senior citizens who are in need of assistance with food, personal care items and maybe a small gift. The other 25 families have children of all ages who could use a little extra help this Christmas with toys and food.

When you choose a tag from the tree, either for a personal care basket (Senior Citizen) or a Toy tag you will be given a letter with information about your family (ages, gender, hobbies or interests) to help you better shop for the person or family.

The Mission & Outreach team asks that if you take a Food Tag from the tree, you make a monetary donation to cover the cost of a food basket. We are suggesting \$25 for a Senior Citizen and \$35 for a family. Although the Angel Food program no longer exists, we believe we can still maximize the benefit of available funds by buying food in bulk amounts and distributing it based on the number of people and the ages of the children in each family. If you care to make a monetary donation but not take a tag, your donations will be used to purchase food for our adopted families.

We will invite our adopted families to come here on **Saturday, December 17th (11am-12pm)** to pick up their Christmas baskets. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship @ 9am on the 17th as we fill the food baskets. Santa will be joining us and refreshments will be served.

We do need all baskets and monetary donations here by **Wednesday, December 14th**, even if you plan to join us on Saturday.

The Tree will be up beginning Sunday, November 13th for 2 weeks.

The tags are:



Food Basket **

**\$25 Senior Citizen/\$35 for family



Toys

List # of children in family



***Personal Care Basket**

*(For our Senior Citizens)

If you have questions, please phone Julie at the church or speak with a Mission & Outreach Ministry Team member.

Thank you for helping to make a neighbor's Christmas brighter!!

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