

# Hilltop Highlights

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## All Saints Day

*“What do you understand by the communion of saints?”*

*“First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship. Second, that we ought to know that we are obliged to use our gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.” Heidelberg Catechism, 4.055*

November 1 is All Saints Day. A holy day that is a little out of the ordinary for us Presbyterians but an important holiday nonetheless. This is what our denomination’s Mission Agency has to say:

“In early Christian tradition, saints’ days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr’s death — his or her “birthday” as a saint. By the middle of the church’s first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints’ Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints’ Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God’s eternal realm.

All Saints’ Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151) says: “All Saints’ Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the “glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs.” It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God’s justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud. It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God’s end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints’ Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.”



As we celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 3, we come to the table to break bread and share in communion, not just with ourselves but with all of the saints of God who have gone before us into life eternal. At the table we sit down together with the people of God past, present and future. Now that is something to celebrate indeed!

In Christ’s Peace, Pastor Mike



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## We Keep in Our Prayers

- ◆ Jeanette McLaughlin who has been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in her lungs and will not be seeking treatment.
- ◆ Becky Baruth and her family as she is being treated for cancer.
- ◆ George Thompson who is suffering with Parkinson's disease.

## Bakersplus.com

We just received the **Third Quarter** of 2019 rebate from Bakers for **\$215.51** this is wonderful and includes **45** households. So if you have not registered **First Presbyterian Church #HY977** under your Baker's Plus card Community partner tab, please do so. This does not affect any other rewards you receive from Baker's.

## Financial Information

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$22,014.66	\$261,731.50
Expenses	\$31,351.46	\$266,786.56
Difference	<\$ 9,336.80	<5,055.06



## Happenings

### God and the Girls -Inter-generational Women's Retreat

First Presbyterian Church, Saturday, November 2, 2019, 9:00AM to 12:00PM This is an intergenerational Women's Retreat. Women, ages 9 and up are invited to gather and spend a joyful morning focusing on gratitude. Come laugh with us, study with us, eat with us, and soak up the love—from our gracious and loving God and from each other. Guests are welcome! Location First Presbyterian Church, 9AM to Noon. \$10 per person, scholarships available. Sign Up Today! Or email [lkreffert@aol.com](mailto:lkreffert@aol.com)



**Troop 467**, the Boy Scout Troop that meets at our church on Thursday nights, has a treat for you...**a chili and soup feed!** The event will take place on Sunday, November 3rd at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. This is a fundraiser for the troop to help raise money for camping equipment and fees. Thank you for your support!



let's do  
lunch

**Deacon's Luncheon**—Mark your calendars for the next Deacon's Luncheon on Thursday, November 7th. Lunch will be served at 11:00am, in the Fellowship Hall, followed by our program. Our guest speaker is from the Endless Journey. The subject is, "Hospice, More Than End of Life Care". The Deacons are providing the meal. There is no cost to attend. We

request you sign-up so we have enough food for everyone. Sign-up will be in Library before and after church. Contact Rick Holbert [owlybear1997@gmail.com](mailto:owlybear1997@gmail.com) or 402-291-7637.



Please join the Regier family in Celebrating **Willis Regier's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**. The celebration will be in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to Noon. Willis is a WWII Battle of the Bulge Veteran and joined our church with his wife Frances in 1947. Frances and Willis were married 72 + years before she passed away in 2013. Willis is a dedicated and loving member of our church and would be honored to have everyone come out to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with him.



**Thanksgiving Food Boxes**— To participate please sign up at the table in the Library by Sunday, November 17th. Shopping list items needed for the food box are located on a sheet at the sign up table. Please bring boxes to church no later than Sunday, November 17th.



## Happenings

### Operation Christmas Child

Remember, a small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, and what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. The gift of a simple shoebox filled with toys, treats, and basic supplies will bring joy to the children and hope to their parents who can not offer their children even the simplest of gifts for Christmas.

All shoeboxes need to be returned by **Sunday, November 17th.**



Join us for **Ladies' Lunch.** We are meeting on the **Third Thursday** of each month at **11:30am.** In November we are going to meet at Golden Dragon at 923 Galvin Rd South, in the strip mall next to Jensen Tire. We will meet on November 21st. Please call or email **Bev Snowden** if you plan on attending **402-291-7653** or **bevsnowden2017@gmail.com.**



### Youth Mission Silent Auction & Luncheon

It is time for our annual fundraising event which begins **Sunday, November 24th.** The proceeds fund our youth mission projects for 2020. We need your help in providing donated craft items, holiday gift items, gift baskets for children and adults, themed baskets, babysitting hours, yard work, books and toys...you name it!

**We will have a donation of over 40 "Dickens" and "Heritage" Village pieces: lighted buildings; horses, pulled coaches and delivery vehicles; 6ft oval track, train and railroad buildings; outdoor residents and peddlers; and winter scenery.**

Items or descriptions of items will be on display, with bid sheets and the congregation is invited to bid on any items they may wish to purchase. Items donated can be given to Shelli as early as November 3rd.

**Sunday, December 8th** will be the last day for bidding. The bidding will close 30 minutes after worship service and the winners will be announced at a luncheon, hosted by the youth and youth leaders, following the service. If you would like to contribute or have any questions, please contact Shelli Dart at the church office (402-291-1104). Thank you for your support!



**The Angel Tree** will be ready to go on November 24th. This is a great opportunity to help more families celebrate Christmas, no matter their financial status. Each angel on the tree has a gift request and a child's age for your reference. All gifts should be returned, unwrapped to the Church by Sunday, December 8th so they can be distributed to families the next weekend. You may put your gift in a shopping bag or a pretty Christmas bag if you choose. Do not wrap. Thank you for your support!

### Hanging of the Greens

Join your church family for a time of fellowship, worship, and giving to others in our community. We will gather at 5:00 pm Sunday, December 1st in Fellowship Hall and have dinner, then we will begin putting up the trees and decorating whatever and wherever we can!





## Happenings

### Advent Calendar

#### **Sunday, December 1– 1st Sunday of Advent**

Worship with Communion at 10:30am

Hanging of the Greens at 5:00pm

#### **Sunday, December 8 –2nd Sunday of Advent**

Worship and Children's Christmas Program at 10:30am

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party

Holiday Youth Mission Silent Auction & Luncheon at 11:30am

#### **Sunday, December 15 – 3rd Sunday in Advent**

Worship with Westminster Bells 10:30am

#### **Sunday, December 22– 4th Sunday of Advent**

No Sunday School

Worship and Chancel Choir Cantata 10:30am

Christmas Joy Offering received

#### **Tuesday, December 24th-Christmas Eve**

Pre-Service Children's Music Performances at 4:45 pm

Young Family Worship at 5:00 pm (Childcare is not provided)

Pre-Service Music Performances at 6:30 pm

Worship with Chancel Choir, Westminster Bells, Carols and Candlelight at 7:00 (Childcare is not provided)

### **Children's Christmas Program**

Please join us as we celebrate the Reason for the Season--**Jesus!**

The Children's Christmas program will be presented during worship on **Sunday, December 8th.**

The children have been busy practicing their songs on Sunday and a dress rehearsal will take place Saturday, **December 7th at 9:00am** in the sanctuary.

Please call or email Linda Reffert if you have questions [lkreffert@aol.com](mailto:lkreffert@aol.com) or 402-291-1104

### **Happy Birthday, Jesus**

The annual Happy Birthday, Jesus party is on **Sunday, December 8th.**

After the children have presented their Christmas program in worship, they will go to the Valley Vista Room where the party will be held.

Treats will be provided.

The Christian Education committee will have games and activities as well as a special Christmas gift for each child.



### **Snow days are coming!!**

When the Bellevue Public School system closes for bad weather the church office will also be closed. Any events scheduled that day may or may not be cancelled. Closing will be determined by the committee hosting the event and an email will be sent to those participating. **If Sunday Worship is cancelled it will be announced on the local TV stations as early as possible**



## 2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Results as of October 21, 2019



Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> was Stewardship Commitment Sunday. We have now received 73 pledges totaling \$225,506. The average pledge is over \$3,000 or over \$250 per month. Our goal for 2020 is for pledges of \$267,000 which is about 3% higher than the amount pledged for this year.

To those of you have already turned in your 2020 pledge, thank you for your generosity. If you wish to pre-pay part or all of your 2020 pledge---be sure to do so before December 31, 2019.

If you haven't turned in your 2020 pledge, please do so as soon as possible. We need your pledge soon so the Finance Committee can complete its important work during November of putting together the actual budget for 2020.

For any questions regarding the 2020 Stewardship Campaign, please contact me or our Financial Secretary Eric Van Sky.

Bob Jeffus-Chair, Stewardship Committee

## DEBT PAY-OFF CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of October 23, 2019

First Presbyterian Church's outstanding building loan balance is now down to \$130,058. In July 2013, the balance stood at \$750,000. The monthly loan payment is \$6,372.98. Through regular monthly payments, the loan will not be paid off until the Summer of 2021.

The **DEBT PAY-OFF FUND** currently contains only \$9,685 just enough to make the November 2019 payment. Hopefully, with continuing pledged and non-pledged contributions we should be able to make loan payments for all of 2019 and perhaps the first month or two of 2020 without negatively impacting the Operating Budget.

**FIRST PRES NEEDS YOUR HELP.** If you have not pledged, or you are not contributing to the Debt Pay-Off Campaign, we prayerfully ask you to do so. Wouldn't it be marvelous if we could have the loan fully paid off by early 2020? Please use the RED pledge card located on the name tag table. Please continue to use the PINK envelopes for your contributions.

**PLEASE SEE THE ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE FOR SOME TAX SAVING STRATEGIES REGARDING YOUR END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Thank you again for your generosity. As a church family we are truly Blessed. If you have any questions, please contact me or Eric Van Sky (Financial Secretary).

Bob Jeffus-Chair, Stewardship Committee

## End of Year Contributions

To comply with IRS regulations, all contributions intended for the current year tax statement must be dated in the current year. These contributions should be turned in as early as possible and at least by the last day of the year. The financial record for the current year will be closed out on the last day of the current year.

Contributions received after December 31st will be entered in the next year's record and will appear on the next year's statement. Contributions received after December 31 cannot be back dated.

If you have any questions, please contact: Eric Van Sky, Financial Secretary, at 402-881-5210



## Two ways to donate to the church and save on income taxes

As we look at the 2020 pledge drive and wiping out the last \$116K of the church mortgage, we thought it good timing to share the tax savings approaches.

1. If you are over 59 ½ you can make a direct transfer from your Traditional IRA or other retirement account. Your finance institution can send a check directly to First Presbyterian Church and you will incur no income taxes on the transfer and it will count as part of your Required Minimum Distribution.
2. Give appreciated stock or mutual funds to First Presbyterian Church by completing some forms to transfer the stock from your brokerage account to the church's brokerage account (Foundation Fund). You will have no tax liability on the capital gains and neither will the church.

Example:

- ◆ You bought 100 shares @ \$10 which = \$1,000
- ◆ Market value on 12/15/18 is \$20 which = \$2,000
- ◆ You then have a \$1,000 capital gain
- ◆ You can now donate the \$1,000 original value and the \$1,000 capital gain to the church by transferring the funds to the church's brokerage account and eliminating the tax liability on the stock or \$1,000 capital gain, since you never sell the stock and the funds go directly from the brokerage to the church. The full value of \$2,000 is tax deductible if you still itemize you deductions.

⇒ If you would like more information please contact Carolyn Hess at [candmhess@cox.net](mailto:candmhess@cox.net) or Eric Van Sky at [eric.vansky@yahoo.com](mailto:eric.vansky@yahoo.com)

## PER CAPITA – PER PERSON

What is per capita? Per capita is important to being a Presbyterian! It is the way Presbyterians mutually share governance expenses to make mission and programs possible. It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation."

The **required** total per capita amount due from each congregation is a combined request from the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and the General Assembly. We will owe **\$39.65** for each active member. In 2020, our apportionment will be **\$11,141.65**. If we don't reach that amount from the per capita request, funds will be taken from somewhere else in our budget to ensure First Presbyterian meets the required per capita assessment.

### Next Steps

Take a special per capita envelope from the name tag table. Include a check for **\$39.65** for each church member in your family. Write your envelope # on your check. If you do not have the envelope, please write Per Capita in the memo portion of your check. Leave the envelope or check in the offering plate or the office by February 9th. If you would like to prepay your Per Capita for next year just go ahead and place your envelope in the offering plate by December 31st this year.

Our church must pay our total per capita amount by February 15, 2020.

Thank you, Stewardship Committee



## Christmas is Almost Here



Please be sure to go (<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0379376>) when ordering your Christmas gifts from Amazon.

Each quarter, the AmazonSmile Foundation will make a donation to First Presbyterian Church.

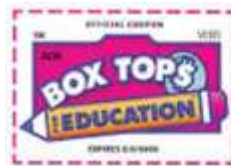
When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization where .5% of their eligible purchases will be donated to our church.

If you are not an AmazonSmile customer please log in to Amazon.com and go to help and type in Amazon Smile . Click on the Amazon Smile logo and you will be prompted get started and to select an organization. You must be logged in to Amazon Smile (<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0379376>) to shop in order for your purchases to qualify.

If you are already an AmazonSmile customer and have selected an organization and you wish to change to First Presbyterian Church you can do so by going to Amazon.com and repeating the steps above.

## News from Welcome School

News from Welcome School: October has been super exciting and full of activities!



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT

Mid-October we hosted a fun Father's Night for all the students and their Dads. The dads got to play with their children and see what a day at Welcome School looks like. We had an amazing response that night and very engaged Dads!

We had a visit from the Bellevue Fire Department. They talked to us about fire safety and the kids got to sit in the fire truck!

If you were to walk by the Welcome School classrooms, you would see centers reflecting a campground, a dinosaur dig, and a farm with a horse!! It's so fun to watch the kids so engaged in their learning every day.

God Bless,  
Tara Williams - Director



Lacing spider webs



Cutting practice making  
"snips"



A visit from the firefighters



Worshipping, learning, and serving together in the name of Jesus





## Making a Joyful Noise!



Brian and Joyce Wells

My Presbyterian Friends and Family! Greetings and Salutations from the **Wells family**. When Alice asked me to write a little about myself for the Newsletter I had to smile and wonder..." what in the world would be of interest in my life to the average person?". So, I suppose I should take you back to the beginning...

I was born a poor boy in Frankfort, Indiana home of the fighting Hotdogs...yes...Hotdog dog is our mascot. Google it! My Father and Mother were hard working Americans that took pride in their three children (old and younger sisters and me). Dad worked in a local factory, we never went hungry, but I did get tired of baloney sandwiches! We started going to the local Independent Christian Church down the street with the first to go my older sister Bonnie (who has an 8mm movie of her dragging me to the church) then the entire family. Dad served as a Deacon, Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher and Elder. Mom did everything at the church from Communion prep, choir, Sunday School teacher to women's circles and hosting Euchre nights at our home! We didn't have much money, but Mom and Dad made sure all the kids learned a musical instrument. It cost \$3 per month to rent a cello/bass but Dad never complained (to my knowledge). My Mother danced and sang with her family in the 1940s (Ferguson Family Singers) she was 5 years old when they opened for "Little Jimmy Dickens" at a local fair. And that is where my love of music comes from. Dad was an officer in local National Guard unit where he allowed me to go to staff meetings. He

would allow the guys (staff) to lock me in the arms room during his meetings allowing me to disassemble and reassemble all the various weapons...I grew to love the smell of grease, oil and mechanics of weapons. If my Mother ever knew she would have been very upset!

Fast forward to high school music was my forte (pun intended). Cello and Voice. Academics were overrated! (I thought at the time). Auditioned for a scholarship to Indiana State University (Cello) and was accepted. Bought the only cello I still own from a Cellist in the St Louis Symphony, joined a Musicians Union and played in the following Orchestras: Tom Jones (yes, the Tom Jones I've got a good story ask me some time), Red Skelton, Charlie Rich, Nancy Wilson, The Lettermen and many others. I was 18 and earning \$100 a night playing for these folks...life was good until I ran out of \$\$ and joined the US Army temporarily (22 year, 4 months, 19 days).

Enlisted as a tanker as Fort Knox, KY (1978) was only 4 hours away from home. Loved everything about tanking: oil, diesel, ammo, deploying, personnel. Promotions came quickly from tank commander, to Drill Sergeant, Master Gunner, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, Command Sergeant Major (Battalion and Brigade). Deployed to Knox 2 times, W. Germany 2 times, Fort Riley 3 times, Fort Bliss, Fort Lewis, Bosnia. Retired February 1, 2001. During my time in the military I was married, we had two children (Kori 35 married and living in Lawrence, Kansas serving as a Music Therapist/ Music teacher and Christopher 29 married and living in Denver, Colorado serving as a retail manager and theatre director). After retirement the marriage ended. 18 months later I was reintroduced to a former High School Swing Choir Partner (Ms. Joyce Keever) who stole my heart and we were married 8 years ago! Joyce brought her two beautiful daughters into our relationship along with their husbands!

Since retirement from the Army I've worked as a financial planner, banker, Executive Director of an Housing Authority, Department of the Army Civilian and currently serving as a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Portfolio Management Specialist (PMS) and you thought your job title was bad! We moved to Nebraska in the

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## Making a Joyful Noise!

summer of 2014. Choose First Presbyterian Church as our new church from the website and nice folks we met!

Education: BS from Eastern Kentucky University (Police Administration). MBA University of Mary (Bismarck ND).

Hobbies: Ham radio General Class Operator with call sign N0ORF.

Music: Choir, cello, bass, banjo, mandolin, guitar, instructor for Guitar 4 Vets, Karaoke, Joyce and I give away a cello each year to a deserving cellist who can't afford to buy their own (paying it forward thanks Mom & Dad) we're up to 6 cellos!

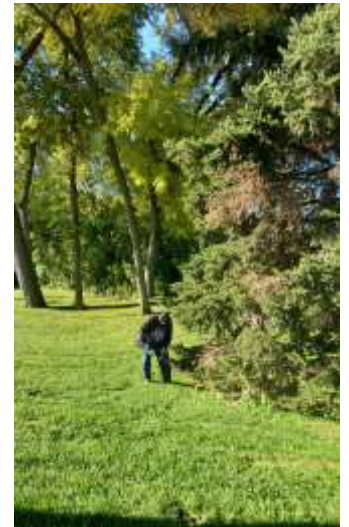
Military: VFW (Past Commander), American Legion (Past Governor), AUSA (Past President), Own an M151a2 jeep that we use for parades and such!

Church and Service clubs: Former Elder at First Pres, Kiwanis Bellevue morning (Past President), Lions Papillion (Past President Wamego, KS).

In conclusion, I enjoy this area of the country and am glad that God has led us to First Presbyterian. We love the diversity of people and talent that is all around us. However, we could do with less cold and snow but there's always vacations and hot chocolate! God Bless. Brian



Fall Clean Up



## Children's Ministry



Linda Reffert

A huge thank you to all our hosts, who helped make First Presbyterian a warm and welcoming place for Trick or Treaters on Wednesday, October 30th. Signed up to host tables were: Randy Reffert, Megan Warren & Membership Committee, Sue Tabler, Mary Bond, Reilly family, Kathy &

Gary White, Lou & Nancy Worm, Brian & Joyce Wells, Mike Elliott, Rick & Liane Kirmis, Rose family, Dawn Matthews, LeAnn Jobes, Angela & Marilyn Routt, Laura Erickson, Joyce Luster, Bev Snowden, Deb Hudson, Sue Houghtaling, Becky Berg, John Kieran, Marie Zipse, Tom & Laura Miller, Jane Hink, Jane Noden, Marty Davis, Don & Wendy Fenster, June Kouba.

Thanks also to the people who helped make our October Family Movie Night a big success: Mike & Sue Tabler, John & Shelli Dart, Mitch & Dawn Matthews, George Sayles and Bev Snowden. We hosted 61 people and a big percentage of that was itty bitty kids. I was so glad for help!

Continuing with thanks, I am sure thankful to the people who have stepped up to fill the void of not having a Children's Music Director right now. I lead music in Sunday School but can't during WOW. Liane Kirmis, Cindy Reilly and Sue Tabler have been leading during WOW and Jaci Marks will be working into the rotation in November. I have been very grateful for our WOW shepherds too, because they help so much! They are Mike Elliott for the K-2's and Lori Keaton for the 3rd through 6th graders.

Our Thanksgiving Feast is coming up on Wednesday, November 20th. Everyone in the congregation is welcome and grandparents of our WOW and Illuminate kids are invited too. Dinner is at 5:30 and it will be a feast! Please be sure to RSVP to me for everyone in your group that is

NOT a WOW or Illuminate volunteer or participant. Dinner is a bargain at \$2 per person (not enrolled or helping with WOW or Illuminate). There won't be WOW on November 27th, since it is the night before Thanksgiving.

Hanging of the Greens is coming up on Sunday, December 1st. We're going to change things up for kids this year, after dinner and singing carols. Instead of doing crafts or making gingerbread houses in Fellowship Hall, we will head downstairs and make ornaments and decorations for the kid's classrooms. We also won't be baking and serving cookies this year, unless an adult steps forward that is just itching to take on the leadership of that activity. But I will make sure there are plenty of Christmas cookies available that night.





## Youth Fellowship (YF) News



**"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Romans 8:18**

The kids picked this scripture while pouring

concrete this summer. It applies to many different seasons of our lives and as we inch closer to winter I think it's a great reminder. Days are shorter and colder and it's cold and flu season. Many people do not look forward to winter at all. But spring always comes, days are longer and warmer, flowers bloom. It's the same with seasons in our lives, there may be hard times but God's promise is they won't last forever. Just like spring comes, God's glory will also come and be revealed in us. I think that's pretty amazing to think about.

We had a great time at Vala's with quality time hiding under a tree during a brief rain shower. Hot dogs and s'mores always taste more delightful cooked on a stick in the fire. Thanks for all that came out and for the adults that love and support these kiddos. Wouldn't be the same without you!

We have a Presbytery retreat at Camp Calvin Crest Nov 1-2. There will be a great speaker and lots of fun and fellowship. The cost is \$25 for dinner Friday and Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday. Scholarships are always available due to the amazing support of our church family so please don't let finances stop you from attending.



We are serving at the Open Door Mission on the 10th. This is a great opportunity to give back to our community and also a great opportunity for parents to do volunteer work with their kiddos. Hint hint, starting the first weekend in November we will accept donations for the Silent Auction.

November 20 is our Illuminate and WOW Thanksgiving Feast starting at 5:30. Families are invited to attend, to help offset expenses we do ask for a \$2.00 per person donation. Please RSVP so we will have enough food for everyone.

We will not have Illuminate the 27th so you can enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday with your families. Don't forget to offer to help Mom in the kitchen or during cleanup time.

Hanging of the Greens will be December 1 and the Silent Auction is December 8 so we must set everything up before Thanksgiving this year. We will be setting up the tables and the Angel Tree the 17th and 20th so people have plenty of time to bid and purchase items.

Thanks in advance for your help and support. It's going to be a busy month!

Be a Blessing.  
Shelli



### November Youth Events

- Nov 1-2** Camp Calvin Crest Retreat
- Nov 10** 4:30pm YAS - Open Door Mission
- Nov 17** Angel Tree and Auction Set-up
- Nov 20** 5:30pm YF Family Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov 27** NO Illuminate - Happy Thanksgiving!





## ~ November 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> All Saints Day 1p Quilter Group	<b>2</b> 9a God & the Girls
<b>3</b> Pantry Sunday 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Boy Scout Chili/ Soup Feed 11:30a Deacons Mtg (VVR) 6p Mowing Teams Dinner (FH)	<b>4</b> 1p Women's Bible Study (CR) 1:15p Heritage Ridge 2p Harmony Court 2:45p Richmond Village	<b>5</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting (CR) 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 5:30p WOW/Illuminate 7p Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 11a Deacon Luncheon 7p Troop 467	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10a Willis Regier Birthday Party (FH) 1p Private Event (FH)
<b>10</b> Undie Sunday 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 4:30p Youth Active Service/ODM 6:30p Boy Scout Committee Meeting (VVR)	<b>11</b> Veterans' Day 10:30a PEO (FH/VVR)	<b>12</b> 5:30p Christian Education Mtg (L) 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 9a P.E.O. (VVR) 5:30p WOW/Illuminate 6p Building & Grounds Mtg (CR) 6p Finance Mtg (Admin Ofc) 7p Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 6:30p Membership (VVR) 7p PW Bible Study (Luster Home) 7p Troop 467 7p Worship Mtg (CR)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Return OCC Shoeboxes 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Fellowship Mtg (VVR)	<b>18</b> 1p Women's Bible Study (CR)	<b>19</b> 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 5:30p WOW/Illuminate Thanksgiving Feast 7p Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 11:30a Ladies Lunch 7p Session (VVR) 7p Troop 467	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Next Sunday Pantry Sunday 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Troop 499 Committee Mtg (VVR)	<b>27</b> 7p Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Church Office is Closed 6a Private Event (FH)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



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## November Birthdays:

2 Joyce Luster	17 Ethan deZafra
3 Jim Millard	18 Andrew Oxtoby
6 Brooks Brink	21 Isabella Keaton
6 Margaret Jackson	23 Christy VanRyckeghem
8 Willis Regier	24 Ed Hink
10 Linda Kroeger	24 Don Martin
11 John Eidenmiller	24 Bethany Dart
11 Diane Regier	26 Roger Freier
13 Marty Griffin	28 Sharon Elliott
15 Virginia Eidenmiller	29 Jack Reilly
16 Rick Holbert	30 Ashley Hudson
17 Chuck Nelson	



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