

THE CALL

Church Meetings

COMMUNION	November 6th
Trustee Meeting—6:00 pm	November 14th
Family Faith Night Dinner—5:30 p.m. Classes—6:00 p.m.	November 2nd 9th 30th
Family Thanksgiving Dinner No FFN	November 16th 23rd
Session Meeting—5:00 pm	November 28th
PW Bible Study—10:30 a.m. Friendship & Talent Luncheon—noon	November 9th
Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:30	November 2nd, 9th, 16th,
Adult Bible Study Weds.-6:30 p.m.	November 2nd, 9th, & 30th



NOVEMBER SERVERS

LAY LITURGIST:

Ondrea McAulay

GREETERS:

Dave & Julie Narwold

USHERS:

Roy & Linda Simpson

REFRESHMENTS:

Susan Wilson

SUNDAY COUNTERS: TERRI,

MIKE, AND JEAN

PASTOR BOB'S REFLECTIONS

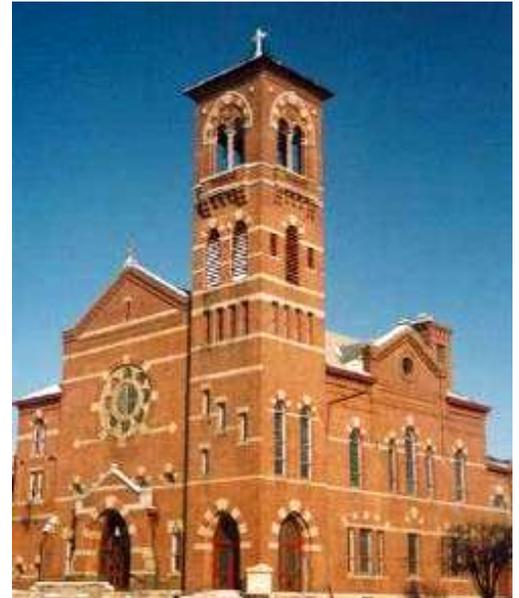
Tim Shapiro from the Center for Congregations shares the following story:

“When I was young, I went to worship with my parents and six siblings. My stepfather prepared our offering envelopes the evening before worship. He placed a dollar in each envelope.

At the beginning of worship, he passed the envelopes to each of us. When I received my envelope, I experienced a weekly moment of truth, just as my brothers and sisters did. My stepfather had left each envelope unsealed. It was our choice to add to the offering or to seal the envelope with no additional gift.”

Tim makes the point that in many different ways, every member of our congregation wrestles with a similar moment of truth whether we are conscious of it or not. How much shall I give to the congregation?

He says there are many dynamics that influence any **single person's response to the** question including income, expenses, connection to the ministry of the church, a sense of gratitude. But he goes on to say a primary influence is the way a congregation talks about faith and money. Is money a taboo subject? Or is money talked about openly and



honestly?

Congregations which promote a culture of giving have intentionally chosen to be a primary place where generosity is taught rather than being simply one place among many that asks for money.

Tim asks the question does your congregation support a way of life that celebrates generosity. And then he gives some signs that show a congregation is just such a community:

- Stories of generosity are frequently shared as part of community life. There are testimonies to generous giving.
- Giving is lifted up as a virtue all year around, not just during stewardship season or the time of the annual fund drive.

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Women's Fellowship

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9th for the next PW Bible Study led by Marilyn Woods. The topic is *JUSTICE, A PEOPLE FOR OTHERS* and will be accompanied by a 10 minute DVD on the subject.

FRIENDSHIP & TALENT

Following Bible Study on Wednesday, November 9th is our Friendship & Talent meal and meeting at 12 noon. Jean Stutz will give devotions. Come join us for an always super meal!

Presbyterian Women's Praise & Thank Worship Service

Sunday
November 20th

Carey Anne LaSor will be our guest speaker.

(Pitch-in Dinner following the service)

In this month of Thanksgiving my prayer is we learn together to become a congregation that teaches and learns generosity. I am thankful for your generosity to put a new roof on the education building. I am thankful for your generosity of time and talent during the Day of Caring. The ministries of Worship, Family Faith Night, Mission, Congregational care, and Prayer all need your generous support. (See Susan Wilson's Financial Update for facts and numbers.)

Each day, we are figuratively handed unsealed envelopes that serve as requests for us to be generous human beings. How much shall I give to the congregation?

Think about it – Pray about it – Live it

Bob



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's bible study will continue to meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in November at the home of Gary and Kathy Miller, 1805 N. Tyrel Ave. All men are welcome

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Broaden the way you pray. Do you know there are many elements of prayer? Do you know there are different ways one can pray? Pastor Bob is guiding us through a study of prayer which will increase our ability to pray more effectively. The prayer study will continue throughout November. Join us Wednesday evenings for a dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Adult Bible Study at 6:30. We hope to see you there.

...Dennis Shepherd

Pastor Bob's Reflections —Continued from page 1

- Clergy leaders give generously.
- Patterns of giving are not secrets. The specifics will differ from congregation to congregation, but generally speaking, the more transparency at all levels the better.
- Money is discussed in relationship to faith, and such conversations are integrated into the business matters of the congregation.
- People are invited to be generous. You are asked to give more to the congregation and to other important charities.





Prayer Focus For November

Never Forget Our Veterans

At 11 minutes after the 11th hour on the 11th month in 1918, the guns went silent ending World War I, “**The War to end all Wars.**”

One year later, in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Armistice Day as a holiday honoring the successful conclusion of a terrible war.

At that time Americans didn’t know that only 23 years later an even greater war would be waged with even more death and destruction.

After being surprised at pearl Harbor in December 1941, things looked grim. But the American spirit and work ethic quickly went into full swing, resulting in a rapid build-up of men and material never before seen. After four difficult years in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, the United States and her allies succeeded in winning another world war.

In the 1950’s President Eisenhower signed legislations changing the official name of Armistice Day to Veteran’s Day. This change would allow for recognition of those serving in uniform in the future and in the past.

So remember, on Veterans day, November 11, when you see a veteran, thank him or her for their service. For without them, the freedom which we take for granted would have disappeared under tyranny long ago.

A Prayer for our Veterans:

Oh Lord, Thank you for the thousands of men and women who have accepted the call to serve their country in our Armed Forces. For those who have departed, bless their souls and keep their memories alive within us so that we might always remember their contributions to our freedom. For those who remain with us, help us to always honor and respect them, and show admiration for their courage and devotion to duty. Amen

Kathy Denny—Care of Parish Team



Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Greensburg First Presbyterian Church

In Honor of: Matt and Gia Westhafer and Family

Wednesday, November 16th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Free Will Donation

All donations go to: Decatur County Relay for Life

Reservations need to be made by Sunday, November 13th

Call church office 812-663-2197

Come Gather with Us to Share This Meal and Give Thanks for Our Many Blessings!

Day of Caring

What a great day! We experienced our first Day of Caring with many of you participating in this new mission project. Some of you were not available on the 23rd but that did not deter you from offering to help in preliminary preparations.



Before the actual day, our Family Faith Night young people enthusiastically helped distribute lime green bags in five communities on Wednesday evening for the food drive. Then on Sunday morning, they returned to help collect the bags filled with food for four non-profits: AGAPE, Bread of Life, Human Services, and New Directions.

The Historical Museum is clean and shiny because members polished the silver, furniture, washed the windows and the woodwork just in time for their Annual Halloween party.

The animals at the Shelter received lots of love and cuddling especially the kittens. The dog kennels were pressure cleaned, equipment was repaired, and a storage area cleaned and organized.



Do you enjoy homemade noodles? The Bread of Life is selling 1# bags of noodles for \$5.00. They were weighed, packaged, and labeled by members. Then the trays that held the noodles were washed and readied for Monday's clients.

The Blares are thrilled with their shiny clean windows that were washed on the outside for them. Yard work was planned. Although the leaves were still holding on, the walnuts were falling so they were picked up from the front yard.

Who doesn't like a chocolate chip cookie? Cookies were baked Sunday morning. When cooled they were bagged and delivered to the police, sheriff, fire departments, dispatchers, and EMTs as a way to say "thank you" for the service they provide for our community.



So that's an overview of our first Day of Caring. More information will appear in the December copy of The CALL. There are many people to thank and they know how they helped make Day of Caring a success. We might overlook someone if we tried to name volunteers so instead the Mission & Outreach Committee says a big THANK YOU to all.

Mission & Outreach Committee

Thank you to Marilyn Woods and the committee for planning this event!

Look for many more pictures from Day of Caring at the end of the email version of this newsletter. The pictures can also be found on our website at the end of the November newsletter, and some will be displayed in our rotating pictures on the website's front page. (www.fpcgburg.org)



STEWARDSHIP: WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD GIVE

Giving acknowledges God's ownership; Giving expresses our gratitude and thanksgiving to God; Giving demonstrates our faith and obedience; Giving is an act of worship; Giving helps break the power that money can have over us; Giving gives us the opportunity to experience the joy in giving; Giving helps the needy; Giving gives God the opportunity to supply us with more to give; Giving imitates God; and Giving provides the funding for our church's mission

and ministry.

"Stewardship is all about making choices--as individuals and as our faith community. Our church is much more than pledging and giving our money to the Lord. It is about being faithful disciples, caring for and sharing all our blessings." The 2017 Stewardship Commitment form is included on page 6. Please consider prayerfully what YOU can share of the many blessings God has given you.

Church News

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The roof project has been completed at a total cost of \$34,935.60 which is about \$1,000 less than the original bid. The church received \$9,639.77 from the Scheibler Fund at the DCCF, and the congregation gave a total of \$19,465. The remaining \$5,830.83 was taken from the Lynch Capital Improvement Fund. Thank you for your generosity and support.

At the end of September, three-fourths of the way through the year, the church's expenses are at **64.5% of the 2016 budget**. Committees are striving to hold down expenses. Gifts, contributions, and pledges have covered 43% of the expenses with investment income covering the remaining 57%. Additional money (above the 5% of the 5-year average of the General and Dedicated Benevolence accounts) has been withdrawn to cover expenses. The church is blessed to have these resources to draw on. Please be generous in your support of the work and outreach of FPC as we complete this year and plan for 2017.

Susan Wilson—Treasurer

SESSION NEWS:

- * Congratulations and welcome to Carey Anne LaSor who has been elected to serve as co-clerk of session.
- * Renee' McClintic has volunteered to serve as chair for the Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 16th. Please let her know how you can help. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Reception Hall.
- * Mission and Outreach has decided to spend some of their advertising dollars on membership in Welcome Wagon which contacts new property owners in the community.
- * PW netted nearly \$1,000 this year on the rummage sale. They have sent \$200 to Kokomo for Tornado Relief and \$200 for disaster relief from Hurricane Matthew. By the end of the year they will have donated several more funds to local non-profits.
- * Church members are invited to serve on session and to contact any session member about concerns.



IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Mike Gommel

Saints Preserve Us

by Sean Kelly & Rosemary Rogers

Are you bothered by a pesky housefly? Say a prayer to St. Leufredus. Lost something precious to you? Try St. Anthony of Padua. Are you a farmer? Your patron saint is Isidore, or St. George, or Sidwell, or Walstan. **Take your pick. You don't have to be Roman Catholic to read this book.** Many of the saints listed in this book are familiar to we Protestants: Michael the Archangel, Gabriel, St. Patrick, and **St. Christopher (sorry, he's probably a myth).**

The Story of Christianity

by Jean-Pierre Isbouts

This is a chronicle of Christian civilization from ancient Rome to today. Published by the National Geographic Society, the reader may view photographs, artworks, and maps, as well as text that reveals a comprehensive journey through the established church.

Stewardship Commitment for 2017—Greensburg 1st Presbyterian Church

Name(s) _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Grateful for God's many blessings and for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.

Time: I (we) commit time to help with _____

Talent: I (we) commit to the talent(s) God has given us to help with _____

Treasure: I (we) commit financial support of \$ _____ per week () per month () per year ()

The proposed *per capita* for 2017 is \$38.55. I (we) will pay *per capita* for 2017 in addition to our commitment above.

_____ I will pay *per capita* separately from my pledge.

_____ I will increase my pledge amount to cover *per capita*.



Please prayerfully complete this form and return to the church.

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR
CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Shut-ins

Aspen Place, 2320 N. Montgomery Rd., Greensburg, IN

Anna Clemenz— Room 405A

Bill Baumgartner— Room 110,

Charles Gilliland— Room 407

Florence Shelp— Rm. 101

Hazel Shonk

At Home, 1029 E. Tara Rd.,
Greensburg, IN

Rocky and Barb Blare

At home, 207 Orchard Drive,
Greensburg, IN

Gary Miller

At home, 1805 N. Tyrel Ave. East
Greensburg, IN 47240

Prayer List

Gla Westhafer

Steve Westhafer

Rocky Blare

Shirley Clark

Pat Rooker's Daughter & Son-in-law

Joe Rust

Iris Scheibler

Carolyn Adkins- **Diana's mother**

Travis Blanford

Steve Gookins

Patti Wenning

Laura Owens

Barbara Sterchi

Al Jones



YOUR PRAYERS DO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!



Marguerite Roller's
100th
Birthday Party