

W I N D O W

NOVEMBER 2020

The Monthly Newsletter

of First Presbyterian Church
Athens, Ohio



November 2020

Sunday, Nov. 1st
All Saints' Sunday
Daylight Savings Time
Ends

Worship via YouTube
(see below)

Sunday, Nov. 8th
Worship via YouTube
(see below)

Sunday, Nov. 15th
Worship via YouTube
(see below)

Sunday, Nov. 22nd
Christ the King
Thanksgiving Sunday
Worship via YouTube
(see below)

Sunday, Nov. 29th
1st Sunday of Advent
Worship via YouTube
(see below)

Each week FPC creates a worship video - a service featuring organist, small group of vocalists, and Pastor, Rob Martin. FPC's worship services can be found on YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/athensfpc/search?query=sermon>

You can access them directly on the FPC YouTube channel and on the church web site under Worship Archive.

"We are a Christian community of faith that shares the love of God with all people everywhere."

From the Pastor....

Dear friends,

This article is being written just before Reformation Sunday, when Protestants remember the theological and political movement that broke apart the Christian Church in western Europe in the 1500s. It is also being written two weeks prior to the national election on November 3rd. Protestant Reformation and democratic election - the two events are not unrelated.

A basic tenet of the Reformation was the priesthood of all believers. While ostensibly a theological response to the power of Roman Catholic priests and bishops, it had political consequences. Once lay people were empowered in the ecclesiastical realm, it was a short step to their expecting to have agency in political affairs, as well. As the Reformation unfolded across northern Europe, Roman Catholic power ebbed and new political entities began to emerge. Protestants worked hard at understanding how Christian faith and the new politics mixed. John Calvin, our Presbyterian progenitor in Geneva, was a leading voice in this effort.

While agreeing with his contemporaries that those with political power governed by the assent of God, Calvin also held that political leaders did not have ultimate power. Calvin noted that Jesus insisted that the kingdom he inaugurated is "not of this world" (John 18:36). Almost all human kingdoms and powers go to any lengths to exercise power over others (political, economic, military, cultural), whereas the reign of God that Jesus taught and modeled flourishes - counter-intuitively and paradoxically - by what he calls "power under" others, a radically counter-cultural mandate for an alternative ordering of human affairs. He did not allow himself to be co-opted by any political ideology or party of the day.

From his birth when King Herod tried to murder him until his death at the hands of Pilate, Jesus threatened the political powers of his day, not because he sought to control what they controlled but because he undercut its pretensions and claims to supremacy. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar is not Lord. Jesus did not acquiesce in silence before political power, he confronted it. If those in power moved from what believers understood to be God's law, Calvin argued they should be resisted. That led to the notion that rulers had to operate within limits, and the people had a hand in determining those limits.

Add to those early stirrings of democracy the form of government Presbyterians eventually designed for the church, where we elect those who have authority - elders and ministers - to defined terms, and we begin to see how the Reformation and democracy are linked.

The American Revolution - "that Presbyterian rebellion," according to King George - and the subsequent political development of our nation, were infused with principles championed by Presbyterians.

All of which helps to explain why we have been over-represented in elected offices. We Presbyterians have always taken seriously our responsibility as citizens to participate in governance. We do not think of ourselves as focused on the hereafter, but on the here and now. As Christians, we advocate for public policy. We speak up for equity. We work for systemic change. We run for office. We call our leaders to account when they stray from the values of "liberty and justice for all." And we vote - trusting in the power of democracy to move us toward the justice that God desires. See you in church - online.

Grace and peace, Rev. Rob Martin

Caring For the Congregation

Pastor Rob and the Deacons place a priority on visiting hospitalized members of the congregation. Hospitals no longer provide information on admissions and dismissals. Please notify the church if you know of someone who should be visited in the hospital or while recovering at home or at a nursing facility.

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir has begun rehearsing on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be in the fellowship hall.

TV Service Broadcast

Complete recordings of the FPC services are available on the church's YouTube Channel. Services may be viewed by using your internet browser or smart TV connected to the internet.

Go to <https://www.YouTube.com/athensfpc>
Select the "Video" tab. Services and other videos are arranged by date.



New Directories

FPC's new church directory is available for pick up in the office. If you would like one mailed to you, phone or email the church office.

Jane is still taking updates, so if you haven't returned your information form, please do so and updates will be noted.

November 2020 Worship

*Preaching texts



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| November 1st - All Saints' Day | <i>Back to Normal</i> |
| <i>Revelation 7:9-17 and *Gospel Matthew 5:1-12</i> | |
| November 8th | <i>Sharing is Caring</i> |
| <i>Psalm 78:1-7 and *Gospel Matthew 25:1-13</i> | |
| November 15th | <i>The Power of No</i> |
| <i>Psalm 123:1-4 and *Gospel Matthew 25:14-30</i> | |
| November 22nd - Christ the King | <i>The Be All and End All</i> |
| <i>Psalm 100:1-5 and *Ephesians 1:15-23</i> | |
| November 29th - The First Sunday of Advent | <i>The Power of Hope</i> |
| <i>Isaiah 64:1-9 and *Gospel Mark 13:24-37</i> | |

Prayer Concern Requests and Visitation

Prayer request slips are available in the narthex. If you would like others in the church to pray for a person or for a concern near to your heart, place the slips in the Prayer Request box in the narthex. If you or someone you know would enjoy a visit from Pastor Rob and a Deacon (*listed on page 10*), or appreciate receiving communion at home, phone the office (593-3351) or email: office@athensfpc.org



Creche Presentation Video Sign Up

Has your child participated in the creche presentation in the past or always had a desire to? This year your child(ren) will still have an opportunity to participate in a Creche Presentation Video. During separate individual scheduled times, children will have their lines recorded in the church sanctuary (November 29th-December 4th).

Sign up your child using the following link:

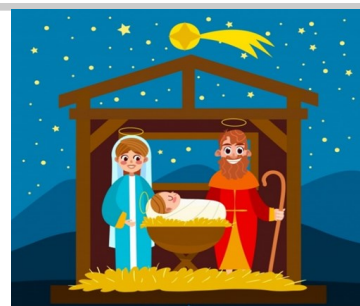
<https://forms.gle/UWHTGd9vN1ZSFGD28>.

Once completed, email Nana Jenkins (cedirector.afpc@gmail.com) to confirm your submission.

The deadline to sign up is **November 18th**. Details and scripts are sent out afterwards.

Recording takes **place November 29th-December 4th**, in the church sanctuary for individual in-person recording.

Roles will include: four narrators, Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, angels, and wise men.



Accepting Advent Stories for Devotional

Looking to connect in these days of isolation? Tell your connection story this Advent. Your story can be of a person or group you connected with around the holidays. It can be an ornament or food that connects you to family or history.

Folks are still being sought to share their connection stories for the 2020 Advent booklet. It's been tough since people can't connect in person. FPC family and friends can be together virtually and share personal stories for the annual Advent devotional booklet. Helen King's story will be about being a Salvation Army bell ringer at Kroger last year. **Children are welcome to contribute to art or stories.**

For more info and story, submission email Helen King: hbking55@hotmail.com by **November 15th**.

There are 26 days in Advent, so there is a lot of opportunity!

Booklets will be available on November 29th both in print and online.

Rummage Sale - November 14th

Habitat for Humanity will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, November 14th from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Christ the King church, corner of Mill and Stewart Streets.

Have items you want to donate? Please bring donations to the church from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. the preceding Thursday and Friday (November 12th and 13th). Habitat welcomes clothing, books, music, electronics, household items, toy, yard tools, and other not very large items.



Thrivent Grant

Thrivent, a Lutheran philanthropic agency, has given Habitat for Humanity a grant of \$37,500 toward the construction of the new house in Glouster – IF Habitat can raise an equal amount of money as a match. Local churches are helping to raise the match.

First Presbyterian has set a goal of \$3,000 to help match the funds given to Habitat by Thrivent Corp. **The deadline for the campaign is December 31st.** Gifts to that fund have now exceeded the goal, with a total of \$3,795.00. Such wonderful generosity!

Windows ON: Christian Education WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

"...the three things I cannot change are the past, the truth, and you." - Anne Lamott, *Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*

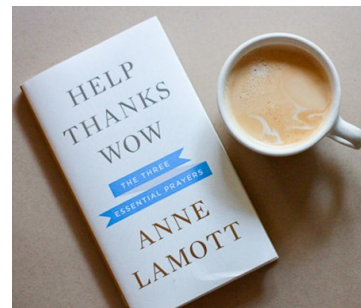
Come and join Women's Book Study, Friday's at 12:00 noon via Zoom, as attendees dive into new literature by author Anne Lamott called "*Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers.*" For more information or to join please email Nana Jenkins (cedirector.afpc@gmail.com).

"A *New York Times* bestseller from the author of *Hallelujah Anyway*, *Bird by Bird*, and *Almost Everything*

Author Anne Lamott writes about the three simple prayers essential to coming through tough times, difficult days and the hardships of daily life.

Readers of all ages have followed and cherished Anne Lamott's funny and perceptive writing about her own faith through decades of trial and error. And in her new book, *Help, Thanks, Wow*, she has coalesced everything she knows about prayer to these fundamentals.

It is these three prayers – asking for assistance from a higher power, appreciating what we have that is good, and feeling awe at the world around us – that can get us through the day and can show us the way forward. In *Help, Thanks, Wow*, Lamott recounts how she came to these insights, explains what they mean to her and how they have helped, and explores how others have embraced these same ideas." -- Source: *Goodreads*



Windows ON: Presbyterian Women THIS MONTH



PW/Scioto Valley Presbytery - Martha Pool invited FPC PW members to Zoom on October 24th, 10:00-11:30 a.m. to learn more about Hunger and Food Insecurity. Athens PW Moderator Lillian Dinos has agreed, and will report to the local membership. Speakers from three food pantries in PSV, Covenant, Iberia, and Portsmouth 2nd churches are on the program.

The PC(USA) has long considered hunger a peace and justice issue. Athens FPC locally supports Mission Co-worker Mark Hare in all his efforts: in Haiti, Dominican Republic, and now in Costa Rica - teaching others in Costa Rica.

Recently Athens PW supported the Cat's Corner at Ohio University by providing financial help for needy students, particularly international students. Thank you to Lee Gregg, Helen King, and Wendy Toadvine for organizing, buying, and delivering the food. "Together we serve."

Rejoice in Hope, a PW gathering on August 5-8, 2021 in St. Louis Mo. Save the date.

New Bible Study for 2020-2021 is *INTO THE LIGHT: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament*. Author Lynn Miller will conduct four webinars on the study. Access website: presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/into-the-light/ <https://www.youtube.com/user/PresbyterianWomen>

Circle can't meet in person yet, but members can keep connected through Bible study. Circle leaders already have the names of those who ordered the new study.

Ten Commandments Study continues with Lesson Eight - *you shall not bear false witness*. Lesson Nine is the last in the series - *you shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything belonging to your neighbor*. Feel free to write answers to the Pause and Reflect questions directly in your booklet. Members

will be ready to discuss them when able to meet again.

Athens PW mourn the loss of faithful PW treasurer for over 35 years, Carolyn Reed. The funeral was at Jager's on October 15th. Her daughter, Joy Sapp's address is 269 Unit C, Goosepond, Newark, OH 43055

Mary Jane Black, Wednesday Circle Leader, had surgery on her broken leg on October 17th at Riverside Hospital after a fall in her home. Prayers for God's healing & comfort.

Ann Fox continues to enjoy her apartment on 129 Kendal Drive, Granville, OH 43023.

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with peace by the power of the Holy Spirit.

~ Romans 15:13

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify God with thanksgiving!

~ Psalm 69:30

Windows ON: Fellowship - College Lunch Alternative CAT'S CUPBOARD PROJECT MEETS STUDENT NEEDS DURING PANDEMIC

For more than 40 years, FPC members have served a free lunch one day a week during the academic year for Ohio University and other college students. This proud tradition encountered a major barrier in March when the covid-19 pandemic temporarily ended in-person gatherings of more than a few people.

Soon thereafter, however, college-lunch workers and the Athens Presbyterian Women found a way to serve students. They and other FPC members began to support a student-led coalition called the International Student Task Force in providing food and other needed items for the roughly 600 students, foreign and domestic, who remained in Athens after the pandemic ended in-person classes at OU.

Church members continue to contribute in two basic ways. Some bring needed items to the church office, usually by Monday afternoon. Others send checks to the church office – made out to FPC with “Cat’s Corner” in the memo line. Wendy Toadvine shops for items on the list. Helen King helps get these items to Sue Boyd. Sue takes them to the Cat’s Cupboard

collection point between 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Court Street (fourth floor) entrance to Baker Center.

Once the items are delivered, they are taken into Baker Center in a way that obeys recommendations for social distancing and mask wearing. Contributors are asked to bring the items in at this time and place partly because the Baker Center entrance is a busy space. For one thing, the Go Bus picks up and drops off passengers there.

Helen King and Wendy Toadvine estimate that at least 40 bags of groceries and personal items contributed by church members had been delivered as of October 20th. Jane Baker, financial secretary, reports that cash donations totaling \$635.00 had been received as of that date.

Reminder that those that contribute food and other items should submit small packages. Baker Center has limited space for storing items that require refrigeration.

About 60% of the students trapped in Athens during the pandemic are from abroad. Many of these folks

are in desperate conditions because their income has declined due to closure of OU offices and Athens area businesses where they worked. Also, travel restrictions keep them in Athens. Some affected students have children with special needs.

Students have particular needs for Asian foods including those that are quite spicy. Among the items in high demand are canned tuna, salmon, mackerel and chickens, fresh and canned fruits and vegetables not requiring immediate refrigeration, rice noodles, quinoa, pasta, trail mix, instant oatmeal packets, bran flakes cereals, a variety of oils, sauces, seasonings and condiments, and beverages such as milk and bottled or boxed juices. Personal care items include soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorants, toothbrushes and feminine-hygiene products.

The list of needed items changes over time. Those wishing a more complete, updated version can contact Lee Gregg (phone 740-591-7714, e-mail tleegregg@gmail.com).

It appears unlikely that the pandemic will end very soon. How long this project will go on no one knows!

CROP Walk 2020

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the CROP walkers this year. It was a near record year. FPC collected \$1,585, second only to last year’s \$1,897 in donations. Look what can happen in the face of a plague. The total for all congregations was \$2,670. A few other donations may trickle in over the next few weeks, but everyone is certainly be grateful for the generosity of the congregations right at this moment.

Thanks to John Hauser for serving as treasurer for CROP Walk. Thanks also to the FPC walkers: Margaret Bourke, Helen King, Randy Longenecker, Danny Moates, Sandy Nesbitt, and Linda Parsons, who spread themselves all over town to do their walks. Mother Nature dared not rain, once again. That makes 17 years without rain on CROP Walk. It has been a long and faithful service, and participants look forward to many more years in support of Church World Service and its legion staff around the world.

Three-fourths of the total of \$2,670 will go to Church World Service. The remaining fourth will stay home for use by the Athens County Food Pantry.

Late note: another \$25.00 came in from the Christ Lutheran Church, making total \$2,695.00

Windows ON: FPC Worship PANDEMIC

On March 19th, the Elders of FPC held its monthly session meeting and made the decision to cancel on-site worship for two Sundays. Now, more than seven months later, the building remains closed, worship continues online, and clergy, staff, and lay leaders continue to find creative ways to serve God during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We are still the church, and our primary purpose is to worship God and to share God's love and justice." That has continued unabated, every week through these months.

Worship continues online as do committee meetings and many other events. Adult Education continued classes throughout the spring, summer and fall, thanks to the online format. FPC added to its staff with the hiring of the new CE Director, Nana Jenkins and new Bell Choir Director, Tyler Thress.

The Christian Education staff put together packets for the families of the church so that they could hold Church School from home. It can be difficult to make church a priority when no one is meeting in the building and engaging in person with FPC church friends, but the need for connection with those very people is what makes it all the more important to make an effort to engage in new and creative ways.

Nearly every ministry area at First has adapted programming to continue during COVID-19.

Including:

- Puppet Ministry continues their creative ways providing skits via recorded videos.
- The College Lunch bunch switched to providing canned goods and services to Ohio University students in lieu of the weekly Thursday meal.

- Zoom Fellowship on Sunday's at 11:30 a.m. offered opportunities for participants to meet online and safely in person.
- This fall, the small ensemble vocal Choir and Bell Choir began meeting each week to rehearse and record music for our weekly worship.

With many months likely left in this pandemic, clergy, staff, and lay leaders will continue to look for ways to gather and foster community during this time of separation.

The faith of those who follow Jesus gives everyone an image of life in community, full of possibilities, full of promise and responsibility, full of hope. FPC is one body of many members and if one member suffers, all suffer with it. FPC's future depends on embracing such a vision for its life together.

Always....Be

Thankful

Something New for Advent



This year, since parties and dinners are not possible, the Christian Education Committee decided to try a new video project, titled "Connecting During Advent".

The Committee is asking members of FPC's family and friends to share ways that they celebrate the season of Advent by creating a short video, using your cell phone or the church's Go Pro, and sending it to the church office (office@athensfpc.org) or Rev. Martin (rmartin@athensfpc.org).

Each video should be only 3-4 minutes in length and could include things like a family lighting their Advent wreath, someone singing a Christmas carol, pictures of favorite Christmas decorations, or setting up a creche scene.

Your subject matter is up to you. All that is asked, is that your video shows how you connect to the season so that everyone can stay connected to each other. If you need some technical assistance, just let the office know. Please have videos submitted by November 30th and the Committee plans to share the finished project in December. Nicky Jordan is going to serve as film editor.

Windows ON: Church Support - Stewardship STEWARDSHIP 2021

Giving to the Church is a practice of faith. Giving helps us. God does not need our money, even though giving is an act of worship that God desires. Giving to God helps us reaffirm God's goodness, in expressing gratitude, and in demonstrating our faith. Giving to God brings us closer to God.

The truth about God, as we've been taught through the years, is that God is generous. God gave to us...God's

only son. God gave so that we would know something of God's amazing grace and generosity. We give because God gave and continues to give. We give back what God first gave us.

As we move into our Commitment season later this month, please be mindful of what First Presbyterian means to you. You are part of something bigger than yourself. Together we can do so much to

work towards God's promised day. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of your giving to FPC in 2021. Your church very much appreciates your continued support.

*Connect,
Reconnect,
Stay Connected*

2021 Pledge Card

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2021 Stewardship Campaign

The theme of the FPC 2021 Stewardship Campaign is "Connect, Reconnect, Stay Connected."
**"Resilience: we are strong. Shoulder to shoulder, keep moving on."
 Resilience: make a new plan. Stand up again and say, "Yes we can!"**
(Resilience from Justice Choir Songbook)


Name: _____
Address: _____

PLEASE CHECK AND COMPLETE AS APPROPRIATE: [] Below is my pledge amount for the 2021 Budget.

Amount			
Payment Interval (choose 1)	Week	Month	Year

[] I will not formally pledge but will give as I am able throughout the year.
 [] Please provide giving envelopes.

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT: [] Making a gift to a FPC Athens Endowment Fund.
 [] How to accomplish a lasting gift to the church.



Lindley Hymn Sing

Several FPC volunteers made suggestions for keeping in touch with our friends at Lindley Inn.

1. With Pastor Rob and Jane Baker's help a note card has been designed, as suggested by Danny Moates, to deliver to each resident, expressing our concern for their health and well-being, and saying that FPC and the Hymn Sing Volunteers have missed them for the regular monthly hymn sings.
2. Kevin Morgan made a 12x18 poster (framed), to be placed in the Activity Room near piano

REJOICE ,GIVE THANKS, AND SING! 🎵 Until we can meet to sing together~

Volunteers of First Presbyterian Church

3. Lillian Dinos took a CD of St. Olaf Choir's Favorite Hymns to be played during the half hour of the regular 3rd Sunday monthly meetings.

The Volunteers hope these few gestures might fill a spiritual void and sense of community that everyone is missing during this epidemic.

"God is our strength and song." Isaiah 12:2

**Windows ON: FPC Member
CAROLYN REED**

Carolyn Reed of Granville, FPC member, departed this life on October 12th at Kendal of Granville. She was born October 20, 1924 in Belle Center, OH, daughter of William "Alfred" Hubbard and Carrie "Esther" Rose Hubbard.

Carolyn lived in Athens from 1951 to 2014. She worked for 25 years as a bookkeeper at Reed & Baur, Inc. insurance agency in Athens. She was a 67 year member of Athens FPC, where she was active in Presbyterian Women and was

a longtime member of P.E.O. Chapter G. Carolyn was interested in genealogy and enjoyed cross stitching.

Carolyn is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and David Sapp of Newark; a son, Bryan Reed of North Myrtle Beach, SC; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was married to her husband, Donald Reed, for 50 years. He preceded her in death in 1993.

A funeral service was held on October 15th at Jagers & Sons Funeral Home, Athens. Rev. Robert Martin officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 9 North College St., Athens, OH 45701 or Hospice of Central Ohio, 2269 Cherry Valley Road, Newark, OH 43055.



Nana Jenkins

**You are Invited to a Live Stream Lecture Recital
Ohio University School of Music**

"Jewels Realized" - Selected songs by: African American Women Composers.
With Nana Jenkins, mezzo-soprano and Florence Mak, pianist.

November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

livestream: ohioschoolofmusic.com/live



Florence Mak

**Windows ON: Church Support Committee
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Income and Expenses, 2020			
Offering Budgeted for 2020	\$256,000	Offering Received to Date	\$180,828
Other Income Budgeted for 2020 (endowment, parking lot lease, Putnam apt. rent, interest)	\$156,448	Other Income Received to Date	\$143,067
2018-2021 Capital Campaign (\$200,000)	\$16,000	Campaign donations this year	\$26,451
Total Income Budgeted 2020	\$428,498	Total Income (Received to Date)	\$350,346
Current Assets (checking & petty cash)	-----	Total Cash on Hand	\$68,108
Expenses Budgeted in 2020	\$428,413	Expenses to Date	\$359,440
Other Endowment and Contribution Activity in 2020			
Special Offerings (Christmas Joy, Pentecost, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Peacemaking)	\$2,010	Sent to Presbytery (40% of Pentecost is retained for local use/25% of Peacemaking offering is retained for local use)	
Offering Gifts (Athens Co. Food Pantry, Good Works, My Sister's Place, Planned Parenthood, Habitat for Humanity, etc.)	\$2,266	Disbursed to appropriate agency or group	
Memorial Gifts (Walton Beauvais, Chris Dinos, Janet Izard, and Marjorie Malcom)	\$1,100	Disbursed as directed by donors	
Offering gifts designated for the Discretionary Fund (Local Emergencies)	\$675	To be distributed by the Pastor for local emergencies	
Local Emergencies (Special)	\$1,335	Community donations for a refugee family. Flow-through account for AFPC to pay family bills.	
Gifts supporting AFPC Mission Projects	\$720	Used for AFPC mission work projects	
Gifts Supporting Trail Mix Ministry	\$105	Used to buy supplies.	
2020 Bratton College Scholarship (income from Presbyterian Foundation Endowment account established by Dr. James and Martha Bratton)	\$3,169	Scholarship applications evaluated by a Session committee and recipients approved by Session.	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 – Jamie Poore
 5 – Kim Stephenson
 7 – Jonathan Hunter
 8 – James Stewart
 9 – Joyce Mullins
 Becky Pankratz
 11 – Neal Nesbitt
 12 – Ralph Izard
 13 – James Cox, Jr.
 15 – Steve Kramer
 16 – Eleanor Barstow
 17 – Connie Cornwell
 18 – Dan Neason
 19 – Mike Hunter

20 – Dorothy Broadbent
 Claire Ping
 21 – Butch Hill
 Marvin Marty
 22 – Ann Fox
 24 – Hannah Morgan
 25 – Jerry Jagers
 Dave Palmer
 Lisa Yehl
 26 – John Mitchell
 27 – Ben King
 28 – Katie Tadlock

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Brandon and Tori Stephens
 19 – Jerry and Peggy Jagers
 23 – Butch and Ann Hill
 24 – Dan and Marilyn Neason
 26 – Keith Wiens and
 Becky Pankratz
 30 – Ray and Jennifer Strickmaker

FPC Church Elders:

2020: Carl Franz, John King, Sandy Nesbitt, and Debbie Perry

2021: John Hauser, Anne Kemmerle, Katie Tadlock, and Keith Wiens

2022: Carolyn Allen, Pamela Harvey, and David Tees

FPC Board of Deacons:

2020: Harvey Ballard, Margaret Bourke, Martha Johnson, and Carol Perry

2021: Nancy Hartley, Marla Longenecker, Danny Moates, and Marge Shelton

2022: Harold Robison, Andrew Stuart, and Patrick Tegge

**Kroger Rewards Program - Join Today!**

First Presbyterian received \$80.80 from 17 households Krogers for May-July, 2020 - JUST FROM YOUR GROCERY SHOPPING and using the Rewards Program! A total of sixteen families used the rewards program for FPC for those months. Won't you join others in the program and earn \$\$ for FPC just for doing your shopping at Krogers, at NO cost to you!

How to register? Go to: www.krogerrewardsprogram.com to establish your account.

Next - click the button for "Ohio" and then scroll down to the bottom and click the "enroll" button.

You are required to have an email address and create a password.

You will need your 12 digit Plus Card number that can be found under the bar code on the back of your Plus Card.

Once you have an account established you may need to click "My Account" and then again click "Edit Kroger Community Rewards."

If you registered last year—YOU MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR! To link your account, use AFPC's Kroger non-profit number [NPO] 84190 or select First Presbyterian Church from a drop down list. Any questions? Phone Krogers - 1-800-KROGERS.

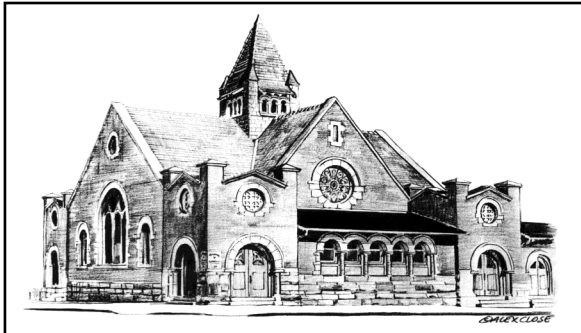
[Your Plus Card can be linked to only one non-profit charity.]

Sign up today, and see what FPC can make just by YOUR grocery shopping!



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CE Coordinator: Nana Jenkins

Bell Choir Director: Tyler Thress

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Worship Service: The service can be seen on YouTube.

Bible Study: Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon in the church library
(via "Zoom")

Newsletter Helpers: Jane Baker, Hugh Culbertson, Lillian Dinos, Nana Jenkins, Helen King, Susan Loughridge, Barb Martin, Robert Martin, Danny Moates and Harold Robison.

**December 2020 Newsletter Deadline: Noon Wednesday,
November 23rd**

First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ohio - FPC has occupied its site in the center of Athens, Ohio since 1809. Among the founding fathers was Ohio University's first president, a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Jacob Lindley. Dr. Lindley served this congregation as Moderator and Pastor until 1824. Over the years, thirteen pastors of the church have been either university presidents or members of the faculty. Dr. William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey's Readers, was called to serve as President of Ohio University and served as pastor of the church in 1839.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley - The Presbytery of Scioto Valley encompasses twenty-six counties in south central Ohio. From Ironton in the south to Ibera in the north: Hanover in the east and London in the west, FPC's presbytery consists of 95 congregations many of them historic where Presbyterians today are carrying on a long tradition of witness and service in their communities. All over FPC's presbytery, Presbyterians reach out to welcome the stranger, sharing the Gospel and God's love as Christ bids us to do.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - The PC (U.S.A.), with denominational offices in Louisville, Kentucky, has approximately 2.3 million members, more than 10,000 congregations and 14,000 ordained and active ministers. Presbyterians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Its heritage, and much of its doctrine began with John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that preceded him.