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November
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Happy Thanksgiving

Thank you for your generosity and your willingness to go above and beyond to support MCOHA's Mission. You've done an incredible job; you have been a huge part of our success. Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a joyful time with your loved ones.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR



November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3  Daylight Saving Time ends Communion 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	4	5 Election Day Sanctuary will be open all day for drop in prayer	6 Quilt Club 8AM-4PM	7 Prayer Group 9:00 AM	8	9 Church Indoor/Outdoor Work Day 8-Noon PGR Assembly United PC, Peoria 9AM
10 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's S.S. 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting	11  EBW 6:00 PM	12	13	14 Prayer Group 9:00 AM Session Meeting 6:30 PM EBW tag purses for Purse Auction	15 EBW set up for Purse Auction	16 Elmwood Business Women's Purse Auction
17 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Congregational Meeting to elect Nominating Committee & to approve Pastor Maria's 2025 Terms of Call following worship Begin collecting non-perishables for Stuff the Bus	18	19	20 Quilt Club 8AM-4PM	21 Prayer Group 9:00 AM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM	22	23
24 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Worship Cmmtt Meeting  after worship with a light lunch following 6 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Pat's	25 PEO 6:00 PM	26 Volunteer at Midwest Food Bank 9-11am	27	28  Church reserved for gathering Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30

SCHEDULES



Announcements

November Elder

Anita Asbeell

Elder to be Liturgist & Assist Treasurer

November 3rd Marty Tarter
 November 10th Brandy Stevend
 November 17h Julie Barrett
 November 24th Steve Winslow



4th: Jim McGuire Keegan Paige	18th: Liv Meyers
5th: Terri Pash	19th: Allie Meyers Carla Bobell Nick Conklin
12th: Steve Paige	23rd: Hap Howard
15th: Janet Jordan	27th: John Alcaraz



15th: Jim & Pat McGuire
 18th: Justin & Sarah Hotz
 26th: Rev. Tim & Rev. Marla Bauler

Thank you for the gift card from Airbnb and also for the cards, calls and gifts for Pastor Appreciation! All of you are very special to me and you've brought so much joy and happiness to me as your Pastor.

*Blessings,
 Pastor Marla*



Thursday morning Bible Study & Prayer Group
 Thursday's @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall.



Children's Sunday School

for ages 4 - 7 will meet
 on the 2nd OR 3rd Sunday
 every month @ 9:30am
 (check calendar or bulletin)



Don't forget to turn your clocks
 back one hour on
 Sunday, November 3rd @ 2am
 ...or on Saturday night
 before you go to bed!



November 5th - Election Day
 Sanctuary will be open all day for drop in prayer.



Church Work Day

We will be having a
 Inside/Outside Church Work Day
 on Saturday, November 9th
 from 8am-12pm



Deacons Meeting
 November 10th
 following worship

EBW Purse Auction

November 16th from Noon -??
 at the First Presbyterian Church

*Everyone welcome,
 but tickets must be purchased to attend



Announcements

Session Meeting
November 14th
@ 6:30pm



**Our office will be
Closed Thursday & Friday
for Thanksgiving Holiday.
November 28th & 29th**

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 17th
following Worship to elect a Nominating Committee
and approve Pastor Marla's 2025 Term's of Call.



We will begin collecting
non-perishables
for Stuff the Bus
on Sunday, November 17th



Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, November 24th
after Worship.

Light Lunch following

Billy Graham's Prayer for America

Our Father and Our God,

*We praise you for Your goodness to our nation, giving us
blessings far beyond what we deserve.*

*Yet we know all is not right with America. We deeply
need a moral and spiritual renewal to help us meet the many
problems we face.*

*Convict us of sin. Help us to turn You in repentance and
faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace.*

*We pray today for our nation's leaders. Give them the
wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it.*

*You have said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the
Lord." May this be a new era for America, as we humble
ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord.*

This we pray in Your holy name, Amen.

- Billy Graham

Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 24th @ 6pm at St. Pat's

Advent Study Beginning Wednesday, December 4th
at 7pm in the Elmwood Sanctuary.

The study will meet on December 4th, 11th & 18th
More info to follow in Bulletins & December Newsletter

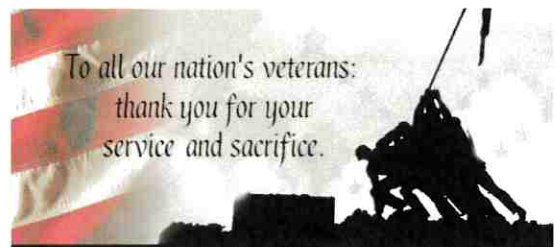


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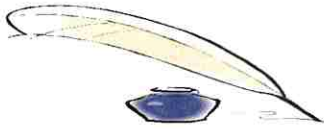
The Church will be volunteering
at the Midwest Food Bank
on Tuesday, November 26th from 9-11.
Everyone is encouraged to come
and see this great ministry!



Offering plates will now be passed
in the pews during worship.



To all our nation's veterans:
thank you for your
service and sacrifice.



FROM THE PASTOR

November 2024

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. I Timothy 2:1-6

Greetings and Blessings of the Lord to each of you!

We are approaching the month of November and we all know what that brings to us: national elections that will take place on Nov. 5th. Americans will go to their polling places (or mail in their ballots) and will participate in the historic event of electing a president, members of congress and leaders of local municipalities. But there has been a lot of talking (shouting, insulting, lying, and deceiving rhetoric) out there. We, Americans are more divided than we've ever been before when it comes to politics.

How are we to approach that in our churches and in our faith life? Does anyone know another Christian who doesn't have the same political beliefs as themselves? Yes, of course! And should we batter them with reasons to support our political candidate? And what if they don't see the light as we've shined it, then what? Are we to turn our backs on our Christian brothers and sisters, ignoring their needs, no longer worshiping and praying with them? No longer associating with them?

My friends, this is the time in which we are to draw closer to our Lord and closer to our brothers and sisters in Christ—not to be alienated from them. One party will win the election and the other party will not. But here's my main thought—Who reigns on the Throne in the Kingdom of Heaven? Who has given his life to forgive our sins? Who repeatedly shows grace and love when we display actions and words that are contrary to the Gospel? You know the answer to these questions: it's Jesus Christ. Hebrews tells us that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Jesus will always be on the Throne.

While we are concerned about the national elections, I encourage you to take I Timothy 2:1-2 literally: Pray sincerely and fervently and continuously for the leaders in our towns, states, nation and across the world. They will come and go, but Jesus Christ will always be in existence.

Blessings ,

Pastor Marla Bauler

First United Presbyterian Church, Elmwood, IL
Session Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Elmwood was held in the Fellowship Hall on September 12, 2024. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Marty Tarter at 6:32 p.m.

Elders present: 2024 – Julie Barrett and Calie Stalter
2025 – Anita Asbell and Steve Winslow
2026 – Brandy Stevens and Marty Tarter

constituting a quorum. Absent was Ron Cox. Rev. Marla Bauler moderated the meeting. The guidelines for a quorum were established at the January 11, 2024 Session Meeting as the presence of 50% of currently serving Elders.

Elder Training: Marty Tarter on the Finance Committee and Mission Committee.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

No Deacons report to review.

Clerk's Report

The minutes from the August 8, 2024 Session Meeting were reviewed and approved. Correspondence received from Jury Commission regarding Brandi Teel's participation for Jury Duty on August 5 and 6, 2024 was read.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August 2024 was reviewed. Approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Marla gave a formal report which listed her monthly ministry activities. Communion was served to 30 members of the congregation on September 1, 2024.

Committee Reports

Personnel: Chair – Ron Cox

No report.

Finance: Chair – Emily Roberts

A motion from the committee recommending \$5,000 be withheld from the November 2024 distribution from PNC Bank.

Worship/Membership/Christian Ed: Co-Chairs – Calie Stalter & Anita Asbell

Worship: August 25, 2024 meeting was held to discuss the upcoming September 29 5th Sunday and Joint Services. Plans were made for the service and the meal following was planned.

Christian Ed: Adult Sunday School continue their studies and are preparing for September 15th's special time of worship with Dave & Daphne

Adult Sunday School reports the following financial accounting:
Beginning Balance as of 8/01/2024 = \$1,907.71.
Deposits: \$150; \$142; \$137; \$32
Spent: \$250 (Palace Theater – 50 tickets for "The Sound of Freedom")
Ending Balance as of 8/31/24 = \$2,368.71.

Marketing and Evangelism: Chair – Brandy Stevens

Working on getting the new advertising for Palace Theater.

Missions: Chair – Marty Tarer

Making plans for "hands on" mission work.

Building and Grounds: Chair – Steve Winslow; Asst. – Julie Barrett

Planning for a work day on November 9th.
Office air conditioning has been fixed.

There being no further business to come before the session, the meeting adjourned with a short prayer offered by Pastor Marla at 7:25 p.m.

The next session meeting is October 10, 2024 with Devotions & Prayer by Brandy Stevens.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Moderator,

Anita W. Asbell, Clerk of Session
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Rev. Marla Bauler