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November
2025

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR



November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Presbytery Assembly @ First Federated Peoria
2  Daylight Saving Time ends Communion 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	3	4	5 Quilt Club 8AM-4PM Ministerium at St. Pat's 1PM	6 Prayer Group 9:00 AM Pastor COM Mtg 10AM-12PM	7 Pastor Marla will be out of the office thru the 11th	8 Church Indoor/Outdoor Work Day 8am-Noon
9 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Children's S.S. 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting Speaker from recent Honor Flight to share	10 EBW 6:00 PM	11  Book Club - zoom 7:00 PM Four Cars, One Road	12	13 Prayer Group 9:00 AM Session Meeting 6:30 PM EBW tag purses for Purse Auction	14 EBW set up for Purse Auction	15 Elmwood Business Women's Purse Auction Doors Open @ 11 Lunch @ Noon Auction @ 1pm
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23  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service Congregational Meeting to elect Nominating Committee & to approve Pastor Marla's 2026 Terms of Call following worship Community Thanksgiving Service @ 6pm at St. Pat's	24 PEO 6:00 PM	25	26	27  Church reserved for gathering Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 5th Sunday Fellowship					 To all our nation's veterans: thank you for your service and sacrifice.  HAPPY VETERANS DAY	

SCHEDULES

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Announcements

November Elder

Anita Asbeell

Elder to be Liturgist & Assist Treasurer

November 2nd Brandy Stevens
 November 9th Marty Tarter
 November 16h Larry Criswell
 November 23rd..... Steve Winslow
 November 30th 5th Sunday Fellowship



4th: Jim McGuire	19th: Allie Meyers
12th: MaryShoop	23rd: Hap Howard
18th: Liv Meyers	27th: John Alcaraz



15th: Jim & Pat McGuire
 26th: Rev. Tim & Rev. Marla Bauler

Dear Congregation,

Thanks so much for the gifts of the beautiful Sun-catcher and gift cards from the 2 Farmington Coffee Ships! I am so grateful to serve as your pastor and am blessed over and again by all of you!

In Christ, 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 Sunday
 every month @ 9:30am



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



Pastor Marla will be out of the office
 November 7th thru the 11th.



Church Work Day

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



Deacons Meeting
 November 9th
 following worship

Book Club

Tuesday, November 11th @ 7pm via zoom

* September 9th - The Broker and the Bum

* October 14th - I'll Always Wait

November 11th - Four Cars, One Road

December 2nd - Starter Seeds

Modern Parables by Brady Cook

(Amazon: Kindle \$3.99 and printed book \$9.99 each).



Announcements



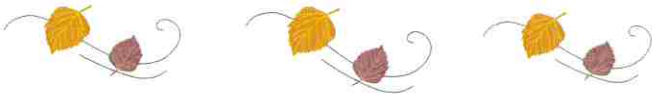
EBW Purse Auction

November 15th at the First Presbyterian Church
Doors Open @ 11am, Lunch @ Noon, Auction @ 1pm

*Everyone welcome,
but tickets must be purchased to attend

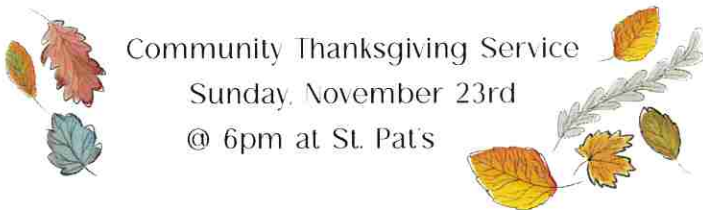


Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 23rd
following Worship to elect a Nominating Committee
and approve Pastor Marla's 2026 Term's of Call.



Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, November 23rd
after Worship.

Light Lunch following



Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 23rd
@ 6pm at St. Pat's



Our office will be
Closed Thursday & Friday
for Thanksgiving Holiday.
November 27th & 28th

We will begin collecting
non-perishables for the
Blessings Box & Stuff the Bus
thru December 14th.



Advent Study Beginning Wednesday, December 3rd
at 7pm in the Elmwood Sanctuary.

The study will meet on December 3rd, 10th & 17th
More info to follow in Bulletins & December Newsletter



*Congratulations to Drew & Amanda Lueschow
on their recent marriage!*

If anyone would
like to send them a
card their address is:
1211 E. Bluff Rd.
Apt. 191
Whitewater, WI
53190



Thank You

There are no words to express the comfort
that was felt at our time of loss. The gifts you
shared are lovely and so thoughtfully chosen.
Our faith is found in Jesus Christ. He has all
of the answers! His timing is perfect—even if
it isn't the time we choose. Thank you for
being there for us.

The Family of Nancy Howard

N E W S



FROM THE PASTOR

November 2025

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:1*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to him. Philippians 4:6*

Greetings my friends,

We are inching our way into winter, I think! Cooler temps, sweatshirts, jeans & jackets are now the normal dressing for us. But as I do every Sunday, I thank God for whatever the weather might be.

And Thanking God is what I want to talk about today. But first, let me say that if this month or this past year has been a difficult one for you, we are reminded that God DOES love you. When we travel through any rough days, we can gain confidence from the knowledge that with God by our side, we can handle anything. Yes, even difficulties.

"But there were losses in my life last year" (job, health, relationships or death)....Thank the Lord for his presence in your life to help you through it. "But some of these things were unfair! Some of these things were random and some were intentionally mean!"

Listen to the Lord whispering to you, Yes, my child; they were unfair, random and mean-hearted; I'm sorry you had to go through them, but I am with you.

I.Am.With.You. ALWAYS.

November is when we talk about Thanksgiving. That simply means to give thanks. In all things, good and not-so-good, give thanks.

Blessings ,

Pastor Marla Bauler

First United Presbyterian Church, Elmwood, IL
Session Meeting Minutes September 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Elmwood was held in the Fellowship Hall on September 11, 2025. The meeting was opened with prayer and a moment of silence in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Elders present: 2025 – Anita Asbell and Steve Winslow
2026 – Ron Cox and Marty Tarter
2027 – Larry Criswell

constituting a quorum. Absent was Calie Stalter and Brandy Stevens. Rev. Marla Bauler moderated the meeting. The guidelines for a quorum were established at the January 9, 2025 Session Meeting as the presence of 50% of currently serving Elders.

Elder Training: Larry Criswell on the topic of the discipline of Service.

A motion was made to give voice to Emily Roberts who joined the meeting in order to talk about our financial standing.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved and will include ratifying the text message request to the Elders from Pastor Marla to allow Rev. Tim Bauler to preach on September 14, 2025.

No Deacons report to review.

Clerk's Report

The minutes from the August 14, 2025 Session Meeting were reviewed and approved. New correspondence from Great Rivers thanking us for paying our Per Capita and explaining how the funds are distributed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August 2025 was reviewed. Approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Marla gave a formal report which listed her monthly ministry activities. She was very busy with the Ministerium meetings, COM, PGR Assembly (along with our Presbytery Commissioner Marty Tarter) as well as walking in the Elmwood Fall Festival Parade. Communion was served to 27 members of the congregation on September 7, 2025.

Committee Reports

Personnel: Chair – Ron Cox

Ron is very happy with all of our employees.

Finance: Co-Chairs – Larry Criswell & Marty Tarter

Emily Roberts, Treasurer, led a lengthy discussion regarding the declining financial situation of our church. When the Operations funds were low in the summer, we had to borrow \$5000 each from the Missions Checking and Savings accounts. It should be noted that our giving units have gone from 38 to 18 the past several years. (Possible 8 additional as some give cash making it difficult to track.) The Treasurer has requested permission to take \$10,000 per quarter from the investment fund (formerly known as Harrington Fund) – if necessary – to help pay our monthly bills. After much discussion, a motion was made by the Finance Committee to give such permission. Seconded. Approved.

A motion was made to discontinue withholding 11% from the Farm income and any offering or other income received. This change is to be effective October 1, 2025. Motion seconded and approved.

Please NOTE the 80% of the dividends from the Jonah Fund will continue to fund Missions.

A motion was made to close the Missions Savings Account effective October 1, 2025. Motion Seconded and Approved

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

Worship: No report.

Christian Ed: Adult Sunday School continue their studies. Children's Sunday School is on summer break. Adult Sunday School reports the following financial accounting:

*Beginning Balance as of 8/01/2025 = \$1,841.04.

Deposits: \$35; \$239; \$225; \$130

Spent: \$500 (Dream Center Peoria); \$500 (Christian Center Peoria);
\$500 (Haley Carter Amenu); \$500 (Judy Wertz of Brimfield)

Ending Balance as of 8/31/25 = \$470.04.

Marketing and Evangelism: Chair – Brandy Stevens

After the Finance Committee discussions, it was decided to remove the advertising from the Palace Theater effective October 1, 2025. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Missions: Chair – Marty Tarter

Mission giving will continue with the regular designated quarterly amounts.

Building and Grounds: Co-Chairs Steve Winslow and Larry Criswell

Church Work Day is scheduled for November 8, 2025. Will be looking into hiring someone to repair, update and take care of all landscaping maintenance.

RATIFY Electronic Vote

Approval to allow Rev. Tim Bauler to preach on September 14, 2025. Motion seconded and approved.

New Business

*Request was made for our church to donate to the Elmwood YMCA project. We discussed possible using Mission funds. Will hold off on making a decision until the October Session meeting.

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*To allow the Boy Scouts request to come to church one Sunday and sell popcorn. Motion seconded and approved.

*To allow the request from Whitney Baker to use our Fellowship Hall for the Christmas Walk Vendor Fair on Saturday, December 6, 2025 for a small donation. Motion seconded and approved.

*To give permission to Pastor Marla to take time off May 8th through the 18th, 2026. Motion seconded and approved.

There being no further business to come before the session, the meeting adjourned with a short prayer offered by Pastor Marla at 7:57 p.m.

The next session meeting is October 9, 2025 with Devotions & Prayer by Calie Stalter.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Moderator,

Anita W. Asbell, Clerk of Session
(bdt)

Rev. Marla Bauler