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Monthly Newsletter

Official Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson- Faith in Ferguson

NOVEMBER EXCITEMENT

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. Yes, I love the food and the desserts. However, the special times with family and friends is my favorite part of Thanksgiving. There is nothing like it. The conversations, the football games, and deep laughs make November and Thanksgiving a wonderful time of the year.

Here, at First Church, we are preparing for Advent. We are reminded during Advent the true essence of the Good News, "For God so loved the world that God gave..." It is a season of giving of praise, worship, hope, help, and ourselves for the purpose of a better world. I ask you to gather has much as possible during special events and worship times as we celebrate God's love.

I also ask you to remember our members, families, and friends in prayer. Prayer really works. Pray for those in need. Pray for those who are alone. Pray for those who are discouraged. Pray for the sick. Pray for the grieving. Pray one for another.

Thanks for your on-going support. I feel very welcomed by you. Thank You!

Rev. Dr. Kerry Allison

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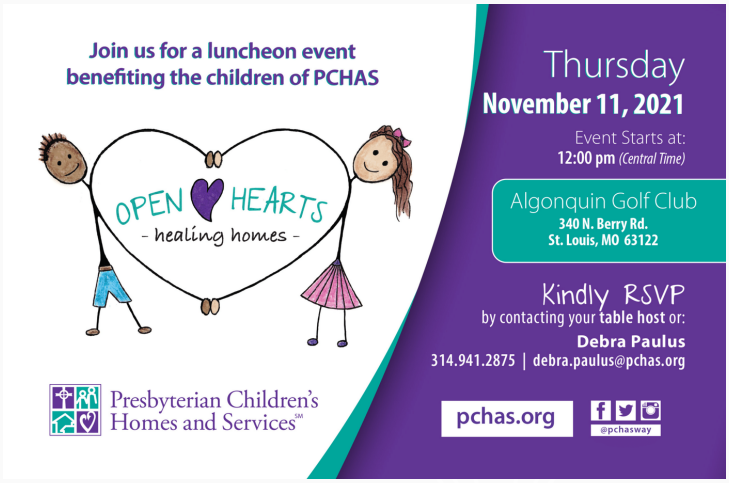
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pumpkin Hunt & Community Day

Hopefully you all had a wonderful time during our Pumpkin Hunt & Community Day! It was so nice to see everyone there!

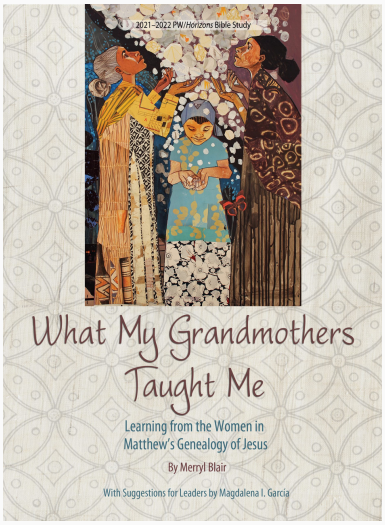
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS (CONT.)



Presbyterian Women Bible Study
Ladies of the Presbytery,
please join us to continue this Bible Study on Thursday, November 18, at 12:30 p.m.

The Presbyterian Women of Giddings Lovejoy continue their Bible Study from Horizons – What My Grandmothers taught me; The Women in the Genealogy of Jesus. Some of those grandmothers include Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. The study will be via Zoom. If you are interested in the study, please contact Cheryl Rainey (Click Here). We hope you will try to join us and others from around the Presbytery for this study, led by Cheryl Rainey and Rev. Dr. Aline Russell. Aline may be reached by email or by calling 618-531-6341.



FAIR TRADE SALE

Sunday, December 5

On Sunday, December 5, before and after the worship service in the library, there will be a table of items that were given to me (Paula Bujewski) to sell, following the closing of Partner's for Just Trade in 2020. Proceeds from any items sold will be given to our Peru Mission Co-Workers, Chenoa Stock, and Jed Koball. This will be a final opportunity to purchase some of these unique hand-crafted items made by men and women of Peru, Cambodia, Haiti, and Egypt.

Please stop by the table and take a look. It's never too early to buy birthday, anniversary, and Christmas gifts!

OUR GOLDEN MEMBERS

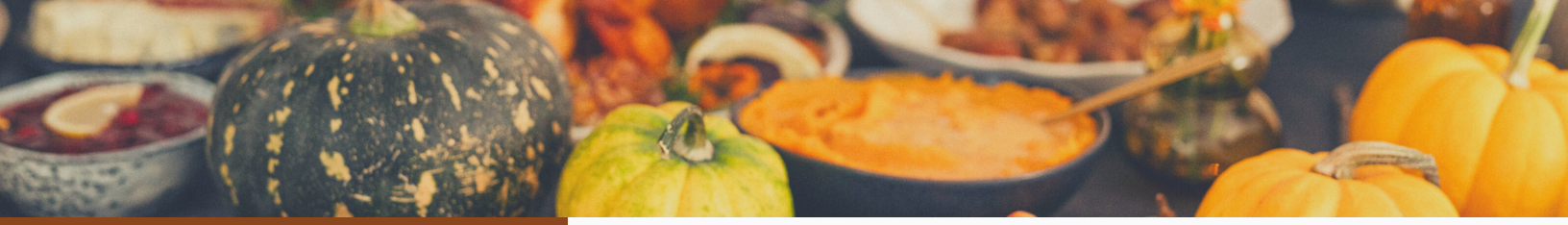
As we move one step closer to our vision of being a church for the whole community, we'd like to remember some long-time Saints that have worked for the success of our church in the last fifty years.

The following is a list of people who joined First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson over 50 years ago:

Zoe Bollinger	December 5, 1954
Winston Jones	December 5, 1954
Jane Rauth-Coldewe	October 27, 1957
Becky Henderson	December 14, 1958
Duane Bibko	October 18, 1959
Madreen Meyer	April 8, 1962
Shirley Thomas	December 9, 1962
Garry Wade	February 16, 1963
Bernice Mohesky	December 5, 1965
Kenneth Mohesky	December 5, 1965
Debra Koenig	May 22, 1966
Garold Fritchey	October 9, 1966
Linda Fritchey	October 9, 1966
Joy Shackleford	December 15, 1968
Jan Foster	March 30, 1969
Jean Bryant	March 22, 1970
Susan Owens	March 22, 1970
Harold Walters	April 4, 1971
Judith Walters	April 4, 1971

The following is a list of people who joined Northminster Presbyterian Church over 50 years ago:

Verla Sullivan	March 26, 1955
John Thomas Clayton	March 18, 1957
Paul Le Francois	November 22, 1959
Laura Squire	February 14, 1960
Russell Watts	September 25, 1960
Maureen Rutherford via Normandy Presbyterian Church	March 19, 1961
Lee Weltmer	September 24, 1961
Eleanor Weltmer	September 24, 1961
George Gilbert	September 29, 1963
Shirley Gilbert	September 29, 1963
Jeannie Dobrich	October 1, 1967



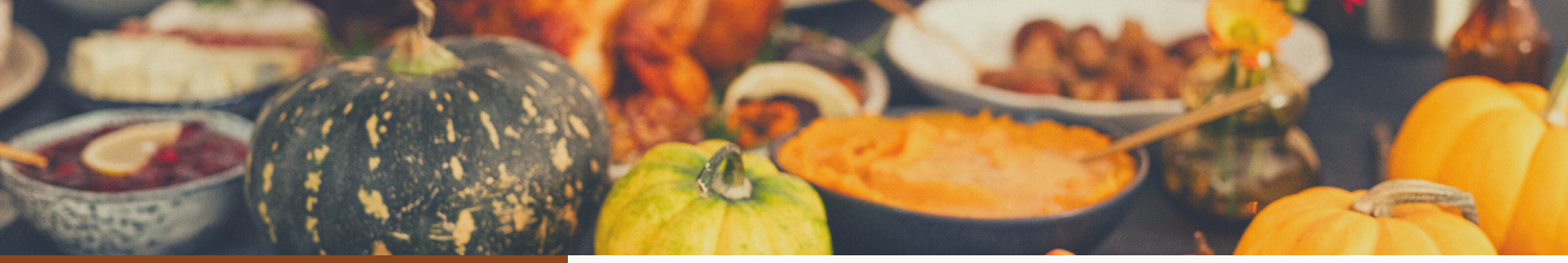
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 – Betty Rybacki
12 – Laura Squire
20 – McKenna Koser
21 – Aaron Burnett
26 – Gary Bibko
28 – Patti Knowles
29 – Joy Shackelford

(If someone's birthday is missing or incorrect, please let the office know.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Aunt Karen Schriefer on the birth of her niece, Sutton Reagan Keating at 7:52 am on October 15th, 7 lbs, 19.25 inches! Mom and Sutton are doing great!



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