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Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 27th of the month.
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection November 27th
- Annual Cookie Sale December 3rd
- Scavenger Hunt begins November 6th
- Turn clocks BACK Sunday, November 6th

Your Mission Team continues to meet every month to engage the congregation in the mission of the church. Sometimes it is to sponsor fund raisers and sometimes to promote projects for mission. We have just completed a very successful fundraiser - our annual pig roast which added \$759. to help with projects. Now we are embarking on an entirely new approach for project, a Scavenger Hunt, "sort of," for Operation Adopt A Soldier. This has been written up in the Presbytery E-News, and so will be circulating around the Presbytery.

The Scavenger Hunt will begin Sunday, November 6, when members will distribute plastic bags, donated by Hanaford, on front door knobs in the area. A flyer, contained in the bag, will describe the project and give suggestions of what can be donated. On the following Sunday, November 13 the bags will be collected - although there will be a covered bin placed near the chapel steps for donations if the collection date is not convenient or you did not receive a bag. **SO WATCH FOR YOUR BAG!!**

Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be on Saturday, Dec.3RD from 10:00 to 1:00 or until sold out. We look forward to the various assortment of cookies provided by the congregation and thank you for all the past donations, with hope, that you will also support us this year. The Cookie Sale is not only a fund raiser but a "funraiser", where we enjoy each other's company in fellowship. This in itself, is a mission of the church, as we reach out into our community of friends, neighbors and strangers, who come in and also enjoy the great fellowship. Won't you plan on staying for a while and join us when you deliver your cookies?

Submitted by Dolores Phaneuf

Scriptures

Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in November will come from the following readings:

November 6th Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 13th Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 20th Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

November 27th **First Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Big Days For November

6th—Turn Clocks Back

8th—Election Day

11th—Veterans Day

24th—Thanksgiving Day

27th—First Day of Advent

Newsletter Articles

Please get the information for any and all of the exciting activities that will occur the month of October to Holly Keys
(holly.keys@aol.com or call 854-3975 before 8 pm or drop something in her box in the business office at the church (just let her know its there)) by Sunday, November 27th. Thank you!!!

Christian Nurture

Faith Filled Friday kids were at it again! We got together to do our annual pumpkin carving. This year's message: "SHINE", with a twist. We kept the message short and simple for a reason. In September we talked about ways to shine the light of Christ in our community following a lesson on Noah. We then made lighthouse 'nightlights' which they got to take home. If you were around over the summer, you'll remember the lighthouses we made at VBS too. So we thought it might be neat to make a Pumpkin Lighthouse to send our message into the community this year, shining our light for all to see! Our kiddos then got to paint/carve their own pumpkin to take home! Many thanks to Gardenworks for generously giving us a sweet deal on our pumpkin bonanza and to the congregation for the many donations of candy for Halloween night! Next meeting is Nov 18th where our Thanksgiving lesson will be remembering to give thanks to our veterans and active military, tying in with Mission Team's Operation-Adopt-a-Soldier project.

Submitted by—Amy Thetford

Deacon's Report

The Deacons held a soup/ice cream social in the Chapel on Wednesday, October 26th with 34 people attending. There were several great varieties of soup, delicious homemade bread from Nancy & Doug Rountree, and Stewart's make your own sundaes. We used the round tables that were decorated very pretty for fall. The event was well received by all who attended and have the chance to relax, visit and enjoy the afternoon.

The Deacons sent a package to Nick Holmes who is in his first year of college at Colgate. We surprised him with candy, homemade cookies, and food items he could pop in his microwave.

We have set up a phone chain within the Deacon members; it is on our bulletin board in the hallway. If anyone wishes to use our phone chain to relay a message within our church, call our Chairman, Nancy Bardwell first to get this in action.

Jane Keys,
Secretary of Deacons

Session Notes

The October meeting reviewed committee activities, with special attention to the Pig Roast that brought in a little more than \$ 550 at that accounting. Also noted was the "Scavenger Hunt" that will occur in November, and will involve the community. The Presbytery E news has an article about this project featuring Dlores Phaneuf. Good publicity for our church throughout the Presbytery !!! The communications person (Kim) became aware of this project during a casual conversation with Dolores while the last Presbytery meeting was in executive session. Kim thought this new idea should receive special attention. Congratulations to Dolores and the Mission committee.

It was also noted that the slate roof of the Chapel in the platform area had been repaired and that the ceiling will be repaired. The repairs have been started this past week.

There was discussion about the findings from the "round table" conversations. As a result Seth Pitts, our Treasurer will include a financial report in the Alive on a monthly basis. Regarding finances, we were reassured that we are meeting expenses, BUT, we are not building a cushion in anticipation of having an installed Pastor. It is more usual that at a time without an installed Pastor, if giving and attendance are maintained, a cushion is in place to help support a Pasor's salary. We are aware that it is Presbytery's thinking that we can not afford a full time Pastor any more. We all need to think about this and maintain our giving to this church as we move forward in our Pastoral search.

The PNC has been elected so that we will be ready to move forward in our search process, once Presbytery gives approval to our MIF (Mission Information Form).

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Cambridge on November 16, which is our normal meeting night here, but our Session members will all try to attend this meeting. As a result our Session meeting will be held on November 15.

Submitted by—Marie Bell

Clerk of Session

Special Thank You

I would just like to send out a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the round table mission worship service in October. It made my heart so joyful to see us all working together, sharing ideas, and enjoying one another's company! It was an awesome time of brainstorming and fellowship! I pray we continue these conversations every once in awhile in an informal worship setting. It's a good reminder that we are family! Remember, keep praying, keep praising and stay hopeful! God is good all the time.

From—Amy Thetford

Birthdays/Anniversaries

November Birthday's

13th McKayla Barrett
15th Jean Baylor
17th Debbie Moore
 Mackenzie Barrett
20th Dave Mears
25th Sylvia Graham
26th Travis Keys

November Anniversaries

23rd Dave & Deb Moore
30th Dave & Irlene Mears

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: _____

Cause for joy or concern: _____

You name (optional): _____

Mark Your Calendars

Adult craft day is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 2nd, from 10 a.m. until 2ish or later? We have had some good turnouts and fun with crafting, be it knitting, crochet, quilting, hand sewing, painting, coloring, beading, or just plain visiting. If you or anyone you know would like to join us it is open to the community. You are welcome to bring a lunch if you'd like.

If you don't have a particular craft or project and would just like to join us- please come.

We have one more scheduled day for Dec 7th, if you are working on a project that needs to be completed for Christmas- put this date on your schedule. We don't meet during the winter months when people might not want to venture out, so watch for us to resume in the spring.

ALSO:

Plans are underway to have a movie day. Scheduled day is Sunday, December 4th at 2 p.m. Movie will be in the Christmas theme. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be provided, if you'd like to bring a different snack to share that is fine as well. Hopefully the weather will cooperate?

Prayers For

From Cindi (Parrish) Smith. Her mom was Erlis and her Dad is Ron. Ron now lives in FL. Ron's second wife Sally passed away today (October 24) after a battle with cancer. Funeral arrangements are not complete, but probably she will be buried in NY at some point. Please have prayers for the family.

Also- prayers for Dennis and Shirley Shaw in Louisville. Dennis is being kept comfortable as his cancer progresses. Shirley is currently in remission

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		8 ELECTION DAY Choir Rehearsal 9 am	Bible Study 8:30am Adult Crafts 10 am	Rotary Fuel Fund Dinner 5pm		
6 DAY LIGHT SAVINGS END Worship 10am Scavenger Hunt Begins	7 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	8 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	9 Women's Club Bible Study 8:30am	10 Line Dancing 9:30am	11 VETERANS DAY	12
13 Worship 10am Communion Service Scavenger Hunt Collection	14 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	15 Choir Rehearsal 9 am Session 7pm	16 Bible Study 8:30am Presbytery Meeting In Cambridge Soup & Sandwich Luncheon 11:30 am	17 Line Dancing 9:30am	18 FFF 2:30pm	19
20 Worship 10am Worship & Music 11:30	21 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	22 Choir Rehearsal 9 am Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service	23 Bible Study 8:30am	24 THANKSGIVING DAY Line Dancing 9:30am	25	26
27 4 Cents a Meal Collection Worship 10am	28 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	29 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	30 Bible Study 8:30am			

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At First United Presbyterian Church:

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!
Service begins at 10 AM

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**Service Schedule for
November 2016**

Elder of the Month: Sylvia Graham

Sunday, November 6th

Reader: Deborah Borthwick

Coffee Time: Dave & Irlene Mears
Kim Skellie

Sunday, November 13th

Reader: Sylvia Graham

Coffee Time: Valerie Roche

Sunday, November 20th

Reader: Neal Rea

Coffee Time: David & Helen Simmons
Arna Thibeau

Sunday, November 27th

Reader:

Coffee Time: Alberta Murn
Sylvia Graham