

FIRST PRESS



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A Publication from First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit

November 2022



Logos Night And Veterans Tribute
Wednesday, November 9
Dinner at 5:30 pm
Followed by a Program with Guest Speakers!



First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit presents...

The 16th Annual Holiday Festival

Saturday, November 12th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1625 NW O'Brien Road

Lee's Summit, MO 64081



Join us for breakfast and begin your holiday shopping!
Our First Prez quilters, members who have a home based business and others will be featured.
Childcare will be provided.

All booth rental and bake sale proceeds will go toward the church's "Dry Basement Water Project."



Invite your friends! It's a fun way to get in some holiday shopping!

Annual Congregational Meeting

One Combined Service

November 20, 2022



Sunday School will not be held

10:00 AM One Combined Service

11:00 AM Annual Congregational Mtg.

Please plan to attend on November 20 for 2023 budget review.

Soup Luncheon and Hanging of the Greens

immediately following the Congregational Meeting
We can use your help to ready the sanctuary and church for Advent!
Please join us!



Oh what a party!
Barrels of fun
Out on the lawn
Watching hobgoblins run
Out to the bounce house
Climbing the wallzzzz
Goodies and hay rides
Great fun for all
We were all gathered
To be family
Watching our members
Respond gleefully
Then on to chili
To taste every batch
Sure to have favorites
For tastebuds to catch
Oh! what a blessing
To sit with our friends
Family of faith
As our welcome extends
To neighbors and strangers
Who join us this day
Enjoying the call
Of this odd holiday
For wearing of costumes
A time when we play
Receiving the treats
Trick or Treat as we say
We share in the goodness
Of God's harvest feast
And bask in the friendship
The joy of God's...
Peace,



Olly Wales



Thanks to all who contributed their talents, skills and efforts to make the Lawn Party/Trunk or Treat/Chili Dinner a super celebration! Happy Fall!

Keenagers All-Church Event - Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday, December 14th, 11:00 am

Holiday Performance by the LSHS "Sounds of Summit" Plated Lunch following, \$5/person

Sign-up sheet will be available in Narthex

CANCELLATION/SNOW POLICY...The church policy is to cancel all church activities on days and nights that Lee's Summit public schools are canceled or have an early release due to inclement weather. Watch your local news for School Closings and specifically for "Church Closings" on KMBC Television (we will contact them). All week-end cancellations will be decided by joint consultation between staff and Session.

Is First Church your church? Then please let your family members and care givers know so that we will be contacted when you need us and can't call yourself. We are here to support you and your family in all the ways that we can, but you need to let people know to give us a call. Thank you.

Youth News

As we say goodbye to Ghosts, Goblins, Witches, Fairy Princesses, and pumpkins it's time to say hello to crunching leaves in our yards and under our feet, donning sweaters and hoodies, and breaking out our best chili recipes.

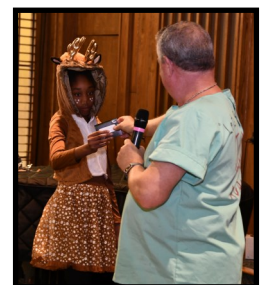
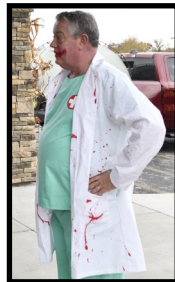


But NOVEMBER is mostly about being THANKFUL.

- Thankful that we have a wonderful building to Worship in.
- Thankful that people like you (and even those who aren't like you) continue to come through our doors.
- Thankful for the remarkable generosity of this Congregation.
- Thankful that our Youth programs continue to thrive by reviving former traditions like Acolytes as well as developing new ideas like "The 15/15/15 Project", which will clothe and feed the needy in our communities.
- Thankful that our High School group can combine their talents and escape from "The Basement" a Halloween-themed Escape Room.
- Thankful that we can laugh at ourselves.

But mostly we are Thankful for God's Grace, Mercy and Love that He continues to show us day after day, season after season, year after year.

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all you wonderful deeds"
Psalm 9:1



Lawn Party/Trunk or Treat/Chili Cook-Off

What a wonderful afternoon and evening of fun and fellowship!
The Lawn Party/Carnival, Trunk or Treat and Chili Cook-off and Dinner were a success!



Stay Up-To-Date...

ELIZABETH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Friday mornings at the church from 9:30 to 11:00 am. They are studying the book, You Are Never Alone: Trust in the Miracle of God's Presence and Power by Max Lucado. During Advent they will study Incarnation by Adam Hamilton and will finish the current study after Christmas. We welcome all women! . For more information, call or email Carol Phillips, 816-769-3189 or cjphil@gmail.com.

QUILTERS...are meeting on Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the Center Room at the church. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY...11:00 am with Dennis Haines and/or Cliff Horton, studying the Book of Exodus. Log on to www.Zoom.us The meeting ID is 921 410 9507 Password is 1857

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP...meets on the second Saturday of each month, November 12, at 7:45 am at the church. All men of the church are welcome to join them for breakfast and fellowship!

THE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP...meets on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 am at the church. This month, they will gather at the church on November 12th for breakfast at the Annual Holiday Festival. All women of the church are welcome!

PAX COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC...is open the third Sunday of every month from 1:00-4:00 pm at the church. You can learn more on their Facebook page at PAX Community Health! Contact Mary Stilley for more information.

SESSION...will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 pm at the church.

NAMI — NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL HEALTH...meets on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month at 7:00 pm at the church in the library. If you would like to join the group or need more information, please contact Marty Sexton at (816) 738-3066.

Our **WE CARE** team meets the last Tuesday of the Month at 1:30 pm in the Lounge. We Care makes calls and visits to shut-ins. If you would like to join this group, please contact Sharon Pyburn.

ONE GOOD MEAL...we will collect cookies in individual packages on Sunday, November 27th. You may bring your pre-packaged cookies to church during the **week before**. Contact Barbara Stone at (816) 509-8681.

SHINE AND DINE...volunteers meet to clean and organize the church kitchen the fourth Tuesday of each month, November 22, at 1 PM. Please let Barb Stone (816-720-3995) or Sharon Pyburn (816-289-4484) know if you can help.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME COMES TO AN END FOR ANOTHER YEAR!
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5th, before you go to bed!

Celebrating Birthdays in November



11/ 1 Austin Williams	11/ 8 Rhone Harris	11/16 Dianne Prusia	11/20 Lila James
11/ 2 Dymon Wood	11/12 Beth Bennett	11/16 LaWanda	11/21 Lana Ogden
11/ 3 Hugo Gibson	11/12 Tom Eagle	Roudebush	11/23 Jacob Loesch
11/ 3 Jared Grauberger	11/12 Charles Farris	11/17 John Leheney	11/24 Gina Buss
11/ 4 Paula Underwood	11/12 Lucy Prusia	11/18 Sarah Briese	11/25 Breeanna Bell
11/ 5 Robin Johnson	11/13 Barbara Shaffer	11/19 Margaret Bandre	11/25 Judy Duncan
11/ 6 Jodie Boye	11/14 Chet Prusia	11/19 Corinna Loesch	11/25 Fred Lamb
11/ 6 Diane McKee	11/14 Georgia Pyburn	11/19 Harper Ruoff	11/25 Caleb Lowry
11/ 6 Angie Shemwell	11/14 Georgia Wille	11/19 Elisa Voigt	11/29 Jacob Anna
11/ 7 Pat Mundy	11/14 Judy Williams	11/19 Liam Wegner	11/29 Jim Knipmeyer
11/ 8 Roger Carroll	11/15 Courtney Williams	11/20 Ann Gray	11/29 Jim Stilley
			11/30 Dax Williams

Mission Action Team

Greetings from your Mission Action Team!

The “ANGEL TREE” – November is our Angel Tree event that provides Christmas gifts for families sponsored by LSSS. Please grab a Star or two, purchase the gift(s) and securely attach the star to each unwrapped gift and return to the tree. They will be delivered to LSSS in time for their Christmas Store in December. Many thanks

The “MITTEN TREE” sponsored by our Quilters group will be up starting November 6th. Please bring mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. so they may be delivered to LSSS.

As always, many thanks for your extravagant generosity. God bless you all!

Noisy Offering



Noisy Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 27th to support Lee's Summit Social Services. Thank you for donating your loose change!

2022 Per Capita

The end of the year is nearing and if you haven't paid your Per Capita, please consider doing so. Total per member: \$43.07—\$8.98 to General Assembly; \$2.90 to the Synod of Mid-America; \$31.19 to Heartland Presbytery. Our church is responsible in paying this for each of our active members. We appreciate those of you who pay this in addition to your pledge. This is the larger cost of being Presbyterian that we all share in...of having a representative form of government as well as through the many ministries and missions that we partner in, locally, nationally, and throughout the world.

Worship Action Team

We are busy putting together schedules for Worship Leaders and Ushers for 2023. If you are interested in being part of our Sunday Morning Worship in any way, please contact Wyatt Howell or Rob Bell. These volunteers are who keep our worship services running smoothly!

East Side Water Project

The East Side Water Project is complete. The project included new larger gutters and down spouts, larger in-ground pipes to each downspout leading to additional storm drains, an additional drain inside the gym at the outside door, and two new larger sump pumps for the footing tile drains and new gym drain. This new system will collect the stormwater that falls on the east side of the building and the adjacent grounds and transport it to the city storm water system. The cost for the project was \$ 80,000 and within budget.

Job Openings

HELP WANTED...Individual to assist with our Nursery on Sunday's from 8:30 AM to Noon and on Wednesday evenings for various activities (hours vary). Please contact the Church Office if interested. Must be at least 18.

SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 25, 2022 MEETING OF SESSION

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

Summary of October 25, 2022 Meeting of Session (not the minutes)

Session of First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit held its regular meeting on October 25 in the Center Room. Moderator, Rev. Alex Wales called the meeting to order by praying the Breakthrough Prayer in unison.

September Financials:	<u>For the Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>
Income	\$42,373	\$316,787	\$319,500
Expenses	\$45,270	\$338,835	\$356,446
Income vs Expense	- \$ 2,897	-\$ 22,048	-\$ 36,946
Per Capita	\$ 87	\$ 5,981	\$ 6,375

Cash in bank: \$88,489 (Current Liabilities \$17,102 = Net Available \$71,387)

September income was above budget with pledged and non-pledged donations 125.7% of monthly budget. Year to date income is only \$2,713 below budgeted. Unfortunately, expenses were \$2,897 more than income for the month bringing overall DEFICIT to \$22,048 for the year.

Budget for 2023: Reviewed actual operating expenses compared to budgets for 2019, 2020, 2021 and YTD actuals to the budget for 2022 looking for trends. Also reviewed the current Raymond James Investment accounts compared to the beginning of the year and how the market losses will impact the 2023 budget. Then began a line by line review of expected income and expenses for 2023. Based on past experience we agreed to budget \$360,000 for pledges and will monitor it based on pledges that come in over the next 2 weeks. We reduced Per Capita expectations from \$8,500 to \$7,000 based on trends BUT, agreed to make a major push for more Per Capita in 2023 and to add Per Capita to pledge cards in 2023. Logos income and Interest Income should not be part of the Operating budget. For Expenses we agreed to ONLY budget for the "required" items and Action Team budgets would be \$0 for non-essentials. For General Mission we agreed to \$0 but we will review our budget quarterly and send funds to General Mission when available. Bottom line indicates we planned for a \$34,925 deficit budget.

Communion: Rev. Wales discussed communion by intinction indicating it is not healthy due to Covid and now flu season. We agreed we should serve bread and juice as individual items at the 9:00AM Contemporary service. We will also consider drinking the juice when given and eat the bread together. The Worship Action Team will adjust and update communion procedures.

Congregational Meeting: Blended Service on November 20 at 10:00AM followed by Congregational meeting and then Hanging of the Greens.

Next Stated meeting is November 15, 2022.

2023 Stewardship "Pledge" Campaign

Our Dedication Sunday for our 2023 Stewardship Campaign has passed but if you didn't have a chance to turn in your pledge card, it's not too late! You may send it to the church, bring it to the church, or call one of our Finance Elders and let them know your wishes for next year! Session is busy discerning our budget goals for 2023 and every pledge helps with these important decisions as we move toward our church's mission and ministry. Thank you and God Bless You for your support!

CARING MINISTRIES...Here at First Pres., we are all family and we are here for each other! Through volunteer efforts we offer many "Caring Ministries:" **H.O.W.** is our Hospitality on Wheels. We offer a few meals for those in need from surgeries, illnesses, bereavement, and more. If you are interested in preparing meals for someone, or if you have a need for a few meals yourself, contact Sharon Pyburn at the church, 524-3933, or email Jspyburn@aol.com. The **We Care** team meets once a month. Members of this team reach out to our shut-ins. Contact Sharon Pyburn if you feel you have time to visit with any of our members who can't make it out to church. During difficult times, people often feel very alone. They may have no one to talk to who will really listen. **Stephen Ministries** give a listening ear—someone to talk with about things you wouldn't discuss with anyone else. **Stephen Ministry** is our "one to one" compassionate care team. Stephen Leaders go through extensive training and they meet weekly with those who have concerns. If you have questions about the program, please contact John Fields or Sharon Pyburn.



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God, empowered by the Holy
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faith, bring hope, share love; as
a diverse, growing, grace-
giving community.

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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 am Contemporary Service
10:00 am Faith & Fellowship
11:00 am Traditional Service

November 2022