

Announcements Nov. 17, 2024

Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 17

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Class – Practice Generosity
11:00 AM Worship and Faith Formation for Children

Monday, Nov. 18

5:00 PM Emergency Cold Weather Shelter
5:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, Nov. 19

7:00 PM Women's Monthly Bible Study, FPC

Thursday, Nov 21

5:00 PM Deacons Committee Meeting
6:00 PM Session

Friday, Nov 22

9:00 AM Food Bank Box Build
3:00 PM Setup for Memorial Service

Saturday, Nov 23

1:00 PM Setup for Memorial Service
1 – 3:00 PM Youth Service Project, Central Lutheran
3:00 PM Jan Gruhn's Memorial

Sunday, Nov. 24

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Class – Practicing Generosity
11:00 AM Worship and Faith Formation for Children
12:00 PM Thanksgiving Potluck

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN (formerly called Godly Play) will meet following the "Time with Children" today. Parents must go down to the classrooms to pick up their children.

The **CHILDCARE CENTER** is open today. Children five and under are welcome to go to the childcare center during the worship service. Parents need to take their children down so you can sign them in with our childcare providers. You can watch the service with your cell phone in the childcare room if you want to stay with your children.

JOIN US TODAY FOR:

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: PRACTICING GENEROSITY

Love in action for God and our neighbor is the biblical understanding of generosity. Join us on Sundays at 9:30 AM in the library and explore ways you can deepen your own practice of generosity.

EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER CURRENT NEEDS

First Presbyterian Church needs additional volunteers to help us fulfill our responsibilities at the ECWS. Here is how you can help:

1. Talk to friends/family and help recruit one person to help us two times during this season.
2. Volunteer one time for overnight hospitality in 2024.
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4. Sign up to make a meal for one of the Monday nights.
5. Donate non-perishable snacks for the shelter.

We need volunteers for each Monday night in November for evening hospitality and overnight hospitality.

Contact Danna Larson, Lorissa Jackson or Marcus Geist to volunteer.

NEW HYMNAL FUND RAISING The Worship Committee is raising funds for the purchase of Presbyterian Hymnals. For \$25 (each), you can have a bookplate inscribed in honor of your gift. Please annotate the check that it is for the hymnal fund raiser. You can also give on-line. Office staff will contact you for the bookplate inscription.

THANKSGIVING BLESSING DONATIONS NEEDED

FPC and other faith communities are working together with the Food Bank of Alaska and Lutheran Social Services to provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner to our neighbors in need.

Here is how you can help:

1. **DONATE CANS OF CORN:** Help us reach our goal of donating 500 cans of corn for the Thanksgiving Blessing. Bring your donations of corn to the church by Sunday, Nov. 24. They will be delivered to the Mt. View Thanksgiving Blessing site for distribution that afternoon.

2. VOLUNTEER:

Youth: Saturday, Nov. 23 from 1-3 pm at Central Lutheran Church

Adults: Volunteers are needed for the distribution on Monday, Nov. 25.

Go to: [Individual Volunteers - Food Bank of Alaska](#) to sign up to help at Mt. View Community Center or Central Lutheran Church.

YOUTH GROUP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

What: Thanksgiving Blessing Service Project

Where: Central Lutheran Church

When: Saturday, Nov. 23; 1:00-3:00 pm

Youth will be helping assemble the non-perishable food in the Thanksgiving Blessing boxes

F.I.S.H. SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

Children will be doing their monthly service project of bagging rice during Faith Formation.

Everyone is invited to bring pasta to help us meet our monthly goal of donating 100 pounds of pasta. Volunteers are needed to help with phone calling, packing the boxes, driving to home, and shopping for supplies. If interested, please email: info@fishcharity.org.

THANKS FROM OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Many thanks to the youth for assembling the college care packages earlier this month and for the contributions from the congregation for the care packages. Here are a few notes of thanks we have received:

"I just wanted to say thank you guys so much! The handwritten notes made me cry such happy tears! I even put it up with all my photos that remind me of home next to my bed."

"I just picked up my package! Thank you so much, this really brightened up my week."

"Will you please tell the church thank you from me? The gift from the church was amazing and very appreciated!"

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY MEETS THIS TUESDAY NIGHT

All women are invited to join us for our monthly Bible study on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 pm at FPC. We are partnering with Immanuel Presbyterian Church for this study and using the PW curriculum: *"Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and all Creation."* Sandy Haldane (Immanuel Presbyterian Church) and Danna Larson (First Presbyterian Church) are leading the study. Invite a friend!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Want to be a part of this year's Christmas Pageant for the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve service? We will be practicing on Sundays in December during our Faith Formation time in worship (11:00-12 noon). We will have extended practices on Sunday, Dec. 15 and 22 at 10:00 am. Dress Rehearsal is Monday, Dec. 23 at 1:00 pm. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available! Contact Danna Larson at: 907 538-7313 or dllsitka@gmail.com for additional information and to let her know who in your family can be a part of the pageant. Adult volunteers are needed to help with this. It is a fun time for everyone!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, Dec 1: Advent Party. Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for lunch and activities to help you celebrate Advent season. We will also be decorating the sanctuary.

Sunday, Dec 8: Alternative Gift Market. 10AM – 2PM in Fellowship Hall. Make your shopping list and give to others from a variety of groups that support those in need both locally and throughout the world.