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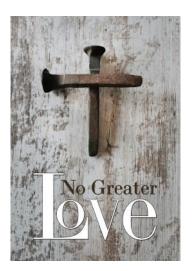
From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

November is typically the time for a message about Thanksgiving. Well, this year will be no different; although I want to take a different approach.

November also is the time for Veterans Day. Each Sunday, we pray for members of the military deployed in service. Each Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veteran's Day, I recognize and give thanks for those who have served our country in the military. Many in this congregation have either served or have/had immediate family members serving our country.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:12-13.



The military is not perfect; nor are the decisions made by leaders to use the military without error. That said, God has granted us a military that has served to protect us and has provided for great freedoms. There are many places throughout the world where critical statements would not be allowed. For the freedom to express opinions, for the freedom to worship God without fear of physical attack or arrest, for the blessings we so often take for granted; for all these things, we are thankful to God for the men and women in our armed services.

We will take time during the service on November 13 (the Sunday closest to November 11) to remember and give thanks for the blessings we enjoy as the result of the sacrifice and service of others. Being thankful is an important part of being a Christian; being thankful for the sacrifices of others is an important part of being a Christian in the United States.

November also is the month in which we will dedicate our stewardship pledges for 2023. We often say that giving is an act of worship. "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

On November 20, we will be dedicating our offering and pledges as part of worship. We will give thanks to God for all we have and enjoy, and ask God to bless these offerings to be used for the proclamation of the good news of the gospel throughout Carson City and beyond.

I have been convicted this year about how important it is to remember God – specifically, to remember and give thanks. Deuteronomy 8 has come to mind on several occasions and I share a part of it with you here:

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten

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your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Thankfulness includes humility as we intentionally remember that God is the source and sustainer of our lives. All we have belongs to God. Our time belongs to God. The talents we have, the vocations we pursue, the opportunities that are opened for us belong to God. The relationships we enjoy are a gift from God. The money we earn belongs to God. There is a saying making the rounds in social media: before you ask God for what you want, thank God for every specific thing you already have. It's a good exercise.

Offering from the resources we have been provided to steward is a way to say thank you to God. Making an offering is a tangible expression of our gratitude that we serve the living and true God, the God who has redeemed us, the God who has given us – by his grace – salvation and eternal life. It is a time for us to celebrate what God is doing in the ministries in this place. It is a time to give thanks for the transformation that has taken place in the lives of so many people here.

So, as we come into November, let us use these days to remember and give thanks to God.

Your brother in Christ,

Bob Davis



TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER

Is November 14
Send your info / articles / submissions to margo@fpccarsoncity.org

Congregational Giving—General Budget									
	2022 Projected								
	Budget	Need	Given		<u>Difference</u>				
October 13, 2022									
Yr. to Date	\$368,110		\$328,406		- \$ 39,704				
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FAMILY MINISTRIES





The Colors and Sounds of the Fall Season

The fall season is upon us, with cool crisp fall mornings, tree leaves changing to the beautiful fall arrangement of gold, yellow, red, orange, and brown. Our homes are filled with smells of cinnamon, spice, and apple. The music is beginning to change as well, from lively and fast up beat music in a major key to more gentle movements of peace and celebration in a minor key of what is to come within our quickly approaching Advent season.

This November the season begins with a piece called, "Morning Has Broken," and ends with our first Advent piece entitled, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," introducing us to what is to come in our beautiful Advent holiday season. The choir will be singing traditional hymns of the fall season such as "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" and "For the Beauty of the Earth," while the Praise Team will be singing "What a Beautiful Name" and "Spirit Song." Our bell choir, Grace Notes, will be playing, "To God Be The Glory."

All of these pieces are preparing us for what is coming during our Advent season and celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. During this time we look back at this past year and reflect on what has happened within our lives, knowing there is a new year of experiences ahead of us. We are preparing with open arms to accept what is going to be presented to us, and our dear Saviors birth. God's Blessings,

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Stewart Peebles



NEW COVENANT PARTNER CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a Covenant Partner (member) of this congregation, there will be a class on Sunday November 13th, following

worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend, please drop a note in the offering plate or call the office (775-882-1032) to let use know so materials can be prepared for all attendees. You are welcome in the class even if you are not joining the church but just want to learn more about FPC, what being a Presbyterian means, and about being a follower of Christ!

NOMINATIONS FOR SESSION ELDER OR BOARD OF DEACONS

If you have someone you would like to nominate to serve as either an Elder or Deacon (maybe even yourself), Nomination Slips are available in the Narthex in the various publication racks. You may put the slip in the offering, in the prayer bowl in the Narthex, or give it to any Nominating Commission member: George Stanton (Chair), George Branson, Jane Hancock, Charlene Rodman, Dede Stevens, Rob Scanland, Lynne Weaver, and Faye Wheeler

BEFORE NOMINATING, PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PERSON YOU WANT TO NOMINATE TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING.

Nominations are due by October 30



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11 immediately prior to worship for the purpose of electing our new Elders and Deacons and the 2023 Nominating Commission.

Please plan to attend and be part of the necessary voting quorum.



IT'S TIME FOR GAME NIGHT!!!

Friday, November 4 6:30pm—9:30pm Bring a game: Board games, card games, video games—Whatever you like to play!

Bring a snack to share (chips, pretzels, cookies, candies, etc.) We will have some games ready, but feel free to bring a favorite from home. This will be a great evening to bring your friends and neighbors to as well!

Don't forget to FALL BACK on November 6

Set your clock back an hour so you get that extra hour of sleep before you come to church to worship!





Once again we are celebrating Veterans Day by recognizing and honoring our active duty military. Those on our Military Prayer List are family or friends of our congregation. We have pictures of many of them on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway. We encourage you to continue to pray for these men and women.

Our ongoing project of red, white, and blue lap robes or shoulder quilts serves to give our military personnel a reminder of the prayers and support of our congregation. They also serve as a reminder that God is with them wherever they may be called to go.

Please call us if you have any questions or want to add someone to the prayer list. Connie Stanton, Kathy Rothchild, or the office (775) 882-1032.

THANK YOU VETERANS!

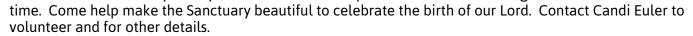
Each year, Deacons place poinsettias in the Sanctuary for worship services in memory or honor of your loved ones. These will be acknowledged in a bulletin insert. This year's deadline to order plants will be Monday, December 12th. Order forms will be in the December Trumpet and in worship bulletins beginning November 27th.



LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY? YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

HANGING OF THE GREENS—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

The annual Hanging of the Greens is traditionally scheduled for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, this can mean there are not enough strong people around to help do this decorating of the Sanctuary—the poles to put the **PRATE** wreaths up on the walls are very heavy and more strong arms are needed to do this than we think we have so far this year—so we are changing the scheduling of this activity. Everyone is welcome to help and it doesn't take a large amount of





Friday December 16, 6:00 pm



We are in need of AT LEAST one more truck and trailer to transport singers. Contact Sherri Gurney with questions or to volunteer your vehicle/trailer &/or to drive.



ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 10-19-2022

Please pray for these families: Names removed for privacy Fire and Law Enforcement, First Responders, Front-line Caregivers; our Local, State, and National leaders





You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10



Names removed for privacy



Active-Duty Military: Names removed for privacy



Operation Christmas Child boxes need to be returned by Sunday November 13th.
You can also "pack a box" online by going to samaritanspurse.org/buildonline
and it will walk you through selecting gifts for a boy or girl and the age you choose. At the end you will pay by credit card.
Your box might go to Ukraine where they have already distributed 400,000 boxes this year!

Thank you for your support!

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

More than enough congregants volunteered to help with Prison Ministry Angel Tree this



year. Thank you for stepping up. Sharon Hughes will hold a short volunteer meeting after church on October 30th in the Fellowship Hall.

Gift tags will be available to be picked up in the Narthex on November 6th or 13th. Tags will be available for gifts for a boy or girl for whom to purchase a gift of around \$25 in value. The gifts are due back to church Sunday, November 26 through December 3. Questions can be texted to Sharon Hughes.

GraceWorks Thanksgiving Dinner Event - Your help is needed!

Please consider joining with other local churches in assisting FISH with providing Thanksgiving dinner to local shut-ins. People are needed for both the packing and delivering of meals. There is also the possibility of sharing the meal with a shut-in.

The Carson Plaza Hotel Banquet Room host the event this year on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th. People to pack meals are to meet there at 9:45am. Drivers, who will use their own vehicles and ice chests for delivering the hot meals, will need to arrive at The Carson Plaza at 10:30am.

Carol Wilson will be taking sign-ups at church on Sundays or you can contact Kyle Hamilton with any questions. You can also let Kyle know about a shut-in who would like a dinner delivered on Thanksgiving. They do not need to be a member of any church.

Thanks for volunteering!! Your GraceWorks Committee





SHARING THE JOY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH FOOD DONATIONS

The Northern Nevada Dream Center (NNDC) Food Bags will be available soon to share holiday food for upcoming celebrations. Every year we fill Christmas bags for the NNDC to deliver to individuals or families in our local communities who do not have the means of getting food for their Christmas

celebrations. You help bring joy to them by providing a bag full of non-perishable food items and \$15 with which the NNDC purchases a ham or turkey to complete their meal.

Christmas bags will be available at the church mid-November in the Narthex and at the office, or contact Charlene Rodman to have a bag for filling delivered to you. There is a list of food items that you will purchase and an envelope for the \$15 (cash or check) so the NNDC to purchase the ham or turkey. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to the Northern Nevada Dream Center (NOT the church). If you would like to attach a Christmas card or special item like Christmas candies, it is always welcomed! The purpose of these bags is to bring joy to these families and share The Good News of Jesus Christ—the real reason for the season!

Bags will be due back to the church no later than November 27th.

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This Month's Sermons

NOVEMBER 6 John 20: 19-31

"My Lord, My God!"

November 13 John 21: 1-14

"Have You No Fish?

November 20 John 21: 15-25

"Do You Love Me?"

November 27 Psalm 121

"From Where Will My Help Come?"

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The Deacons invite you, your family and friends to our traditional

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Sunday, November 20, 2022 following worship.

Turkey and gravy, ham, rolls, and pumpkin pie are provided

If you wish to do so, please bring a dish to share. If your last names starts with

A-J bring potatoes or stuffing

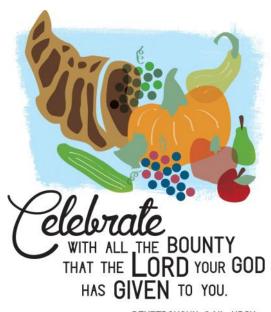
K-R bring a dessert

S-Z bring a salad or vegetable casserole

Or-just bring your specialty!!

Also, please know it is not required that you bring anything!

Don't forget—this is also Stewardship Sunday to be sure to bring your 2023 pledge card!



DEUTERONOMY 26:II, NRSV