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November 2024 FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WINTERSSET, IA

The mission of the First United Presbyterian Church is to make disciples of all people for the glory of God through teaching, caring and worshiping.

The countdown is on and for many of us November 5th can't come soon enough! The debates, commercials, ads and candidates vying for votes seem to consume almost all of the media and therefore our attention. Because of that there is a lot of angst in our country about the future regardless of which candidate ultimately wins. Although the presidential campaign takes most of the headlines, there are other offices seeking to be filled not only nationally but right down to our local government. As I have often encouraged folks, continue to pray for *all* the candidates. It doesn't matter if they are not the political party of your choice. They *all* need our prayers. Elections are trying times as we seek to choose individuals to lead us.

Elect ✓

But for Christians (Presbyterians in particular!) election has another connotation. As we continue to think about the persons we may be choosing, keep in mind that God has also chosen us. In the letter of Ephesians chapter 1 we are told:

*God has chosen us in Christ
before the foundation of the world...*

We have been chosen by God! Further, this was not a decision that God made at the last minute. I admit there have been times; despite studying the candidates and issues, I have entered the voting booth not knowing how I was going to vote! But God has chosen you before the foundation of the world! That is the amazing and humbling story of the gospel.

Knowing that we have been chosen by God can be a source of great comfort and encouragement in the midst of trying and difficult times. Consider all the different trials that come our way during the course of our lives. The apostle Paul even took the time to name a few: hardships, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword. But nothing can separate us from God's love. Rhetorically, he puts it this way in Romans 8:33:

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

Knowing that we have been chosen by God can help us keep perspective in a world that is changing so rapidly. Such assurance can give us the peace, the shalom of God, that goes beyond all understanding.

Pastor Dave



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The **Thank Offering** began in 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. In the 136 years since Eliza first asked women to give a "thank offering to her Lord," more than 1,600 different projects in the United States and around the world have benefitted from grants funded by faithful and generous givers. Respond to Eliza's inspiring call to support mission initiatives and demonstrate thanksgiving for God's blessings through giving to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. **Join us on Sunday, October 27, for our annual PW Thank Offering worship service.** Please give as you are able and earmark your check, "Thank Offering."



Our church is adopting two teenagers for Christmas through CRISP. Tags will be available on November 3 on the tree in the narthex. Please return your unwrapped gift(s) with tag by November 17. If you can't find what you want in Winterset, you can give your tag and money to Pat Dickerson who will shop in Des Moines for you. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX



Please return your shoeboxes to the church by October 27. The Shoeboxes will be dedicated during worship on **Sunday, November 3.** Please remember to include the \$10.00 donation per box (exact change please) which covers the shipping cost. Thank you to all who participated!

**Ham Ball
DINNER**

**Saturday, November 2nd
4:30pm - 7:00pm**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
1120 N 8th Avenue, Winterset**

**Menu: Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans,
Homemade Desserts & Applesauce
\$12.00**

**Call 515-468-1899 for shut-ins only
delivery by November 1st**

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, November 10 for the purpose of electing officers. Please plan now to attend. Following the meeting we will have a baked potato bar in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own toppings & tableware!

We pray for...



Nolan Collins
Pat Kuhns
Tish McKee
Don Stanley
Ruth Wagley
Ilene Holmes

Those known only to God

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, With thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6*



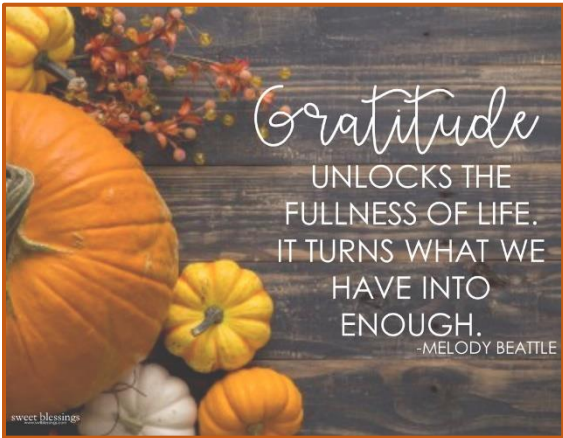
BIRTHDAYS

Kit Schantz	Nov 5
Joyce Turner	Nov 11
Rae de Regnier	Nov 13
Dean Schantz	Nov 18
Steve Holmes	Nov 25
Zach Fleming	Nov 26

ANNIVERSARIES

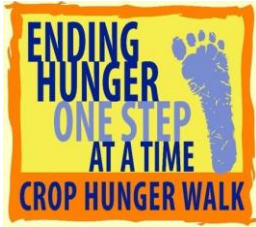
Russ & Teresa Fleming	Nov 21
Paul & Darla Millhollin	Nov 22

Advent is fast approaching! We are making plans now for the Advent Candle lighting each week of Advent, beginning December 1. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you!



**SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
1 HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED
ON NOVEMBER 2**





The Madison County CROP walk committee met Monday, October 14 for a wrap-up on our September event. Our results are as follows:

	Money Donations	Non-Perishable items
St. Paul Lutheran	\$3125.00 (1 st)	6 (last) (Ironic, right?)
First United Presbyterian	720.00 (3 rd)	32 (3 rd)
First United Methodist	760.00 (2 nd)	40 (2 nd)
First Christian	400.00 (last)	261 (1 st) (Ironic, right?)
TOTAL	\$5005.00	339

As you can see, First United Presbyterian Church came in 3rd in BOTH categories - consistency!! I'm so thankful for all of you who supported this effort. (It just wasn't my best year health-wise to make this work.) I'm always glad to have Brian Dickerson helping me collect your contributions, and this year Pat Dickerson and Pastor Dave joined the walk. Pastor also gave the opening prayer – THANK YOU!

And just to mention, over the 18 years we've worked with this group, we've raised a total of \$85,932.00 and contributed mostly canned goods and some non-perishables in the amount of 3546 items. Again, about 25% of our annual money collection is going to Matura/Multi-Purpose Center, and this year our non-perishables went to Paw Pantry at the Winterset Middle School. Both of these organizations help people in need in our community.

We did have a short discussion concerning continuing the walk...mostly since we only had 8 walkers this year. Do folks really WANT to walk? Short answer is that Linda (Christian church rep and our leader) and her husband Rick will continue to work of CROP Walk no matter what...so...I'm sure someone from our church will also be on the committee (YOU? ME? ANYONE?). We were a little weary at this meeting, but decided that by June, we'll all be ready to go!!

Thank you again to everyone who helped this effort in any way!! Mark your calendar NOW to prepare for next year's event on Sunday, September 28, 2025! G. JoAnn Collins

Holiday Hop ~ November 23 ~ 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Tell your neighbors and friends, this is going to be a fun event!

Baked goods, homemade items, gently-used Christmas items

Make plans now to make something for the Hop and/or volunteer to help!

If you have any questions, please give Rae de Regnier a call at

515-468-1498 or Gaylene Blankers at 515-468-0619.





Christmas4KIDS Madison County 2024
Sponsor a Child for the Holidays

I know it is barely fall, but we are already gearing up for Christmas4Kids here at the CRISP office. Please help us make Christmas a little brighter for Madison County children in need. It will take you just a few minutes to complete the google form found [here](#). CRISP and MATURA are partnering again this year to provide food boxes for our families who are receiving gifts. If you are interested in helping provide a food box please contact Sara Reed at MATURA. Her number is 515-462-4704. They will take donations of cash/check, gift cards or food to help complete the food boxes. Call (515-462-9400) or email the CRISP office (CRISP@familyresourcelink.org) if you have any questions.

– Kathleen Rush, CRISP Program Director



Community Hymn Sing
All are invited!

Friday, November 1
 11:30 am

Winterset Public Library

Hosted by Winterset First United Methodist Church

Hymn Books Provided!



Stir Your Coffee
 At the Steeple
 Wednesdays
 at 10am

Join with the pastor every Wednesday morning for an informal time of fellowship and coffee. There is no agenda except to enjoy each other's company. Bring a snack to share if you like, but it is not required!





Greek icon of saints and angels around Christ's throne (c. 1700)

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

All Saints' Day (November 1) is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation. To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our

awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time.



While Thanksgiving is a national holiday, the tradition of giving thanks at the end of the harvest is a religious event celebrated in most cultures. The national practice of giving thanks in November is therefore quite biblical.

Scripture abounds with thanksgiving to God, for thanksgiving is part of the Christian way of life, no matter what the circumstances.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. — Philippians 4:6

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5: 18

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." — Revelation 7:11-12

SESSION

The session is the governing council for the local church in Presbyterian polity. The word "session" comes from *sessio*, Latin for "to sit" as in sitting to deliberate or talk about something.

Class of 2024

Kevin de Regnier
Joe Ekdahl

Class of 2025

Pam Deichmann
Lori Ryner

Class of 2026

Ron Berdine
Ann Pashek

Rev. Dave Endriss

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Closed Friday

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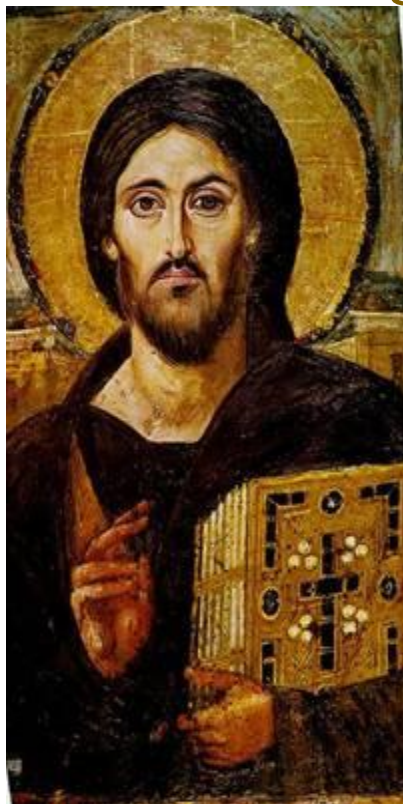
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Steve Walker, Custodian

Christ the King / Reign of Christ/Nov. 24



Christ Pantocrator (“ruler of all”),
a sixth century icon from Saint
Catherine’s Monastery, Mount Sinai.

At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8).

This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints’ Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins.

Christ reigns supreme

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*
(Geneva Press, 2003, 151)

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ’s coming again at the end of time.



The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe.

The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme. Christ’s truth judges falsehood. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. In the end, Christ will triumph over the forces of evil.

Such concepts as these cluster around the affirmation that Christ is King or Christ reigns! As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart. To Christ alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives. Christ calls us to stand with those who in every age confessed, “Jesus Christ is Lord!” In every generation, demagogues emerge to claim an allegiance that belongs only to God. But Christ alone has the right to claim our highest loyalty. The blood of martyrs, past and present, witnesses to this truth.

Behold the glory of the eternal Christ! From the beginning of time to its ending, Christ rules above all earthly powers!

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 24th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Rev. Dave Endriss Communion	4 7:00 p.m. Madonna Circle	5  ELECTION DAY	6 10 am Coffee 4:00 pm Evening Guild 5:00 pm Bible Study	7 7:00 pm Property & Finance	8	9 Presbytery Meeting in Grinnell
10 25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Rev. Dave Endriss Cong. Mtng. Following worship; Potato Bar following meeting	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13 10 am Coffee Time 5:00 pm Bible Study "Sharing the Red Cross Mission in Greenfield"	14	15	16
17 26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Kevin de Regnier	18	19	20 10 am Coffee Time 5:00 pm Bible Study	21	22	23  HOLIDAY HOP 8:30 – 1:30
24 Christ the King 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Ioan Ittu	25	26 6:30 pm Session	27 10 am Coffee Time NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY	28 	29	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>