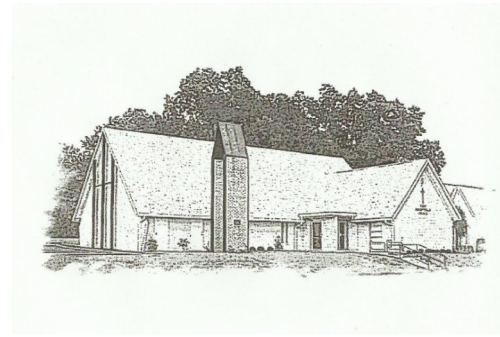




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Thanksgiving has long been one of my favorite holidays. Now, it seems to get lost in the rush to get to the Christmas season. I would like for us to reflect on the meaning of Thanksgiving before we move on to Christmas. As a child, my sister and I spent many happy times eating Thanksgiving meals at our grandparents' houses. There were not only grandparents, but parents, uncles and aunts, and many cousins. We had turkey and dressing, ham, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, lots of vegetables, and plenty of pie at the end of the meal. There was enough food for leftovers for all for several days afterwards. As I grow older, I realize that, while the food was really good, it was the relationships that really mattered the most. All of us present knew that we belonged to a family that cared for each one of us, even if we sometimes messed up. We knew that we belonged and were accepted for who we really were. I think that the church needs to be like that, a loving family that accepts all who come, giving each other a sense of belonging, a sense that each one of us really matters. I also think that we should be very grateful for what we have: plenty of food, a God who loves us and seeks us out, a country in which we are free to worship as we please, and free to live out our lives as we see best. I also think as Christians, we are to remember others, those who might not have loving families, those who are lonely, those who do not have enough food, those who worry about just getting by. We should do our best to share with all of those people because that is what Jesus calls us to do. The following persons will be in our pulpit for the month of November:

- **November 2 (Communion) Steve Newton**
- **November 9 Jimmy Chapman**
- **November 16 Brendan McLean**
- **November 23 Jim Dees**
- **November 30 Crosby Fleming**

Jimmy Chapman—Moderator of Worship Committee
Members include Lynn Tieken, Mary Lowe, and Kathy Porter



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The gutter work has been completed on the north side of the sanctuary and the drainage issue has been addressed.

Chris, from CSC Seamless Gutter Service finished up all the gutter work with three downspouts and Tino Gonzalez built a rock berm and added two 4-inch tubing extensions neatly placed to carry water down and out the back. The ditch area in the back was dug out to aid water drainage. The committee is hopeful the gutter work and the rock/tubing, along with the existing T- post chicken wire and coverage engineering job done by members will be sufficient to fix our courtyard drainage issue. We think we are finally ready for the next torrential rain storm!

Since our last newsletter, several members have stepped up to make repairs and help with upkeep. With the discovery of a window in the pastor’s study detached, the team of John and John formed a plan and repaired the problem within one day! Charlie, our resident weed killer, has been on the job keeping vegetation growth at bay in the newly cut back area and making sure all the window locks and latches are secure. The lock and deadbolt on the fellowship hall double door has been fixed and a faulty toilet that was using lots of water has been identified and repaired.



There is never a dull moment with FPC’s building and grounds! Whew!



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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



September 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$7,295	\$19,003	-\$11,708
August 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$10,697	\$6,101	\$4,596
Year to Date:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$72,457	\$87,158	-\$14,701

DID YOU KNOW?

7 Steps to help you become more environmentally conscious.

- You realize that you're part of a much bigger picture
- You recognize the benefits – mental, physical – of being more connected to nature and the environment
- Once you think globally, you can act locally
- You educate both yourself and your sphere of influence – family, friends, colleagues, contacts, etc
- You understand your values and orient your lifestyle accordingly
- You consume and think consciously
- You do what you can, with what you have, where you are

C.E. GREEN TEAM

HIM EMERGENCY

The HIM board met today, October 29, and passed a resolution to provide weekly boxes to families that are not receiving SNAP or WIC benefits, as well as any federal employees in our area that are not being paid for the duration of the shutdown. This will put an extra strain on HIM.

Please consider increasing what you do for our neighbors during this time. Cash or food donations will help, especially as HIM tries to provide Thanksgiving boxes.

Thanks! Your HIM board members, Kathy and Louise

FELLOWSHIP

Plans are underway for our final luncheon of the year, our **Christmas luncheon, on December 21.**

The menu is shaping up to be oven roasted turkey and pork loin, dressing, roasted vegetables, cornbread dressing and rolls. Pecan pie and coconut cake will be our dessert choices.

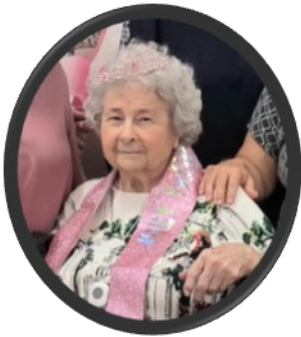
David Reeder, our preacher for morning worship, and his wife Sonya will join us as David will present a program of interest.

Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and reflection as we celebrate Christ's coming!



MEMBER CARE

On October 10th, we celebrated **Margaret Hillin's 102nd birthday**, and she was official on October 12th! Wow !! John, Tammy, Mitchell, Dana and Daniel were in attendance from Margaret's family and church members present were Kathy, Suzanne, Louise and Jan.



Pine Lodge hosted and provided birthday cake and punch with plenty of decorations and many residents attended. Margaret was charming and witty as always and it was a very special time of celebration for our long time member. Thanks be to God for Margaret Hillin!!

Bob and Cindy have both suffered falls and are currently both at home.

Please keep all our homebound members along with others in your hearts in prayer.

OUTREACH

Outreach had a very busy month in October. It began with decorating the church with pink to support Paint the Town Pink.

Then we had a table at the National Night Out.



Jan and Louise attended the mid-morning coffee to advertise the “Rehoming” Sale. Building and Grounds with Outreach held the sale and raised \$2,138 for Camp Gilmont. We have earned a brick with that donation.

A Hustle Kindness at the Library finished off the month.

Saturday, November 1 will be the last adopt-a-block of the year.



Jan, Kathy, Lynn, John T., John H., Sylvia, and Louise



**We are the
HUSTLE KINDNESS TEAM
“YOU HAVE
BEEN HUSTLED”**

If we are all just a little more kind with each other. If we are all just a little more patient with each other. If we are all just a little more present for each other.

Now, what we ask of each of you is to continue the thread of kindness
Go forth from here and do one act of random kindness for someone else!





Jan and Louise at mid-morning coffee.
Building and Grounds with Outreach held the Rehoming Sale and raised \$2,138 for Camp Gilmont.



H.I.M. ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Your donations make a difference!

Help HIM provide Thanksgiving Boxes for families in need!

Food items needed per box:

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| 1 can chicken broth | 2 cans of corn |
| 2 cans of green beans | 1 can of yams |
| 1 can of condensed milk | 1 instant potato mix |
| 2 margarine sticks | 1 pie crust |
| 1 cake mix | 1 jar of frosting |
| 1 stuffing mix | 1 small bottle of cooking oil |
| 1 can pumpkin pie mix | 1 can cranberry sauce |
| 1 turkey or chicken gravy (mi x or canned) | 1 can cream of mushroom soup |
| 1 bag or regular or sweet potatoes | 1 package of dinner rolls |
| 1 box/package cornbread | |

Please bring your donations of food or a check earmarked for HIM to the church on November 2, Communion Sunday.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School class which meets in the parlor has begun its study of the book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Reverend Adam Hamilton. This book seems to be one of the very best that we have studied. It is enjoyable to read and easy to understand. We will continue it through Sunday, November 23.

Sunday, November 30 is the First Sunday in Advent. We will pause our current study and read an Advent devotional book to prepare us for the season. We are currently deciding which book to study and will let everyone know when a choice has been made. All are invited to the church parlor at 9:45 each Sunday morning to join the class in its study.

Jimmy —Moderator of Worship/Christian Education
Members of CE include Lynn, Kathy, Sylvia, John H., Steve



The COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The Communication Committee serves our congregation by keeping everyone informed and connected. Our responsibilities include: • Posting the church service bulletin to the website • Keeping the church website current and accurate • Updating church marketing materials • Collecting monthly newsletter submissions • Conducting multiple rounds of proofreading for the newsletter • Providing final approval for newsletter publication and distribution. In October, we also submitted our 2025 accomplishments and 2026 goals to the Session, which were shared at the congregational meeting. We remain resolute, excited, devoted, and honored to serve in this important ministry of communication. Newsletter Submissions: If you have something to include in the monthly newsletter, please note that the submission deadline is the fourth Monday of each month. Send submissions via email to Liz and Louise.

Team Members: Liz, Louise, and Kathy



November 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



						1 All Saints Day 9:30 Adopt-a-Block meet in Fellowship Hall
2 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship & Communion with Steve Newton Home Communion	3 11:00 Worship Meeting	4 Election Day 	5	6	7 Meals on Wheels	8
9 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman	10 11:00 Worship Meeting	11 Veterans Day 	12	13 9:30 Chamber Mid- Morning Coffee @ Wal- lace & Sons, 120 Taylor	14 Meals on Wheels	15
16 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Brendan McLean	17 11:00 Worship Meeting 1:00 Outreach Meeting	18	19	20 2:30 L.E.A.N. Coalition	21 Meals on Wheels	22
23 Christ the King 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jim Dees, Session Mtg.	24 11:00 Worship Meeting Newsletter Deadline	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day 	28 Meals on Wheels	29
30 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Crosby Fleming						



Liturgists for November

2-Steve

9-Carol

16-Lynn

23-Suzanne

30- John T.



November Birthdays:

4—Suzanne

14—Kelly

23—Patricia

25—Bob R.