

Oh Give Thanks

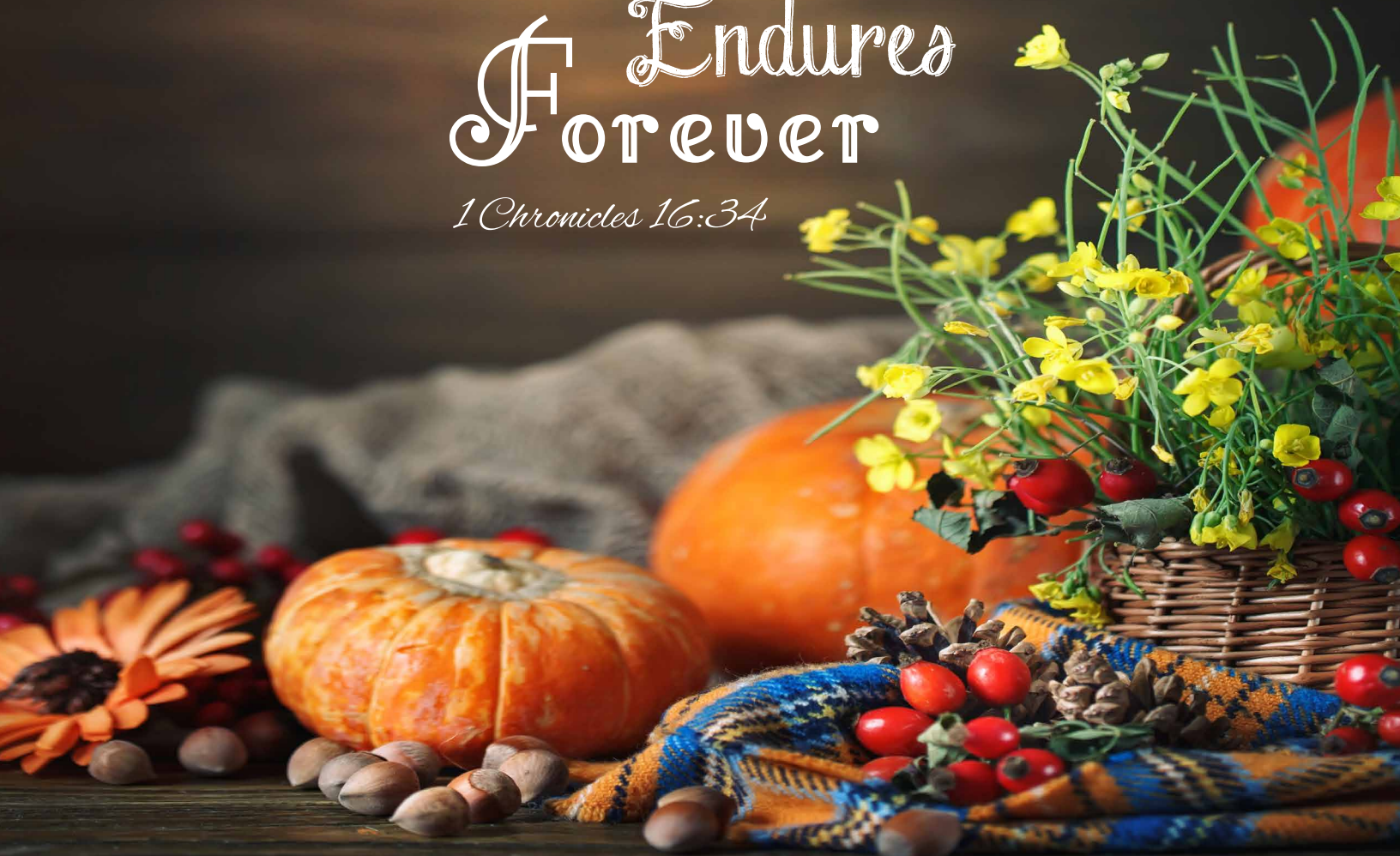
TO THE LORD,

FOR HE IS GOOD,

FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE

Endures  
Forever

*1 Chronicles 16:34*



A photograph of a church exterior. The top left corner shows pink flowers hanging over a brick wall. The right side shows a white wooden structure with a grey shingled roof and a bell hanging from the eaves. The bottom of the image is a stone wall made of various colored stones. The text is centered on a white background that covers the middle of the image.

# Hello & Welcome

**T**he Church is not a building. It is a gathering of people brought together to experience God's love and purpose.

God designed the church for YOU – you belong here. Are you ready to experience a community of people doing life together? To find out, come worship with us on Sunday mornings.

**Our Mission:** To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

**Our Vision:** To provide an inviting and welcoming church home that attracts people of all ages and encourages positive growth, while creating an exciting and dynamic approach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are happy to welcome you into this household of God.

# PASTOR'S LETTER

## How Can We Be Thankful

Pastor Robbie Carnes

The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. This is a phrase that is repeated throughout the Psalms and other parts of the Old Testament. It seems to have been frequently used as lyrics to worship songs in the ancient temple not unlike our use of songs like 'Amazing Grace' and 'How Great Thou Art'. As the offerings were presented they sang, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." Just like those ancient worshippers, we are called to be thankful to God because of his great love to us.

Are you able to do that? Can you honestly be thankful to God right now? Has God been steadfast in your life?

I challenge you to consider these questions carefully. As people try to celebrate Thanksgiving this month, it might be difficult to be thankful. Nine months of pandemic with all of the accompanying restrictions and tragedies have left us depleted. Cantankerous politics have left us numbly cynical. An uncertain future has left us with scant hope.

Aisha Ahmad, a professor at the University of Toronto and disaster zone expert, writes about a 'six month wall' that she routinely experiences as she engages with sustained crisis around the world. She describes a

pattern of a demoralizing lack of physical and emotional energy and general malaise that happens after about 6 months of any sustained disaster experience. She also speaks about how this 'wall' is temporary and part of a natural human cycle. (<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EixfhEmXsAQoSLO?format=jpg&name=4096x4096>)

This cycle that she describes from her personal experiences is similar to the classic 'Phases of Disaster' (<https://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/recovering-disasters/phases-disaster>). A series of warnings and threats culminate in an Impact Event which most of us respond heroically to with a burst of energy and innovation, just like in the movies. However, unlike the movies there are no credits to roll and we fall into disillusionment and struggle to put the pieces back together. While these phases are easily applied to a local disaster, it is clear that Aisha Ahmad's 'six month wall' aptly describes the experience of many of us.

If God's love endures forever how do we give thanks in the midst of 'sustained disaster conditions' as Aisha Ahmad describes it? Her suggestions to overcome the wall are simple. Accept your fatigue. Recognize that it is temporary. Find healthy and constructive 'escapes' and self-care practices, including good books, exercise,

support groups and sourdough bread. And finally, have hope in the future that this too shall pass. It is remarkable to me that her advice is very much like Jesus'.

Jesus calls us to find rest in him and not be constantly running on empty. Slowing down, even at the holidays, is healthy and holy. Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

There is much to do. Not just preparing for the holidays, but also simply surviving isolation, medical challenges, online schooling, etc... We need spiritual rest and it is ok to retreat to find it in prayer. "Unless you are in the middle of performing open-heart surgery on a patient, it is unlikely that taking a 30-minute walk [or a 30 minute time of quiet prayer] is going to kill anyone," Ahmad writes. Luke 5:15-16 But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

Being aware of our holistic needs is crucial in sustaining ourselves through the 'six month wall' and beyond. Our spiritual needs are so easily forgotten amidst the chaos of our lives. Yet it is through Jesus that we are renewed. John 15:4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

As Christians we should be people who abound in Hope. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 "So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal."

So I ask again, can you be thankful to God for his enduring love right now? Getting our perspective on who we are in the midst of disaster and crisis is helpful. Gaining perspective on who God is in the midst of disaster and crisis, and maybe even more importantly where God is, is transformational. God's steadfast love does endure forever! Thank God for that!



# “Never Ours To Begin With”

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

You’ve probably seen some video of parents at sporting events (mostly football games) getting way too bent out of shape over a game. It’s shocking to us. We’d never act that way. But it’s not meaningless to them. See, we are capable of the same stupidity that drives them to start fighting with referees or coaches or come out onto the field to hurt a kid that they felt wronged their child.

I know I’m capable of it and you are too. But why do we act that way? Because we are selfish. Because we think that what we have belongs to us. Because we think that what we have, we have worked for. We think that we are entitled. Jesus is pointing out that this is the problem of the religious leaders. It probably trickled down to some others as well.

Jesus tells a parable about the wicked tenants in Matthew 21:33-46. The problem came when the tenants came in and trashed the place, thinking that it was theirs. I do believe that the Pharisees, at least in the beginning, were motivated by their love of God. But, somewhere along the way, they lost sight of putting him first and instead began to serve themselves.

People of God... none of this stuff is ours. We are merely stewards in the vineyard...not the

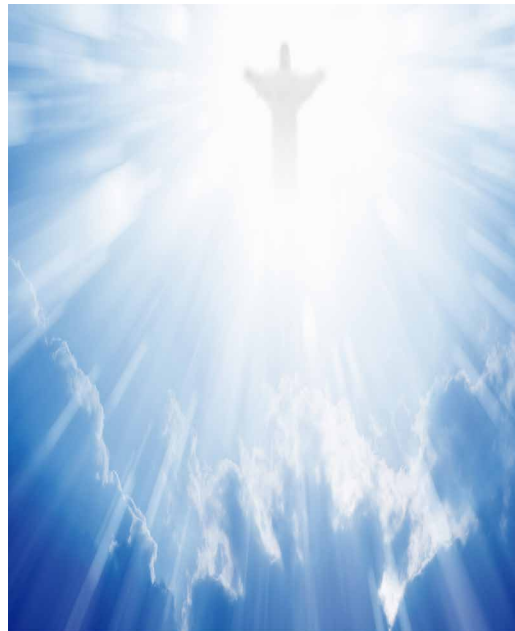
owners. What you have is never your own. It is borrowed, and you are only the tenant there to manage it as best as possible before giving it back. But there is a key difference, and the key difference is this...believe it or not, God desires to order our lives, to make it manageable, even prosperous if we will trust him. If we put him first, these other things take on a far different perspective. God

gives us a certain order to our lives if we are willing to be obedient, faithful stewards of the gifts he has given us. When we recognize that what we have is not ours in the first place, it frees us from having to constantly try and control and worry about everything, it allows God to be God...the master of the vineyard.

When we joined the Church we promised God that we would be loyal and uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,

and our service. And the better we are at being good stewards by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service...the more possible it is for us to be able to reach the world with what is our primary stewardship—the most valued treasure of all—something we possess through the gift of faith—that is the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

And we must be careful that we don’t reject him, like those in the parable of the vineyard,



forgetting these blessings—failing to count them and consequently turn against God and his representatives. The Old Testament prophets, the apostolic writers of the New Testament, our pastors, teachers and Sunday school teachers, and our Christian parents and grandparents, our Elders and Deacons, serve as leaders who challenge and guide us. How many times do they ask for volunteers and we wait for someone else to raise their hand and volunteer first? How many times are we unwilling to rework our schedule to make time for God and service to others? How many times are we asked to try something different and criticize

it before it's even gotten off the ground? People of God, that is what God is asking of us to be good tenants. God is asking us to listen to the representatives he's sent to pass on messages. When we hear God calling us to respond, when Christ is leading us in the way in loving others, when the Holy Spirit calls you to use your time, talents, and treasure, don't be like the tenants who shoot and mistreat the messenger. Say yes. The Lord has been waiting since the beginning of time to see humanity respond positively to the call on their lives. Now that call has been passed to us. How will you respond?



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TO THE THRONE OF  
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AND FIND GRACE  
TO HELP IN THE time of

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HEBREWS 4:16

# WORSHIP

## SERMON SERIES

In November we will continue exploring the first letter to the Thessalonians to learn more about what a Christian church should look like. Our times bear a striking resemblance to the early church in ancient Thessaloniki. They were learning a new way to live together and learning more about the Savior. As we struggle through the pandemic and all the other anxieties in our world, there are insights in 1st Thessalonians that can help us as we learn new ways of living together.--

### WORSHIPING IN THE SANCTUARY FOR NOVEMBER

Our service will begin at 10am. In order to provide a safe environment for the maximum amount of people, Session is requiring masks to be worn by everyone in attendance and social distancing between households will be expected. Every effort will be made to provide a quality streaming service for those who choose to join us online. It is Session's hope that this will be a hope filled and healthy step toward the day when we can all gather as God's people in one place.

### NOVEMBER 1ST - ALL SAINT'S DAY

This upcoming All Saint's Day Sunday we will be honoring the memory of church members who had entered the church triumphant during the previous twelve months. On November 1st, during morning worship service, we will read the names of those saints and share a special moment of remembrance. I hope you can be present for this meaningful time and I also hope it will in some small way help you with the grieving process. Numbering our deceased loved ones among the saints is a powerful reminder that in life and in death we belong to God.

### FFPC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on November 8th in order to elect new elders and deacons and decide on a parking lot lease with the City of Fenton. Candidate bios and more information regarding the parking lot lease will be available on the member section of the website.

For those members who are unable or uncomfortable attending the congregational meeting in person, accommodations will be provided through the use of the zoom chat function and Facebook comments. During the meeting the chat and comments will be monitored and time will be given to read any member's questions, parliamentary action or nominations. Please identify your communication clearly.

For example, "Question: Which came first the chicken or the egg?"

"Action: I move to recess for ice cream!"

"Nomination: I nominate Uncle Sam for a three year term for Elder.

He is willing to serve if elected."

This will be a new experience for all of us and I trust we can act with patience and forbearance as we cover this new ground together



# ADVENT SEASON

## WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND DISCUSSION

**What: A Weary World – Reflections for a Blue Christmas**

**Why:** During the holidays, so many of us suffer for all kinds of reasons. We wrestle with chronic pain, broken relationships, unrealized expectations, fragile faith, and unexpected losses. Our grief and sorrow feel particularly acute when compared to the festivity and joy everyone else seems to be feeling.

This weekly time of reflection will allow us to discuss, process, and release the challenges of the holiday season. Then each Sunday morning worship will lead us into preparing our hearts to find Joy in celebrating the birth of Christ.

**When:** Wednesday evenings December 2, 9, 16, & 23 from 7 – 7:45pm

**Where:** Via Zoom, and if possible, at church for those who feel comfortable to meet in person

Watch for study topic and other specific information coming soon!

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29: FIRST  
SUNDAY IN ADVENT (HOPE)**

**DECEMBER 6TH: 2ND SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT (PEACE)**

**DECEMBER 13TH: 3RD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT (JOY)  
JOY SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 20TH: 4TH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT (LOVE)  
JOY OFFERING**

**DECEMBER 24TH:  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
OFFICE OPEN 9:00AM-12:00PM  
7PM WORSHIP & MEDITATION  
ON THE CHRISTMAS STORY  
11PM A CAROL CELEBRATION  
OUTDOORS**

**DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS  
OFFICE CLOSED**

**DECEMBER 27TH  
10AM SINGLE WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

# MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

## Mission



### Mission Opportunity

All those interested in taking part in a Food Bank Mission event are asked to either sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Ken Wensel at 810-513-1340. The date is Saturday, November 14th 2020 from 9am-12pm

Those interested in sharing rides can meet at the church at 8:20 am.

Food Bank volunteer rules are :

- We are limited to no more than 15 volunteers.
- Must be fifteen years of age or older.
- Must wear a mask at all times.
- They will provide gloves.

We will be the only volunteer group there .

We urge you to view this as a great opportunity to assist this tremendous organization feed so many food deprived people. Lets put our faith to work !!

### Red Cross Blood Drive

“Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. One donation can potentially save up to 3 lives. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.” Quote from the Red Cross

We had another very successful blood drive and our first during the COVID pandemic. We had a goal to collect 31 pints of blood and we collected 36. We want to thank the people who donated the blood, the Boy Scouts for assisting in packing up the equipment, and the members who hosted the drive on Monday, October 26. We are grateful that we can host such an important life-preserving event for our community! In addition, we use some of our local mission budget to support the Red Cross programs.

## CROP WALK UPDATE

On Sunday, October 4, our church had over 20 volunteers to support this year's CROP Walk. Each church had their own walk route due to the pandemic. But we raised over \$1350 and the Fenton community raised over \$14,850! Great result for a very difficult year when so many are facing difficult and constant changes!!

25% of the money raised stays in our community and is split between 3 great causes:

- 1/3 goes to St. Judes' school lunch program which has served over 17,000 meals
- 1/3 goes to the Fenton UMC Food Bank
- 1/3 goes to the FISH program in Linden

75% of the money raised goes to help end hunger around the world. Just a couple of examples:

- Venezuelan migrants living in Ecuador after they fled Venezuela's political crisis were provided food
- Food and hygiene supply baskets to 200 families in low-income neighborhoods in Ecuador's largest city, Guayaquil over the last 3 months. Each basket cost \$20 to prepare.

**Together we can help end hunger in our community and around the world.**



# Stewardship



## Pledge Sunday is November 1st!!

Every year at this time we are given the opportunity to express our gratitude to God and to FFPC by indicating our support for their presence in our lives. Stewardship Sunday is November 1st. As the goodness of God inspires us toward good works and the kindness of God invites us into God’s mission to the world, let us give thanks with our time, talent and treasure.

Your faithful support enables FFPC to provide educational programming, inspiring worship, and meaningful service opportunities for our church family and the community. Your pledge allows us to wisely budget for the coming year as we strive to be a community of faith that is dedicated to helping people know, grow, share and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

You should have received your pledge card in the mail. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail you can pick one up in the entryway of the church.

## Financial Review - September, 2020

Profit/ Loss	September	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income:	\$20,740.84	\$260,552.59	\$278,751.03	\$360,341.58
Expense:	<u>22,394.75</u>	<u>202,969.21</u>	<u>227,739.86</u>	<u>304,831.71</u>
Net Income:	(\$ 1,653.91)*	\$ 57,583.38*	\$ 51,011.17	\$ 55,509.87

\*this does not include additional obligations such as restricted funds or mortgage payments. Such as: Board of Deacons, Faith & Femininity, Organ Fund, HVAC Fund, etc.

### **Statement of Cash Flows YTD**

Cash at Beginning of period: \$66,843.88  
 Cash at End of Period: \$110,084.83  
 Net Cash for Period-Increase \$43,240.95 (This includes \$33,880.00 loan from government)

Respectfully Submitted October 10, 2020  
 Debera J Bard, Treasurer

## Building Fund Report – September 30, 2020

Building Account Balance: \$9,061  
 Mortgage Remaining: \$165,590

Our monthly mortgage payment will be paid using (1) designated building fund contributions as they are received and, if needed to make the payment, (2) money from the operating budget. If more designated money is received than is needed to make the required mortgage payment, overpayments will be made to reduce interest costs and retire the mortgage as soon as we can.

# DEACON'S

*The Ministry of Deacon is set forth in scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service. Sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies of structure, or anyone else in distress.*



## Please watch for the Deacon's Christmas Project

Again we are partnering with the Center of Hope. We are planning to collect wrapped clothing and toys for 25-30 children. Instruction sheets with the youth's clothing and gift information will be available by November 18. However, you can sign up early on a sheet in the Fellowship Hall, by clicking the link below, or you can call Debbie Hoeglund, Terrie Fisher or Nancy Berger to sponsor a child.

We will make sure all who sign up early get their instruction sheets. Wrapped packages

must be returned to our church by Sunday, December 11. Distribution will be December 14. We look forward to sharing the Good News about the goodness of God this Christmas.

<https://forms.gle/46369Cjyh7p27YaN7>

## WE NEED YOUR HELPING HANDS

If you are willing to:

- 1) provide rides for small errands such as picking up a few groceries, prescriptions, or Doctor appointments or
  - 2) do simple household chores for those unable to do them for themselves,
- then WE NEED YOU

You can now sign up on the FFPC website for Helping Hands.

Once you sign up, we can contact you to assist others needing help.

\*Those willing to drive a church member somewhere must complete a form and provide a valid driver's license and proof of current auto insurance. These forms are available in Fellowship Hall next to the sign up sheet or in the church office. We will help you complete the form. Contact Nancy Berger, 810-701-6556

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Nancy Berger.

**Deacon Giving Envelopes** are available in the New Narthex if you would like to contribute to the work of the Deacons in our congregation and community.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## COVID Groups - Care of Vital Individual Disciples

Our Mission statement at FFPC is to seek to be a loving community of faith dedicated to help people grow, share and serve as disciples of Jesus. During the season of COVID it has been incredibly difficult to connect, and even more, to continue in Christian Fellowship. The very thing that can see us through disaster is sometimes the first thing that we set aside. Therefore your church has a challenge.

The Christian Education Committee is seeking folks to host small groups, either in person or via zoom, to engage in Christian Fellowship and Spiritual conversation. Commit to gathering 4 times between now and before Christmas. This can be with a few households or just another individual. It can be in your home, on your deck, at a restaurant, or on Zoom - your choice (please follow Covid safety guidelines.)

**Meetings are as easy as 1, 2, and 3.**

- 1. Meet together for a meal, a snack or coffee**
- 2. Ask 4 simple questions that will be provided and begin a spiritual conversation**
- 3. Share how you can pray for each other**

The questions are based on the theme of the week, either Grow, Share, Serve, and Community. The most important part of the journey is engaging in Fellowship and Spiritual discussion.

Christian Education Committee is excited to see how many small groups can form to discover who we are as a faith community. In January we hope to be able to answer the question, What next? Meaning how can we, as a congregation, continue to encourage and support one another on our faith walk, while also inviting newcomers to walk with us.

Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of a COVID Group and who you might invite to take this journey with you.

Contact Tina Ritchie [tina@ffpc.org](mailto:tina@ffpc.org), Pastor Robbie [robbie@ffpc.org](mailto:robbie@ffpc.org), or the church office to host a group, or for more information.





## Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Sermon Reflection on 1 Thessalonians Through November 22 via zoom - 11:15-11:45

Below is the link to the study that we will be using; each lesson has a lot of info that we might not have time to discuss, but will be beneficial.

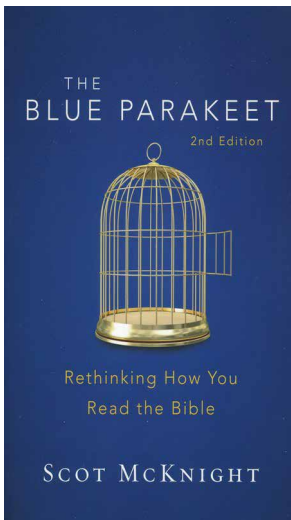
<https://www.licc.org.uk/app/uploads/2017/10/1-Thessalonians-Bible-Study.pdf>

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 815 8604 1549

Passcode: 229105



## Sunday Evening Group Study

“The Blue Parakeet.” Sunday Evenings at 5:00pm

McKnight challenges us to rethink how to read the Bible, not just to puzzle it together into some systematic belief but to see it as a Story that we're summoned to enter and to carry forward in our day.

This Group will meet BOTH at 4square and on Zoom. Come to 4square if you're able and comfortable with it, participate on Zoom if not.

Masks are required for in-person discussion at 4square: 205 Lincoln St, Fenton.

If you will continue to participate via zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961241969?pwd=M0lPMmxYU001SnQ0Z3cwV3h5Z1phdz09>

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**Tuesday Bible Study:** Study of Romans from the William Barclay New Daily Bible Study Series. Led by Pastor Lindsey, this class meets via zoom from 11am – 12:15pm add zoom link

**Monday evening and Wednesday morning women's study** of 1 Peter – A Living Hope in Christ continues through Nov 9 & 11 respectively.

## Join a January Women's Study:



**Matchless by Angie Smith**, facilitated by Tina Ritchie via zoom

We live in a world where there's a lot of confusion about Jesus. Too often people want to shape Him and His message to fit their personal needs or agendas. So how can we know the truth?

In this 8-session search for truth the story unfolds of our matchless Savior—His mission, miracles, and message. Through Angie's signature wit and accessible style, she unpacks Scripture in a way that's easy to understand, regardless of how long you've been studying the Bible. This study will deepen your understanding of Jesus through biblical, historical, and cultural insight and help you see Him less as an iconic figure and more as an intimate friend.

Study books are \$14 each

RSVP to [tina@ffpc.org](mailto:tina@ffpc.org) or the church office by December 10!

**Monday evenings** January 4 – February 22 from 6:30 – 8pm \*\*\* **8 women must sign up for this evening study to take place!**

**Wednesday mornings** January 6 – February 24 from 10am – Noon

**Financial Peace University** will be offered Wednesdays 7-9pm Jan 13-Mar 10 2021. These classes will be held either via zoom or in person, covid dependent. Contact Jennifer MacLean @ 810-240-2301 for more details.



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



## A Note from Ms. Tina

Dear Parents,

For those families who are attending church in person, there is no childcare or Sunday school at this time. HOWEVER, to make the worship experience easier for kids, the Christian Education Committee has replaced the cloth worship bags for children with take home “Busy Bags.” These are in zip-lock bags and are meant to be taken home. New Busy Bags will be available each week in the Narthex.

Additionally, I hope you are receiving the weekly emails of the video lesson from a “moment for household worship” during Sunday morning worship. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like some supplemental material on the topics. Please remember that I am here to support you, listen, help problem solve, and pray for and with you! Reach out any time via email [tina@ffpc.org](mailto:tina@ffpc.org), text 810-701-4136, or call the church office 810-629-7801.

God’s Blessings be upon you,

Tina Ritchie, Director of Christian Education

# YOUTH GROUP

Creating space for youth to ask questions, encounter God and learn to live as disciples of Christ.

Allow, Meet, and Go!



## Pumpkin Carving Fun

We had a great time enjoying snacks and carving pumpkins, and we each got a \$10 Starbucks gift card!!! AND we also got to see and hold the 2 two week old puppies from the Carnes household



## Calling All High Schoolers - Missing Youth Group Discussions?

We've had a great first after school discussion at Panera in early October. Watch for a text with details of our next meeting place – sometime in early November. As always, bring a mask and friends are welcome! Contact [tina@ffpc.org](mailto:tina@ffpc.org) with suggestions on locations and topics.





**Woo Hoo!!!** On October 4, youth group was able to package 10 care packages for our friends in college. Thank you to everyone who donated – you sure know how to send love and joy to those who are away at school!



**November 22**, 1-3pm: Fall Hike - 7 Lakes State Park

**December 20**, 1-3pm: Ice Skating & Gift Exchange

**Below are a few safety guidelines we ask everyone to follow during events:**

- Friends welcome with a current parental consent form on file. See website under youth tab
- Due to covid considerations, activities for groups of 10 or more will be outdoors and require your own transportation.
- Bring a mask - they will be utilized where appropriate.
- Temperature checks will be taken.
- Stay home if you are ill or have been exposed to anyone who is ill.
- Please contact Tina @ 810-701-4136 with questions or concerns.

### **Confirmation Class Update:**

Confirmands, Parents, and Mentors,

Your Pastors and the Christian Education Committee want to recognize the hard work you put into learning about the church and the role you can take in sharing your gifts in God's kingdom to all people. Therefore, we will be wrapping up the class with final preparation of Statements of Faith and making your personal banners to be hung in the Sanctuary – all materials are available in the church office to be picked up. Also, make sure you have completed discussion on the Gospel of Luke with your mentor. Sharing thoughts on our faith and learning from one another is one of the most crucial parts of becoming a disciple. After all, our faith journey is one of continued relationship! Please check your email for more detailed information.

**The following are important dates to remember:**

**Tuesday, November 17 @ 6:30pm** via zoom: Meet with the Session, share your Statements of Faith, and 1 important thing you have learned about being part of the church. Mentors are asked to share what they have learned from their confirmand. The zoom link will be emailed to you.

**Sunday, December 6:** Personal banners to be returned to church for the following Sunday

**Sunday, December 13 @ 10am:** Confirmation Sunday

Please contact Pastors Robbie or Lindsey, or Tina Ritchie with any questions. We look forward to celebrating with you this next step of your faith journey!!!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Deacon's Christmas Project:

Please look out for the Deacon's Christmas Project. This year we are partnering with Center for Hope. We are planning to collect wrapped clothing and toys gifts for 25-30 children. Sign up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall or online <https://forms.gle/kovp2CU6STUPt49j7A>. Instruction cards will be available as well. the final date for item collection is December 8th and distribution day is December 14th. We look forward to sharing the Good News about the goodness of God this Christmas.



**After Thanksgiving, look for the "Giving Tree" located in the New Narthex. This tree is sponsored by the Book Binders.**

**Donations can also be placed in the designated bin in the entryway of the church**

**Suggested items are mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, underwear, socks, pajamas. All items in children's sizes up to size 16-18**

**Thankyou for your KINDNESS.**

*Pointsettia Time Is Fast Approaching!* All poinsettias are \$18.50 each. Order forms will be available beginning November 8th. Make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church Fenton. The form and check must be returned to the church office no later than November 29th, 2020.



## CALLING ALL TECHIES

The Worship Committee is looking for additional sound and video technicians to help produce worship services and maintain our ability to stream live services. Willingness to learn is all you need to help in this crucial way. Please contact Jay Kirkey for more information ([jaykirkey@icloud.com](mailto:jaykirkey@icloud.com)).

## WORKING FLAT SCREENS NEEDED

**Have you upgraded in the recent past? Have an extra working tv that you no longer need?** We are looking for flat screen televisions that can be easily hung on a wall. We are hoping to upgrade the technology within the church to assist us in furthering our ministry. If you have one that you would be willing to donate, please contact the church office at 810-629-7801 or [office@ffpc.org](mailto:office@ffpc.org). Thank you



## BIRTHDAY'S

Kate Kirkey	Nov 1
Chris Anderson	Nov 3
Kelsy Hoerauf	Nov 6
Cathy Hollopeter	Nov 6
Christopher Browne	Nov 7
Nancy Casteel	Nov 7
Chris Gilbert	Nov 8
Cheryl Sharpe	Nov 8
Joy Thompson	Nov 9
Erin Bradley	Nov 10
Joan McLive	Nov 10
Jonathan Wenzel	Nov 10
Dave Johnson	Nov 12
Chas Kopplin	Nov 12
Bruce Fowler	Nov 13
Annabeth Carnes	Nov 14
Larry McMellen	Nov 14
Michael Cupp	Nov 15
Noah Crawford	Nov 17
Amy Fetzer	Nov 17
Spencer Sutherby	Nov 19
Shirley Walker	Nov 23
Sara Wrage	Nov 23
Maggie Sheppard	Nov 24
Lee Black	Nov 25
Thomas Allen	Nov 26
Aulene Becker	Nov 27
Jerry Hope	Nov 28
Lorraine Eshleman	Nov 30

## Anniversaries

Brent & Debbie LaVanway	November 10
Ron & Pam Andersen	November 12
Dan & Ellen Horton	November 17
Chris & Donna Anderson	November 26
Keith & Denise Morris	November 29



# Bulletin Bloopers

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm. – prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The service will close with, "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery down stairs.

Thursday night: Potluck Supper - Prayer and medication will follow.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Thursday at 5:00 PM, there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his private study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Tuesday at 4:00 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

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