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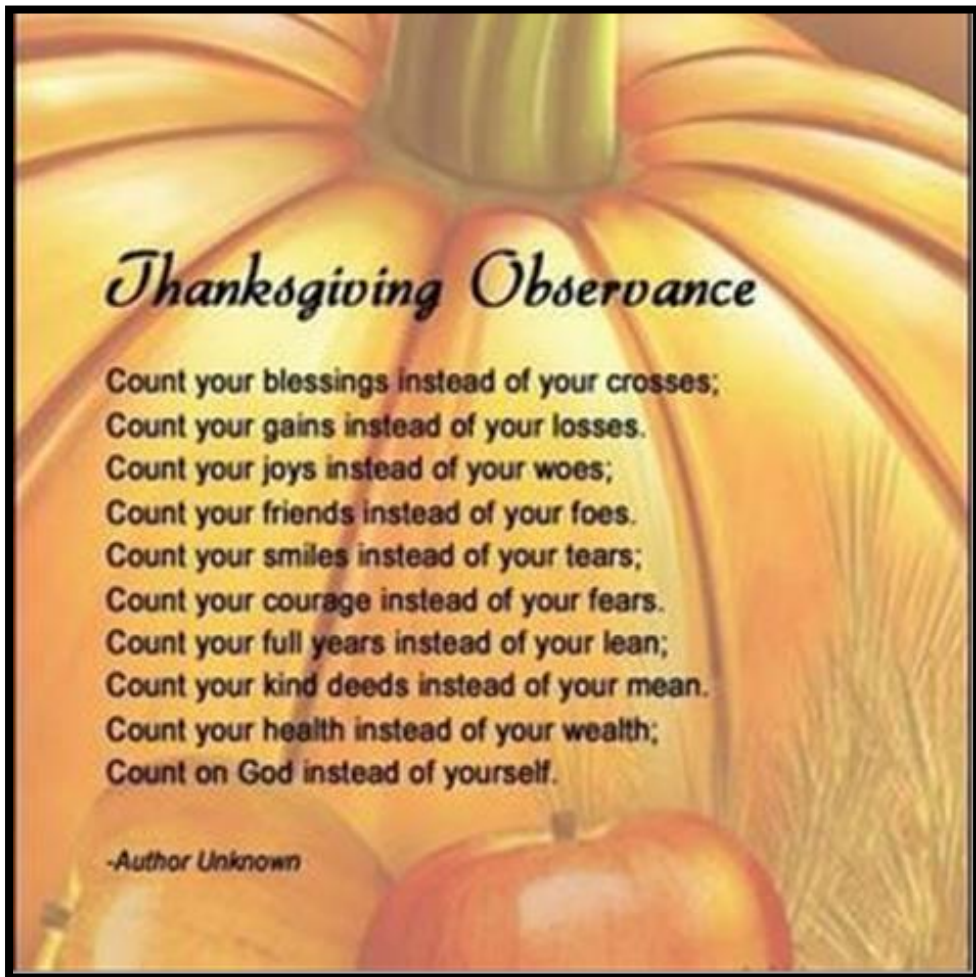
Our vision is to see lives changed through joyful worship, supportive relationships, faith formation, heartfelt service empowered by the mercy, grace, and love of Jesus Christ



November 2021

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

John 3:16 NRSV



Thanksgiving Observance

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

-Author Unknown



**"O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever..."**

Psalm 107:1

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Please check the website
www.brookingspresbyterian.org for the
“Prison Lighthouse Ministry Newsletter”
and “Susan’s Saga.”



Many thanks to our members and friends for your continued financial support. Offerings can still be made by sending a check to the church or to David Peterson.

* Just for your information, the per capita per person for 2021 is \$34.78. If you have not done so, we would appreciate your donation.



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact **Jan J** at 692-5325, **Lee P** at 692-7757, or the church office at 692-2416 who will contact the prayer volunteers. *(Your concern will not go beyond the prayer team unless you request it be shared with others)*

Prayer Families

Prayer is an important part of our life as a community of faith. We encourage you to pray for the people listed each week during your time of daily prayer.

Nov. 7: Roger & Marvis J, Bob & Jan J

Nov. 14: Rev. Norlita K, Marlys K, Dan & Michele K

Nov. 21: Don K & Carol G, Delores K, Andrew & Beth L

Nov. 28: Ella L, Pam L, Darwin & Jeanne L





FEEDING BROOKINGS will once again be hosting a meal for Thanksgiving. First Presbyterian Church will be accepting monetary donations to cover the cost of instant mashed potatoes we will be purchasing in bulk. Donations accepted through Sunday, Nov. 18th. Thank you for your generosity!



TREE OF WARMTH: In late November, the Deacons will be setting up a Christmas tree for donations of **"NEW"** mittens, caps, scarves. All sizes are needed for children to choose and give to siblings and parents for Christmas.

PROJECT JOY information will be shared as soon as it arrives.

Thank you for food pantry donations however the need is never ending. Food Pantry donations of non-perishable items can be dropped off at our church or the Food Pantry at 217 4th St. between 9:30 and 5 MWF.



We will be honoring our veterans during worship on Sunday, November 14th. We encourage our veterans to attend and be thanked for your service to our country.



Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 7 at 2:00 AM

News You Can Use



*Sunday November 7th
Gayle F will be confirmed and received into church membership. A special fellowship coffee hour will be held immediately after worship to honor her and her commitment.*

Please join us and hold both Gayle and family in prayer.

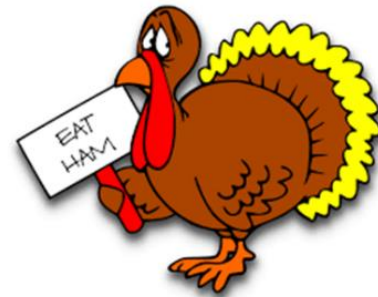


UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, Nov. 1: **Worship Committee** via Zoom at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 9: **Mission/Finance** via Zoom at 6:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 11: **Session Meeting in person** at 7:00 PM
TBD **Christian Education**

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- SUNDAY** 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School and 11:45 AM Youth Sunday School
- TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP** 9:30ish AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- PIECES AND PRAYERS** meet Tuesdays at 1:30 PM at the church to quilt. All are welcome!
- THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 9:30 AM in the FPC Center Meeting Room
- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD** on November 18 at 5:30 PM in the church lounge
- SISTERHOOD** on November 18 at 5:30 PM at the Brookings Country Club, dutch treat



Church Office will be closed Thursday Nov 11

Church Office will be closed Thursday Nov 25 for Thanksgiving

Revelings for November



In this season of “Thanksgiving,” I’m often reminded of our need to practice “Thanksliving” as an act not only of our gratitude for what God has done and provided for us, but also of the call to practice this as a spiritual discipline every day in our lives, throughout our lifetime.

We conclude our 4-part series from The Layman, Winter 2014, “Equipping for Ministry in the 21st Century.” Our last lesson “The Exhortation for the Church To Have the Mind of Christ” comes from the book of Philippians. By God’s grace and our faith in Jesus Christ as our savior and Lord, our life is of a different perspective. The winds and gales of November may toss us around a bit, so too do our circumstances in life, but we have an anchor to hold on to, Jesus Christ, God’s Word made flesh, and the Holy Spirit’s guidance to lead us onward toward doing God’s will in and through our lives. The following list comes from this lesson, found in the scripture passages to read below:

1:27 Paul describes life lived in One Spirit with One mind as One man.

2:1-11 Life governed by the mind of Christ with purpose (2:15-16)

Also found are exhortations as imperatives by Paul to the church at Philippi:

1:27 Personal Conduct worthy of the Gospel

2:2 Make Paul’s Joy complete

2:5 Have in your mind the mind of Christ Jesus

2:12 Work out salvation with fear and trembling

2:14 Do everything without grumbling/disputing

2:18 Rejoice and share your joy

The result of such life, authentic witness in the world. Display God’s Word of truth, Jesus exalted, so God will exalt the Church. To what purpose? God’s. To what end? Joy.

“What is one specific, tangible commitment you can make to more fully cooperate with the Holy Spirit’s work of bringing your mind and life into greater conformity with the mind of Christ? Examine your life,” is there anywhere God’s will isn’t clear or lacking for you to engage in prayerful discernment? “What does this reveal to you about your relationship with God? Commit yourself to live out Philippians 4:8-9 and Rejoice!”

Philippians 1:27-2:18, 3:15-4:9

27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Imitating Christ's Humility

2:1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, **2**make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4**Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, **8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13**for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. **14** Do all things without murmuring and arguing, **15**so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. **16**It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. **17**But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you— **18**and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

3:15Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. **16**Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. **18**For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. **19**Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. **20**But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. **21**He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4:1Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. **2** I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3**Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5**Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. **6**Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9**Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

May God's glory and the mind of Christ surround and infuse us each day to practice "thanksgiving."

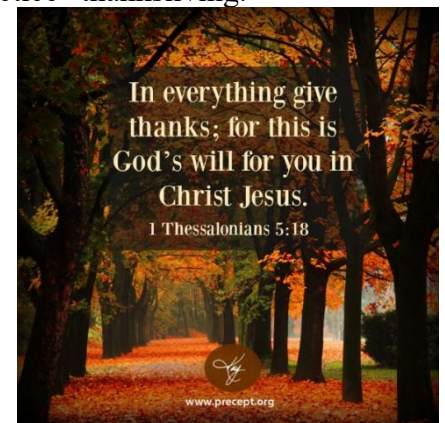
Soli Deo Gloria, Rev. Norlita

P.S. Thank you, FPC church family, for my Pastor Appreciation gift!
You are indeed a blessing and an amazing body of Christ's believers.

Blessings

Fall Series #3 Gifts of Love

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| Oct. 31 | "The Greatest Commandment" | Mark 12:28-34 |
| Nov. 7 | "The Greatest Gift" | Mark 12:38-44 |
| Nov. 14 | "A Community of Love" | Hebrews 10:11-25 |
| Nov. 21 | "The King of Love" | Revelations 1:4b-8 |



MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

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Mike McCann for Andrew L'Amour this month

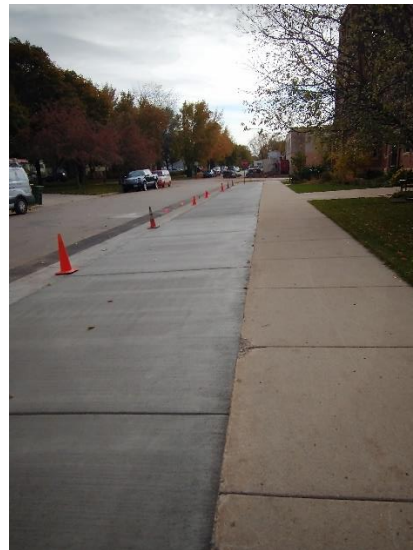


On Oct 21, 2021, Men's Brotherhood met for the second time this year. We had been closed for 1 ½ years. At our 1st meeting on Sept. 16, we met and Simeon Brown (Terry S.'s houseguest) gave a program of his adventures teaching English at several countries. He was home for 30 days and has returned to his fiancé in Turkey.

At our Oct. 21st meeting, Donna Flint presented a program on becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE). She told us her thought process of becoming a lay pastor and the process of becoming commissioned in July 2020.

We are planning on continuing to meet on the third Thursday of each month and would invite all of the men in the church to consider attending. And we hope Andrew L'Amour is back with us soon.

We are fortunate that things finally came together in constructing the new parking lot on the east side of the church. At this point, concrete is being poured and it will be cured in the next week or so . We are very thankful we were able to accomplish this before the snow flies.



Please contact the church office if you are willing to help enter the HyVee receipts--join the team! If you have a computer with internet access, we will help you set up your free google account (if needed) and train you on how to enter the HyVee receipts.

Many hands make light work, so let's work together!

**To Ella and Donna,—
for all of your help
entering receipts!**



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Needed to Date: \$46,376.06

Required for \$1,000 donation:
\$150,000.00

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SUSAN'S SAGA

November 2021

Included in the practical admonitions of how to live as a Christ follower in the 5th chapter of Ephesians is the injunction of "trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord."

This directive indicates being intentional in an ongoing process of determining what pleases the Lord.

Each attitude, thought, word, and action should be submitted to the crucible of what is acceptable to the Lord. The Lord's standard is the measure, not pop culture, conventional wisdom, current trends, or popular opinion.

To live out this verse means being willing to listen attentively to the Lord, tuning out the static and noise from the media, and engaging with what the Lord deems to be acceptable. God's Word is ever relevant to reveal what is pleasing to the Lord.

A corollary is found a little further on: "So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." It could also mean don't be imprudent or, put positively, be sensible in understanding what the will of the Lord is. The idea is to take seriously what the Lord has in mind.

The two verses taken together are excellent guidance in a confused, disoriented world, drifting ever farther away from Godly principles.

May we take these twin directives seriously as we follow the Lord in our journey through life, intentionally interacting with Scripture.

Susan Huggins






Scripture quote is taken from the New American Standard Bible. *Susan Huggins is serving in full-time ministry as a Bible translator among the Mixtec people of Oaxaca, Mexico. Susan's sending agency, Wycliffe Bible Translators, is a non-denominational organization; she raises her own funds to support this ministry*





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Christian Education Meeting TBD</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 Worship Committee via Zoom</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Donna F Janet T</p>	<p>3</p> <p>DIST 5 ORAL INTERP CONTEST 8:00 AM-6:00 PM</p> <p>1:30 Pieces and Prayers</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Rosa G</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Confirmation & Receiving New Members 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship and Communion in our Sanctuary/Zoom 11:45 Sunday School</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers</p> <p>6:30 Mission/Finance Mtg via Zoom</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Martin M</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day</p>  <p>Office Closed</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study Session Meeting at FPC 7:00 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Honoring Veterans Thanksgiving Sunday 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom 11:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>15 BLADE Articles Due</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Diane B</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Men's Brotherhood 5:30 Sisterhood at Brookings Country Club BIRTHDAY: Judy S</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Robbie F</p>
<p>21 Christ the King Sunday 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom 11:45 Sunday School</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers</p>	<p>24</p> <p>(possible Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 6:30 PM TBD)</p>	<p>25 Thanksgiving</p>  <p>Office closed Nov. 25-26</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 1st Sunday in Advent 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom 11:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Don N</p> <p>Rozanne Vacation 11/29-12/2</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers</p>			<p>Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 7 at 2:00 AM</p>	

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Return Service Requested

Regular Sunday Schedule

September - May

9:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 am Sunday School

Pastor's Office Hours

At FPC

Mon, Tues, Thurs

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Appointments also available
as need/desired

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday

9:00 am – 2:30 am

Pastor's Sabbath

Friday and Saturday

(in emergencies, please call/text
Pastor's cell #)

Our newsletter is available electronically by email.

Please contact the church office at presby@brookings.net or 605-692-2416, to notify us.