



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

November 8, 2023

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



[See page 3 for important info!](#)

Adopt A Family

Our annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family gift giving opportunity is here once again!

***You do not need to create an account or enter in any payment information!**

You are only signing up to bring a gift.

All you need to do is follow these directions....

In order to choose one or more gifts from our "Four Trees," click on the links below. You can select from any or all of the four choices. After you have shopped for your gift, please wrap it and put a tag on the gift that tells who it is for and what it is. We will change the tag to the name only before we deliver the gift. Your gifts should be taken **to the church library** in the basement. The **deadline to return gifts is Sunday, December 10**. Please do not leave gifts in the entryway for security reasons. A cart is available if needed.

Click on the link/s below, click the 'sign up' button on the right by the item/s you wish to shop for, then click 'save and continue' at the bottom of the screen. You'll be directed to the next page; enter in your name, email and phone number then click 'Sign Up Now' at the bottom. Your information is confidential; only the church office will see it. You will then receive a confirmation email.

Or, please consider sending a check to First Presbyterian Church and put Adopt-A-Family in the memo. We would be happy to do your shopping for you.

If you have any questions at all please call the church office 319-277-3930 or Sue Weinberg 319-610-3376.



12 yr old girl: [Adopt-a-Family 12 yr old girl](#)



8 yr old boy: [Adopt-a-Family 8 yr old boy](#)



Mother: [Adopt-a-Family Mother](#)



Household: [Adopt-a-Family Household items](#)

Church Birthdays

Nov. 10-Phil Batchelder,
11-Jean Berry, 12- Ned
Ratekin, Brooke Barber,
13- Patti Zeschke

For Your Prayers...

Gus Hill recovering from
knee surgery.

Pastor Julie Away

Pastor Julie will be away
through November 16, a
majority of that time at
the CREDO conference.

Coming Soon...

Sunday, November 12
Fellowship after worship
sponsored by the Deacons

Sunday, November 19
Friendsgiving Potluck with
the Mennonites

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Carolyn Stephenson

Computer Operator: Kevin Thedens

Videographer: Gary Clark

New Sink-Mennonite space: Jim Seely, Gary Sabey

Member Anniversary

Marlys Folkers: 11/29/1973– 50 yrs

Thank you

Thank you to our church family and the Deacons for all your kind expressions of sympathy upon the death of Brad's father. We sincerely appreciated the care and concern that came to us in each card, email, and conversation. Thank you to those of you who filled in for us when we needed to be in Iowa City. A special thank you to the Chancel Choir for the beautiful plant.

We are grateful for all the support and caring extended to us throughout the last month.

Brad and Sandy Jensen

Thanks to all of you who donated to UNICEF on October 29. We raised a total of \$401.07 from the bake sale and noisy offering!

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, November 8

- 10:00 am Deacons Work Day, library
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Meal, dining room
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, November 12

- 10:00 am Worship, sanctuary
- SHINE breakout sessions
- 11:00 am Fellowship, narthex

Tuesday, November 14

- 6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom
- 7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner

As we remember the blessings of this Thanksgiving season, the Mennonite and First Presbyterian congregations will celebrate with a joint Friendsgiving potluck. It will be held on Sunday, November 19 in the church dining room following our services.



We ask that you bring a dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. We look forward. We look forward to this time of fellowship and celebration of God's blessings.

Stewardship Response for 2024



Thanks to everyone who has turned in their "Estimate of Giving" and "Time & Talents" pledge. If you haven't done so yet, please return yours to the office or bring them on Sunday.

There is still time to donate to the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering!

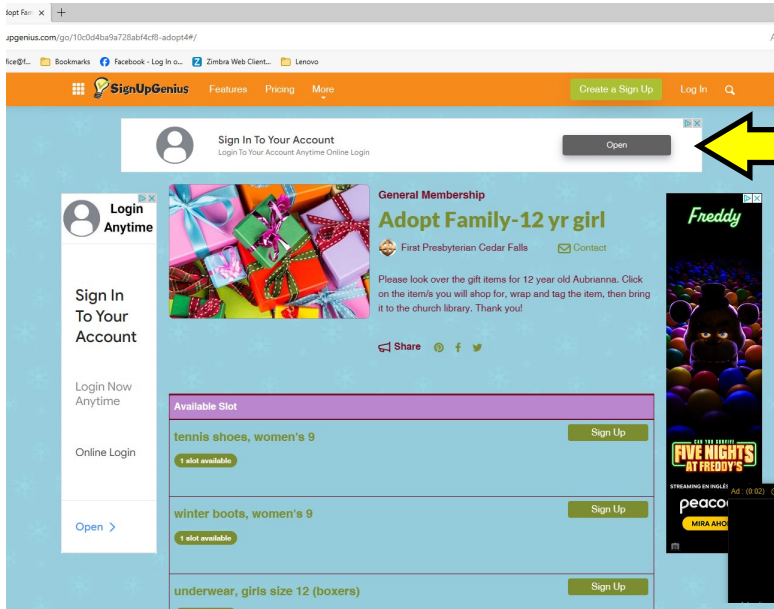
A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Donations are used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

This fall, our congregation had the opportunity to hear PCUSA Peacemaker Efi Latsoudi, of Greece, talk about her work to provide safety for refugees fleeing through Lesbos, Greece. Her visit and her work were sponsored by donations to the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Please consider donating if you haven't already done so.



Peacemaker Efi Latsoudi with Pastor Julie



“Please watch what you’re clicking on!!”

When you go to a website, look out for false “sign in” or “continue” buttons. These can show up anywhere, like our “Sign Up Genius” pages (because we use the free version.)

Do not click on these! They are spam.

Follow the directions on the first page of the newsletter. Always be diligent when on the internet. Spammers are very clever and can trick anyone.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN IN TO AN ACCOUNT, OR PAY ANYTHING TO USE THIS SIGN UP FOR OUR ADOPT-A-FAMILY ACTIVITY!

These icons in the corner indicate an ad that is **not** part of a web page.



- International Student Thanksgiving Meal Appeal

ThreeHouse will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal for International College Students on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 pm. We need your help! We are expecting between 75 to 100. As we share the Thanksgiving tradition, we are hoping you might provide a dish that is a part of your Thanksgiving. We would like to invite you to provide a dish that makes "Thanksgiving Dinner" to you. ThreeHouse will provide the turkey, but homemade favorites like mashed potatoes, yams, green bean casserole, roles, pie, and such things would be wonderful to share.

Please sign up if you are able to bring something. *FYI* - after you sign up you will be able to see what others are bringing and you **WILL** be able to edit your entry if you change your mind about something, so don't worry. Any leftovers will be sent home with students. To sign up call 319-266-4071 or use the sign-up sheet here:

[ThreeHouse International Students Thanksgiving](#)

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Community Ministries - Eye of the Needle

With the weather turning colder, Eye of the Needle is in need of coats and blankets.

If you have gently used items that you no longer need, they can be brought to the church and left on the children's tables in the classroom across from the office (left side.) The Community Ministries team will deliver all donated items to Eye of the Needle.



Coats for all sizes and ages are gratefully accepted.