

This week at FPC November 19— November 25, 2020

Dear Friends,

This is the year of many firsts for so many. These firsts, in most cases, are not welcome. Many firsts include being away from loved ones who would normally surround us this time of year. We acknowledge in this year of pandemic that we do have fears of doing something as simple as getting around a table with family and friends and giving thanks.

I think now more than ever it is important for us to embrace what Thanksgiving is and what it means to us and to our God. However you celebrate, I urge you to do it with reverence, with heavy hearts, and great thanks. Seek out those who are alone, even if you are alone yourself this year. Remember the poor and less fortunate and reach out to them in word and deed. Remember God's goodness towards us. Remember what it means to have a grateful heart.

Even if it is a Thanksgiving with an unwelcome "first," it is a time for us to acknowledge our complete dependence on a merciful God. In that alone we can give great thanks!

With Thanksgiving,
 Ron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Handbell Choir](#) will be practicing on Sunday, November 22 in the sanctuary from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
- [Griefshare - Surviving the Holidays](#) is Friday, Nov. 20 at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall or Zoom. Contact Rev. Jones for more information.
- The new [Advent Bible Study](#) will start on Tuesdays, starting November 24 at 11:00 a.m. Contact Mary Dingman at 817-5780 or rtdingman@aol.com to sign up (this is important since she will send Zoom information for telephone or computer).
- If you have not received your [2021 Stewardship Card](#), please contact the church office.
- [Giving Tree Dates to Remember](#): December 8 - deadline for all gift cards & monetary donations
 December 9 - distribution of FPC Giving Tree gifts to organizations.



BRING the Harvest HOME
 FRIDAY, DEC. 4
 7:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
 Ocala's DOWNTOWN SQUARE

Start collecting non-perishable items you can drop off the day of the event.
 You can also drop off your items at any one of our designated collection locations.
 Visit BringTheHarvestHome.com for more information.

BENEFITTING



SERMON BY PHONE (352) 342-9814 *New sermons each Monday.*

PRAYER LIST

Claudia Markham-Ahl
Tom Alles (Peggy Wiechmann's brother)
Wilma Andrews (at home)
Jim Bennett (brother of John Bennett)
Bill Bowen
Pam Butcher
Bill Canganelli (grandson of Pat Bishop)
Andy Carlisle
Shirley Cochran
Maranell and Hank Fleming
Ruth Fraser (recovering from shoulder surgery)
Bill Green (friend of Richard Grosso)
Barbara Gowie
Dick Hancock
Johnie Johnson (son of Tommy Johnson)
Brenda Jones and family
Jolene Kai (Ginny Miller's daughter-in-law)

Scott Kinnaugh (Dorothy Siemons' son)
Marsha Knepp
Kathy Lance (daughter-in-law of Lois Lance)
Lois Lance
Grietje Lewis
Renate Lipp (friend of Nita William)
Sandra M (friend of Mary Beth Olsen)
Celine Mack
Eric Masterson (brother-in-law of Deb Cone)
Skip McDonald
Jessie Moseley
Christian Myers (friend of Julia Wirono)
Martha Petry
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
The family of Joe Simmons (on his death)
Nancy Wells (daughter of Shirley Wells)
Joyce Williamson
Nancy Wollett

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Sustained by God's Life-Giving Word of Praise and Thanksgiving</i>					
Thursday	November 19	I Chronicles 16:8-43	Sunday	November 22	Psalm 121
Friday	November 20	I Chronicles 17:1-15	Monday	November 23	Psalm 122
Saturday	November 21	I Chronicles 17:16-27	Tuesday	November 24	Psalm 124
			Wednesday	November 25	Psalm 125