



# HEARTBEATS



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### Reason to Celebrate and Rejoice By Rev. Bill Pollack

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."* [Philippians 4:4]

**T**hese words of admonition, from the mouth of the Apostle Paul, over two thousand years ago give us reason to reflect on our lives in the present. As we consider the changing of the seasons moving from the vibrancy and richness of the coloring of the earth to the snow covered fields and mountains, let us rejoice in the Lord.

Let us pause for the moment to rejoice in a God who has put all this in motion by speaking the word and it happened as He had planned [Genesis 1]. Let us celebrate the goodness of His love and favor toward us as His chosen sons and daughters in Christ.

Let us celebrate with believers around the world who have joined their hearts to the Body of Christ, through the faithful missionaries who share the word of God with peoples of all nationalities and languages. Together we are blessed!

Let us celebrate together as we are part of First Presbyterian Church [and other churches we may attend] who join together in faith and worship of God on a regular basis. He offers us hope and help in our times of our desperate needs. He provides comfort and peace to the wounded heart and spirits deep in despair. He provides strength for our jour-

ney. He offers His wisdom when we confused and needing to make right decisions in life.

However, with all these reasons to celebrate and rejoice; there is still one more I want to share with you in this closing thought. The reason I can celebrate and rejoice is YOU! You have blessed my life beyond comprehension. Your willingness to put up with this pastor is such a blessing to my heart. Your love for Nanette and me is overwhelming. I can only say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Still yet, I am honored to watch you grow in your generosity to so many people here in the tri-state area stretching around the world. To see you in worship [or on Facebook] warms my heart. Thank you for making worship a priority in your life.

As we continue forward through the last part of 2022; let us focus ahead trusting God for what He is desiring of us in the coming years. I am certain whatever it is, it will be a reason to celebrate and rejoice! ✝

### Stewardship Campaign 2023



We are excited to announce that our Stewardship emphasis for 2023 will take place **November 6 – 20, 2022**. Our theme for

this year is "A Life of Stewardship." Please be in prayer for this important time in the life of our congregation. More info. is coming.

**Memorial Gift Given**

A Memorial Gift was given in memory of:  
 † **Scott Czeskleba** by Dr. Barbara Walters



**Operation Christmas Child**

We will have OCC shoeboxes available beginning, **Sunday, October 2**. Please return your filled box by **November 13**. We will dedicate the boxes and deliver them to the collection center. Thank you in advance! *(Mission Ministry Team)*

**Peace & Global Witness Offering**

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world—and right here at home.

- 25% stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our community.
- 25% goes to our mid council and joins with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.
- 50% supports Presbyterians across the globe. The offering will be received **October 2—16**. Please mark “peace offering” on your check. Thank you! *(Mission Ministry Team)*

**Table & Treat**

On **Sunday, October 23** (following morning worship) we will gather for a time of good food and fellowship. We will enjoy soup, salad, grilled cheese sandwiches, and homemade desserts. We will experience a "Table & Treat" with our children. Children are invited to wear their costumes. We are encouraged to bring a treat for our kiddos. It is always a fun time for us all! We will also observe a time of Pastor & Staff appreciation. Please plan to come and share in the fun!



**All Saints' Sunday**

All Saints' Sunday is **October 30**. Please join us as we pay homage to our dearly departed saints and loved ones. If you have a loved one who has passed into the kingdom within this last year, please notify the Church office by **Sunday, October 23** for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.



- Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
- Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
- Bell Rehearsal, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

- Ministry Team Meetings, Monday, Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Lunch Bunch, Thursday, Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m.
- Sew Blessed, Monday, Oct. 17, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Finance Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m.
- Dames for Dinner, Thursday, Oct. 20, 5:30—7 p.m.
- Table & Treat, Sunday, Oct. 23 following morning worship
- Session Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Lunch Bunch, Thursday, Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m.



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| <b>Greg Willis:</b> October 4     | <b>Anniversaries</b>                 |
| <b>Logan Jones:</b> October 5     | <b>Brent &amp; Jane Ann Goodwin:</b> |
| <b>Sybil Tarr:</b> October 6      | October 8                            |
| <b>Jennifer Nance:</b> October 7  | <b>Barry Barbour &amp; Bonnie</b>    |
| <b>James Hall:</b> October 8      | <b>Pettijohn:</b> October 20         |
| <b>Piper Scott:</b> October 9     | <b>James &amp; Ruth Anne Hall:</b>   |
| <b>Ruth Anne Hall:</b> October 19 | October 26                           |
| <b>James Tarr:</b> October 23     |                                      |



Our “Member Spotlight” for this month is **Kelly Hanni**. From informational and inspirational bulletin boards

to decorated tables in the Bethesda Community Hall; her hands are involved. She is a whirlwind of motion and continues to make First Presbyterian a place where offering of her gifts and graces is a delight to our spirits. She amazes us with her creative thinking. Kelly has recently rejoined the Session as our Clerk and continues to make a difference for Christ through this administrative responsibility. And lest we forget, she is busy with her outside work. She and her husband Mark are owners of J Ryan/Hanni Insurance Group here in Ashland. Thank you Kelly for all you mean to God, His Kingdom and each of us here at First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, Kentucky! We cannot wait to see how you will bless us with what is up and coming!

**Note of Gratitude**



Having so many church friends contribute to and join us in the celebration of Lura's marriage to Adrian Adams was so meaningful and appreciated. We are forever grateful!

*(Bettie George, Joe, Lura & Adrian, & Will Frye)*