



Stewardship Campaign for 2026

We are excited to announce that our Stewardship Emphasis for 2026 will be **November 2–23, 2025**. Our theme this year is **A Maturing Faith**, based on Ephesians 4:11–13: “He Himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” Please be in prayer for your response. You will receive a letter/commitment card in your church mail box by **November 1**. God continues to move within our congregation. May each of us give cheerfully this coming year and watch how God blesses us all! To God be the glory!



Thanksgiving & Stewardship Commitment Dinner
Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 23**, when we will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall following morning worship for a time of celebration and thanks giving for our Stewardship Emphasis success! The Church will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, desserts, and drinks. We are being asked to provide sides and salads. We hope to see you as we celebrate together God’s blessings in our congregation.



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“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.” (Psalm 100)

The Psalmist says it best! I agree with Him! Ditto! Well you get the picture. Psalm 100 presents thought filled words that cause one (me) to consider the reality of my life! Consider the questions— “Who? What? Where? Why? and When?” They are represented in this Psalm for our consideration. As it is a month for Thanksgiving, let us consider them together.

“Who?” is easy; God!
“What?” God is our creator and shepherd!
“Where?” We enter His presence!
“Why?” Because His steadfast love endures forever! His faithfulness is available to all generations, including ours!
“When?” His mercy and grace are timeless, forever!

I believe we can all agree that the Psalmist communicates several reasons as to why we can be thankful in this season of “giving

thanks.” Look around and see the faithfulness of God. No matter our current circumstance, we can most certainly agree that God, who has been faithful in the past, is the same always! Therefore, we can be assured of His presence with us and His work within us. We may not always understand the “why” of our situations, but we can rest in the assurance of the fact that God is aware and wants us to believe He is able and willing to make “all things work for good.”

As we continue through the month of November, may the Lord truly encourage our spirit with His steadfast love and His forever faithfulness. Let us walk with the confidence that God will never abandon us. May we be assured that we are His sheep and that His care will always provide for us. Let us remember the things we are thankful for – family, friends, His provision for us in the midst of our needs and the promise of His presence today and into eternity.

I encourage you to live thankfully during these days. Some will be easy. Others may challenge us. But, all our experiences are under the watchful care of a loving heavenly Father. Therefore, we can make a joyful noise, sing before the Lord, filled with praise and thankful for God and His love and care!

Pastor Bill

Additional Memorial Gifts Given

A memorial gift was given in memory of **Mary Patterson** (designated for the backpack ministry) by Ann Wiseman.
A Memorial gift was given in memory of **Kim Whitman** (designated for the organ repair fund) by Ann Wiseman.

Collecting Donations for Ashland Youth Service Center

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets, **October 12—November 2**. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We had an overflowing of items last year. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. Thank you for your giving spirit! **Items Needed: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Biscuit or Roll Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Green Beans, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Crispy Onion Straws, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Brown Sugar, Marshmallows, Pecans, Canned Corn, Pumpkin Pie Filling, Canned Milk, Coffee, Tea. Hot Cocoa Mix & Clothes Baskets.**



Operation Christmas Child

The OCC boxes will be blessed on **November 9** during morning worship. For the month of November we will be collecting money for postage. Questions, contact Donna Jones.

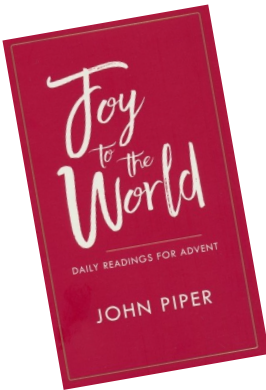


Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Join Pastor Bill & Nanette in ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. There are 30 minute time slots. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or see Donna Jones.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
NOON – 4 P.M. IN FRONT OF JCP

Advent Devotional 2025



Advent is for adoring Jesus. It is a season of preparation for that special day when we mark Immanuel's arrival—the coming of our eternal God in frail, human flesh. This is the greatest wonder of history's many wonders, something too stupendous to celebrate just on one day. Advent is a way of lengthening the joy of Christmas. These 25 brief devotional readings from John Piper begin on December 1 and carry us to Christmas Day. Our prayer is that God would use these readings to deepen and sweeten your adoration of Jesus this December and keep Him as the center and greatest treasure of your Christmas season. We want to make sure that in all the Christmas rush and hubbub we adore Jesus above all. The devotionals will be available on the table in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, November 23**.



Family Advent Kick-Off

Please join us on **Sunday, November 30, following morning worship** in the Bethesda Hall for a Family time of CHRISTmas FUN!! We will make Family Advent crafts, and Christmas Bingo!! A pizza lunch will be provided. Please contact Kelly Hanni, 606.923.7826, with any questions.



NOVEMBER

Sunday Morning Study: Sundays, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School (K–4th): Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group (5th – 12th): Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Handbell Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
Tai Chi Classes: Tuesdays, 5p.m. & Saturdays, 11 a.m.
Zumba Classes: Tuesdays, 5 p.m. & Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
Clothing Swap: Saturday, Nov. 1, 1 p.m.
Open Chapel: Wednesday, Nov. 5, 5:45 p.m.
Paper Angels: Thursday, Nov. 6, 1 p.m.
OCC Shoebox Blessing: Sunday, Nov. 9
Ministry Teams Meeting: Monday, Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m.
Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Nov. 13, 11:30 a.m.
Horizons Bible Study: Thursday, Nov. 13, 5:15 p.m.
Sew Blessed: Monday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m.
Finance Ministry Team: Tuesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m.
Paper Angels: Thursday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m.
Dames + Dinner Bible Study: Thursday, Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m.
Empty Nesters: Monday, Nov. 24, 5:30 p.m.
Session Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 5:30 p.m.
Advent Family Kick-Off: Sunday, Nov. 30, Noon

Special Dates for November 2025

- All Saints' Sunday, November 2
- Daylight saving time ends, November 2
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Christ the King Sunday, November 23
- Thanksgiving Day, November 27
- First Sunday of Advent, November 30



NOVEMBER
birthdays

John Ferguson—November 12
Erik Adkins—November 17
Andrew Wheeler—November 18
Jan Winans—November 23
Thomas Hall—November 27
Dylan Lambert—November 27
Barb Payne—November 28
Kate Hanni—November 29



NOVEMBER
anniversaries

Pastor Bill & Nanette—November 1
Glen & Christy Thomas—November 3
Charlie & Jan Holbrook—November 11
Larry & Cathy Wilson—November 13
Ryan & Heather Whitman—November 18
David & Judy Eby—November 25
Brett & Brooke Gehringer—November 25
Andrew & Donna Jones—November 28



The Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at Ashland First Church of the Nazarene (2201 Bath Avenue) on **Sunday, November 23 at 7 p.m.** We hope to see you there!

Note of Gratitude

♥THANK YOU, THANK YOU and THANK YOU! On behalf of all the staff here at FPC, we want to express our deepest thanks for your love and generosity we experienced at the staff appreciation luncheon. We are privileged to serve you all and are so grateful for the cards, gifts, treats and words of affirmation!