

November 8, 2026

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Welcome

November 8, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Lizzie Cartwright

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - Lizzie
Leader: God, who is from everlasting to everlasting!
All: The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.
Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God.
All: How abundant is God's grace from generation to generation.
Leader: Sing praises to God with great Thanksgiving.
All: Praise God with the best you have to offer.
Leader: We lift up our eyes to see God's wonders, open our ears to receive God's message, and commit to the call our triune God has upon our lives. Amen

Song: Blessed Assurance

Recognizing our Vets

Prayer Recognizing our Vets for Veterans Day

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
Eternal God, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. We confess that we have lived for ourselves, and at times refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain in others, and passed by. O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Song: Agnus Dei

Scripture: Psalm 126:1-6; Matthew 13:39; 25:31-46 - Rachel Thorson

Sermon: "Briging in the Sheaves"

Song: Bringing in the Sheaves

Prayers of the People - Paul Bearrows

Offering and Doxology

Song: Goodness of God

Blessing
"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."
Postlude

On Nov. 29th, the 1st week of Advent, we will be celebrating in worship the "Hanging of the Greens". Please plan to join us in worship that Sunday as we decorate the sanctuary together.

Anyone who is interested in recent Session minutes is welcome to view them in a binder in the office.

We have a Sunday School class for Jr and Sr Hugh students from 10:10 to 10:50, meeting in the red couch room

We are a drop off center for shoeboxes again this year and volunteers needed for OCC Shoebox. - November 16-23.

Nan has the sign up form for helping - choose your date and times!

We have daytime and evening hours available! The clipboard with a sign up form will be in the Fellowship Hall.
Take a cookie and sign up to help!

Book Review
The Shoe Box By Francine Rivers

Francine Rivers as novelist seldom disappoints, and this slim, easily readable seasonal offering in its 25th Anniversary Edition is testimony to her engaging, compelling style and power of storytelling. Timmy O'Neil is a foster child whose prize obsession is a box of things he carries with him he describes as "just things." Timmy is ultra secretive about the contents of the box and keeps whatever is in it concealed until the annual church Nativity pageant takes place, causing him to make a huge sacrifice.

This is a heartwarming, eye-opening tale with an unforgettable, inspiring conclusion. You don't want to overlook this timely novella in a special 25th Anniversary Edition that includes five Advent devotional readings that can be read each week of Advent and then again on Christmas Eve. And you'll also find some scrumptious Christmas recipes in the back of the book to keep you occupied in the kitchen, too.

"The Shoe Box" is available now for checkout in the New Life Library.

Reviewed by Michael Chunko

Please join us! Sign up with a link in the newsletter or call the office and Midge will get your name on the list!









Our youth groups have been together a lot last week for their baking day, selling at the market and shoebox packing! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!!

CHURCH *calendar*

SUNDAY, November 8
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed, Sunday School
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Chunko Small Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, November 9
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, November 11
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, November 12
7:00 a.m. Kiwanis
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

SATURDAY, November 14
5:00 p.m. Harvest Gathering Potluck
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, November 15
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Ed, Sunday School
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Chunko Small Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

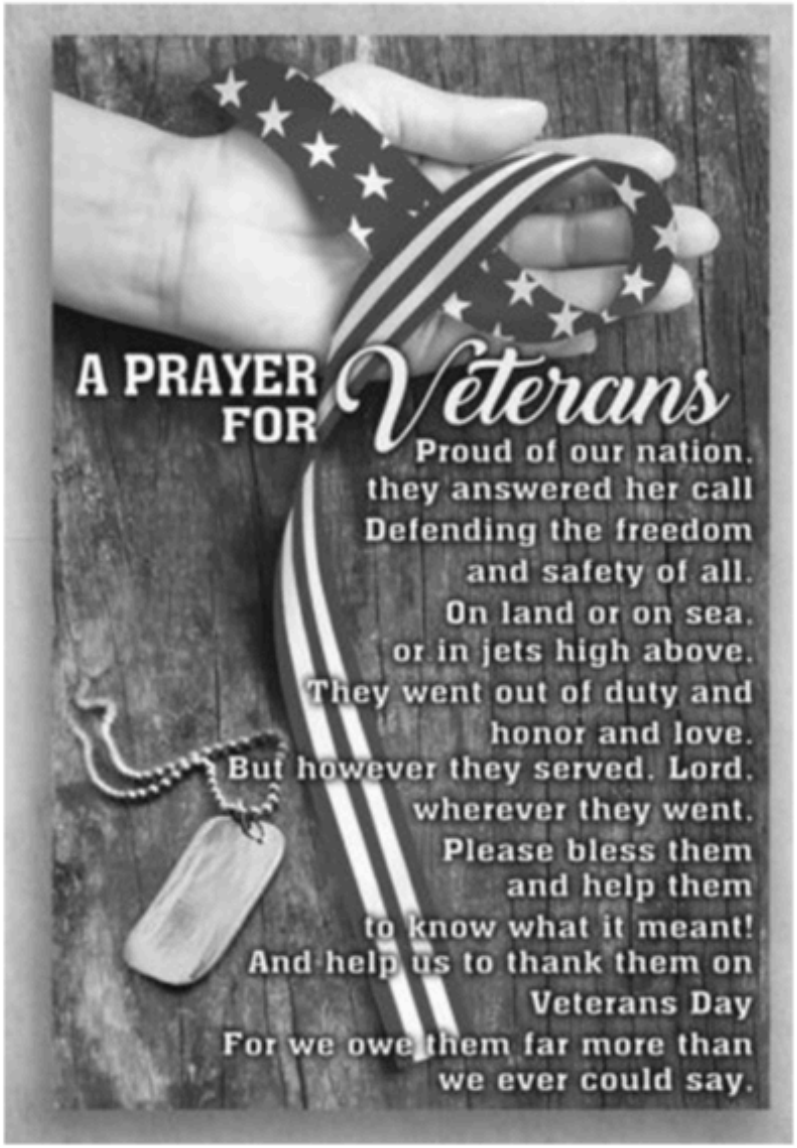
Adult Ed

Join us in an exciting study of the 5th Chapter of Acts during the month of November. This was a great time for the Church in its infancy and many things were taking place. This study will provide a "Cliff Notes" account of the action that will pave the way for thought provoking parallels to today and engaging discussion. We'll look at the signs and wonders taking place at the time, the arrest and release of the Apostles (talk about a jail break!), and the wisdom of the teacher Gamaliel who unlike many of his peers, knew that something huge was going on in the area that would affect not alone the current Jewish culture but society hundreds of years down the road. Grab your coffee and cookies and join us for this insightful discussion led by Mike Chunko beginning November 1 - 22 at 10:00 A.M. in the Adult Ed room

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If anyone would like to help us, we'll be going to Feed My Starving Children on November 21st. Please use this link to sign up on their website. You'll be added into our group automatically with this special link. If you'd prefer, please contact Sara Slattengren and we can get you added as well.





Living Veterans from First Presbyterian Church

Frank Beardin - 1960-64 - Air Force

Paul Bearrows - 1968-70 - Vietnam - Marines

Ian Book - Presently Serving - Navy - F18 Fighter Pilot

James Chisamore - 1979-86 - Air Force

Joe Drought - 1981-92 - Army

Al Hann - 1953-57 - Korea - Air Force

Thomas J. Kenney, Jr. - Iraq - Army Reserves

Mike Kreider - 3 deployments in Vietnam - 1969-1973 - Navy

Jordan Lechner - 2012-18 - Air Force

Bruce McKinney - 1971-75 - Navy

Phil Nye, Jr. - 1959-63 - USMCR

Mary Beth Papke - 1985-2021- Navy Reserves

Chuck Roberts - 1968-70 - Vietnam - Army

Juan Roman - 1971-82 - Navy, 1984-96- Army

Ben Stoddard - Presently Serving - Marines

Gary Williams - 1964-69 - Air Force