



**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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**FALL-SPRING
WORSHIP HOURS**
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

PASTOR HOURS
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

SECRETARIAL HOURS
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday

You may also join us for Sunday
worship on YouTube
at 10:30 AM

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NOVEMBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES	
Chairperson: Sherfy, Mark & Elizabeth Mark - 320-2473 Elizabeth - 320-7296	
Farley, Margie	619-507-8784
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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor

November is a month filled with gratitude—a time to pause and reflect on God's many blessings.

This year, Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, November 27. Yet Scripture reminds us that gratitude is not limited to one day. As 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, we are to “give thanks in all circumstances.” True thankfulness is a daily expression of our faith and trust in God's goodness.

As Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2, we can even find reasons to be thankful in small adjustments, such as the changing of the clock. Each shift in time reminds us that God orders our days and invites us to make the most of every moment He gives us.

Our Christian faith teaches us that the blessings we enjoy are not entitlements but gracious gifts from a loving and generous God. Even during difficult seasons, when blessings may seem scarce, we are still surrounded by grace—the gift of life itself and the abiding presence of God who never leaves us.

At United Presbyterian Church, we will gather for a special time of thanksgiving on Sunday, November 2, during our 10:30 AM All Saints' Sunday Communion service. This is a sacred opportunity to honor and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us in faith during the past year. If you wish to remember a loved one during this meaningful service, please contact the church office at your earliest convenience.

All Saints Sunday, and every day of our lives—offers a reason to be grateful for the gift of baptism. This November, we will also celebrate the sacrament of Baptism, one of the two sacraments observed by Presbyterians, the other being Communion. The act of baptism may appear simple, yet in that handful of water lies a profound depth of mystery and grace.

Through baptism, we are called into a new way of life as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing the good news of the gospel with all people. It is both a personal commitment and a communal celebration of faith.

Presbyterians describe baptism as a sign and seal of the covenant of grace made by God through Jesus and extended to us. In baptism, God claims us as beloved children and members of Christ's body, the church. We are washed clean from sin, renouncing the power of evil, and committing to live according to God's will and purpose.

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From the Pastor (continued from front page)

While sprinkling water is most common in Presbyterian tradition, baptism by immersion is also welcomed. Whatever the form, baptism should visibly reflect the generous outpouring of God’s grace—filling us with the gifts of the Spirit and inspiring lives of faith, service, and love.

Who can be baptized? The invitation is open to all. Baptism marks the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith and formation in Christ.

Can a person be saved without baptism? Yes—but this truth does not diminish the importance of the sacrament. To make baptism a requirement for salvation would limit the sovereignty of God, which the Reformed tradition holds sacred. Even so, baptism remains central to our Christian life (Romans 6:3-4), identity (Galatians 3:27-28), and mission (Matthew 28:19).

During baptism, the congregation joins parents and sponsors in vowing to nurture and support those being baptized in their faith journey. This call to support one another extends to our stewardship—our faithful giving of time, talents, and resources—to sustain the mission and ministry of the Church.

November marks our Stewardship season. As we cheerfully honor God through our offerings, may the Lord bless our giving as an expression of gratitude and faith—helping to build God’s kingdom as we continue to “Share Christ’s Love Through Service.”

You will soon receive this year’s Stewardship letter, which includes the Estimate of Giving Card. Please prayerfully consider how you can support United Presbyterian Church in 2026. You can make a meaningful impact in three vital ways: Through financial gifts that sustain our programs and staff; through prayer—lifting up our church, its leaders, and our shared mission; through giving of your time and talents—perhaps as a Sunday School or Wednesday youth substitute, or simply as a caring presence for a child who needs a listening ear.

As your pastor, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for every member, friend, and supporter of the ministry of Jesus Christ at United Presbyterian Church in Jamestown. Whether through your prayers, service, or financial giving, our faithfulness allows us to live out our mission to “Share Christ’s Love through Service.” Your dedication is truly a reason to give thanks as we continue to walk together in unity and gratitude.

As we enter this season of gratitude, may we take time each day to recognize God’s blessings—both great and small—and respond with thankful hearts. Let us not only express our gratitude in words but demonstrate it through lives of generosity, compassion, and service. In doing so, we become living witnesses of Christ’s love in our community and beyond.

God Bless,
Pastor Bob Boyar

NOVEMBER 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 TURN Clocks Back!!
2 All Saints Sunday Sunday School-9am Worship 10:30 AM	3	4 Deacons - 6:15pm	5 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	6 Session-5:30 pm AA 7:00 PM	7	8
9 Sunday School Adults only 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	10 Property & Fi- nance - 5:00 pm	11	12 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	13 Session-6:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Deacon's meal	17	18	19 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	20 AA 7:00 PM	21	22
23 Sunday School - youth only 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Sunday School Adults only 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	<i>*More Dates to Remember...</i> * Nov 9 - Deacons will be delivering treats to shut-ins and setting up the Noisy Offering Jar * Nov 16 - Free-will donation meal provided by the Deacons after worship. Funds will go to JRCC Children of Incarcerated Parents program. Warden Chad Pringle and CRM Melissa Kleven will speak. * Nov 23 - Bill Weispfenning will be leading worship *Pastor Bob will be gone from November 20 through November 28					

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2025



Ken Wallace	7
Bev Schaack	9
Tammie Keesee	10
Beck Giesler	11
Bob Thompson	12
David Reimers	17
Charles Schmitz	21
Yvonne Wegner	23
Griffin Reimers	25
Margie Lee Farley	27
Maurine Schoeler	28
Susan Bond	29
Orion Ostlie	29
Florence Smith	29



November Anniversaries



David and Nikki Reimers	14
Dale & Mary Ellen Reimers	22
Paul and Sandy Worm	28
Doug & Mary Claire Reimers	30

NOTICE

We are ordering generic offering envelopes. All will be the same, except no number and no date. Box sets will be available here, and envelopes will be set out in the narthex. PLEASE NEATLY PRINT YOUR NAME AND DATE ON THE FRONT IF YOU USE THEM!

** REMINDER **

Please send in to the office any changes or corrections to the year end directory by November 15

DEACON DIALOGUE. . . Per Vicki Enger

The UPC Deacons thank all who participated in our Chili Cook Off! Thank you to Aaron Cloyd for inspiring us and to our chili makers: Danielle Geisler, Mark Lee, Jonelle Lindbo, George and Jackie Barnes, Aaron and Lisa Cloyd, and Tammie Keesee. We appreciate our dessert makers too, thanks. The Golden Ladle winner was Danielle Geisler, the Silver Ladle winner was Jonelle Lindbo, and the Bronze Ladle was won by Tammie Keesee. Hopefully a good time was had by all.

On Sunday, November 9, treats will be delivered to shut-ins, and the Noisy Offering Jar will be set up. Please watch the Sunday Bulletin for information about December activities.

The Deacons will be hosting a free will donation meal on Sunday, November 16. The offering will go to the James River Correctional Center Children of Incarcerated Parents program. The children are toddlers to age 18. The purpose of the program is to provide a supportive family focused environment in which children and grandchildren have the opportunity to stay connected with parents and grandparents to maintain and strengthen positive relationships. The money will be used for treats, games, and something to take home each time. Warden Chad Pringle and Melissa Klevens, the Community Resource Manager, are the facilitators of this program.

Financial Update

YTD Income thru October 24, 2025	\$ 173,648.53
YTD Expenses thru October 24, 2025	<u>\$ 179,733.47</u>
YTD Income/Loss thru October 24, 2025	(\$ 6,084.94)

We thank you for your continued support of United Presbyterian Church!

Per-Capita Payments: We encourage all members to pay their per-capita as a gift above and beyond their annual pledge. **Our per-capita is based on \$50.00 for each active member of our church.** To submit a check for per-capita, simply write "Per-capita" on the memo line of your check.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The United Presbyterian Women (UPW) will begin meeting monthly on the fourth Thursday except November, December and May where we have a Thank Offering, a potluck with the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering and May is a Birthday Offering. We support missions, the local hunger program and other needs as we might discuss. You may contact Jackie Tarpinian about PW if you have questions or to let us know you will be attending whenever possible. Pick up your lesson book in the office and bring a friend with you to the meeting!



The VBS received a thank you from the National Parks for their \$31 donation they raised from their offerings. This was from the 2024 VBS.

The Church received a thank you from the University of Jamestown for a \$3000 gift that was designated to the Annual Progress Fund.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER 2025

Moderator’s Report:

A check for \$4,000 was received from the Presbytery of the Northern Plains for repairing the church door damaged on June 20.

Gail Martin moved/2nd, “to approve Hannah Tarr and Barb Monson as partners with Pastor Robert Boyar providing “The Good News Club” at Roosevelt school starting on Monday, October 20th.” MOTION CARRIED

Christian Education Coordinator:

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, “to purchase two bubble columns for our “quiet” sensory room from the Sensory Meal Fund at a cost of \$87 each.” RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, “to approve Lynn Kylmanan to be a substitute Sunday school teacher upon completion of background check.” RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, “to approve the Sunday school Christmas program be held on December 21, 2025, during the worship service.” RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, to approve children’s Sunday school to follow the Jamestown Public School calendar. The children will be off Oct. 19, Nov. 9, Nov. 30, Dec. 28, 2025 and Jan. 4, 2026. RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Property and Finance:

Spitzer Construction working on NE wooden church doors.
New computer for Mae Pickett, new bookkeeper, purchased.
Oct 26th, 9am, informational meeting on UPC’s 2026 budget.

Stewardship:

Estimate of Giving cards with a letter will be mailed out later in Oct.
Envelopes for individual congregation offerings were discussed. Reverend Boyar will contact bookkeeper for the number of boxes needed. A note will be put in the Communicator and bulletins asking who would like the envelopes.

Deacons:

Nov. 9th - Salvation Army Noisy Jar offering will be put out.
Deacons approved donations to Veteran’s meal, \$250; Toys for Tot, \$250.
Nov. 9th – Goodies for shut-ins will be delivered approved.
Nov. 16th - Deacons approved donation meal for Jamestown Prison families.

Nominating Committee:

Jeff Enger moved/2nd, “to approve due to UPC’s difficulty filling the Deacon’s committee spots, we request an exception to the rules of the 2-term limit. (6yrs) MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Christian Education Coordinator Report

Upcoming Events

As Christmas approaches, we have a variety of activities planned for our young members:

Christmas Play: "Christmas Hope" Sunday, December 21 during 10: 30 AM worship.

We invite all our young members to participate in our Christmas play, "Christmas Hope." Every child is encouraged to take on a role and be part of this special performance. Practices are beginning now for youth on Wednesdays. The children will practice in December during Sunday School. Parents are encouraged to be in communication with Jerome.

Praise Dance

Children will perform a praise dance set to Christmas carols, celebrating the season through music and movement.

Children Singing

Tiffany will be leading the children as they sing Christmas carols together, sharing the joy of the season through song. The music practice will begin during Sunday School between 9:40 and 10: 00 AM.

Christmas Cookie Making

A fun and festive cookie-making activity will be held, allowing children to get creative in the kitchen and enjoy holiday treats.

Youth Bible Study

Youth Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 4:00 pm. The attendance; boys 2 and girls 8. Kim Thoele continues to help to provide meals for the group. Transportation for pick up and drop off remains an important part of our Bible study, and we are grateful to have this service ongoing.

Recently, on Wednesday, October 15th, the youth and children participated in an activity to create thank you cards for pastor appreciation. The children made approximately two dozen cards for Pastor Bob and Pastor Parsons from the African church, Redemption in Christ.

Worship

The children’s message during regular services is ongoing.

We would be glad to have children and youth serve as acolytes to light the candles before the service starts and extinguish them at the end of the service.

Sunday School

Sunday School is active and begins with a 9:00 am assembly in the Sanctuary. Erin Anderson, Camp Director from Clearwater Forest Camp spoke during the opening assembly and also joined the Adult Sunday School class. She recently shared information about upcoming events and activities at the camp. The Adult Sunday School class continues to study Reformation themes.

Sunday attendance is as follows:

Age 2-preschool: 4
Kindergarten-2nd grade: 6
3rd grade-6th grade: 3
Adult Class: 11

Youth are attending and participating, and our goal is to have them assist the teachers in the different Sunday School classes.

How You Can Help

We continue to need Sunday School teachers. Any help you can provide, even occasionally, is greatly appreciated. Meals are provided for youth during Bible study on Wednesdays, and your assistance with this is also needed.

Prayer Requests

Please remember to pray for our youth and children. Your prayers make a difference in their lives and spiritual growth.

Thank you to everyone who serves, donates, and prays. Your support truly impacts on our young people.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob Boyar