

First Presbyterian Church the LANTERN

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From the Pastor's Study

Dear First Presbyterian Members and Friends,

It's hard to believe we are about to begin Advent. Our journey toward the manger and the Christ child begins on November 29. When the pandemic began back in March, I certainly didn't think we would be navigating those same realities for Advent. Unfortunately, right now we are facing the worst of the pandemic. We've had the largest increase in cases in town now than at any other time over the last several months. Given the realities, session and I are committed to making decisions in the best interest of the health and well-being of the church and the wider community. Because so much remains unknown, we really have no way of determining when we might be able to reopen the sanctuary.

All of that being said, we will carry on with Advent in virtual space. This year we will be exploring the theme: Those Who Dream. This comes from Sanctified Art, an organization I have used several times throughout this past year. The Advent and Christmas stories are full of people who dream for God's promises to be made true. The prophets dream of a hopeful future, John the Baptist dreams of the one who is greater than he, Mary dreams of a world turned upside down. We will join these dreamers during Advent as we seek to join our dreams with God's. With the themes of light shining in the darkness, hope amidst despair, and expectant waiting, Advent has the protentional of taking on a new depth of meaning of us this year. Keep looking towards the light and hope of God who is always ready to come into our world.

Peace,

Pastor Anders



Hello All! We are in need of families/groups to sign up for our Advent wreath lighting. We will be recording the candle lighting for each of the four Sundays of Advent as well as for Christmas Eve. Please sign up via this link and we will be in contact to schedule a time to record. (To date only November 29 has been chosen.)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca82da6facf8-advent>



We can't meet in person, but that will not stop us from giving thanks and praise to the Lord.



November is a wonderful time to focus on giving God thanks and praise. Operation JOY kids have been receiving Take Out Lessons focusing on being thankful. Their Take Out Bags are delivered to their front porch and inside they find a Bible Verse and materials to complete an activity.

Presbyterian Women will meet at the home of Margaret Ferrell, date and time to be determined. We will be studying Lesson 4: Lamenting Death. The main idea is: The death of someone we love is an occasion for lament. The basic structure of a Lament:

- Address God
 - Tell God what is wrong
 - Ask God for help
- Trust God and thank God
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Justice and Peace Calendar for November

Native American Heritage Month

8--Caregiver Sunday

13--World Kindness Day

15--Hunger and Homelessness Sunday

20--Universal Children's Day

25--International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and **Orange Day**

25 through December 10--16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

28--Thanksgiving Day



The Adair County Ambulance District is offering free COVID-19 testing. Please bring insurance information (Medicare, Medicaid or other Insurance) with you. However, they will offer testing for anyone regardless of insurance status. Tests are by appointment only. Please call 660-665-0000 to make an appointment.

Holidays can be difficult for everyone but even more so for victims of family violence. While calls to domestic violence hotlines usually decrease during the holiday season, it doesn't mean the violence stops. Victims are often reluctant to seek help during this time for many reasons. They may be trying to keep the holidays as happy as possible for the children or to keep other family members from knowing the violence is even occurring. Sometimes they don't even realize there are options available for assistance.

AVENUES for Northeast Missouri, Inc. provides a 24 hour hotline, crisis intervention, safe shelter, assistance securing Orders of Protection, and other referral services for victims of violence. Adair County is now covered through the AVENUES program. Services are free and **all calls are confidential**. The AVENUES **hotline number is 1-833-243-6366 (or 1-833-243-NEMO)**.

<https://breakthesilencedv.org/debunking-myths-dv-and-the-holidays/>





**Keep dinner on the table
this Holiday Season for a
family in need**

In partnership with Hy-Vee's Buy a Ham and get a free Turkey holiday promotion:
For only \$29.50 you can ensure that **TWO** holiday meals go to a family in need.

Now through November 21st
let the cashier know that you would like to buy a ham and get a free turkey and donate both!
Hy-Vee will give it to The Salvation Army who will make sure it goes to feed a family this holiday season



On Monday, November 2nd, signs using racial slurs and telling Black people in our community to "go home" were found on our sidewalks. To combat hate and help people of all colors, races, ethnicities, and backgrounds feel safe and welcome in our town we are putting up signs, one by one, that say "You Belong Here." Make your own using whatever you have, in as many languages as possible (see below for translations) or you can purchase a weatherproof yard sign! After covering printing costs, proceeds from the sale of signs will be used to purchase books to diversify classroom libraries at Kirksville schools.

Please contact Heather Edstrom or Ginger Nolker for more information.

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#YouBelongHereKV

Awa ozali epayi na yo यह आपका भी घर है
Ici, vous êtes chez vous Ты принадлежишь здесь
Pertenecees aquí 모두 환영합니다
Kasama ka dito مرحبا بك هنا tu apartii aici
timi yaha ko mahatwapurna vaag ho 你属于这里
Tempatnya kamu disini Bạn thuộc về nơi này
የዚህ አገል ህገ Waxaa Katirsantahay halkan
የዚህ አገል ሰሻ Hapa njo kwetu אתם שייכים לפה



Christmas Blessing Box

Each day add an item to a box of blessing. On the week following Thanksgiving donate the contents to the Pantry for Adair County, 2012 S. Halliburton, to be given to clients as a Christmas Blessing.

If you prefer us to do the shopping, the contents of this Blessing Box totals just under \$45. Make your check payable to PAC [Our Mailing address is 201 S. High St., Kirksville, Mo 63501] and we will do the shopping for you. Thank You in advance for your generosity.

- October 28 – Box of Cereal
- October 29 – Peanut Butter, 16oz.
- October 30 – Stuffing Mix
- October 31 – Boxed Instant Potatoes
- November 1 – Macaroni & Cheese
- November 2 – Canned Fruit
- November 3 – Canned Tomatoes
- November 4 – Canned Tuna
- November 5 – Box of Pudding
- November 6 – 24oz. Jar Applesauce
- November 7 – Canned Sweet Potatoes
- November 8 – Canned Cranberry Sauce
- November 9 – Canned Beans
- November 10 – Saltine Crackers
- November 11 – 2lb. Package of Rice
- November 12 – 42oz. Quick Cook Oatmeal
- November 13 – 2lb. Box of Spaghetti
- November 14 – Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- November 15 – Chicken Noodle Soup
- November 16 – Tomato Soup
- November 17 – Can of Corn
- November 18 – Canned Mixed Vegetables
- November 19 – Canned Carrots
- November 20 – Canned Green Beans

PANTRY FOR ADAIR COUNTY

PANTRY Address: 2012 S. Halliburton, Kirksville
MAILING Address: 201 S. High St., Kirksville MO 63501

The Pantry for Adair County served 515 families in October after reaching a new high of 555 families in September and we are truly grateful for every donation, whether it's food items or money. If you are preparing a Blessing box, those should be received at the pantry the week after Thanksgiving so they can be distributed in December. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Online assistance is available

Do you have questions about connecting to our online worship, meetings and social gatherings? If so, Scott Thatcher has offered a helping hand. He can offer technical support, advice, help purchase equipment to participate, and has one serviceable laptop with a webcam if it's needed. Let us know what you need to stay connected to your church family.



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Sunday Worship 9:30 am	Sunday School 11:00 am
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Things are pretty quiet in the Clothes Closet these days. Our outdoor events are done for the winter and we don't have plans for a Christmas event this year. While we still have church donations coming in we are not accepting community donations.

We have set up our Take One/Leave One coat rack uptown at least until the end of the year. If you have coats you would like to donate they can be left at First UMC in the mornings or taken directly to the rack outside Take Root Café. A big thank you to Community Mission and Truman's PSA for their donations of coats.

If you know anyone in need of winter clothing, please be sure to contact either the First Presbyterian or the First United Methodist Church office and we can arrange to shop for them.

Check out The Clothes Closet face book page for more pictures, updates on events and needs. www.facebook.com/theclothescloset.kirksville

