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# **First & East Side Presbyterian Newsletter**

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## **MONTHLY REFLECTION**

### **THANKSGIVING**

When we see or hear the word “thanksgiving” we normally think of Thanksgiving Day that we celebrate on the fourth Thursday in November as an annual festival of thanksgiving. Our northern neighbors in Canada consider it as a legal holiday on the second Monday in October. However, those are just days that have been set aside as National Holidays.

Sometimes we lose sight of the true meaning of the word “thanksgiving”, in which we actually participate in the act of giving thanks, not only to one another, but specifically the act of giving thanks to God as an expression of gratitude for the many blessings we have received. Yes, it’s true, and rightfully so, that we may actually celebrate the gift of those blessings in recognition of his divine favor.

For 2026, all of us will be contributing our gratitude for God’s undeniably endless gifts of love and grace. He is always there to show us the way when we face the darkness of the unknown or the depths of despair. But most importantly, he enables us as his disciples to feel and share his joys of knowing that we are beneficiaries that also believe in gifting those same blessings to others.

For this coming year, let us demonstrate our gratitude for our blessings received by making sure that the blessings of our merged congregations can be shared as God would like them to be, and as members, by being blessings to all those we encounter. Be a true thanksgiving to God.

Bill Taylor,  
Clerk of Session, First Presbyterian Church

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#### **2025 PER CAPITA**

\$40.29

## Neighbors' News



In Matthew 25:35 & 40, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thanks to all who choose to put extra items on your grocery list to fill the containers in the Social Room. As always, please look for sales and help only as you are able.

**(optional) - Dish Soap and/or Liquid Laundry Soap**

### November

**2 - peaches**

**9 - spaghetti**

**16 - spaghetti sauce**

**23 - green beans**

**30 - tuna**

Thanks for your help neighbor!

Rod and Linda Combs

## SATELLITES

We are going to Denny's on November 12th at 11:30 am. You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS LAY LEADER?

We are looking for individuals who would like to serve as lay leader and assist in Sunday morning services. If you are interested in serving in this way, please see the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

## 2025 BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross will be bringing the bloodmobile to 1020 Kentucky Ave on:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025**
- **11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.**



**American Red Cross**

*Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.*

## COFFEE HOUR



Join us for Coffee Hour the first Sunday of every month after worship! If you would like to sign up to help with Coffee Hour, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Ann Weiler or Blanche McCormick. Thank you!

## TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

The Session recently made some financial decisions regarding the East Side building. First Presbyterian Church paid \$4,200 to pay off the roof loan. Session also voted to approve expenses to install 2 small boilers and to upgrade the controls. The total for both improvements is approximately \$125,000. East Side will contribute the emergency funds available and First will cover the remaining expense. These decisions and payments allow the Fremont Presbyterian Church to begin without financial obligations and will ensure efficient heating for years to come.

## PHOTOS OF SEPT 14 SERVICE

If you attended the closing of building service on September 14 and you took photos that you would like to share and allow us to post to Facebook, please send them to [fremontfpc@gmail.com](mailto:fremontfpc@gmail.com). We would love to see your photos and remember that special day and all the familiar faces we saw!



***FIRST AND EAST SIDE  
JOINT SESSION***

***FIRST ELDERS:***

*Linda Combs  
Dannita Cowdrey  
Bill Taylor, Clerk*

***EAST SIDE ELDERS:***

*Cheryl Magargle, Clerk  
Ross McCormick  
Ann Weiler*

***FIRST AND EAST SIDE  
BOARD OF DEACONS***

***FIRST DEACONS:***

*Rod Combs  
Melissa Detwiler  
Susan Myers*

***EAST SIDE DEACONS:***

*Pat Damschroder  
Blanche McCormick  
Alyce Ann Schmidt*

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP**

All Sunday Worship Services for First Presbyterian and East Side congregations are now held at the East Side building located at 1020 Kentucky Ave in Fremont. Worship begins @ 10:30 a.m. Beginning January 1, 2026, our joint congregations will be known as Fremont Presbyterian Church.

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**fremontfpc@gmail.com**

**THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Pulpit Supply	Jim and Bonnie Boroff
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FIRST Treasurer	Linda Combs
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
COORDINATING TEAM**

Moderator	Dannita Cowdrey
Treasurer	Linda Combs
Funeral Luncheon	Susan Myers
Rachel Circle	Dannita Cowdrey
At Large	Jo Elder
	Lois Livingston

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you are moving, have changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at: **fremontfpc@gmail.com**.

Thank you! Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant