

NEWS FROM FIRST

THE RELATIONSHIP CURE

A Bible Study Series for Couples, Partners, Spouses and Friends

With Pastor Emory - Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall



“We don’t feel close anymore.” “We only have time for the kids.” “Now that the kids are gone, we have nothing to talk about.” “All you ever do is work.” “You don’t care about my dreams.” “It’s just no fun being together anymore.”

Do you recognize yourself, your spouse, or your partner in any of these statements? If so, this is an opportunity for all of us to take time to think about our significant other, take inventory of the things that are difficult and

learn ways to reboot ourselves, regain affection, and strengthen the cords that hold us together with our spouses, lovers, girlfriends, boyfriends, and not-really-sure-what-to-call-ourselves-person.

I will be using John Gottman and Julie Schwartz Gottman’s book *10 Lessons to Transform Your Marriage* as our guide along with David Penner’s *Biblical Reference Guide for the Gottman Method*. You just show up, ready to have an open, honest conversation about our struggles and successes when sharing a life with someone else, whether it is happening now or it was an important relationship sometime before in our life. We welcome everyone’s experiences, feelings and wisdom.

Our series will start November 2 and continue until Christmas.

A wonderful continental breakfast follows at 9:30.

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Worship
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Worship
Postponed until
further notice



First Presbyterian Church Monticello IA

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Welcome to our new Official Facebook page at First Presbyterian Church Monticello IA. We will be posting news and upcoming events directly from the office and active congregant and committee members. Click like to see what's happening. Thanks for stopping by!



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WED, NOV 20 AT 5:30 PM - 7 PM

Food at First

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Public event by **First Presbyterian Church Monticello IA**



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Food * Peace * Community

Join us at First Presbyterian Church for our monthly free community meal. This month we will be serving a soup supper. Free will donations are accepted and appreciated, but not required.

First Presbyterian Church Has New Official Facebook Page

Facebook: @Monticellofpc

Staff and committee members have been working hard to design and implement a new Official Facebook page. This will allow us to communicate important news and upcoming events directly from the church office. This will allow us to monitor the content that is placed on social media to the public and make sure photos and videos are only posted with permission from those it affects. This page will also have two "editors" that will have access to the page to eliminate any one person gaining control of the sight and posting things not relevant or authorized by the governing group that is First Presbyterian Church. Give us a follow! 👍



First Presbyterian Church Monticello IA

Yesterday at 12:04 PM · 🌐

Did you know: The Presbyterian Pie Service (aka "The Pie Ladies") have been making, baking and selling pies for over 30 years as a way to raise funds to help support a variety of missions? PPS now offers online pie order submission. Check it out! <https://www.fpcmanticello.org/pie-ladies/>



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DEACONS INVITE THE CONGREGATION TO JOIN IN DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.



Thank you to our November worship service helpers!

Scripture Readers:

3 - Stacey Takes
10 - OPEN
17 - Suzy Gilkerson
24 - OPEN

We will email the readings to you earlier in the week for your practice.

Greeters:

3 - April Keltner
10 - OPEN
17 - OPEN
24 - OPEN

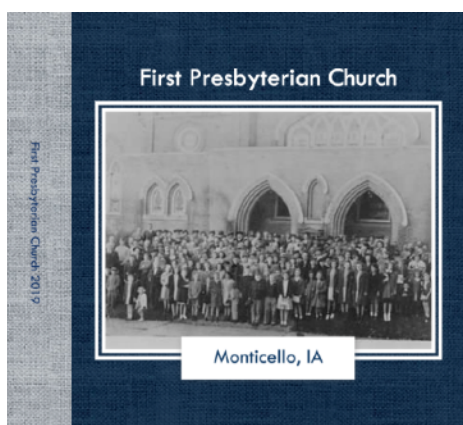
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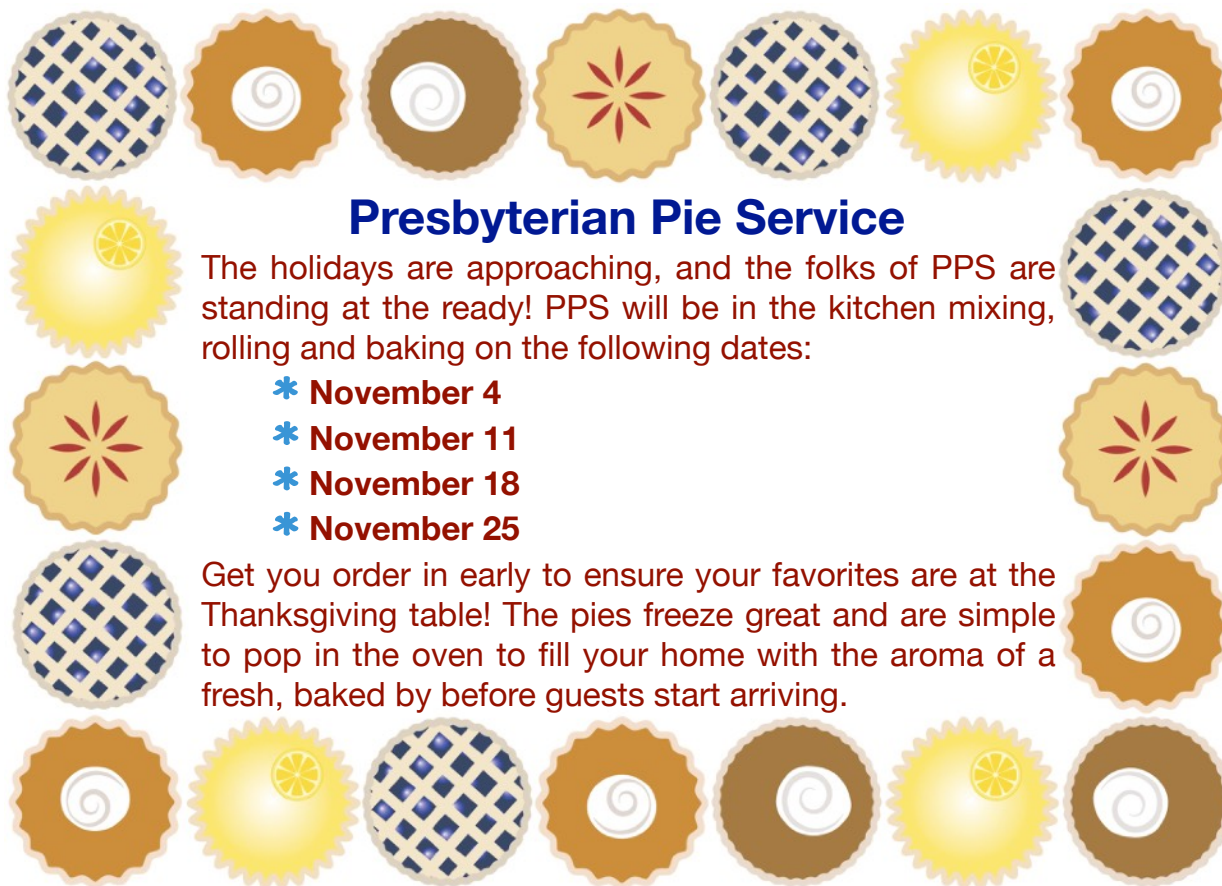
Week of:	Worship	Sunday School
Sept 29	40	11
Oct 6	53	14
Oct 13	42	10
Oct 20	46	13



Directory Update

The creation of our new church directory is in its final stages! The deadline for picture submission has been extended to **Nov 10**. If you have a picture of yourself or your family, contact Stacey or the church office to get those pictures in in time for print. The final product will be sent to print after the final deadline and will be 52+ pages. There will be two paper printed examples (one in church office and another circulating each Sunday) to view prior to ordering. The cost will be \$45, and payment can be made to First Presbyterian Church now through **Nov 17** to reserve your copy. This will allow delivery in time for Christmas giving.





Presbyterian Pie Service

The holidays are approaching, and the folks of PPS are standing at the ready! PPS will be in the kitchen mixing, rolling and baking on the following dates:

- * **November 4**
- * **November 11**
- * **November 18**
- * **November 25**

Get your order in early to ensure your favorites are at the Thanksgiving table! The pies freeze great and are simple to pop in the oven to fill your home with the aroma of a fresh, baked by before guests start arriving.

Did You Know?...

You can now submit your pie order online! Head on over to **www.fpcmanticello.org** and there you'll find all of the flavors PPS is baking up. You can still place orders by calling the church office, during office hours or by leaving a message after hours, and by contacting Pam Recker (319-480-7700) or a PPS member directly. Online ordering just offers another way for people to submit their order at their leisure while on their computer, tablet or mobile device. Orders will come to the church office for processing and we can call if we have any questions.

Apple	Apple/Red Raspberry	Apricot (dried)	Blackberry
Blueberry	Cherry	Cherry/Peach	Peach
Peach/Blueberry	Peach/Red Raspberry	Red Raspberry	Rhubarb
Strawberry/Rhubarb			
Berri-licious (strawberry, blueberry, blackberry)	BluRhu (blueberries, rhubarb)	Bumbleberry (apple, rhubarb, blackberry, raspberry)	Cher-Bear (cherry, strawberry)
CherRhu (rhubarb, cherry)	Ruby Red (red raspberry, rhubarb)	STAR (*strawberry, apple, rhubarb)	Tripleberry (blueberries, blackberries, raspberries)

Soft pies MUST be picked up on baking day. Baking days are typically on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Additional baking Mondays are added to our schedule as holiday and special event demands require. Call the office or P. R. to confirm baking days.

Banana Cream	Butterscotch	Chocolate Cream	Coconut Cream
Custard	Key Lime	Lemon	Raisin Cream
Raisin Sour Cream	Rhubarb Custard		

We also offer:
 Mincemeat Pecan Pumpkin Raisin

If you have a favorite pie that is not on the list, bring us the recipe and we will be glad to make it for you.

Name: *

Estimated pick up date: *

Contact Phone Number: *

Pie Filling: *

Crust/Topping: *

Baking: *

Pie Filling:

Crust/Topping:

Baking:

Pie Filling:

Crust/Topping:

Baking:

Pie Filling:

Crust/Topping:

Baking:

Pie Filling:

Crust/Topping:

Baking:

Additional Requests:

Submit

Thoughts & Prayers

Please remember our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers:



Pat Anderson
Jane Corbin
Betty Lambert
Lorie Schmit

Pennington Square, Monticello

- Lorraine Haag
- Naomi Bender
- Betty Wolken

Monticello Monticello Nursing & Rehab

- Ronald Behrends
- Laura Eiben
- Marie Hein
- Barb Null
- Mary Jane Steiner

Ridgeview Assisted Living, Cedar Rapids

- Phyllis Lumpa



Join us **Wednesday, November 20 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** for Food at First, a free community meal. Last month's winner of the \$25 Casey's gift card door prize was Betty Yount. Congratulations, Betty! This month we will serve a soup supper, just in time for the fall chill that has arrived. This is open to the community. A free will donation is accepted and appreciated, but not required.

TiLT Together parent group is off to an amazing start, and it would not be possible without the help of our kind and caring volunteers. This group has become a staple in some families' lives; something that both the parents and the children look forward to attending each week! Many hands and hearts have been involved in setting up, preparing food, caring for children, and cleaning up at the end of each meeting. In humble gratitude, I would like to thank the following volunteers: Curt Mayo, Gayle Stingley, Dan Saunders, Betty Yount, Stacey Takes, Alexis Masse, Kayla Shakesphere, Pastor Emory Gillespie, Connie Randolph, Creighton Randolph, Colin Ryan, Lisa Keltner, Danielle Ellison, Teresa Parker, Meredith Parker, and Rochelle Kray. In addition to people donating their time, we have also received generous monetary donations from members of this First Presbyterian Church congregation, as well as a Panther Prowl donation. This kick-starter funding has helped me to purchase flyers, business cards, poster board, writing utensils, office supplies, storage totes, and more. Thank you to Bruce Smith at Fareway for donating food to our group on a weekly basis. I am also looking forward to starting a resource library of books written by parenting experts soon. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped make this happen. Lindsay Ryan





Monticello Thanksgiving Community Dinner

Monticello Thanksgiving Community Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day on **Thursday, November 28th** at the Berndes Center. Family-style meal will be served at 12 noon, with carryouts and deliveries in the Monticello area also available. Please call 319-465-3219 to reserve a seat or a meal. Please also give them a call if you would like to volunteer your time or make a donation.

Food Pantry Holiday Hours

A reminder as the cold weather and holidays approach: the Monticello Food Pantry will be closed if the Monticello Schools are closed. With that in mind, the Monticello Food Pantry will observe the following hours for the holiday:

OPEN: Wednesday, November 27
10 am - 12 noon

CLOSED: Friday, November 29
2 pm - 4 pm



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

This past summer, the food pantry welcomed 41 new families who took home fresh vegetables, birthday boxes, ground beef and fresh bread. The Monticello Ministerial Association is giving 70 turkey breasts for Thanksgiving and 70 hams for Christmas. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to "The Food Pantry," and place it in the offering plate. The people who stop by and carry home a box of delicious food for their families are so happy and relieved that our local churches care for them, especially during the rough patches.



FAMILIES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS:

The Deacons are excited to start sending cards of encouragement to the college students of First Presbyterian Church through out upcoming collegiate school year. If you are interested in having your son or daughter receive cards from us, please notify the church office of the student's mailing address. You can call 319-465-3393 during office hours (M-F, 8 am - 12 noon) or leave a message on the answering machine, or you can send an email to office@fpcmonticello.org.

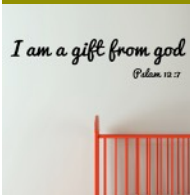


The church office will be **closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have an emergency, please contact Pastor Emory on her mobile phone at 319-481-7572.



Save the Date: Confirmation class will meet on the following Wednesdays from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m for the month of November:

- November 6
- November 20



CONGRATULATIONS: To Boyd & Janean King and Marj Lubben on the birth of their great-grandchildren. ❤️

Welcome to God's Family, Brooklyn Marie Bone

On Sunday, October 6, Brooklyn Marie Bone, daughter of Christopher and Sarah Bone, was baptized into God's family. Welcome, Brooklyn Marie Bone!

Session News - September (approved)

Clerks report: Discussion was had about per capita getting charged for any active member. Talked about how to decide how to mark people as inactive, will have a list at next meeting to go over and approve changing as inactive, can always request to be an active member at any time in the future. Baptism request was heard and scheduled. Home communion served 9 at Pennington Square. Reminder: Newsletter deadline is 20th of each month. Next session meeting Oct 9.

Pastor's report: Emory reported on various christian education groups and she has been doing with each group. Session met with Ann, an accountant, about an audit. Discussion was held about the work of cleaning out educational classrooms. Next Presbytery meeting is Sept 21. We do not have a representative to go to this meeting at this time.

Committees: Food at First resumed. TiLT received a \$1,000 with stipulation it needs to be a mission of the church. Had meeting to get volunteers for TiLT. Have enough for childcare in nursery for first four weeks. Labor Day brunch attendance better than expected (approx 190). Lots of positive comments. Looking forward to Memorial Day brunch. Stacey working with deacons on church directory. Dates for pics, postcards and emails sent. Deacons have donation jar at fellowship to help cover cost of food. Working on getting Care & Share tree up.

Building: Door on fridge was fixed. Looking into having exhaust fan installed, possibility of donated labor. Discussed more on AC, issues at hand, possible resolves with more discussion to happen in the future. Thank you to the Parkers for weeding and cleaning up landscaping. Thank you sent from session. Discussion of having landscaping done in the future. Request was made to add white board out side of office to address building needs and requests list.

Christian Ed: Sent 6 campers to Camp Wyoming this summer. Meeting scheduled with parents for Confirmation classes to resume, both grades will meet together, two years of classes with one teacher, Pastor Emory. Bibles needed ordered for 3rd grade class so presentation date was moved until order is received. Balloons release was concern. Other ideas suggested bubbles with helium. Balloons are available in biodegradable option and have always been donated each year at no cost to church. Decided that since they are biodegradable, we would use balloons again this year and announce to congregation. No change made.

Personnel committee: Jo Zirkelbach was recruited to help with committee. Curt will train her this first year and then hopes to be able to step down following that. Will welcome Mackenzie at church in September.

Stewardship: Nothing to report.

Corporate Trust: Handout updates on budget. Bill for copier was higher than normal due to lapse in discussion regarding costs with new secretary. Bill will be lower going forward. Talked about printer getting older but so far so good. Jo presented a couple ideas for buying vs leasing if we start having problems.

Mission Groups: will report quarterly going forward. TiLT, Montreat, Food at First.

Old Business: Audits of finances. Spoke with accountant who has done financial audits for other Presbyterian churches. Willing to speak at session meeting regarding options. Advised mission projects need to be under church umbrella, not separate. Will have her come to October meeting.

New Business: Electronic vs mailed newsletter, sending out mailer to whole congregation asking for new contact info and if they want it mailed USPS vs email. Printer: it is cheaper to get our own or keep. Jo presented options. Checking to see if black and white vs color. Decided office supplies will fall under corporate trust. Clean up day to be discussed in Oct meeting. Budget needs to be starting on for 2020. No recollection of nominating committee being created; will need to start the process at the next meeting. Discussion to be held in Oct meeting if we will continue to have LifeLine Screening here at our church; rumors it is a fraudulent organization.

Adjourned with prayer.





A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time
I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Hannah

"My soul glorifies the Lord and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
Luke 1:46-47

David

"He is my God, and I will praise
him, my father's God, and I will
exalt him." Exodus 15:2

Mary

"My heart rejoices in the LORD."
1 Samuel 2:1

Paul

"I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving."
Psalm 69:30

Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses;
1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David