

November 2, 2020

Preliminary Fall Fest Report

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's outside Fall Fest a great success! We received a little over \$8,000 in early ticket sales before Saturday, and received around \$5,000 more on Saturday itself, for a rough total income of around \$13,000 (before expenses). We will have more detailed information after all the receipts and expenses are counted. Again, thank you to everyone who helped with this year's unusual Fall Fest.

Session COVID-19 Policies

Here is a summary of Session's ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus at First Presbyterian Church. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated!

1. Please do not come to church if you have COVID-19 symptoms
 2. Wear face coverings when entering and moving around the building
 3. Use hand sanitizer at the door, and wash hands frequently
 4. Practice safe social distancing (no hugs or handshakes, six feet apart)
 5. Temperature check at the door – anyone with a fever is asked to go home and get tested for COVID-19
 6. Notify the Pastor or Clerk of Session (Jim Wilson) if you test positive for COVID-19 and have been in church the two weeks prior being tested. Important information will be shared with the congregation by telephone.
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“S’mores of Fun” Bonfire

POSTPONED

The fall “S’mores of Fun” bonfire has been postponed indefinitely due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Eden and Rockingham County. We hope to reschedule it in early spring while the weather is still cool.



This Week at FPC

The complete and up-to-date church calendar can be found at the bottom of the Home Page of our website: www.fpceden.org.

Wednesday, November 4

- 6:00 pm – Gospel of John Bible Study (Gathering Area)
- 7:00 pm – Christmas Cantata Choir rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, November 5

- 6:30 pm – Celebration Praise Team rehearsal (Worship Center)

Sunday, November 8

- 9:00 am – Children’s Sunday School Classes
 - 9:00 am – Adult Sunday School Classes
 - 10:00 am – Worship Service with Food Pantry Offering
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Gospel of John Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join our in-depth study of John’s Gospel Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm! We are meeting in the Gathering Area for safe social distancing. Bring your Bible and invite a friend for a great adventure in exploring one of the best loved books of the Bible together! Study guides are provided each week, and may also be obtained by email ... speak to the pastor or send a request to peter@fpceden.org.

Sunday, November 8

Two more Beatitudes to go in our fall sermon series. Next week we will look at the seventh Beatitude: *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons [and daughters] of God” (Matthew 5:9)*. Our Scripture reading will be Romans 12:9-21, “Rest for Spiritual Reconciliation.” Please invite someone to worship with us IN-PERSON or ONLINE at www.fpceden.org, or click the link below:

<https://bit.ly/FPCEden>

Online giving is available through our church website. Click on the DONATE button at the top of the homepage for safe, easy giving using your debit or credit card. Thank you for your generosity!



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Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes



Shoeboxes are available in the Worship Center. Please take as many as you can fill and return them to the church (official Eden drop-off location) the week of November 16 to 23. We will have a special Operation Christmas Child dedication prayer in worship on Sunday, November 22.



Christmas Wreaths for Sale



From Pat Smith ...

22" FRESH FRASER FIR WREATHS – The Rockingham Pregnancy Care Center is taking orders for fresh fir wreaths from a farm in the Appalachian Mountains. They are \$20 each, and if you would like to add a bow that will be a separate price. A solid color bow will be \$8 and a multi-color bow will be \$12 and Lamp Post \$15. The wreaths will be delivered to the Center and you may pick your wreath up on Saturday, December 5 between 9:00 and 11:00 am. If you would like to order a wreath(s), you may do so on Sunday morning before or after church. Just go to the table in the Gathering Area. Or ... you may contact Pat Smith at 336-707-3350 with your order but you will have to pay for your wreath(s) before your order will be placed. There is a deadline. The last day to order will be Sunday, November 29. Proceeds will go to the ministries of the RPCC.

**Thanksgiving Day at FPC – *Thursday,*
*November 26***

Service of Thanksgiving at 9:00 am

We invite everyone to begin Thanksgiving Day with a brief worship service at 9:00 am in the Worship Center. In addition to some of our favorite Thanksgiving music, there will be opportunity to share personal testimonies of gratitude for God's blessings in our lives this past year.



2020 Advent and Christmas Calendar

Sunday, 11/22

Thanksgiving Sunday

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service

10:00 am – Shoebox Dedication

10:00 am – Building Maintenance Offering

Monday, 11/23

Deck the Halls

6:00 pm – Decorate the church for Christmas

Thursday, 11/26

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am – Worship Service

Sunday, 11/29

First Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candle

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service

Sunday, 12/6

Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candles

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service

6:00 pm – Caroling in the Community

Sunday, 12/13

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Music Sunday

Lighting of the Advent Candles

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship, Christmas Cantata Choir

Friday, 12/18

4:00 pm – Cindy Gauldin's Musical Meditation

Sunday, 12/20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candles

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service

Thursday, 12/24

Christmas Eve

Lighting of the Christ Candle

7:00 pm – Candlelight Communion Service

Friday, 12/25

Christmas Day

Church Office is closed

Sunday, 12/27

10:00 am – Worship Service, Terry Widel

Condolences

The members and friends of First Presbyterian Church offer our deepest condolences to Ron Martin for the death of his mother Beulah Martin last week. Her funeral service was Saturday. Please continue to keep Ron in our prayers for the loss of his wife Suzon, his daughter Noel, and now also his mother in less than one week.

Prayers

Election Day, the United States of America

Cheryl Lauzau and family

Ron Martin and family

BB and Jan McGuire

Judy Paul

Stuart and Everall Peele

Nancy Wrangham

Sherry McDowell and family

Larry and Lib Roberson

Carol and Larry Helms

Garry Tilley (Darryl's brother, cancer)

Andrew Cundiff (Pam's uncle, leukemia)

Paul Brown and family

Rhonda and Denny Hale

Shirley Carter

Mike and Merle Gentry

David and Carol Grogan

Gen Critz and Jeannie Wilde

Joy Outland

Dana Rorer

Karen Dolbere

Joice Pucket

Hazel Horton

Jean Nobblitt

Election Day in America

First Responders

Victims of violence and civil unrest

Local, state, and national leaders

People infected with COVID-19

Families of loved-ones who have died from COVID-19

Health care workers who treat COVID-19 patients

Business-owners and employees who have lost their jobs because of COVID-19

First Presbyterian Church and other congregations

America's health and economic impact from COVID-19