

The Heavenly Herald

“We will share the love of our Lord, building on our past, reaching in faith toward our future.”

A letter from the Pastor...

What kind of car runs on leaves?

Dear Friends of FUPC Houston,

I'd like to take a moment to say Thank you. Actually, in my head it sounds more like THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

November is often the time of the year that people feel especially thankful, but for me that time of the year is in October. That's not to say that I'm not thankful in November but for me, this past October I was (and still am) feeling especially grateful for all of you.

October is known as Clergy Appreciation Month, and I have felt incredibly appreciated. From the cards, the gifts, the words of encouragement, and especially the support and prayers from all of you at First United Presbyterian Church in Houston, I can't possibly say thank you enough.

But what I am especially thankful for as the Pastor for this Church Family is that I have felt your love and support from the very beginning of my time here. I hope you all know just how thankful I am for each of you and how thankful I am to God for calling me to be your Pastor. We still have a lot of work to do, but what a joy it is to labor alongside so many devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

As we approach the Christmas Season and the end of another year together let us continue to be thankful to God for calling us together as a Church Family. Consider sending a Thank You Card to the person who invited you to come to FUPC Houston for the first time!

May we continue to work together to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and invite the community around us to join this amazing Church Family.

God Bless,
Pastor Ben

(An autumn-mobile!)

NOVEMBER, 2023

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Nov. 2nd	John Lesjak Sr.	Nov. 2nd	Talia Steere
Nov. 4th	Don Scott	Nov. 4th	Austin Arnold
Nov. 4th	Rinnie Jardini	Nov. 5th	Dave Keenan
Nov. 5th	Andy McIlvaine	Nov. 5th	Connor Simms
Nov. 7th	Brian Jeffers	Nov. 8th	Mary Lou Patsch
Nov. 8th	Emily Homitz	Nov. 8th	Jackie Orbich
Nov. 10th	Seth Spinnenweber	Nov. 11th	John Myers
Nov. 13th	Jeff Mitchell	Nov. 13th	Harlan Shober
Nov. 14th	Lois White	Nov. 14th	Kevin Scears
Nov. 16th	Joe Kusic	Nov. 17th	Beth Durbin
Nov. 17th	Casey Rungo	Nov. 18th	Brian Zendt
Nov. 18th	Buddy Rose	Nov. 19th	Keith Bish
Nov. 19th	Jay Yetter	Nov. 20th	Duane Valley
Nov. 23rd	Clarejean Haury	Nov. 23rd	Brian Myers
Nov. 24th	Kevin Stevens	Nov. 24th	Owen Greely
Nov. 25th	Fred Lese Sr.	Nov. 25th	Joan Susko
Nov. 28th	Linda Baker	Nov. 29th	Nancy Isiminger
Nov. 29th	Randi Greely	Nov. 30th	Rich Puskarich
Nov. 30th	Marc Scarcell		



Nov. 6th - Joe & Esther Kusic
 Nov. 11th - Jason & Jennifer Neely
 Nov. 17th - Brad & Patty Scott

Nov. 10th - Stephen & Darlene Crumrine
 Nov. 15th - Zachary & Ashley Layton
 Nov. 19th - Linn & Janice Blasel

PRAYER LIST

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS:

Joey Dadum, Baby Emilia Lemon, Mindy Kelley, Brandon Craig, Darren Spiker, Cat Morgan, Rev. Don Austin, Millie Romeo, Tim Lynch, Melanie Donahoo, William Young, Patti Nagy, Ronnie Casper, JoAnn Pitcock, Amanda, Matthew Scears, Brad Pitcock, Brian Baumgardner, Bill Brown, Sophia Desmond, and Bill Ensley.



NOVEMBER PRAYER REQUEST:

Nancy Magera, Joey Dadum, Baby Emilia Lemon, Mary Lou Patsch, Bo Lesjak, Bell Family, Evelyn, Bill Kelley, Bob Washabaugh, Marion Marcase, MaryAnn Clark, Curtis Marcase, and John Orlando.



PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR:

**Pastor Ben and our Houston Church Leaders,
Our Nation and our Nation's Leaders, and
all unspoken requests of our church family.**

**December Newsletter Articles
due by Monday, November 20, 2023.**

SERVING THE CHURCH IN NOVEMBER, 2023

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

GREETERS

Deacon Greeters:

November - 5th

(MV) Lala Patsch
(GV) Inez Patsch
(GH) Volunteer

November - 12th

(MV) Janice Bloesel
(MH) Nancy Isiminger
(GV) Mary Skirpan
(GH) Virginia Rockwell

November - 19th

(MV) Dodie Hanna
(GV) Volunteer
(GH) Volunteer

November - 26th

(MV) Nancy Isiminger
(GV) Virginia Bayne
(GH) Volunteer

Elder Greeters:

November - 5th

(MV) Pastor Ben
(GV) Bo Lesjak
(GH) Jonnie Swarow

November - 12th

(MV) Gloria Schmalz
(GV) Pastor Ben
(GH) Karen Jones

November - 19th

(MV) Linda Young
(GV) Sandy Wallace
(GH) Rev. Bill Youmans

November - 26th

(MV) Pastor Ben
(GV) Bo Lesjak
(GH) Karen Jones

Music: Karen Jones

Audiovisual: Leon Young

Liturgist: Bill Kelley

Trustees: Harlan Shober &
Linda Baker

November Acolytes:

November 5th - Julia Swarow
November 12th - Eden Jeffers
November 19th - Gary Swarow
November 26th - Bridget Layton

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

November 5th - Kristie Coppola
November 19th - Jamie Craig

November 12th - Vicky Lesjak
November 26th - Gloria Schmalz



Trunk-N-Treat

Kids and Families are invited to join us on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for Trunk-N-Treat!

If you would like to participate with a Trunk please contact Gloria at 724-986-5945 or email at gschmalz409@comcast.net We will be outside in the parking lot Rain or Shine. Please park in every other space in the parking lot attached to the church and plan for anywhere from 50-100 kids!





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are collecting shoe boxes through Samaritan's Purse again this year. Boxes will be on the front pews in the sanctuary and please remember to include \$10.00 cash or check made out to the Deacons to cover the shipping.

Deadline for drop off is **Sunday, November 12, 2023.**

(You can also use your own shoe boxes.)

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items; war related items such as guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food, liquids or lotions; medication or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes, mirrors or glass containers, no aerosol cans. Items such as shampoo, bubbles, cookies, nail polish, potato chips, liquid glue or paints. These items will be removed at the processing center.

Gift Suggestions: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring books, small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, yoyos, jump ropes, kazoos, harmonicas, toothbrushes, mild bar soap, combs, washcloths, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry or watches.

GET PACKING!

(Don't forget: Shipping cost is \$10 per box)





Many, Many Thanks - to my dear church family for all of your prayers, cards, and thoughtful gestures during my recent shoulder surgery and recovery.

I am progressing nicely – have gone from a brace to a sling and have moved from in-home therapy to going as an outpatient.

God is good; yes, my God is good - Marianne Blough.

A Big Thank You - to everyone who has been keeping Bill and I in prayer. Bill is doing well now after his first stay ever in hospital. After four days of medication his pneumonia was under control and he was home to recover.

My down time has been much longer and we do appreciate all those who remembered us with texts, calls, cards, visits and meals.

Special thanks to Pastor Ben for his visits and prayers. I hope to be out again soon.

God bless. Bill and Mindy Kelley

PASTOR BEN'S NOVEMBER READINGS



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Fall Back!

NOVEMBER 5, 2022
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
COMMUNION SUNDAY

Joshua 3:7-17
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
"What it really is."



NOVEMBER 12, 2022
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Baptism Sunday!

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
"American Idols"

NOVEMBER 19, 2022
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader
Rev. Bill Youmans



NOVEMBER 26, 2022
Christ the King Sunday

Psalm 100:1-5
Matthew 25:31-46
"The Line Starts Here"



NOVEMBER, 2023

Regular Events
 Worship -11:00am
 Tuesday Bible Study 10:30am

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 29th Reformation Sunday	Oct. 30th Session Mtg. 6:30pm	Oct. 31st Trunk-N-Treat 6-7:30pm	1-	2-	3-	4-	
5-Comunion Sunday	6-Ministry Mtg. 6:30pm	7-Deacons Mtg. 6:00pm	8-	9-	10-	11-	
12-	13-Mission & Nurturing Mtg. 6:30pm	14-Presby. Mtg. 7:00pm	15-	16- Pastor Ben Away *	17- *	18- *	
19- * Rev. Bill Youmans	20-Admin. Mtg. 6:30pm *	21- *	22- *	23-Office Closed	24-Office Closed	25-	
26-	27-Session Mtg. 6:30pm	28-	29-	30-			



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Sunday School
 Sunday School Begins
 Sept. 18th at 10:00am

Sunday Worship Service
September — May at 11:00 a.m.
 Nursery Available
 June-July-August at 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study
 Tuesdays
 10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Gifts and Offerings

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Member Visitor

Name _____ No. _____

Please apply my offering as follows:

Regular Offering	\$ _____
Deacons Fund	\$ _____
Building Fund	\$ _____
Special Project	\$ _____

Memorial Fund \$ _____

In Memory of _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for your generous gift.