

First Presbyterian Church Smithville Newsletter

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Pastor's Remarks:

From Rev. Kris Brown

What nitty gritty are you good at? Which ones do you actually kind of enjoy? During our session meeting, I sat and really paid attention to the wonderful talents and proclivities of our session members. Surrounded by women (next year, we will be welcoming Luis, so we won't be an all women club anymore) who are artists, musicians, who are able to go deep into the details of getting things done, who are careful with finances, who see how to solve problems, who recognize what is practical, who dream about what might be possible, I felt I was in the presence of something beautiful coming into being. All because of those nitty gritty and the gifted people who step up to grapple with them.

What a blessing to be shared! And of course, every one of us who walks into our church has something that we might add to the mix. This coming year, we will be working on making easy ways to help out a little here and there. Our committees on mission and fellowship, on worship and Christian formation, on finance and church administration, plan to meet every few months (two to four times a year – no huge burden). You are officially invited to join in. We could use your thoughts and gifts.

We could also use your hopes and dreams. What would you have us do as a community of believers? God calls us in so many ways. The sky's the limit. I wonder where we might head next?

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Session Members: Harleigh Altmeyer, Jane Istre, Kathy Ford, Lilly Willenberg, Lisa Maresh, Monica Miller, Barbara Maresh

Worship & Christian Formation - Lisa Maresh/Monica Miller

Church Administration - Jane Istre

Mission Outreach & Fellowship - Kathy Ford/Lilly Willenberg/Harleigh Altmeyer

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Sunday Schedules

The Following are Now Open

Sunday School -10 am

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Tuesday from Sept to May at 10 a.m.

Communion on the First Sunday of each month

Covered dish lunch on First Sunday following Service

Resuming soon:

Coffee Hour 9:45

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEOS:

As I'm sure you've noticed if you have been attempting to watch the Sunday Service on Facebook Live, there have been on-going problems with the videos - including poor sound and picture quality.

We are working on finding the best way to bring the service to those who cannot come to the building to participate. For now we plan to video the service and download it to You Tube (go to You Tube and search FPC Smithville). And we will also continue to make it available on www.fpcsmithville.org Watch for more information and thank you for your patience!



November Birthdays:

- 11/07 - Mark Richter
- 11/07 - Shafter Williams
- 11/11 - John Saunders
- 11/14 - Hunter Bell
- 11/18 - Tom Morris
- 11/23 - Esther Schlortt
- 11/25 - Crystal Hernandez
- 11/28 - Tess Gosselink
- 11/28 - Jeri Nell Winslett
- 11/28 - Peggy M. Walicek
- 11/30 - Harleigh Herrington-Altmeyer



November ANNIVERSARY:

11/17 - Harleigh-Herrington-Altmeyer & Dylan Jenkins



November Communion Schedule

Barbara is in charge of Communion for November. She will prepare the communion table, pick up the glasses at the end of the service, wash and put away the service trays. Monica Miller has volunteered to bring the bread and juice for ALL communion services. Thank you, Monica! If you cannot be at church when it is your turn to be in charge of the preparation for communion, please ask one of the other Elders to serve in your place.

NEWS FROM LISA MARESH



We will start (attempt) to begin bell choir on November 12th at 9:00 a.m. Adult choir will continue at 9:30 on Sundays.

There is NO CHOIR on November 6th.

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FOOD PANTRY - October



Remember to bring your donations for the food pantry. There are envelopes if you prefer to give money. Actually, The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Capital Area Food Bank more economically than you can purchase it at the store. NOTE that totals were up in October!

Date	Families Served	Number of Family Members	New Clients
10/05/22	132	338	3
10/12/22	128	292	4
10/19/22	142	355	1
10/26/22	155	382	2
TOTALS – THIS WEEK	557	1367	10
TOTALS Last WEEK	506	1267	3

FROM SUSAN GUEDRY

The Women’s Bible study meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The study this year is Celebrating Sabbath. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 8 at 10:00.

The adult Sunday school class will begin an Advent study on November 6. We will study the classic Christmas novel, “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. The study is “The Redemption of Scrooge” by Matt Rawle. The first three weeks we will watch the movie and follow with the four-week study. Come join us at 10:00 to begin preparing for the Christmas season.

We are in charge of the Born Again Emporium November 7-12. We work Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9-2. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.



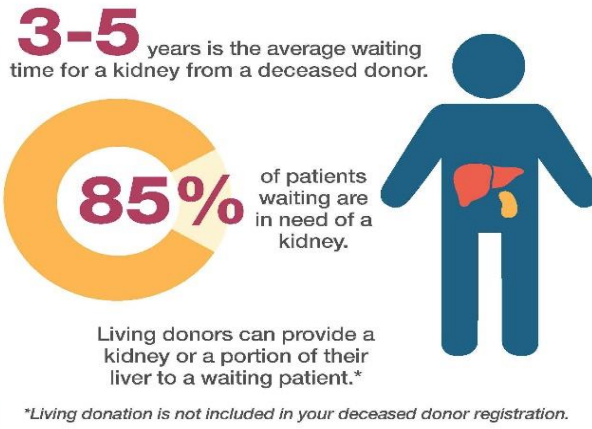
Be a light to those who are waiting

100,000+ people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, and hundreds of thousands more are in need of corneal and tissue transplants.

Deceased Donation



Living Donation



More than **39,000** organ transplants from 18,300 donors gave new life to patients in 2020.

More than **66,000** corneas were provided for sight restoring transplants in 2020.

58,000 tissue donors provide lifesaving and healing tissue for transplant each year.

Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No. Doctors work hard to save the patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is organ donation an option.

Will I be able to have an open casket funeral if I donate?

An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.

Does my religion support organ, eye and tissue donation?

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

National Donor Sabbath Day Is Nov 13, 2022

Does my social or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ?

A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on many factors, including: blood type, body size, how sick they are, distance from donor hospital and time on the list. Race, income, gender, celebrity and social status are never considered.

Why register your decision to be a donor?

You can save up to 8 lives and heal more than 75 people. Your registration also relieves your family of the burden of making the decision at a time of sadness and grief.

What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation?

- 1** Register your decision to be a donor at RegisterMe.org.
- 2** Tell your family and friends about your decision to *Donate Life*.
- 3** Ask others to visit DonateLife.net to learn more and register.

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November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints' Day	2	3	4 World Community Day	5
6 22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Communion Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 Women's Bible Study - 10a.m. <i>Honest Patriotism for Christian Citizens</i> Election Day	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12
13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building National Donor Sabbath Day <i>Hunger and Homelessness Sunday</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Christ the King/Reign of Christ Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building Community Thanksgiving Service at FUMC 6 a.m. <i>Eradicating Systemic Poverty Sunday; Transgender Day of Remembrance</i>	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING DAY 	25	26
27 1 ST Sunday of Advent Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building	28	29 <i>Giving Tuesday</i>	30			