

*Dear Family of Faith,
There is a lot of fear in the world right now. The divisiveness and uncertainty has taken a toll on our world, our country and on each of us. How do we deal with this swirl of confusion, anger and doubt? How do we answer the fear within and around us? We can trust that we are being held firmly in God's hands.*



Here is what God has to say to us...

Don't panic. I'm with you.
There's no need to fear for I'm your God.

I'll give you strength. I'll help you.
I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.
Isaiah 41:10 The Message

The psalmist declares...

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 40:1-3,10-11)

Prayer for Assurance-Almighty God, your reign is bigger than this election or any election. As we travel through the coming weeks and months, give us the assurance of your presence with us. Take away our fear. Help us to be still; to know you are God. Guide us to hear, deep within our hearts that you hold us steady; keeping a firm grip on us, no matter what is happening in the world around us. We thank you for guiding us and guarding us. Even when our faith is small, you uphold us and give us hope and for that we thank you. Amen

We remember and celebrate the life and memory of Ron, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, whose generosity and warmth touched everyone who knew him.

May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

March 4, 1947—October 2, 2024

Ron's pecan pie recipe is on page 7.



We remember and celebrate the life and memory of Buck.

Buck believed in taking care of the people around him. His specialties were hosting gatherings and random phone calls just to check in.

February 26, 1933—October 3, 2024

A Note from the Buck's Family

First Presbyterian Family,

A church is a community of Christians who meet regularly and are committed to each other. You have truly been the arms and feet of Jesus to our family during this time of declining health and death of our dad! We appreciate all the visits, the phone calls, and the abundance of prayers. Then above that you shone your lights very brightly with all the time and energy you supplied during the visitation, funeral, and family luncheon. I am sure that Dixie and Buck are singing your praises to all of Heaven to hear!

In Christ's love,

Beth, Bill, and Cassandra

HOSTING INTERNS FROM UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS

Our church will host two interns from the University of the Ozarks next summer (June and July). They will be joining us in worship and in all of our activities. They will also provide help with the missions of our church. These young people will become a part of our church family while they are here. We will have opportunities to get to know them, and make a difference in their lives, as I'm sure they will make a difference in ours. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months about this exciting opportunity!

Happy Halloween!





Yearning

by Hannah Garrity

Paper lace with graphite & watercolor

In this image, we see one another. Silhouette profiles of faces create a diamond. From all over the world, four faces smile into the middle of the frame. Inside the repeated diamond pattern are hands, architecture, doves, food, clothing, and education symbols to represent faith in action. The faces yearn for and inspire one another to honor God.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate All Saints Day. During the service we will honor and celebrate those who have passed on from this life. We will remember the people who were instrumental in encouraging us in our lives of faith. You will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of the people who pointed you toward God. We pray that their memory will continue to live on in our hearts as we strive to share the love of God with others.



October Report from the Community Care Room

In the month of October, we gave members of our community:

- 5 pairs of shoes
- 34 hygiene packs/individual items
- 71 MREs (Meals Ready to Eat that contain enough nutrition for an adult for one day)
- 12 bags/backpacks
- 47 pairs of pants or shorts and 59 shirts
- 11 blankets, sheets, or other bedding
- 96 pieces of clothing such as socks or underwear
- 177 snack bags
- 4 hats
- 9 jackets or coats

Thank you for giving to this ministry—your donations make a difference!

Session Report

The session met after church on October 27th. They pledged \$500 to the Ferncliff camp expansion project. It was also decided to support the intern program from the University of the Ozarks and are excited that our church will benefit from 2 college students next summer to help with church and community projects. There are several committees in the Presbytery that are understaffed, and Pam has volunteered to serve on one. The next scheduled session meeting will be November 24th after church.

Attendance for October

Oct. 6: 28 Oct. 13: 24 Oct. 20: 23 Oct. 27: 25

Preachers and Scriptures for November

Nov. 3	Rev. Elizabeth	Psalm 139 All Saints Day	1 Corinthians 13:8-13
Nov. 10	Mary Jane	Psalm 146	Mark 12:38-44
Nov. 17	Rev. Shea	Psalm 16	Mark 13:1-8
Nov. 24	Rev. Elizabeth	Psalm 93	John 18:33-37

Announcements

Missing a Dish?

Please check the corner cabinet in the church kitchen (by the large coffee maker) to see if your dish was left behind after a potluck!

Your nominating committee is prayerfully working to discover who God is calling to serve on the session in the next class of elders for 2025-26. Please pray for them as they seek God's guidance.

Our next Hospitality Time will be November 3. We will gather after the worship service in the Hospitality Room to enjoy snacks and a time of visiting together.

November 17 will be our **Community Potluck**. Let's bring a dish or two to share with our church family and our neighbors in our community.

The **Bible Study** Group meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Ladies Circle will meet November 19 at 10:00 am. All the women of the church are invited to participate.

Please consider signing up on the tablet in the west lobby to help clean the church one weekend this month. We can do it if we all pitch in!

The Community Care Room could use donations of new or used shirt, jeans, and coats or jackets for the colder months. Also, we always need bottle water.

Presbytery of Arkansas Honduras Mission Trip, March 15-22, 2025

Mission-minded children/youth age 10+ with a parent or adult, college students, and adults are invited. High physical ability and Spanish-speaking skills are NOT required. Applications are available [online](#) or within this [Honduras Mission Trip Application packet](#) which is also packed with additional info.

Free COVID Tests Available for Order

You can receive free Covid tests by ordering them at covidtests.gov. There is a limit of 4 per household.

Prayer Requests from October

Ami and Summer
Beth
Billie Ann
Bobbie
The B. family
Catherine
Diane
Dianne
Duke
Dylan
Frank
Hannah S. and family
The H. family
Jeannie
Jason
Jessica
Jessica L.
The family of Kathy
Larry
Laura
Lauren
Lynette
Melinda
Michael
The Q. family
Rodney
Rosemary
Toni
The leaders of our city, state,
and nation
Students, teachers, and staff at all
schools
People affected by natural disasters
Peace for those affected by wars

Ron's Pecan Pie Recipe

“Every holiday season, and almost anytime someone asked, Ronald would bake his signature pecan pie—nearly 60 pies each Thanksgiving and Christmas. He called it the Appalachian Pecan Pie, but to us, it's more fitting to simply call it “Quiz Pecan Pie.” This recipe makes two pies, and in true Ron fashion, we ask that you share the second pie with someone else. Ron believed in showing love through the warmth of good food, and we hope his legacy of generosity and loving others through their stomachs will continue with each pie baked.

6 eggs, large or extra large
1½ cups packed brown sugar
1 ½ cups clear syrup
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 ½ tablespoon melted butter

Do not use a mixer (hand stir)

You can be creative with the pecans, be sure they are coated with the mix if you are placing them, if you like. Mix chopped pecans in the mix. The pies don't cut well if you cover them with pecan halves. I dump a handful of chopped in the center and tap them under with fork after I place the halves around the outer edge

Bake at 350° for 50 to 60 minutes, low in the oven.”



Nothing Can Separate
Us From the Love of God
Romans 8:31-39

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*May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out
your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your
heart to love.
And as you leave this place, may you see the face of Christ on
everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face
of Christ on you.*

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