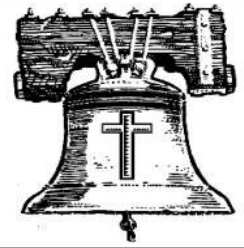


CENTRAL Chimes



Central Presbyterian Church

P E T E R S B U R G , I L L I N O I S

There are **SEVEN** special events, holidays, or church holidays in the month of November.

1. November 1 is All Saints' Day, a day in which we celebrate those who have gone before who were **good examples for us**.
2. November 1 is also the day that Daylight Savings Time ends.
3. November 3, of course, is Election Day, a day in which we vote for the one who will **serve us**.
4. November 11 is Veterans' Day, a day in which we remember those who have **fought for us**.
5. November 22 is Christ the King Sunday, a day in which we remember Christ the king who **died for us**.
6. November 26 we celebrate Thanksgiving and celebrate those blessings that are **given to us**.
7. November 29 begins our Advent season in which we celebrate the anticipation of the birth of the one who has **saved us**.

Hmm.... which one to write about?

I feel as though there is a common thread through all of these special days, and the common thread is the word **US**. Not one or two, five or ten, but **ALL OF US**. You, me, him, her, they, them, black, white, brown. **ALL**.

As Desmond Tutu points out, "*God's dream is that you and I and all of us will realize that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness, and for compassion.*"

No matter how many unique and special days there are in this month, no matter how or where we participate in them, remember we are all in this together. These are days to be celebrated with one another—not in war, but in peace. Not in discrimination, but in acceptance. Not in hate, but in love. I pray this is the month we will come to fully understand.

In love,

Pastor Stephanie



Highlights of Regular Session Meeting, October 15, 2020

- We are continuing with in house Worship Services, with a reminder that we will continue to wear masks and social distance.
- A Congregational Meeting has been set for December 13, 2020, for the purpose of (1) electing Elders and Deacons to begin terms in 2021 and (2) presenting a change to Section 4 of the By-Laws. The suggested change is as follows:
 4. Authority of the Trustees, i.e. the Session: The Session shall after the approval by the Congregation granted at a duly called and constituted meeting (Book of Order, G-4.0101; G-4.0206; G-1.1053) have the power to acquire property, both real and personal, to erect a building or to contract for building improvements to repair and alter the same and to mortgage, encumber, sell or convey any real or personal estate of the corporation and enter into lawful contracts in the name of or on behalf of the corporation provided and as acknowledgement of and because the Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Central Presbyterian Church shall not sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise encumber any of the Church's real property and shall not acquire real property without the written consent of the Presbytery of Great Rivers or its successors or assigns as transmitted by the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church through its Session.
- Checking account balance as of September 30: \$10,277.62.
- Home Communion was delivered to 5 homes, for a total of 10 members being served.
- Pastor Report: Stephanie has participated in the following:
 - 2 Visioning Committee 1-meeting 1-virtual town hall meeting
 - 4 Worship Services
 - "Racism in America" webinar
 - Confirmation Class
 - Online Pastor's Retreat
 - Mission/Outreach Committee Meeting
 - Administration Committee Meeting
 - Worship Committee Meeting
 - Montreat "Rethinking Evangelism" webinar
 - Duke University zoom meeting with Rev. Will Willimon
 - Session Meeting
- We ask that you continue to keep all of our health care providers in your thoughts and prayers.

Committee News

Administrative

Financial

- Treasurer's report was reviewed and we are at a break even for budgeted income. We continue to operate below budget on expenses. Expenses are well below budget by \$11,040.71.
- General, MMF, and Endowment Funds were reviewed. Third quarter Endowment Fund report was reviewed by the committee.
- A request was sent to all committees for 2021 financial needs. 2021 pledges received to date were reviewed.

- A proposed change was approved by the Session for a change to church By-Laws indicating that the Church's real property cannot be sold, purchased or encumbered without written consent of the Presbytery of Great Rivers (a request from Presbytery).

Building

- Fall items were discussed to change over to winter facility needs.

Steve Territo, Jane Stephenson

Administration Committee Co-chairs

Mission/Outreach

Community Outreach: Our outreach to community first responders will continue in the next few weeks with deliveries to the Petersburg Fire Department, Petersburg Rural Fire Department, and the EMS organizations. We will be contacting some members for donations of homemade treats for this "Thank You" to the first responders.

Food Pantry Sunday: Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday! The Menard County Food Pantry, housed in our church building, is closed until November 18, except for emergencies. The pop-up food pantry outside County Market is currently the only food pantry open in Petersburg. A basket is in the narthex to receive donations each week. After church, we deliver the donated items to the pantry. If you shop at County Market, they will make it very easy for you to donate items – just pay for the items and the County Market staff will deliver them to the pantry.

COATS: The COATS program will be different this year, with the shopping delayed. However, donations will be accepted in November, as in the past. Just mark an envelope "COATS" and put it in the offering plate in the narthex. Extra envelopes will be available.

Facebook Prayer Chain: This continues to be used regularly. Since we are not sharing prayer requests during our live-streamed worship services due to privacy concerns, this private group is a great way to share our prayer concerns & requests through the week. Thanks to Pastor Stephanie for setting this up. If you would like to be included in the Facebook group, please let Pastor Stephanie know. Prayer requests are still being sent weekly to the full church email list from the church office.

Reading Rocks: The start of the program is currently on hold due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns. This wonderful outreach program helps students who struggle with reading and other learning. Sue Carlson and Adam Power are leading the effort. A popcorn fundraiser is ongoing with details available on the church website and Reading Rocks Facebook page. In addition, Adam is planning a concert in December, with a freewill offering to benefit Reading Rocks. Performances will be given at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. by Adam and the organist at the church Adam works for in Jacksonville. We can all help by spreading the word about this program. Also, donations of puzzles and books suitable for reading levels up to about 6th grade are welcome. You can purchase supplies through the Reading Rocks page on our church website, or you can designate a gift to the church for Reading Rocks.

To offer help to the community during the COVID-19 crisis, the button on the church website is still active for anyone to ask for assistance with errands, masks, etc.

We are exploring a "Birthday Party in a Box" mission. Details need to be worked out, but we will assemble packages with a cake mix, frosting, party hats and other birthday party essentials. The packages could be distributed through the housing authority to help under-privileged children have a birthday party.

Patrik Claussen, Jan Costello

Mission/Outreach Committee Co-chairs

Worship

Liturgists: We are once again using Liturgists for Sunday worship. We realize that not all who volunteered a year ago feel comfortable doing so now. Please notify the church office or me if you are willing to serve in the capacity sometime in the coming months. The Liturgy will be emailed to volunteers and a copy will be available outside the church office, as in the past.

“Special Moment”: We need people to present for “Special Moment” during worship. It does not have to be music. A hymn can be read, or a favorite scripture shared, or a story you find important or funny presented. Keep it simple, and share your talent and your inspiration with us all. Please call 217-414-9302 or email me at dado93047@yahoo.com to schedule a Sunday that works for you. Thank you!

Rich Ford
Worship Committee Chair

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1, 2020

***Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed Saturday, October 31!
Daylight savings time ends on November 1 at 2 a.m.***



Pastor's Hours Have Changed

Friends:

I have taken a part-time position with the Williamsville State Bank, two days a week, starting November 2, 2020. Therefore, my office hours with the church will change. New office hours will be:

Monday & Tuesday	OFF
Wednesday thru Sunday	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support,

Pastor Stephanie

Pledge Card Reminder

Your pledges to the General and Major Maintenance Funds are vital in the budgeting process for 2021. The General Fund is used for monthly expenses. The Major Maintenance Fund covers the costs of building needs (such as the repairs and upgrades of the heating & cooling systems) without relying on the General Fund. The Time & Talent Survey card is also needed at this time for planning next year's worship schedule, committees, and events.

Please return these cards no later than Sunday, November 8. Cards may be dropped off in the office, placed in the Admin. Asst. mailbox outside the office, mailed to the church (210 W. Douglas St.), or dropped in the offering plate next Sunday. The Administration Committee will be meeting November 12 and will start to work on the budget process, so early submissions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your faithfulness in making a pledge to our church.



... for Sharing!

Many, many thanks to all of the members and friends of the congregation who have been participating in the *Special Moments* part of the Sunday morning worship service these past several weeks! If you wish to participate, please call Rich Ford at 217-414-9302. We look forward to and appreciate the varied talents shared in this special time of Worship.

A "Thank You" card has been received from Sheriff Mark A. Oller and the Menard County Sheriff's Office thanking us for all the wonderful treats and prayers recently sent their way. They were much appreciated!

Food Pantry Sunday

November 15, 2020 is *Food Pantry Sunday*. Starting November 18, the Food Pantry will be open one day a week: Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. People interested in obtaining food will need to call Community Services at 217-632-4412 and speak with Dara Worthington to get a referral to the Pantry. Further instructions will be given at that time as to how and when you can pick up food items.

Church Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

The Church office will be closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. Please call Stephanie or your Deacon if you have an emergency.

Diaper Bank Needs

The Diaper Bank, located at the Menard County Housing office, 101 W. Sheridan Rd., Petersburg, IL 62675 is in need of baby wipes for the month of November. Menard County Housing office is not currently open to the public, however, if there is a need regarding diapers or diaper supplies, you can call the office at 217-632-7723. And, of course, they are always accepting monetary donations as well.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles for the December 2020 *Chimes* submitted to the church office by **Friday, November 20**. A Microsoft Word file attached to an email is the preferred method of submission. Our email address is centralpreschurch@sbcglobal.net.

Reminder

Please include the Church Office in your scheduling/changing of meetings and events. This allows for keeping the church office calendar up to date. Please email or call the office with calendar updates.



Reading Rocks Report

NOVEMBER 2020

Program Update

We are finalizing plans to reopen in January! Families of students who signed up in the Fall will be contacted soon. Our main room has been overhauled and looks great. If you are in the church, please stop upstairs and take a look. Currently we have 7 kids signed up ranging from 2nd-8th grade.

We need your help on getting the word out about this program! Please pass our info on to parents of students in Menard County. This program has a capacity of 24 students. Adam will be working with the administration with the PORTA and Greenview School Districts to team up with their Title 1 Family Coordinator and Teen Mentoring Sponsor. This in no way means that this program is a direct affiliate of the PORTA School District and does not follow the same curriculum. Our goal is to help as many students in Menard County as possible achieve success.

Each student receives an individualized plan to help him or her obtain success. To register, please call Susan Carlson at 217-836-7519.

Popcorn Fundraiser

During this time of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for the support that several congregation and community members are showing this program. We are still about \$2,000 short of our start-up goal for January. We are selling homemade popcorn now thru Christmas. All of the money raised will go into our operating budget for the program. Our operating budget provides additional resources for students based on their individual needs.

Our popcorn is popped in-house, and you can place orders at: www.centrapres.org/shop or fill out an order form and put it in the Reading Rocks mailbox. You will receive an email (if ordered online), or phone call (if ordered on a form) when your order is ready to be picked up. Please pass this around the community. This is an easy way to help our students right here in Menard County.

Did You Know?

It costs approximately \$600 to tutor a child for one year!

How Can You Help?

Below are some gift card ideas for our program:

Amazon

Barnes & Noble

Lakeshore Learning

Sam's Club

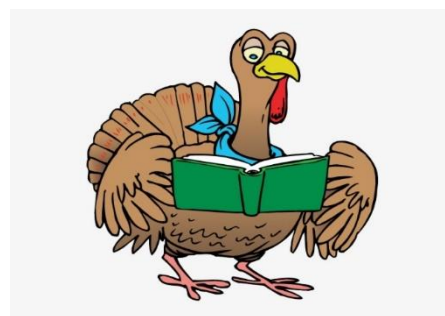
Staples

VISA Gift Cards

This program cannot exist without the help of our community. Our program runs on donations and grants, and we count on a steady stream of income to stay afloat.

November Featured Flavor

RED CINNAMON



Teachers Needed

We are still in need of volunteer teachers to help with our students for 90 minutes, twice per week. Teachers may choose their desired age group, number of students, and days they want to work.

THANK YOU

Jan Costello
Shelley Hutchinson
Betsy Winkelmann
Anna Stevens

Bob and Ruth Ann Sampson
Will and Harriet Carter
Petefish, Skiles & Co. Bank
Alliance Community Bank



AND, OF COURSE, EVERYONE THAT HAS ORDERED POPCORN SO FAR!



From Your Parish Nurse

Harvard Health Letter Published: September, 2020

COVID-19 or something else?

Learn how COVID-19 symptoms compare to other illnesses, and when you should call the doctor.

Before 2020, you might not have worried much about a tickle in your throat or a little tightness in your chest. But that's changed. Now even slight signs of a respiratory bug might make you wonder if it's the start of COVID-19, the illness that has become a pandemic.

How do you distinguish one illness from another? It's complicated. "Many of the symptoms overlap. For example, it's very hard for me clinically, as a physician, to be able to look at someone and say it's COVID-19 or it's influenza," says Dr. Ashish Jha, former director of the Harvard Global Health Institute and now dean of the Brown University School of Public Health.



Don't jump to conclusions if you start to feel sick. Learn the hallmarks of common illnesses and how they differ from COVID-19, so you can take the appropriate action.

COVID-19

COVID-19 is an extremely contagious respiratory illness caused by a type of virus (a coronavirus) called SARS-CoV-2. It's a cousin of the common cold, but its potential consequences are far more serious: hospitalization, lasting complications, and death.

Hallmarks: Loss of taste and smell (in the absence of nasal congestion), fever, cough, shortness of breath, and muscle aches.

Other potential symptoms: Sore throat, diarrhea, congestion, runny nose, chills, shivering, headache, fatigue, and loss of appetite.

Note: Some infected people don't have any symptoms of COVID-19, but they're still contagious.

Influenza

Influenza (flu) is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by the influenza A, B, or C virus. The U.S. flu season typically lasts from October to March, but flu is present year-round.

Hallmarks: Fever, muscle aches, and cough.

Other potential symptoms: Sore throat, diarrhea, congestion, runny nose, chills, shivering, headache, fatigue, loss of appetite.

Different from COVID-19: Flu usually does not cause shortness of breath.

Common cold

The common cold (viral rhinitis) is an upper respiratory infection that can be caused by any of hundreds of different viruses (including coronaviruses or rhinoviruses). It's usually mild and resolves within a week.

Hallmarks: Congestion, runny nose, cough, and sore throat.

Other potential symptoms: Fever, muscle aches, and fatigue.

Different from COVID-19: A cold does not cause shortness of breath, body aches, chills, or loss of appetite, and it usually doesn't cause fever.

Seasonal allergies

A seasonal allergy isn't a virus; it's caused when the immune system responds to a harmless non-human substance, like tree pollen, as if it were a dangerous threat. Allergies are typically seasonal, lasting for weeks or months, depending on the allergen in the air (mold is the common allergen in the fall and winter).

Hallmarks: Runny nose, itchy eyes, sneezing, congestion.

Other potential symptoms: Loss of smell from congestion.

Different from COVID-19: Allergies do not cause fevers, coughing, shortness of breath, muscle aches, sore throat, diarrhea, chills, headaches, fatigue, or loss of appetite.

Asthma

Asthma is a chronic lung condition caused by inflammation in the air passages. Airways narrow and make it harder to breathe, which can cause concern that it might be COVID-19.

"Asthma can be triggered by a cold or influenza, but it's a separate condition," Dr. Jha says.

Hallmarks: Wheezing (a whistling sound as air is forcibly expelled), difficulty breathing, chest tightness, and a persistent cough.

Other potential symptoms: A severe asthma attack can cause sudden, extreme shortness of breath; chest tightness; a rapid pulse; sweating; and bluish discoloration of the lips and fingernails.

Different from COVID-19: Asthma does not cause a fever, muscle aches, sore throat, diarrhea, congestion, loss of taste or smell, runny nose, chills, shivering, headache, fatigue, or loss of appetite.

What you should do

Don't be a hero and try to tough out an illness. Call your doctor to report any concerning symptoms, especially those of COVID-19 or flu; you may need a test and treatment.

"It's a different era from when you didn't want to bother your doctor," Dr. Jha says. "Don't deny yourself care. Your doctor would never want that. And the earlier you call, the sooner you can be treated if you need it."

Cheeseburger Soup

Image: © Dave & Les Jacobs/Getty Images

Total Time Prep: 45 min. Cook: 10 min.

Makes 8 servings (2 quarts)



Ingredients

- 1/2-pound ground beef
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 3/4 cup diced celery
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1-3/4 pounds (about 4 cups) cubed peeled potatoes
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 to 4 cups shredded Velveeta
- 1-1/2 cups whole milk
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream

Directions

- In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook and crumble beef until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In same saucepan, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Saute onion, carrots, celery, basil and parsley until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Add potatoes, ground beef and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-12 minutes.
- Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Add flour; cook and stir until bubbly, 3-5 minutes. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Stir in cheese, milk, salt and pepper; cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat; blend in sour cream.

Cheeseburger Soup Tips

What can I substitute for the Velveeta and ground beef?

Any low melting-point cheeses, such as Swiss and cheddar, can be substituted for the Velveeta. Or for a kick, use pepper jack. If you're looking to cut some fat from this soup, replace the ground beef with ground sirloin, round or turkey.

How do you store cheeseburger soup? Can I freeze it?

You can [store soup](#) by letting it cool completely and placing it in a tightly covered container in the refrigerator for up to 4 days. Soups with starches and dairy (like cheeseburger soup) are not ideal for freezing.

Can I add bacon?

Yes, you can always add bacon. Top bowls with crumbled cooked bacon for a bacon-cheeseburger twist.

Nutrition Facts

1 cup: 450 calories, 27g fat (15g saturated fat), 100mg cholesterol, 1421mg sodium, 33g carbohydrate (8g sugars, 3g fiber), 19g protein.

Loving the Stranger

*Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt
Leviticus 19:34 (Read Leviticus 19:33-37)*

When I moved to a new country, one of my first experiences left me feeling unwelcome. After finding a seat in the little church where my husband was preaching that day, a gruff older

gentleman startled me when he said, "Move along down." His wife apologized as she explained that I was sitting in the pew they always occupied. Years later I learned that congregations used to rent out pews, which raised money for the church and also ensured no one could take another person's seat. Apparently some of that mentality carried on through the decades.

Later, I reflected on how God instructed the Israelites to welcome foreigners, in contrast to cultural practices such as I encountered. In setting out the laws that would allow His people to flourish, He reminded them to welcome foreigners because they themselves were once foreigners (Leviticus 19:34). Not only were they to treat strangers with kindness (v. 33), but they were also to "love them as [themselves]" (v. 34). God had rescued them from oppression in Egypt, giving them a home in a land "flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:17). He expected His people to love others who also made their home there.

As you encounter strangers in your midst, ask God to reveal any cultural practices that might keep you from sharing His love with them.

By Amy Boucher Pye

REFLECT & PRAY

Father God, You welcome me with open arms, for You love me day after day. Give me Your love to share with others.

Why is it so important that we welcome people into our homes and churches?
What do you find most challenging and most rewarding in this?



Members:

Mary Ella Allen
Sue Carlson
Barb Churchill
Rich Ford

Delores (Dee) Free
Jo Ann Morris
Ken Morris
Sherri Roberts

Ron Sanert
Jim Satorius
Marilyn Schafer
Janet Scheina

Steve Territo

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Michele Baker (C. Long's friend)
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Family of Carroll Cline
Greg Grogan (C. Long's brother)
Mike Hance (husband of Kristi Hance; PES teacher)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)
Family of Fred Marks (S. Carlson's father)

Fred Pike (M./ P. Montgomery's friend)
Family of Wanda Perkins (L. Claussen's mother)
Andrew Raes (R. Plaeger's cousin)
Karyn Sampson (Bob/Ruth's daughter-in-law)
Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)
Cindy Thomas (R. Ford's niece)
Carol White (J. Morris' friend)

Please pray for all we know who are homebound, residing in care facilities, serving in the military or who are away from their family and friends.

In Our Communities and In Our World:

All who are affected by COVID-19

Pray for racial equality

Peace between nation neighbors

Displaced peoples in the World

Victims of gun violence

Families at our southern borders

Healthcare Professionals

Members:

Alyssa Canady, Sherman Assisted Living

Jan Costello, Memorial Hospice

Kristina Hutton, Memorial

Vicki Johnson, Memorial

Sarah Mies, Central Baptist Village, Park Ridge, IL

Bill Montgomery, Memorial Healthcare System

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Blair Rowe, St. John's

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Rita Jay, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL (L. William's friend)

Kyle Johnson, Springfield Clinic (V. Johnson's son)

Morgan Ricketts, Tacoma, WA (R. Plaeger's niece)

Robyn Roberts, Public Health, NYC (Matt Roberts' wife)

Valerie Scheina, Springfield Clinic (J. Scheina's daughter in law)

Patty Smith, Nurse in Moscow, ID (E.L. Denton's niece)

Connie Sorenson, Gateway Regional (L. William's friend)

Becca Stark, Interventional Radiology, UC Hlth, Aurora, CO (Ruth's daughter)

Kaylee Territo, St. Louis (Steve & Julia's daughter-in-law)

Alyssa Tucker, St. John's (Pastor Stephanie's friend)

Emily Zimmerman, Memorial (L. William's friend)

Memorial Hospice teammates & neighbors who are working on the frontlines

Educational Field

Members:

Hannah Kyes, PORTA Elementary

Adam Powers, Substitute Teacher

Laurelyn Roberts, St. Louis School System

Julia Territo, PORTA Central Office

Stephanie Wankel, PORTA Elementary

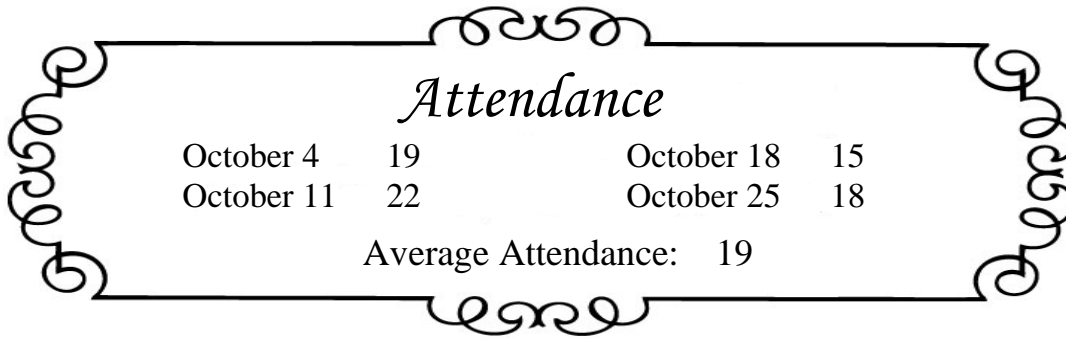
Lisa Willhite, PORTA High School

Friends of the Congregation

Mark Goeringer, Springfield Dist. #186



During our time of social distancing, we desire to keep those in prayer who are in need. Please keep Pastor Stephanie informed of members or friends that need to be placed on our prayer list by sending an email to pastorcentralpres@gmail.com or to the office.



Nonagenarian

November 18 Laura Morrison, Havana Healthcare, 609 N. Harpham St., Havana, IL 62644

Octogenarian

November 25 Judith Stahl, 2532 Estero Blvd., #202, Ft. Myers, FL 33931

Happy Birthday

November 1 Cindy Godbey	November 14 Lauren Johnson
November 1 Vicki Johnson	November 15 Jacob Gerdes
November 3 James Kveton	November 16 James Satorius
November 4 Sadie Jane Groh	November 16 Adam Power
November 5 Sherrilyn Roberts	November 17 Rodney Davis
November 8 Bill Montgomery	November 23 Robert Winkelmann
November 9 Brian Satorius	November 26 Janene Tice



November 21	Bob & Ruth Ann Sampson
November 27	Robert & Betsy Winkelmann
November 28	Lloyd & Marilyn Schafer



Liturgist / Special Moment

Sunday, November 1	Cindy Godbey
Sunday, November 8	Patrik Claussen/Rich Ford
Sunday, November 15	Ellie Westervelt
Sunday, November 22	Libby Westervelt
Sunday, November 29	Tom Westervelt