

the SPIRE

November 2024

First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills





From the Pastor's Desk

“Thankful Hearts / Generous Hearts”

But finally the craftsmen left their work to meet with Moses. “We have more than enough materials on hand now to complete the job the Lord has given us to do.” (Exodus 35:4f)

The number of times the ancient people of Israel came to the Lord bringing their valuables to assist in the building or repair of the temple is intriguing to me. Often times, these moments of generosity followed times of captivity. After the Lord freed the people from their bondage, they responded with thanksgiving and generosity. Other times, the people had incredibly good fortune with crops and/or herds, and they responded with thanksgiving and generosity. Sometimes the temple was in bad disrepair and the people responded with thanksgiving and generosity.

Read those verses again: *“But finally the craftsmen left their work to meet with Moses. ‘We have more than enough materials on hand now to complete the job the Lord has given us to do.’”* The craftsmen tell Moses they have more than enough. The people had been *too* generous. In the next verses, Moses tells the people to stop bringing their gifts to the Lord. Imagine your stewardship committee saying, “We’re all good! We don’t need any more.” Thankful hearts lead to generous hearts. American culture moves rather quickly from Halloween to Christmas. The latter is the favorite holiday in the USA and the former is the second most favorite. Decorations switch from jack-o-lanterns, skeletons and monsters to Christmas trees, holiday lights and ornaments in a matter of days. The extremes between these two holidays is not lost on me.

Sandwiched between these two favorite holidays is a favorite of mine: Thanksgiving Day. Initiated by George Washington in 1789, the fourth Thursday of November was set aside as a day for all Americans to render unto Almighty God “sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection... and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war – for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed.”

Thanksgiving Day is a time for us to render unto Almighty God humble thanks! What are you thankful for this year? How has God blessed you? protected you? filled your life with good things? Take time to meditate on all the good in your life.

Perhaps, even write down your blessings. And then offer prayers of thanksgiving to God. The psalmist encourages us to *“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love (hesed) endures forever.”* (Ps. 136:1)

On November 24th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, we’ll have opportunities in our two worship services for people to come forward and offer thanks to God. These offerings are meant to bless the Lord. Psalm 103 begins with the phrase, *“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.”* How often do we think of ourselves blessing God? We often pray for God to bless us, but how often do we seek to bless Him? I am convinced when we praise God – when we offer thanksgiving to Him – we bless Him. To put it simply, we bring a smile to our Heavenly Father’s face. And one of the byproducts of us blessing the Lord is that we bless our sisters and brothers in Christ, as well! The great irony of it all is that when we bless the Lord and we bless our sisters and brothers, we are in turn blessed! In fact, rather than asking God to bless us, perhaps we should seek to bless God, and then we’ll experience all the blessings we are asking for.

In the past few weeks, several members of our congregation have responded to the current needs of our church with large donations. One of our members has donated \$100,000 to go toward the needed HVAC unit in the sanctuary with two more installments planned for in the next two years. Another member gave \$30,000 to be used wherever the church needed it most. What warmed my heart was the joy with which these individuals have generously given. Like the ancient Israelites, they have given out of a sense of gratitude for God’s presence in their lives, for the strong friendships they have in this church family, and from thankful and generous hearts.

I encourage you to participate in worship on Sunday, November 24th, and offer words of thanksgiving to God for the good things He has done. I also encourage you to allow your thankful heart to become a generous heart. Offer gifts to the Lord that will support the outstanding ministries that this church provides, and to help update and make the needed repairs to this beautiful property we have dedicated to God’s work.

I remain yours in Christ’s Love and Service,

Pastor Lance

Guest Speaker, November 17



On Sunday, November 17, 2024, we'll have a guest speaker named Donnette Alexander-Jeffers. Donnette worked with me at my last church. She started as the Director of Youth Ministry, and then transitioned to serve as Church Administrator. While she was on staff, she was enrolled in the MDiv program at Fuller Theological Seminary under care of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos. Donnette has a story to tell. She'll be coming with her husband, Ian, who is an incredible singer and will be sharing his gift of music with us. Ian & Donnette have an elementary-aged daughter named Blessing. Sofia & I love this family. I'm sure you will, too. I hope you can be here to welcome them.

New Members



Sophia Johnson is originally from Memphis, Tennessee. She loves her family, loves to cook and loves to sing and dance. She has recently joined the church choir.



Casey Henricks is from Edmond, Oklahoma. She is married to Jace and has two children, Keeley and Jane. She enjoys arts, crafts and volunteering at her kids' schools.



Matthew Nelson is from Pacoima, California. He has been attending church here at First Presbyterian since he was a teenager. He like sports, reading the Bible and is interested in Young Adults Bible study.



Jace Henricks is from Oklahoma. He is married to Casey and has two children, Keeley and Jane. He enjoys camping, and backpacking.



Rev. James Nkumbuyimana is from Kampala, Uganda. He was ordained as a priest in a Uganda Anglican Church. He enjoys hymns.



Cynthia "Cindy" Ziegelmeyer is from Newhall. She enjoys crafts, gardening, interior design and embroidery.

See's Candy Fundraiser

Taking orders on the patio between services every Sunday in November and December 1.
Candy will be ready for pick up on December 8.

Hanging of the Greens

November 30 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Come help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent!

Adopt a Family

The time is now! Be a part of our Adopt-a-Family program! The Deacons are sponsoring our annual drive to provide Christmas gifts for needy families in the San Fernando Valley. We identify struggling families through local schools, and need your help in making their Christmas brighter. Consider adopting a family, an individual child, or join with others in your group or Bible Study. Cash donations and gift cards to Target or Walmart are also needed to make sure that no one is left without gifts. Deacons will be on the patio between services. Stop by for more information, and to sign up. All gifts and donations must be received no later than Sunday, December 8th. Deacons are looking for some Spanish-speaking adults to help us communicate with the adopted families on Saturday, December 14th. This is the day gifts will be picked up at Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Mary Lou Pennington (bopsbest1@gmail.com). It's the perfect time to spread some kindness and cheer!

College Care Packages

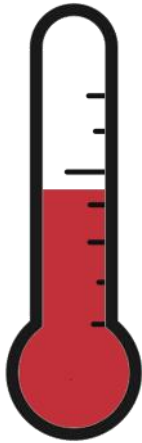
Have a College Student away from home? First Pres. wants to reach out with a care package to remind them of the support and well wishes our congregation extends to them even while they're away. Wherever they are, physically, or spiritually, they have a church family that wants to pray for their peace, success and well-being. We will be sending a variety of snacks, treats, etc. along with a personal notes from Pastor Lance, letting them know that they're always welcome and wanted here. Please reach out to the Church Office this week with your student's name, college mailing address if you would like to include your student.

Blue Christmas

Save the date for Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm.



Stewardship



Goal of \$800,000!

Our current pledges are at
\$359,150

Ways to submit your
2025 pledge commitment:

1. Online at fpcgh.org/pledge
2. Mail in a pledge card to the church office
3. Call the church office
4. Drop off a pledge card at the church office
5. Use the QR code:



Finance

QR Code

We have made online giving, per capita payments, and Special Event payments even easier! Just scan the QR code with your smart phone. Once scanned, your browser will be directed to our online giving page.



QR Code for the Giving Page



QR Code for the App

2024 Per Capita

Every year our budget includes money to cover our congregation's share of the administrative costs of being a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). An individual congregant's share is calculated on its total membership. This is called "Per Capita." This year the per capita is \$37.18 per member, or \$74.36 per couple. There is a blue Per Capita offering envelope located in your box of offering envelopes. The Per Capita assessment covers overhead cost of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. You can also make your Per Capita payment through our web page utilizing the Online Giving feature at www.fpcgh.org/donate or use the QR code.

Children's Ministry

Save the Date
December 7, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

ANGEL BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 9:30-11:30AM

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN AGE CHILDREN
PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST,
THE TELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY,
AND CREATE AN ANGEL CRAFT.

\$10 PER CHILD WITH PARENTS.
\$5 PER CHILD AFTER THE FIRST.
MAX \$20 PER FAMILY.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRANADA HILLS
10400 ZELZAH AVE. NORTHRIDGE, CA 91326
818.360.1831
REGISTRATION: FPCGH.ORG/CHILDRENS

Save the Date
December 14, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

KIDS GIFT WORKSHOP:
DECEMBER 14TH 9-12
\$30 PER CHILD (PRE-REGISTER TODAY)
1ST - 5TH GRADERS

THE SEASON FOR GIVING IS EXCITING FOR CHILDREN. COME TO OUR GIFT WORKSHOP!

CHILDREN WILL CREATE AND WRAP 5 SECRET GIFTS!

REGISTRATION: FPCGH.ORG/CHILDRENS

Sunday School Teachers Wanted:
1 Sunday a month!
Preschool, K-2, or 3-5th graders.
Contact Michelle Ventimiglia
at michellevee@earthlink.net.

Youth Ministry

Greetings!

FPCGH's Youth Ministries is bursting with activity! Last month, we had our Halloween party, and while there were a few hiccups with parking and windy weather, we all had a blast carving pumpkins, searching with flashlights on a scavenger hunt (big thanks to Lee Nelson for creating it!), and playing the ever-popular game, MAFIA.

In October, we celebrated birthdays for Ellie & Tommy Skouros and Ellie Ward!

For the majority of November, we will be studying the Book of James, using our six-week series entitled "Vivid" from youthministry360.

OUR NEXT BIG EVENT is THE PANCAKES AND PICS WITH SANTA FUNDRAISER!!

On November 30 at 8:00 am!

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE!!!

\$10.00 ticket includes unlimited pancakes, 2 sausages (will have veggie option) and a picture with Santa!

The whole event will take place between 7:00am – 1:30pm (probably not even that late).

The actual fundraiser will take place from 8:00am-10:00am.

Students can volunteer for *part* of the fundraiser or for *all of it*.

We will need a few adults to help out, as well (2 more cooks & 2 ticket takers/sellers).

We are asking volunteers to bring in orange juice and maple syrup (if possible). If you can help with that, please let Maggie know as soon as possible.

I can/will be signing off community service hours for students.

Includes *Pictures with Santa* on the stage in Lee Hall (taken with patrons' cell phone)! Tell

everyone you know to skip the mall (\$60.00 for a picture with Santa at Topanga Mall!) and come to First Pres, instead!

If you're able/willing to volunteer to help with the pancake fundraiser, please let Maggie know at maggie@fpcgh.org

We **highly** encourage students to help out with the Fundraiser, as it directly affects Youth Ministries – **all the money goes toward providing scholarships for students for our events**. It's a volunteer opportunity that literally pays off! And we want our students to OWN their youth group!

Looking Ahead:

November 3: Caroline Norton's Birthday

Thursday, December 19 @ 6:00pm: ONC Christmas Party

(looking forward to playing the "Worst Family Christmas card photo" game!...)

Date TBD: Cookie Baking for Christmas concert reception (service opp)

Sunday, December 22 @ 12:15pm-afternoon: Christmas caroling with fellow church members

Our Mission

The mission of One in Christ is simple: to bring students to Christ. We want to help them develop a "sticky faith" that will last a lifetime. That said, accepting students where they are in their faith is important to us. Whether a student grew up in the church or doesn't believe at all, our goal is not to push but discover the transforming power of Jesus Christ together, and to watch in amazement as the Holy Spirit moves.

If you have any questions, thoughts or ideas regarding youth ministry, please email Maggie Benjamin, Director of Youth Ministry, for more information at youthministry@fpcgh.org or call at 818.360.1831, Ext. 103.

*Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving,
from all of us at Youth Ministries!*

GPS

Fundraiser on November 20 at 11:00 am to 9:00 pm at The Stand for Granada Preparatory School

COMMITTED To COMMUNITY

JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER FOR
GRANADA PREPARATORY SCHOOL

20% OF YOUR FOOD AND BEVERAGE PURCHASE WILL SUPPORT THIS CAUSE

NOVEMBER 20TH 11AM-9PM
THE STAND - NORTHRIDGE
19600 PLUMMER ST, NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324

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CBS

Community Bible Study for High School Students on Thursdays at 3:45 pm

A PLACE TO FIND COMMUNITY

WHEN — Thursdays, 3:45-5:00pm
WHO — All High School Students
WHAT — Study the **Book of Matthew**
WHERE — First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills
10400 ZELZAH AVE.
PORTER RANCH, CA 91326

HOW TO SIGN UP

Go to the link or tap and hold the QR code
bit.ly/cbsgranadahills

Select "Chatsworth CA- Next Gen Remote Granada Hills"

Follow steps to complete registration

SEE YOU ON THURSDAYS!

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts WANTED! New Dens forming in Kindergarten and First Grade! All ages and grades k-5th are welcome to join in as well!! We will be having grade level Den Meetings on November 4th & 18th, starting at 6:30 (K & 1st meet only on the 4th). Our monthly Hike will be with the Audubon Society, at the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve starting at 9AM, and while we don't meet on November 11th,

Scouts and families are invited to a Veteran's Day outing at 4:30PM on November 11th for a "scavenger hunt" tour of the Veteran's Memorial Park at Chatsworth and Zelzah, followed by a treat at Menchie's! Please contact Lauri Sherbon, Cubmaster for more information about joining Cub Scouts at 818.631.6070 or Lsherbon@socal.rr.com!

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry is excitedly preparing for Christmas! This season brings wonderful opportunities with the Christmas Choir, Kids Chorus, and new Handbell efforts. We invite you to be a part of our vibrant offerings as we celebrate together.

Christmas Choir – Our choir members have been enthusiastically inviting friends and family to join this year, so you may have heard from one of us already! We're opening our doors to singers from all backgrounds, no matter where they usually worship. Our first rehearsal is Thursday, November 7th, from 7-8 PM. No auditions are necessary—just come and sing with us!

Kids Chorus – This year, the Kids Chorus will open and close our Christmas Concert, offering a fantastic way for your little ones to engage in church life and the performing arts! Sophia, our dedicated Kids Chorus Director, teaches not only the music but also the joy of praising every day.

Handbells – The Handbell Choir is flourishing! We're thrilled to see so much interest in bell-ringing. If you'd like to join, now is the perfect time! The Christmas Concert will include an opportunity to try ringing without any commitment, so don't hesitate to reach out.

Youth Music Ministry – Youth Sunday was a beautiful success, and I'm so grateful to Percy Quinn, our Youth Ministry Worship Leader, for his incredible preparation. We're continuing to enhance our worship practices and audio setup in Fellowship Hall. If you're interested in getting involved, please connect with me or Percy!

Praise Chorus – We're launching a new Praise Chorus to sing backup vocals with the 11th-Hour Band! Several youth and adults have expressed interest, and we'd love for you to join. This group will be low-stress and low-commitment—just practice the songs at home and join us on Sunday mornings!

Christmas Concert! – The Christmas Choir isn't the only way to contribute to our concert. We need helpers for a magnificent Handbell moment at the beginning of the event. This involves taking one or two bells to your seat and ringing them during the concert. If you'd like to help create this memorable moment, please let me know!

We hope you'll join us in these exciting ways as we approach the Christmas season. Adding a little extra time to make a Joyful Noise to God each week is a true blessing, and sharing that joy with our church family on Sunday mornings is incredibly rewarding. We would love for you to join in the song!

Dr. W. Aaron Rice



Women's Retreat

GOD'S BEST PLAN

unexpected



NOVEMBER 22, 23, AND 24

SPEAKER, JOURDAN TURNER CORNELL

HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT CENTER ENCINO, CA

\$280 per person double occupancy

\$340 single occupancy

\$110 Saturday only (includes 3 meals)

Sign ups are now open!

MomCo

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is now called The MomCo (The Mom Community), and meets every other Tuesday at 9:30 am, reservations are required for childcare. The new name was carefully chosen to be inclusive of all moms. We recognize that we had outgrown our name, and were unintentionally excluding moms with the term. We serve pregnant moms to mothers of preschool-aged children. Our ministry's purpose remains the same. Visit our website for more information or contact

MomCoGranadaHills@gmail.com regarding membership.

All Church Retreat— Save the Date

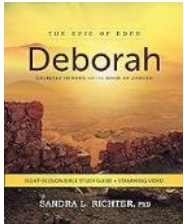
May 24, 2025 at FPCGH with guest speaker, Rev. Stephen Robertson

"Becoming a Blessing Church" by N. Graham Standish, on how congregations can focus on spiritual purpose, presence and power.

Bible Studies

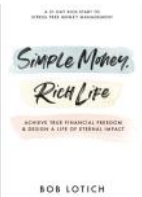
Co-ed multi-generational Sunday morning Bible study from 10:30-11:30 am in the church library. Our first topic of study will be a six week video study on MLK Jr. For additional information or if you are interested in checking us out without any commitment, please contact Erik Brannon at 310.806.0284 or email him at: brannon@apollointeractive.com (Please include Bible Study in the subject line.)

Co-ed multi-generational Sunday morning Bible study from 10:30-11:45 two Sundays a month. Our first study will be on the book of Judges. This video study, authored by the extraordinary Old Testament professor Dr. Sandra Richter from Westmont College, provides an excellent study about the judge Deborah, who is a wife and mother in an entirely patriarchal world, yet due to her integrity and courage, she transforms chaos into order, and leads Israel in one of the most pivotal victories of the settlement period. For additional information or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Sue O'Connor at: taffie1@verizon.net (Space is limited.)



Women's Sunday morning from 10:30-11:30 am in North Lounge. We meet to discuss the sermon, and how it applies to our lives today. For additional information or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Cindi Treloar at 661.618.7652 or email her at: cindi6906@gmail.com.

Young adults and young married (18+) Bible study two Sundays a month from 4:00-6:00 pm. We will be diving into the book entitled, "Simple Money, Rich Life: Achieve a Life of Eternal Impact" by Bob Lotich. The author invites his readers to join him on a journey to true financial freedom as he shares his best tactics, strategies, inspirational stories, and Biblical wisdom. For additional information, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Diane Uhri Vashchenko at 818.261.0112 or email her at: dnuhri80@gmail.com.



Men's Monday night Bible study at 7:00 pm meets in the Church Library. We watch a video and provide an opportunity for discussion afterwards. There is no age limit. For additional information, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Rick Spence at 818.419.7780 or email him at: rjspence1@msn.com.

Co-ed Wednesday evening Bible study at 6:00 pm. We have started a new series "Taste and See" by Margaret Feinberg. For additional information or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Carol Morain at: Carolcraze@aol.com.

Men's Thursday morning Bible study at 7:00 am in the Church Library. We will begin a new study on the exciting book of Acts. For additional information or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Gary Ventimiglia at: harvestgv@earthlink.net.

Women's Thursday morning Bible study from 9:00-11:00 am. We will meet in person, and on Zoom. Pastor Niki will be facilitating our video series entitled, "Pursuing God-The Gospel of John" by Margaret Feinberg. For additional information, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Michelle Brekke at: brekfamily@me.com.



Men's Saturday Bible study and breakfast at 8:00 am on the third Saturday of each month in Lee Hall will resume in the New Year!

Community Concerns

CSUN Food Drive

We want to thank our church and community for their generous donation of 1,306 lbs of food and personal items during our **CSUN Food Pantry** drive September 21-22. This is in addition to the \$2,265 in currency and check donations to the CSUN Pantry on the same weekend. AND, recently we received just over \$1,500 in currency, check and online donations at our church website during our **Hunger Bank** drive on October 20. The coins will be counted soon to add to this total. We are still accepting donations in the church office. We are so blessed to have such outstanding support for our Community Concerns Ministry projects as we carry out the Biblical message to serve others. -Sharon Rose, Elder

Thanksgiving Baskets

Every year Community Concerns contributes to the Thanksgiving baskets assembled by the Family Rescue Center in Canoga Park. This year they will be providing food baskets for 613 families in the West San Fernando Valley (which is up from 550 last year). The baskets (boxes) will be assembled on Thursday Nov. 21 and Friday Nov. 22, and picked up by the recipients on Saturday, Nov. 23. Help is needed to assemble the food boxes. Many other organizations also help in this endeavor and it is quite amazing to see the amount of food donated, the number of volunteers assisting, etc. This is a huge undertaking, and MANY hands are needed.

So if you are available, able and willing, here is a volunteer opportunity:

Thursday, Nov. 21 11AM - 4PM and/or Friday, Nov. 22 (same times): Assist in packing the 613 baskets with donated food so all is ready when the recipients pick up on Saturday.

Location: Family Rescue Center, 22103 Vanowen Street, Canoga Park. At this address you will see a church. Drive around the block and enter from the back side. Easy to find. Parking has always been available.

If you can help out on either date, both dates or any part of either day, it would be greatly appreciated. This can be a family event (adults, teens and young adults). You can gather a friend and go or just go on your own. No need to RSVP, just go if you can. If not, there's always next year!

Handy Handouts

The Handy Handout bags will be on sale November 10 between services (2 bags for \$5 or 1 bag for \$3).

These bags include a non-perishable meal, personal hygiene items, and brochures on resources for homeless people. Pick up a bag to provide to the homeless person you see on the streets, to help in at least a small way.

Thanks to all of you who have donated travel-sized hygiene items from hotel stays and dental supplies from your dentist. Please keep up your donations! They are not as plentiful as in past years, so we really appreciate them. Individually wrapped utensils from take-out meals are also in need. When we have excess items, we donate them to the North Valley Caring Services, for their services for people living on the streets.

PBJ Sandwich Update

This little project is going great and LA Family Housing is thrilled with our participation. For logistics reasons we are moving this project to the third Monday of each month, Fellowship Hall, 11AM. This date-change will begin in November on the 18th. If you are ever interested in helping please contact Nancy Wells (cell: 818.606.4608 or linixi97@yahoo.com - please put PBJ in the subject line) and she will schedule your participation. It usually takes 1 to 1-1/2 hours to assemble the 100 sandwiches making this a short, easy volunteer opportunity.

Yarn Needed!

Did you know that First Pres has a faithful group of women that knit and/or crochet prayer shawls and donate them to the church so that the Pastor and/or the Deacons can distribute them to those in need of comfort? Additionally there is another group of women who knit, crochet or make hats on a loom to provide to Community Concerns for inclusion in the winter Handy Handouts bags. And last year, Community Concerns received so many hats that they were able to provide 60 hats monthly from November through March to North Valley Caring Services for distribution with meals that were prepared and donated. These are both terrific outreach programs to assist people in need. SO..... Do you have any yarn laying around that you know you will never use? Are you helping a friend or a relative clean out a closet or Downsize, and see that they have yarn that they will never use? If so, please bag up the yarn and bring to the church office. Evie Elliott and/or Nancy Wells will make sure that it gets in the right hands and is used. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Car Ministry

Cobe Crosby's Car Ministry is in need of 2 cars! Donations are preferred, but will pay up to \$3,000. If you know anyone who has a vehicle, you can contact Cobe Crosby at 818.618.5058

Senior Singles

Nov. 6: Coffee in Fellowship Hall at 10:00. We will celebrate Fall. Bring your chair and your coffee, as well as something that represents Fall to you. (leaf, picture, object) We will share and do a fall activity.
Nov. 20: Happy Hour in North Lounge. We will be drawing names for our Christmas stocking exchange. If you want to participate, but can't attend the meeting, let me know so I can put in your name.
Nov. 24: No gathering as it is too close to Thanksgiving and our holiday dinner.
For more information about this group or these activities call Linda Beaumaster at 818.363.0474.

Prayer Requests

Hospital/Recovering:

Shannon Barry– recovering from a fall
Blane Goldwater– recovering from a fall
Margo O’Connell– recovering from a fall
Ginny Field– recovering at home
Dana Peterman– recovering from surgery
Terri Seidman– health concerns
Alyce Norsworthy– health concerns
Souhaila El-Souki– recovering from surgery
Marilynn Matheson– on hospice
Jean Herweg– undergoing chemotherapy

Ongoing Concerns:

Jill Ralke, Maureen Boyer,
Alice Yoder, Kenny Thomason, Kathy Palmer,
Marilynn Matheson, Jean Herweg

Our Love and Sympathy:

To the family and friends of Norma Cooper.



Pastor Appreciation

Thank you all for your kind expressions of appreciation during Pastor Appreciation Month. I received so many thoughtful cards and generous gifts. My goodness! I feel so blessed to be a part of this loving community. Sadly, I got so busy being sure the new members went to the Meet-the-Deacon meeting, I missed the cake. But the sentiment was not lost on me. Thank you! Sofia & I love our new church family. We pray God’s best for you all. -Pastor Lance

Puzzle Exchange

Again, an opportunity to exchange or take jigsaws puzzles! A table will be on the patio between services on November 17th. For information or questions call or text Evie at 818.923.3359.

Words of Inspiration



Our weekly devotional written by Vreni Schiess is available at fpcgh.org/blog, and does appear “live” on Mondays on our Church Community Group Page. Her passion for God’s “living” Word is infectious and makes for a “fun and invigorating” read, as one pastor recently observed. Feel free to reach out to her at vrenischiess@verizon.net for further conversation.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00 pm Hispanic Ministry	2 8:00 am Directory Pictures Start 9:00 am HSMS Wellness
3 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Kid's Chorus 10:30 am Bible Studies 11:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Youth 2:00 pm Young Adults Small Group	4 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	5 9:00 am MomCo 5:30 pm Monthly Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm Monthly Property Meeting 7:15 pm Boy Scouts	6 10:00 am Senior Singles 6:00 pm Co-Ed Bible Study	7 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:00 am Men's Fellowship 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 3:45 pm CBS 6:00 pm Gloribells 7:00 pm Monthly Children's Meeting 6:00 pm Gloribells 7:00 pm Cathedral Choir	8 8:20 am GPS chapel 12:30 pm Monthly Membership Meeting	9 9:00 am HSMS Wellness
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