



Celebrating, Serving, Loving & Growing with God and Each Other

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NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

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COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
OF SCOTT CARVER & DAKOTA COUNTIES



*Adopt a
Senior*

Bring joy to a senior this Christmas.



The Servant of God Isaiah 42: 1-7

From time to time it is good to question our faith especially in the light of the Thanksgiving spirit to renew our commitment to God and to the community. As we see the whole world going through a hard time experiencing fear, anger, hate, and doubts about life in general so questioning our faith is a normal reaction. When we encounter a challenge then we look for God's help and guidance but the question is how as human we can see God's work at a time of distress?

We can see in this passage that God is talking about his favorite servant who was elected and granted power and protection to achieve God's mission on earth. This servant had great gifts that made him qualified to reflect God's presence among human by the way he can find hope in a hopeless situation. Every Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ and we can be this servant who can connect God's love with people's needs. Christian faith starts as a personal experience and moves to be seen and tested in a community where others can see our values and our beliefs through practical life. As Jesus said, you cannot have a lamp and put it under a cover, and as salt we should be in food otherwise it will be useless. The essence of the Christian faith is not to live alone or for just yourself but to believe we are part of the universe and we have to take care of each other because if you believe in God then we should reflect the essence of God, who is Love, compassion, grace, and merciful.

I believe when Jesus commanded his disciples for the great commission, he asked them to go out of Jerusalem, which means to go out of ourselves and away from our comfort zones. I think the Christian faith is about crossing the barriers that are built among us as humans, because of differences of races, cultures, religions, nations, genders, and social status.

The Christian mission today is more important than it was before because our world is more broken physically and spiritually. As Jesus said to his disciples, go into the world and teach them and enlighten them about the love we have. The church always needs to be engaged in the world in different ways sometimes like a light to expose the darkness or as salt to prevent our world from corruption. The church is invited to teach and touch people's lives according to their needs.

Happy and Blessed Thanksgivings to all of you from now and forever. Amen

Peace,
Rev. Medhat Yoakiem

Stated Session Minutes
First Presbyterian Church, Shakopee, MN
Thursday, September 21, 2023

Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established.

Opening prayer and devotions were led by Rene' Vanoni.

The stated session meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Shakopee was called to order at 6:30 on Thursday, September 21, 2023 by Moderator Medhat Yoakiem.

Roll Call

Class of 2023

LuAnn Amberson
Loren Wolfe

Class of 2024

Rene' Vanoni

Class of 2025

Edie Cook
Michel Makem
Paul Sindze

All were present.

M/S/C to approve the agenda

Clerk's Report

M/S/C to approve minutes of August 17, 2023 Stated Session meeting.

M/S/C to place an ad in Welcome Neighbor brochure for Scott County at the cost of \$190 for 1 year.

Suggestion to bring up Families Moving Forward to Mission Committee.

Deacon's Report Deacon's minutes were received.

Worship and Faith Formation LuAnn Amberson (No meeting)

Mission and Outreach Edie Cook (Committee meets on Sunday)

Administration and Finance Report Rene' Vanoni

Discussed the lack of money given for Per Capita. Only \$600.00 has been given and we need to pay \$3,340.00 for the year. A suggestion was made that an updated giving report be prepared for members.

Personnel Loren Wolfe (No meeting)

Pastor's Report

With 3 months of working at FPC, Pastor Yoakiem is developing relationships with members of the congregation.

M/S/C to accept all reports

Old Business

Final report on 2022-23 grant

New Business

M/S/C Two Building Use Agreements were approved

- 1) Benedicte Tafoka on 9/22/23 from 6pm-1am
- 2) Great Commission's Ministry for Friday nights from 8pm-10 pm in double SS room starting on 9/15 but excluding 9/22 with the payment of 100.00 per month. One time use on 9/16 from 7-10 pm.

A letter from the Logger family was read indicating that they want the funds left by their mother to go to the local church. Faith should be notified when a decision is made.

M/S/C to hydroseed the area that was dug up for the water line for the cost of 2,750.00 through Kokesh Landscape Co.

Stewardship Sunday will be October 8th.

Two items to be brought up at next meeting: 1) How to be more visible to the community?

- 2) What plans do we have if the pastor is sick on a Sunday morning?

Paul will have devotions at the September 21, 2023 meeting.

Communion Servers for October 1, 2023 are Paul Sindze and LuAnn Amberson.

M/S/C to adjourn at 8 p.m.

Pastor Medhat closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Cook, Clerk of Session

**When life
gives you
birthdays...**

Eat cake



November 3
Beryl Kleaver
Fotso Tafoka

November 9
Wally Bishop

November 10
Amy Myhre

November 30
Terri Maidment

GAME DAY



Mondays
November 13 & November 27
Fellowship Hall



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

November 5
Wayne & Ginny Tietz

November 12
Scott & Merry Theis
Josh & Rachel

November 19
Martin & Kristine
Underwood
Timothy, Anthony &
Kassandra

November 26
Barbara Vanek



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Donna Beeney Family
Linda Brooks

LET US PRAY

DEACONS NEWS

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:26



November already! This is the time of year when we remind ourselves of everything we have to be thankful for. God has truly blessed us all.

We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving potluck on November 19th. Check the newsletter for what to bring if you are able.

Be sure to take a look at the Photo Boards located in the Fellowship Hall. We have just a few more pictures to get. If yours is not up, let me know. I will be happy to take your picture and get it on the board. (Mary Wolfe)

"Give a ride" : If you are in need of a ride, you can contact Jim Perry at 612-220-7977, and he will make sure someone will pick you up.

Please contact a Deacon if you would like a visit, or have any needs.

In Christ's love,

Shirley Ackerman	952-334-3202	Verneil Ewert	952-237-2201
Linda Brooks	952-240-9502	Lyle Crider	952-496-0822
Marinda Gay	952-445-1031	Jim Perry	612-220-7977
Rose Schmitz	612-670-6309	Harriet Volding	218-209-1982
Mary Wolfe	952-393-3973		



Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Join Us for our

Thursday Chat

Each chat will include scripture reading, selection from the Upper Room and discussion questions. ~ with treats following



Thursday, November 9 – December 14

2:00 pm

November 9 Leader: Jan Oliverson

December 14 Leader: Ray Kruger

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Join us as we



DECORATE
the Church
for the Advent & Christmas Season

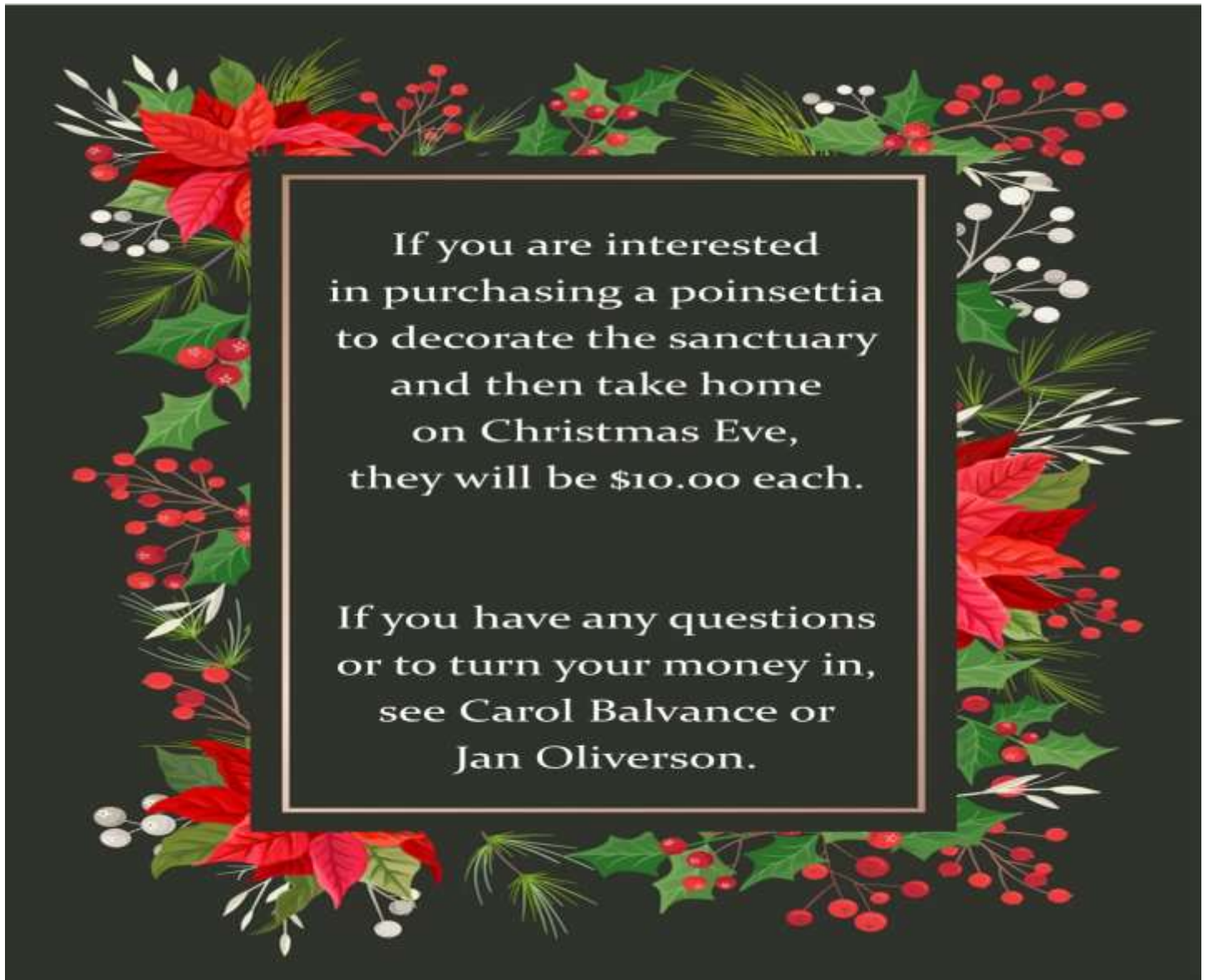
Monday—November 27
6:00 pm



To Deacons & SFPC family
Thank you for your continued
prayer for Mike & me. We appreciate
your thoughtfulness. The
Lows were a nice day, "Brighter".
We appreciate our church family.
While we continue to stay at our
home.

With Hugs & Love
God Bless You ☺

Mike & Linda Brooks



JUST A REMINDER:

Pastor Medhat, Diana or anyone from the church will not be sending out emails or texts requesting money, giftcards, etc.!

STAY ALERT AND PROTECT YOURSELF!!



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First
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Thanksgiving Potluck

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

immediately following the 10:00 am Worship Service

If you are unable to bring a dish,
Don't worry... Please come, there will be plenty of food.

Dessert, Beverages and Rolls will be provided

Names starting with:

A-J

Hot Dish or
Casserole

K-Z

Salad

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Some of the people who helped out this summer—keeping the yard work done, the flowers watered (Tanya and Robert Kim planted them and Marinda made sure they stayed watered all summer) and those that kept our garden going.



Thank you!





A few words about

STEWARDSHIP

TRUSTING GOD WITH OUR GIFTS

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purpose. This includes things like our family and friends, our time, talent and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way you use it!

Dedication Sunday is November 5, 2023. Please bring your pledge card if you have not done so.

The church is always in need of Volunteers; please talk to Carol or Rene on how you can help.



HOLIDAY SPECIAL MUSIC SEARCH

If you know of anyone or have anyone visiting over the Holidays that would like to share their music with us, please contact either Jan Oliverson, LuAnn Amberson or Carol Balvance (in the office) with the details.

We are starting to plan the Holiday schedule, so we need this information by Sunday, November 26th.

October Mission of the Month Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse



Psalm 68:30

I WILL PRAISE GOD'S NAME IN
SONG AND GLORIFY HIM WITH
THANKSGIVING.

