

Moscow First Presbyterian Church

We are a welcoming, caring family of faith, called to love the Lord and our neighbors. We are growing in Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service to others.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 17, 2024

Sunday, November 17

9:00 a.m. *The Wired Word* Adult Ed class

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Rene Girard Discussion Class with Tom Richards

Monday, November 18

7:00 p.m. Joint Session and Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, November 19

12:00 p.m. Tuesday Sisters

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

12:25 p.m. FOON

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 21

10:00 a.m. Thursday Ladies Bible Study

4:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice

Friday, November 22

5:00 p.m. Parent Night Out

Sunday, November 24

9:00 a.m. *The Wired Word* Adult Ed class

10:30 a.m. Worship

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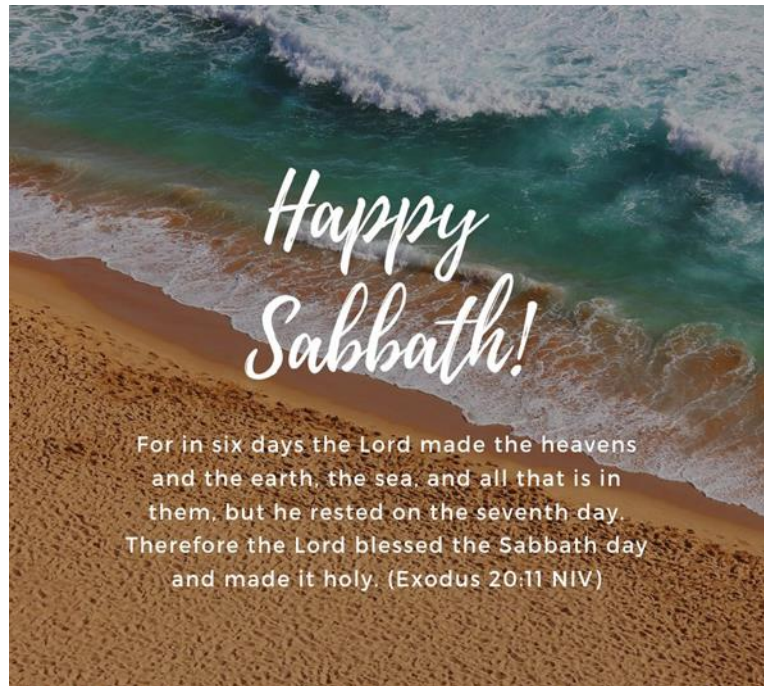
Office Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10:00-2:00

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Birthdays this week: June Witt, Leila Rudzinis, Mary Stormo, Ceil Brigham

In our prayers: Women under Taliban oppression

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 17, 2024



STEWARDSHIP THANKS

Thank you to everyone who has turned in pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets. Thank you also to all the people who brought such delicious soups, side dishes, and desserts to the Stewardship potluck last Sunday. Many thanks to the people who did set up, take down, dishwashing, and clean up after it was over. We had about 40 people who attended. It's not too late! Time and Talent sheets and pledge cards are available in the narthex, and we would still love to receive them in the office.

MOSCOW FOOD BANK

Requests continue to be high for tomato paste and chunky soups, chili, canned chicken, and dried beans. Cake mixes provide a special treat. Toilet paper is always important. Empty egg cartons (1 doz.), and plastic bags really help! Thank you all for your continuing support.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed from 2:00 p.m. on November 27 until 10:00 a.m. on December 3.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Our annual Blue Christmas service will be on December 9 at 7:00 p.m. This ecumenical service is open to the community and offers a time to reflect on hope as well as the losses and the difficulties of the holiday season. Stephen Ministers will be available and there will be refreshments after the service.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

Our Family Promise Host week is Sunday, December 1 - Sunday, December 8. Moscow FPC and Quail Run LDS Ward will co-host up to three families in the basement level

classrooms of our building. FPC's commitment during this time is to provide meals and hospitality for four nights: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Meals will be served in Fellowship Hall for our guest families and their evening hosts. Quail Run LDS Ward will host on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. We are looking for volunteers to prepare a meal, enjoy food and fellowship with our guests, serve as an overnight host, help with set-up and/or take-down, or do laundry at the end of the week. Our church also provides gift cards from WinCo for our guests, and contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Celeste (bioinfomom@roadrunner.com) or add your name to the sign-up in the Narthex. **Also, we are looking for a volunteer coordinator in 2025.** If you're interested, this will be a great opportunity to learn what being a coordinator means. Please contact Celeste.

PARENT NIGHT OUT NOVEMBER 22

Our next Parent Night Out is Friday, November 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Hosted at the UU Church of the Palouse, we will care for your children while you get a break! Dinner (GF and allergen options), games and fun for everyone! The sign up is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EAF4E2DABFC1-53293084-parent>.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE CENTER

On Tuesday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m., there will be a Thanksgiving dinner at the Center. This event is for anyone who does not have a place to go for a Thanksgiving meal or who needs a warm, welcoming place to observe Thanksgiving. RSVP at uiccCenter.org/thanksgiving.

DEACONS BENEVOLENCE OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER

The November Benevolence Offering will be going to Christmas for Kids, which provides Christmas gifts to kids throughout our community. Our own Jean Currin and Manny Sheibany started this program years ago. Please make out your check to FPC, with November Deacons Benevolence in the memo line or on offering envelope. You may also give online using the [Tithe.ly app](https://tithe.ly) or the "Give" button on our website at fpcmoscow.org.



WREATH SALES FOR FPC YOUTH

This year wreath sales benefiting FPC young people are available from Lynch Creek Farms through the link: lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/859379. The funds will be available for camperships and other outreaches and activities. Orders must be placed by December 15. We appreciate your support for kids!

FOR CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT:

Do you have leftover Halloween candy? You don't have to eat it all yourself. Extra candy can be donated for the Christmas mission project of filling Christmas stockings for area food banks. Last year, hundreds of stockings were prepared and donated. We expect similar numbers this year. Just drop your extra candy off at the church office, and you can be part of this exciting yearly project. Ask Dianne Daley Laursen for other ways to be involved.

HELP NEEDED SETTING UP FOR ADVENT / HANGING OF THE GREENS

There will be an Advent decorating party Saturday, November 30 starting at 10 a.m. and volunteers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join in. We will set up and decorate trees, get wreaths ready, set up Advent candles and more! Call or email Kathy Pendegraft at 208-883-3015 or kathyp8623@twc.com if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

HANGING OF THE GREENS DECEMBER 1

During 10:30 a.m. worship on the First Sunday of Advent, the congregation will participate in the “hanging of the greens” by hanging wreaths, adding Chrismons to the tree in the sanctuary, and hearing scriptures and singing hymns of the season. We will remember the meaning behind the Chrismons, lights, evergreens, Advent wreath, and poinsettias, and begin to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Communion is postponed to December 8.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Advent begins December 1, and it is the tradition in our church to include the lighting of the Advent candles each Sunday in worship. If you and your spouse, family, or a group of friends would like to light candles December 1 or 15, **please sign up** on the sheet on the office window as soon as possible or contact Kathy Pendegraft at kathyp8623@twc.com. Readings will be provided in advance.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS

Our Elders, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and church staff have written Advent devotions to guide us through this Advent season. Be sure to pick up a copy of the devotion booklet in the narthex after November 24, or contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.



LAEL RETREAT CENTER will be participating in the [Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse](#) this year! Online giving begins November 29, with the in-person event on December 11 at the 1912 Center. Mark your calendar for this great event that supports over 30 local nonprofits! Funds donated to Lael through AGMP will go toward Chapel siding replacement and upgrades to insulation and doors/windows.

Poinsettias

Would you like to help decorate the church and honor loved ones with beautiful poinsettias during Advent? The plants will cost \$15 each, and you are welcome to take yours home after Christmas. Please return this form with your check (payable to First Presbyterian Church, designated "poinsettia") to the church office no later than November 18.



Name _____

How Many _____ Amt. Paid _____

Dedicated to/In Memory of (circle one) _____

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- ❖ American Reformed Presbyterian Church
- ❖ Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- ❖ Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
- ❖ ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians
- ❖ Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- ❖ Korean American Presbyterian Church
- ❖ Orthodox Presbyterian Church
- ❖ Presbyterian Church in America
- ❖ Presbyterian Church (USA)
- ❖ Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

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