

## Hosts Needed for Sunday Fellowship Table

Fellowship after worship services is a great chance to connect with one another. Volunteers are needed to help with the fellowship table. Please see the sign-up sheet in Disciples Hall to claim your spot. It's easy, and your treats can be store-bought or homemade. Please contact Jeff Gustin at (785) 550-7582 if you have questions.

## Harvester's Food Distribution

There is no food distribution November 23.

## Youth Group

The Youth Group will not meet November 26.



## New All-Church Prayer

*Lord, like the light breaking through our windows,  
break through our resistance to change,  
show us the new things you want to do through First Presbyterian Church,  
and empower us to embrace new opportunities. Amen.*



*You are  
welcome here!*

# THIS WEEK AT FPC

## Sunday, November 19

### Usher Team 2

### Nursery and Childcare Open

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion, Library
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
- 12:00 p.m. Assemble Thanksgiving Food Boxes
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 3:00 p.m. NA Group in WH
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

## Monday, November 20

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 4:45 p.m. Kansas Youth Chorale
- 5:30 p.m. Festival Singers Board
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Festival Singers

## Tuesday, November 21

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

## Wednesday, November 22

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Conf. Rm.
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. 12-Step Group in Willard Hall

## Thursday, November 23

### Happy Thanksgiving

### Office closed

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 8:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall

## Friday, November 24

### Office Closed

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

## Saturday, November 25

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

## Sunday, November 26

### Usher Team 3

### Nursery and Childcare Open

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion, Library
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
- 3:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

## Welcome to FPC!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here! Please fill out an FPC Connection Card (in pew backs) and drop it in an offering box. We also have a small visitor bag for you. If you're not given one by an usher, please select a blue gift bag at any of the entrances into the sanctuary.

We're so glad you are here worshipping today!

## In Our Prayers

**Joys:** Successful experiment of Breakfast Church; Glorious music Sunday; the moving faith journeys of Jeramiah Carlucci, Jason Fish, and Pat Yancey; \$1,800 collected so far for the Thanksgiving meals we are providing; Veterans sharing their stories with the Youth Group.

**Concerns:** Vernie Covert, Joe Steele (friend of Sandra and Dusty), Beth Johnston, Hal Gardner, Renee Messer, Sharon Meyer (friend of Diane Smith), Kelly Wilt-North, Melissa Ashwill, Robin Meseke (AELC staff), Jan Damron, Bruce Perney.

## Hanging of the Greens - Tuesday, November 28

Hanging of the Greens will be Tuesday, November 28, at 6 p.m. We'll have a potluck dinner, crafts for kids, and some singing, in addition to decorating our church for Advent and Christmas. More info coming soon!

## Lawrence Handbell Choir - Saturday, December 2

The Lawrence Handbell Choir will present a free concert at First Presbyterian Church on December 2 at 1:30 p.m.

## Parents' Night Out - Saturday, December 2

The typical Parents Night Out has been modified for December 2, 2023. Our family event will be held in conjunction with the Miracle on Kansas Avenue parade whereby parents and children are invited to attend. FPC Children and Family Ministry will provide a family meal at 4:30 PM in FPC Willard Hall. Following the meal, our church group will walk over to experience the downtown festive parade near 8<sup>th</sup> and Jackson Street. In case of inclement weather, the FPC CFM Team will provide an evening movie, "The Polar Express" coupled with movie treats. You may provide your intentions of attending this fun filled event by the sign up sheet posted in Disciples Hall or by contacting the church office.

## Noon Noels - Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13

Noon Noels will be held at noon on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13 and feature guest choirs from local schools. Lunch will be served each date at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., with a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Welcoming the Topeka community in for Christmas season means we will need lots of volunteers to help with each date. A sign-up sheet is located in Disciples Hall, or you can call the church office at (785) 233-9601 to volunteer.

## Blood Drive with the American Red Cross - December 12

FPC will hold its quarterly blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12. Register to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) by using our sponsor code FPCTopeka, or

## Blue Christmas - December 13

We invite you to join us for our Blue Christmas Worship service on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:00 pm in our sanctuary and online. Christmas can be a difficult time for many reasons. The Blue Christmas service is for anyone seeking comfort, hope, wholeness, and renewal. This is a meaningful service of words and music. For those attending in person there will be a time to light candles of remembrance in honor or memory of loved ones. If you cannot attend in person and would like to have a candle lit for someone, please call the church office by Monday, December 11.

## Blessing Box Needs

Please consider donating pork and beans, **canned meats**, peanut butter, ready-to-eat macaroni and cheese, instant oatmeal, Rice-a-Roni, canned soups, granola bars, snack crackers, and hygiene items. Help us care for those in need in our own neighborhood. Thank you!

## Jeff Kready to be Soloist on December 17



Jeff Kready will be the offertory soloist on December 17. Jeff is a graduate of Washburn Rural High School and Washburn University, where he studied voice performance and music education with Dr. Kevin Kellim. He taught at Randolph and Whitson Elementary Schools in Topeka before moving to New York to pursue acting. His Broadway credits include: *Company*, *Tootsie*, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, *Billy Elliot the Musical*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, and *Les Misérables*. On television Jeff was featured as Bert Healy the radio announcer in "Annie Live!" (NBC). Other TV credits include "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" (Amazon), "The Code" (CBS), "The Good Fight" (CBS), "Elementary" (CBS), and "Boardwalk Empire" (HBO). In concert he has performed with The Allentown Symphony, The Český Krumlov Music Festival (Czech Republic), The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, the Colorado Symphony, the Grand Teton Music Festival, the Maui Pops Orchestra, the Omaha Symphony, the Seattle Chamber Music Society, the St. Louis Symphony, and the Topeka Symphony. He is the executive producer of "The Kready Holiday Spectacular," an annual concert presented at the Topeka Performing Arts Center in December. He and his wife, Nikki, live in Harlem with their daughters, Lena (10) and Louise (6).