Sunday Morning and Ways to Help

First United Presbyterian Church | November 22, 2026

TODAY AT FUPC

Decorate the Chrismon Tree | Today at 4 p.m.

Come one, come all! Help decorate the Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary this afternoon, 4-5 p.m. With several volunteers, it should take only about an hour.

November Birthday Offering | Today

The November Birthday Offering will be received today. Those with November birthdays are invited to give in gratitude for the blessing of another year. More information is available in the Gathering Place.

GIVING AND SERVING

Food Angel Drive Begins the Week of Nov. 30

Help stock the shelves at Cooperative Emergency Outreach! Look for the **BIG Angel** outside on the south wall of Calvin, the **MIDDLE Angel** in the Gathering Place next to the treats table, and the **LITTLE Angel** in the First School lobby.

Current CEO needs: canned pasta sauce, canned carrots, and canned mixed vegetables. Place donations in the blue tub at the north Calvin entrance. Pickups are Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday after 11 a.m., or sooner during a hard freeze.

November is a **CEO Special Offering month.** Note CEO on your check and place it in the offering plate or mail it to FUPC. You may also give through the Weekly Update donation link.

Please Pledge by Next Sunday, Nov. 29

Stewardship materials were mailed in purple envelopes. Extra letters, brochures, and pledge cards are in the Gathering Place. Contact the church office if you did not receive yours. Submit your pledge by November 29, by mail or online.

Help Decorate the Outdoor Wreaths

We need a small group of people to help decorate the outdoor wreaths on either December 3 or 4. Contact the church office or Barbara Verdery if you can help.

Leaf a Book, Take a Book

Visit the green leaf-bordered Earth Care book swap in the church library. Take or leave a book. Books with numbered spines require checkout.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9-10 a.m. Youth classes serve grades 6-12.

Children: Sunday School meets 9:30-10:20 a.m. for children age three before August 31, 2026, through fifth grade.

Early arrivals may join children's outreach activities in Knox 103 from 9-9:25 a.m.

Fellowship: 10-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place, or outdoors in front of the Sanctuary when weather permits.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
This week's scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23.

Nursery and Childcare: Lower Knox, 8:45-11:45 a.m. During Christian Education, care is provided for infants through children who turn three after August 31, 2026. During worship, care is available for infants through Pre-K.

GOOD TO KNOW

Thanksgiving Week Staff Availability

During Thanksgiving week, many staff members will be away or working from home. Please contact the staff member you hope to speak with before coming to the church so we can make sure someone is available to help. Thank you for your understanding!

Large print: Large-print bulletins and announcements are available. Please ask an usher.

Orange bracelets: Available in the Gathering Place for anyone keeping social distance. No explanation is needed. Please respect the space of anyone wearing one.

Accessible parking: On Sunday mornings, all spaces in the lot next to the Sanctuary are designated for accessible parking. Please leave them for those who need them.

Need a link? Worship materials, giving, service opportunities, and more: **fupcfay.org/links**.

Gather and Grow

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THIS WEEK | NOVEMBER 23-29

Monday, November 23

7-8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 24

12:00-1:30 p.m. - Men's Fellowship Lunch
Whole Hog BBQ

4-5 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group - Lower Witherspoon
Meeting Tuesday this week; no regular Wednesday gathering.

7-8:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir - Choir Room
Tuesday rehearsal this week.

Wednesday, November 25

6:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
Village Inn, Fayetteville; arrive at 6:15 a.m.

Friday, November 27

No Hooks and Needles this week due to the holiday.

Sunday, November 29

9 a.m. - Adult and Youth Sunday School
9 and 9:30 a.m. - Children's Sunday School
See details on the other side.
10-10:30 a.m. - Fellowship - Gathering Place
10:30 a.m. - Worship: First Sunday of Advent
Sanctuary

Stewardship pledges are due November 29.

2027 Honduras Trip: Applications Open

Join the Honduras trip May 22-29, 2027. **Apply by January 15, 2027.** Scan the QR code or visit the application link. Questions? Contact Leigh Woodruff at (479) 601-1437.

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GATHER AND GROW

First Sunday of Advent | Nov. 29

Join us next Sunday as we begin the Advent season together.

Advent Devotional and Resources | Nov. 29

The fifth edition of our daily Advent devotional, written by church members, will be available November 29 along with other Advent resources in the Gathering Place. Reflections on scriptures heralding Christ's birth can center morning meditations or daily Advent candle lightings. Daily devotions will also be published on the church website.

Hat and Mitten Tree | Up Nov. 29

Bring hats and mittens to be donated to neighbors in our community.

First School Christmas Market | Nov. 30-Dec. 4

Stop by the First School lobby / Commons between **8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** during the week to visit the Christmas Market.

LOOKING AHEAD

Earth Care Maker's Faire | Dec. 6

Share skills for creating and fixing things instead of throwing them away! Join us in **Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Have a skill to share? Lamp repair, mending, tool care, or creative uses for recycled materials are welcome. Talk to **Kathy Hall or Rebecca Haden** about hosting a table before and/or after worship.

Special Music | Dec. 6 and 13

Enjoy special music guests during worship on **December 6** and special music from our choir on **December 13**.

Christmas Brunch and Manger Celebration | Dec. 20

Gather with your church family for brunch in Fellowship Hall at **9 a.m., before church.** Stay for **Celebration at the Manger as part of worship** at 10:30 a.m.

All-Church Caroling | Dec. 22, 2-4 p.m.

Share Christmas cheer through caroling! Watch the Weekly Update for gathering details.