



THE BEACON

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

NOVEMBER 2025



In Our Prayers

Barb Sawyer
Nicole Anderson
Ed Bugby
Alex Sosa
Ginny Neff (Kim
Bennett's Mom)
Bob Beck
Sandra Peterson
Lonnie Bobo
Shelley Ashmon
(Gaylor)
Della and Fred Ryder
(Cousin of Pat Flaga)
Zelma (Darlene Key)
Mark Hall
Darian Cade
(Granddaughter
Nancy Gaylor)
Jane Mitchell
Lynette Hayes
(Bugby)
Flora and Lisa
(Nancy Gaylor)
Alyx Powell Dobie
Zayne Carrington
(Dennis Laughlin)
Mary Kay Foster
(Donna Parker's
Mom)
Ed Bugby
Nico (Harris)
Angela Hatcher
(Bird/Walkingstick)
Tami Ross
(Bennetts)
Ken Jones (Esther
Houser)
Bill Lockman (Bob
Beck)
Marie and Dennis
Lynch (Robin Ross)

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Veterans

Armed Services
Deployed & Stateside

DEAR FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

As the leaves turn and the air grows crisp with the first frost, November invites us to slow down and notice the blessings that surround us. In a world that often rushes ahead, this season reminds us to pause, to breathe in gratitude and to give thanks.

This fall has not been without its sorrows. Many in our congregation have faced illness, loss, and uncertainty. Yet even in the midst of hardship, I have seen the steadfast love of Christ at work among you; in the prayers lifted, the meals delivered, and the texts, calls, and visits that you have made to each other in times of need.

That same spirit is reflected in our youth, who have been exploring the theme of generosity this semester. Their reflections have been a timely reminder that generosity begins with gratitude. It's found not only in what we give, but in how we live—with open hearts and willing spirits. I see that same generosity alive in our worship, our outreach, and in every small kindness shared within our church family.

As we turn our hearts toward Advent, we'll have a chance to live that gratitude together in a tangible way. On **Sunday, November 23rd**, following worship, we'll gather to decorate our church for the Advent season, a time to prepare our space and our spirits for the coming of Christ. I hope you'll join in the joy of transforming our sanctuary as we look forward to the light of Christmas.

May this November be a season of giving thanks for the blessings God continues to bring. I'm deeply grateful to be walking this journey of faith with each of you.

With love and gratitude,
Rev. Katrina Richardson



WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder of the Month: Stephanie Brown
 Communion Leader: Pat Flaga and Jan Harris

Sunday, November 9

Liturgist Dennis Laughlin
 Ushers Terry Bobo
 Lonnie Bobo
 Sound/Video Mike Morris

Sunday, November 16

Liturgist Billy Richardson
 Ushers Robin Ross
 or Leslie Nichols
 Sound/Video Mike Morris

Sunday, November 23

Liturgist Liberty Brown
 Ushers Billy Richardson
 or Nicole Anderson
 Sound/Video Mike Morris

Sunday, November 30

Liturgist Zoey Anderson
 Ushers Robin Ross
 or Dennis Laughlin
 Sound/Video Mike Morris

You are Invited!

Working Together Playing Together



Ladies' Annual Christmas Luncheon & Cookie Exchange

Hosted by Esther Circle
 Wednesday, December 10,
 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall
 RSVP via text or email

405/642-1307 lbobodtr@gmail.com

405/315-5126 dnnaparker@aol.com

Besides enjoying a festive lunch, we will work together organizing the gifts to Hope House & package up sweet treats for them as well, with a cookie exchange for us! Working together is followed by playing a Christmas version of the domino game, Mexican Train. Guaranteed to bring smiles and laughter --there might even be prizes!

COOKIE EXCHANGE DIRECTIONS: All who want, bring 7 dozen cookies- any kind on a platter. We will bag up 2 dozen from each person to be delivered to Hope House and then have a Cookie Exchange among us -- each bringing home 5 dozen different cookies for our own Christmas delight! Don't forget to bring a container for your new cookies! (No worries, if you don't want to participate in the cookie exchange, you can help arrange and organize the cookies for the Hope House.)

*Please RSVP your attendance by Sunday, Dec. 7
 so we have enough tables set for fun!*



Help fill a stocking

Presbyterian Women (PW) has two opportunities to brighten the lives and lighten the load of clients at Hope House and Wings of Hope. Once again, PW Christmas Mission Project is called **“The Stockings Were hung...”**.

1. Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services opens a Christmas store in Guthrie and Stillwater for families in crisis due to domestic violence. This store provides stocking stuffers and other gifts for parents to be “Santa”. In the past, the Christmas store served over 100 families. Along with furnishing stockings, PW plans to give Wings of Hope a check to purchase the “stocking stuffers” as they know the specific needs. PW is suggesting a \$10-20 donation (i.e. the cost of a Christmas gift exchange). More is always welcome! Checks can be written to PW with “Stockings” in the memo. Venmo is also an option. Funds will be collected through Dec. 10th. (Note: New toys or gift items for the store can be brought to the church by Dec. 1st.)

2. The Hope House is a shelter, respite and a place of hope and restoration for people in our community. They have asked for new house shoes/slippers. Shower supplies & towels are always helpful also! Drop them off at the church anytime before Dec. 10th. If you prefer for a “PW Elf” to do your shopping for Hope House, checks to PW with HH Christmas in the memo. The gifts along with Christmas goodies will be delivered to Hope House on Dec 10 after our Ladies’ Luncheon (Be sure to watch for details about the Christmas Luncheon and mark your calendars to join us!)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 11	Michael Bennett
Nov 13	Linda Perkins
Nov 14	Zoey Anderson
Nov 15	Bette Buttterworth

2025 FALL

YOUTH SCHEDULE

- 9/3 Welcome Back Party
- 9/10 Generosity Lesson #1
- 9/17 Serving Lesson with Donna Parker
- 9/24 Generosity Lesson #2
- 10/1 Flag Placing for DV Awareness
- 10/8 Generosity Lesson #3
- 10/15 Wings of Hope Prayer Vigil
- 10/22 Halloween Party
- 10/29 Generosity Planning and Bell Rehearsal
- 11/5 Generosity Planning and Bell Rehearsal
- 11/12 Generosity Planning and Bell Rehearsal
- 11/19 Bell Rehearsal
- 11/26 Thanksgiving- No Youth Group
- 12/3 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
- 12/7 Christmas Program Performance
- 12/10 Caroling Caravan
- 12/17 Christmas Party

Changed

Inside and Out

Luke 5:32

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SETTING A WELCOME TABLE SINCE 1889.

MISSION STATEMENT

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GUTHRIE
IS A CARING FAMILY OF CHRISTIANS STRIVING TO
BRING INDIVIDUALS CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH
WORSHIP, EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, SERVICE, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

RECURRING EVENTS

Mondays

1:00-4:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)

Tuesdays

1:00-6:00 p.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)
Strings of Distinction (SR)

Wednesdays

10:15 a.m. Holy Grounds (P)
11:00 a.m. PW Wednesdays (D/FH/P)
1:00-5:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)
5:32 p.m. 'Changed' Youth Group (FH)

Thursdays

11:00-5:00 p.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)
1:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fridays

Lisa's Music Studio (S)

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)
Brunch on Noble (FH)

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Handbells (D)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School (D)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service &
Communion on 1st Sunday

D = DOWNSTAIRS

L = LIBRARY

P = PARLOR

SR = SUNSHINE ROOM

FH = FELLOWSHIP HALL

MR = MUSIC ROOM

S = SANCTUARY

U = UPSTAIRS

SPECIAL EVENTS /CHANGES

Tuesday, November 4

PEO Meeting (FH)

Saturday, November 8

Non-Profit Fair (FH)

Sunday, November 9

Birthday Party (FH)

Monday, November 10, Marine Corps' 250th

Tuesday, November 11, Veteran's Day

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (D)

Wednesday, November 12-Thursday, 13

Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner Prep and event (FH)

Saturday, November 15-Sunday, November 16

American Legion Prep and Ceremony (FH)

Sunday, November 23, Christ the King Sunday

Decorate for Advent (Following Worship)

Wednesday, November 26

9-6 Preparations for Community Thanksgiving (FH)

Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving

Office Closed

8:00-3:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving (FH)

Sunday, November 30, 1st Sunday of Advent

Church Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 Monday –Thursday