CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service and Faith Formation for Children

Monday, November 2
5:00 p.m. ECWS Volunteer Night at Shelter
5:30 p.m. Legacy Committee meeting

Wednesday, November 4
12:00 p.m. Contemplative Walking Group (Dome)
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, November 5
10:00 a.m. Pioneer Home Service

Friday, November 6
1:00 p.m. Deacon Goodie Bags
4:00 p.m. Set up for memorial service

Saturday, November 7
2:00 p.m. Corkey Dickson Memorial Service

Sunday, November 8
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service and Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Colombia Youth Partnership Meeting at St. Mary's

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2026

JOIN US TODAY FOR:
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN: Children will be continuing their study on Communion and make cards for the Deacon goodie bags.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES
Sunday, November 1: If you have not let Danna know you want to be a part of the Colombia Partnership Trip with St. Mary's Episcopal Church let her know **today**!
Sunday, November 8: Help lead worship: Let Danna know if you want to help with worship this Sunday.
Sunday, November 8: High School Youth Group: Following worship we will have lunch together and assemble the College Care Packages.
Sunday, November 15: Colombia Youth Partnership Team Meeting at St. Mary's Episcopal Church (12:30 p.m.).
Saturday, November 21: Thanksgiving Blessing Service Project at Central Lutheran Church from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

NOVEMBER GRATITUDE EVERY DAY CALENDAR
Pick up a calendar on the information table and use this month. This calendar is designed to help people of all ages grow in the faith through the simple spiritual practice of giving thanks.

LOOKING FOR DOWNTOWN CHILDCARE OPTIONS?
First United Methodist Church partnered with *3 Elements Educare* to open a new childcare center on October 1st and have openings for children, infant to 5 years old. *3 Elements Educare* offers childcare, after-school, and summer programs in a safe & nurturing environment where every child can learn, grow, and belong. For additional information contact: **general.3elementseducare@outlook.com**.

CONTEMPLATIVE WAKING GROUP MOVED TO DOME
Join the contemplative walking group for walking and conversation at the Dome each Wednesday. Come when you can (free access to Dome from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) and gather with others from FPC at a mid-court bleacher at 12:20 p.m. for conversation centered on a biblical passage. Questions? Contact Bonnie Allen or the church office.

CHILDCARE STAFF NEEDED

We are still looking for one additional childcare staff for Sundays. If you know of someone who might be interested in helping out, please tell them about our need and have them contact the church office. If you are interested in volunteering on an occasional basis that will work as well! Contact Danna Larson.

THANKSGIVING BLESSING IS COMING!

Help us collect;

-1,000 cans of corn

-100 disposable turkey baking containers

FPC is partnering with faith communities, the Food Bank of Alaska and other community agencies to provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner to our neighbors in need. Bring your donations to the church the next two Sundays. Thanks!

OPEN HOUSE AT COVENANT HOUSE

Interested in learning how our community supports youth experiencing homelessness or trafficking? Covenant House (755 A Street) will be having an open house of their facility on Thursday, November 5 from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to stop by for a tour and to learn how our community supports youth experiencing homelessness.

DEACON GOODIE BAGS

The deacons will be preparing their Goodie Bags on Friday, November 6 for distribution on Sunday, November 8. Please pick up one or more goodie bags to deliver to those unable to attend church in person. Please visit and pray with the recipient of the bag if you can. You will make someone's day brighter and you will be rewarded with cheer yourself! Thank you for your help!!

FOOD BANK SR. BOX BUILD

FPC has reserved 7 slots for the next Senior Box Build on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Food Bank Alaska. If you've volunteered before, please go to the Food Bank website to sign up as you have in the past. If you're a first-time volunteer, you'll need to complete a profile as part of getting registered as a volunteer. Please contact Katherine Osborne-Hightower with any questions, or if you encounter any problems signing up at 907-223-1569 (cell/text) or by email at **dada.ernst@gmail.com**.

MERRY MAKERS

The Merry Makers are a group of talented crafters who are making items to sell to help our church. We are in need of several knitters to make clothing for our itty-bitty babies. Please contact Susan Schnering if you can help at 907-231-9030 or **schnering@AOL.com**.

HANDBELLS AND CHOIR PRACTICE

Handbells and Choir practices are weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for handbells, with choir following at 7:00 p.m. We meet in the sanctuary. Please park in the back lot and call Lisa Geist at 907-297-8917 to let you in. Please contact Lisa at **lkgeist@yahoo.com** with any questions.

VOICE FOR THE UNHEARD

Are you looking for information on how to practice loving your neighbor through the practice of advocacy? Several handouts are available in the narthex to guide and support you through the process. You can also find resources by googling the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, or organizations like Bread for the World at **bread.org**.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Know your rights, be prepared. A handout is available in the foyer with links provided by ACLU which may be helpful for immigrants or refugees seeking to understand the evolving federal policies. Our church staff is always available to listen to your concerns, pray with you, and work to connect you with those who can provide legal advice. Call 907-272-6411 or email **mschultz@firstpresanchorage.org**.

SIGN UP FOR PC(USA) ACTION ALERTS

Are you struggling with the "how" and "what" of advocating with and for your neighbors? The Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Office of Public Witness's "Action Alerts" can notify you over email and/or text about the topics, items, and events that Presbyterians nationwide are raising their voices to address. Go to their website to sign up. **https://www,votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home**.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Do you want to be the first to know about upcoming events for families, youth, and children? We'd love to keep you in the loop! Please share your contact information with Danna Larson (**dllsitka@gmail.com**), or by filling out the connection card in the back of the pew and putting it in the offering plate. We look forward to staying connected with you!

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