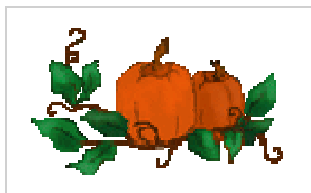




HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November Birthdays

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| 10 Evelyn Abernethy | 11 LaDonna McDonald | 12 Rosemary Allen |
| 17 Mary Curtis | 17 Ginny Wade | 18 Daphne Beard |
| 20 Jerry Westfall | 24 NormaLee Andres | 25 Michael Beard |
| 26 Nancy Puder | 27 Don Abels | 27 Sally Lorimer |

COMING UP:

Weekly Meetings:

- Sundays 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Ronn Garton Library, Preston Hall
- Sundays 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- Sundays 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School and Childcare during Worship Service.
- Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. Breakfast, Fun, Conversation, Study, Alma Mendosa Room
- Tuesdays 9-12 a.m. Deacon's Outreach Program, including food and showers
- Tuesdays 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- Wednesdays 3:00 Christian Spirituality Group, Library
- Thursdays 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Alma Mendosa Room, Eidsath House
- Thursdays and Fridays, Counseling appointments with Kathy Mooney, Fireside Room
- Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Alma Mendosa Room
- Fridays 5:00 p.m. Ringing of our bell, honoring the week's war casualties
- First Sundays Communion 10:00 a.m.
- First and Third Mondays 6-8 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group, Preston Hall
- Second and Fourth Mondays 608 Jr. High Youth Group, Fort Bragg
- First Mondays 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting,
- Third Mondays 4:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, in the Ronn Garton Library
- Second Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Session Meets Alma Mendosa Room
- Last Wednesday Evenings of Month, 5:00 p.m. Soul Food outreach dinner, Preston Hall

Worship Committee Meeting Monday, November 7, 5:00 in the Choir Room

SESSION Meets Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m. in Choir Rooms

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From the Stewardship Committee:



Cool, crisp mornings and warm, sunny afternoons, a hint of wood smoke in the air and the promise of winter's rains to come. These tell us that autumn has arrived on the Mendocino Coast. Autumn is a time to give thanks for all that has been granted to us and a time to look forward to the New Year with faith, love and hope in our hearts. It is a time to reflect and a time to grow as Christian stewards.

This is the first of three Sundays of Stewardship focusing on the virtues of faith, love and hope. Today we turn our attention to faith, which God has granted to us. Through faith we acknowledge God as our Creator and Redeemer. Stewardship is evidence of that faith, a faith that leads us to action.

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

Spirituality Study Group

Will be showing a video on Wed. Nov. 9 at 3:00
 Preston Hall Library
The Lindisfarne Gospels
 Showing one of the illuminated Bibles of the Celtic Christian Church from about 700 A.D.
 Please come if you are interested!



Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar!

**Free
 Community
 Thanksgiving Dinner
 Thursday, November 24, 2011
 2:00 – 4:00
 First Presbyterian Church
 367 S. Sanderson Way
 Fort Bragg
 Tel: 964-2316
 Home Delivery on Request**



Volunteers & Donations are needed ~ call
 964-3798



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ~

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS BOXES IS NEXT SUNDAY!

Suggested Items: small toys: cars, balls dolls yo-yos etc. Toothbrushes, mild soap, combs etc. T-shirts, socks, caps, flashlights etc. You may enclose a short personal note.

Please Do Not include: toy guns, knives, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or aerosol cans. Also need \$7 donation to cover postage.

Envelopes to use for inclosing your \$7 are on the table in the back of the church. These also have suggestions of what to include when you go shopping and "Boy" and "Girl" labels.

A few plastic shoe boxes available in the office for \$1.50.

Call the church office for more information: 937-5441

DINE OUT FOR RAINBOW!



Benefit for Rainbow Preschool: Save Wednesday, November 9

WHERE: McCallum House ~ reservations 937-0289

WHEN: Wednesday, November 9

NOTE: Starting at 5:30 in the Café, Bar and Dining Room



We are so grateful for everyone who has bought donations of food items to the Tuesday Breakfast or to the Tuesday Deacons' Outreach program. Thank you very much!
We still have a few pans etc. that have not been picked up from Preston Hall. Please look at the items on the Preston Piano during Soup and see if you recognize anything, and take it with you. Everything that has not been claimed will go to the thrift shop.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

from Shari McCullough

Advent is only a few weeks away and you might be hoping for an Advent guide or meditation book to read during the weeks leading up to Christmas.

The following is a list of books I have used over the years. Each one offers a daily reflections including scripture and possibly a challenge for the day or a specific prayer.

Preparing For Christmas by Richard Rohr

Season of Promises, Mitch Finley

God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Advent and Christmas with Thomas Merton

The Uncluttered Heart: Making Room for God During Advent and Christmas, Beth A. Richardson



If you or someone you know could use receiving a Christmas Basket from the MPC Deacons to help in giving the family a good Christmas dinner, please call Nancy Swehla at 964-0096 to reserve one. The last day to make a reservation is Wednesday, December 7, 2011. Pickup day will be Saturday, December 17, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A Thank you from Rite and Ted

Dear MPC Family!

Thank you so very, very much for your prayers and thoughtfulness! Surely you have wondered if we would ever get well and so have we! With your prayers and thoughtfulness and with God's help we will eventually come trough it still. Our Deacon, Charlene has been a wonderful, wonderful help with calls and arranging for evening meals that have been ever so delicious. It has seen us through these times and we thank all of you so very much. Never - - - could we have appreciated anything more. Your are great cooks!

We now have in-home help daily so we think that we can make it in the future.

Ted is now in Rehab at Alta-Bates-Herrick Hospital, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkley, CA 94704 and anticipates leaving there on Nov. 11, to go to Jean and John's, our daughter and son-in law's home in nearby Alameda until after Thanksgiving. I will go as soon as I can. My back is now healing also.

Again, we thank you all so very much! ~ Ted and Rita Johnson