

# The Forecaster

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## From the Pastor's Desk

On Sunday, November 1 we celebrated All Saints Day.

If you have been in our denomination for your entire life, you may remember a time when this day was not celebrated, or there wasn't a big deal made about it. We could spend a lot of space and time discussing the changed in the mainline denominations over the last few decades, but I will save that for another day.

As with other feast days and celebrations that were left behind by the reformers of the Reformation that have made their way back into being celebrated in our Protestant churches, I am grateful, and love the return to celebrating these days. There is something good and grounding about joining others around the world and of other denominations, even if we all find different ways to celebrate.

We haven't led a remembrance in my three years here, and that is something I regret. If you were in worship, you know that we read the names of all who those who have departed our body since November 1, 2022. Those beloved members, their friends, and especially their families are in our prayers.

All Saints is a day for us to remember all those that have gone before us into the arms of God. It is fitting that it was also a day we celebrated the Lord's Supper. When we gather at the Table we are temporarily taken into a space where we join the Lord at the Lord's table. In that moment we are joined with Christ and all the saints: living, dead, and yet to come. We celebrate with all as we yearn for that table in eternity and wait for the time when God will

*…destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth… (Is 6:7-8)*

Blessings,

Rev. M. Payne Warner, Pastor

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# From the Session

### First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown Vision Statement

*The First Presbyterian Church, an increasingly diverse faith community,*

- *opens its heart and doors to all,*
- *serves everyone with compassion,*
- *fosters spiritual growth through scripture-based worship and study*
- *works for racial and social justice for all; and,*
- *models the principles of Jesus' life and teachings in the world.*

**SESSION UPDATE**

Clerk's Corner

The Session of FPC met on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 7:04 pm in the church library. Opening devotions on Proverbs 3:5-6 and prayer were offered by Ruling Elder Daniel Ayana.

Discussions have continued on what our internal and external focuses should be to build community. Pastor Warner has been unable to connect with the Youngstown YMCA to see how FPC can be involved in the new Foster Youth program they are developing. He will keep trying. The SA Anonymous group has met a few times at the church, but the founder is exploring the option of meeting at his own church. He will let the Pastor know if he needs to use our church again. For internal focus, the Wednesday night Bible Study/dinner, and Sunday lunches after church once a month have been ongoing, and very much enjoyed by the attendees. The Men's Bible study will start on Nov 3rd at noon. The Mission Committee is planning on how we can be involved in the UndueMedicalDebt.org program to reduce medical debt in our area. The fundraiser will begin in the spring. More details are forthcoming.

Updates were given on the current BEG projects. Session approved a request to have Prout repair the boiler to get us through this coming winter season for a cost not to exceed $6,200. For the upcoming year, BEG alerted Session that two major repairs are coming: (1) the exterior of the building will need to be painted, and (2) a new boiler will be needed because of the uncertainty of SOBE. Financing for these projects will be researched.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2029 that will be elected in November. The Session approved the date of November 8, 2026, for a Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of electing these candidates. Officer training will be set after the new year.

Pastor Warner reminded the Session that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is being held on November 24, 2026, from 7:30 – 9:00 am. All were encouraged to attend as the church will sponsor a table.

The meeting closed at 7:53 pm with prayer by Ruling Elder Margie Patterson. The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the church library. Opening devotions and prayer and closing prayer will be given Ruling Elder Carol Reed.

~ Karen Cooper, Clerk

## Congregational Meeting

There is a called meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 8 for the purposes of electing our slate of new officers for 2027 and approving the pastor's terms of call.

**Livestreamed Worship**

Livestreamed worship: We are livestreaming our worship services to those who ask to be added to our distribution list. Please contact the church office to be added to the list.

**UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES**

In order to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the following dates have been approved by the Session:

Nov 1, 2026 Nov 29, 2026
Dec 6, 2026

**PER CAPITA 2026**

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their Per Capita fee for 2026. This year's fee is $35.00 per church member (1=$35, 2=$70, 3=$105, etc.). We have a budget of $4,356 that will be sent to Presbytery, and we need everyone's help to try and achieve that goal. As of 4/30/26, we have received $820, so we have a long way to go! Please prayerfully consider giving your Per Capita to help us meet our budget. Thank you!

# From the Committees

## Mission Committee News

Join us on **Saturday, November 7th at 1:00 pm** to pack Christmas bags for our neighbors, the residents of the YWCA. Supplies and snacks will be provided.



## Flowers for Worship

We welcome your participation in making the chancel a visual representation of the worship we offer our almighty God each week. If you are interested in helping keep fresh flowers for the chancel, contact Patty Schuley in the church office.

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Our post-worship coffee hour is a great time to gather with other members and guests in fellowship. We are looking for new hosts to join the rotation. If interested, please speak to Margie Patterson, or any of the other hosts. You provide the snack (homemade, store bought, donuts, crackers and cheese, whatever your heart desires), the church provides the beverages, the staff will help you prepare, and you just need to step out during the closing hymn to move things from the parlor kitchen.





## FPW NEWS

Join us for lunch after church on **Sunday, November 29th.** Everyone is welcome. **This is not just for the women! Men and children are welcome**. We'll meet after coffee hour in the Garden Room and **once again** travel to **Double Bogey's at the Southern Park Mall, Boardman**. We'll each pay for lunch on our own.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** Christmas Movie afternoon, **Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m.,** Helen Chapel, for our friends at Gutknecht Tower and YWCA. You can help us provide snacks and hospitality. Come for an afternoon of fellowship and holiday cheer.

## MISSION COINS REMINDER

We continue to collect coins for the Red Door Café and Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church. Your loose change helps provide food to our community neighbors in need. You can help by depositing your coins in the collection plates on Sunday mornings. You may write a check and put in the memo – RDC.

THANK YOU,
The Mission Committee



## 41st Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

The breakfast will be held Tuesday, November 24th at 7:30 a.m. at Byzantine Center at the Grove, 3801 Shady Run Road, with Youngstown Mayor Derrick McDowell as speaker. We will be getting at least 1 table and if you are interested, please see Wilma Miller to sign up.




## FPW CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us as we celebrate the season. Our Christmas party will be held on **Monday, December 7, 2026** at Piccadilly Parlour, 114 S. Broadview Street, Canfield, Ohio at 5:30 p.m. We will order from the menu. Dessert will be provided. We will have a Christmas pin gift exchange. (Suggested amount no more than $15) Reservations due by December 1st to Sandy at 330-503-4407.

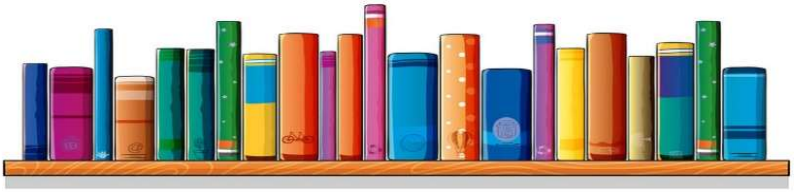
## FPC Book Club

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

Our selection for November is a Nonfiction – *Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green. This award-winning author and passionate advocate for global healthcare reform, tells a deeply human story illuminating the fight against the world's deadliest infectious disease.

We hope you will join us on November 10th in the Parlor of the Church. Please join us even if you haven't finished the book. For more information – call Becky Murray 330-360-7526.

We have reservations at the Piccadilly Parlour in Canfield at 11 A.M. on December 8th for our December meeting where we discuss the books we will read for 2027.



# Prayer List

**Please keep these members of our congregation, our family and friends, our neighbors, our mission partners, and people around our nation and world in your prayers.**

- The residents of the Realty Building & International Tower
- The people of the Ukraine
- The people of Israel and Gaza
- Our Mission Partners including Mahoning Valley Association of Churches, Wick Transition Housing, Community Education & Schools (with Taft School), Ethiopian Children (EECMY), Protestant Family Services, CityScape, Needle's Eye, RAHAB Ministries, and Meals on Wheels, the City of Youngstown, our community, and for one another.
- NuShawn Moore (Jackie Rogenski's daughter)
- Carol Reed
- Patrice Hight (Carol Reed's sister)
- Lila King (Lynn Toman's mother)
- Cheryl (Lynn Toman's sister)
- Ron Strasik (Renae Scharf)
- the Sarver family (Lynn Toman)
- Caleb (Barb Altman's grandson)
- Mary MacGregor Neff (Wilma Miller)
- Jennifer Patterson
- Barb Altman
- Pat and Bob Fitch
- Lynne Pebworth
- Bridget Benson
- Cindy Milicich
- Janis DePasqua
- Marlen Sue Martin
- Frank Harry Martin
- Tim Keenan
- Marion Kohler
- Victor Wan-Tatah
- The Pickett family
- Terry Gregory
- Sandy Benson
- Libby Benson
- William Miller
- Virginia Dineen
- Ronald Musgrove




## November Birthdays

11-1 Sue Anzellotti Ray
11-2 Lillian Ayana
11-11 Luke Lalanne
11-14 Judy Mineo
11-17 Roey Warner
11-17 Joy Marie Burnette
11-18 Nancy Carson
11-19 David Pratt
11-25 Bryann Luce
11-28 Victor Wan-Tatah
11-28 Benjamin Burnette

## FPCYO MEN'S GROUP

Chet Cooper and Pastor Warner are kicking off a new monthly men's Bible Study on Tuesday, November 3 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. We will meet on the first Tuesday of every month following the initial meeting. We will have cold cuts, chips, and drinks for the first meeting and we can discuss other options moving forward. We are reading the Book of Obadiah for discussion in our first meeting. Don't be too concerned as Obadiah is 1 chapter and 21 verses.



# NOVEMBER 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 11 am Worship Service<br>Communion Sunday<br>**ALL SAINTS DAY**<br> | 6 pm – Finance Mtg – Pastor's Office | 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC<br>12-1 pm – FPCYO<br>Men's Bible Study – Comm. Rm<br>1:30-8 pm-Penguin PT<br>5:30-7 pm-NAMI Yoga-HC<br>6 pm Scouts | 11-1 – Citizens Circle – Parlor<br>11:30-1 pm – Lunch Time Learning – HC<br>5:15 pm-Bible Study & Potluck | 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC<br>5-8 pm – Clinic<br>6-7:30 pm-T'ai Chi – HC | | 1-4 pm – FPW pack Christmas bags for YWCA-Comm. Rm |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 11 am Worship Service | | 10-11 am FPC Book Club – Parlor<br>1-3 pm – BEG Mtg – Pastor's Office1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC<br>1:30-8 pm-Penguin PT<br>6 pm Scouts | **OFFICE CLOSED**<br>**VETERAN'S DAY**<br> | 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC<br>1:30-8 pm-Penguin PT<br>6-7:30 pm-T'ai Chi – HC | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 11 am Worship Service | | 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC<br>1:30-8 pm-Penguin PT<br>6 pm Scouts<br>7 pm – Session Mtg – Library | 5:15 pm-Bible Study & Potluck | 11-1 pm – Reentry Coalition Qtrly Mtg-HC<br>1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC<br>1:30-8 pm-Penguin PT<br>3 pm-Facilities Staff MTG<br>5-8 pm - Clinic<br>6-7:30 pm – T'ai Chi – HC<br>6-7:30 pm – NAMI Bd Mtg-NAMI Office | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 11 am Worship Service | 12:30 pm – Mission Mtg – Pastor's Office | 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC<br>6 pm Scouts | | **OFFICE CLOSED**<br> | **OFFICE CLOSED** | |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| 11 am Worship Service<br>1st Sunday of **ADVENT**<br> | | | | | | |