



### Mission Statement of 1st Presbyterian Church, Hastings

Following Christ, we strive to love and serve the world so that all may grow in faith and experience true joy.



# More Good News

**Nov. 2016**  
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## November at a Glance

### Nov. 1

Session 6:30 PM

### Nov.6

Daylight savings ends  
10:30 AM Worship  
w/ Communion  
Service of Unity 5 PM

### Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30

Youth Group 6:00 PM

### Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28th

Bell Choir Practice 6 PM

### Nov. 9

Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7 PM

### Nov. 13

9:30 AM Bell Choir Practice  
10:30 AM Worship w/  
Stewardship Celebration  
Shoeboxes due  
Newsletter Deadline

### Nov. 20

10:30 AM Worship

### Nov. 22

Pastor April on KDWA  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Nov. 27

10:30 AM Informal Worship  
Advent begins

## From the Pastor's Desk

You can tell the seasons are changing. The trees which once had vibrant green leaves, now have hues of yellow, or orange, or red, or perhaps no leaves at all. Scattered by the wind, leaves can be found everywhere, dotting the ground and the air with their whirling beauty. The wind is beginning to whip around and there is a certain crispness and even chill in the air. The heat and humidity of summer is gone for now and the brisk cool of winter is fast approaching. I think it is time to change the clothes in the closet; yes indeed it is time for a change. It is time to put away the shorts, t-shirts and sandals of summer and trade them in for something more comfortable, cozy and something to provide warmth in the weeks and months to come.

Let's reflect on what scripture tells us to wear, not obviously in the literal sense, such as sweaters, turtlenecks, and warm woolen socks, but in the spiritual and wholeness sense.

Consider the words written to the church at Colossae, "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of





## SERVICE OF UNITY

### WITH COMMUNION

As this election season draws to a close, join us for a service of unity. Although we may be diverse in many ways, including our ideologies, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. On **NOVEMBER 6TH AT 5 PM**, we will gather together to celebrate our unity in Christ.

## Directory Update

In your directories, please change the zip code for Sylvia Tayson to 54021. If there are changes to your contact information please leave a note in the church office or send an email to the church. [April@fpresby.org](mailto:April@fpresby.org).

## Daylight Savings Time

ends on

**Sunday, November 6**

**Turn your clocks back one hour before  
you go to bed Saturday night!**



## Fellowship Event

**Martin Luther Art and the Reformation  
at the Minneapolis Institute of Art**

**Tickets are \$20.00. Lets meet after worship on Sunday Dec. 4 to carpool to the event. Contact Brenda Reiter if you are interested in attending this event.**

Believe it or not, the Holidays are fast approaching. As in the past, we will have a Gift Tree as part of our ministry with Hastings Family Services. Look for more details in the coming weeks.



Another Holiday ministry we participate in is the Shoebox ministry sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. This year the shoeboxes need to be brought to the church by Sunday, **November 13**.



**Please include a check for \$7, made out to "Samaritan's Purse", for each box, to pay for shipping .** If you have any questions, contact Mary Crawmer or Carlotta Mullins.



Please join the Deacons on Sunday, December 11th for an Outreach/Fellowship event. After church we will have a potluck lunch and then go Christmas caroling. Get in the Christmas Spirit as we visit some of our shut-ins.

# Advent



Advent begins November 27th. We will have a weekly devotional. Look in the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

## The Christmas Joy Offering

December 18th



This Advent and Christmas season, we celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, we recognize the wondrous gift Christ has given us, not just in Himself, but also in raising up leaders within our church.

### THE WONDROUS GIFT IS GIVEN

Celebrate the gift of Jesus with a gift of your own that will assist church workers in times of need and also develop and educate the future racial ethnic leaders of our church.



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS



# YOUTH NEWS

**We are off to a great start at youth group. We are exploring the 7 habits of highly effective teens. This will be a year long process as well as some service projects that are in the works.**

**If you are interested in joining youth group, please arrive at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. Youth group starts at 6:30 p.m.**

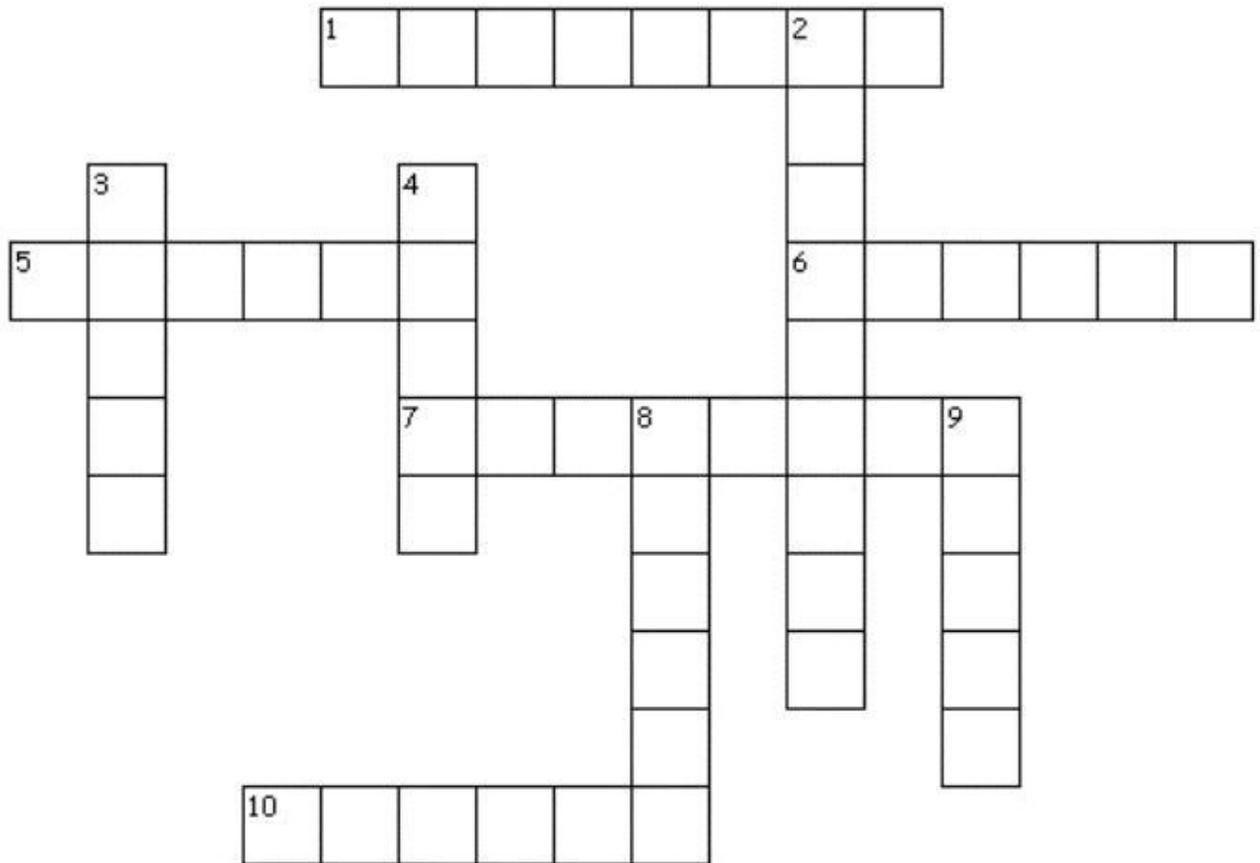
## Youth Calendar

- November 2nd - Park Ridge**
- November 9th - Youth Group**
- November 16th - Youth Group**
- November 23rd - No Youth Group due to Thanksgiving**
- November 30th - Shop for Adopt A Family**



**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**

# Thanksgiving Crossword



## Across

1. people who have migrated to a different land from where they were born
5. reddish growth that covers the throat and neck of a turkey
6. a Thanksgiving time of year
7. fills up the bird and then fills up the people
10. main course at Thanksgiving supper

## Down

2. another word for family members
3. another name for corn
4. a celebration including large quantities of food
8. people we visit on Thanksgiving
9. yummy sauce to pour over turkey

**Word List:** autumn, family, feast, gravy, maize, relatives, settlers, stuffing, turkey, wattle





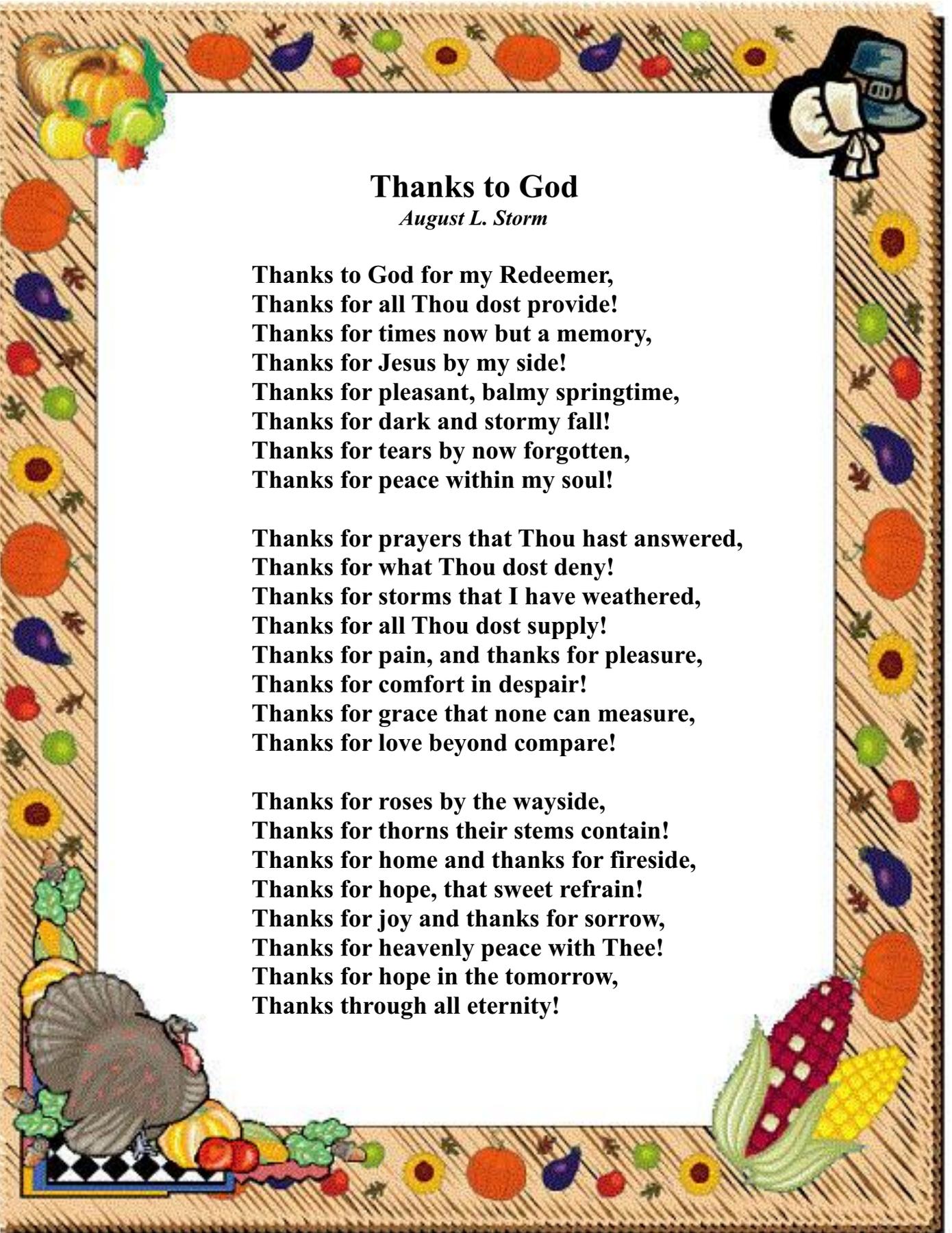
## **Thanks to God**

*August L. Storm*

**Thanks to God for my Redeemer,  
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!  
Thanks for times now but a memory,  
Thanks for Jesus by my side!  
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,  
Thanks for dark and stormy fall!  
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,  
Thanks for peace within my soul!**

**Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,  
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!  
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,  
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!  
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure,  
Thanks for comfort in despair!  
Thanks for grace that none can measure,  
Thanks for love beyond compare!**

**Thanks for roses by the wayside,  
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!  
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,  
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!  
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,  
Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee!  
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,  
Thanks through all eternity!**



## Bible Readings This Month

### November 6

Hag. 1: 15b-2: 9  
 Ps. 145: 1-5, 17-21 or  
 Ps. 98  
 2 Thes. 2: 1-5, 13-17  
 Luke 20: 27-38

### November 20

Jer. 23: 1-6  
 Luke 1: 68-79  
 Col. 1: 11-20  
 Luke 23: 33-43



### November 13

Isa. 65: 17-25  
 Isa.. 12  
 2 Thes. 3: 6-13  
 Luke 21: 5-19

### November 27

Isa. 2: 1-5  
 Ps. 122  
 Rom. 13: 11-14  
 Matt. 24: 36-44

## November 2016 Servers

	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Leaders
<b>Nov. 6</b>	Mullins	Reiter	Ryan Fagnant
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Tiefenbrucks	Christians	Marcia Caneff
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Informal Worship	Altpeter	Dennis Brown
<b>Nov. 27</b>	Blumeyers	Humes	Becky Tiefenbruck

## Session Minutes for September 6, 2016

**A stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, MN was held at 6:40 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church on September 6, 2016.**

The meeting began at 6:40 PM when Dr. April Davis Campbell lit the Christ Candle to remind us that we have come together for a holy purpose and to be a light to the community. The “devotion” was led by Brenda. The Jacob Wetterling abduction/murder was the topic. She related her personal experiences with Patty Wetterling and family. Jerry Wetterling was recently in the paper for attending a Baha’i prayer event where the fact of Patty Wetterling’s Christianity was noted. Unity of people, unity of God, unity of religions – these are Baha’i tenets. The Wetterlings have done a great job at turning their personal tragedy into a positive for the rest of society. The meeting was then opened with prayer.

### **Elders Present:**

Class of 2016: Carlotta Mullins, Marcia Rash, Brenda Reiter

Class of 2017: Grant Tiefenbruck, Dave Hume

Class of 2018: Dennis Brown

Absent: Mary Crawmer

**Clerk’s Report:** The August Minutes were approved as submitted. Maxine Aaron died on August 30th. Ethel Thieling passed away on August 27th.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Cash is running low. Income in August was not abysmal, so there is a question about why we had such large expenses. Marcia needs to run a report to see what the treasurer has paid.

**Foundation Report:** Will be meeting on Sunday. Bob Albright says that we are doing okay with the investment fund results this year.

**Pastor’s Report:** The presbytery grant process is on-going. She wrote an article for the Hastings Gazette recently. Her monthly radio program continues as well. April will be gone 10/9 for her second Twin Cities Marathon. There will be a family trip to Nebraska during MEA break 10/23. She will also attend a Synod meeting in early October.

**Presbytery Meeting:** The Presbytery will meet in New Brighton next Tuesday. Dennis was elected as commissioner.

**Deacons:** No report

M/S/C to receive all of the reports above on the consent agenda.

### **Committee Reports**

**Building and Grounds** – Dennis – M/S/C seal the driveway for \$988 to be obtained from the Foundation restricted funds. The new sign impact on neighbors will need to be addressed when we get closer to designing one.

**Fellowship** – Brenda – The Minneapolis Institute of Art has a Martin Luther and the Reformation exhibit from the end of October to January. Possible dates for an event are in November on a Sunday after church, or perhaps, Sunday, December 4 since the Vikings play on Thursday night.

**Christian Education** – Sunday school is staffed through December. Low key kick-off on Sunday. What about getting some gluten free wafers for Connor Stenzel?

**Mission** – Mary – The amount of school supplies collected was good. The Prayer Shawl Group tied blankets for Family Service/Meals-on-Wheels which were well received.

**Stewardship/Finance** – Marcia Rash – November 13<sup>th</sup> will be the receiving of pledge cards for 2017.

**Worship** – Special music is coming. M/S/C to have November service of unity before the election. Bell Choir will play in service soon. Upcoming dates for Informal Worship: September 25, October 30, and November 20. Brenda suggested making Advent Wreaths in November. The December 25<sup>th</sup> Informal Worship will be a Hymn Sing, in the sanctuary (and on the radio).

**Personnel/Nominating** – Karen Altpeter accepted another term on Session to begin in 2017.

M/S/C to receive the committee reports.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

April will make a donation to the church in exchange for the chairs from the old youth room/Chapel.

The October meeting of Session will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

The November meeting of Session will be on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM.

There will be a Joint Meeting of Deacons & Elders on Tuesday, December 6 at 6 PM followed by a meeting of the Session.

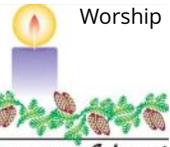
Brenda closed the meeting with prayer at 8: 05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Tiefenbruck  
Clerk of Session



# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1  All Saints Day</p> <p>Session 6:30 PM</p> <p> Michael Rash</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Youth Group 6 PM</p> <p> Kurt Fagnant</p>	<p>3</p> <p> Ben Reiter</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p> Andrea Johnson</p>
<p>6 </p> <p>10:30 Worship w/Communion</p> <p>Service of Unity 5 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bell Choir 6 PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Election Day</b>  <b>VOTE!</b></p> <p> Edith Kaiser</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Youth Group 6 PM</p> <p> Prayer Shawl Ministry 7 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 </p> <p><b>Veterans Day</b></p> <p> April Davis Campbell</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Bell Choir 9:30 AM 10:30 Worship Shoeboxes due</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bell Choir 6 PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Youth Group 6 PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p> Solomon Campbell</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10:30 Worship Informal Worship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bell Choir 6 PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pastor April on KDWA 11am-12pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 </p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 </p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bell Choir 6 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Youth Group 6 PM</p>			



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