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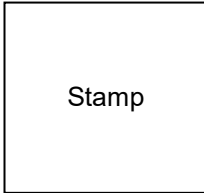
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*"Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences"*



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November is a Time to Give Thanks

The Worship Committee is very thankful for everyone here at First Presbyterian Church in Henderson.

We are small , but mighty, and everyone in this church has a role to play. So, Thank you for coming, for caring, for supporting, for being part of FPC Henderson.

We are thankful for all the pastors and speakers that have filled our pulpit each Sunday this year. We have been blessed in so many ways.

Don't forget to mark you calendars for November 17th for a Thanksgiving Luncheon.

The month of November our pulpit supply is:

11/03 - Steve Newton—Communion Sunday

11/10 - David Reeder

11/17 - Jimmy Chapman - Thanksgiving Luncheon

11/24 - Brendan McLean



**Thank
you for
everything**



"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow." ~ Melody Beattie

Thanks for Giving

Henderson Interchurch Ministry (H.I.M.) is struggling to prepare Thanksgiving boxes for needy families.

Your donation of food (or financial assistance for the purchase of food) is the only way they can avoid an empty plate on Thanksgiving Day.

Please give today!

Chicken broth

Canned milk

Green beans

Instant potato mix

Canned yams

Cranberry sauce

Stuffing mix

Chicken/Turkey gravy mix

Corn bread mix

Cream of mushroom soup

Thank you!! Donations are gladly accepted Monday – Thursday, 8 am – Noon at H.I.M., or bring to FPC by Sunday, November 3rd and we will deliver your food donation for you.



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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



September 2024:

IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$6,927	\$12,501	-\$5,574

August 2024:

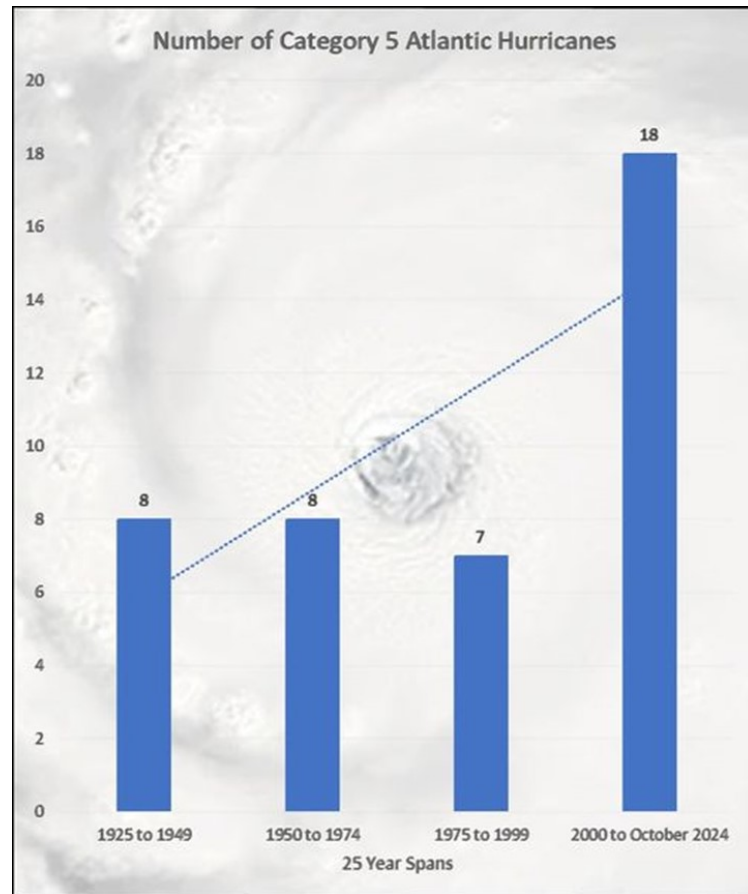
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$7,974	\$6,374	\$1,600

Year to Date:

IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$73,556	\$82,992	-\$9,436

Did You Know?

Scientific data show that tropical cyclones are becoming more intense, with stronger wind fields, higher probabilities of rapid intensification, and greater storm surges that lead to severe flooding, economic destruction, and social disruption. In fact, the past 25 years have seen more Category 5 Atlantic hurricanes than the previous 50 years combined. This huge increase underscores the urgent need to address climate change. As Benjamin Franklin wisely noted, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Scientists emphasize that reducing human-induced atmospheric pollution through targeted policies is crucial to preventing the worst effects of climate change. We need to act now before these risks escalate further, safeguarding both our communities and ecosystems.*



C.E. GREEN TEAM

*The 226th General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.), Leo Denton, 10/08/2024



The Hustle Kindness team hustles groups who show kindness in a variety of ways to the community they serve. Recently they hustled the Henderson Fire Department with donuts, cupcakes, cookies, and pumpkin bread. The fire department is currently sponsoring the annual “Think Pink” campaign to assist someone dealing with cancer. We encourage everyone to engage in random acts of kindness.

Outreach committee meeting Sunday, **November 10**, after church.

Adopt a Block Saturday, **December 7** at 10:00 AM.



Please sign up in the Narthex to serve a Sunday as **Duty Elder** in November and December.

November 3



The **Christian Education Committee** met after worship on Sunday, October 13.

The main item of business was to select a book for our Advent Study, which will begin on December 1. The committee chose ***Calling All Angels, An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength*** by Erin Wathen. The main question the author poses is, "What would you do if you were not afraid?"

Included in the book are weekly studies for individuals or groups, questions for reflection and discussion, daily reflections, worship resources (liturgies, prayers), and a music playlist. We are excited because we think this will be an interesting study.

Our current study on ***The Making of the Bible*** is coming to its conclusion, possibly before Advent.

The CE committee will meet again, Sunday, December 8, following worship to decide on a selection for New Year 2025. Please mark your calendar and join us for our Advent study.

The Christian Education Committee



Be sure to mark your calendars for **November 17!**

The **Fellowship Committee** will be hosting a **Thanksgiving Luncheon** after church services that Sunday. Try to be there as we give thanks, and enjoy fellowship .

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh, God, when I have food help me to remember the hungry;
when I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
when I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless;
when I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;
and remembering, help me to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.

Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.

~ Samuel F. Pugh



Council Actions

October 17, 2024

- ◇ Prayed together and shared joys and concerns
- ◇ Approved the consent agenda
- ◇ Received thank you notes from Children's Advocacy and H.I.M.
- ◇ Approved the Insurance Report
- ◇ Heard report from CONC chair
- ◇ Determined Home Communion Elders for November
- ◇ Discussed Duty Elders help
- ◇ Received Committee Goals for 2025
- ◇ Determined actions to be taken by Dec. 31

Happy Halloween from the **Building and Grounds** committee!

Soon trick or treaters will converge upon front porches in search of candies and sweets.

With that thought in mind take an inventory of your sidewalks, driveways and front porches.

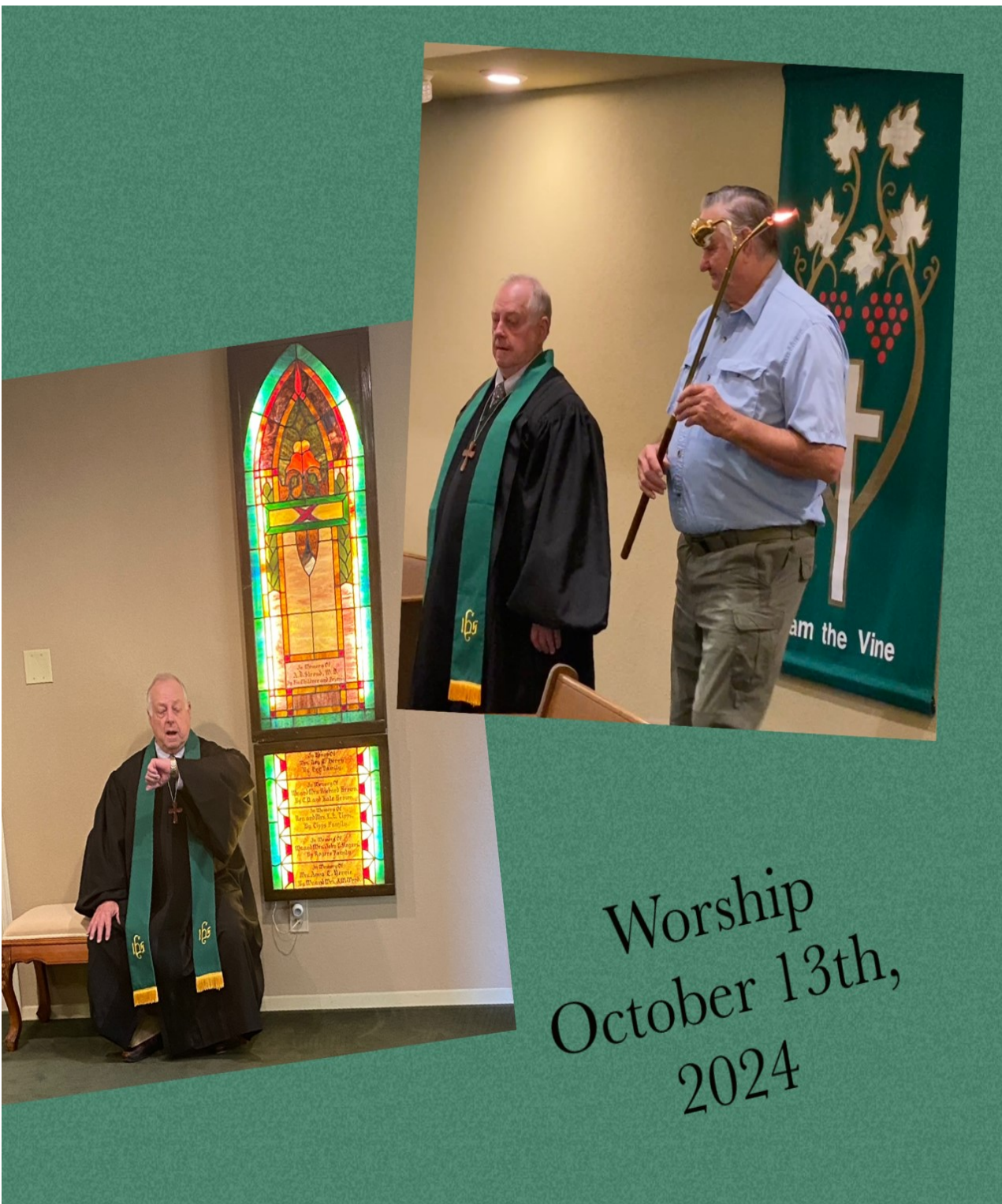
As the days are becoming shorter and nightfall arriving sooner each day make sure you have a safe path for our kids.

Roll up garden hoses, trim back shrubs and make sure there is a clear path to your front door.

It would also be proactive to check gutters for falling leaves and debris.

One day it will rain again and you'll be glad you did!





Worship
October 13th,
2024

Prayer for Our Nation

Dear Lord, Grant us the wisdom to engage in respectful and empathetic dialogue with those who hold opposing views. May we seek understanding and common ground rather than division.

We lift up our nation's leaders, both current and future, asking that you guide them in pursuing policies that promote justice, equality, and the well-being of all citizens. Help us to remember that true unity and peace can only be achieved when we work together for the greater good. Lord, be with us as we await the election results, and help us to accept the outcome with grace and a



commitment to continuing the work of building a more united and peaceful society. Let your peace reign in our hearts and guide our actions. In your name, we pray. Amen.

The **Communication Committee** remains busy. We post the church service bulletin to the website, keep the church website updated and the Facebook page active with current postings, collect monthly newsletter submissions, conduct multiple proofreads of the newsletter draft, and sign off on the newsletter for publication and distribution.



If you have something to include in the newsletter, the submission deadline is November 15th. Please e-mail submissions to Liz and Kathy.

We are honored to serve the congregation.

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 All Saints Day Meals on Wheels	2 
3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Communion with Steve Newton Home Communion	4	5 Election Day 	6	7	8 Meals on Wheels	9
10 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder Outreach Meeting	11 Veterans Day 	12	13	14 9:30 am Chamber of Commerce Mid- Morning Coffee in Fellowship Hall	15 Meals on Wheels Newsletter Deadline	16
17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman Thanksgiving Luncheon	18	19	20	21 2:30-3:30 L.E.A.N. Coalition Meeting 6:00 Session Meeting	22 Meals on Wheels	23
24 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Brendan McLean Congregational Meeting	25	26	27	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed Meals on Wheels	30

Liturgists for November:

- 3- Louise
- 10- Steve
- 17- Suzanne
- 24- Jan

November Birthdays

- 3- Lsha
- 4- Suzanne
- 14- Kelly
- 19- Debbie W.
- 23- Patricia
- 25- Bob R.
- 30- Betty

