First Presbyterian Church

meets at

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October 30, 2026

Worship Grow Serve



This Week's Worship – November 1, 2026

Ushers: Vickie Pierson-Perry, Phyllis Biddle, Sarah Huckleberry, Paul Biddle
Liturgist: Lois Huggins
Closer: Paul Biddle
Counters: Kevin Thomson, Kern Piser

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www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

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Next Week's Worship–November 8, 2026

Ushers: Wade Catts, Bob Wunder, Mimi Lovelace, Pam Wunder
Liturgist: Fe Wright
Closer: Wade Catts
Counters: Matt Reyne, Joe Kowalski

Office Hours
Tuesday through Friday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

A Letter to the Congregation

To my beloved congregation, grace and peace to you. Tina and I have been overwhelmed with the love and support you have shown us these past few weeks during my hospitalizations and attempts to recover at home.

I am truly blessed to be in your service, and I miss you more than words can express. The goal for me right now is to work on getting stronger so that I can be with you as soon as possible. In the meantime, I know that my friend and colleague Steve Clark will take excellent care of you. By now you should have a taste of his excellent preaching skills.

I consider myself blessed to have a congregation who is so concerned and loving. You comfort me more than you know and you will play a large part in my recovery.

It is in times like these that Jesus' commands to us come to the forefront and we realize that there is nothing so great on earth as loving and caring for each other.

Go in peace and we will see one another soon.

Love,

Pastor Dan

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY

DON AND KATHY TANCREDI

GOD'S BLESSING IN CELEBRATION OF 56 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Flowers can be dedicated **in honor** or **memory** of a family member, friend or loved one. You may **keep** or **donate them.** Please sign up on the Chancel Flowers Donor Sign-up Form located in the Narthex to indicate your preference.

Checks, ***clearly identified for chancel flowers,*** may be placed in the weekly offering plate or brought to the church office. Please **note on the check** whether you will ***keep or donate both*** flowers or ***keep one and donate the other.***

Chancel Flowers $31.00

Scripture reading for Sunday, November 1, 2026

1st Scripture Reading - *Matthew 23:1-12 (p. 804)*

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,
2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat;
3 therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.
4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them
5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.
6 They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues,
7 and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.
8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students.
9 And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven.
10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.
11 The greatest among you will be your servant.
12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

2nd Scripture Reading - *I Thessalonians 2:9-13 (p. 959)*

9 You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
10 You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers.
11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children,
12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
13 We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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Venture In Faith (VIF) 2027

Stewardship is the cultivation, management, and distribution of God's bounty to us as individuals and families; and the Church's provision of God's gifts made available by God's people. Each year First Presbyterian Church asks its members to review what they have given with an eye toward meeting any unmet personal goals, as well as increasing gifts for greater support of God's work by the Church.

We build our stewardship through donations of time, talent, and treasure.

- We can commit our time to serve on boards and committees, as well as organizations that benefit and serve our brothers and sisters in the local community and throughout the world.
- We can commit our talents to perform the tasks and projects necessary to maintain and build the places where we worship and spread the Good News.
- We can commit our treasure to meet the expenses of organizing, teaching, and articulating the Gospel for a world that so desperately needs to understand and live by it.

By financial support, member volunteer efforts, and the sharing of facilities, First Pres Church has contributed toward meeting the needs of the community and the world. Examples of these include, but by no means are limited to, the following: Hope Dining Room, Food for Success pantry, the recovering communities, missionary efforts around the world, our sister church in Dinanga, alternative gift market, refugee family resettlement, and Scouts of America.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Newark asks that you give prayerful thought and consideration to what you believe our church could and should be doing to feed, clothe, shelter, prepare, and inspire those who do not have enough. Share with the Session the opportunities you see, and express your commitment of time, talent, and treasure for 2027 on the attached Venture In Faith form.

And always remember the words of the late Dr. Ed Gliwa, a saint of First Pres, "Give until it feels good."

Venture In Faith (VIF) 2027 Pledge Form

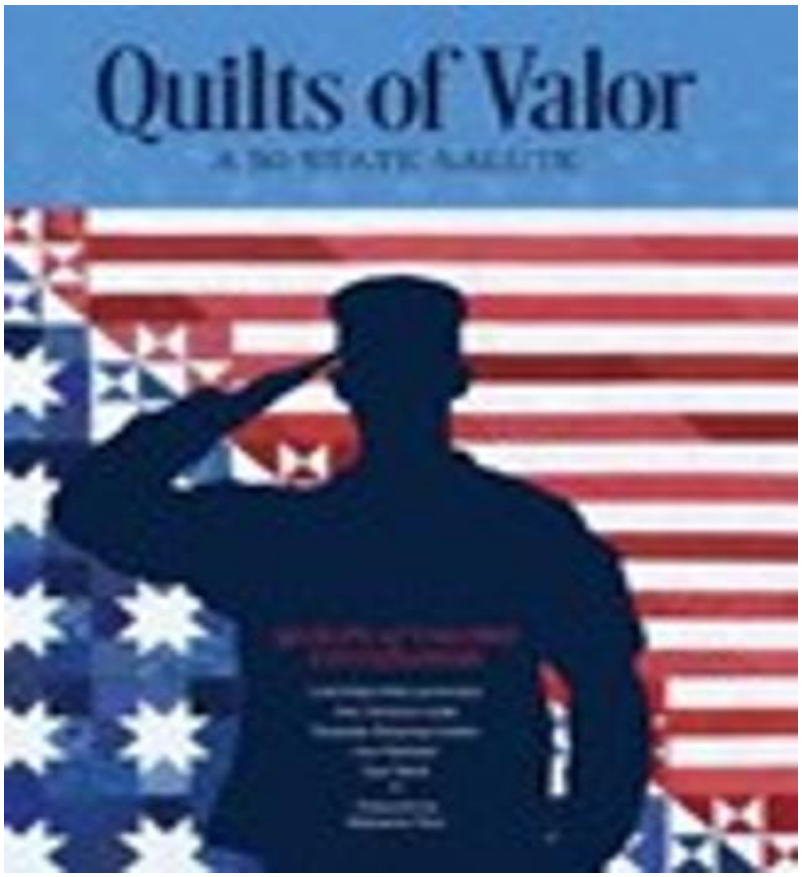
Please complete this form and return it by placing in the collection plate, giving it to the church office, emailing to fpchurch@firstpresnewark.org, or mailing to First Presbyterian Church, 292 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19711. Your response will help the church plan its activities and outreach efforts for the coming year. It is not necessary to sign this form. Your commitment is between you and God.

Time: Hours per week_____ or per month_____

Talent: Work on projects described_____ or units completed_____

Treasure: $_____ per week / per month / per quarter / other

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Newark, DE thanks you for your prayerful commitment



On Sunday, November 8th, after worship, a Quilt of Valor presentation ceremony will be held for some of our First Presbyterian military veterans. It will be held in Memorial Hall starting at 11:30. We will honor and comfort our veterans with a handmade quilt presented by the Piecemakers Quilt Club of Whispering Woods, Middletown. What is the story of Quilts of Valor? It began in 2003 when founder Catherine Roberts had a dream of a quilt covering and comforting a soldier returning from conflict and service to our country. To date over 460,000 quilts have been awarded. For more information go to their website: qovf.org.

Please be sure to join us for this truly moving presentation. Of course, food and drink will be served!

It's coming back! Just like last year!
Do you have a favorite soup or chili recipe?
This is your opportunity to donate quarts (containers provided) of your creation to our PW fall Fundraiser!

HOW?

- Stop by the office and pick up empty quart containers and labels from Marchelle after 9/29. (They will also be in the Narthex on Sundays beginning SEPT 27th)
- Sign up: your name, type of soup/chili, # of quarts and contact info
- Cook your delicious soup/chili before Nov. 13th
- Soups can be made fresh/refrigerated, stored frozen at home or in the MH Kitchen freezer.
- Soup/Chili, baked goods need to be dropped off to MH kitchen on Fri., Nov 13th 9am-1pm.
- Questions: Contact Pam Wunder (302)588-4481 or Carol Olson (302)593-0734

FPCN Presbyterian Women Fall Fundraiser

COME HELP US SUPPORT OUR MISSIONS



Sat. Nov 14, 2026



Time: 10 AM – 1 PM

Cash Only



Soups & Chili

1 for $12 **2 for $20**





Bake Sale

Prices vary

Basket Raffles

Piano music provided by Matthew Shuman

Proceeds will be used to support missions such as NCP Guatemala Project, Newark Area Welfare, Hope Dining Room, Friendship House and more.

Memorial Hall West & Kitchen
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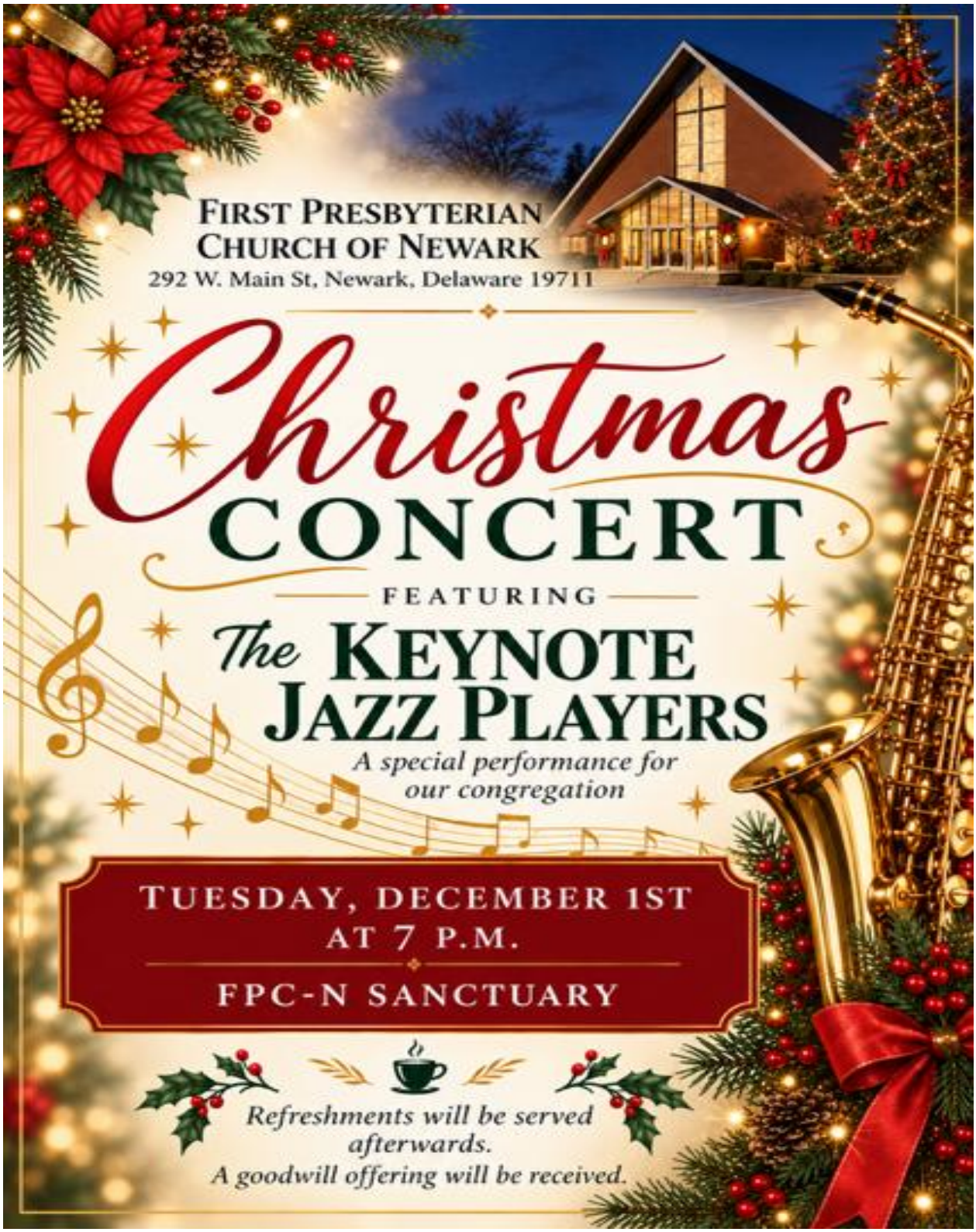


<u>Saturday, November 21st</u>

At 10:00 am

Come join us as we decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Season. Lots of volunteers needed!




First Presbyterian
Church of Newark
292 W. Main St, Newark, Delaware 19711
Christmas
CONCERT
FEATURING
The KEYNOTE
JAZZ PLAYERS
A special performance for
our congregation
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
AT 7 P.M.
FPC-N SANCTUARY
Refreshments will be served
afterwards.
A goodwill offering will be received.



Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

An American

CHRISTMAS

Saturday, 12/5 4PM
Head of Christiana
Presbyterian Church
Newark, DE 19711

Sunday, 12/6 3PM
Silverside Church
Wilmington DE 19810

Saturday 12/19 4 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, DE 19806

PRIVATE CONCERTS UPON REQUEST

WWW.WILMINGTONHANDBELLENSEMBLE.ORG
Kerry Dietz, Artistic Director



Fellowship
SNACK SCHEDULE

Let's fellowship together!

Beginning in **September**, each month will be assigned to a specific group in our church. That group will bring snacks on Sundays.

SNACKS ARE SERVED FROM
11:15–11:30 AM
after the service.

Thank you
for helping us build community and fellowship together!



Jan	Session
Feb	Deacons
March	Praise Team
April	UD/Community Outreach
May	Finance Committee
June	Ushers
July	Adult & Children Ed
August	PW CT
September	Worship Committee/ Band of Brothers
October	Hope Dining Hall
November	Choir
December	PW Circle Members



November 7th —UD / Community Engagement Committee

December 5th —Hope Dining Room

Give the Blessing of Warm Feet



We are collecting donations of new men's socks between now and the end of November.

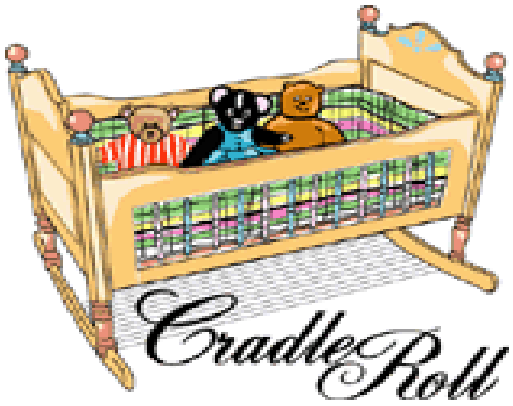
These will be given to those in need during our turn to provide a free lunch in December.

Please bring your donations to church and put them in the red tote that you will find in the narthex. Thank you for your kindness and care.

- **The FPC Hope Dining Room Team**

FREE BABY FURNITURE

- MINT-CONDITION CRIB AND CHANGING TABLE IS AVAILABLE



- If interested, please call the church office (302) 731-5644 and leave a message.

FIRST COME…FIRST SERVE

Food for Success

Food Pantry

First Presbyterian Church

292 West Main Street

Newark, DE

Volunteering is good for you - providing benefits to both mental and physical health!

Help our *Food for Success* food pantry provide supplemental food for community members in need of nourishing meals.

We do on the job training!

Scan the QR code to access the Food for Success Signup Genius app

Food for Success Volunteer Coordinator - Nancy Lewis - ***nancylewis2011@gmail.com***

Food for Success Open Dates for 2026

Dates circled in Green are holidays—Food for Success pantry is closed

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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sacrament of Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" **6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal**	**2** **7:00am - 11:00am POWER OUTAGE - City of Newark**	**3** 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor 6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting - GLIWA	**4** 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library **7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH**	**5** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice**	**6**	**7** **8:00am - 9:00am 1st Breakfast - Worship Committee**
8 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary **11:30am - 2:00pm Quilt of Valor Presentation (MH)** **3:00pm - 7:00pm UD Concert & Resound Fall Concert - Sanctuary**	**9** 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room **4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Committee Mtg - GLIWA**	**10** 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	**11** 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library **7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH**	**12** 3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library **7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice**	**13** 9:00am - 1:00pm PW Soup/Baked goods/ raffle basket drop off 11:00am - 12:00pm Ray Liebfreid Memorial-Sanctuary **4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success**	**14** 9:00am - 10:00am Set Up PW Fall Fundraiser - MHW/Kitchen 10:00am - 1:00pm PW Fall Fundraiser - Soup/Bake/Raffle MHW/Kit
15 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting	**16** **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** **Session Meeting - Parlor**	**17** 10:00am - 12:00pm Rachel Circle -MH Gliwa and Ruth Circle- Parlor hybrid 1:00pm - 3:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Parlor hybrid 7:00pm - 8:30pm Lydia Circle- Zoom/Parlor 7:00pm - 9:00pm Session Mtg - Library - Zoom	**18** 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library **7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH**	**19** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice**	**20** *4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success*	**21**
22 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God"	**23** **4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success**	**24**	**25** 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library **7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary**	**26** **THANKSGIVING DAY** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice**	**27** **ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED- Holiday** **4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success**	**28** **2:00pm - 6:00pm Jacob Resendez Piano Recording**
29 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God"	**30**	**1** 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor **6:00pm - 8:00pm PW Christmas Program- Sanctuary** 6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting - GLIWA	**2** 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library **7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH**	**3** 4:00pm - 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting - MWH **7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice**	**4**	**5** **8:00am - 9:00am First Breakfast hosted by Hope Dining Room** **1:00pm - 4:00pm UD Carols by Candlelight Dress Rehearsal**



Paul Biddle	November 01
Marty Gronka	November 03
Dick Hourigan	November 04
Don Blackburn	November 07
Molly Breffitt	November 08
Elizabeth Macharia	November 10
Sandra Prather	November 10
Jane Moore	November 11
Logan Blackburn	November 13
Cassie Magliaro	November 13
Vickie Pierson-Perry	November 13
Steve Buckley	November 14
Russ Zebnacker	November 16
Ronald Mehan	November 18
Pam Wunder	November 22
Jennifer Dube	November 24
Carlton Tappan	November 26
Janet Belles	November 27
Sean Ferry	November 30



Robert & Sandy Wenner	November 4	59 Years
Greg & Shirley Hills	November 8	18 Years
Joseph & Lois Huggins	November 18	59 Years
Robert & Laura Tuttle	November 24	52 Years
Ronald & Annette Mehan	November 29	57 Years

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Class of 2028: Carolyn Morton, Kern Piser, Mark Sisk
Class of 2029: Lois Huggins, Nancy Lewis, Jim Pierson-Perry

Deacons Moderator—Greg Hills
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