November 13, 2026

First Presbyterian Church

meets at

292 West Main Street · Newark, DE 19711
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Worship Grow Serve



This Week's Worship – November 15, 2026

Ushers: Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Laura Sievert
Liturgist: Nancy Black
Closer: Joe Huggins
Counters: Ron Olson, Kwansa

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Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

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Next Week's Worship–November 22, 2026

Ushers: Bob Wunder, Pam Wunder, Dan Raff, Kim Raff
Liturgist: Nancy Lewis
Closer: Ron Olson
Counters: Joe Huggins, Mimi Lovelace

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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY

FRITZ AND JACQUELYN LAND

IN HONOR OF OUR ANNIVERSARY OF 66 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

CELEBRATION OF Life

Ray Liebfried – Memorial Service - Friday, November 13, 2026, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Scripture reading for Sunday, November 15, 2026

1st Scripture Reading - *Psalm 121 (p. 498)*

1 I lift my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
8 The Lord will keep your going out and you're coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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

2nd Scripture Reading - *Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 807)*

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'
21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'
23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest.
28 So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents.
29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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Help Wanted for the First Pres Audio Team

Do you have at least two ears, two fingers, one eye, and a heart for service? If so, congratulations—you meet the minimum requirements to join the awesome First Pres Audio Team!

We are the fun and slightly wacky folks who volunteer to ensure that the congregation can hear and enjoy the words and music of our weekly worship service. In addition, we help out as needed to provide audio support for memorial services, concerts, and other special programs in our sanctuary.

No special skills or audio background is required. We will teach you the simple basics that you will need. After that, there are opportunities to expand your skills and knowledge as much as you would like to do.

For further information, please contact Jim Pierson-Perry. Join the few, the proud, the mildly deranged. Help your church and have fun doing it!

Jim can be reached at (302) 545-7566 and parisjimpp@gmail.com

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Brief Congregational Meeting to Be Held Nov 29th

Please plan to stay after worship service on Nov 29th to attend a brief but required congregational meeting to elect two at-large members to the church Nominating Committee. The proposed new members are Urie Boulden and Jan Huckleberry.

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Newark Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Nov 24th

The annual Newark area interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held on Tuesday, Nov 22nd, starting at 7 pm at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Road, Newark, DE 19711.

This years' service has a theme of "Struggle, Solidarity, and Hope" a reference to our acknowledgement that there are many who suffer in these days and that our gratitude at Thanksgiving should flow from our solidarity with the suffering and the hope that flows from it. The service will feature reflections from representatives of diverse faith traditions, music, and readings. An offering will be collected for the benefit of Friendship House of Delaware.

Singers are invited to join the community choir which will rehearse performance pieces at 6:00 p.m. before the service.

There will be a reception following the service, and guests are invited to bring something to contribute. Please try to include an ingredient list for those with allergies or religious restrictions.

Calvary Baptist is one of the Delaware site hosts for a screening of a 50-minute documentary on homelessness among the elderly. It's called "No Place to Grow Old," and it is being shown in cooperation with the Housing Alliance of Delaware at our church facility on Sunday, November 15 at 1:30 p.m. Registration is required at this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5DW3LF5

Please invite not only your faith communities but decision makers and elected officials.



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



To the members of First Presbyterian Church of Newark:

We are privilege to have Pastor Steven Clark step in as our Interim or Bridge Pastor, during Pastor Dan's absence. He is a semi-retired Presbyterian Pastor who has previously visited us.



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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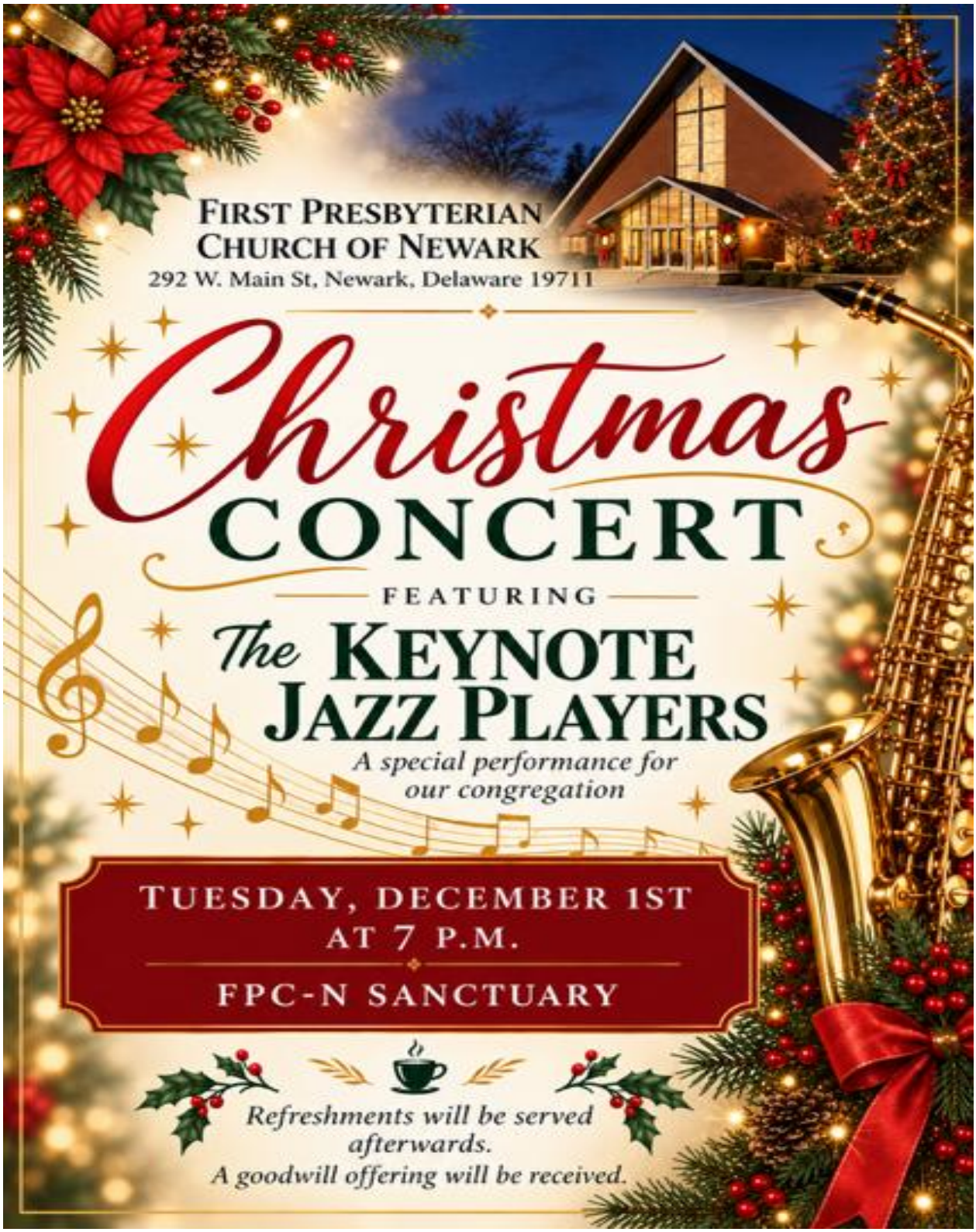


<u>Saturday, November 21st</u>

At 10:00 am

Come join us as we decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and the 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



Children's Nativity Service



Refreshments provided! Plus, a small gift for every child.



RSVP & Inquiries
phone# 856-745-8736

Barcelle

10-11 am 13 Dec 2026

Everyone is welcome!

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292 W Main Street, Newark DE 19711

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



December 5th —Hope Dining Room

January 2nd – Chancel Choir & Praise Team

Give the Blessing of Warm Feet

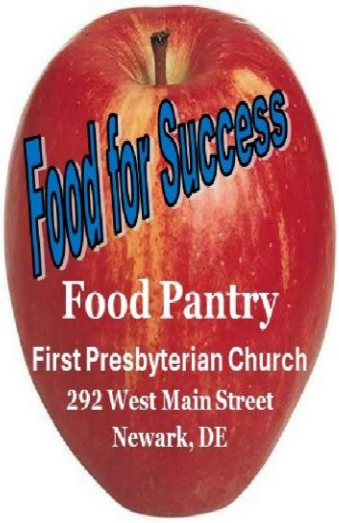


We are collecting donations of new men's socks between now and the end of November.

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**



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 10:30am - 11:30am Administrative Mtg 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 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm 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	**21** **10:00 am - Sanctuary - Hanging of the Greens**
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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