First Presbyterian Church

meets at

292 West Main Street · Newark, DE 19711
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November 20, 2026

Worship Grow Serve



This 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

You Tube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrt0yHvgOjUPphSOFgxxA

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www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

click here

Online giving through PayPal

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Next Week's Worship–November 29, 2026

Ushers: Carol Aftosmis, Marianne Piser, Katlin Douglas, Joe Kowalski
Liturgist: Matt Reyne
Closer: Larry Benson
Counters: Harvey Conner, Stan Blair

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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY

SANDY PRATHER

IN HONOR OF OUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

JOE AND LOIS HUGGINS



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 22, 2026

1st Scripture Reading - *Psalm 95:1-7(Old Testament) (p.479)*

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
3 For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice,

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

2nd Scripture Reading - *Matthew 25:31-46 (New Testament (p. 807)*

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.
32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.
35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,
36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?
38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?
39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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

VIF Giving Summary

as of October 31

Total VIF giving = $252,826

VIF Goal for 2026 = $336,000

PW FALL FUNDRSAISER THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Presbyterian Women CT, Carol Olson and Pam Wunder (PW Fundraiser Chairs) would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who cooked soup or chili, baked sweet treats or created baskets! We deeply appreciate your participation in our Fall Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who helped set up on Friday, and sell and clean up on Saturday – what an efficient team of helpers!

We are grateful to all who spread the word about our sale to the community as we had many neighbors and friends come support our efforts. We sincerely thank everyone who came out on a chilly fall Saturday to support our efforts. Thanks also to all who purchased the very few remaining items after worship on Sunday!

We raised $2856 to support our missions!

It was a huge success thanks to you!

THANK YOU!

Remembrance Garden Help Needed

Our church has a sacred space at the rear of the church dedicated as a Remembrance Garden.

It is our responsibility to maintain this and respect the wishes of families who have entrusted us with the ashes of their loved ones.

Please prayerfully consider joining the committee to ensure these grounds remain a sacred, beautiful place for those families to visit. Contact the committee chair Nancy Lewis or church office for more information.

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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 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.

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

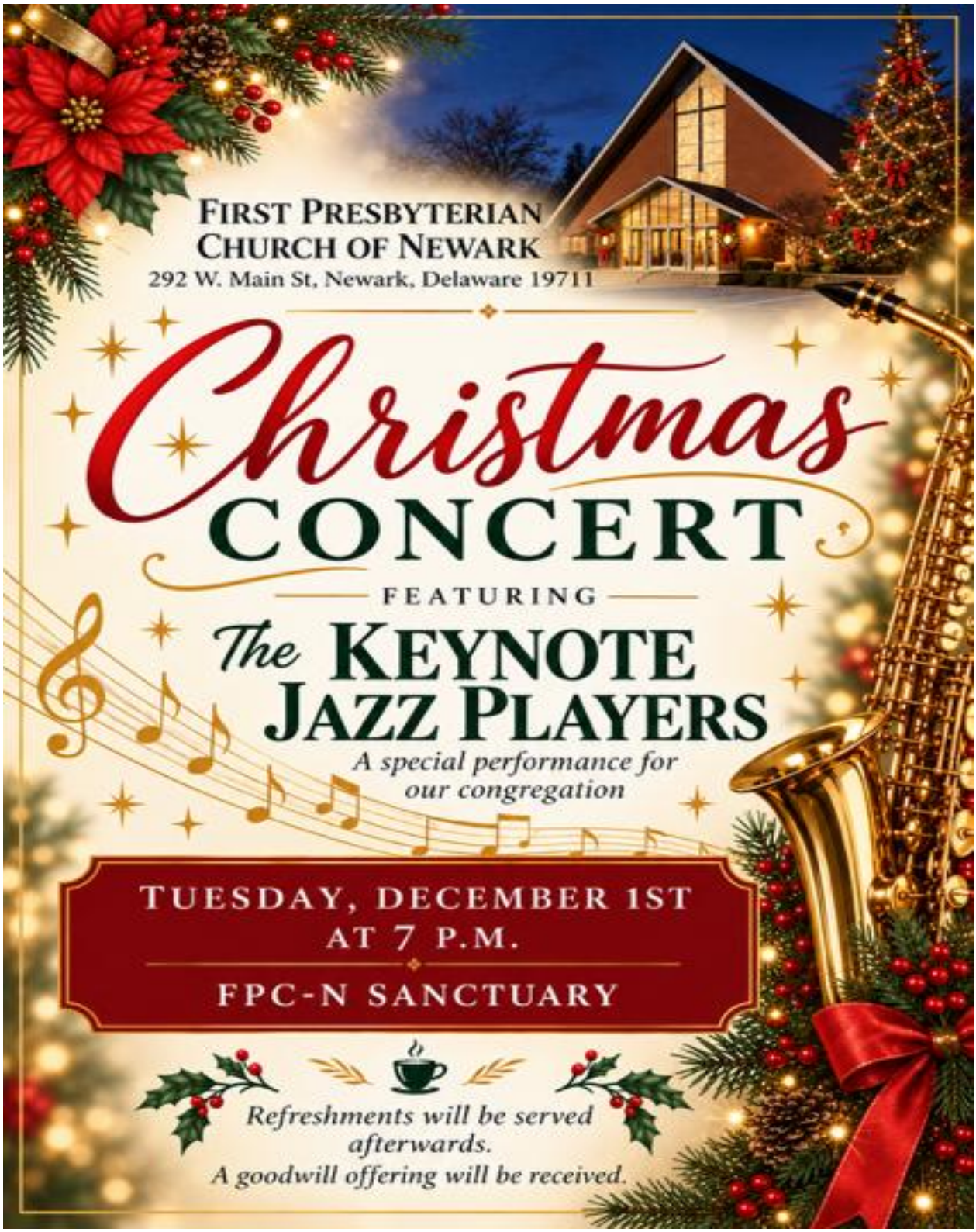


<u>Saturday, November 21st</u>

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

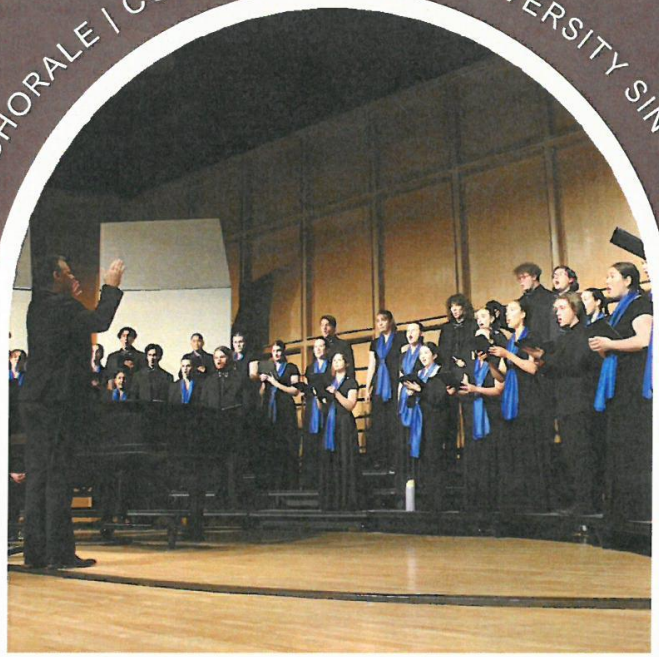
Saturday 12/19 4 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, DE 19806

PRIVATE CONCERTS UPON REQUEST

WWW.WILMINGTONHANDBELLENSEMBLE.ORG
Kerry Dietz, Artistic Director



UD CHORALE | CONCERT CHOIR | UNIVERSITY SINGERS



Carols by Candlelight

3 PM and 5:30 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWARK
DECEMBER 6, 2026

SCAN QR CODE
FOR TICKETS

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!

First Presbyterian Church
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

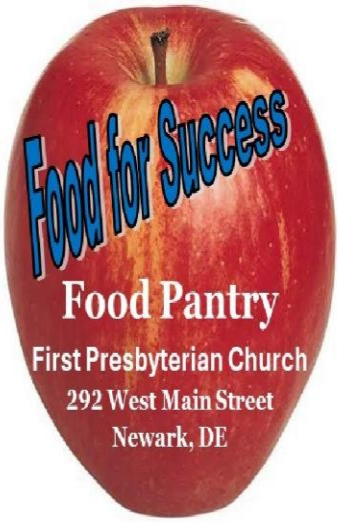


We are collecting donations of new men's socks between now and the end of November.

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**	**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 2029: Lois Huggins, Nancy Lewis, Jim Pierson-Perry

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