November 2026

Messenger

A publication of First Christian Church, Meadville, PA

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, our calendars often fill with family gatherings, holiday traditions, and opportunities to serve others. But in the middle of all the busyness, we must remember that God has placed people around us who need to experience His love. In Matthew 9:36, Jesus looked at the crowds and had compassion on them because they were "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus saw more than a crowd; He saw people who needed hope, direction, and a Savior.

What if we began looking at the people around us through the eyes of Jesus? Our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and even strangers we encounter each day are not interruptions to our mission—they may be the very people God has placed in our path.

Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."* (Matthew 9:37 NIV). Those words can be such a challenge for the church today. But there are many, many people who simply need encouragement. There are families who need help. There are ones who desperately need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.



We don't have to travel across the world to live on mission; sometimes, our mission begins across the street, across the office, or across the Thanksgiving dinner table. This season, ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities around you. Offer a helping hand, speak a word of encouragement, invite someone into your home, or share the hope you have in Christ.

"*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*"
(Matthew 9:38 NIV)

You may never know how God will use one simple act of love to make an eternal difference in someone's life.

In Christ,
Robert



Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship	Evening
9/27	72	138	58
10/4	70	145	50
10/11	67	155	55
10/18	101	178	53
10/25	82	153	49

Offering

Weekly Budgeted Needs - $5,503.89

	Budgeted	Designated
9/27	$3,315.00	$0.00
10/4	$5,358.00	$723.00
10/11	$6,025.00	$70.00
10/18	$5,205.00	$148.00
10/25	$3,640.00	$420.00

Online Giving for the month of September

This amount is in addition to the amounts printed above.

$1,505.00

FCC KidZone

Hi Kidz,

Happy Fall!! It is time to harvest all those blessings that God has given us! Our God is so good! Every day of this season, God gives us so much beauty…from the beautiful leaves to the yummy food. Kidz, give thanks for all that God gives us!

Our next outing is our KidZone Thankful Dinner. Make your plans now to join us on November 20th at 6:00pm. Let your children show you just how much you mean to them by serving you a spaghetti meal! Please sign up at the KidZone Check-in Counter.

Kidz, there will be no Sunday Evening Programs on November 15th due to our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Make sure you join in on that awesome feast! ☺

Make sure you keep bringing your Bibles each Sunday! We will be digging into God's wonderful Book! Bring your friends to church each week with you. Everyone needs to know about Jesus! I cannot wait to see everyone Sunday!

God Bless,
Miss Lori

I give you thanks, O Lord,
with all my heart.
~Psalm 138:1a

Women's Craft Night
November 11th at 6pm
Heritage Hall

We will be making decorations for the Thanksgiving Dinner!



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday
November 14th
8:30am
Heritage Hall

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

THANKFUL DINNER



FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 20TH
AT 6:00 PM

ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN YOUR CHILD/GRANDCHILD FOR A SPECIAL SPAGHETTI DINNER!

LET US SHOW YOU HOW THANKFUL WE ARE FOR YOU!!

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE KIDZONE COUNTER!

Gifts for Jesus

The Missions Committee is collecting medicines for the Central Brazilian Mission to use on their Medical Boat Trips in 2027. These boat trips serve the people that live in villages along the Amazon River. They see thousands of patients, perform needed surgeries, give neonatal care to babies and expectant mothers, provide dental care, eye care, and physicals to anyone who comes to the medical boat. Please prayerfully consider helping, and hopefully we can bless this mission with a great gift for their future trips!



Pick up a list of requested medicines at the display in Heritage Hall. You may then place your donations in the Gift Box anytime through Christmas! Thank you for your help!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, NOV 21ST, 9AM
DIAMONDS ALL STAR GRILLE



Collection Week: November 16-23

Pick up a box in Heritage Hall, then drop if off downstairs in the classroom at the end of the hall during collection hours!

Mon, 11/16:	9am-2pm & 5-7pm	Fri, 11/20:	9am-2pm & 5-7pm
Tues, 11/17:	9am-2pm & 5-7pm	Sat, 11/21:	9am-2pm
Wed, 11/18:	9am-2pm & 5-7pm	Sun, 11/22:	8am-10am & 5-7pm
Thur, 11/19:	9am-2pm & 5-7pm	Mon, 11/23:	8am-10am

If you are able to volunteer, please sign up in Heritage Hall or see Barb Smith for more details!

NOVEMBER

Counters

11/1	Dawn Fronce Katie Heiner
11/8	Michelle Glenn-Pennino Danette Little
11/15	Sherry Manuel Jan VanTuil
11/22	Eileen Smith Marci Dickson
11/29	Katie Heiner Marci Dickson

Anniversaries

26	Bill & Denise Harry
29	Kurt & Jan VanTuil

Birthdays

1	Chelsee Bavas
3	Chris Fraker
	Gloria Peterson
5	Linda Karns
7	Lori Hollabaugh
12	George Tedesco
18	Arwen Bennett
20	Jason Napolitano
22	Hailey Manuel
29	Jenna Maynard
30	Chris Stainbrook
	Ashley McGuire



Need a ride to Church and Sunday School?
Call the church office by Noon on Friday!
814-336-3540

Communion Preparation

Mark Manuel

Communion Meditation

Bruce Lawrence
Brian Little
Denny Weaver
Bob Gears
Steve Hills

Communion Servers

Jason Napolitano
Mark Manuel
George Tedesco
Rich Sorger

Greeters

Heritage Hall

11/1	Eileen Smith
11/8	Robert & Ashley McGuire
11/15	Bill Hunt
11/22	Bill Hunt
11/29	Cheryll Hodges

KidZone Check-in Counter

9am	Shawn Hollabaugh
10am	Jim Kurt

KidZone

	Sunday School	Worship
2-3's		Dana Reffner
3's-K	Dawn Fronce	
4's-K		Chris Fraker
1st		Kim Reffner
1st-3rd	Marci Dickson	
2nd-3rd		Jenni Torok
4th-6th	Jason Fronce	Rich & Jen Sorger

Nursery

	Sunday School	Worship
11/1	Janice McKinney	Jessica K./Michelle P.
11/8	Janice McKinney	Tammy M./Alyse
11/15	Janice McKinney	Jen Sorger/Hope H.
11/22	Janice McKinney	Alyson C./Levina H.
11/29	Janice McKinney	Jenna M./Hope H.



1	John 1-3
2	John 4-5
3	John 6-8
4	John 9-10
5	John 11-12
6	John 13-16
7	John 17-18
8	John 19-21
9	Acts 1-3
10	Acts 4-6
11	Acts 7-8
12	Acts 9-10
13	Acts 11-13
14	Acts 14-16
15	Acts 17-19
16	Acts 20-22
17	Acts 23-25
18	Acts 26-28
19	Romans 1-3
20	Romans 4-7
21	Romans 8-10
22	Romans 11-13
23	Romans 14-16
24	1 Corinthians 1-4
25	1 Corinthians 5-9
26	1 Corinthians 10-13
27	1 Corinthians 14-16
28	2 Corinthians 1-4
29	2 Corinthians 5-8
30	2 Corinthians 9-13

Soup Kitchen

Marabeth Geiger,
George Tedesco,
Ernestine Steinberg,
Linda Karns,
Randy & Denise Guy

Baptismal Ministry

Male Assistant:

Mark Manuel

Female Assistant:

Sherry Manuel

November



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 **Annual Meeting, 9am** **Evening Programs, 6pm**	2	3	4 **Elders, 7:30pm**	5 **Worship Practice, 6pm** **Al-Anon, 7:30pm**	6	7
8 **Evening Programs, 6pm**	9	10	11 **Women's Craft Night, 6pm**	12 **Worship Practice, 6pm** **Al-Anon, 7:30pm**	13	14 **Women's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30am**
15 **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, 5pm**	16	17	18 **Soup Kitchen, 10am** **Council, 7pm**	19 **Worship Practice, 6pm** **Al-Anon, 7:30pm**	20 **KidZone Thankful Dinner, 6pm**	21 **Men's Prayer Breakfast at Diamonds All Star Grille, 9am**
22 **Teens' Fill The Box Party, 3-7pm** **Evening Programs, 6pm**	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving **Al-Anon, 7:30pm**	27	28
29 **Evening Programs, 6pm**	30	31				

Operation Christmas Child
Collection Week
November 16-23

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Meadville, Pennsylvania

Gather, Give Thanks to the Lord, and Feast Together!

Sign up in Heritage Hall

SUNDAY | NOV 15 2026 | 5:00PM

Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, beverages, and place settings will be provided. Please bring a dish to share!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Services:

Sunday School.....9am
Worship Service.....10am
Sunday Evening Programs.....6pm

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday.....9am - 3pm

Staff:

Robert McGuire - Senior Minister
Lori Hollabaugh - Director of Children's Ministry
Mark Manuel - Custodian
Kelly Wade - Secretary

