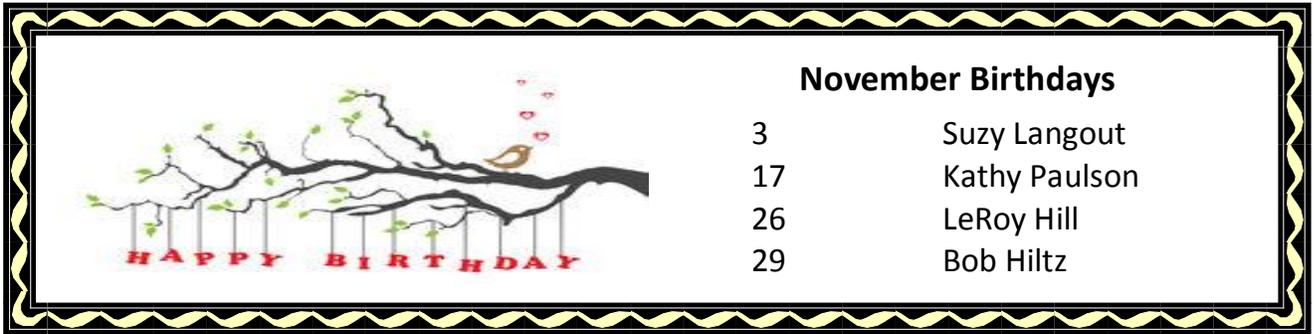


November



Lord

Bless our ears with Your word.
Bless our bodies with Your bounties.
Bless our lives with Your love.
In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.



November Birthdays

3	Suzy Langout
17	Kathy Paulson
26	LeRoy Hill
29	Bob Hiltz

November Service Chair

Joyce Ackerman	751-2874	Joan Forbes	751-3965
Linnea Mostad	751-8327	Harry Aylesworth	444-4464
Donna Dickinson	751-2158	Morris & Judy Damp	444-7205
Gloria Phelps	444-6972	LeRoy & Lois Hill	760-1346
		Becky Kummet	444-9772

Prayer Chain



We are available to all members for a loved one who is ill or just who need a spiritual lift for themselves or needs the prayers of his or her friends. Call the church office at 444-5016 or Libby Underhill at 444-9774.

Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please give the church a call and let us know. Because of the privacy laws now in place, pastors can no longer have access to files. We'll be glad to visit you. If you've been ill at home and would like to talk with a pastor, let us know that also. If you would like communion brought to you, let us know. If you'd like to talk over some personal issues or seek pastoral help, let us know. We invite you to communicate your needs to us and we'll do what we can to help. Call the office at 444-5016. During our time of transition, church officers are available to visit with you and assist in arranging pastoral care.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO REMEMBER



*Notes
from the Office*

If you have items for the **December Newsletter**, Please call the office by **Tuesday, November 21st.**

Bulletin items need to be into the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you wish it to appear.

To avoid confusion, please send information for the bulletin and newsletter to the church office via email at presbji@paulbunyan.net. If you don't have email, call the office at 444-5016 or stop by the office during office hours, Monday—Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT—Month Ending September 30, 2017

Total Income	(\$243,246.43)		
Total Expenses	\$ 10,610.70		
Memorial Fund		\$ 9,293.99	
Money Market		\$ 83,905.02	
Endowment Restricted Funds		\$552,572.15	
Endowment Non Restricted Funds		\$107,416.39	

Communion Served October 1—23

Serving was: Cheryl Hiltz, Dixie Wirkus, Duane and Mary Hayes

From the Worship Committee

Communion set-up: Vera Weis

Serving Communion in November: Betty Hanson-Lehman, Joyce Ackerman, Mary Lou Miller, Cheryl Hiltz

Head Usher: Gloria Phelps

Ushers:**Greeter****Liturgists:**

November 5	Nancy Weber/Dixie Wirkus	Arlene Lee	Bob Weber
November 12	Gloria Aylesworth	Gini Sande	
November 19	Gloria Aylesworth		Ruth Andersen
November 26	Joe & Judy Rossi		

A **short meeting of the congregation** will be held at 11:00 following worship on November 12. The business will be the nomination and election of one member-at-large to the Nominating Committee along with the nomination and election of one elder to fill one opening on session for a two year term.



Mary Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Jan Kuleta will be the hostess.

November Benevolence

Presbyterian Peacemaking Program



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS



“Peace at all times in all ways.”

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Our November benevolence will be to one of the Presbyterian Special Offerings known as the Peace and Global Witness offering. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, a mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a program of Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministries, in urgent response to the overwhelming culture of violence in our world is working toward...

- ◆ Transforming cultures of violence into communities of peace.
- ◆ Responding to communities to inspire new approaches to active peacemaking and
- ◆ Equipping God’s people to be compassionate and prophetic Peacemakers.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering challenges us to look at the world not as a place where conflict is inevitable, but where Christ’s peace is possible.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/>



Supper Club will be meeting on Friday, November 17 at 5:30 pm. (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) The place will be announced later in the bulletin. Please sign up at the church office: by email; pres-bji@paulbunyan.net – or – by phone; 444-5016, on or before Wednesday, November 15.

Friday, November 17 at 5:30 pm. The place will be announced later in the bulletin.

This is an evening full of joy, laughter and good food.

All are welcome!

Worship Committee members are needed. Volunteers, please contact the church office. at 444-5016



Speaking God's Word Into Every Heart Banquet Event

With 400 new Bible Translation starts anticipated in 2017, God is accelerating Bible translation beyond anything we could have imagined. Very soon God's Word will be spoken into the hearts of millions for the very first time!

Wycliffe Associates is hosting a banquet event here in Bemidji on Saturday night, November 4th. Please contact Dianne Roholt at 218-444-2859 for the details of the banquet.

You will be able to see how God is using innovative methods and advanced technology to trigger this new wave of Bible translation, evangelism, and church planting. Our team will share how you can be involved in speaking God's Word into every heart.

We have never lived in a time like this. God has given you and me the amazing opportunity to participate in the most phenomenal expansion of Bible translation in the history of mankind—to speak God's Word into the hearts of the last, the least, and the forgotten of this world.

Help!

The **Kitchen Fellowship Committee (KFC)** is now down to four members. This committee is responsible for the organizing, serving, and clean up of the treats and coffee during Fellowship Hour. In order to continue the tradition of Fellowship Hour as it's been done, we need a minimum of two people to join the committee. Men are most welcome! A suggestion was made that a couple could join and help serve. The more the merrier!

In December, the committee will meet to amend the service chair lists. If new people have not joined by that time, the committee will need to re-evaluate its responsibilities. It's possible Fellowship Hour will need to be cut back to coffee and lemonade only.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Libby Underhill (444-9774).

First Presbyterian Church Bemidji, MN October 17, 2017

The **monthly stated meeting of the session of First Presbyterian Church** was held in the church conference room on October 17, 2017 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Arlin Talley.

ELDERS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM: Duane Hayes, Bill Beck, Bob Weber, Leroy Hill

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk of Session Mary Hayes, Libby Underhill

QUORUM DECLARED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the September 12, 2017 were accepted as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The resignation of Jan Gross from session was **accepted**.

Ginny MacKinnon will be removed from the church roll at her own request.

The resignation of organist Muff Magelssen was **accepted**.

Greg Roberts, Troop 25 Scout Leader requested a lock in on Jan. 5, 2018. **Approved**.

Kurt Davis Bobcat proposal for snow removal was **accepted**.

CLERK'S REPORT was **accepted**.

Weddings: none

Baptisms: none

Deaths: none

New Members: none

Return to Active Membership: none

Removed from Roll: Coleen Wiltse by own request

Request Transfer of Membership: none

To Inactive Membership Roll: none

Communion: Oct. 1: 23 served. Serving: Cheryl Hiltz, Dixie Wirkus, Duane & Mary Hayes

Membership as of October 17, 2017: 118

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial report was reviewed. Clarifications of current assets were shared as the financial computer program currently in use gives a less useful view of restricted and unrestricted funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration The committee is working on a replacement organist. The following committee recommendations to session were **approved:**

- Cover the cost of cake, if requested, on Oct. 29 for a potluck and volunteerism recognition.
- Approve fellowship hall and fireplace room use by Noemi Aylesworth and Trish's Photography for community Santa photo day Thursday, Dec. 7, 1:30-6:00. Proceeds will go to the WOLFE Center.
- Approve Scout Pancake Fundraiser request for April 8, 2018.
- In addition, **if the way be cleared**, session **approved** a request for Rev. John Yingling to perform a baptism during a Sunday service.

Christian Education/Nurture No report

Outreach No report

Worship Members will be sought for this committee.

Nominating Committee A congregational meeting will be held on Nov. 12 following the worship service with two items on the agenda: 1 An election to fill the session position vacated by the resignation of Gloria Phelps (Class of 2019). The name of Donna Dickinson will be on the ballot, along with any nominations from the floor. 2 An election to fill a vacancy on the Nominating Committee for a member at large.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Libby Underhill spoke of the need for more KFC (kitchen committee) help. A letter will be put in the newsletter.

Updated information was shared: October 29 will be the date for all church volunteers and boy scout helpers to be recognized during worship. A pot luck will follow.

Duane Hayes was appointed church Treasurer.

A stewardship program was discussed. Session members will review materials and talk with Rev. Talley as soon as possible.

Session members will meet with the Commission on Ministry in Coleraine at a date to be determined.

Next Meeting: November 12, Sunday, 8:30 am at church with the moderator filling the pulpit at worship and moderating the Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hayes, Clerk of Session

Sundays
 10:00 Worship Service
 11:00 Fellowship

November 2017



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

			1 All Saints Day 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	2	2	4
5 Communion All Saints Sunday Duane Geisler preaching	6 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy	7	8 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	9 Hope House Turkey Dinner Members only	10	11
12 8:30am Session Mtg Arlin Talley Preaching 11:00am Congregational Meeting	13 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	14	15 Mary Martha Circle 1:30/Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	16	17 6:00 p.m. Supper Club	18
19 Chip Holt preaching	20 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	21	22 Food Shelf 6:30 pm Calvary Chapel	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	24 	25
26 Rick Weinert preaching	27 5:00 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	28	29	30		