

Moscow First Presbyterian Church

*Pastor Norman Fowler's reference for our fall sermon series:
God and World in the Old Testament: A relational Theology of Creation by Terrance E
Fretheim. Abingdon Press, Nashville, 2005.*

Our Mission: First Presbyterian Church of Moscow strives to be a welcoming, caring family of faith, called to love the Lord and our neighbors. We are growing in Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service to others.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY-

10:30 A.M.- Sunday Worship

For more information, contact the church office.

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Birthdays this Week: Kaitlin Jones, Shannon Jones, Leila Rudzinis

In Our Prayers: the family and friends of Yve Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20th

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS:

DEACONS' BENEVOLENCE OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER

This year the Deacons will again be giving to Christmas for Kids for its November Benevolence Offering. Christmas for Kids was started in 1982 by our own church member Jean Currin. The goal of the program each year is to provide clothing, toys, and books to children of struggling families. It is a local non-profit 501(c)3 organization staffed entirely by volunteers. Many people of Moscow contribute in various ways to this program such as sponsoring a family by purchasing from the family's wish list, taking a tree tag from one of the Christmas for Kids trees around town and purchasing a gift for a child, helping to wrap, sort and package gifts, or sending a check directly to the Christmas for Kids address. This year the Christmas for Kids elves are Jeanne Gayler, Cretia Bunney, Staci Gibler Spoull, Sheri Mosley and Nancy Tribble. To give through our church, write a check to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo line say, "Christmas for Kids". Or give to the Deacons' Fund online via Tithel.ly <https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Advent begins November 27, and it is the tradition in our church to begin each Sunday worship service with the lighting of the Advent candles. If you and your spouse, family, or a group of friends would like to light candles for worship, **please sign up** on the sheet on the office window as soon as possible. Readings will be provided in advance.

HELP NEEDED SETTING UP FOR ADVENT On Sunday afternoon, November 20, a crew of volunteers is needed to set up trees in the sanctuary and chapel, and prepare for the Hanging of the Greens service. Anyone would like to help with the preparations is invited to from 2-4 p.m. All ages welcome. Contact Kathy Pendegraft at kathyp8623@twc.com to volunteer or to get more information.



Come
Decorate for
Christmas

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come

HANGING OF THE GREENS NOVEMBER 27 During 10:30 a.m. worship on the First Sunday of Advent, the congregation will participate in the “hanging of the greens” by hanging wreaths and adding Chrismons to the tree in the sanctuary. We will remember the meaning behind the Chrismons, lights, evergreens, Advent wreath, and poinsettias, and begin to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Spreading holiday cheer: Service opportunities

During the holidays, there are always an abundance of community service opportunities, helping to meet basic needs and spreading holiday cheer. Listed below are a few our church family has contributed to in the past, and one new opportunity brought forward by the Tuesday morning women's group.

Support Moscow High Students

FOON, our weekly pizza lunch for high school students, is growing by leaps and bounds, and participation always increases in the New Year. Attendance HAS GROWN TO ABOUT 75 STUDENTS EACH WEEK and participation is expected to be over 80, in the near future. Donations of drinks, cookies, time, and cash are welcome. Please coordinate with Julie Hopper.

Thanksgiving Worker Appreciation

Many folks are working on Thanksgiving Day, Hospital staff, fire and police workers are often acknowledged with food and other acts of kindness, but what about grocery store workers, gas station attendants and others? As suggested by members of our church family this year we are going to pilot an effort to thank those working on Thanksgiving by delivering small loaves of pumpkin bread or other goodies. We have some volunteers to bake, and we could use more. If you would like to help bake, **deliver** (help please!) our gratitude gifts, or add to the list of deliveries, please contact Julie Hopper or Dianne Daley Laursen.

Wreath Orders

First Presbyterian Church youth are sponsoring a wreath sale through Lynch Creek Farm. Unlike previous years, these orders will be made online at www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/300359.

Orders may be placed from now through December 5. Besides ordering wreaths, donations can also be made through this site. Your order must be made through our fundraising page on the LCF website.

