

CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

*For a complete calendar, please visit: <https://www.americuspresbyterian.org/calendar/>

ELDER OF THE MONTH ~ November: Elder David Minich ~ December: Elder Jim Griffith

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ~ The church office is open Monday - Thursday 9am-5pm.

GSW PRES HOUSE ~100 William B King Dr ~ Provides free lunch for students every Monday and Thursday from 11am-1pm. Our church is volunteering on **(Thursday, Nov.21st) Thanksgiving** and (Thursday, March 13th) St. Patrick's Day. Help us decorate, make or serve food, chat with students, and share God's love! Contact Katie Minich (229) 220-1184 or Carrie Hawkins (229) 942-2198.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY (CSM) ~ Volunteers from member churches of the Sumter Area Ministerial Association help their neighbors in need of assistance with utility expenses. Hosted in the FPC Mission House | 127 S Jackson St. | Every Thursday 9-11:30am

HANGING OF THE GREENS ~ Tuesday, November 26 @ 1:00 pm you are invited to join us as we decorate the church for Christmas!

KERSTIN VACATION DAY ~ Saturday, November 30th

HANDBELL CHOIR ~ Upcoming Practice Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:15 pm.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING ~ Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00pm; Nov & Dec combined meeting

SEEKERS WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB ~ Meets again Wednesday, December 4th at 11:30 am in the church parlor. They are reading and discussing the book; *Faith: A Journey for All* by Jimmy Carter.

DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE ~ Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 pm

SUMTER PLAYERS ELF MUSICAL ~ contact The Rylander Theatre for tickets, show times: Friday, December 6th at 7pm, Saturday, December 7th at 2:30pm & 7pm and Sunday, December 8th at 2:30pm

FRP HOLIDAY STAFF PARTY ~ Saturday, December 7th; hosted in the fellowship hall @ 12:00 pm

SUMTER PLAYERS ELF CAST PARTY ~ Sunday, December 8th; hosted in the fellowship hall.

A CHRISTMAS PORTRAIT ~ Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 pm; A community Christmas concert for the whole family. Featuring: The Albany Symphony Orchestra and the choirs of First Methodist Church of Americus and Georgia Southwestern State University For FREE tickets and event information, please visit: www.fmcamericus.org/events | First Methodist Church | 200 South Lee Street

HANDBELL CHOIR ~ Special music from the handbell choir during worship on Sunday, 12/15

WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ~ Cookies and Cocoa ~ The 4th Sunday of Advent, December 22~

First Presbyterian Church

Americus, Georgia

A community of faith responding to God's call.
Loving, learning and leading people to Jesus Christ.



Thanks Be to the Lord

(inspired by Psalm 121)

For those who have watched over me,
for those that have protected me,
for those that have shielded me,
thanks be to the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

For the roof that shades me from the sun,
for the walls that shield me from the storm,
for the bed that warms me in the night,
thanks be to the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

To the one who keeps me from evil,
to the one who preserves my life,
to the one who watches over my coming and going,
thanks be to the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 5 ~ Beth Williams

November 10 ~ Anne Perry

November 13 ~ Will Krenson

November 17 ~ Sommer Bower

November 21 ~ Jackson Buffaloe

November 30 ~ Cynthia Richmond

WOMEN'S "SEEKERS" BOOK CLUB

book > *FAITH* JIMMY CARTER

New readers are always welcome

Wednesday, December 4 @ 11:30 a.m. Church Parlor

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The month of November, we will be collecting 15oz canned sweet potatoes.

Donations can be brought to Sunday 11am Worship or to the office Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm.

First Presbyterian Church of Americus, GA

Sunday, November 24, 2024 ~ 11:00 a.m.

*All Are Invited to Stand in Body or in Spirit.
The Congregation is invited to respond at the **bold** print.



PRELUDE.....Pianist Lenard Martin

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Pastor Sommer Bower

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
that comes from heaven:*

who knew you and chose you before the world began; (Eph 1)

who loves you so much that he calls you his own children; (I Jn 3)

**who has brought you from darkness into light
and filled you with his glorious power;** (Col 1)

*who has prepared an inheritance for you
that will never spoil or fade;* (I Pet 1)

**who encourages and strengthens you
in every good deed and word;** (2 Thess 2)

*who comforts you in your troubles
so that you can comfort others.* (2 Cor 1)

**This is our God,
the ultimate source of all things,
and the One for whom we live.** (I Cor 8)

Let's worship God together!

***HYMN (#327)**.....Pianist Lenard Martin

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

PRAYER OF PRAISE and ADORATION

*Provider God, we bring you an offering of gratitude for the breath in our lungs,
the friends and family by our sides, and the earth under our feet. Even when
anxiety and scarcity threaten us, your abundance continues. Give us more days*

Operation Christmas Child Mission Project

On Sunday, November 10 we packed Christmas Gifts to be delivered to children around the world!



Our prayer for each child is the same as Philippians 1:9-10:
"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return."

PRAYER LIST

We lift up prayers for those listening Sunday mornings on WISK 98.7, Radio.
May they be spiritually fed. Please Pray for; Our Nation, Our Church;
Our Presbytery, Our Pastor, Our Staff, Our Officers, Campus Ministry,
Our Community and especially:

MEMBERS AND CHURCH FRIENDS AT HOME &/OR IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Bob & B.J. Bryan Gloria Johnson Pat Hill
Kathy Newkirk Anne & Malcolm Perry

MEMBERS REMEMBERED

DAVID AND DONNA MINICH

JOSH AND KATIE MINICH; CONRAD & ALICE

You are invited to sign the Prayergrams on the narthex table in fellowship after worship.

MISSIONARIES REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

- Ben & Esther Campbell, Push the Rock Intl.

- Tim & Lois Hunter, Spoken Worldwide

- Rev. George Haugen (PC USA Minister), Antioch Partners

PRAYER REQUESTS

~**GLORIA JOHNSON** ~ Mrs. Johnson has been on hospice care for several months and she is approaching her final days before entering the Kingdom of Heaven. Thank-you for your continued prayers for her and her family. Correspondence can be sent to Marcia Seymore: 225 Taylor Street, Americus, Georgia 31709

~**JIM AND PAT BUFFALOE** ~ Both Jim and Pat Buffaloe are in North Georgia. Jim is at a Long Term Acute Care Facility (*Wellstar Windy Hill, 2540 Windy Hill Road, SE, Marietta, GA 30067*). Pat is staying with her daughter, Jennifer Moss, to be close to Jim. Cards/Correspondence for Pat can go to:

Pat Buffaloe ~ c/o Jennifer Moss; 18 Moss Road, Rockmart, Georgia 30153 | 229-944-0154

~**TONI HATFIELD** ~ From the Flint River Presbytery perpetual prayer calendar, we celebrate and give thanks to God for the hard work and dedication bookkeeper Toni Hatfield brings to the ministry of Flint River Presbytery.



and hours and minutes to give you praise. This we pray in the name of our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying;

**Our father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not to temptation,
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever, amen.**

SCRIPTURE

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Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

Romans 16:1-16

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, ² so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well. ³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, ⁴ and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. ⁵ Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. ⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. ⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. ¹⁰ Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet my relative Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. ¹² Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet his mother - a mother to me also. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

This is the Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN (#367 verses 1 & 4).....Pianist Lenard Martin
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

SERMON.....Pastor Sommer Bower
"People, People, People"

OFFERTORY.....Pianist Lenard Martin

*DOXOLOGY (#606)Pianist Lenard Martin

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Wondrous God, who fills empty bellies and empties sealed tombs,
release us from the fear and worry that keep us from wholly trusting you.
Open our eyes to a better way of living – a life of faith, hope, and love. We offer these
gifts as an act of devotion and a sign of our trust in you. Thank you for placing your
trust in us. May we be worthy of our sacred calling. Amen.*

*HYMN (#37).....Pianist Lenard Martin
"Let All Things Now Living"

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

*May the God who provides in times of drought and times of plenty,
the God who draws near when we seek God and when we run away,
the God who holds us close when we suffer
and sheds divine tears when we weep,
sustain you through your journey now and forever!
Hallelujah! Amen.*

POSTLUDE.....Pianist Lenard Martin



On Thursday, November 21st we served a marvelous feast for the students at the GSW Pres House before they return home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank-you, First Presbyterian for providing an absolutely delicious homecooked meal; our hearts are now warm and bellies full!

**First Presbyterian Church
Americus, Georgia**



**Tuesday, November 26th
1:00pm**

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