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## MINISTER'S MOMENT

We all think of November as the THANKSGIVING MONTH. This is because we have a holiday toward the end of the month dedicated to expressing gratitude. For me, however, there is an additional reason for being thankful this month: All Saints' Day. This time of commemoration and appreciation occurs on the very first day of November and is often included in church services on the first Sunday. All Saints' Day directs our attention toward all the people of God (in all places and times) who have gone before us, and we honor them by thanking God for their faithfulness. So, November BEGINS with gratitude and ENDS with gratitude. It really is the THANKSGIVING MONTH.

November's theme of gratitude plays out in another way in our church as well. On Sunday, November 24th, we will have a short congregational meeting following our Family Dinner. At this meeting, we will elect new church leaders and approve a very positive budget for 2025. As we cast our votes, our hearts should be thankful that we have good leadership and that our financial situation is solid and secure. In other words, we should appreciate the fact that First Community Church continues to thrive in our service to God in Christ Jesus. I am thankful also that God has blessed each of us by guiding us to such a peaceful, thoughtful, and compassionate church. Truly, we have much to be thankful for in November. All that is left to say is "THANK YOU GOD!" ~Russell



Ann Junge	11/2	Maggie Oppelt	11/6
Minni Owen	11/5	Don Bauer	11/17
Lindley Hacker	11/6	Leone Lush	11/24



Jacob & Emily Flowers	11/18 2023
Tom Tiegreen & Carolyn Russell	11/28 1986

*Please contact the church office and give us your birthday and anniversary dates. We don't want to miss anyone!*

### \*\*\*Special Thanks!\*\*\*

-Thank you all who bought jewelry at the recent fundraiser. \$619 was made from the sale and added to what was collected from the Pancake Feed. ~Stephanie and Sharon

-Your generosity towards Helene Disaster Relief helped us raise a total of over \$3,000.

Serving in  
Nov.

Elders

Denise Winans  
Allen Trimble

Deacons

\*Shelly McIntyre  
Tom Tiegreen  
Art Koller  
Judy Koller

Communion

Stewards

Art Koller  
Judy Koller

Serving in  
Dec.

Elders

Dave Mason  
Dick Kice

Deacons

\*Janet Kice  
Beverly Heath  
Denise Dugan  
Jack Piper

Communion

Stewards

Dick Kice  
Janet Kice

**Undie Sunday**

Through November 24th, we will be collecting packaged undergarments again for the men and women at Souls Harbor Mission. Scarves, hats and gloves are also needed.

**For the men:**

t-shirts sizes medium & large  
undershorts sizes 34-40  
socks size 6-11  
scarves & hats  
glove sizes medium & large

**For the women:**

sizes 5-10 in all items listed above  
scarves & hats  
glove sizes small & medium

\*There will be receptacles in the Narthex where you may put your purchased items.

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**Congregational Meeting  
& Family Dinner**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting & Family Dinner will be on Sunday, **November 24th**. Please plan on attending.

The congregation will be voting on the 2025 Official Board and budget.

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**Children's Musical  
The Grumpy Shepherd**

Performance Sunday, December 15th, during/after Family Dinner

\*Practice is on Sundays during Children's Church and from 11:00 a.m. to noon (after service).



**All Saints' Day  
Commemoration  
November 3rd**

Remember friends and loved ones on Sunday, November 3rd, during service.

\*There will be leaves in the Narthex to write their names on, and a tree in the Sanctuary to place them.

We hope you will join us!

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**BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, November 12th  
at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

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*Women's Section Meetings*

Section V– Wed., Nov. 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Section IV– Tues., Nov. 19th at 6:00 p.m.

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**ProMusica Concert at FCC**

Nexus Chamber Music

Thurs., November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <b>Commemorate All Saints Day</b> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	4  ← Sunday	5 	6 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	11 	12 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	13 Section V 1:00 p.m. Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	14 ProMusica Concert 7:00 p.m.	15	16 
17 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fiber Folks 2 pm	18	19 Section IV 6:00 p.m.	20 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	25 Congregational Meeting & Family Dinner Sunday 11:00 a.m. ←	26	27	28  Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30