

THE BELL-TOWER

2021

Florissant Presbyterian Church

November Up Coming

Trivia Night
Saturday the 6th
at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Veteran's Day
Thursday the 11th

Grab n Go
Thursday the 11th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Mobile Market
Saturday the 20th
8:30 a.m. until gone

Session
Sunday the 21st
After service

Thanksgiving
Thursday the 25th

Bell Tower Articles
Due the 29th @ 9:00 a.m.

From the Pastor



Being Thankful

Even while this awful pandemic continues to disrupt and strain our life together, trusting God gives us a gratitude on which we can still stand thankful. Every November, we have the tradition of counting our blessings in the harvests of life and then responding to God with praise and prayers of thanksgiving. As I reflect upon the many blessings in our lives together, I am so thankful for your faithfulness in gathering in-person and online for Sunday worship, I'm thankful for the times of safe distanced/masked fellowships we've shared especially the recent homecoming/food-truck, and I'm thankful for our many simple blessings of serve and mission at Florissant Presbyterian's food outreach. We have re-focused our energies, resources, and mission to make me truly thankful. During the loneliness of our isolation and social distancing, we are discovering together a deeper gratitude for even the simplest of God's blessings.

This November 2021, even in the continued loss and disorientating trauma of Covid-19, may we become more aware of God's blessings. As we start to regain some normalcy with holiday gathering plans and even special Christmas events, let us re-direct our focus toward numbering the many reasons we feel thankful over counting our losses and sadness. A commitment to living thankfully before God, challenges our strength and character to be even more commitment to trusting God with all the joys, challenges, and even our heartbreaks. Living trustfully in the power of God's blessings and bounty, gives you and me a powerful opportunity to show our gratitude to God to whom we are rightly today and eternally thankful.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,

Pastor Sean



Thank You, LORD!

Clerks Report

The monthly Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday, October 17, 2020 at noon in Harmon Hall with social distancing and masks.

Financials have been posted.

- The Grab and Go Suppers continue the 2nd and 4th Thursday every month from 5 pm to 7 pm. Help for set up at 3:30 pm. Church members are welcome to stop by for a hot dog!
- Mobile Market will continue based on availability from St Louis Area Food Bank on the 3rd Saturday. Leftovers will be taken to TEAM or shared with Marygrove.
- Two rain barrels went missing. There is one on hand to replace it.
- Homecoming was held September 26th with One Dish Wonders food truck. It was fun reminiscing and checking out old photos and mementos. We want to gather more emails addresses from former members and youth group members.
- The campfire was cancelled due to questionable weather.
- A Halloween Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st from 3 to 5 with masks required. Individuals will provide candy out of their car trunks in the side parking lot.
- Trivia will be on November 6th. Sign up if you are coming or can help.
- Another order will be made for church t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.
- November 28 is 1st Sunday in Advent. Pastor Sean and Ellen Geerling will work on special music.

In Our Prayers

Kay, Tom, Lois, Lynn, Dianne, Fern, Doris, Carol, Sara, Pamela, Carole's niece Brittany, Mary's brother, Sue's friend Lill, Ruth & her great grandson, Sue & her brother-in-law Shawn and her sister Lynn.

Happy Birthday

5 Sara Williams	16 Carolyn Mawson
8 Shirley Flynn	24 Marc Sostarich
11 Samuel Hendrickson	27 Susan Denno
14 Betty Walters	28 Doug Law
16 Sofia Butler	29 Paula Finke

In Loving Memory

Fred Bradford

Anniversaries

Paula & John Finke

Married 30 years November 2

Bill & Kay Bass

Married 61 years November 26

Thank You

To those in uniform serving today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day. Thank you for your service!



Trivia Night Basket Raffle

Here is a sample of some of the baskets we will have for raffle at Trivia Night.

- Let's Get Baking! - cookie pan, brownie pan, spatula, muffin cups, measuring cups, various cookie packets, brownie packet and muffin packet
- Clean House/Clean Car - various cleaning products for your home and car
- It's Fall Y'all! - fall plaque, rug, place mats, and decorations, candle, pumpkin latte mix, Thanksgiving paper dinnerware
- Would you like Coffee or Tea? - mugs, coffee and tea cups with saucers (1 of each) various coffee and tea flavors, coffee grinder, cookies, Starbucks gift card.
- Warm and Snuggly: warm socks, blanket, hot cocoa mix and marshmallows, scarf
- I'm Inspired: various inspirational books, candle, adult coloring book with colored pencils.
- It's Christmas Time: various Christmas decorations, wrapping paper, gift bags

This is just a partial list. We continue to add to these. There will also be other baskets for raffle. Plus, due to the generosity of our congregation, we will also have several Silent Auction baskets with lots of goodies.

If you are unable to attend Trivia Night, you can still participate in the raffle and win a basket. They will be on display Sunday, Oct. 31. We will be selling raffle tickets then. You may also call the office or Carole to set up purchasing your raffle tickets if you won't be at church. They will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



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WORD SEARCH

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Blessings
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Cornucopia
Cranberry

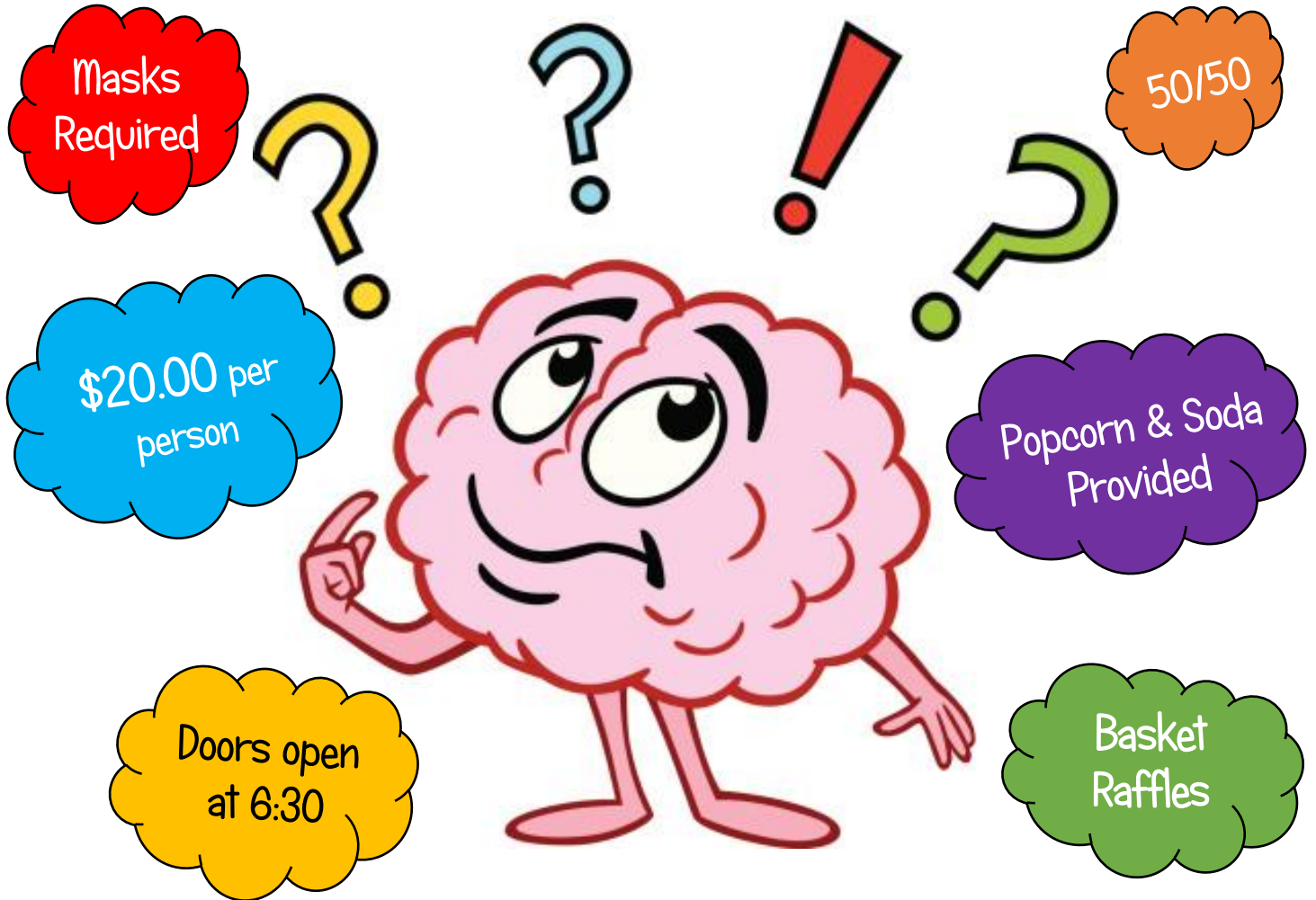
Family
Feast
Gather
Gratitude

Harvest
Indians
November
Pilgrims

Pumpkin Pie
Stuffing
Sweet Potatoes
Thanksgiving

Tradition
Turkey

TRIVIA NIGHT!



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
7:00 - 10:00 PM**

You are welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks.

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