

NEWS LETTER : NOVEMBER 4 2009

Fried Green Tomatoes

In Scripture we can find references to "first fruits." This was the practice of those people, who in gratitude for God giving them a bountiful harvest, would give to God the beginning of the harvest—literally the "first fruits".

So, that makes me think of the tomato plants we grew on our side porch this year. The comment was made as tomatoes were just beginning to ripen: Wouldn't a fried green tomato taste good about now?

Well, I don't know if you here in Kentucky eat fried green tomatoes, but we certainly ate them down in Alabama and Mississippi. And maybe the reason people started eating those green tomatoes is that they couldn't wait for them to ripen to red after being without a good fresh tomato since the previous tomato-growing season! And, really, when they are green, they actually do hold together a lot better in the skillet.

Traditionally with the Fall harvest, the church has followed the "first fruits" practice by asking us to consider how we would like to respond to God's blessing in gratitude by making a financial pledge. The pledge is a promise that we will give to the church a certain amount of money in the following year so that the church can make plans for what we can and will do in the Kingdom. But, the "first fruits" is also about the gift we will give of ourselves. How much of our time and talents are we willing to give for the benefit of the church? I have been humbled and joyful at the contributions so many of our folks make because you all take seriously Jesus' words about loving your neighbor as yourself.

Let us all consider how many ways God has blessed us. Let us consider in this time of the turning of the leaves and the nip in the air what "first fruits" we would like to give as a response to God's graciousness.

Jennifer

-Prayer Vigil-

We are proposing a 24 hour vigil from 8:00am Nov 14. to 8:00am Nov. 15. We are asking members to sign up for 1/2 hour or 1 hour periods during that time. There will be a sign-up board in the Narthex on Sun. Nov. 8 along with a list of suggestions of things you might wish to pray for. If you cannot attend services on Nov. 8 and you wish to participate, please call Norma Smith at 324-4903 or Ann Wiseman at 325-4875. We hope to have 24 hours of continuous prayer for our church as a whole and our members individually.



Movie!

Our Children are invited to go to the movies Sunday afternoon, **November 8th**. Our plan is to see "Where the Wild Things Are" at the Cinemark. Showtime is at 2:25 p.m. Meet at the church at **2:15**.

There will be a brief Fundraising Committee Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 6:00pm.

Vendor Sale

THIS Saturday, Nov 7 from 2-6pm

Vendors include: Avon, Mary Kay, Longaberger, Pampered Chef, 31 Purses, Amway, Madison Handbags, Handcrafted Jewelry

Call Heather Patton @ 923-3504

Dinner at First Presbyterian is Nov. 15 immediately following worship.

We provide turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, and rolls. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert...and your appetite!



Church Women United invite **all women** to attend World Community Day on Friday Nov. 6 with registration at 10:45am at the Wildwood First Church of God on South 29th St. Plenty of parking. Enter through the Welcome Center entrance. Program is entitled 'Piecing Earth Together.'



Operation Christmas Child

Fill a shoe box with items to be given to a child in far away places for Christmas. Wrapped Shoe boxes are available for you to take home and fill. Forms are also available to label the boxes, and includes suggested items to fill the boxes. You may also wrap and fill your own shoe box.



Mission Committee News:

We need donations for Operation Christmas Child & Thanksgiving Baskets. Donations for both will need to be here by Nov. 20th. You can bring shoeboxes starting now, or pick up pre-wrapped shoeboxes to fill in the Narthex for Operation Christmas Child. Thanksgiving Baskets will be assembled the 20th and delivered the 22nd if anyone can assist with either! Below are the items needed:

- ◆ Large boxes of instant potatoes
- ◆ Large boxes of stuffing mix
- ◆ 2 large cans green vegetables
 - ◆ 2 large cans fruit
- ◆ 2 large cans sweet potatoes
 - ◆ 1 can cranberry sauce
- ◆ *1 three-lb. canned ham



Thanks to our 'Trick-or-Treaters' our church raised \$52.89 for UNICEF. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

"FALL INTO THE HOLIDAY" FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON SAT. NOV. 14TH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TICKETS ARE \$20/EACH & CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE SENIOR CENTER OR FROM NANCY PAYNE.
*ELDER BEERMAN *BELK *CHRISTOPHER & BANKS *WILMA'S *CJ BANKS *BON WORTH *A BOUTIQUE
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SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES

First Presbyterian Church
November 8, 2009

Scripture: Ruth 3 & 4
Reverend: Jennifer Johnson
Usher: Pam Potter
Greeter: Jan Winans
Acolyte: Will Frye
Liturgist: Helen Harry
Cookies: Youth Group

First Presbyterian Church
November 8 - November 14

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
 10:30 Chancel Choir
 10:50 Worship/2 Cents a Meal Offering
 2:15 Where the Wild Things Are

Monday 1:30 Care Share & Prayer Group
 7:00 PNC Meeting

Tuesday 6:00 Kid's Kung Fu
 7:00 Tai Chi

Wednesday 5:30 Manna
 6:15 Winchester Bells
 7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday 6:00 Kung Fu (Ages 13 & Up)
 7:00 Tai Chi

Saturday 9am-3pm Ashland Senior Center's Annual Style Show

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Woodland Oaks: Delbert Davis, Bill Watson, Ginger (Jimmy) Dowell, Ruth Faulkner
Trinity Station: Janet Cooper, Opal Vincell
Kingsbrook: Polly Irvine, Jean Young, Ruby Moody
Kings Daughters: Kelva Nelson
Kings Daughters & Sons: Eda Rae Thornbury
At Home: Donna Rickey, Bob Bartley, Joan Adams, Julia Richmond, Deborah Taylor, Shirley Kocchi, Edwin Conley, Nicholo Rose, John Picco, David Messer, Sara Graham, Danny Brown, Linda Trimboli, Ted Coleman, Larry Patterson, John Preece (Sharon Adkins's Father), Edwin Jolly (Krista All's Father), Phyllis Luquer (in Hospice care)
Jo Lin Health Center: Allen Moon
In the Service: Jay McCoy, Troy Fairchild, Rebecca Sharp, Megan Caudill, David Keen, Lee Sharp, Tim Gross
Out of State: Clay Boyles (W.Va.), Jim Murphy (TN),
At Seminary: Julie Maggard
Louisville: Josh, Alicia, & Jameson Creed McCollister (P. Morris)

Tickets for the Raffle Baskets donated by the Women's Circles will be sold until the drawing on 12/13. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. For tickets to sell to your friends or co-workers, please see Barb Payne. All proceeds go to the Church General Fund. Baskets will be on display in the Narthex.

As part of the Vendor Sale we are taking orders for personalized bakeware. 100% of the profit goes to the church. Orders will be taken until 11/8.



AAPM cleaning supplies have been depleted. We appreciate any donations of cleaning supplies you would like to bring in. Thanks!

2 Cents a Meal Offering is this Sunday, Nov. 8th!

~Manna Meals~

Tonight: Chicken Tenders & Baked Potato
 Salad Bar/Dessert
Nov. 11 Breakfast Casserole
 Biscuits/Gravy
 Salad Bar/Dessert

