NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026

FPCV NEWS

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Welcoming Hearts, Nurturing Spirits, United in Fellowhip and Faith

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Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp

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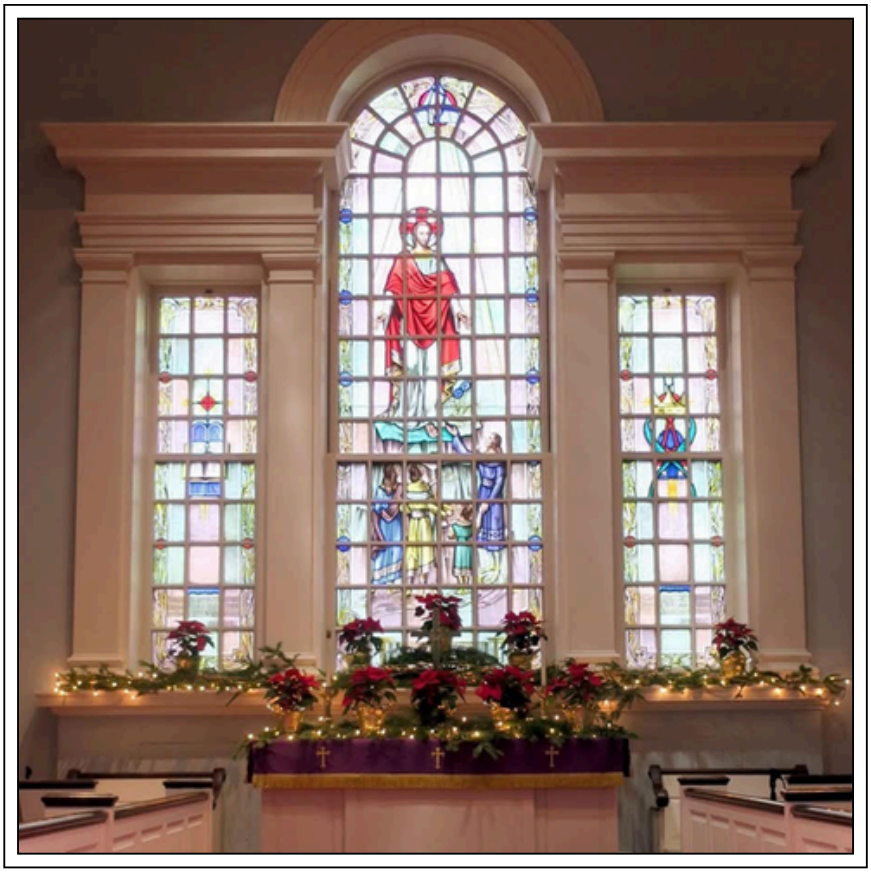
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Come Worship with Us

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VERONA
10 FAIRVIEW AVENUE, VERONA, NJ 07044

SUNDAYS AT 10:15AM

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@FIRSTPRESBYTERIANCHURCHOFV7478/STREAMS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp
Bridge Pastor

Grace and peace to you!

I've been thinking about where we all will be this time next year. You will (prayers inserted here) have a new pastor settling in, and my husband Chip and I will be settling into our home in Ga. I'm excited, and I'm also nervous. We've been in Princeton for 26 years, and we will be starting all over again. It's a little daunting! Your new pastor, whoever he or she is, will be pondering starting all over again with you here in Verona. They will be leaving behind a community and a life that they love to come and serve with you.

You've had a lot of pastors in the last decade, and it has not always gone smoothly. My prayer is that this new pastor settles in, comes to love the church and larger community, and leads you to a new season of flourishing. Flourishing in this day and age will not look like it has in the past. So please do yourselves a kindness and let go of how things used to be- or in the words of Paul "what lies behind" and move forward together in Christ Jesus.

Your PNC is working diligently. It's an exciting time, waiting for the Spirit to identify a new pastor!
I want to share some practical ways to welcome your new pastor. Please be intentional in helping them to feel at home here in Verona.

-Pray for the pastor, starting today.
-Support the buildings and grounds committee as they work to freshen up the manse and the pastor's study before the pastor arrives (this might need some volunteers).
-You might take some photos on a phone and put together a simple digital directory so the pastor can put names to faces.
-Continue to wear name tags.
-You might crowd source a map of favorite spots for groceries, dry cleaning, gyms, coffee bars, etc in the area.
-You might provide a few gift certificates to local restaurants.
-You might take turns inviting pastor and family into your home or to a shared meal.
-Promise to be open to their new ideas and energy!

What would make you feel welcomed into someplace new? Thoughtful gestures go a long way.

As we enter November I read a blessing by Kate Bowler that seems pertinent to the season, and I want to share it with you. If you don't know her work, you can find more on katebowler.com.

A BLESSING FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES
BY KATE BOWLER

BLESS YOU WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT,
WHO WORRY ABOUT THE WORLD WE ARE WALKING TOWARD.
MAY UNCERTAINTY REMIND YOU THAT YOU STILL HAVE CHOICES TO MAKE.

BLESS YOU WITH COURAGE
FOR THE SMALL, FAITHFUL THING THAT IS YOURS TO DO: TO VOTE, PAY ATTENTION, TELL THE TRUTH, CARE FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND KEEP SHOWING UP.

BLESS YOU WHO CANNOT CARRY THE WHOLE FUTURE.
MAY YOU CARRY WHAT IS YOURS:
A RESPONSIBILITY, A NEIGHBOR,
A SMALL CORNER OF THIS BEAUTIFUL, TERRIBLE WORLD.

BLESS YOU WHEN YOU CANNOT SEE FAR AHEAD.
MAY YOU DO THE NEXT FAITHFUL THING,
AND THEN THE NEXT,
UNTIL OUR SMALL ACTS MAKE A PATH
WHERE NONE WAS VISIBLE BEFORE.

PNC UPDATE

One Step Closer...

Kathy Dougherty

We have been working very hard in search of our new Pastor. We as a committee have reviewed over 100 applications and interviewed dozens of candidates. We have been lucky to have some very interesting and knowledgeable applicants. We have narrowed our selection down and feel we are on the right track and nearing the end of our search. I am certain we will have positive news in the near future!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Make a Joyful Noise: *EXCITING UPDATES*

Kyle Blackburn
Music Director

As our Music Ministry continues to grow with a variety of new concerts, we are continuing to look internally for AV volunteers to help with Sunday livestreams and sound for events, along with any interested performers so that we can reform a choir. If you have any interest in either of those positions, please feel free to reach out.

Be on the lookout for more concerts and events over the next couple of months!

PLANSOEN GRANT

Funding Boosts Programs & Projects

For many years, FPCV has been the grateful recipient of a generous grant from the Plansoen Foundation. The Plansoen Trust has provided ongoing support for our music program, including— funding for concerts, professional musicians—especially during worship services—organ and instrument maintenance, and children's programs.

Other worthwhile endeavors have included significant improvements to Chamberlain Hall, including stage restoration, the installation of an ADA-compliant door, an exterior walkway, and a much-needed ADA-accessible bathroom. Previous grants have also enabled support of local food pantries, the Children's Christmas and Easter workshops, as well as painting the newly-repaired steeple.

Looking forward, some of the projects planned are the purchase and installation of a new Virtual Pipe Organ (VPO) to replace the 75-year-old organ, improved hearing devices in the sanctuary, upgrades to the kitchen fire-suppression system, and a carillon for the church steeple.

We are deeply thankful for this longstanding and generous support, made possible through the close relationship between the late Charlotte Cunningham, former Music Director for 43 years, and the Plansoen Foundation.



NOVEMBER 8

Music of Max

Join us on **Sunday, November 8th at 3pm** for a live music performance with Max Morden, featuring John Priori, Mark Peterson, and Gene Lewin!

The event is **free** to the public as part of our new concert series!



DECEMBER 10

NJGMC

New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus returns to FPCV for a holiday concert, *FRUITCAKE*, on **Thursday, December 10th at 8pm**!

It will feature a joyful medley of campy fun, holiday favorites, and moving traditional pieces.

Tickets can be purchased on their website, www.njgmc.org/events.



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

A Fresh Look for a Welcoming Space:
CHURCH UPDATES IN PROGRESS



Amanda Becker, Donna Gasin, & Debbie Michelsen
Co-Chairs of the Building and Grounds Committee





PUSHCART PLAYERS: This fall, the Pushcart Players have used Chamberlain Hall for their rehearsals of *"A More Perfect Union."*

On **Sunday, December 6th at 11:30am** in Chamberlain Hall, they will present *"Holiday Tales – A Season of Miracles"*. The performance will be offered free to the FPCV congregation, and buy one / get one for other Verona residents.

Please join us for New Jersey's Emmy-nominated professional touring theatre company performance!

""HOLIDAY TALES – A SEASON OF MIRACLES," IS A SPARKLING COLLECTION OF HOLIDAY STORIES FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES. THIS MAGICAL PRESENTATION IS DESIGNED TO WARM THE HEARTS, AND PERHAPS CHANGE PERSPECTIVES, OF YOUNG AUDIENCES AS THEY THINK ABOUT THE TRUE MEANING AND SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON."

NOVEMBER 21

Leaf Raking



Grab your rake and gloves, and join us as we tidy up the church grounds during our annual leaf raking with Verona Boy Scouts Troop 2! Weather permitting.

ELECTRICAL UPGRADE: The Anderson Electric plans and permits for this major electrical project have been approved by the Township of Verona and PSE&G. The exterior work will start shortly; followed by the interior work. This project should be completed before Easter, 2027.

PARLOR ENHANCEMENT: A new floor was installed, the walls were painted, and new ceiling lighting will be next. We are grateful to a group of church members who have offered to reupholster the donated Parlor chairs using donated fabric. The Church pew cushion will also be reupholstered. The pew will remain in the Parlor, offering a cozy spot for extra seating and a comfortable space for conversation.

VINTAGE POOL/PING PONG TABLE: The vintage pool/ping pong table will be relocated from the Thrift Shop to the southeast corner of Chamberlain Hall. Moving it to this location will resolve a safety hazard, maximize the use of the classic table, and foster community fellowship as well as multi-generation, recreational fun.

FRONT CHURCH ENTRANCE/NARTHEX: These two areas were updated and cleaned lately. All collection boxes may be placed in the front entryway on Sunday mornings only and otherwise relocated to Chamberlain Hall. Any signs for the first and second floors must be approved by the B&G Committee and printed, rather than hand-written.

CLOSETS: Most of the church closets have been sorted and cleaned. Unnecessary items, including artificial flowers and used disposable tablecloths, are accumulating. Nothing should be left in any closet except for approved items. The closets must be reserved for designated storage purposes.

MANSE AND PASTOR'S OFFICE: In anticipation of hiring a new pastor these two areas are being updated and cleaned.

PARKING LOT: To increase safety, a new chain will block the Sunnyside entrance during off-hours. Drivers using the parking lot as a cut-through is dangerous and has led to several near misses with adults, as well as children, walking in the parking lot. The Police are actively monitoring the parking lot and are stopping drivers from using it as a cut-through.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Building a Faith Foundation for the Next Generation

Cathy Franco
Chair of the Christian Education Committee

This fall has been an active one for the Christian Education Committee. Our Sunday School students returned with energy and enthusiasm for helping to carry out the mission of our church and to help others. The students in our older class have created goals for themselves and are taking leadership in a number of activities in the life of the church. Our future leaders have prepared coffee hour twice, helped out at the annual Fish Fry run by the Deacons, are finishing up their annual Mischief to Ministry drive, and responded to a thank you letter from Mercy Ships. We have some new ideas for multi-generational events coming up so keep your eyes open for announcements in the weekly Spirit and church bulletins.

In addition to all this involvement in church ministries, they are also learning more about how our Presbyterian church is run. Our younger students are enjoying time together learning how to love God, be good friends to each other, and to help out in many ways. It is a beautiful thing to watch them love being together and in church.

Christian Education Committee has decided that we will be holding a Confirmation class starting the first of the new year and **Confirmation Sunday** will be on **Pentecost** which is **May 16, 2027**. While we hope to have our new Pastor this winter, we are getting guidance that we can begin without a seated pastor. Anyone who knows of youth who are interested in joining our Confirmation preparation class please see Cathy Franco. With guidance from Pastor Leslie, the committee has been looking at different models for the class as well as having our candidates attend the Confirmation Retreat this spring at Camp Johnsonburg.

Lastly, mark your calendars for our **annual Christmas Children's Workshop**. It will be held on **Saturday, December 12th** from **10 am to 12:30pm**. Let your family and friends know about it and let anyone on the Christian Education Committee know if you would like to help out. It is a fun way to prepare for the holiday season. Registration will be available on the church website the week of November 22nd.

Our youngest members will tell you: God is good, all the time; All the time, God is good.





DECEMBER 6 - FEBRUARY 28

9th Annual Sock Drive

We will be collecting new socks of all sizes to support those in need. Clean, dry socks are one of the most requested items at shelters, and your generosity can make a big difference!

ANDREW TURNER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Planting the Seeds of Success

Andrew Turner has been a friend of the Amsterdam family for 75+ years. Out of enormous respect and affection for Andy, Marcia Amsterdam Kean and Dianne (Amsterdam) Kangisser established the "Andrew Turner Scholarship Fund" in March 2024 with a generous check and the intent to fund it every year in Andy's honor. The Scholarship Fund helps send a deserving child—or children—to Camp Johnsonburg for a week each summer. We are deeply grateful to the Amsterdam family for making this possible.

If you would like to contribute to the growth of this Scholarship Fund and help more of our children attend summer camp, your support would be greatly appreciated. Together, we can help raise the next generation of children to know Christ and to grow in their love for God.

May Andy's humility, kindness, and deep love for children remain a guiding light and inspiration to us all.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Come Together in the Spirit of Giving

Janice Tierney
Co-Chair of the Mission and Outreach Committee

Keep your eyes open for our savvy shoppers as the Mission and Outreach Committee continues to devote time, energy and resources to support those in need in Verona and surrounding communities. Our dedicated and active committee searches for sales, buys amounts that are permitted while making multiple weekly trips and deliveries to various distribution points to support individuals, families and seniors.....and that is just the requested food items.

When Mission and Outreach was provided with a budget to support this work in January 2026 we collaborated to define a focus that would allow the work to alleviate food insecurity but also meet other basic human needs that create challenges impacted by income. Food remains where the majority of our budget is disbursed; however, collections allow us to provide additional items and your support is appreciated.

In October, and in conjunction with our Thrift Shop, we were able to provide Halloween Costumes to **Isaiah House** and the 23 children that are currently in residence. Yes, we also provided some candy too! We are currently collecting gift wrap, ribbon and tape to support town employees as they wrap donated holiday gifts. The church will also be participating in **Fair in the Square** under the creative leadership of Riley Becker (thank you to the Kiel Family who coordinated our participation for several years). Our presence highlights that we are more than the landmark where you turn onto Fairview Avenue. Watch for additional information and the chance to volunteer some time.

All of these efforts would not be possible without the dedicated group of our committee members along with the generous financial support of the church. A few of the highlights from this month include our large, monthly delivery to **Holy Spirit Food Pantry**, support of the Verona school nurse's with snacks, cereal and water for students, deliveries to **Isaiah House** including laundry soap for their use, baby wipes, and single serve beverages and a donation to the **Montclair State University Student Pantry** which is highlighted in the attached letter.

We are thankful – for our dedicated committee members, for our church members who contribute to collections, for the financial commitment of our church leaders and for empowering us to answer the call to serve.

MONTCLAIR
STATE UNIVERSITY

October 2026

Report prepared by:

Frances Jelks-Brown, Assistant Director of Student Access to Community Services
Ely F. Santoni, Assistant Vice President of Major & Planned Gifts

Dear Volunteer Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Verona,

As we begin another academic year, we want to share the meaningful impact your generosity has had on our students and campus community.

Since the start of the 2026–2027 academic year, the Red Hawk Pantry has recorded 1,613 student visits and distributed about 17,121 pounds of essential items, valued at an estimated $35,287.78. These numbers reflect students who accessed the support they needed while continuing to focus on their education.

The impact is even more significant than in the same period last year. During the 2025–2026 academic year, we recorded 1,191 visits and distributed approximately 11,639 items. This year, students have already accessed our services at a much higher rate, demonstrating the growing need for and importance of basic-needs support on our campus.

Your support lets us respond to this growing need. Every donation helps us provide students with access to essential resources while creating a space where they feel welcomed, respected, and supported. For many students, knowing their campus community cares can make a real difference during challenging times.

As we continue to expand our capacity and reach more students, we are grateful to have partners like you who believe that no student should have to choose between meeting their basic needs and pursuing their education.

Thank you for investing in our students and for helping us build a stronger, more caring campus community. Your gift will help support our students and ensure they have the resources they need when they need them most.

Frances Jelks-Brown

Ely F. Santoni

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Wrap Up the Spirit of Christmas

Dotty Ostella

Won't you please help us bring Christmas joy to families in our community facing economic challenges?

For the past several years our Christmas Giving Tree has been successful thanks to this congregation's generosity. This year, in addition to the Giving Tree*, the Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for donations of **new wrapping paper, ribbon and tape** to beautifully provide these gifts to selected Verona families.

Please consider picking up an extra roll of new wrapping paper, a spool of ribbon or a roll of tape the next time you are out shopping. The collection will run from **October 18th to November 29th** and be delivered to the Community Center the first week in December. Community Center employees will wrap the gifts that are donated by many organizations including our church. Please place your donations in the container labeled **"Christmas Box"** in the Narthex.

Let's *Wrap up the Spirit of Christmas* and continue to share the joy of giving this holiday season.

*Information about the Giving Tree 2026 will be available in November.

DONATIONS

Hope 4 Ukraine

Christina Turkington



Greetings – There is a need for canned goods. Not just fruit and veggies but also DOG food (and you know what Dog spelled backwards is...).

Please feel free to write notes or cards and leave them in the bin located in the church foyer. They will be included in the boxes. One of our Sunday School students drew a picture of their family and we sent that to Ukraine.

**HELP PEOPLE,
EVEN IF THEY NEVER
KNOW WHO HELPED THEM.**

Online Giving is always available on our website: www.veronapreschurch.org/donate.

THRIFT SHOP

Business is Booming at the Thrift Shop!

Donna Gasin & Amanda Becker
Co-Chairs of the Thrift Shop Committee

Our Thrift Shop is officially nationwide! We are having a blast connecting with followers all across the country on Facebook, TikTok and Instagram. All this love has brought a wave of amazing new business our way!

Plus, here's a little secret just for you: we will be open on **Black Friday** with a **massive sale** you won't want to miss. Come visit us and shop the deals!

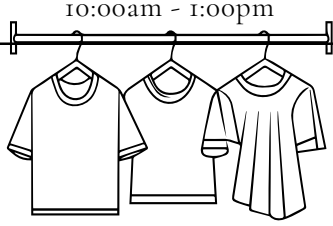
Facebook: @The Thrift Shop At The First Presbyterian Church of Verona

TikTok: @fpcv.thrift.shop

Instagram: @churchofveronathrift

Regular Hours of Operation and Donation Drop Off:

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
10:00am - 1:00pm





DECEMBER 5

Fair in the Square

We are starting to prepare for Verona's Fair in the Square on **Saturday, December 5th**! This year, our booth will feature books. Specifically clear grab-and-go book bags featuring books, hot cocoa packets, small thrift store trinkets, and welcoming information about our church and thrift shop.

Riley will be sending out an email with more information about preparations for the event!



DEACONS

With Gratitude:
A QUICK NOTE OF THANKS!

Kathy Dougherty

Thank you to everyone who helped the Deacon Committee put on another successful fish and chips dinner on October 16th! Thanks to **Tastefully British** for the delicious food, and thank you to all the people who pitched-in in the kitchen and as servers in Chamberlain Hall.

I want to personally thank Marion Shine for her tireless work every year on this special night. She puts her heart and soul into planning, organizing, and implementing all that needs to be done!

Thank You!

COMMUNITY

Hook, Line, and Sinker
OUR FISH FRY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Marion Shine

Thank you to all who worked or attended the Fish Fry- it was an enjoyable evening for everyone! I am most appreciative and could not have done this without your help. It was a successful fundraising event for the Deacons, with a profit of $809.11!

Thank you again for another wonderful evening.
Peace and Blessings!

COMMUNITY

A Dog in Church?:
MULLIGAN, THERAPY DOG

Janice Tierney

That's right. Mulligan, a certified therapy dog, is a monthly visitor during worship and fellowship. Owned and handled by the Tierney Family, they have donated a visit each month to support church members and visitors. You may also see him around the church at other times offering a tail wagging greeting to the volunteers and staff that make our church run.

He is a big, goofy bernedoodle who thrives on leaning in for a good pet. Mulligan "volunteers" his time bringing care, calm and comfort in hospitals, schools and universities, care facilities, infusion labs and even court.
His cold nose warms hearts everywhere he goes.
If you see him around church, take a moment to say hi.
It just might make your day!



Another year Blessed!

We happily celebrate the birthdays of those born in November and December!

November 14th.....Suzy Fiederer
November 17th.....Eric Burgos

December 1st.....Bonnie McCarthy
December 18th.....Clover Burgos
December 27th.....Ralph Ostella

If you would like to have your birthday added to our list, please contact Dan Uniss or a Deacon to provide your information. No year required!



Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways for our church family to share their gifts and talents. We invite you to consider how you might use your unique abilities to support the important work of the church.

- The **choir** continues to seek new members and are grateful for the new voices who have joined.
- **Sunday School substitute teachers** are always welcome.
- The Worship & Music Committee would love to have some additional **lay reader participants**. Let the Church Office know if you are interested, 973-239-3561.
- Providing **fresh flowers** on a Sunday would be most welcome.
- Contributing **socks** and/or **food** would be appreciated.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts** are needed. Individuals or groups could work together.

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Beautify the Sanctuary: A Meaningful Tribute

Decorating the sanctuary for worship is an offering of hospitality and a sign of welcome!

Chancel Flowers may be ordered through the Church Office for delivery from Anderson's Flowers in Verona. **$32 for one arrangement and $64 for two arrangements.** When using Anderson's Flowers, they can generally be used for more than one week unless you specify otherwise.

If interested, please sign up using the Flower Chart located outside Chamberlain Hall. You may also check for available dates by contacting the Church Office directly at 973-239-3561 or veronapreschurch@gmail.com. All orders must be submitted to the Church Office by the Wednesday prior to delivery.

This gift of hospitality is one that is surely appreciated and is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one!

STEWARDSHIP

Growing Together: OUR NEXT CHAPTER

Barbara Haimann & Donna Lauckner

During the month of November we will be focusing on Stewardship. This is truly an exciting time in the life of our church. We have already seen many changes and will be asking you to give of your time, talents, and financial resources.

This month you will be receiving the annual stewardship letter containing a pledge card. Your pledge is needed to cover our current operating expenses and prepare our budget for the coming year.

Whether you are giving of your time, talents or financial resources, we thank you for being good Stewards and we thank God for all of the stewardship opportunities afforded to us.

PER CAPITA

The Collective "Glue" That Funds Shared Costs

Peg Whiting
Clerk of the Session Council

You may ask, what is Per Capita? It is "an annual per member apportionment that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA) to share the administrative, ecclesiastical, and governance costs of the church." Basically, it is a way for all Presbyterians to share in the costs that belong to the whole church – like paying to belong to the internet. This supports the work of PC(USA) at each governing level: the General Assembly, the Synod of the Northeast, and the Presbytery of the Northeast.

At the General Assembly and Synod levels, the total costs are allocated equitably to each Presbytery, according to the membership within its bounds. The Presbytery of the Northeast Per Capita Rate is determined by the Finance Committee and then approved by the Council. The Presbytery of the Northeast fully supports General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery on behalf of every church.

All of us, as members of First Presbyterian Church of Verona, should pay our own Per Capita, which is **$37 per member**. The total amount due every year, based on our membership, is paid to the Presbytery by our treasurer.

Thank you for your help in the support of this worthwhile cause!

CONNECT

What's Happening at FPCV

AA Meetings
Meeting in Chamberlain Hall

Tuesdays.....8:30pm to 9:30pm

Al-Anon Meetings
Meeting in Sunday School Classroom or Julie Chamberlain Room

Fridays.....12:30pm to 1:30pm

Grandparents' Group
Meeting via Zoom

Second Thursday of the month

email patheyer75@gmail.com or call **973-239-3592** if you'd like to join

West Essex Music Together
Meeting in Music Room

September 14th to November 20th

Mondays.....9:30am to 11:30am
Thursdays.....9:30am to 10:30am
Fridays.....9:30am to 11:30am

Pushcart Players
Meeting in Chamberlain Hall

Rehearsals - November 2nd to 30th

Mondays - Fridays.....9:00am to 3:00pm
(Exact dates and times may vary)

LAY READERS

November & December 2026



DATE	SUNDAY	WORSHIP LEADER	READER
Nov 1st	Communion Sunday All Saints' Day	Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp	Chris Kiel
Nov 8th		Elder Bonnie Chiappetta	Pat Heyer
Nov 15th		Pastor Anthony Falce	Janice Tierney
Nov 22nd		Janice Tierney	Dotty Ostella
Nov 29th	First Sunday of Advent	Elder Robert Mason	Chris Kiel
Dec 6th	Communion Sunday Second Sunday of Advent	Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp	Pat Heyer
Dec 13th	Third Sunday of Advent	Rev. Jeff Leininger	Janice Tierney
Dec 20th	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Rev. Jeff Leininger	Dotty Ostella
Dec 27th		Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo	Chris Kiel

CALENDAR

November & December 2026 Upcoming Events:

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



November

DATE	EVENT
Sun, Nov 1st	10:15am: Worship Service **Communion Sunday** **All Saints' Day**
Thurs, Nov 5th	7:00pm: Worship & Music Meeting (Zoom)
Sun, Nov 8th	10:15am: Worship Service 3:00pm: "Music of Max" Concert
Mon, Nov 9th	7:00pm: Mission & Outreach Meeting (In-person & Zoom)
Wed, Nov 11th	**VETERANS DAY**
Thurs, Nov 12th	11:00am: Grandparents' Group (Zoom)
Sun, Nov 15th	10:15am: Worship Service
Sat, Nov 21st	9:00am: Leaf Raking with Troop 2 (weather permitting)
Sun, Nov 22nd	10:15am: Worship Service
Mon , Nov 23rd	7:00pm: Session (Zoom)
Thurs, Nov 26th	**THANKSGIVING**
Sun, Nov 29th (first sunday of advent)	10:15am: Worship Service

December

DATE	EVENT
Thurs, Dec 3rd	7:00pm: Worship & Music Meeting (Zoom)
Sat, Dec 5th	12:00pm - 5:00pm: Fair in the Square Verona Civic Center
Sun, Dec 6th (second sunday of advent)	10:15am: Worship Service **Communion Sunday** 11:30am: "Holiday Tales – A Season of Miracles" (Pushcart Players)
Thurs, Dec 10th	11:00am: Grandparents' Group (Zoom) 8:00pm: "Fruitcake" NJGMC Concert
Sat, Dec 12th	10:00am - 1:00pm: Children's Christmas Workshop (registration required)
Sun, Dec 13th (third sunday of advent)	10:15am: Worship Service
Thurs, Dec 17th	7:00pm: Session (Zoom)
Sun, Dec 20th (fourth sunday of advent)	10:15am: Worship Service
Thurs, Dec 24th	**CHRISTMAS EVE** 4:30pm: Christmas Eve Service
Fri, Dec 25th	**CHRISTMAS DAY**
Sun, Dec 27th	10:15am: Worship Service
Thurs, Dec 31st	**NEW YEAR'S EVE**