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| **﻿The First Word****November 22, 2022****The Weekly E-Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, NM** |

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| **Schedule of Events****Wednesday:**11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Shirley Maxwell**Thursday:**Thanksgiving**Sunday:**10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)Following Worship: Fellowship (Parlor)         **November Birthdays**22nd Sherry Kearns27th Hannah Raines29th Raegan Hardy, Robert Navarrette**No Anniversaries** |

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| **﻿Scripture***﻿Your power and goodness, Lord, reach to the highest heavens. You have done such wonderful things.*Psalm 71:19**Church Signs**BE GRACIOUS, BE KINDBE THANKFUL! |

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| **Maxwell Service**The memorial service for Shirley Maxwell will be Wednesday Nov. 23rd at 11:00 a.m. will a meal following and interment in the Church Columbarium. |

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| **Hanging of the Greens**We will meet at the church on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 9:30 a.m. to decorate for Christmas. The more volunteers we have the easier the task so please join us. |

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| **Report from Shelly**I am slowly trying to return to the office following my surgery. I "hope" to be in the office mornings for the next week or two. I'm still not able to sit or bend over so we purchased a stand up riser for my desk. As you can imagine, standing for 3 hours is a bit of a challenge. I don't think I can make it any longer than that right now and there might be days that I can't make it the full 3 hours. My recovery has been slower than I would like but, I'm better every day. My doctor was pleased with my recovery at my 2 week follow-up but has warned me that moving too fast will slow down my healing and can cause complications. He discouraged me from returning to work too soon. I am not able to drive for a few more weeks so I'm depending on others to transport me to and from the office. My next appointment is Dec. 6th. The office will be closed that day. I appreciate your prayers and patience.Grace, Peace and Love,*Shelly* |

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| **Christmas Joy Offering**We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you would like to donate on any Sunday in December that is also fine. Just put your offering in the plate and mark it Joy Offering in the memo line. You can also mail your offering to PO Box 39, Carlsbad, N.M. 88221.Envelopes will be in the bulletin on Dec. 18th, 24th, and 25th. |

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| **Pledge Cards**If you haven't sent in your pledge card please do so as soon as possible. You can place it in the offering, mail it to PO Box 39, or call Shelly and she will record it for you.Pledge cards are used to assist in our budgeting for 2023.  In order to continue current church programs, it is important that we receive your card.  |

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| **Prayer Concerns**Susie Coy, Chrisey DeCamp, Muriel Gossage, Rhonda Menagh, David Raines, Shelly Ryan, and Cottonwood Elementary School**Sympathy:** the friends and family of Shirley Maxwell**Long-term health issues:**Walker Huggins, Jeff Kearns, Owen Carleton, Neil Collins, Pat Collins, Peter Cordova, Hayden Kimbley, Robert Marquez, Scott & Shirley Maxwell, Robert Navarrette, Phil Sharp, Evan Winegarner**Homebound and Care facilities:** Muriel Gossage, Helen Patterson**Military:**Cody Ogden-Stell, Tyler Royston﻿**Friends Serving Overseas:**Carol & Leith FujiiPlease Note: At the beginning of every month we will remove names of those people that we haven't received an update on. |

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| IT'S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS AGAIN.We have ordered 10 plants on a first come for served basis.**Poinsettia Request Form****2022****I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s)****I would like my Poinsettia(s) in****Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Honor of:****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****My Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****I am enclosing $20 per plant: total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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