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Happy New Year!

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Important Dates and Deadlines in January 2019

January 1.....**OFFICE CLOSED—Happy New Year!**

January 7..... 4:30 PM Faith Development Meeting

..... 5:30 PM Mission Meeting

..... 6:30 PM Facilities Meeting

January 8..... 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

January 9..... 5:00 PM Finance Meeting

..... 5:00 PM Parent/Youth Meeting

..... 6:00 PM Worship Meeting

January 14.....**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

..... 5:30 PM Personnel Meeting

..... 6:30 Congregational Care Meeting

January 15..... 3:30 PM Stephen Ministry

January 18..... **"CHIMES" DEADLINE**

January 22..... 6:30 PM Session Meeting

A Prayer for the New Year

The old year is worn and tired.

Time now to kiss it goodbye.

Take with you its wisdom—the authority and power of
all that you have learned.

Remember the past year with love,
but let go of its despair.

Live the year that lies ahead
with fresh energy and hope.

Be strong, have courage.

It is time now for something new.

(Source: Contemplative Monk, Facebook post)



Dear Friends,

As I write this, it's a few days before Christmas, and I'm scrambling to get through my extra-long to-do list: bulletins and sermons, home communions and The Chimes, cards and cookies, presents and parties, menus and meetings. There do not seem to be enough hours in the day to accomplish what seems necessary.

Moments of "all is calm, all is bright" are generally fleeting for me in the midst of this season. I will experience them on Christmas Eve during the worship service, when the darkened sanctuary glows with candlelight and beautiful music warms my heart. I will experience them with my husband and daughters after Christmas Eve services have ended and we sit around the lit tree in the dark and in the morning (which start a lot later than they used to, thank goodness) as we exchange gifts given in love. I will experience them when we gather with extended family in Michigan over tables laden with amazing food, the air swelled with laughter and comfortable familiarity.

And I never fail to have moments of "all is calm, all is bright" as the New Year dawns. Despite the inherent uncertainty, new beginnings feel hopeful to me. Anything seems possible on January 1—which explains diets, gym memberships, and unrealistic resolutions!

The start of a new year invites reflection, introspection, and prayer. Even if you aren't looking to make major life changes, it's a good time so to consider how you want to live in the days, weeks, and months ahead—the goals you want to set, the priorities that will guide you, and the dreams that will give you hope.

None of us can know what the new year will bring—except that God will be with us amidst the challenges and celebrations, the sorrows and the joys. May that truth give you confidence and courage as 2019 begins.

Happy New Year to each of you!

Pastor Ann

Prayers for the New Year

God, who makes all things new, renew us.
 Renew our faith.
 Renew our compassion.
 Renew our energy to follow your way.
 Renew our passion for life, love and justice.
 Renew our will to grow and develop.
 Renew our humility to own our shortcomings.
 Renew our grace in how we react to the shortcomings of others and the world as we have allowed it to become.
 Renew our efforts in discerning our gifts and talents and those of others.
 Renew our desire to listen to your call for us, others, and our Community.
 Renew us, Lord.
 Reshape our living.
 Revise our understanding.
 Revamp our religion.
 Reinvigorate our discipleship.
 Reignite our love.
 Christ who opens the way for renewal,
 renew us, Lord,
 for we need your help to make the change in us.
 This we pray may be so. Amen.

(c) Jon Humphries

Dear God,
 may my life be of use to you this year.
 May my talents and intelligence
 help heal the world.
 May I remember how much I have
 by remembering how much I have to give.
 May I not be tempted by smaller things
 but serve my larger mission of forgiveness and love.
 Thus shall I be lifted, God,
 and know joy this coming year and beyond.
 Bless me and work through me
 to bless the entire world. Amen.

By Marianne Williamson

Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship.....	9:45 AM
Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 AM
Coffee Hour.....	10:45 AM
Contemporary Christian Studies (CCS).....	11:00 AM

Epiphany of the Lord

On the Christian calendar, Epiphany is always January 6—the twelfth day of Christmas. On that day (or the Sunday closest to it), we celebrate the belief that in the birth of Jesus at Christmas, God entered our world and our



lives—and changed everything. We hear the story told only in Matthew's Gospel, of guiding stars and foreboding dreams, of a strange cast of characters whose lives were inexplicably altered by the baby—mysterious travelers from the East who were compelled to seek him, a jealous

and violent king who was driven to destroy him, and the innocents who were slaughtered instead of him.

Epiphany invites us to wonder where we see God made manifest among us now; to look for the signs of the sacred in our midst; to consider if our worship of Jesus reflects the reverence, the awe, the joy that an encounter with God ought to inspire; to ponder how our lives are transformed as a result of knowing the one we call Christ.

On **January 6**, we will commemorate Epiphany with our own star words and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Elders and deacons in the class of 2021 will be ordained and/or installed during worship service on **January 6**. The incoming class of elders includes *Becky Briggs, Pat de Place, Matt Smiley, and Rita Torrey*. The incoming class of deacons includes *Joanne Chacon, Doni Duckett, George Schildt, and Diana Szaras*.



Special thanks to those whose terms will end as soon as new officers are installed:

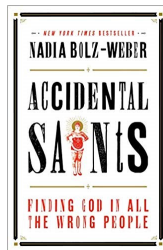
Elders *Jim Anderson, Carol McLinden, Diana Szaras, Lisa Taylor, and Rick Welchans*; and Deacons *Nancy Boesdorfer, Marj Gilliland, and Mary Thompson*. We are grateful for your faithful service.

Un-Hanging of the Greens

The worship team invites your assistance in un-decorating the church on **January 13** immediately following the service. Please help!

Wednesday Book Study

On **January 9**, the Wednesday afternoon book group will commence. We will read the New York Times bestseller, *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*.



Author Nadia Bolz-Weber is the founder and former pastor of a Lutheran congregation, House for All Sinners and Saints in Colorado. She currently writes books and speaks at colleges and conferences around

the globe.

Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. The first assignment is to read chapters 1-3.

Adult Bible Study on World Religions

Given our increasingly diverse world, people of different religious faiths are coming into contact more than they ever have. That offers opportunities for conversation and curiosity but also—unfortunately, for suspicion, mistrust, and misinformation.

Pastor Ann will lead a six-week class on world religions starting in January to explore Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and various expressions of Christianity. Using a DVD series, readings, and conversation, we will consider what these faiths hold in common and how they differ.

The group will meet on Sunday afternoons at 1:00, **January 13-February 17**, in the chapel.



Learn
&
Grow

Primetimers

Primetimers will meet in early January to decide what we want to do in 2019. If you are interested in planning one month, we need your input. We will meet as a group and come up with ideas for each month. Then each person will plan the activity of their choice.

Watch the bulletin for a meeting date. Hope to see a lot of new faces with some different ideas. It's a good time with friends, a good lunch, and you might even have fun and learn something new. —*Judy Iverson*

FPC Youth Calendar

Jan. 2 Youth Bible Study, 5:30-7:30 PM
 Jan. 9 Parent-Youth Meeting, 5:00 PM
 Youth Bible Study, 5:30-7:30 PM
 Jan. 16 Youth Bible Study, 5:30-7:30 PM
 Jan. 20 Youth greet, usher, acolyte, 9:30 AM
 Jan. 20 MLK Dinner, 3:20 PM
 Jan. 21 MLK Parade 9:45 AM
 Jan. 23 Youth Bible Study, 5:30-7:30 PM
 Jan. 30 Youth/College Bowling, 5:30-7:30 PM
 (meet at Lincoln Lanes)

MLK, Jr. Celebration Events

The youth and college-age group are encouraged to attend the MLK dinner together on Sunday, **January 20**. Everyone will meet Samantha Grimes in the lobby of the Days Hotel, 77 N. Gilbert St., at 3:20 PM. Dinner begins at 4:00. Parents need to pick up their youth in the hotel lobby when dinner is over (youth will call parents as the dinner ends).

On Monday, **January 21**, youth who want to participate in the MLK parade will gather at the corner of Main and Logan Streets (at the airplane) at 9:45 AM. The parade ends at St. James United Methodist Church, where the youth are invited to stay for the community worship service that begins at 11:30 AM.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering for high school age youth (entering 9th grade through graduated 12th grade) from the PC(USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that occurs every three years. The 2019 event will be July 16-20 at Purdue University.

There will be an informational meeting with Kelly and Pastor Ann for high school youth and their parents on Wednesday, **January 9**, at 5:00 PM to discuss costs, registration, and travel.

Souper Bowl of Caring

On **February 3**, Super Bowl Sunday, the youth/college group will host a “Tackle Hunger Souper Bowl of Caring,” featuring homemade soups in the lounge following the worship service. The congregation has always been supportive of our effort; we hope you will be this year too.

Winter Jam

Christian music's largest annual tour is coming to Indianapolis on **March 29**. Ten artists will perform a four-hour show. Kelly Whitehair is planning to take a group of youth and college age young adults to the show at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Let Kelly know soon if you'd like to go.

Church Phone Tree Reminder

During these winter months, cancellations of church activities, including worship, may occur. If that happens, we will do our best to keep you informed in as many ways as possible. We will post on the church website and Facebook page. Generally, the primary notification will come via the phone tree. If the church office does not have a current phone number for you, please notify Sheila immediately. You may also want to identify the number in your home or cell phone so you recognize it: 800-679-0847.



Souper Bowl of Caring

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,

Session Highlights for December

Session held a stated meeting on December 18, 2019. Following are highlights of the meeting:

- 12 out of 14 elders were present, as were the 4 elders-elect and other guests
- Received Dave Briggs as a member by reaffirmation of faith and Liz Briggs by profession of faith. They will publicly profess their faith during worship on December 23, 2018;
- Examined elders-elect Becky Briggs, Pat de Place, Matt Smiley, and Rita Torrey as to their readiness to serve, and set January 6, 2019 as the date for their ordinations/installations;
- Expressed gratitude to Jim Anderson, Carol McLindent, Diana Szaras, Lisa Taylor, and Rick Welchans, for whom this was the last session meeting of their terms;
- Approved a Membership Roll Review Policy to assist the Congregational Care team in guiding the Session through its responsibility of conducting an annual membership review;
- Voted to receive a Christmas Eve offering designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is assisting the community of Taylorville that was recently struck by a tornado. Worshipers will be invited to put their offering in the wooden box as they enter/leave the sanctuary;
- Affirmed the worship team's proposal to apply for a Vital Worship Grant through the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship;
- Voted to replace the sanctuary entrance doors;
- Determined that fob/PIN access for the new doors will be limited to church staff, our upstairs tenants, and team chairs.
- Approved being the site of the Danville Winter Farmers' Market, which will be held in the gym on the second Saturdays of February, March, April, May (perhaps), November, and December, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Vendors will pay \$5 per day, \$10 per day if they use electrical outlets.
- Approved Gift Acceptance Policies and Procedures and a Managed Funds Investment Policy as presented by the Finance Team.

The next stated meeting is scheduled for **January 22, 2019** at 6:30 PM.

Annual Reports

All committee chairs and individuals responsible for reporting on your group's work during 2018 are requested to have your completed reports to Sheila by **January 14**.

Ministry Committees

During 2019, the Session will do its work with the same team structure as 2018: Finance (Matt Smiley, chair), Personnel (Rita Torrey, chair), Facilities (Josh Compton, chair), Congregational Care (Karen Schildt, Chair), Worship (Becky Briggs, Chair), Faith Development (Pat Tarr, Chair), and Mission/Outreach (Chair TBA). If you feel called to serve on one of the teams or would like to know the specific areas of responsibility of each, contact the chair or Pastor Ann.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, **February 3**, in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. At that time, we will celebrate our 2018 ministry and look forward to what God is calling us to do in 2019. Annual reports will be available in early February.



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From the Desk of the Deacons

As I write this your Deacons are deep into preparations for our annual Christmas basket delivery to 75 needy families identified by the Salvation Army clearing house and to 25



families identified through our church. This year in addition to food we are bringing coats, gloves and mittens, and toys to families who

need them. There will be ample “thank you’s” from the Deacons after the project but for now we would like to thank Second Church of Christ for their food donations, Sheila Smiley for all the work she does for the project above and beyond her job description, and honorary Deacon Nick de Place whose time and talents help our efforts immensely.

And while I’m in my “thank you” mode, the Deacons would like to thank Mary Thompson, George Schildt, Marj Gilliland, and Nancy Boesdorfer for all of their service these past 3 years. Without their help our activities for the church would not have been as successful. Special thanks to Nancy for serving as our secretary and co-authoring this column.

The Deacons deliver flowers to church members in the hospital but also deliver sanctuary flowers to church members who are shut-ins or otherwise unable to attend church. If you or your family donate flowers for the sanctuary as a memorial, after a wedding or similar event and you don’t want to keep or take the flowers home, let the church office know and we’ll arrange to have a Deacon deliver the flowers to a shut-in.

As always, we encourage members to sign up to provide cookies and/or to make and serve coffee for the church coffee hour after the 9:45 AM service. Clipboards are in the lounge to sign up or you can sign up online at the church web site.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Garrison

What’s “New” in the Church

The Facilities Team says hello to everyone. It’s January, and I’m sorry to say that winter is here. Facilities hopes that we don’t have much snow, and the parking lot will be clear.

The new group called the Monday Morning Mamas will meet at 9:00 AM on January 7. We are going to work in the library. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The new door, buzzer system and locks for the northwest entrance door are installed and look great. Future plans are to install a new Sanctuary door also.



New paper towel and toilet paper dispensers have been purchased and installed in restrooms around the building. There will be much less waste as a result. A new dehumidifier was purchased for the basement. A few more restroom signs will be purchased to be placed around the Sanctuary and lounge area.

The Facilities Team would like more people to join the Sunday Morning Door Attendants. This is the group of women and men who come out to greet and escort people from their cars to the church. If you would like to be part of this group, please let Sheila or Josh Compton know. If enough people volunteer, it would only be one Sunday per month. Please search your heart to see if you would like to be part of this group. Remember Pastor Ann’s sermon on love. This is your chance. Nothing would be greater than spreading love to one another on Sunday in this fashion. This is a repeat from last month. Josh is still looking for people to fill in slots for this worthwhile service to the congregation.

Keep “This Old House” in your prayers and hope that God will hear our prayers and provide the resources to keep our church beautiful.—*Judy Iverson*

Welcome, New Members

New members *Dave Briggs* and *Liz Briggs* were received by the Session on December 18 and welcomed by the entire congregation during worship on December 23. We rejoice that God has called them here.

Dave studied business management at DACC. He works for a hospice medical company. He and his colleagues are dedicated to making sure all aspects of patient and family care are addressed at a very difficult time in their lives.

He is married to Becky, and between them, they have 5 amazing children—Elizabeth, Caleb, Gracie, Emma, and Elliot. Dave describes their home as “full of laughter or tears, depending on what time it is.”

He comes to First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith, after belonging to New Bethel Church in Rossville, where he went on mission trips and helped at the Food Bank. He and Becky are active in New Edition, and Dave has been serving on the Facilities team.

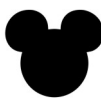
Liz Briggs is a junior at Bismarck-Henning High School, where, in addition to her studies, she acts (she especially enjoys musicals) and is in the chess club. Her interests include reading and listening to kpop music. She has a fluffy “cat child” named Sir Leo III. Liz is employed as one our nursery attendants at church and as a cashier at Arby’s. Her decision to join First Presbyterian Church by profession of faith is based on her family worshipping here.



Congratulations, Graduate

Lee Miller graduated in December from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor’s degree in History. He is leaving on January 20 for the happiest place in the world because he is one of the lucky few accepted into the Disney College Program; only 14% of applicants get in. His first assignment there will be in the custodial department, but he looks forward to moving to the front desk. He also hopes the 8-month program will be extended so he can stay until January 2020.

Lee doesn’t yet know what his Florida address will be, but he will keep us posted.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carol McLinden	Jan. 2
Stan Hardy.....	Jan. 4
Beau Kingore.....	Jan. 6
Briana Hedlund.....	Jan. 6
Helen Bury	Jan. 7
Sandra Rudolph	Jan. 11
Esther Williams	Jan. 13
David Kizer	Jan. 13
Bobbie McHone	Jan. 14
Jim Anderson.....	Jan. 15
Jean Quick	Jan. 16
Judy Laker	Jan. 17
Lisa Cline	Jan. 20
Allan Harvey	Jan. 22
Joanne Chacon.....	Jan. 23
Gary Waller	Jan. 23
Gracee Whitehair.....	Jan. 26
Carolyn Walser.....	Jan. 29
Sloan Wagner	Jan. 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Linda Curtis & Dan Pentony	Jan. 1
Rick & Peggy Gibson	Jan. 14
Darren & Kelly Whitehair	Jan. 15

Welcome to the World

Congratulations to Kyla Bowler and Shy Reyes. Their daughter, Heavenly Rosalea, was born on December 13. Both mom and baby are doing well.

The proud grandparents are Steve Bowler and Belinda Bowler.



2019 Pledges

Amount pledged: \$140,520.76 (as of Dec. 20, 2018)
Contributors: 46 individuals/families

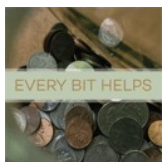
It is never too late to pledge for 2019. If you would still like to turn in your pledge card to Paula, our accounts manager, you may!

Offering Envelopes

All those who already have an envelope number will receive Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2019. If you do not currently receive envelopes, but want them, please contact Paula in the Office.

Per Capita

Per capita is one of the ways that all of the congregations in the PC(USA) are connected. Together we mutually share the costs of operating the larger church (traveling/gathering, training pastors and ruling elders, serving in the life of the wider church, and discerning in groups small and large where God is leading us).



The 2019 per capita fee for each member (excluding children who have not been confirmed) is \$42. The funds are divided among the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois, the

Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the General Assembly. Funds not paid by individual members must come from the church budget, meaning that less ministry can be done. Please consider paying your per capita this year.

Monthly General Fund Giving

	2018	2017	2016
Given as of Dec 16	\$ 12,260	\$ 14,027	\$ 13,189
Total for Year	\$163,333	\$168,410	\$186,034
Pledges for Year	\$149,998	\$151,636	\$164,551

Monthly Deacons' Fund Giving

	2018	2017	2016
Given as of Dec 16	\$ 5,918	\$ 5,671	\$ 4,636
Total for Year	\$ 18,674	\$ 14,469	\$ 16,064
Pledges for Year	\$ 2,180	\$ 1,804	\$ 3,184

Memorials

The following memorials were received in December:

Dale Ferrell:

Dick and Norma Burch
Mike and Karen Gibson
George and Libby Milner
Pat Tarr

Deborah Huckleby:

Pat Tarr

Dorothy Loving:

Anonymous
Linda McClanahan
Margaret Murphy
Pat Tarr

Monty Tarr:

William and Danielle Max
Ruth Circle
Pat Tarr

Muriel Mullins:

George and Libby Milner
Pat Tarr

Jerry Prideaux:

George and Libby Milner

The Mouse House!

ALL books and greeting cards for sale - .25 cents -

Come in and see all of the goodies we have.





This Week's Prayer Needs: Connie Spicer (P. de Place); Lori Landers (P. de Place); Jeanne Burke; Rick Miles (S. Hall); Tamalyn Cervin (H. Bury); Esther Williams; Joann Ellis; JB Jenkins; Laurie Keys (L. Cline); Bill Binette (J. Binette's dad); Jim & Linda Corley (J. Laker); Bob Mendenhall (B. Creamer); Amy Iverson;

Roger Cornwell; Peggy Welch; Eric Tesmond (Welchans' son-in-law); Nancy Fuller (J. Laker); Michelle Skelton (B. Creamer's daughter); Carolyn Walser; Ashton Anderson (J. Anderson grandson); Kathy Carmody; Norma Burch; Bill Fellwork (B. Creamer); John Grygiel (L. Curtis' friend); Bob Crabb; Steve Bowler; John McBride (S. Faulkner's friend); Bob Martin; Wayne Styck (K. Delzell's brother-in-law); Barbara Stover; Pam Green (L. Green's sister-in-law); Linda Baumgart (L. Taylor's friend); Edward Conrad (Jean Land's father); Dave Conner (V. Stewart's friend); Rosie Newton; Marj Gilliland; Leonardo Luchetti (J. Laker's great-nephew); Ramona Barnes (M. Hardy's friend); Athena Brooks (P. Evans); Judy Scott (J. Laker); Janet Gale (J. Gilliland); Pat Stevens (Cornwells). Those who mourn: The family and friends of Dale Ferrell, Dorothy Loving, Lyle Milner, Pandora Pratt & Tom Lomax.

Ongoing: Teresa Andrews (neuromuscular disease); Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (Ruth Pancoast's sister—cancer); John Burton (Cornwells' friend); Iris McHone-Chase (Bobbie McHone's granddaughter); Pastor Trent Cloin (Lisa Cline's friend—bladder cancer); Carlene Coddington (Mullins' friend); Gary Crisp (Cornwells' friend); Ann Corbett (Bobbie McHone's aunt); Butch Creamer; Wayne Dawes (Lisa & Jay Cline's friend—waiting for heart transplant); Mary Dison; Steve Faulkner; Ray Griffith; Carol Ingram (George Milner's cousin); Jeff/Jessica James (J. Martin's son & daughter-in-law); Mary Jane Johnson (Ruth Pancoast's sister; heart problem & liver transplant); Bob Kesler; Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; David & Sue Laker (Stephen Laker's brother and sister-in-law); Judy Laker; Brian Lemenager; Robbie Lewis; Jim Lyons (cancer); John C. Mason, Jr.; Bob Miller (Carol McLinden's friend—cancer); Debbie Mullins; Natalie Mullins; Barb Nelson (S. Townsley's friend); Lisa Palinski (Gracee Whitehair's teacher—cancer); Kathy Parks; Bob Pyles (Ruth Pancoast's brother-in-law); Rick Reebee (S. Townsley's friend); John Rinkenberger (Ellen Gramm's nephew); Mel Robinson (J. Laker's brother—cancer); Jayne Robinson (Judy Laker's sister); Amie Rodgers (Skilea Hall's sister); Jake Ruder (brain tumor); Katie Slezak (Curtis family—breast cancer); Marshall Smith; Lois Stevenson; John Stewart (Virginia Stewart's son); Jack & Wilma Thomas; Susie Townsley; Tom Wagner; Gary Waller; Nancy Walser; Nancy & Charles Winchester; Marjorie Young; Xiaoyi Zja (L. Tang's boy-friend); Military Personnel.

FPC Candidate for the Ministry: James Potts, M.Div.

Theological Students: Mary Hoss Solliday (Johnson University); Joseph Compton (Moody Bible Institute).

Church Mailbox

For concern and support:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you so much for your loving support these past years. Whenever I attended services alone, you asked (to a person—each of you!) HOW was Dale? Not WHERE was Dale? There is a huge difference. Your sincere concern was obvious.

There were times when Dale and I found it hard to pray. It didn't seem to matter since we knew you and others were praying for us. Thank you!

Thank you for the cards which always arrived at the right times.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

Claudia

Merry Christmas:

Dear Friends,

I appreciate getting the Chimes each month and also the friends that visit me. I miss going to church each Sunday. Thanks to those who have sent cards to me.

Yours in faith,

Slick Keith

For support:

We here at the Community Resource Center at OSF Healthcare would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication that you have shown our patients. Maggie has worked a lot with your church recently to meet the needs of our patients, and we wanted to write and say thank you for all that you do.

Merry Christmas!

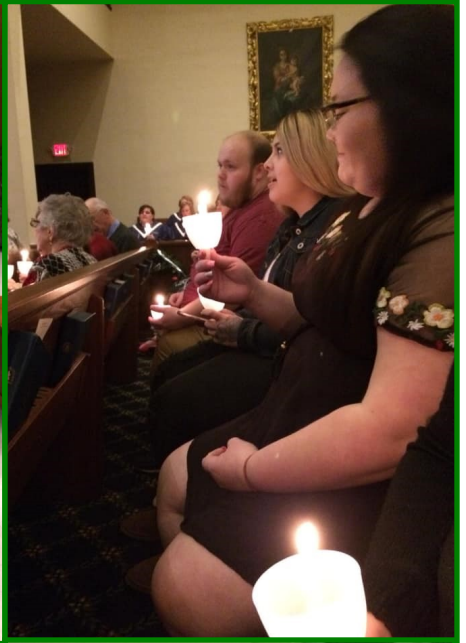
Jacob Ozier, Regional Director

For Christmas bonuses:

The staff of First Presbyterian Church extends a heartfelt "thank you" to the congregation for the generous Christmas bonuses. We are grateful!

In Christ,

The Staff



HOLIDAY EVENTS

This Food Pantry is a **BLESSING**

. . . Thanks to you who donate. Many families are being fed. We have found that there are quite a few



new families requesting food, because when they get their check and pay their power bill and buy gas to get back and forth to work, they have no money left for food.

Your donations of food are touching the lives of many people. Meats & Toiletries such as Bath Soap, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc. are needed every week. The Deacons wish to thank you for your generosity.

January 7Fruit/Meat/Pancake Mix/Syrup/Velveeta

January 13..... Meat/Vegetables/Boxed Meals w/meat

January 20Boxed Cereal/Oatmeal/Spaghetti/Sauce

January 27.....Peanut Butter/Jelly/Soups

Circle Meetings

Tuesday, January 8 ~ **Ruth Circle** will meet at 10:00 AM in the church lounge for lesson and devotions followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Thursday, January 10 ~ **Rachel Circle** will meet at 9:30 AM in the boardroom.

Thursday, January 24 ~ **Lydia Circle** will meet at 2:00 PM at the home of Virginia Stewart, 601 W. Roselawn. Devotions will be presented by Libby Milner. The study, Lesson 1 in the study guide, *God's Promise: I Am With You*, will be led by Mary Thompson.

Greeters

January 6 **George & Libby Milner**

January 13 **Joanne Chacon**

January 20 **Jim & Linda Anderson**

January 27 **Jim & Marj Gilliland**

Liturgists

January 6.....**OPEN**

January 13**OPEN**

January 20 **Joanne Chacon**

January 27**OPEN**

Flowers to Shut-Ins

December 31-Jan. 4 **Kolby Riggle**

January 7-11..... **Kolby Riggle**

January 14-18..... **Myanne Compton**

January 28-Feb. 1 **OPEN**

Cookies

January 6..... **Linda Anderson**

January 13..... **OPEN**

January 20..... **OPEN**

January 27..... **Myanne Compton**

Meals on Wheels

January 4..... **OPEN**

January 11..... **OPEN**

January 18..... **Jim & Linda Anderson**

January 25..... **Mary Thompson & Rita Torrey**

Coffee Hour

January 6..... **Linda Anderson & Bill Garrison**

January 13..... **Bill Garrison**

January 20..... **George Schildt**

January 27..... **Myanne Compton**

Flowers

January 6..... **OPEN**

January 13..... **OPEN**

January 20..... **In Honor of Betty Ann Brown**

January 27..... **OPEN**

Ushers ~ Team #1

Judy Laker, **Captain**; Kolby Riggle; Judy Iverson; Bob Iverson; Peggy Gibson; Rosie Newton; Bev Royce; Robert Crabb; Margaret Crabb; Sarah Smiley; Diana Szaras.


Chancel Guild

January **Bobbie McHone, Captain**; Pat de Place, **Claudia Ferrell**



Office Hours ~ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Pastor Ann/Vacation 9:00 AM Youth/meet at church 9:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM CCS Class 11:30 AM Casual Contemporary Worship 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball	31 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 PM New Edition/Retreat	1  OFFICE CLOSED	2 Pastor Ann/Vacation 5:30 PM Youth Bible Study 7:30 PM AA/AI-Anon 7:30 PM Choir Practice	3 Pastor Ann/Vacation	4 Pastor Ann/Vacation 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study 7:30 PM AA Meeting	5 7:30 AM Men's Group/Charlotte's 8:00 AM Hedlund/Gym
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY EPHAPHY OF THE LORD Ordination & Installation of Officers 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM CCS Class 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball	7 9:00 AM Monday Morning Mamas 4:30 PM Faith Development Meeting 6:30 PM Facilities Team Meeting	8 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 1:00 PM PDG 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting	9 2:00 PM Book Study 5:00 PM Finance Team Meeting 5:00 PM Youth Parent Meeting 5:30 PM Youth Bible Study 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 7:30 PM AA/AI-Anon 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10 Pastor Ann/COM 9:30 AM Rachel Circle	11 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study 7:30 PM AA Meeting	12 8:00 AM Hedlund/Gym 9:00 AM Diaz/retreat
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20 Blood Pressure checks Kelly/Vacation 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM CCS Class 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Volleyball 3:20 PM MLK Banquet/Youth	21	22 12:30 PM Knit Wits 1:00 PM PDG 6:30 PM Session	23 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Book Study 5:30 PM Youth Bible Study 7:30 PM AA/AI-Anon 7:30 PM Choir Practice	24 2:00 PM Lydia Circle	25 6:00 PM College Age Bible Study 7:30 PM AA Meeting	26 9:00 AM Whitehair/Gym
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