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From the Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year, Twenty Twenty-Three!

Yes, it is that time of year when we put behind us our regrets for the past year and make resolutions for the New Year. To start anew for a New Year means we can make a fresh start by forgiving others and ourselves. We can start with a clean slate. Almighty God has given us that opportunity to start fresh through the gift of the Son of God, the baby born in Bethlehem we celebrate at Christmas and Epiphany. One way to start fresh is through making resolutions.

What are your New Year resolutions? The usual resolutions are to exercise more, lose weight, quit smoking, and drink less. There is nothing wrong with these resolutions. They are good ones to make; yet, they all have to do with the physical life. What about your spiritual life? What resolutions can we make to nurture our spiritual lives? If you do not have a daily devotion, make a time for 15 minutes a day and keep it every day to read scripture and pray for the month of January. At the end of the month, see how you are doing, adjust it as you need to, and continue for the next eleven months. Such a simple commitment to time with God will change your life. Another resolution may be to commit to serving at a local ministry or charity one day a month. You will begin to see others with the compassionate eyes of Jesus, eyes that see with unconditional love for his neighbor. What New Year resolutions are you going to make to build up your spiritual life? How will God shape each of us and First Presbyterian Church in 2023? If we put our lives and church in the hands of the Master Potter, there will be no end to the wondrous works of ministry created in the New Year.

The Potter's work begins on January 1 and continues throughout the year. On January 8, elders of the class of 2025 will be ordained and/or installed. May the Potter's creative hand rest upon them and the new 2023 Session. In 2023, may all God's children see the Light of Jesus shining more brightly upon them each day and be shaped by God into the new creation the Potter desires them to be.

May the love and grace of Christ shape you in the New Year 2023,

Jim





Happy
Birthday!

January 3 Sydnee Edwards
 January 5 Jennie Kate Pendergrass
 January 5 Jim Singleton
 January 6 Allen Haynes
 January 6 Ben Craig
 January 6 Mary Gore
 January 6 Pat Marsh
 January 7 Abby Hittle
 January 10 Laura-Grace Anderson
 January 12 Kathy Smith
 January 13 Lisa Turner
 January 16 Candyce Magee
 January 19 Gavin Segroves
 January 19 Kyle Segrove
 January 19 Shirley Luscinski
 January 19 Walker Marsh
 January 22 Sam Bradley
 January 23 Mike Bone
 January 23 Phillip Frisby
 January 26 Diane Green
 January 27 Paul Hardon
 January 28 Richard Wilhelm



Time & Talents for 2023

If you have not filled one
out yet please do so.

They are in the back of the
Sanctuary on the Gold Paper.

Meetings

Property Committee
Monday, Jan. 9th @ 5:00pm

Mission Committee
Monday, Jan. 9th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee
Tuesday, Jan. 17th @ 10:00am

Faith Development Committee
Monday, Jan. 9th @ 6:00pm

Worship & Music Committee
TBD

Cong. Life & Fellowship Committee
TBD

Session
Monday, Jan. 23rd @ 5:30pm

Presbyterian Women
Tuesday, Jan. 10th @ 10:00am



Happy
Anniversary



January 7th
Pat & Mary Marsh



January 24th
David & Debbie Kee





Happy New Year from FPC Presbyterian Women. We would like to thank our congregation for the awesome response to the Angel Tree we placed in the fellowship hall in December. There were 52 Angels, all of which were selected and returned on time. 12 went to Eastside school and 40 to Southside. Thanks to Marylyn and Jim Caperton and Doug Treadway for being Santa's sleigh and delivering the bags/boxes of gifts to the two schools. At least 24 families were represented in this group of

52. Many of these gift requests emphasized the need for blankets and clothing in addition to toys. As we settle into 2023, let us not forget the ongoing needs of the least of these in our community.

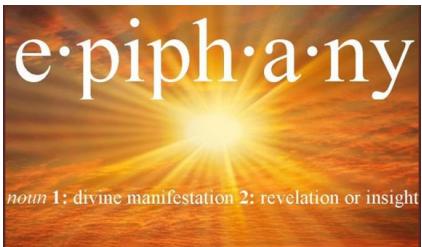
Shalom, Melanie



Presbyterian Women study
books for Circle are now available at a cost of \$11 and are available in the church office. If paying by check please make it to Presbyterian Women.

Now is a great time to join circle as we start this new study. Please join us on Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 10:00am.





As we continue to enjoy the Twelve Days of Christmas which ends on Epiphany, mark your calendars for our Epiphany Service! Epiphany is the time to reflect on the Scripture passages which reveal that Jesus was, indeed, a gift to the whole world and was honored by strangers from foreign lands who traveled a great distance to see the Christ Child!

**Epiphany Service
&
Celebration
Friday, Jan. 6th
7:00 pm**

We will, again, light the Christ Candle, share in liturgy, and commemorate the coming of the Wise Men to the child born in Bethlehem.

So, on Epiphany, let our lights shine forth from First Presbyterian Church:

- to remember the unique significance of the story of the Wise Men and their gifts to the Christ Child, and
- to recommit ourselves, as individuals and as the body of Christ, to following Him wherever He may lead us.

During this Service, we will all have an opportunity to receive a Scripture verse to go with us into the New Year 2023. What will your Scripture verse be?



Tony Rice Center is in need of pillows and blankets for twin beds.



Book Club

The Book Club is meeting Friday, January 20th, 9:00am in the FPC Fellowship hall. They will be discussing "True Grit" by Charles Portis.

Up and coming...

February "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" Laura Hillenbrand

Make Attending Sunday School YOUR New Year's Resolution!!!

Do you know what the top 2 reasons are for people give up on their New Year's Resolution's?

- 1) the goal is too lofty
- 2) the goal was overwhelming

It's only ONE day a week and it really only affects your schedule by getting up ONE hour earlier on Sunday. And your rewards will be countless! Not only will you have Bible Study time, but the fellowship and interaction with your church family will be priceless.



We have TWO adult classes to choose from:

- 1) Our **Young Adult** class is for those 18 to 40ish and includes those who currently have children in Kindergarten thru 12th grade. This class meets in the Russell classroom (under the Sanctuary) and studies various books through the lens of the Christian Faith.
- 2) Our **Adult** class is for those 18 thru 108....with older adults also welcome! This class meets in Fellowship Hall which is also where the doughnuts and coffee are!! This class is a part of the Feasting on the Word curriculum....although the teacher tends to drift from time to time.

Come for fellowship! Come for growth on your spiritual journey; you will be glad you did!



The BackPack Program prepared more boxes than ever before. This is an amazing program and wouldn't be the success it is without every single one of you. We said it before but wanted to say it again.

Thank You!



Remember you can donate anytime through out the year to this great cause by putting your offering into the little envelopes in the back of the pews.



Thank you to all who helped!!!



Mark your calendars...

It is picture time for a new church directory.

Pictures will be taken Sunday, January 22nd

Sunday, February 12th.

We will have pictures taken on two Sunday's ONLY!

You can stop by the office 8:30-1:30 starting Jan.22nd till Feb. 10th to have your pictures taken.

February 12th is the last day for pictures!

Could you use some help understanding budgeting, saving, and investing?

Financial Peace University is a nine-week course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future.

First Presbyterian Church is considering offering Financial Peace University (FPU) for FREE. It will meet weekly at night and is available for adult couples and individuals. If you are interested in taking this course, please send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com.

We will update you as to dates and times.



Wonderful Wednesdays at FPC

January 18, 2023

Join a rowdy crowd of FPC-ers for Wonderful Wednesdays! There is, indeed, a place for everyone!

Here is the events list:... so you can find your place to participate, volunteer, sing, laugh, and/or learn:

6:00 Dinner

6:30 Divide into Groups

- Bible Study (for Adults & Youth)
- Music & Mission (Children 3 through Elementary)

Two children's choirs, Cherub and Joy, are designed to be age-appropriate. We will be learning to play rhythm bells and plan to sing monthly in Church. Both choirs will be learning to "sing grace" for Wednesday Night suppers, beginning in January. Mission events will be incorporated.

We are so excited to start back up again and hope you will join us!



YOUTH

Sunday Youth Dinner's will start back Jan. 8th.

They are every Sunday, unless otherwise noted, from 4:00-6:00pm.

For all Youth for a Super Bowl Party will be held at Evan & Jennie Kate's house on Feb. 12th.

We are once again in need of volunteers to provide dinner on these nights. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin boards if you are able to help.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

January 18th 10:00am- 4:00pm

Our next blood drive will be here before we know it. It's not too early to go online and register. Please join us in giving a pint.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.



January



January 3 AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
January 5 AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 4 Chancel Choir 2:00pm
January 6 AA Meeting 1:00pm
Epiphany of the Lord Service 7:00pm
"Un-decorate" Church 10:00am
January 7 Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm
January 8 Property Meeting 5:00pm
Mission Meeting 5:30pm
January 9 Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm
Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
PW Circle 10:00am
January 10 AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
Chancel Choir 2:00pm
January 11 AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 12 AA Meeting 1:00pm
Guest Preacher Steve Thomas
January 13 Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm
January 15 OFFICE CLOSED
Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am
January 16 AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
Blood Drive 10:00am - 4:00pm
January 17 Chancel Choir 2:00pm
Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm
Bible Study 6:35pm
Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm
January 18 AA Meeting 7:00pm
Book Club Meeting at FPC 9:00am
January 19 AA Meeting 1:00pm
Directory Pictures
January 20 Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm
Session Meeting 5:30pm
January 21 AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
Chancel Choir 2:00pm
Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm
Bible Study 6:35pm
Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm
January 22 AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 23 AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 24 5th Sunday Potluck following worship
January 25 Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm
Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
January 26 AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 27 AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 28 5th Sunday Potluck following worship
January 29 Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm
Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm

2022



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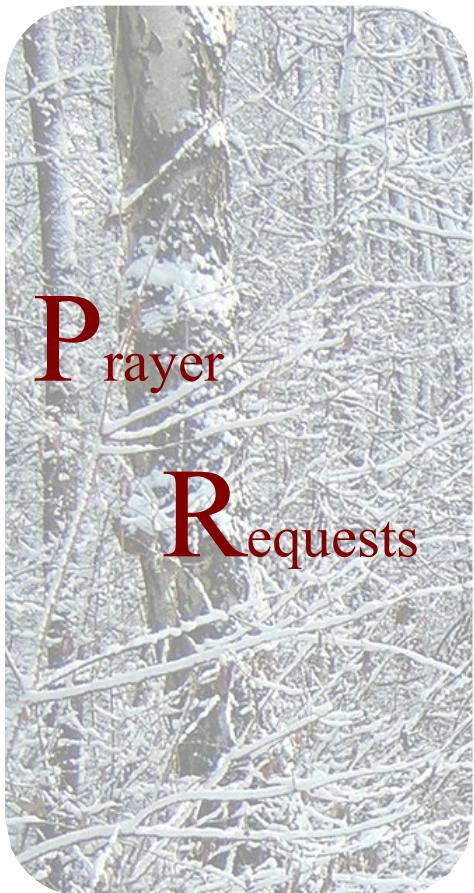


**Christmas
Open House**



Parents' Day Out would like to say
THANK YOU
to Santa, the Grinch, and all of the
parent's, grandparent's and guardians who
came to celebrate this joyous day with
us. We couldn't have done it without
everyone who helped to make new
precious memories with us.





Prayer Requests

Marian Alexander (Friend of Christy Jensen)
J.L. & Helen Barker (Father & Mother of Raychelle Flannagan)
Family & Friends of Mary Channell (Linda Anderton's Mother)
Sandra Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Family & Friends of Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Denise Geenen (Friend of James Smith)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
Fred Hunt (Member)
Carolyn Keely Latham (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Carolyn Matusek (Members)
Jamie Monk (Jennie Kate Pendergrass' Cousin)
Jennie Schutte-Patrick (Bea Marsh's Sister-in-law)
Family & Friends of Mary Grace Phillips (Friend of Many & Al-Anon Leader)
Family & Friends of Rachel Copeland Pickett (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Family & Friends of Bob Scruggs (Former Pianist/Organist & Friend)
Family & Friends of Kerri Lemmon Yarbrough (Daughter of Pat Lemmon)



LT Andy Canady (Member)
Airman Chase Blanton (Member)
Those in Military Service and their families
Those who are serving abroad and at home

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com.

*In
Loving
Memory
of*



Greg Garner

For Greg Garner Fund
Bailey & Trena Little
Bill & Kathy Garner



Bob Garner

For Greg Garner Fund
Bailey & Trena Little
Bill & Kathy Garner



Pat Martin

For Backpack Fund
Tony & Carolyn Matusek

Francis Hirt

For Backpack Fund
Tony & Carolyn Matusek





Servers

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Ushers/Greeters

Helen Garner

Pat Marsh & Pat Thomas

Charlotte Williams

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Evan Pendergrass

Children's Church

Lauren Smith

Nursery

Abby Hittle

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Welcome Guest Preacher, Steve Thomas

Ushers/Greeters

Frieda Bone

Melanie Hamilton

Evan & Jennie K. Pendergrass

A Time for Young Christians

Connie Crafton

Hall Monitor

Rob Marsh

Children's Church

Lisa & Maddie Hittle

Nursery

Pat Thomas

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Ushers/Greeters

Brent Canady

Christy Jensen

Rob Marsh & Kathy Smith

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Lisa Turner

Children's Church

Pat Marsh

Nursery

Bea Marsh

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Ushers/Greeters

Jim Caperton

Pat Thomas

James & Lori Smith

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Pat Marsh

Children's Church

Jennie Kate Pendergrass

Nursery

Christy Jensen





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SESSION

Class of 2023

Helen Garner, Christy Jensen,
Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor

Class of 2024

Brent Canady,

Katherine Marsh (Clerk of Session),
Lori Sain-Smith, Drew Turner

Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard

John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

TRUSTEES

Class of 2023

Tommy Anderton

Class of 2024

Bailey Little

Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

Session minutes are available in the church office for any member of the congregation to review.

We have a variety of options for tithing and offerings.
They can be made by Facebook, Venmo,
Vanco, Check or Cash.

