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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



## 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



## 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.



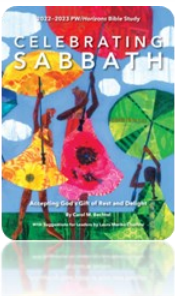




Happy New Year from FPC Presbyterian Women. We would like to thank our congregation for the awesome response to the Angel Tree we placed in the fellowship hall in December. There were 52 Angels, all of which were selected and returned on time. 12 went to Eastside school and 40 to Southside. Thanks to 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.







**Epiphany Service  
&  
Celebration  
Friday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm**

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!

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 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

February 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!**



**Sunday Youth Dinner's** will start back Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.

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. 12<sup>th</sup>.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.



# January



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AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm  
AA Meeting 7:00pm  
Chancel Choir 2:00pm  
AA Meeting 1:00pm  
Epiphany of the Lord Service 7:00pm  
"Un-decorate" Church 10:00am  
Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm  
Property Meeting 5:00pm  
Mission Meeting 5:30pm  
Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm  
Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm  
PW Circle 10:00am  
AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm  
Chancel Choir 2:00pm  
AA Meeting 7:00pm  
AA Meeting 1:00pm  
Guest Preacher Steve Thomas  
Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm  
OFFICE CLOSED  
Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am  
AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm  
Blood Drive 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Chancel Choir 2:00pm  
Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm  
Bible Study 6:35pm  
Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm  
AA Meeting 7:00pm  
Book Club Meeting at FPC 9:00am  
AA Meeting 1:00pm  
Directory Pictures  
Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm  
Session Meeting 5:30pm  
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  
AA Meeting 7:00pm  
AA Meeting 1:00pm  
5th Sunday Potluck following worship  
Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm  
Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm  
AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm



**2022**



**PDO**



**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.







**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 Matussek** (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](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com).



*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*



**Greg Garner**

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

**Francis Hirt**

**For Backpack Fund**  
 Tony & Carolyn Matussek

**Bob Garner**

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



**Pat Martin**

**For Backpack Fund**  
 Tony & Carolyn Matussek



Bring your Good Samaritan donations Sunday, Jan. 8th  
**Good Sam is particularly in need of:** **VEGETABLES, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, Canned Protein, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Rice, Cereal** (Right now they are blessed with an Overabundance of soup & canned spaghetti O's, canned ravioli, etc.)





### 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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Parents' Day Out Director



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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.

