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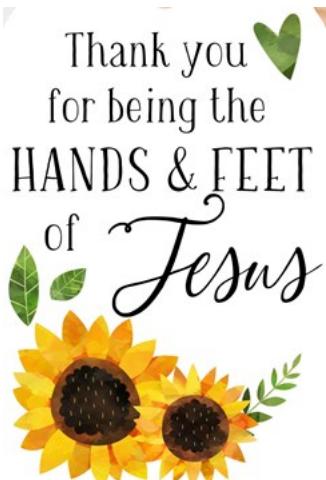
"May the God of hope
fill you with all joy
and peace as you
trust in him."

Romans 15:13

Anchor Links

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Our youth group studied the book of James this fall and a verse jumped out at them so we looked for a way to put it in action. For their Christmas service project, they created baskets of goodies for some very special people. Special shout out to Walker, Maddie, Landon, Sara, and Hudson....

They discovered that truly seeing someone and letting them know that they are seen and loved....
Is being the hands and feet of Christ.



Committee Meetings

Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 6th @ 1:00pm

Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, Jan. 8th @ 5:15pm

Mission Committee

Monday, Jan. 12th @ 5:30pm

Faith Development Committee

Monday, Jan. 12th @ 6:00pm

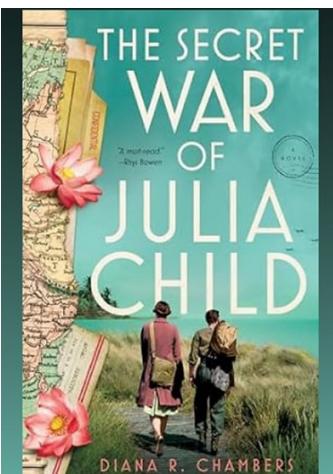
PW Bible Study & Fellowship

Tuesday, Jan. 13th @ 10:00am

(Skipping to Lesson 7)

Session

Monday, Jan. 19th @ 5:30pm



The next Book Club is meeting on Friday, Jan. 30th, at FPC 9:30AM. They will be discussing

“The Secret War of Julia Child”

By: Diana R. Chambers



Bring your Good Sam Donations on Sunday, January 11th.

J A N U A R Y

- Jan 01 Office Closed
- Jan 02 AA Meeting 1:00pm
- Jan 04 NO Sunday School
 - Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
 - Worship Service 10:00am
 - "Un-Decorate" Church following Worship
- Jan 05 Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
- Jan 06 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
 - Pastoral Care Meeting 1:00pm
 - AA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 07 Chancel Choir 6:00pm
- Jan 08 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
 - Music & Worship Meeting 5:15pm
 - AA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 09 AA Meeting 1:00pm
- Jan 11 Sunday School 9:00am
 - Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
 - Worship Service 10:00am
 - Bring your Good Sam Donations
- Jan 12 Mission Meeting 5:30pm
 - Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm
 - Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
- Jan 13 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
 - PW Study & Fellowship 10:00am
 - AA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 14 Chancel Choir 6:00pm
- Jan 15 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
 - AA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 16 AA Meeting 1:00pm
- Jan 18 Sunday School 9:00am
 - Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
 - Worship Service 10:00am
- Jan 19 Session Meeting 5:30pm
 - Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
- Jan 20 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
 - AA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 21 Chancel Choir 6:00pm
- Jan 22 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
 - AA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 23 AA Meeting 1:00pm
- Jan 25 Sunday School 9:00am
 - Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
 - Worship Service 10:00am
- Jan 26 Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
- Jan 27 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
 - AA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 28 Blood Drive 10:00am-4:00pm
 - Chancel Choir 6:00pm
- Jan 29 Parent's Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
 - AA Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 30 Book Club Meeting at FPC 9:30am
 - AA Meeting 1:00pm



The Children and Adult Sunday School classes will NOT meet this Sunday, January 4. We will continue with our doughnuts and coffee during the Sunday School hour and invite everyone to this time of fellowship beginning at 9:00 AM.

(The Youth Breakfast Club will still meet as planned for their Sunday School time at the Coffee Break, 9:00 AM)

The Children and Adult classes will resume on January 11th.



The Christmas packing of the backpacks was done at Edgemont Baptist Church. Thank you, Richard Smith!
Packing of the Backpacks in March will be held in First Presbyterian Church.

The Second Sunday of Advent began with one of our sweet families lighting our advent wreath. The word for the second Sunday is Peace.



Christmas Potluck



Following our worship service, we had a wonderful potluck lunch hosted by the Presbyterian Women. Food and Fellowship are good for the soul.





Presbyterian Women Christmas Party



The Presbyterian Women
held their annual Christmas Party
at the home of Kate and Brent Canady.





“Country Christmas” Theme dinner



followed by a
“Dirty Santa” gift exchange.





**The shrieks of laughter that ensued
was good for the soul.
Thanks be to God for this church family!**

**“When we gather with
friends and family,
laughter often abounds,
serving to
strengthen our bonds.”**



Children's Church



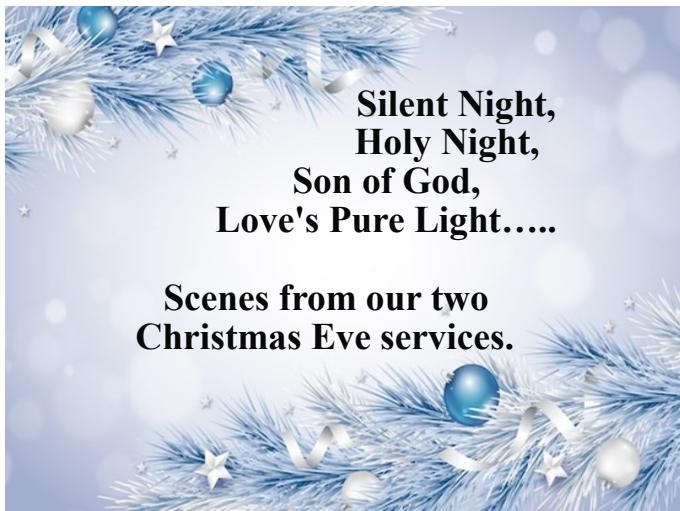
On December 14, Children's church was devoted to what has become an annual Christmas event, that of choosing items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Each year at the time of Mission Committee's disbursement of benevolences , \$500 is set aside for the younger children to be part of the mission experience of First Presbyterian Church. We conversed about what Matthew 25 says and what it means to be a mission focused church.

This year the 4 youngsters present, thoughtfully chose a sewing machine, rabbits and a hutch, a pair of goats, chickens, a fishing kit, farming tools and a bag of Moringa tree seeds which are fast growing, drought resistant trees whose leaves are a good source of protein and other nutrients. Each item was discussed as to how it could help recipients become self sufficient and healthy.





January 28, 2026 begins our year for quarterly blood donation days. Hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. in the fellowship hall of our church. Appointments can be made on line by going to [Redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) and clicking on Make an Appointment. Each pint of blood can be utilized by 3 individuals and is as always of great need. Our own Mary Brown, a multi gallon donor who because of health issues was unable to donate for over a year, is back on the donor list. She has issued a challenge to us and our friends to make an appointment to donate life saving blood. If you would like to help set up the room on Wednesday morning feel free to show up around 8:45 or if you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours at the "canteen" contact Melanie Hamilton.



**Scenes from our two
Christmas Eve services.**



PARENT'S DAY OUT HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!



Parent's Day Out

Sweets with Santa

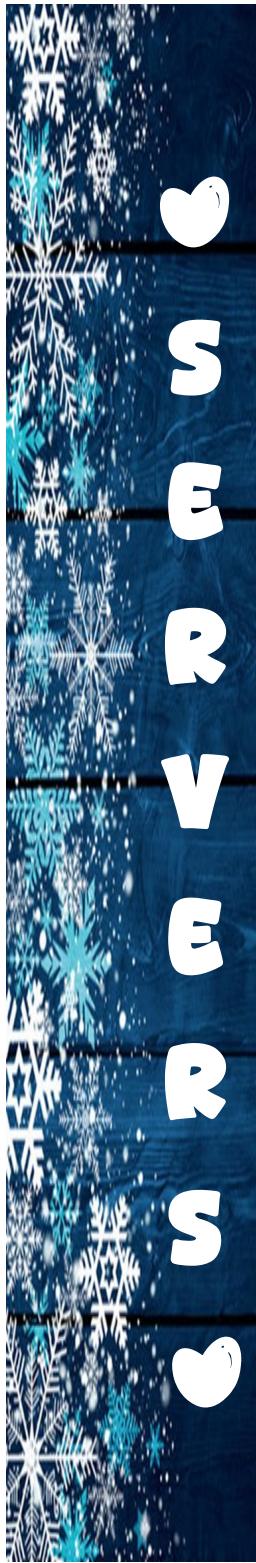


Children's Choir Christmas Performance

During the worship service on Sunday, December 21st.

Special thanks to our
Minister of Music, Michael Hooper, and
Lea Anne Windham for stepping up
to lead our precious children in song.

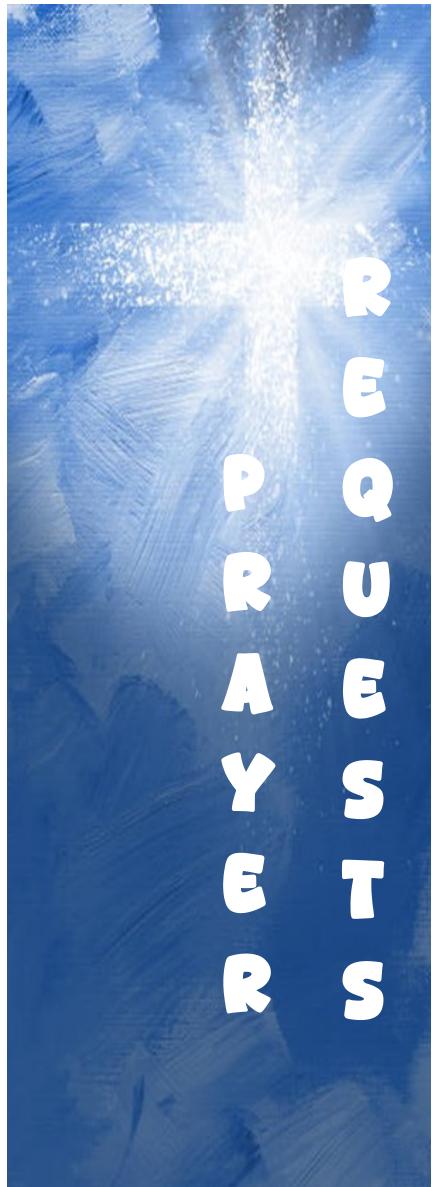




<u>Sunday, January 4, 2026</u>		
Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Tommy Anderton	Kate Canady	Bea Marsh
Frieda Bone	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Brend Canady	Carrie Hooper	Mary Marsh
Michal Dobson		
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Kate Canady		
Communion Prep:	Adrian Segroves, Pat Thomas	
Communion Servers	Linda Anderton, Mary Brown, Sarah Natale	
Visiting Minister	James Smith, LeaAnne Windham	
	Reverend Carrie Fraser	
<u>Sunday, January 11, 2026</u>		
Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Helen Garner	Connie Crafton	Carrie Hooper
Melanie Hamilton	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Carrie Hooper	John Marsh	Debby Snell
Pat Marsh		
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Jim Ikard		
Visiting Minister	Reverend Micah Watson	
<u>Sunday, January 18, 2026</u>		
Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Jim & Cathy Ikard	Kate Canady	Bea Marsh
Sarah Natale	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Ginny Saylor	Kathy Smith	Carrie Hooper
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Pat Marsh		
Visiting Minister	Dr. Reverend Gary Kelly	
<u>Sunday, January 25, 2026</u>		
Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Bailey & Trena Little	Connie Crafton	Carrie Hooper
Kathy Smith	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Debby Snell	Lisa Turner	Bea Marsh
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Sarah Natale		
Visiting Minister		



Congratulations to one of our
First Prez Little Kids for
winning First Place in the
DREMC Coloring Contest!!!!



Family of John "JL" Luther Barker (Raychelle Flannagan's Father)
Frieda Bone (Member)
Mary Brown (Member)
Louis & Olivia Calvo (Friends of James Smith)
Kay Dennis (Friend of Jim & Cathy Ikard)
Patricia Farrar (Daughter of Pat Thompson)
Carol Filczer (Angie's Sister/Church Secretary)
Bill Garner (Brother-in-law of Helen Garner)
Cliff Garrard (Member)
Alan Gill (Brother In Law of Belinda Craig)
Emily Hall (Daughter of Dr. Carol Magnusson)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
Fred Hunt (Member)
JD Idso (Deann Idso's Son)
Cathy Ikard (Member)
Mike Jenne (Raychelle Flannagan's Brother In-Law)
Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)
Tony Matusek (Member)
Chris & Savanna Morton (Family & Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)
Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)
Ginny Saylor (Member)
Barbara Singleton (Member)
Bill & Pat Singleton (Friend of Cathy Haithcote)
Baker Smith (Son of Lauren & Gage Smith/Grandson of Kathy & Richard Smith)
Family & Friends of Barbara Steinke (Member)
Jeremiah Thomas (Grandson of Pat Thomas)
Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)
Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)

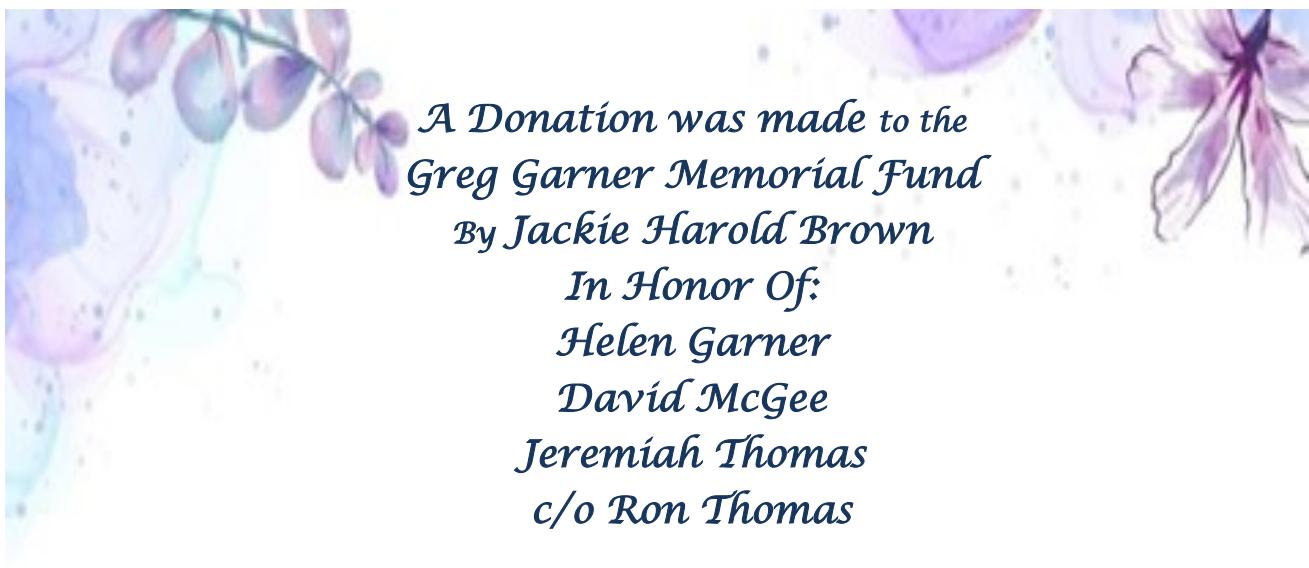


LCDR Andy Canady (Member)
Airman Chase Blanton (Member)
Airman Caleb Fletcher
(Grandson of Susan Spears)
Pvt. Oscar Taylor
(Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)
Airman Anna Powell
(Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

**Those who are serving abroad
and at home.**
**Those in Military Service
and their families.**



*A Donation was made to the
Greg Garner Memorial Fund by
Allen & Mary E Haynes
In Memory of:
Carolyn Simmons Matusek and
Margaret Taylor Smith*



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Congratulations to Linda Gerard for being named the "2025 Member of the Year" by the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association.
Congratulations Linda!!!

SESSION

Class of 2026

Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig,
Mike Matusek, Richard Smith

Class of 2027

Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton,
Sarah Natale, James Smith

Class of 2028

Joel Haithcote, Christy Jensen,
Rob Marsh, Willie Snell

TRUSTEES

Class of 2026

Kathy Smith

Class of 2027

Pat Thomas

Class of 2028

Brent Canady

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

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