

December 2018

Our Vision

“By the grace of Jesus Christ, we will strive to share the Good News with the world, to nurture each other in our faith and to go into the world sharing Christ’s love and mercy.”

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Packet Deadline

Articles are due on Friday, December 14



The Children’s Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 2 in Worship

Come enjoy this wonderful program our youth and children have been working on the past month.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 2 following Worship

We will serve a light lunch of chili and hot dogs for meat lovers and vegetarians alike and prepare the church to celebrate the Advent season.



Two wonderful events to kick off the Advent season wrapped into one glorious Sunday.

A fun time with a way for everyone to contribute.

The church office will be closed

Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our stewardship theme of Live Simply can help us in Advent and Christmas. There are loads of stress and worry that arise at this time of year. That isn't what God intended by sending Jesus. Remember the words of the angel! "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy!"

Make an effort this season to keep that message central. Simplify gift giving to items that bring joy without increasing credit card debt. Simplify schedules to find time to share good news with someone who needs to hear the angel's message. Simplify Sundays and gather with God's people each week to offer praise for the Savior.

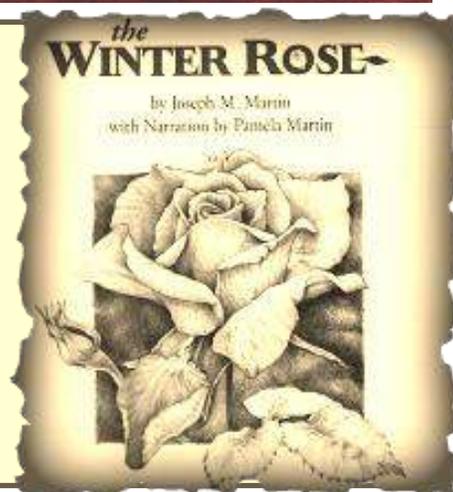
Simple living during Advent will help as we journey to Bethlehem. Simple living will help us kneel at the manger on Christmas Eve and offer praise to God for the most incredible gift the world has ever known.

Good tidings!
Pastor David

On Sunday, December 9th during worship, the Chancel Choir will be singing **The Winter Rose** for the Christmas Cantata! The college scholars will be singing a movement and some of them will be singing solos. We hope to see you there to worship to enjoy and be a part of this beautiful work.

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Starting on December 12th, we will be rehearsing for the early Christmas Eve service! If you've thought about singing in the choir for a short-term; it would be wonderful to have you join us! Chancel Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:15pm in the Chapel.



December Birthdays

Suzanne Ogle	12/1
Karen Osborne	12/4
Beverly Bansemer	12/6
Callie Sour	12/6
Malinda Rhoads	12/9
Chelsea May	12/11
Margaret Spransy	12/11
Andrew Elliott	12/12
Jack Hardman	12/12
Barbara Rankin	12/14
Yvette Cooper	12/15
Jacob Malcomb	12/15



Bill Derrington	12/16
Allan Norris	12/16
Erlan Wheeler	12/16
Katheryn Schafer	12/17
Robert Anderson	12/20
Gail Reynolds	12/20
Barb Schafer	12/20
Meredith Davis	12/21
Emily Schuck	12/27
Jill Anderson	12/28
Nancy Stilgenbauer	12/31

WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

Sunday, December 2 – Advent Sunday of Hope

Children's Christmas Pageant
Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36
"Wonderful Counselor"
Communion

Sunday, December 9 – Advent Sunday of Peace

Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 1:68-79
"Winter Rose" – Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 16 – Advent Sunday of Joy

Christmas Joy Gift Offering
Isaiah 12:2-6 and Luke 3:7-18
"Mighty God"

Sunday, December 23 – Advent Sunday of Love

Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:46-55
"Everlasting Father"

Christmas Eve, December 24

Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:1-14
"Prince of Peace"

Sunday, December 30 – First Sunday after Christmas

Brad Thomas Preaching



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Early Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm
Lessons and Carols with Candlelight

Late Christmas Eve Service at 11 pm
Communion and Candlelight

Alternative Giving

The Alternative Giving Catalog will be out in November. Look for the table on Sundays, December 2 and 9 where a representative from the Mission Commission will be available to help you make your selections.

8 Weeks of Giving will focus on ministries from the catalog by focusing on one ministry each week in November and December. Ministries of focus are:



- GoPacks
- Church World Services
- Gospel Mission Food Pantry
- Latrobe Street Mission
- Living Waters for the World
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Scholars on Fourth
- Washington County Career Center Tool Program



Session Summary for November, 2018

Motions presented and approved by session:

1. To approve a request from Worship and Music for \$1500 for scheduled tunings of the sanctuary organ and grand pianos in the sanctuary and chapel and any minor repairs that may be necessary through 2019. Funds to be drawn from the Noe Organ Endowment.

SEEKING A CHARITY OR ORGANIZATION WORKING FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE

The deacons are aiming to fund organizations in our community that are working for systematic change. We hope to avoid handouts, but instead concentrate on hand-ups. We are also trying to steer clear of toxic charity models. If you know of a charity or organization in our community that is doing just that, and could use some monetary help, please let one of the deacons know.

The current deacons are: Linda O'Brien, Vivian O'Connor, Linda Rhoads, Bonita Smith, Charlotte Furbee, Marla Hoerst, Virginia Graves, and Sally Norton. The deacons give this mission money on behalf of the whole church, and we would like your input. THANK YOU for your continued support of the Deacons' fund.

Meal coordinator needed: Our free community meal the fourth Tuesday of each month almost runs itself with a solid core of volunteers. However, there is a need for a coordinator to oversee the menu planning, grocery shopping and work with Harvest of Hope on food deliveries. If you would be willing to serve as coordinator for this outreach see Jim Barengo, mission commission chair.



The people who partake in this meal for whatever reason, are always grateful and express their thanks for our church who opens its doors and are committed to feeding those that come. Those that volunteer to help plan, prepare, serve and clean up enjoy the fellowship and fun of working with fellow church members for a good cause. It's a win-win for everyone.

Please join us as a diner or volunteer for the
5th Annual Community Christmas Meal.

Tuesday, December 25th

Carryout 11:00 to 11:30am

Doors open at Noon

Meal Served from 1:00-2:00pm

Delivery available with notification by December 20th.

For information, reservations, delivery or transportation assistance call 740-371-4587.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the number above.

Or, if you'd like to provide a dish for those dining in, we are looking for:

Casseroles (meat/chicken/veggie), salads, soups, pies or cakes, fresh fruit, nuts, candy, milk and fruit juices.

Monetary donations also welcome.

Free and open to all!!



Live Simply; Give Generously

Live Simply Stewardship Update

If you have not turned in a commitment card and intend to do so, please mail it to the church as soon as possible or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. There are extra packets with information about the 2019 budget and commitment cards near the entrances.

Thank you to all who have turned in a commitment card for the 2019 budget. Your responses are vital and valued!



ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVICE

The Nominating Committee continues its work seeking members willing to serve as elders, deacons, and at-large members for the 2019 Nominating Committee. Is God calling you to serve? Prayerfully consider the invitation if it comes your way. And keep praying for guidance for the committee.

Find your next good read at the Effie Dent Memorial Library!

The First Presbyterian Effie Dent Memorial Library is using Librarika for managing its resources online. Through this simple to use online public access catalog (OPAC) all members have access to search for, locate, check out, and request library books and media. Currently, all the books and media in the Effie Dent Memorial Library (next to the sanctuary) are included on Librarika.

It's simple to use: Go to the URL: <https://1stpresby.librarika.com/> and you will be able to do a keyword search to find materials in the library. To do title, author, or subject searches you need to be a member.

It's simple to join: Send a request to 1stpresbyedlibrary@gmail.com and an email invitation will be returned to you.

To check out books: Whether you search for a book online or simply go to the EDM Library and find the book on the shelf - sign the card in the back with your full name and the date of check out. Leave the card in the box by the door. There are no due dates but you may receive a reminder from Librarika that the book is still out. Returning your book is as simple as leaving the item on the cart by the door. A library volunteer will re-card and re-shelve it for you.



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January 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9:00am Adult Sunday Sch/PresbyPraise 9:15am Pageant Practice (Sanctuary) 10:15am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30am Hanging of the Greens 11:30am Sip N Chat/Glorify! 12:00pm Miracle on 4th (Youth Room)	9:00am Preschool (Preschool Classroom) 6:00pm Building & Administration 7:00pm Deacons	9:30am Preschool (Preschool Classroom) 10:00am Christian Education (Library) 12:00pm Endowments 5:00pm Glory! Combo (Chapel) 7:00pm Marietta Children's Choir (Sanctuary)	9:00am Preschool (Preschool Classroom) 10:00am Evangelism & Discipleship 3:20pm Scholars on 4th (Fellowship Hall) 5:00pm Westminster Bells (Bell Room) 6:30pm Joyful Hearts (Chapel) 7:15pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)	9:30am Preschool (Preschool Classroom) 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)	9:00am Preschool (Preschool Classroom) 9:00am Preschool (Preschool Classroom)	8:00am Men's Fellowship 9:00am AA 10:00am Seventh-day 12:00pm SDA Fellowship
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Youth Group December - 9th, 30th from 1-3PM
High School/College Class December - 9th, 23rd from 7-8:30PM

December 2nd - Miracle on 4th - 12-5PM - This year we are making No Sew Fleece Throw blankets to be donated to and distributed by the Gospel Mission Food Pantry. We are asking for both material and monetary donations. Below is a list of supplies we will need and each blanket costs roughly \$10-\$20 in materials. It is our goal to make 50 blankets this year. We will first help with the Hanging of the Greens and then get to work on our blanket project. We will have snacks, activities, and a whole lot of fun. Bring a friend!

December 15th - Youth Christmas Party - 6-8PM - On this Saturday, we will be hosting an awesome Christmas Party in the youth room at FPC. We will be doing a White Elephant gift exchange, holiday themed games, and of course, delicious Christmas snacks. All gifts should be less than \$10, and ridiculous gag gifts are wildly encouraged.

Coming into the New Year, we really want to focus on reaching new families and students. We are going to emphasize the fact that all of our events are open to friends. Sometimes youth group is intimidating for a new person, but a party or activity is more relaxing. So, bring a friend!

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9:00 am
Worship Service
10:15 am

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**Christmas Joy Offering
Received Sunday, December 16**

Each year during Advent and Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Gifts to the denominational Christmas Joy Offering, honor this gift, by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in need and developing future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Giving Envelopes
are available to be
picked up in the
Narthex. Envelopes
have been renumbered
for 2019. Please check
carefully when
picking up your box.

HELP NEEDED:
We will be taking down
the greens on Sunday,
January 6th following
church service and
Sip N Chat.
If you would like to help,
please contact Betsy Akeman
at (405) 397-6232 or

betsy.akeman@gmail.com