

January 2019

## 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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Hello  
2019

**If you are available on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> following church and would like to help take down the decorations from Christmas, please let Kelly Campbell or Betsy Akeman know. Or just join us that day! The more hands available, the quicker it will be accomplished.**

Many thanks to all who donated to Miracle on Fourth this year. We raised \$1,168 and were able to make 35 fleece blankets. These will be given as gifts to the Scholars on Fourth



Families and the Gospel Mission. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the blankets including our music scholars. The remaining funds will also be donated to the Gospel Mission.

The Shepherding Committee is meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> after church in the Library to plan for our Shepherding Luncheon taking place on February 24<sup>th</sup> themed “Family Gras” after Mardi Gras. We are still looking for two Shepherds to fill open spots.



**VBS**  
Join us this Summer

## VBS Planning Meeting

On Sunday, January 27th, after worship we will begin planning for Vacation Bible School this Summer. Our dates are tentatively set for July 12-13th. If you would like to be a part of our planning committee, please plan to attend this meeting.

We will gather briefly in the library to discuss our format for this year's event. More information is coming, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Epiphany dawns! The star shines! In the dark of winter God's light shines forth in the darkness.

This light brings healing and hope. This light shows us the brokenness in our lives and the world, but we are not left without hope. God invites us to follow the light, seeking the one who embodies God's justice. God desires we practice justice in the church, in our communities, in our nation, in our world. And amazingly God gives us the strength for the journey and works through us to bring justice!

Let us welcome the light and seek God's justice.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor David



Save these dates on your calendar!

**January 6** – Epiphany Observed and removal of the Christmas Decorations

**January 13** – Reaffirmation of Baptism

**January 27** – Congregational Meeting and VBS Planning Meeting

**February 3** – Installation of Officers &

Souper Bowl of Caring (Soup Lunch after Worship)

**February 24** – Congregational Lunch Hosted by our Shepherds

**March 6** – Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins

Save  
the  
Date

## THERE WILL BE LIGHT!

Once again God has blessed us!

Several months ago, we described the need to improve our sanctuary lighting and the potential cost of this project. An anonymous donor responded with a generous gift of \$50,000 that will allow us to proceed with the lighting plans trusting that the remaining costs of \$10,000 will be met.

Contracts will be signed in January and work will begin in the attic to add walkways, ramps and railings for safe access to light fixture locations. Materials for the entire project will be purchased by the church, and an electrical contractor will be hired for installation.

If you are considering an Endowment gift, please contact Committee Chair John Miller at [jmiller@ksifa.com](mailto:jmiller@ksifa.com). Or speak with any of our members: JennyLou Brock, Matt Evans, Henry Goehring, Richard Murdock, Allan Norris, and Gail Reynolds.

## January Birthdays

Karen Lamb	1/7
Megan Dowler	1/8
Marilyn Moody	1/8
Linda O'Brien	1/18
Marilyn Mills	1/24



Gib Moody	1/26
Terry Rake	1/26
Roger Akeman	1/28
John Spear	1/29
Kennedy Schuck	1/30

## Epiphany 2019 – Seeking the Light of God’s Justice

### January 6 – Epiphany

Jeremiah 3:1-6  
Matthew 2:1-18  
“Weeping”

### January 20 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:1-6  
“Gifts a Plenty”

### January 13 – Reaffirmation of Baptism

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Luke 3:7-23a  
“Into the Water”

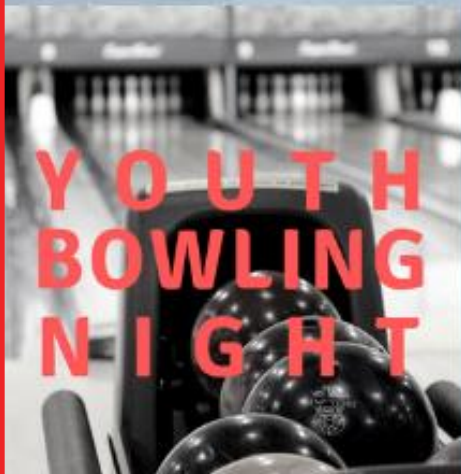
### January 27 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
“You Have a Place in the Church”



FPC STUDENT MINISTRIES'

# Winter Calendar



January 26th  
6PM - 8PM @  
Pastime Lanes



February 15th-16th  
8PM - 8AM @ FPC



March 23rd  
3PM -12AM @  
Charleston Coliseum

### January Meetings

Youth Group: 6th, 13th, 20th (1 to 3 pm)

High School & College Class: 6th, 20th (7 to 8:30 pm)

Our Winter schedule is filling up quickly. So, we decided to include all of the special events happening over the next few months. We are having a bowling night, Lock-In, and head to Charleston for an awesome concert! You can see it all right here!

January 26th - 6-8PM - Bowling Night @ Pastime Lanes

Join us at Pastime Lanes in Downtown Marietta for a night of Bowling. Everything is included: the lanes, the shoes, even the ball! We will plan to meet at Pastime at 6PM and there will of course be plenty of food for all!

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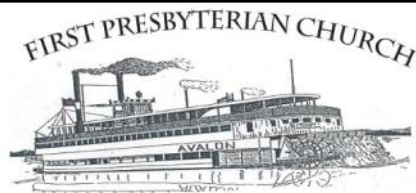
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**Considering playing, singing or ringing during the New Year? Here are the rehearsal start dates for all musical ensembles in January. We'd love you have you be a part of the music ministry!**

**PresbyPraise: Sunday, January 6th; 9 to 9:15 in Chapel**  
**Glorify! Choir: Sunday, January 6th; after worship in Chapel**  
**Glorify! Combo: Tuesday January 8th; 5 to 6 in Chapel**  
**Westminster Bells: Wednesday, January 9th; 5-6 in Bell Room**  
**Joyful Hearts: Wednesday, January 9th; 6:30 to 7 in Chapel**  
**Chancel Choir: Wednesday, January 9th; 7:15 to 8:15 in Chapel**

**Congregational Meeting — Sunday, January 27**

Session has called for the annual congregational meeting to be held as the final part of worship on Sunday, January 27. The Nominating Committee will present its slate of officers for the coming year. The Stewardship and Finance Committee will present an update on the budget for 2019 and the congregation will consider the Pastor's Call for 2019.