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## Endless Winter!

It is hard to believe that November and December have come and gone—and with them a huge variety of activities in the church—from our Tail-Gate party in November, to Advent and the Children's play as part of worship and the PW Bake Sale, to The Music of Christmas, hearing our Bell Choir on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Communion Service with children! These are only the major events—missions was active in helping out a Haitian family, the Session brought five new members into the church, new elders and deacons were trained, tested, and examined, and our church continued its variety of work in the name of Christ here in Goldsboro. And, that's just the beginning—our January will be nearly as busy! This coming Sunday, we will have a service of Epiphany—the day the church remembers the time when the Christ Child was introduced to the world—as a savior to all nations, Jew and Gentile alike—with the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. The following week we will celebrate Communion, **and** ordain and install our eleven new elders and deacons. How exciting! Then, on another Sunday in January we will present the new members—the Fosters, the Krutchs, and Randa Scott—all who are ready to pitch in and help move the church forward. What a joyful time!

These busy months give me pause—as I wonder about the things that we might

forget in the hustle and bustle of a busy church season. Among them are to be sure to take time for yourself and your loved ones—slowing down a bit simply to talk and laugh, tell family stories perhaps forgotten. And to pray. Pray for God’s providence in the coming year; for disease and pain for those suffering to lessen; pray for those who are lonely and for whom this season has been especially difficult. For those who face surgeries that cause them fear. For those, like our Haitian family for whom the future is most uncertain. All these prayers God will hear.

Many people look at winter as a bleak, colorless, and depressing time of year. But, if you look hard, you will see heavy-laden camellia bushes aflame with beautiful, fragrant flowers and buds which seemingly pop out each day; luscious white-, rose- and pink-colored flowers adorning their bushes—bringing color and light to the drab landscape and perhaps our own melancholy moods. These flowers enable us to remember that we are the brightness adorning the lives of others—as Christ was the light of the world.

All these things are reminders of the full range and measure of God’s wonder. The breadth of our human emotions might be wide, but God’s range is infinite—and it is things like bright, winter camellias that reinforce that. So, as we roll into a New Year, please remember that both our busy times and our quiet times are part of that infiniteness that is our God. Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace,



John

## Officer Duties

### Elders

Jan. 2 Suzanne Corbin  
Jan. 9 James Spicer  
Jan. 16 Rosalyn Lomax

### Deacons

Coleen Leeper  
Kent Warren  
Nathan Johnson

Deacon in charge: Kent Warren  
Co-Deacon: Coleen Leeper



### For the month of January

Curtis Stackhouse  
John B Parker  
Melissa Warren

## The Christmas Joy Project



Thank you, FPC! You have shared much love and joy with our adopted families again this year with your generous support. These families will experience the love of our church this beautiful season.

Lisa Royall

## Save the Date

**Vacation Bible School** will be hosted at FPC Monday thru Thursday, July 25-28, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. We will need the help of many youth and adult leaders please sign up by emailing Mary Taneti.



# Presbyterian Women News

## January PW Circle Time

Evening Circle – 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 3 in McChesney Hall.

PWCT – 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 4 in the Parlor.

Morning Circle – 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 4 in the Parlor.

Mrs. Kathryn Spicer will present the Bible Study, “The Heart of Prayer: What Jesus Teaches Us” Chapter 4, “Private Lives and Public Lives” (Matthew 6:1-18).



## January Birthdays!



02 Mrs. Beth Stackhouse

15 Mrs. Victoria Barfield

03 Mr. Jack Kannan

16 Dean Gurley II

03 Will Stackhouse

17 Mr. John Henderson

03 Mary Wynne Stackhouse

17 Mr. Ethan Brogden

04 Mr. Al Grisette

19 Mr. John Wooten

04 Dr. Jim Stackhouse

21 Mrs. Toddy Warren

06 Mr. Al Tate III

26 Mr. Sean Huneycutt

06 Mrs. Amy Krutsch

27 Mrs. Gail Shearin

11 Mr. David Evans

28 Mr. Kent Warren

13 Mr. Jake Crocker

28 Wagner Wilder

15 Mrs. Bessie Beamon

31 Mrs. Evelyn Rose

# Christian Education

## Events the month of January 2022

Sundays	Faith Formation Classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Sundays 9, 23	Young Presbyterians in the Gym 4-6 p.m.
Sunday 16	Youth/Parents Meeting 3-5 p.m.
Sunday 30	Youth Group in the Gym 5-7 p.m.
Wednesdays 12, 19, 26	Independent Prayer Time in the Chapel 5-6 p.m.
Wednesdays 12, 19, 26	Confirmation Class of 2022 in the library 3:00 p.m.

## Music Ministry



**The Handbell Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday night, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the handbell rehearsal room on the second floor.

**The Chancel Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday night, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Anyone who would like to join us as we prepare music for each Sunday and the upcoming Easter services are always welcome. No audition is required.



**The Children's Choir** will resume rehearsals on the first Sunday morning in February in the choir room. All children are encouraged to join us for the fun of making music together.

## *A Note from Chris*

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for attending the December 12<sup>th</sup> music worship service, “The Music of Christmas” in our sanctuary. What a wonderful thrill it was to have the sanctuary completely filled with you, your family and friends, and members of the community who wanted to experience the beautiful music presented in love to the Christ Child on His birthday.

I am so proud of our choir and soloists who worked so hard to make the service a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Their beautiful voices were only matched by their beautiful personalities that radiated from the chancel area to the listeners.

Your loving support and words of encouragement have made my job a Christmas gift that I enjoy every day of the year!

Sincerely,

Chris Watkins

## **From the Finance Office**

- ❖ Pledge envelopes are available for pick up in the church office hallway. If you do not find yours there and would like to get one, please call Jean Whitaker.
- ❖ The PCUSA Joy Offering (to support current and retired church workers) was collected on Christmas Eve and Sunday, December 26. If you have not gotten a chance to contribute to this offering, please write a check (with Joy offering in the memo line) and mail it to the church. Jean will be collecting them until January 10, 2022.
- ❖ The Fifth Sunday mission offering will be collected on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Please give generously to support FPC’s local and global mission.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray daily for your **PNC**. Members are Ali Blackburn, Shelby Benton, Barbara Bradshaw, Toby Brown (chair), Ann Hunter, Malcolm Shearin, and James Spicer.



**Confirmands:** Garrett and Worth

### Congregation Members @ home

Mrs. Hope Derby, Mr. Jimmy Huffman, Mr. O. L. Starling, Linda Stevens, Ken and Judy Taylor, Mrs. Jackie VanHoy and Mrs. Ditty Whitford.

Mrs. Louise Huffman @ Rex

Mrs. Audrey Brow @ WMH

Mr. Wiley Leonard @ Kitty Askins

### Friends & Family

Mr. Jeff Stanley, (son of Bill and Sharon Stanley)

Ms. Beth Jennings, friend of Carol Branch

Rev. Jason Leonard, Wiley Leonard's son

Ms. Emily Lassiter, friend of Emily Byrd

Mrs. Jane Johnson, mother of Nathan Johnson

Mr. Bob Locket, friend of Ken Taylor

Mr. Phil Barbee, brother-in-law of Fred and Rosalyn

Ms. Lori Mobley, friend of Lisa Royall

### Outreach

Mr. Gilbert Brown @ Brookdale Senior Living on Berkley Blvd.

Mr. Mike Pate @ Brookdale Senior Living on Country Day Road

Mrs. Madelyn Percise @ Cypress Glen, Greenville, NC



## FPC Calendar for January 2022

Sundays	Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Mondays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Troop 3 at 6:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 3 at 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle (first Monday)
Tuesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Morning Circle (first Tuesday) Committee Meetings (first Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (second Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (third Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 3:00 p.m. Independent Prayer in chapel 5:00 p.m. Hand bell Choir 6:00 p.m. (starts January 12) Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. (starts January 12)
Thursdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Congregational Book Club 7:00 p.m. (first Thursday) Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Fridays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays	Church office closed

For a detailed weekly calendar please visit the church website.