



The Good News

of First Presbyterian Church for January 2018

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf to be reconciled to God."

(2 Corinthians 5.20 [NIV])

Budget needs estimated at \$811,318; available funds reach \$793,707

Thank you for your response to our pledge campaign for 2018. Your responses have been supportive and we appreciate it. We just need more responses returned!

Including both general and outreach budget pledges and non-pledged income, as of December 17 we had \$793,707 committed for 2018. To fund committees' current budgets and allow for some growth we need about \$811,318, leaving a negative income gap of \$17,611.

If you haven't returned your pledge card yet, please do it as soon as possible, even if you aren't planning to make a pledge at this time. Thanks!

More complete information will be available in the Annual Reports and in the February Good News.

Thank you again - you're VSP! (Very Special People)

~ Stewardship and Finance Committee

Annual Reports due January 15

Each year our church activities are summarized in the "Annual Reports to the Congregation." This year these reports must be available to the congregation on January 21, the Sunday prior to the annual meeting on January 28. If you are responsible for writing a report on some facet of our church life, please note they are due **Monday, January 15**. The best ones are sent (prior to the deadline) to Carol via e-mail (fpc_carol@hotmail.com) or a Word attachment to an e-mail!

Thank you for your help!

Madrigal Feaste returns December 1, 2018

Preliminary plans have been discussed by the Madrigal Oversight Team to hold another Madrigal Feaste next December on Saturday the 1st. We will need many hands to help with this special event. If you would be willing to help in any capacity, small or large, please talk to **Gayle Jones**. We are especially looking for those who would co-chair the event or take on leadership of one portion of the festivities. Those who would like to sing or perform as actors are also welcome.

~ Gayle Jones

Annual Meeting presents "State of the Church"

Mark **Sunday, January 28** on your calendar. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will begin at 9:40 a.m. in the sanctuary and end by 11 a.m. Nursery care for infants and Sunday school classes for children through 7th grade will be offered as usual. Youth in 8th grade and up will attend the Annual Meeting. Adult education classes are cancelled.

Since many of you will already be in the building, either stay an extra hour or come an hour early; meet people who attend the "other" worship service; and hear about the work of the church in 2017 and plans for 2018. The budget for 2018 will be presented.

Reports of committees and organizations of the church will be available beginning January 21.

Please join us for this important event in the life of our church.

Sunday, January 7 at 11 a.m. we will ordain and install those who were elected to the offices of Elder and Deacon at the congregational meeting in November. Mark your calendar for this important event in the lives of these people and of our congregation.

Deacon / Class of 2018

Lettie Eckberg

Deacon / Class of 2020

Mary Beyerle Margie Schaaf To be named

Allen Dollerschell Shelley Steger To be named

To be named

Elder / Class of 2019

Ron Kreinbring

Elder / Class of 2020

Lucinda Cutrer Sarah Edgerton James Sessler

Michael Cutrer Gregg Erickson James Talen

Endowment Committee / Class of 2020

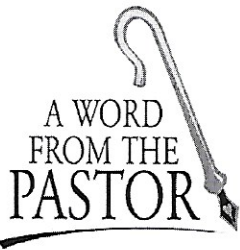
Tim Smith

Nominating Committee / Class of 2018

Tammy Buchanan Terry Narr Melissa Wobig

Katie Lenn

Jason Wobig



January 2018

by Rev. T. J. Parlette

On December 10, I preached a sermon called "Merely Christian" in which I referred to the "Best Christian Book of All Time Tournament" conducted by the Emerging Scholars Network of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

You can find more details and a PDF of the tournament brackets by searching "Best Christian Books" at www.emergingscholars.org. Many of you expressed your appreciation for C.S. Lewis, whose *Mere Christianity* narrowly lost to Augustine's *Confessions*. So I thought I'd do a little more "bracketology" analysis.

As with the NCAA basketball tournament, 64 books were invited to the tournament (sorry, I have no idea about the bubble teams), organized into four brackets - Theology and Apologetics, Christian Life and Discipleship, Fiction and Poetry and Memoirs, Devotions and Spirituality. The voting was done by the Emerging Scholars Network on their Facebook page.

The top two seeds in each bracket included *Mere Christianity* and Calvin's *Institutes of Theology*; *The Cost of Discipleship* and *The Divine Conspiracy* in Christian Life; *The Divine Comedy* and *Lord of the Rings* in Fiction; and *Confessions* and *The Imitation of Christ* in Memoirs. A worthy field!

As with any March Madness Tournament, it's always interesting to see the upsets. In this tournament, major upsets included #13 *On Christian Teaching* by Augustine taking down #4 *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* by Martin Luther King Jr; #11 *Revelations of Love* by Julian of Norwich knocked out *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen; and sadly for us Presbyterians, #7 *Summa Theologica* by Thomas Aquinas upended #2 Calvin's *Institutes*!

The most votes were garnered by the matchup between *The Chronicles of Narnia vs The Brothers Karamazov* with 121 total votes cast. The biggest margin of victory was the drubbing that *A Purpose Driven Life* took at the hands of *The Cost of Discipleship*. The least amount of votes (54) was generated by the matchup of *Revelations of Love* and *The Imitation of Christ*, in which *Imitation* emerged victorious. The closest margin of victory came with a one- point win for *Revelations of Love* over *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, for one of the major upsets of the tournament.

In the end, *Confessions* beat *Mere Christianity* in the finals 50-43!

I personally would dispute that result. I would favor C.S. Lewis.

Oh well, just a bit of fun for those March Madness fans out there.

Peace, T. J.

Stewardship Alive!

As we look for the first unsung heroes of 2018, some very special people come to mind—the elders, deacons, and other elected officers completing terms of active service in 2017. Your accomplishments are many and your caring unequaled.

We don't bid you farewell, but we do say "thanks" for jobs well done. You have enriched our lives by your faithfulness and we hope your lives have grown by the service you have given us. Thank you!

Elders / Class of 2017

Chris Bauch Jackie Moen Gabe Perkins
Casey Clements Jane Murl Paul Steger

Deacons / Class of 2017

Sally Brooks Leslie Litwiller Bev Salomonsen
Jamie Carroll Robert Litwiller
Amy Dollerschell Yvonne Nkwelle Mesumbe

Endowment Committee / Class of 2017

Charles Coddington

Nominating Committee / Class of 2017

Jane Murl (lead elder), Joe Doppler and Karen Sessler (elders), Jeremy Braun, Rusty Brown, Gregg Erickson, Cindy Kunzman, and Ruth Saling (congregation-at-large members), and Rosie Lund (Deacon representative).



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The Good News is published the first of each month for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church (FPC).

The newsletter tells the story of the church, promotes its programs, and publicizes opportunities to live out one's faith.

Deadline for submission of material is the fifteenth of the preceding month.

Church Staff

Pastor Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette
Associate Pastor Jay P. Rowland
Director of Music Lee J. Afdahl
Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education Susanna L. Stone
Office Administrator Susan K. Kruger
Facility Manager Harry E. Coleman
Custodian Brian D. Stevens
Music Assistant Kathleen M. Kruger
Part-time custodians/security Steven Aug, Sally Evans
Child Care Workers Tami Rinn, Margie Schaaf, Brian Stevens
Newsletter Editor Esther Labron, Margie Schaaf, Taylor Smith
Parish Associates Carol J. Evans

Anneliese Opitz, Roger Ring, Carol Shaffer, James Walker

Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

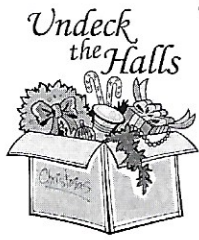
Education classes: Sundays at 9:40 a.m.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon

**The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester
is to reflect God's love for all people
by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Saturday, January 13 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed to “undecorate” the church



On December 2, wonderful church members and guests helped decorate the church for the Advent season. We have all enjoyed the wonderful trees and wreaths. If you haven't seen the children's tree outside the resource room, please check it out. Thank you to all who helped.

Now it is time to think about taking the decorations down. Please join us Saturday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m. to help put away the decorations. We will have refreshments and there will be time to enjoy working with each other.

~ Bev Lewis and Ruth Walts
and the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

2017 Sharing Tree brings Christmas spirit to many

Thank you ... to everyone who purchased items for the Sharing Tree this Christmas season. With our generosity baby clothes and diapers were delivered to daycare at Alternative Learning Center, clothing and cleaning supplies were delivered to Dorothy Day House, and numerous household items were delivered to Family Promise. We also purchased personal gifts for family members who are being helped by Med City Foundation and provided items such as puzzles and gift cards to families who are patients here over the Holidays.

To deliver all these gifts I recruited the help of my kids and loaded the back of our Subaru several times. All organizations were very grateful to receive these items for the holidays. The committee appreciates very much the time and money our ever generous congregation gave to God's children in need.

Many blessings in the new year,

~ Ruth Saling / Social Concerns Committee

Sitter Service resumes January 12

Sitter Service will start for the 2018 year on Friday, January 12 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by signing up in the atrium on Sunday, January 7 or by contacting the church office or **Gayle Jones** (mngjones@gmail.com or 507-993-2443) by Tuesday, January 9.

Anyone interested in being a volunteer sitter who is not already on the list, please contact Gayle Jones. If you have discovered after the holidays that you have extra toys, games, books or DVDs, please consider donating gently used items to the Sitter Service. We particularly need items for younger children.

~ Gayle Jones / Sitter Service Coordinator

New elders and deacons invited to Souper Start Supper

Newly elected Deacons and Elders are invited to join the current officers for a Souper Start Supper on Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30 p.m. We will meet in the social hall for a warm meal and fellowship as we welcome our new members. The monthly Session and Board of Deacons meetings will follow the supper. Current elders and deacons will host the meal and provide the food.

~ Jane Murl / Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

Please save the date:

Sunday February 25, 2-4 p.m.

You're invited to join in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Carol Shaffer's ordination at a reception in the church social hall on Sunday, February 25 from 2-4 p.m. Dwight and Lea Jennings will provide music, Bill Oehler and others will provide humor, and we'll enjoy some tasty treats. Thanks for marking your calendar!

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To accomplish this, our church works

- † To nurture the members of the church with a strong worship experience and compassionate pastoral leadership
- † To encourage active participation in worship by individuals and families
- † To strengthen faith and commitment by promoting vital Christian education, music, and fellowship programs for all ages
- † To be a caring church community that ministers to individual needs
- † To recognize our unique opportunity to minister to the spiritual needs of visitors to the medical center
- † To share our faith through mission and social concern outreach in both the local and world community
- † To maintain strong ties with Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to fulfill our responsibilities toward these bodies.

Five ways to exercise this winter



Parish Nursing News

Getting a workout with the Minnesota winter's slippery sidewalks, sub-zero temperatures and gray skies can be a challenge. Here are five strategies for getting your heart rate up when, baby, it's cold outside.

- * 1. Enjoy that winter wonderland! Bundle up and put on your "Yaktrax" (toothed attachments that dig into snow and ice) to avoid falls and go for a walk. You can also enjoy a little shoveling or a cross country skiing. Nothing fights the winter blues like a little fresh air!
- * 2. Join the gym! Take advantage of the deals available this time of year and find something you enjoy - classes, machines, group sports, and personal training. Many gyms also have childcare available.
- * 3. Find an exercise video you love! From abs to weights to yoga to Zumba, there are videos for every taste and level. I am a big fan of the Crunch fitness videos.
- * 4. Take a "shopping trip." Walking around the mall, the subway/skyway system, or a big store can be a great, safe way to exercise. Just don't stop too often to shop, or your pocketbook and your waistline may suffer.
- * 5. Buy (or use) some new equipment. Obtaining a treadmill, stationary bicycle, stair stepper, or elliptical can be a great way to keep fit during the winter. If there's a television or iPad nearby, you can catch up on your shows while keeping fit.

Here's to a happy, healthy 2018!

~ Ariel Boswell / FPC Parish Nursing Advisory Council

Opportunities abound for adult study, discussion

Adult education ~ Sundays / 9:40-10:45 a.m.

Members have asked for in-depth studies and here are several great opportunities covering a variety of topics and interests!

Bible Study (South Fireside) <i>Kerygma</i>	The Kerygma Class will continue their study of the Gospel of <i>Matthew</i> . The class is led by Jane Goodfriend and Ruth Walts .
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Current Issues (Lounge)	<i>Current Events: Beyond the Headlines</i> is the theme for the 2017-2018 year. The discussion is led by Al Depman .
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Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)	January 3 No Bible study January 3 January 10 Gratitude in the Old Testament January 17 Gratitude in the New Testament January 24 How Spirituality Evolves Part 1 January 31 How Spirituality Evolves Part 2 The Bible Study is led by Al Depman .
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Ministry of Music

Lee Afdahl, Director of Music
Katie Kruger, Director of First Players,
Cherub and Calvin Choirs

Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.
(Victor Hugo)

Many people supported programs during Advent and Christmas

Our thanks to all the musicians: singers, ringers, orchestra members, flute ensemble, brass players, First Players, accompanists, **Katie Kruger**, and music librarian and helpers.... ALL who enriched the ministry through music in December! Your hours of sharing your time and talent means so much to the congregation and greater community. The services of Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve worship were especially enhanced through your sharing of God-given musical gifts. Blessings at the New Year!

~ Lee J. Afdahl / Director of Music and Organist

Singing and ringing schedule for January			
	8:30	11:00	Both
January 7.	Chancel Choir	Special music	
January 14.	Chancel Choir	Special music	
January 21.	Chancel Choir	Special music	
January 28.	Special Music	Chancel Choir	

A Festival of Music coming on February 18

Duo Neglia-Khachatryan

Dr. Grigor Khachatryan, concert pianist
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota

Dr. Dina Maria Neglia-Khachatryan, concert violinist
North Dakota State University, Challey School of Music
Fargo, North Dakota

Resolutions for the new year

At age 19, American theologian Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) wrote down 70 resolutions, or commitments, and then read them every week until his death. Some of those resolutions:

- To live with all my might while I do live.
- To study the Scriptures ... steadily, constantly, frequently.
- Never to lose one moment of time.
- Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
- Never to do anything out of revenge.
- To let there be ... benevolence in all that I speak.

Per Capita assessed at \$34.50 per member for 2018

As local church members, we have an obligation to support our higher judicatories. This per capita assessment supports overhead expenses of our church, including presbytery, synod, and general assembly.

The amount due each judicatory is set at the particular unit's meeting during the summer and is based on membership on December 31 of the previous year. Our membership on December 31, 2016 was 693. The assessment per active member includes \$21.37 for presbytery, \$5.40 for synod, and \$7.73 for general assembly.

Even if you choose to not pledge, we urge you to consider making a donation of at least \$34.50 per member to help us underwrite this budget item of \$23,908.50. Thank you!

Pick up your pledge envelopes

Please pick up your pledge envelopes in the social hall by January 31. Envelopes are prepared for adults who contribute regularly (unless you told us you don't want envelopes or you use ACH), for new members, and for children (pre-kindergarten through senior high) who want them.

Because many of you don't use offering envelopes, we've cut down the number we order. If we inadvertently left your name off the envelope list, please let us know. It's actually more cost efficient for us if you use envelopes.

If there isn't a box with your name and you would like one, if you've never used envelopes and you'd like to, or if your children would like a box, we have extras and would be happy to give you one.

Join a committee, be part of the action

Begin your year in the church by getting involved in the work of a committee! We encourage anyone who would like to serve to let us know. Call the church office (282-1618) and we will put you in touch with someone who will be glad to sign you up.

Positions on Building and Grounds, Christian Education, Evangelism, Mission, Social Concerns, Personnel and Administration, Stewardship and Finance, Welcoming and Nurturing, and Worship and Music are open.

There is more than enough work to go around and we need your participation to make the circle complete.



Financial Statement November 2017

General Operating Budget

Balance (10/31/17)	\$ 43,445.51
Receipts (November)	+ 45,760.18
Disbursements (November)	- 65,593.43
Balance (11/30/17)	\$ 23,609.26

Statements will be mailed second week in January

We will mail final statements for 2017 about January 9. The statement format will list each charitable eligible contribution made to First Presbyterian during 2017. For those who itemize deductions on their income tax return, this format meets the IRS requirement for substantiation of contributions.

Using the church parking lot on weekdays



As a member of First Presbyterian Church, you may park in the church lot during the week. If you do, you need a church identification hang-tag on your rear-view mirror. You may get a tag in the church office from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Because of the continuing use of the lot by unauthorized people, we periodically ticket and/or tow cars that do not have the proper identification. You may use the lot during the week, but it is your responsibility to be sure your car is properly identified.

We lease out 18 spaces - all the north row and 6 marked spaces in the second row. Do not park there! When you are not on church business, please park your car on the west side of the lot and leave the area closest to the church for those who are at the church on church business.

There are occasions when we ask you to not park in the lot: when we expect a large gathering at the church, on third Wednesday mornings when Priscilla Circle meets, on Wednesdays during Lent unless you are attending the Lenten Organ Recitals, and when there's a funeral at the church. We appreciate your compliance with these requests. Thank you!

* WEATHER ADVISORY *

If we need to cancel services due to extreme weather conditions, we will send that announcement to KTTCTV, KTTCTV.com, put it on our WEB page FPCRochester.org, put it on the church's answering machine, and, if possible, send you an e-mail. Whenever canceling is a possibility, please check these sources for up-to-date information.

* SAFETY ADVISORY *

In the coming winter season when conditions can create slippery walkways, we ask all members to be responsible and wear appropriate footwear made for snow and ice and choose the safest path from your car into the building. The staff aims to keep the church walks as clear of snow/ice as possible, but each of us must also do our part for safety by exercising caution and discretion. Here's to a safe winter season!



*Happy New Year
from the youth group!*

January Youth Group News

December kept the youth group BUSY! We completed a variety of service projects, including wrapping presents for children with cancer for the Brighter

Tomorrows organization, sending care packages to FPC college students, and decorating cookies for the annual Bear Creek Services Cookie Classic. We also were able to fit in a rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant and as always, hosted our traditional white elephant gift exchange and holiday celebration.

In January we will focus our energies on more service projects, discussions, and games. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us on Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and fun! Note: There will be NO youth group on January 3. We will resume youth group in 2018 on January 10!

Like us on Facebook! Stay up to date on all youth group activities by checking out the youth group Facebook page: @RochPresYouthGroup

Snow tubing and pizza: Save the date!

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for a special outing we will be having with other area Presbyterian youth.

Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

We'll start off with two hours of snow tubing at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch followed by lunch at the Stewartville Pizza Ranch.

Registration is required. Contact Susanna if you are interested in attending !



Vacation Bible School: Save the Date!

Calling all FPC families and VBS volunteers:

VBS will be back at FPC in 2018!

Save the date: VBS will be held **Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15 from 9 a.m. until noon.**

VBS registration will begin in the spring.

Mission Committee reports on aftermath of hurricanes in Cuba



Pastor Armando Guedes with his wife Jacqueline, daughter Masiel, and son Christian, now serve church in Jagúey Grande

Jagúey Grande

Our partner church at Jagúey Grande has a new pastor, **Armando Guedes**. The former pastor, Pastor Liz, is now serving the church at Union de Reyes. Jagúey Grande continues providing breakfast for elderly people. The congregation sends greetings and thanks for our help over the years. The church is having a problem with a leak in the roof which has caused damage in the activity room and office. Our mission committee sent \$500 to help with repairs.

Mission coworkers

David Cortes-Fuentes and **Josey Saez**, mission coworkers we support in Cuba, report that the hurricane in Cuba was worse than expected. At Matanzas Seminary, where they work, eighty percent of the trees and plants were demolished, including the vegetable garden, which serves the seminary, hospitals, and part of the city's population. Also damaged were the plumbing and water systems, some ceilings, part of the lighting and electrical system, and the paint on some of the buildings. The mission committee sent \$1000 for the needs of the seminary.

Cuba at large

There is concern for the larger community. Cuba's fragile, poorly managed food and goods supply chain and distribution system, which contributes to chronic scarcity in every community, suffers even more. Yet the people of Cuba continue to live with and in hope. Keep them and all who suffered because of the hurricanes in your prayers.

~ Sylvia Swede / Mission Committee

"Walk more closely with God, get nearer to Christ, seek to exchange hope for assurance. Oh that you may endeavor so to grow in grace every year, that your last things may be more than your first, and the end of your Christian course far better than the beginning!" (J. C. Ryle)



News from Presbyterian Women

* Sylvia Swede, facilitator

Circles continue to meet each month. New members are always welcome. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The 2017-2018 Bible study is *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ*.

Esther Circle: January 15 at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

Hostesses : **Marcia Dollerschell** and **Martha Sessler** .

Devotions: **Kiyomi Takekawa**. Program: **Ginger Kirby**.

Priscilla Circle: January 17 at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

Hostesses: **LaDonna Fay** and **Leslie Litwiller**. Program: **Susanna Stone** on diversity. Project: Paper products for Hope Lodge.

Ruth Circle: January 13 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. Please note the change in date! Hostess: **Gretchen Sandvik**.

Devotions: **Pat Talen**. Bible Study: **Phyllis Schmid** (lesson #5 in *Cloud of Witnesses*).

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. the lounge. Join us Thursday, January 11 for knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Please contact **Elizabeth Remfert** or **Susie McClocklin** if you or someone you know would find comfort from a prayer shawl.

January is FPC's month to furnish paper products and other requested items for Hope Lodge. A list of needed items and a box in which to put your contributions are in the foyer. Thank you for your help.

Register this month for Women's Gathering in August

Registration for the Presbyterian Churchwide Women's Gathering begins January 15. Registration booklets are available from circle chairs or may be ordered by calling 1-800-524-2612. The Gathering will be held in the Galt House August 2-5 in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme is "Arise, shine, your light has come!" Some scholarship money will be available from PW. Hope you can attend!

Save March 16-18 for FPC Women's Retreat

- ▶ *First Presbyterian Women's Retreat 2018*
- ▶ *Eagle Bluff Learning Center, Lanesboro, MN*
- ▶ *Weekend of March 16 - 18, 2018*

Women of the Church are invited for a weekend of fellowship, outdoor adventures, games, delicious meals, worship and classroom lessons. Official signup and further information coming soon! Hope to see you there.

~ Lea Jennings

Church Family News

Anniversaries

Congratulations to **David and Char Ellefson** who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary January 11.

Congratulation to **Robert and Ann Groover** who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary January 12.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Marie Bolton** who will celebrate her 93rd birthday January 3.

Happy Birthday to **Jane Irving** who will celebrate her 94th birthday January 6.

Deaths

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Suzanne McFarland Turlington**, who died October 19. A memorial service was December 19 at First Presbyterian.

We extend our condolences to **Donald McIlrath** on the death of his wife, **Alice Hoffman McIlrath**, December 11 .

Calling all crafters!



Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, January 17 at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Come join in as we make cards for the C.A.R.E. members of our congregation. All supplies are provided.

*~ Mary Huie (282-9712) /
Crafters coordinator*

Youth earn \$70 selling greeting cards

Many thanks to members of our congregation for supporting our youth group by purchasing handmade cards on December 10. We made over \$70.00!

We will be selling cards again on Sunday, January 14 between services and after the late service. We will have birthday cards, Valentines, and maybe some Easter cards available. Cards are priced from \$1.00 to \$3.00 each.

~ Mary Huie (282-9712) / Crafters coordinator

Sunday morning schedule

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday school / all ages at 9:40 a.m.
Cherub Choir at 10:20 a.m.
Calvin Choir at 9:40 a.m.

Wednesday youth schedule

4:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45 p.m. Middle/High School youth
7:00 p.m. J Praise bells (intergenerational)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

IN HIM
and through
FAITH
IN HIM
we may approach
GOD
with
FREEDOM
and
CONFIDENCE.
EPHESIANS 3:12, NIV

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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year! Church closed No school / Winter break (12/25/17-1/2/18)	2 Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting	3 FPC@Friendship Place NO Wednesday activities 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion	4 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	5 Mail 2017 year-end statements	6 Epiphany
7 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) Communion 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing	8	9 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 5:30 PM Madrigal Team 7:15 PM FOM Cmte/north fireside	10 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:00 PM Kitchen Guild 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	11 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	12 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	13 9:30 AM "Undecorate" the church party
14 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings 9:30 AM New officer orientation 11:00 AM Ordination/Installation of officers	15 <i>All annual reports due</i> 1:00 PM Esther Circle/lounge No School/MLKing Day Church closed	16 Newsletter items due 9:30 AM Staff meeting 5:30 PM Souper Supper / Deacons & Elders 7:00 PM Deacons/lounge 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	17 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Priscilla Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	18 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	19	20 9:00 AM Presbytery/ Woodbury 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge
Family Promise (tentative)						
21 <i>Pick up Annual Reports</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings Family Promise (tentat...)	22	23 9:30 AM Staff meeting	24 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	25 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	26 Mail newsletter No school	27
28 Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 9:40 AM Annual Meeting 9:40 AM SS/through gr 7 only 11:00 AM Chancel/Yth Chr sings	29 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte	30 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	31 Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	See page 7 for an expanded scheduled of Sunday and Wednesday activities.		
Busyness chokes deep thinking. (Todd Stocker)						