



# The Good News

## of First Presbyterian Church for January 2019

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14 [ESV])*

### **Budget needs estimated at \$821,000; available funds reach \$780,730**

Thank you for your response to our pledge campaign for 2019. Your responses to both the original drive and the supplemental drive have been supportive and we appreciate it.

Including general and outreach budget pledges, the supplemental drive to date, and non-pledged income, as of December 19 we had \$780,730 committed for 2019. To fund committees' current budgets and allow for some growth we need about \$821,000, leaving a negative income gap of \$40,270.

We asked you to participate in a supplemental pledge because we believe our members are pleased with our current staffing and church outreach and want to have it continue. If you haven't already responded, we hope you will consider helping erase the shortfall in pledges by completing a supplemental pledge or by making an extra contribution to the church. Supplemental pledge forms are available at the welcome desk and in the church office or indicate on your check it is for the shortfall.

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 14**

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 20, the Sunday prior to the annual meeting on January 27. If you are responsible for writing a report on some facet of our church life, please note they are due **Monday, January 14**. The best ones are sent (prior to the deadline) to Carol via e-mail ([fpc\\_carol@hotmail.com](mailto:fpc_carol@hotmail.com)) or a Word attachment to an e-mail!

Thank you for your help!

*May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us.  
(Psalm 67:1)*

### **Annual Meeting presents "State of the Church"**

Mark **Sunday, January 27** 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 2018 and plans for 2019. The budget for 2019 will be presented. Reports of committees and organizations of the church will be available beginning January 20.

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

*Sunday, January 13 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 2019**

Tammy Buchanan

#### **Deacon / Class of 2020**

Terri Narr

#### **Deacon / Class of 2021**

Judy Kruesel      Nadine Luna      Andrew Thoreson  
Connie Larson      Juliet Parlette      Kathy Tremaine  
Lynda Sharbrough

#### **Elder / Class of 2020**

Lucinda Clements

#### **Elder / Class of 2021**

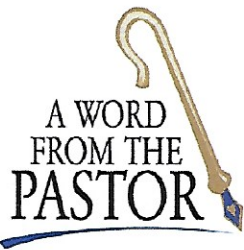
Jeff Britton      Mark Keller      Nicole Thoreson  
Kristina Heaby      Kathryn Lenn      Tim Zetzsche

#### **Endowment Committee / Class of 2021**

Ken Boyer

#### **Nominating Committee / Class of 2019**

Gregg Erickson      Kathryn Lenn      Lindsay Zetzsche  
Paul Herr      Britta Youmans



# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

by Rev. T. J. Parlette

January 2019

Welcome to 2019! It's hard to believe, but another year is now under way. So I thought I'd start with a story that fits well into the spirit of new beginnings.

Dr. Les Parrott in his book *Shoulda Coulda Woulda* tells an old legend about three men. Each man carried two sacks – one sack tied in front of his neck and the other sack resting on his back.

When the first man was asked what was in his sacks, he said, "In the sack on my back are all the good things friends and family have done for me. That way they're hidden from view and safe. In the front sack are all the bad things that have happened to me and all the mistakes I've made. Every now and then I stop, open the front sack – containing all the bad things that have happened to me – take the things out, examine them, and think about them." Because he stopped so much to concentrate on all the bad stuff in his life, his pace was slow and he made little progress.

When the second man was asked about his sacks, he replied in exactly the opposite way. "In the front sack are all the good things that have happened to me," he said. "I like to see them, so quite often I take them out to show them off to people and reminisce."

"But what about the sack on your back?" he was asked. He answered, "I keep all my mistakes, all my regrets in there and carry them all the time. Sure they're heavy. They slow me down, but you know, for some reason I can't put them down."

When the third man was asked about his sacks, he answered in a slightly different way. Like the second man he answered, "The sack in front is where I keep all the blessings I've experienced – all the great things other people have done for me. The weight isn't a problem. In fact, it keeps me moving forward."

But, as for the second sack, he answered, "The sack on my back is empty. There's nothing in it. I cut a big hole in its bottom. Then I put all my regrets and all my mistakes from my past in that sack. They go in one end and out the other, I leave them behind, so I'm not carrying around any extra weight at all.

As we start a new year, I hope you'll keep your blessings in front of you so you can see them every day. And, I hope you'll find time to leave behind the mistakes and regrets of the past so you can move forward into 2019.

Peace, *T. J.*

### save the date

Save Friday, May 3, 2019 for a celebration honoring Lee Afdahl for his 28 years as Organist and Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church. Lee is retiring May 31.

## Stewardship Alive!

As we look for the first unsung heroes of 2019, some very special people come to mind—the elders, deacons, and other elected officers completing terms of active service in 2018. Your accomplishments are many and your caring unequalled.

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 2018

Ken Boyer	Mark Mueller	Tom Pileggi
Fabian Luna	Sharon Nichols	Karen Sessler

### Deacons / Class of 2018

Debra Bauch	Lettie Eckberg	Jeff Remfert
Brett Carroll	David Lewis	Cindy Sannes
	Rosella Lund	

### Endowment Committee / Class of 2018

James Talen

### Nominating Committee / Class of 2018

Karen Sessler (lead elder), Joe Doppler and Lucinda Cutrer (elders), Tammy Buchanan, Kathryn Lenn, Terry Narr, Jason Wobig, and Melissa Wobig (congregation-at-large members), and Shelley Steger (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	Tyler Sczurek
Part-time music assistants	Katie Kuisle (Calvin and Cherub Choirs) Janine Yanisch (First Players)
Part-time custodians/security	Vera Brooks, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn
Child Care Workers	Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf, Brenda Thorson
Newsletter Editor	Carol J. Evans
Parish Associates	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 the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Saturday, January 12 ~ 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. Thank you to all who helped.

Now that Christmas is past and Epiphany has come and gone, it is time to take down the advent decorations. Everyone

is invited to help on Saturday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. With many hands, the job will go quickly. We will have refreshments to keep you going.

~ Bev Lewis  
and the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee

## 2018 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 the daycare at the Alternative Learning Center and cleaning supplies and household items were delivered to Family Promise. We also purchased personal gifts, such as clothing, games, toys and gift cards for family members who are being helped by the MedCity Foundation and are patients here over the Holidays.

This year we added Brighter Tomorrows, an organization that assists families who have encountered a childhood cancer diagnosis, to our Sharing Tree. Gifts were bought for young children through the teenage years and our youth group wrapped these gifts.

All organizations were very grateful to receive these items for the holidays. The committee appreciates the time and money our ever generous congregation gives to God's children in need.

Many blessings in the New Year,  
~ Ruth Saling / Social Concerns Committee

## Sitter Service resumes January 11

Sitter Service will start for the 2019 year on Friday, January 11 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by signing up in the atrium on Sunday, January 6 or by contacting the church office or Sarah Edgerton (edgerton.sarah@gmail.com or 507-536-9637) or Cindy Kunzman (xiandikunzman@aol.com or 507-421-5055) by Tuesday, January 8.

Anyone interested in being a volunteer sitter who is not already on the list, please contact either Sarah or Cindy. 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.



Children of Bdecan Church say “thank you” for donations to their Kids Winter Giveaway!

## Friends, accept a HUGE thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us with our Kids Winter Giveaway this year!!! It takes a lot of people to do this event each year.

On Monday, November 26, we gave out coats, boots, snow pants, hats, scarves, and mittens to about 68 boys and 53 girls. Without your help, this event would not be able to happen.

Thank you to the congregation members and friends that helped load our items, bring them to the rec center, unload them, and organize them at the Wood Lake rec center, and helped all of the families that came through find great winter items for their kids and grandkids.

*Thank you to all of the churches, groups, and individuals that helped us by collecting these winter items throughout the last year. We had a wonderful amount of clothing donated. A special thank you to all of the folks that brought their group's donations to Bdecan.*

*Thank you to all of you who donated financially so that we could purchase more winter items for the kids of the community. A large number of our items were purchased by the ministry team, with these funds.*

Finally, we want to thank you for all of you who have shared our story, and continue to do so with your congregations, groups, and communities. The more that our story is shared, the more people we can help on the Spirit Lake Reservation. Thank you for all that you give to the kids and youth here at Bdecan.

~ Joe O(bermeyer) /  
Youth and Outreach Coordinator Bdecan Presbyterian Church

## 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 15 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. New officers will be guests!



## Happy New Year from the youth group!

### January Youth Group News

**Susanna Stone**  
Coordinator of Youth  
& Christian Education

December was another busy month for the youth group. We sent off 9 college care packages, decorated over 100 cookies for the Bear

Creek Services Cookie Classic, wrapped 25 gifts for the children from Brighter Tomorrows, practiced for the Christmas Pageant, and held our traditional White Elephant Christmas party.

During this first month of 2019, we will develop a list of Youth Group New Years' Resolutions, work on service projects, enjoy fun and games, and continue to grow in fellowship with God and each other.

*Note: Due to winter break, there will be no youth activities on January 2. Youth activities resume on January 9.*

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



### Youth Group Christmas: 2018

What do scented socks, a potato chip sculpture, Christmas light necklace, and Bob Ross poster all have in common? They were some of the amazing gifts given (and received!) during the Youth Group White Elephant party. A fun time was had by all! After our gift exchange, the youth split into two groups (6-7 graders and 8 graders & up) for a scavenger hunt which led them to dessert. The 6-7 graders finished first (due in part to the "mysterious disappearance" of one of the other team's clues) but the other team eventually joined us in the social hall for dessert.



## Ministry of Music


*Lee Afdahl, Director of Music*  
*Katie Kuisle, Cherub and Calvin Choirs*  
*Janine Yanisch, First Players*

*Music is the universal language by which human feelings are made equally intelligible to all.*  
*(Franz von Liszt)*

## Many people supported programs during Advent and Christmas

Our thanks to all the musicians: singers, ringers, orchestra members, brass players, **Katie Kuisle** (Calvin and Cherub Choir director), **Janine Yanisch** (First Players director), accompanists **Barbara Depman** and **Carol Shaffer**, music librarian **Sharon Nichols**, stage hands, and many 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*

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

## First Players plays to full house



**Janine Yanisch**  
First Players  
Director

First Players enjoyed playing for a full house at their December 17 concert! The concert featured our Beginning Band, Concert Band, and guests The Notochords, an adult jazz band that's been in Rochester for decades. It was moving to see our very young musicians playing alongside the Notochords, and their members *really* enjoyed hearing our

First Players groups as well. Music is indeed a unifying force that reaches out to all!

Big thanks to the many who helped with and/or attended this event.

*If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining First Players, please let me know.*

Peace,

*Janine*

## Per Capita assessed at \$35.70 per member for 2019

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, 2017 was 683. The assessment per active member includes \$21.35 for presbytery, \$5.40 for synod, and \$8.95 for general assembly.

Even if you choose to not pledge, we urge you to consider making a donation of at least \$35.70 per member to help us underwrite this budget item of \$24,383.10. 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 2018

#### General Operating Budget

Balance (10/31/18)	\$ 459.76
Receipts (November)	+ 49,431.50
Disbursements (November)	- 62,614.99
Balance (11/30/18)	\$ -12,723.73

## Statements will be mailed second week in January

We will mail final statements for 2018 about January 9. The statement format will list each charitable eligible contribution made to First Presbyterian during 2018. 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 can 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!



## How to simplify your giving

### Simplify your life with automatic contributions

- \* *Operating Budget pledge*
- \* *Outreach Budget pledge*
- \* *Capital Campaign pledge*

Since 1993 we have offered you access to an automatic pledge payment plan through Automated Clearing House (ACH), similar to the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) many of you use to pay utility and other bills. This year 92 pledging units used ACH, either monthly or quarterly. Individual debits range from \$2-2,000 per month and \$25-1,300 per quarter. Some members pay all their pledge via ACH; others pay part of it. The average monthly amount collected through ACH is \$20,263, or about 35% of our monthly pledge income.

We are always happy to add new contributors to the process. We can debit accounts at all financial institutions. If ACH doesn't work out for you, you can cancel anytime by calling the church before the first Tuesday of the month and telling us to "stop."

To sign up, complete an Automatic Payment Authorization, available in the church office, telling the church how much to debit your account monthly or quarterly and return it to the church with a voided check.

Give it a try! If you have any questions, contact me in the church office (282-1618).

### Simplify your life with eGiving

First Presbyterian Church now offers its members and friends the opportunity to donate via eGiving, either through the church's website or using your mobile device. From the website, go to [www.FPCRochester.org](http://www.FPCRochester.org), click on the "Donate" link at the top of the page, and follow the instructions. You will have the ability to designate your contribution to several accounts.

From your mobile device, go to "giveplus.com/mobile", scroll down to the Give+ app and download. Find First Presbyterian or zip code 55902. Follow the instructions to create an account or use the email and password you created using Donate on FPC's website and sign in.

~ Carol Evans / church treasurer

Eternal God!

Grant us gratitude enough to look backward  
and be thankful;  
Courage enough to look forward and be hopeful;  
Faith enough to look upward and be humble;  
Kindness enough to look outward and be  
helpful. Amen.

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

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

<b>Bible Study (South Fireside)</b>	The Kerygma Class continues a study of <i>The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church</i> . The class is led by Jane Goodfriend and Ruth Walts.
<b>Current Issues (Lounge)</b>	<i>Current Events: Clipped from the papers</i> is the theme for the 2018-2019 year. The discussion is led by Al Depman.
<b>Bible Study ~ Wednesdays / 6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Bible Study (Sheldon Jackson Lounge)</b>	January 2                      No Bible study January 2 January 9, 16, 23, 30 <i>The Life of Christ: an 1899 Bible Study</i> The Bible study is led by Al Depman

*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.



## 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 2018-2019 Horizons Bible study is *God's Promise: I Am with You*.

*Esther Circle:* January 21 at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

Hostesses: **Marcia Dollerschell** and **Martha Sessler**.  
Devotions: **Kiyomi Takekawa**. Bible Study: **Sylvia Swede**.

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

Hostesses: **Sally Brooks** and **Terry Narr**. Devotions: **Judy Smithson**. Program: Bible Study (**Judy Smithson**). Project: Paper products for Hope Lodge)

*Ruth Circle:* January 19, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the lounge.

Lesson #5 in the Bible Study, "God's Promise," will be presented by **Bev Salomonsen**. Cohostesses: **Ruth Saling** and **Britta Youmans**. Devotions: **Sarah Edgerton**.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. the lounge. Join us Thursday, January 10 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.*

### Save March 23 for FPC Women's Retreat

- ▶ First Presbyterian Women's Retreat 2019
- ▶ One-day event from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Women of the Church are invited for a day of fellowship, games, delicious meals, worship and classroom lessons. Location, official sign-up and further information will be coming soon!  
Hope to see you there.

## Church Family News

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to **David and Char Ellefson** who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary January 11.

Congratulation to **Robert and Ann Groover** who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary January 12.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Marie Bolton** who will celebrate her 94th birthday January 3.

Happy Birthday to **Jane Irving** who will celebrate her 95th birthday January 6.

### Deaths

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Linda Tillotson**, who died December 18. A memorial service for Linda is planned for Saturday, January 5 at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian with visitation from 10-11 a.m.

### Wedding

Congratulations to **Sophie (Dyck)** and **Ivan Priso** who were married November 24 in Paris, France.



## Calling all crafters!

The Crafters Group will meet Wednesday, January 16, at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Come join us for fellowship as we make cards for our C.A.R.E. members.

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

### A what day?!

On your new calendar, be sure to mark important dates such as National Drinking Straw Day (January 3), National Artichoke Hearts Day (March 16) and National Crouton Day (May 13). Those pseudo-holidays are now catalogued as part of the National Day Calendar, a venture by a North Dakota businessman.

For a fee starting at \$1,500, anyone can register a national day or even give one as a gift. Special-interest groups are discovering that national days are great for marketing.

Throughout the Bible, God instructs people to set aside special days for rest and remembrance. Yet to him, every day is holy – even if it lacks a holiday, pseudo or otherwise.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."  
(Psalm 118:24)

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

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## January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday morning schedule</b> 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.		<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b> Church closed No school / Winter bre...	<b>2</b> NO choir/bells/youth activities 1:00 PM Charter House worship and communion No school/flex confere...	<b>3</b> School resumes 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Epiphany</i> Communion Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM Blood Pressure/Parish Nursing	<b>7</b> FPC@Community Food Response	<b>8</b> Most committees meet/ check w/lead elder 9:30 AM Staff meeting 11:00 AM Grief Support Grp 7:00 PM Deacons/south fireside	<b>9</b> Mail 2018 year-end statements Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 1:30 PM Kitchen Guild 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	<b>10</b> 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>11</b> 5:30 PM Sitter Service (5:30-9:30 p.m.)	<b>12</b> Presbytery meeting (TBA) 9:30 AM "Undecorate" the church party
<b>13</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings 9:30 AM New officer orientation 11:00 AM Ordination/Installation of officers	<b>14</b> <i>All annual reports due</i>	<b>15</b> Newsletter items due 9:30 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM Session/Fireside Rm	<b>16</b> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 9:15 AM Prisella Circle/lounge 3:00 PM Crafters Group/SHall 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	<b>17</b> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>18</b> No school-PD/Work day	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Ruth Circle/ lounge
<b>20</b> <i>Pick up Annual Reports</i> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) 8:30 AM Chancel Choir sings	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM Esther Circle/ lounge NO school/MLK Day Church closed	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting	<b>23</b> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/lounge	<b>24</b> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Worship (8:30 & 11 a.m.) <b>9:40 AM Annual Meeting</b> 9:40 AM SS/through gr 7 only 11:00 AM Chancel Choir sings	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM Endowment Cmte	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Chancel Guild	<b>30</b> Wednesday activities as usual FPC@Friendship Place 6:30 PM Bible Study/ lounge	<b>31</b> 6:15 PM JubilateDeo Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>Wednesday youth schedule</b> 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)	