

# The Pew'sletter

## Message from Rev. Cannon

Thanksgiving and Advent are upon us. I pray that the blessings of this season fall richly upon you. This season is a time of busy-ness. It is a time when family gathers and celebrations take place. We will be sitting around dinner tables fill with God's abundance to us. We will share stories of days long past. We will laugh with another and cry over those who no longer have a seat at our tables. We visit with friends, or friends will visit us and we will create new memories. We will share a hot chocolate or tea by the fireside and bask in the fullness of our bellies.

There will be decorations galore. Christmas trees will replace pumpkins. Garland will replace straw bales. Fall colors of orange, rust, gold and brown will be replaced with red, green, blue, silver and gold. The air will be filled with the sounds of jingle bells and Christmas Carols. Some will go shopping, some will start crafting. All will be merry and bright.

Take some time to just STOP. Stop and reflect upon all the family, friends, food, and good times and recognize it all for what it is...God's blessings to us. Give thanks to God for all that you see, hear and experience this season. Remember, what God has done for us; what God is doing for us. We have received God's abundance. God has given us Jesus Christ, Incarnate and Jesus Christ has returned to the Creator and will come again to be with us, His family, His friends. He will break bread with us and welcome us into His home one day. So let us ready ourselves. Let us be hospitable to all who come our way. Let us share the love of Christ with others, yes even the stranger in our midst. Let us share joy and peace with the world. Mend fences that have been broken down, restore torn relationships, forgive those who have hurt you, and seek out the marginalized and help someone.

Don't stress over the season as many of us sometimes do. Live in love, focus on what really matters most, and just be kind to everyone.

This is my seasonal wish for you. I thank God for you, and wish all the joy and peace of this season to greet your fresh every morning....**Rev. Veronica Cannon**

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE 2014

### December 14th

**Preparers**.....Sue Bowen & Pam Sipe  
**Servers**.....Judy & Davis Roberts, Peggy Lafferty-Nursery

### December 24th

**Preparers**.....Cynthia Randleman & Mary Smith  
**Servers**.....Greg McBryde, Jan Duncan

*If you cannot serve, please find your own replacement and notify the office of the change.*

## October Financials

<b>INCOME</b>	\$ 9,051.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$ 13325.17
<b>EXCESS INCOME/</b>	<b>(\$ 4274.17)</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
<b>TRANSFER FROM</b>	\$8,000.00
<b>SAVINGS</b>	

## Sunday, December 7th

Please bring your favorite Christmas food/dish and...a song, tradition or story to share with all. To help with the words to the songs, please let the office know what song you would like to have sung during the luncheon by December 3<sup>rd</sup> – that will give us enough time to provide the words and accompaniment. We will also be making a Christmas banner for the Sanctuary. THANKS and we hope to see you there!  
CE team

## DECEMBER Worship Teams

Team Leaders—**Pam Sipe & Peggy Lafferty**

### December 7th

**Greeters & Offering**...Cynthia Randleman & Lori Wray  
**Worship Leader**.....Jamie Hodges  
**Nursery** .....Pam Sipe  
**Children's Time**.....Thad Cloer  
**Lock-up**.....Chip Crumley

### December 14th

**Greeters & Offering**.....Davis & Judy Roberts  
**Worship Leader**.....Karen Morgan  
**Nursery** .....The Hodges  
**Children's Time**.....Barbara Crumley  
**Lock-up**.....Jan Duncan

### December 21st

**Greeters & Offering**.....Thad & Tina Cloer  
**Worship Leader**.....Zoe Cloer  
**Nursery** .....The McBrydes  
**Children's Time**.....Jan Duncan  
**Lock-up**.....Adrienne Hodges

### December 24th—Christmas Eve

**Lock-up**.....John Lafferty

### December 28th

**Greeters & Offering**.....Karen & Joe Morgan  
**Worship Leader**.....Rick Ramseur  
**Nursery** .....The Cloers  
**Children's Time**.....Greg McBryde  
**Lock-up**.....Thad Cloer  
**5 Cents-a-Meal**.....Zoe Cloer

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# Ministry for the Church

## DECEMBER 2014

Wed., December 3rd	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Sun., December 7th	9:00 am	<b>Intergenerational Sunday School</b>	
	10:30 am	<b>Worship—2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	Sanctuary
		<b>Soup Kitchen—Davis &amp; Judy Roberts, Betty Beaver, Pam Sipe, and Kathy Robinson</b>	
Wed., December 10th	11:30 am	<b>Pres. Women’s Bible Study and Luncheon</b>	
	7:00 pm	Sue Bowen’s Home	
		<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Thurs., December 11th	6:30 pm	<b>Pre-School Christmas Program</b>	
Sun., December 14th	9:30 am	<b>Church School</b>	
	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
Tues., December 16th	6:00 pm	<b>Session Meeting</b>	
Wed., December 17th	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Sun., December 21st	9:30 am	<b>Church School</b>	
	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
	11:30 am	<b>Christian Ed. Team Meeting</b>	
Tues., December 23rd		<b>PEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	
Wed., December 24th	7:00 pm	<b>Lessons and Carols CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
Thurs., December 25th		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	
	10:00 AM	<b>Ramseur Christmas Program</b>	
Sun., December 28th	9:30 am	<b>Church School</b>	
	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
		<b>5 cents a Meal—Zoe Cloer</b>	



The 2015 “Ministry to the Church” schedule is also being created. Any and all members are encouraged to assist with this ministry – Greeters/Offering, Worship Leader, Lock-up, Children’s time – all are available. Contact the office if you would like to try this next year.

### Stated Meeting of the Session November 14 & 15, 2014

- Started on the 2015 budget—will present to congregation prior to end of 2014.
- Determined “Class” and area of responsibility for Session members:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
2015	Greg McBryde	Mission
2016	John Lafferty	Property
2016	Mort Wadsworth	Finance
2017	Christine Thomas	CE
2017	Jan Duncan	Worship

- Created and adopted the Church’s vision: We will be an inclusive community of faith, teaching and sharing the Gospel, encouraging Discipleship and Mission.
- Based on the following Core Values:
  - Love God
  - Spread the Gospel
  - Education (Christian)
  - Fellowship (Communion and Community)
  - Welcome All—whosoever will...let them come
  - Missional
  - Nurture and Support of one another
  - Connectional (Presbyterian—Book of Order)
- Worked on a draft of the Music Director’s contract



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**SCHEDULE**  
**Church School: 9:30am**  
**Worship: 10:30 am**  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

#### MISSION:

REACH.  
TEACH. FEED.  
LOVE.

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#### Piano Lessons at FPC

Dr. Parker offers private piano instruction **Wednesdays from 3-5 pm**. Contact Patricia, 704-877-7418, or drpgparker@gmail.com.

**Girl Scouts** meet at FPC. Contact Tina Cloer, 704-732-8187

**FPC's Calendar** is updated on Google Calendar and the church website.