

The Pew'sletter

Message from Rev. Cannon

Happy Holidays First Presbyterian Church!

Well we are coming upon the conclusion of our first year together and what a blessing it has been. This past year has been remarkable. We have had our session given original jurisdiction back. You should know they are working hard on your behalf in doing God's work for the church. We have begun ministry with the pre-school that we hope will continue to bear good fruit. We have seen old members return and new friends enter our doors. We have seen improvements in the church building, Jill's office is painted, my office is in a new location (still a work in progress), and the nursery is being moved to the old library and my old office. It is also getting a spruce job done on it. We will begin painting Sunday school rooms upstairs. We have already moved the books into the prayer/meditation room. We have so many things planned for refreshing the face of the church building and you will be called upon to come and help us out; and that is a good thing. Thank you to all who have come out over the past months and helped with everything.

We have brought on board a wonderful woman by the name of Jill Goins to be our administrative assistant and she is doing a marvelous job! She has learned so much in a short time, but she has also contributed a lot to the life of the church. If you have not yet met her, please stop in and say hello. I love her!

We continue to do wonderful mission in other organizations in the community and it is good work. So many are blessed because of what you do and how you allow God to use you.

We have done and are doing many great things. Having said that, please be mindful that the church still needs your financial support. We are coming upon the year's end and some pledges have not yet been fulfilled. I pray you will consider fulfilling your pledge before the year is out. YOU have done a great job with time and talents and we need you financially as well.

2014 has been good. Let's make 2015 even better.

1. Keep your church in prayer daily.
2. Ask God what you can do for God each day. God will show you ways to serve Him.
3. Visit someone home bound or sick and let them know they are loved by God and loved by you.
4. Pick up the phone and tell someone you were thinking of them.
5. Pray for those who suffer and those who grieve. They will be uplifted.
6. Ask God for direction in your life. God will open doors you do not know even exist.
7. Seek to be bold in the Lord. God can do what seems impossible for us.
8. Remember to laugh and smile, it encourages your soul and the souls of others.
9. Enjoy life. It is the only one we have and it is too short to live as though you have no life.
10. Say you are sorry. Ask forgiveness.

Praise God. God deserves it.
Rev. Veronica Cannon

November Financials

INCOME	\$ 10,473.38
EXPENSES	\$ 16,607.18
EXCESS INCOME/	(\$ 5,769.45)
EXPENSE	
Transfer from Savings:	\$ 8,000.00

COMMUNION SCHEDULE JANUARY 2015 January 25th

Preparers.....Betty Beaver & Judy Robert
Servers.....Mort Wadsworth, Greg McBryde & Christine Thomas

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

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.

Ministry for the Church

JANUARY 2015

Thurs., January 1st	New Years Day—Holiday—OFFICE CLOSED	
Sat., Jan 3rd	9:00 am	Work Day
Sun., January 4th	9:30 am	Church School
	10:30 am	Worship Sanctuary
Wed., January 7th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., January 11th	9:30 am	Church School
		Worship Sanctuary
Wed., January 14th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., January 18th	9:30 am	Church School
	10:30 am	Worship Sanctuary
Mon. January 19th	Martin Luther King Day—Holiday—OFFICE CLOSED	
Wed., January 21st	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., January 25th	9:30 am	Church School
	10:30 am	Worship— Communion Sanctuary
Tues., January 27th	6:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wed., January 28th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Stated Meeting of the Session on December 16, 2014

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the financial situation of the Church. The Session will present the 2015 budget to the Congregation in February.

JANUARY WORSHIP TEAMS

Team Leaders—**Pat & John Carpenter**
 Soup Kitchen—**McConnells & McBrydes**

January 4th

Greeters & Offering.....John & Peggy Lafferty
Worship Leader.....Jan Duncan
Nursery.....Cynthia Randleman
Children's Time.....Barbara Crumley
Lock-up.....Chip Crumley

January 11th

Greeters & Offering.....Joe & Karen Morgan
Worship Leader.....Pam Sipe
Nursery.....Pat Carpenter
Children's Time.....Greg McBryde
Lock-up.....John Carpenter

January 18th

Greeters & Offering.....John & Pat Carpenter
Worship Leader.....Scott Smith
Nursery.....Ann Hallman
Children's Time.....Rick Ramseur
Lock-up.....The Hodges

January 25th

Greeters & Offering.....Davis & Judy Roberts
Worship Leader.....Sandy Eldridge
Nursery.....Pam Sipe
Children's Time.....Jan Duncan
Lock-up.....Thad Cloer
5 Cents-a-Meal.....Nathan Cloer
Communion Team:
Preparers.....Betty Beaver & Judy Roberts
Servers.....Mort Wadsworth, Greg McBryde & Christine Thomas

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Mark Your Calendars

The Annual Family Retreat has been scheduled for February 6th through February 8th at Montreat. More information will follow later.

AMY'S HOUSE NEEDS

The following supplies on a regular basis: Clorox; washing powder; liquid hand soap; hand sanitizer; toothpaste; tooth brushes; mouthwash; sanitary napkins; deodorant; shampoo/conditioner; baby shampoo/wash/powder; Pampers (bigger sizes); diaper rash crème (butt paste); cough medicine; fever reducer; Midol; Motrin; Tylenol (extra strength); trash bags (45, 39 and 13 gallon); light bulbs(40, 75 watts); aluminum foil; salt and pepper; toilet tissue; paper towels; children's socks; children's underwear; teen bra and underwear; brushes and combs; bedroom slippers. Bring to Church and we'll deliver to Amy's House.



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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.