



The Banner



First Presbyterian Church
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

January 2018

— An abbreviated edition to bring you important January updates —

Happening this month

- Midweek Bible study
- “Worship Works”
- Youth group
- Session retreat
- Baby shower
- Photo directory sign-ups
- “Uncensored”
- Annual lasagna dinner and congregational meeting
- Coffee Chat

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A new year at FPC

Christian education

See page 2 for information about new education opportunities for children, youth and adults.

Ecumenical Storehouse volunteers

Sign up in the fellowship hall to help FPC staff the Ecumenical Storehouse Jan. 15-31. For more information, email Rich Long at richardlong2533@att.net or Janet Swift at swiftjan@gmail.com.

New year, new life

As we welcome a new year, Anne and Kent Campbell prepare to welcome a baby girl in

February. Help us celebrate with them on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018. There will be cake and punch in the fellowship hall after worship that morning. If you have any questions, contact Anna Robinson at robinsonanna42@gmail.com.



FPC Women’s lunch

The FPC women will gather for lunch at 12:30 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 8,

at The Soup Kitchen, one of the local restaurants that donates a portion of their profits to ADFAC the second Monday each month.

Food 4 Kids backpacks

The Food 4 Kids program needs volunteers Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 8 and 9, at First United Methodist Church. Please meet at FUMC at 1:30 p.m. on Monday to pack backpacks. If you can help distribute backpacks to Oak Ridge schools on Tuesday, please call the program coordinator Cara Weigel at 481-8108.



PS. Our new photo directory will be accessible through a secure mobile app. *Very handy!*

New photo directory

“SAY CHEESE!” and mark your calendar for our new church directory photography sessions. Photos will be taken Feb. 9 -12 and you can schedule your family for a session online at: booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y8lxvkt8/.

This link will be included in the weekly email. You will also have the opportunity after worship on Jan. 14, 21, and 28 to schedule a day and time.

The directory won’t be complete without you!

Lasagna lunch and annual meeting of the congregation

Following worship on Sunday, Jan. 28, we will gather in the fellowship hall for our traditional lasagna lunch and annual congregational meeting. At the meeting we will review our work and witness in 2017.

A digital copy of the 2017 annual report will be emailed to you the week prior to the meeting.



Christian education—children, youth and adults

Youth group

Youth grades 4-12 meet each Sunday evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a snack supper, games and a lesson. Friends are always welcome. Jan. 7 is *Star Wars* night!

A Joyful Noize begins January 7

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 7, all our children who normally meet in the Education building for the *Kidz Zone* Sunday school class will have the opportunity to learn about music & worship from Anna Thomas in the choir room.

Each week our kids will have brief devotional Sunday School lesson in their normal class, then the *Kidz Zone* class will move to choir room for music time at 11:40 a.m. It will be a fun time and a great opportunity to learn about music and worship in new and exciting ways. If you have questions, please contact Chris in the church office.

Worship Works class begins Jan. 21

On Sunday, Jan. 21, our regular *Youth Sunday school class* (which meets in the youth room), will have the opportunity to learn more about all aspects of our Christian worship. This class will focus on the purpose and meaning of what we do during worship on Sunday mornings. Sharon, Anna, and Chris will be teaching a class called *Worship Works* in the choir room each month for our youth and children. See future issues of *The Banner* for upcoming dates and details.

Youth Summit registration is open!

All Youth grades 8-12, are invited to join other youth from across the Presbytery of East Tennessee for **Youth Summit 2018**. The retreat is the weekend of **February 23-25, in Gatlinburg**. The theme is "I am a child of God."

If you have questions, or if you have a youth who might be interested in attending, please call or e-mail Chris in the church office. Registration is due by January 29; scholarships are available.

Adult study opportunities

Midweek Bible study

The Midweek Bible study meets each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the parlor. We continue our look at 2 Thessalonians. The class is designed for you to join at any time. Childcare is available.

Kerygma: a thematic Bible study

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 7, a new Bible study class will meet after worship from 11:15 a.m. until noon in the parlor. Peggy Terpstra will be the leader.

The Kerygma curriculum focuses on broad thematic arcs carried through scripture from Old to New Testaments. We will learn about the historical, political, and geographical environments that existed when biblical texts were written, and we'll reflect on what the texts mean for us today. All are welcome!

Regular Sunday morning classes

The *Early Birds* group meets at 9 a.m. every Sunday in Room 6 in the Sanctuary building. The class is studying Exodus, and is led by Anne Backus and Rosalyn McKeown-Ice. Come join them for coffee, prayer, study, and great conversations.

The *Rise 'n' Shine* class, taught by Cheryl Barr, Hannah Tippet, and Sue Byrne, meets at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. They have recently begun a study of Hebrews. You are welcome you to join in the fellowship and robust discussion.

For January, the Seekers class will join the new Kerygma Bible study class mentioned above.



Parents, see page 6 for the worship volunteer schedule, including **acolytes** and **First Steps** leaders.

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Congregational Care and Welcome

Remember our card ministry.

Nearly every week Vivian Jung has cards in the Fellowship Hall all ready for us to sign. We send cards to our home-bound, those dealing with illness or a death in their family, and those who are still part of our church family but have moved from Oak Ridge.

If you know of someone who would like to have cards sent to them, let Vivian Jung

(vjung104@gmail.com) or Melinda Tilley (ed-mimi@comcast.net) know.

Your prayer chain

If you have a prayer request, please contact Shirley Sauls (865-556-2351 or shirley09@comcast.net).

Drivers needed

Are you willing to provide transportation to church members or guests? If so, please let

Anna Robinson know. This would be greatly appreciated.

HELP!

We are missing 2 round tables from the fellowship hall. If you know where they might be, please let Anna Robinson know. It would be helpful to have them back in time for our annual lasagna dinner on Sunday, Jan. 28.



January Birthdays...

- 1/5 Syd Murray
- 1/9 Sandra Edwards
- 1/12 Mary Ann Davidson
- 1/13 Ashley Layendecker
- 1/16 Kate Porter
- 1/16 Maddie Stone
- 1/19 Sue Byrne
- 1/20 Debra Stone
- 1/22 Jeannie Hawsey
- 1/25 Jere Duke
- 1/25 Phil King
- 1/26 Bob Fulcher
- 1/26 Janet Swift
- 1/29 John Drake
- 1/31 Brian Drane

Congratulations!

Session news: 2018 curricula and MCRRC Communion

At its December 2017 meeting, the Session approved

- the following curricula for the Morgan County Residential Recovery Court (MCRRC) for 2018: a six-week study of *Crash Test Dummies: Surprising Lessons from the Book of Judges* (2017) by Talbot Davis; a seven-week study of

Final Words (2017) by Adam Hamilton, and a five-week study of *Who Is This Man?* (2012) by John Ortberg.

- the administration of Communion on January 7, 2018, by Bob Cantrell to residents at the MCRRC.
- the following allocation of a \$500 donation by Jinny Dunlap

(longtime member who moved to New England several years ago): \$300 for special music and \$200 for the Major Maintenance fund.

The Session also expressed appreciation to the elders completing their term: Priscilla Campbell, Fred Haywood, Mike Hilliard, and Mary Mullins.



Recycle Christmas lights

Have you downsized your Christmas display, replaced faulty strings of lights, or switched to LED bulbs? If so, bring your old strings of lights to church Sunday, Jan. 14 (or any time in-between) to be recycled instead of adding them to the landfill. Talk with Dave Mullins for further details.

United Way drive for heaters & blankets

United Way of Anderson County is teaming up with the Ecumenical Storehouse to get space heaters and electric blankets to those in need of a source of heat. To help, you can take space heaters or electric blankets to the ADFAC office here at FPC, United Way on Emory Valley Rd., or the Anderson County or Oak Ridge Chambers of Commerce. Downtown Hardware in Oak Ridge and Ace Hardware in Clinton are offering discounts on space heaters for this drive.

The Storehouse will begin distributing them immediately, and will continue as long as this cold snap, or heaters, last.

Worship Volunteers

Sunday, January 7

Liturgist: Peggy Terpstra
 Acolytes: River and Willow Tilley
 Time with Children: Sharon Youngs
 First Steps: Anne Backus, Chris Black
 Sound Guild: Don Spong
 Ushers: Team II, led by George Darko
 Counters: Lou Dunlap, Dan Terpstra
 Flowers: Susan Sharp & Richard Ward
 Fellowship Hosts: Fred & Sally Haywood
 Opening/Closing: Mike Hilliard, Dave Mullins

Sunday, January 21

Liturgist: Don Spong
 Acolytes: Rebecca Davenport, Avery Myers
 Time with Children: Mike Hilliard
 First Steps: Chris Black, Tiffany Murray
 Sound Guild: Carolyn Krause
 Ushers: Team IV, led by Dennis Strickler
 Counters: Jim Campbell, Gail King
 Flowers: TBA
 Fellowship Hosts: Chery Barr & Hannah Tippett
 Opening/Closing: Mike Hilliard, Dave Mullins

Sunday, January 14

Liturgist: Dale Hadden
 Acolytes: Nathan Myers, Maddie Stone
 Time with Children: Peggy Terpstra
 First Steps: Chris Black, Martina Ward
 Sound Guild: Sydney Murray
 Ushers: Team III, led by Joe Grey
 Counters: Anne Backus, Bill Bostick
 Flowers: Shirley Knight
 Fellowship Hosts: Judy Greeson, Nanette King
 Opening/Closing: Mike Hilliard, Dave Mullins

Sunday, January 28

Liturgist: Jenny Lindsey
 Acolytes: River and Willow Tilley
 Time with Children: Chris Black
 First Steps: Chris Black, Teresa Brittain
 Sound Guild: Dale Hadden
 Ushers: Team I, led by Irene Darko
 Counters: Fred Haywood, TBA
 Flowers: Sharon Youngs
 Fellowship Hosts: Melinda Tilley & family
 Opening/Closing: Mike Hilliard, Dave Mullins



Anna Thomas, music director

Choir Rehearsal

Chancel choir rehearses most Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. See the calendar on the next page, or online at fpcor.org, for any schedule changes. Childcare is available.



Reaffirming our Baptismal covenant in worship on New Year's eve

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9 am Early classes 10 am Worship 11:15 Fifth Sunday	1 January Office closed 12 pm Men's lunch	2 10 am staff mtg 12:15 Centering Prayer 1pm CC&W 5:30 AA 6:30 Guitar workshop	3 11:30 AI Anon 5:45 Bible study 6 pm Choir party	4	5 7:30 Chinese Bible study	6
7 9am Early classes 10am Worship 11:15 Sun. school 5:30 youth group	8 12pm Men's lunch 12:30 Women's lunch 4pm HR meeting 6pm Social Concerns 6pm Boy Scouts	9 10am Prayer shawl 12:15 Centering Prayer 5:30 Prop. & Maint. 5:30 AA 6pm CE meeting 6:30 Guitar workshop	10 9-1 Staff planning meeting 11:30 AI Anon 5:15 Worship mtg 5:45 Bible study 7pm Choir	11 12pm Planning committee 7pm Finance mtg	12 7:30 Chinese Bible study	13 Session Retreat
14 9am Early classes 10am Worship 11:15 Sun. school 5:30 youth group	15 Office closed 12pm Men's lunch 6pm Boy Scouts	16 10am Book forum 12:15 Centering Prayer 5:30 AA 6:30 Guitar workshop	17 10am staff mtg 11:30 AI Anon 5:45 Bible study 6:30 Session (no choir)	18 1pm ORICL book club	19 7:30 Chinese Bible study	20
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Please note this calendar is subject to change. Check fpcor.org for real-time calendar.

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