



# DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church, Fulton, Mo

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## Pastor Information

### **Aaron White, Pastor**

Pastor Office Hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 9:00 to noon

Pastor Office Phone 573-642-5541

Pastor Cell Phone 573-590-3136

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## Sunday Worship

Contemporary Worship 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Fellowship 9:30 am to 9:45 am

Sunday School 9:45 am to 10:45 am

Fellowship 10:45 am to 11:00 am  
Traditional Service 11:00 am to noon

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## Things To Be Shared

### Thank You

A note of appreciation to the Fellowship Committee and those who contributed to our excellent Thanksgiving meal and Veterans recognition.

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### INTERNATIONAL FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Who: First Presbyterian Church

Where: 718 Court Street Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday, December 2

Time: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Come, see, shop a unique selection of handmade items as well as food items (coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil) from Africa, Cambodia, Haiti, Hungary, Malawi, Nepal, Peru, and Ukraine artisans.

[Click here to read the entire International Fair Trade flyer](#)

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### Saving Mosers And Best Choice Cash Register Receipts

We have received another check for \$50.00 from the collected MOSERS

receipts.

So far this 2017 we have earned \$130.00 from MOSERS AND \$30.00 from our BEST Choice Labels.

The money collected goes into the church Maintenance Building Fund.

Thanks to all who are diligent in saving the slips.

We almost have enough BEST CHOICE LABELS for me to send in another bundle.

Thank you Nola Garner for collecting and submitting the receipts.

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### **FPC Annual Children's Christmas Pageant And Soup Supper**

Sunday, December 10th at 4 pm

Worship Committee is looking for children and teenagers to participate in the classic nativity tale.

If you can join us, please sign up now outside of the church office and plan on attending practices at 11 am on Saturdays November 25th and December 9th.

On Sunday, December 3, we will have a sandwich lunch immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service with rehearsal to follow.

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### **Soup Supper and Christmas Cookies December 10**

The meal will feature soups, sides, and Christmas cookies.

Feel free to contact Kathleen Jeffries if you'd be willing to bring a food item.

Kathleen Jeffries – Fellowship Committee/Parish Life

Cell: 826-0111 Home: 642-3127

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## First Presbyterian Youth Group News

Met Sunday November 19.

The Youth Group decorated the new Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall and also continued the assembly of the Thanksgiving turkey bags for the Fulton Preschool Group.

We had three leaders (Gwen and Steven Medrow and Tammy Gillespie) and three youth (Austin Anderson, Ethan Medrow and Will Jeffries).

The Medrows provided yummy hot chocolate with toppings (notice the chocolate and marshmallow mustaches).





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**Community Christmas Service**

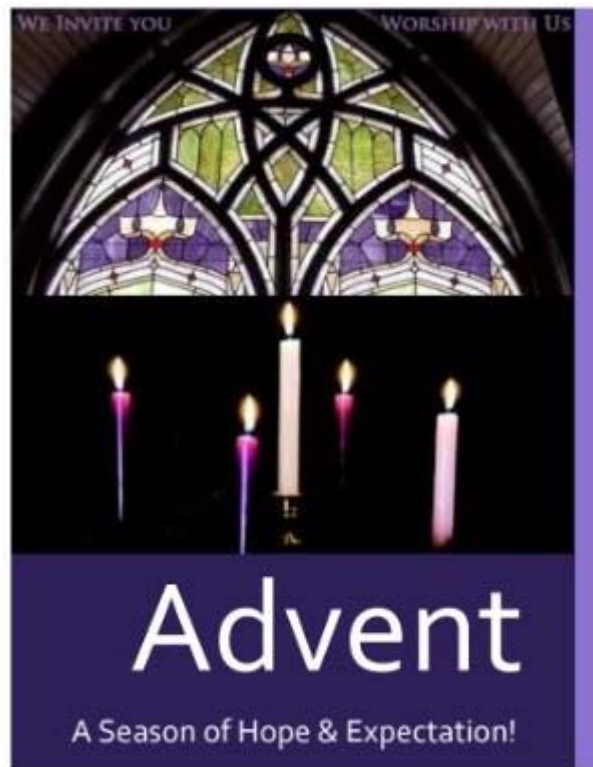
Sunday, December 17

6pm

Callaway County YMCA

1715 Wood Street

Fulton, Mo



[Click this link to read the entire Advent Bulletin](#)

### **Advent Schedule of Regular Services PLUS**

December 10 - Christmas Cantata at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 10 - Children's Christmas Pageant 4:00 p.m. followed by Soup Supper

December 17 - Community Christmas Service 6:00 p.m. at the YMCA

December 24 - Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service 4:00 p.m.

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### **Committee Information**

#### **SERVE Food Pantry**

During the month of December, please bring pasta, rice and pasta sauce for



our collection for the SERVE Food Pantry. Any other item you may wish to bring will be appreciated as well. Please put your donation in the basket outside of the church kitchen.



Luke 3:11 (NRSV)

In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

Serve Food Pantry Monthly Schedule

January-Soup

February-Canned stews and chili

March-Canned meats

April-Canned fruit and juices

May-Canned veggies

June-Cereal and oatmeal

July-Healthy Snacks

August-Peanut Butter

September-Canned and nonperishable milk products

October-Canned and dried beans

November-Holiday Foods

December-Pasta, rice and pasta sauce

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## Adopt-a-Family

Are you able to make a difference for a child this Christmas who otherwise would be without?

The Adopt-A-Family Christmas Assistance Program sponsored by SERVE, Inc. allows our community to help others in need.

This year, we will be adopting 40 children.

There will be a Christmas tree where you may choose a tag describing the needs and wants of the child.

- Sign the list next to the tag(s) you choose
- SERVE is suggesting we spend \$40-\$60 per children (something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to read)
- DO NOT wrap your gifts
- Place child's tag on the outside of a bag and return to the Fellowship hall by Sunday, December 10th
- Please note, for those who wish to give but are unable to shop, call Shirley Dixon Home: 642-6500 Cell: [573-220-8801](tel:573-220-8801). You may also put a check or cash in the offering plate or send it to the church office specifying Adopt-a-Family. Please make sure the money is received no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you for helping provide a beautiful Christmas to children in need!





## Alternative Christmas Gift

### Remembering God's Children

Help make a difference by supporting our "Alternative Christmas Gift" Program. Now through Christmas, you can make a donation to help support Roma students receive an education.

You will receive an ornament for your donation to give someone "alternatively" as a Christmas gift.

See a Mission Committee member after church beginning the first Sunday of Advent.



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## Christmas Joy Offering

Every year, society expects us to celebrate the holiday season even bigger and better than years before.

This year, coming together to reclaim Advent and Christmas can be both humbling and fulfilling.

As we excitedly await the birth of Christ, it's important to remember the reason for the season: the newborn Servant of All.

With Christ at the center this holiday season, we can follow in his example of servant leadership by serving our brothers and sisters in faith.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we are able to support those in our community and give them the gift of hope.

Funds from the Christmas Joy Offering help the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions provide critical financial assistance to eligible workers in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and their families, and to qualifying retired church workers and their families.

The Christmas Joy Offering also supports the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. These schools are dedicated to creating opportunities and environments for racial ethnic students built on a foundation of Christian values.

The Offering benefits Menaul School and Presbyterian Pan American School, two secondary schools that ready students for a path of higher learning, as well as Stillman College, where graduates are prepared for lives of leadership and service.

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, we can share in the hope of Christ and celebrate his leadership by providing support to our church workers, racial ethnic young people, and their families.

The Joy Gift Offering will be collected during Advent.



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## **Worship Committee**

Volunteers in 2018 Needed!

If you are interested in serving as an usher/greeter, acolyte, liturgist, Communion server, or Presbyterian Manor assistant contact Mary Van Orden!

Mary VanOrden – Worship Committee/Spiritual Life  
maryvanorden0611@gmail.com Cell: 220-0327 Home: 676-5225

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

### ***Sunday School Opportunities:***

Pre-K through 5th grade meet next to the nursery and is led by Kara White.

Middle & Senior High meet upstairs and is led by Ashton Eibel and Angela Russell.

Adult Bible Study meets in the library and is being led by Fred Luther while Grace Craghead continues her recovery.

As children of God, both big and little, we are called to learn and grow in our faith. Out of the 168 hours a week that God has given us to use, Sunday School is one hour you can use to seek understanding, wisdom, and strength for the coming week.

Plan to join us on Sundays from 9:45 – 10:45 for Sunday School.

### ***Advent Series***

During the Advent season, Rev. White will also offer a 6-week Advent series in the Fellowship Hall.

### ***Advent Reflections***

Advent Reflections for 2017 are almost complete!

Watch your email for an electronic copy and check in the foyer by Dec. 3rd for printed copies.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the project.

### ***Youth Group:***

The November MUP youth retreat in Moberly had 32 youths from five churches!

The next MUP retreat will be in March so encourage youth in grades 6 – 12 to consider joining in the fun.

Our youth group (grades 6-12) is led by Tammy and Tom Gillespie and Gwen & Steve Medrow.

They meet most Sunday's from 5-6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Encourage your children, grandchildren, neighborhood children, children of your co-workers, etc. to join us.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 3.

***Daily Devotions:***

You can receive daily scripture reading from the PCUSA by signing up at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/devotions/>

Youth might want to check out d365 app for devotions: <http://d365.org/>

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[newsletter@fultonpresbyterian.org](mailto:newsletter@fultonpresbyterian.org)

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