

First Presbyterian Church Newsletter January 4, 2017



Poinsettias Need a Home!

If you purchased a Christmas poinsettia or had one dedicated in your honor, please take your plant home this week.



Join Us!

A new women's group is forming here at FPC! It will be a relaxed time for fellowship and bible study designed for women in their 20s and 30s. Our first organizational gathering will be Monday, January 9th at 6pm at the home of Kara White (1385 Jessica Lane, Fulton). Call Kara at 803-319-0372 if you have any questions. Hope you can join us!



BRING FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

During the month of **January**, please bring **soup & crackers** 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 in the church kitchen.



The Adult Sunday School Bible Study Class meets in the **Church Library at 9:45am Sunday mornings.**

January 8th we will discuss "All Creation Overflows with Praise."
The scripture is from *Psalms* 96.



Mission Offerings Update

- \$349.10- Our House (4pm Christmas Eve Service)
- \$1,162- Joy Offering
- \$365- Alternative Christmas Gift



Last Week's Attendance

- Lunch Bunch.....6
- 9am Contemporary Worship.....7
- Sunday School.....
- 11am Traditional Worship.....60

**Good things are happening and there is room for you!
Come and see, stay and learn!**

2017 These Days Daily Devotions

Don't forget to pay your 2017 subscription of \$5 if you have not already done so.

Preparation for Worship

**Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2017**

8:30am Early Worship

9:45am Sunday School

11am Traditional Worship

Noon Reception for Robert & Sawyer

**Sermon: Through These Waters:
God's Promise of New Life**

**Scriptures:
Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-17**

**Liturgist: Tim Wilkerson
Usher Captain: Bill Beilschmidt
Foyer Greeter: Sylvia Hampton
Acolyte: Piper Jeffries**

New Worship Service Schedule in 2017!

All FPC members and potential members are invited to gather each Sunday in Worship, Faith & Fellowship. **Effective Sunday, January 8, 2017** the worship service schedule will include fellowship breaks between the regular services & Sunday School.

- 8:30 - 9:30am Early Worship Services in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 - 9:45am Fellowship Break
- 9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School
- 10:45 - 11:00am Fellowship Break
- 11:00am - Noon Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary



Celebrate Robert's Ministry

Robert Battle's last Sunday will be Jan. 8th. We would like to show our appreciation for his service to our church by giving him a love offering. You can donate to his gift by dropping your gift in the offering plate or mailing a check to the office. We will also host a reception for Robert after the I I am Service on Jan. 8th. You tell Robert how much you've appreciated him and/or you can give him a card.

Reception to Honor Sawyer Young

Sawyer Young is retiring from being our paid nursery worker, after 4 years of service. His dedication to our children has been appreciated. We will be recognizing Sawyer, along with Robert Battle at a reception immediately following the 11am worship service on January 8th. Please be sure to bring a card for both gentlemen and if you would like to make a love offering you can include it in Sawyer's card. Robert's love offering is going to be presented as one gift, so please drop that by the church office.

Prayer Corner

"God is present in all things"

Prayers of Comfort and joy:

- For a dear friend of Jean Avra, who is facing health issues
- For the most recent victims of terrorism
- For the possibilities and struggles in the new year
- For Robert Battle and Sawyer Young as they leave their church positions
- For the difficult and dedicated work of the Session
- Our partner churches in Kibungo, Rwanda & the two Reformed churches in Encs & Vizsoly, Hungary
- Alexandria Presbyterian Church
- Family of the week: The Russell's

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.
Bless those we love, and those no one loves.

Dedication Shines Through

Betty Henry has been working diligently to organize all of the newspaper clippings that were in the record room. She has worked steadfastly through decades of clippings. Karen Luther has assisted Betty with her task and these two ladies have finished organizing the clippings. This is a task of patience and persistence that not all people would be willing to undertake. Please give them both a hug for their hard work the next time you see them.



OUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE AT WORK

Our property committee has removed all of the floor tiles in the Sub-narthex, at the request of our insurance company. This was not an easy task, it was a thankless job, and we had many men who gladly undertook the task. This would have cost the church a lot of money if we had to hire this work to be completed. We need to thank Mark Covey, Joe Davis, Micheal Eibel, Jim Harrison, Doug McGrath, Tim Osburn, Vickie McDaniel, Carl Kremer, and Tanner Russell.

Promises of God: A Six-Week Series

When God enters into the world in the person of Jesus Christ, the relationship between God and us is forever changed. Jesus calls us to hear God's promises for our lives and to place our trust in the Lord. Each week, we will explore how our trust in one of God's promises may strengthen our relationship with God and build up our relationships with the other people in our lives. This week, we begin by hearing "God's Promise of New Life," which is made through the waters of baptism.

CALENDAR



Sunday, January 8

(Baptism of the Lord)

- 8:30am Early Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship Break
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Fellowship Break
- 11am Traditional Worship
- Noon Reception for Robert & Sawyer
- 5-7pm Youth Group

Monday, January 9

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- 5:30pm Christian Ed Com Meeting- Lobby

Tuesday, January 10

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- 6pm Property Com Meeting- Library
- 7pm Mission Com Meeting- Lobby
- 7pm Outreach Com Meeting- Library
- 7pm Pastoral Care Com Meeting- Choir Rm
- 7pm Worship Com Meeting- Fellowship Hall
- 7pm Boy Scout Troop 53 Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- Noon Lunch Bunch
- 4-8pm ACS- Community Room
- 7pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 12

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open
- 7pm Administration Com Meeting- Library

Friday, January 13

- 8am-12 & 12:30-3:30pm Church Office Open

Sunday, January 15

(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 8:30am Early Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship Break
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Fellowship Break
- 11am Traditional Worship

*AA meets in the Community Room

M, T, Th, at 6pm & F, Sat at 7:30pm.

Return Services Requested

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