

Sharing the Life of the Church

ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF JANUARY, WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF JESUS. ALTHOUGH JESUS WAS WITHOUT SIN, HIS BAPTISM AFFIRMS THAT HE WANTED TO IDENTIFY WITH ALL WHO DESIRE A NEW LIFE UNDER GOD. WHILE BAPTISM IS A HOLY SACRAMENT TO CHRISTIANS, WE WELCOME ALL — THE BAPTIZED AND NON-BAPTIZED — TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP.

Coffee - Coffee is available in the Harris Room between worship services. We need volunteers to host our Coffee Hour. If you can help, please sign up outside the Harris Room.

“Pic a Prayer Partner” - There is still time to sign up for our new inter-generational ministry involving adults and children. We are planning group events four times a year when adults and their youth Prayer Partners will gather for a meal and/or fun activities. The first such event is next **Sunday, January 19**, following 10:30 Worship. Partners will have lunch, play board or other games and become acquainted.

If you want to participate, sign up at the table display outside the office, or contact Kelly Beckett at kellybeckett@gmail.com or 304-991-3613. Then, take the child's photo from the board, where you will find their name and other basic information.

Book Study - Beginning this month, and running through Lent, Pastor Annie will begin a study of Eric Elnes's *Gifts of the Dark Wood*. If you are interested, please attend an introduction to the series this **Wednesday, January 15, at 6 p.m. in the Harris Room**. All are welcome.

Worship Change - On **Sunday, February 2**, we will combine our Worship services at **9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**, so that we may gather as one body to share the Sacrament of Communion. Please mark your calendars and join us for worship.

Prayer List - Our prayer list is growing, and we are always happy to add your requests. However, we are not always familiar with everyone on the list, or their current status. Going forward, any names on the list will be removed after one year unless you advise us otherwise. If a name has been removed, but needs to remain on the list, contact the church office and we will gladly relist it. Thank you for helping us to keep our prayer list relevant.

Session Retreat - Our Session members will participate in an all-day retreat on **Saturday, January 25**. In preparation for discussion, planning and goal-setting, they will be reaching out to you, the congregation, to gather your thoughts about our church's mission, outreach, and opportunities for greater fellowship and congregational care. Soon, you may expect a call from a member of Session or the Board of Deacons seeking your opinions and input regarding how we may meet our mission and fulfill Christ's great commission to us (Matthew 22:36-40 and 28:16-20). We would greatly appreciate your willing involvement in this process as we work to make plans for the coming year and beyond.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, Sunday, January 12 **Baptism of the Lord**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Monday, January 13

- 6:00 p.m. Worship / Discipleship Comm. - Harris Room

Tuesday, January 14

- 6:00 p.m. Financial Management - C. Alfred's office

Wednesday, January 15

- 11:00 a.m. Lydia Circle - Mary B's Restaurant, Garfield Ave.
- 3:30 p.m. Staff meeting - Pastor's office
- 6:00 p.m. Book Study Introduction: *Gifts of the Dark Wood*
- Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

Thursday, January 16

- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Friday, January 17

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Recruitment Drive - Stevenson Hall

Saturday, January 18

- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

Sunday, January 19 **Cents-Ability Offering**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Partner Event - Harris Room

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bobby Craig	California fire victims	Carl Gheen
Doug Anderson	Hurricane victims	Ken Stoller
Tyler Mackey	Mary Essenmacher	Ed Ball
Sophie Boothby	Pat & Ann Patterson	Kitty Brown
Dan Sombeck	Derrick Sheppard	Fred Jackson
Butch Shepherd	Ruth Ann Huddle	Susan Miller
Harriet Litteral	Cunningham Family	Peter Headlee
Mary Withum	Homebound Members	Brad Carter
Fleming Family	Troops – World Peace	Dan Ellis