

Sharing the Life of the Church



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE COFFEE HOUR

Be sure to stop by the Harris Room today at 10 a.m., and again following the 10:30 worship, for a special Christmas Coffee Hour hosted by the Presbyterian Women. There will be lots of delicious goodies.

Advent Wreath - The beautiful new Advent wreath that you see in the Sanctuary this Advent season was donated by the Presbyterian Women in honor and memory of Gladys Watson.

Bible Studies Available

- ◆ With Pastor Annie, each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., **ending December 21** - a book study of *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*; in Room 124
- ◆ With Amy Rogers, each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., **ending January 11** - a Bible study based on the book *Seamless*; in Room 123

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- † **Deacons Gifts of Christmas** - Cards and small gifts for Care Families. See display in foyer for address and gift lists; leave donations by December 16.
- † **Presbyterian Women** - New gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for Christmas Dinner attendees. Place on "Warm & Fuzzy" tree in the foyer.
- † **Presbyterian Women** - Kitchen towels, dish cloths and potholders. Place donations under tree in Harris Room.

† **Sneakers** for Parkersburg South High School students; gently-used sneakers (mostly men's sizes). Leave donations in marked box in the foyer.

† **Community Christmas Dinner** - See the signup sheet in the foyer for a list of items needed and ways to volunteer.

† **Mission Committee** - Hygiene items for Christmas Dinner attendees. Leave donations at display outside the church office. List of requested items available

Volunteer Recognition Forms - If you would like to nominate a church volunteer for recognition, pick up a Nomination Form in the foyer and return to the church office no later than **January 8**.

Star Words Sunday - on **January 1** we will observe the tradition of Star Words during our 10:30 worship service. Anyone who would like to share a brief account (3 minutes) of their use of a Star Word during the year please see or contact Kelly Beckett, 304-991-3613 or kellybeckett@gmail.com.

Lunch and Q&A - On **Sunday, January 8**, following our 10:30 worship, we will share a light lunch in the Harris Room, followed by a Q&A with Ed Thompson who will be filling our pulpit that day. He will converse with us about the recent failed amendments at the Presbytery's Fall Stated Meeting, and the future of the church. If you would like to participate, please sign up no later than **January 1** at the table in the foyer so that we may plan lunch purchases.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, December 4 *Second Sunday of Advent*

Communion

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Bell Rehearsal - Bell Room
- 10:00 a.m. **PW Open House Coffee Hour - Harris Room**
10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. **PW Open House Coffee Hour - Harris Room**

Monday, December 5

- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Potluck & Meeting - Home of Becky
& Jim McGinnis
- 6:00 p.m. KOM Knitters Guild - Harris Room

Wednesday, December 7

- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering - Stevenson Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Book Study (Pastor Annie) - Room 124
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Amy Rogers) - Room 123

Thursday, December 8

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout pack meeting - Rooms 123 & 124
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, December 9

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 123
- 6:00 p.m. Parkersburg Pride event - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, December 11 *Third Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Bell Rehearsal - Bell Room
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
Reception of new members
- 11:30 a.m. Dedication of butterfly - Front Garden
Reception for new members and
Rev. Patricia Jarvis - Harris Room