

# Sharing the Life of the Church

**MERRY CHRISTMAS — YES, STILL! AS THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE CHRIST’S BIRTH, WE INVITE YOU TO BASK IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD. WELCOME!**

**Coffee Hour** - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today’s Coffee Hour is hosted by **Cate Shuman**.

**“Pic a Prayer Partner”** - We have begun a new intergenerational ministry allowing adults to connect with, get to know, and pray for an individual child in the church. There will be 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 **Sunday, January 19**, following 10:30 Worship. Partners will have lunch, play board or other games and become acquainted.

If you choose to participate, sign up at the table display outside the office, or contact Kelly Beckett at [kellybeckett@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Worship on January 5** - Next Sunday there will be NO 8:30 a.m. Worship. The 10:30 Worship service will be Star Words/ Epiphany Sunday, with Communion, so join us as we begin the new year together.

**Church Office Hours** - The church office will be closed January 1, New Years Day.

**Book Study** - Pastor Annie will begin a study of Eric Elnes’s *Gifts of the Dark Wood* in January, running through Lent. If you are interested, you may attend an introduction to the series on **January 15, at 6 p.m. in the Harris Room**.

**Pastor Vacation** - Pastor Annie will be on vacation through January 5. She will check her e-mail daily, and in case of a pastoral emergency, you may reach her at 631-655-2356.

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

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Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year:

- ◆ *I’m alone* can become *God is with me*.
- ◆ *I can’t do this* can become *Anything is possible with God*.
- ◆ *I’m failing* can become *Just because I’m struggling, it doesn’t mean I’m failing*.
- ◆ *I’m not enough* can become *I’m God’s beloved child*.
- ◆ *I’m tired* can become *God will give me rest*.

Don’t stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

—Janna Firestone



## THIS WEEK AT FPC

**Today, Sunday, December 29**     *Choose-a-Hymn Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

*Pastor Annie on Vacation through January 5*



**Wednesday, January 1**     **New Year's Day**  
**Church Office Closed**

**Thursday, January 2**

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

**Saturday, January 4**

8:30 a.m. Facilities Management / Saturday Stewards

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

**Sunday, January 5**     **Epiphany Sunday / Star Words**  
*Communion*

NO 8:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

**Prayer List** – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bobby Craig

Doug Anderson

Tyler Mackey

Sophie Boothby

Dan Sombeck

Butch Shepherd

Harriet Litteral

Mary Withum

Fleming Family

Hurricane victims

Mary Essenmacher

Pat & Ann Patterson

Derrick Sheppard

Ruth Ann Huddle

Cunningham Family

Homebound Members

Troops – World Peace

Carl Gheen

Ken Stoller

Ed Ball

Kitty Brown

Fred Jackson

Susan Miller

Peter Headlee

Brad Carter

Dan Ellis