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January

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

Romans 15:4

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Parent's Link



Image Bearers will return on Sunday, January 13th!

We will be having our annual PAJAMA PARTY that night. Kids of ALL ages are welcome to wear their PJ's and bring something comfy to snuggle on/with. We will be watching our Christmas program and enjoying snacks and playtime.

Hope to see you there! 6:00-7:30 PM.



Our Children's Ministry Team will meet on Wednesday, January 16th to begin plans for 2019! Please keep an eye on our website (www.fpcstanley.org/children) and upcoming newsletters for more information. We are so EXCITED!!!



Veteran's Day

Recently, Nancy Cozart left an appreciation post on her Facebook page advertising a kind gesture that was made by our American Heritage Girls scouting troop. Nancy's father, Floyd Henderson, is a veteran of the US Navy who is currently residing at the TLC. Our AHG girls made gifts and traveled down to the TLC Veteran's Day weekend to place them by the doors of these honored vets. Nancy was very touched by this gesture and so were we!

Way to go, AHG!



Nancy Abel was an avid hiker living near the Cascade Mountains on the Canadian border of Washington state. As she was coming down the mountain she met a German lady headed up the mountain named Katharina. Katharina had been hiking a trail for months and wanted to complete the hike over the mountain. Nancy noticed Katharina did not have proper weather gear and mentioned to her that the weather gets really bad at the top this time of year and she may want to reconsider. Nancy warned her again, but when Katharina insisted, she allowed her to go on her way. When Nancy returned home she watched the weather reports and the storm increase on the top of the mountain. She picked up the phone and called 911 to report the lone hiker that would be up there. Three days later when the rescuers found Katharina, her only tarp had blown away, her food was gone and she was soaking wet. She would have succumbed to the elements within hours. (Source: MSN News Online, 10-31-18)



Nancy was a hero. She had knowledge that the rookie hiker did not have. She tried to impart that knowledge on Katharina for her safety. When her advice was not heeded, she did not sit back in judgment. She gracefully let her proceed. When she knew help was needed, she jumped at the opportunity.

Proverbs 19:20 - "Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future."

Proverbs 4:13 - "Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life."

We live in a world that is now anti-advice. If you attempt to impart your hard-won wisdom to someone, they take great offense. Now, it seems, we have an entire generation or two of folks who don't know how to give wise counsel and don't know how to receive it. We as parents (and grandparents) need to remember that we are CALLED as believers to both provide wise instruction and receive it. We must be patient. We must be kind. We must surround the giving of advice with love and compassion. We must surround the receiving of advice with humility.

Teach your children to respectfully listen to your advice and if they turn from it, extend a hand of helpfulness and grace. Your children are watching how you react to advice as well. Teach your child by being a good example of how to give AND receive advice. It may just save their life.