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The Bell



2021

2021 will be here, or at least be on the doorstep, by the time you read this. I don't know about you, but I don't ever remember looking forward to the turn of a calendar year as much as I have this one.

Yes, I know the annual page flip won't be a powerful talisman that whisks away all the chaos that 2020 brought us. I know that adding another number to our contrived tally isn't guaranteed to fix anything.

There have been times and circumstances in 2020 for which I'd like to have a do-over. I won't make excuses for myself. My hope is that I can accept the poet Maya Angelou's invitation to "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

In my perception, the pandemic that we became aware of in 2020 turned on lights in some rooms we never knew existed, maybe even some rooms we would prefer to have never known about. Those lights aren't going out. It closed and locked some doors we always assumed would be open, or at least we assumed we'd always have access to the keys. It put us in some darkness we never saw coming. I hope it also lit at least a few candles we didn't know we had.

Here's a prayer for all of us, as we imagine ourselves opening the gate into the field of a new year:

Eternal creator of the cosmos, we, your temporal creatures, often feel the need for a fresh start. This year — especially this year — we pray you would give us one. Where relationships have been broken, help us mend them. Where people have become unraveled, help us become braiders of hope. Where pain and hurt and grief have lacerated us and others, help us to stitch and suture wounds closed, so that healing can take place. Where we have learned better, show us how to do better and be better. These, and all prayers we offer through the wounded healer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Todd

2021 PW Coordinating Team

Co-Moderators:	Dot Culton, Jama Garner, Leeann Smith
Secretary:	Tonya Easley
Treasurer:	Dot Culton
Bible Study:	The Reverend Todd Jenkins
Birthday/Thank Offerings:	Anne Laposky
Community Involvement:	Cissy Kite
Creative Ministries:	Rosetta Wells
Flowers:	Chris Thorpe
Funerals/Memorials:	Joyce Johnson
Holston PW Liaison:	Judy Neas
Kitchen Committee:	Dot Culton, Loretta Lyle, Jeanne Stokes, and Ann Van Buskirk
Membership:	PW Coordinating Team
Mission Opportunities:	PW Coordinating Team
Special Events:	PW Coordinating Team
Sunshine:	Beverly Selmeski
Agape Circle Leader:	Loretta Lyle
Winnie Prugh Circle Leader:	Jeanne Stokes
Service Teams Co-Chairs:	Team 1 - Dot Culton, Chris Thorpe Team 2 - Olivia Lodge, Ann Van Buskirk Team 3 - Joyce Gray, Beverly Selmeski Team 4 - Bonnie Brownell, Loretta Lyle
Service Team Co-Chair	
Substitute:	Kathleen Copeland

Honorariums & Memorials

Given to Ruth's Blessings

In memory of Joe Bean (Dot Culton's brother)
By Dick and Donna Parrack

In memory of Joe Bean (Dot Culton's brother)
By Cissy Kite

Given to General Fund

In honor of Carolyn Ward on her birthday
By Pamela Shuman

Given to Living Waters

In honor of Dick and Judy Poinsett
By Deane Gray

Given to Steeple Fund

**In honor of Pastor Todd Jenkins, Pastor Greg Cartwright,
and Ed Logan**
By JoAnn Snyder

In memory of Tommy Carroll, Jane Pilloni, and Jean King McAmis
By Loretta Lyle

In Honor of Todd Jenkins and Greg Cartwright for Christmas
By Jeanne Stokes

Given to Nicaragua Fund

**In honor of David and Linda Allen, John and Joyce Johnson, and
Carolyn and Jerry Ward**
By Susan Jackson

Food Bank Donations

This month, FPC donated 215 pounds of food to the
Greenville/Greene County Ministries Food Bank.

- 45 boxes of Crackers
- 78 jars or cans of Pasta Sauce
- 1 bottle of tabasco sauce
- 1 can of tuna

General Fund Update

November 2020:

Budget: \$27,157
Expenditures: \$26,922
89% of Offerings: \$27,399
Memorials and Gifts: \$0
Difference: \$477

2020 YTD:

Budget: \$330,613
Expenditures: \$320,141
89% of Offerings: \$268,490
Memorials and Gifts: \$1,925
Difference: (\$49,726)

Gideon Report

EPH 2:8 For it is by GRACE you have been saved through FAITH--- and this not from yourselves , it is the GIFT of God.

Think ahead...

Check out sales on hats and mittens for

VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

(infant to 6 yrs.)

The sharing tree and the Health Department
THANK YOU!



Dinner Out Group

We are still in a holding pattern. We'll meet again on the other side of Covid-19.

Contact Kathleen Wright at (423) 741-4746 if interested in joining the group.

Presbyterian Women



PW Coordinating Team will not meet in January

Agape Circle meets virtually on Wednesday, January 20, at 11:15 a.m. with Pastor Todd leading the group, Horizons Bible study: Lesson 5 - Lamenting Life.

Winnie Prugh Circle soup making fundraiser on Feb. 4 (9 am)

Ruth's Blessings

Volunteers: January 13
January 27

Donations for 2020

will be accepted through Sunday, January 10. Please be sure to mark on the memo line it is for 2020.
Thank you!

30th annual Theologian in Residence

- Due to the Global pandemic, there will be 2 virtual sessions via ZOOM in February 2021. Both sessions will be led by Dr. Scott Hummel, President of Tusculum University.
- February 12th at 10 a.m. "How History is Made"
- February 19th. At 10 a.m. "Biblical Historiography"
- If you would like to register for the virtual sessions, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 423-636-0565 or by email at nrader@tusculum.edu.
- Registration is necessary for the University to provide you a ZOOM link.

Living Waters for the World

To support our fledgling ministry please go to the church website at:

- <https://www.firstpresgreeneville.org/>
- Click on “Give” in the upper left corner
- Click on “Click Here to Give”
- Fill out the form
- Type LWW in the memo/designation box

Thanks!. We’ll use your donation to help build our team and our program.

The Agape Circle

will meet Wednesday , January 20, 2021 at 11:15 Via ZOOM.

We will be studying lesson 5 - Lamenting Life.

Pastor Todd will be teaching. Please plan to attend and if you need technical help in order to join us please let Loretta Lyle know at lblyle@comcast.net or 639-1893

We will make every effort to help you attend.

With corona still raging we need to stay connected as best we can. Also, if you haven’t received the invitation to circle, let Loretta know, as we want to include all women, even if you haven’t attended the circle in the past.

February Leadership

Date	First Reader	Second Reader	Greeter	Side Door Elder	Acolytes
7-Feb	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
14-Feb	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
21-Feb	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
28-Feb	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Lectionary Readings

January 3

Jer. 31:7-14 and
Psalm 147:12-20
Eph. 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9)
10-18

January 10

Gen. 1:1-5 and
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7,
Mark 1:4-11

January 17

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matt. 3:13-17

January 24

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Cor. 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 31

Deut. 18:15-20 and
Psalm 111
1 Cor. 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

January Birthdays

- 1 Jama Garner
- 3 Jeffrey Maxwell
- 10 Tyson Lamb
- 11 Josh Beckett
- 12 Tom Sizemore
- 13 Liza Waldroupe
- 14 Nicholas Cowles
- 15 Cole Benson
- 17 Meg Cobble
- 19 Theo Hensley
- 21 Peggy Fox
- 21 Jordan Stokes
- 22 Brianna Dalton
- 22 Kathleen Wright
- 25 Payne Cave, Jr.
- 26 Eva Wehrle
- 27 Julie Waites
- 28 Annie Cansler
- 29 Tom Smith
- 30 Duncan Cave
- 30 Daniel Harr
- 30 Anne Osborne
- 30 Jerry Ward
- 31 Robin Schell

January Anniversaries

- 1 Jared & Bethany Stokes
- 3 Hannah Britton & Bob Tryanski
- 28 Jim & Myra Cunningham

The Food Bank



This month we are collecting Pasta. The goal is 100 boxes.



With Sympathy:

Sympathies to Helen Avery, family, and friends in the passing of her son Deon.

Sympathies to Annie Cansler, family, and friends in the passing of her cousin, Mary Belle Purvis.

Souper Bowl Soup!

The Winnie Prugh Circle will be making a limited quantity of its famous Turkey and Rice Soup. The soup will be prepared on Thursday, February 4th and available for pick-up on Friday, February 5th.



We will only make enough soup for **reservations that are received by January 29th.**

The cost of the soup remains at \$5.00 per quart. You can pick-up your soup on Friday, February 5th from 10:00am until noon. Weather permitting, There will be a table outside the Church office entrance where you can pick up your order in a socially distanced manner.

If you are unable to pick the soup up during the designated time, please call Jeanne Stokes at 423-620-0749 and she will arrange for you to get your soup.

Proceeds from the soup sales will go to church projects.

Please return order form with offering or to church office.

Name _____

Phone _____

I would like _____ quarts of homemade turkey and rice soup.

February Bell ArticleDeadline

Friday January 15
E-mail articles to:

fpcscty@gmail.com

January 2021

1	New Years Day Happy New Year Office Closed
3	2nd Sunday of Christmas 5 Cents-A-Meal Offering 9:30 a.m. Absolute Fellowship ZOOM mtg 9:30 a.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live SVC. 11:15 a.m. Shepherd's Class ZOOM mtg. 11:30 a.m. Youth Grow Group ZOOM mtg. 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.
6	Epiphany of the Lord
7	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10	Baptism of the Lord Epiphany of the Lord Observed 9:30 a.m. Absolute Fellowship ZOOM mtg 9:30 a.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg. 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live SVC Installation of Elders 11:15 a.m. Shepherd's Class ZOOM mtg. 11:30 a.m. Youth Grow Group ZOOM mtg. 1:00 p.m. Drive-In Worship w/Communion 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.
13	7:00 p.m. Small Groups ZOOM
14	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

17	2nd Sunday After Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Absolute Fellowship ZOOM mtg 9:30 a.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg. 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live SVC. 11:15 a.m. Shepherd's Class ZOOM mtg. 11:30 a.m. Youth Grow Group ZOOM mtg. 1:00 p.m. Session Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.
18	Martin Luther King Day
20	7:00 p.m. Small Groups ZOOM
21	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
24	3rd Sunday After Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Absolute Fellowship ZOOM mtg 9:30 a.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg. 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live SVC. 11:15 a.m. Shepherd's Class ZOOM mtg. 11:30 a.m. Youth Grow Group ZOOM mtg. 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.
27	7:00 p.m. Small Groups ZOOM
28	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
31	4th Sunday After Epiphany Sunset Gap Offering 9:30 a.m. Absolute Fellowship ZOOM mtg 9:30 a.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg. 10:30 a.m. Facebook Live SVC. 11:15 a.m. Shepherd's Class ZOOM mtg. 11:30 a.m. Youth Grow Group ZOOM mtg. 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.

Remember in Prayer

Mission:

- Danny Sharpe & Hollman Mendoza (Vida Joven Nicaragua)
- Nicaragua's Santa Lastenia Clinic
- Please remember military and first responders with PTSD.

Wilford Beamer	*Jackson Jeter	Maggie Joy Selmeski
Myrtle Brown	+John Lopez	+Charlie Wilcox
*Ellen Canupp	Janice Love	+Robyn Wilcox
*Andrew Dalton	+Caleb Onkst	*Wyatt Wilson
Trixie Detrick	Nancy Parvin	+Clay Yancey
Hope Drummond	Dick & Judy Poinsett	
+Chase Ellenburg	+Austin Riggs	
Jim & Sarah Hornsby	+Anthony Sasscer	

- +Military serving stateside.
- *Military serving overseas.

The prayer list was started over as of January 1, 2021.

Names will remain on the list for 1 month and will then be removed. If a name needs to remain on the list, please submit a new request each month.

Thank you, Mindy
fpcscty@gmail.com

