

First Look

January 2019 Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church

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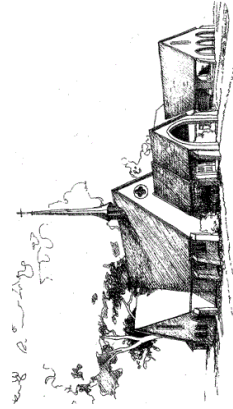
Second Chance Work Week

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Competition on 2nd Sunday. Get those teams together!!



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Annual spiritual and planning retreat for session members.

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Return Service Requested

Liturgist:
Dr. Bob Smalley

Ushers:
James & Brenda
Benes

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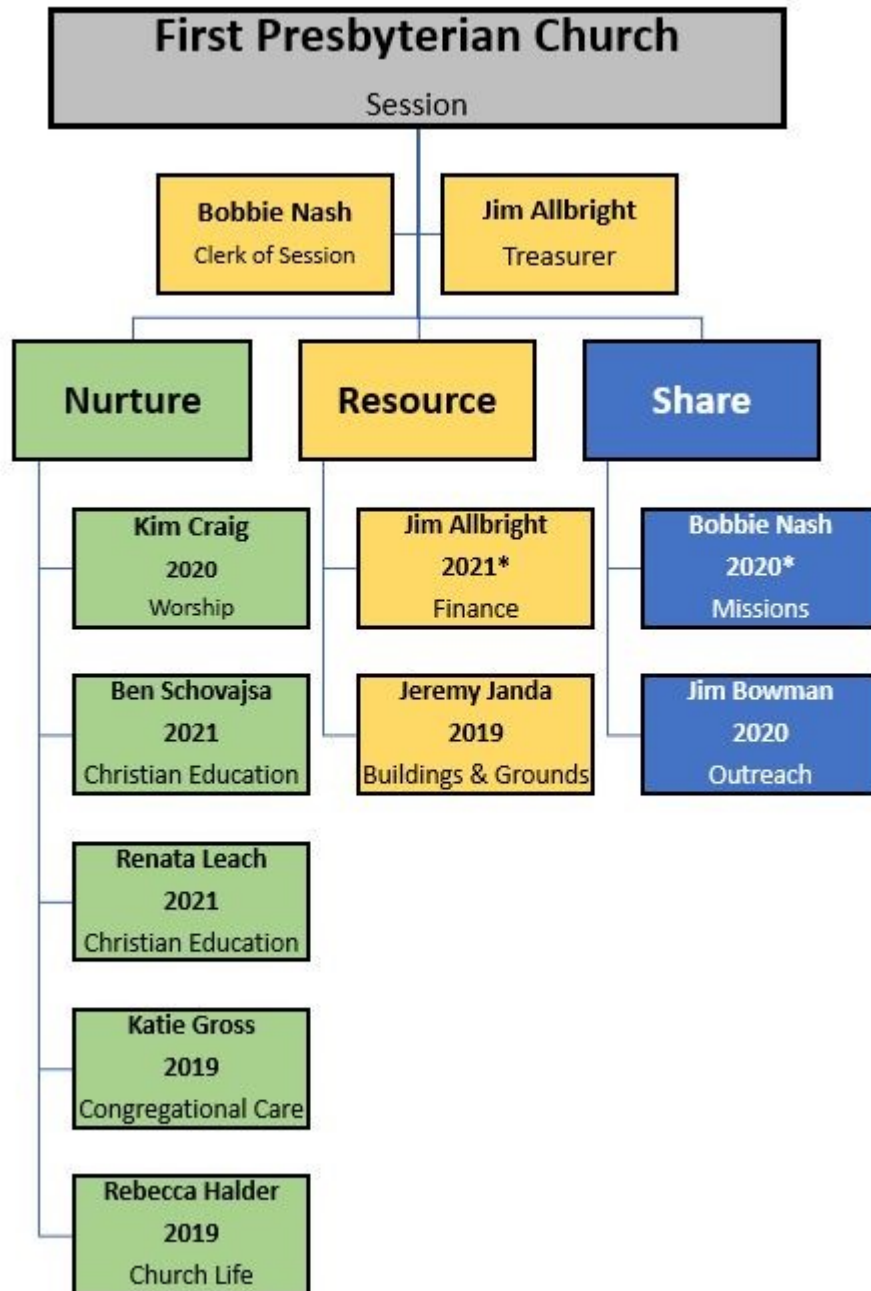
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Flowers

6th—Dana Hall
13th—WO Wood
20th—Dana Hall
27th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Communion—Jan 6 Preparer: Kim Servers: Renata; Jim A; Jim B; Katie</p>		<p>1 Happy New Years! Office Closed. B-Norma Smith</p>	<p>2 3:30pm Worship Mtg 5pm Guys Sectional 5:30 Full Choir 6:30 Las Fuentes B-Emily Matheson Second Chance Work Week</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 B-Debby Schovajsa</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Communion</p> 	<p>7 11am Congregational Care Committee 5pm LitWits</p>	<p>8 12pm Mission Cmte 5pm Session B-Morris Albers</p>	<p>9 5pm Gals Sectional 5:30 Full Choir 3:30pm Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 B-Heather Allbright B-Mary Gunn</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 2nd Sunday Chili Cook-Off Competition</p>	<p>14 12pm Outreach</p>	<p>15 11:30am Women's Circle @ Reba's</p>	<p>16 No Choir today. Let's pray Janet recovers quickly! B-Charlene Wood</p>	<p>17 5:30pm Finance Cmte</p>	<p>18 B-Gary Graham</p>	<p>19</p> 
<p>20</p>	<p>21 MLK Day Office Closed. B-Darby Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 5pm Guys Sectional 5:30 Full Choir B-Marti Collum B-Nancy Zbranek</p>	<p>24 9am Quilters B-Larry Grigsby</p>	<p>25 B-Ben Schovajsa</p>	<p>26 9-12 Session Retreat</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 B-Billy Reed</p>	<p>29 B-Mike Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>30 5pm Gals Sectional 5:30 Full Choir B-Bill Schovajsa</p>	<p>31 B-Stephanie Fitzpatrick</p>		

Scene @ Church



Security System Update:

Our new state-of-the-art security system is installed and working as designed.

We have programmed time windows into the system for certain regular meetings at the church (ex. Sunday service, choir practice, etc.) During these time windows, certain doors will automatically unlock and relock after the window.

For instance, on Sunday mornings, the system will unlock the Admin entrance, the Fellowship Hall door, and the Educational Wing door at 8:30am. At 10:00, the sanctuary door will unlock. All doors will then relock at 10:35. If someone needs access to the sanctuary after 10:35, they'll just need to knock on the sanctuary door and the usher will let them in.

If you require routine church building access, just ask Kirby for a key card or PIN.

Special thanks to Jeremy Janda for his tireless efforts in designing this system and leading the installation team!

PRAYER LIST

**Please send prayer requests to the pastor or church office.

Care Inn:

Charlene Wood, Bernice Wood (mother of W.O. Wood)

Seton Towers Nursing Home:

Minnie Meyer

Monument Hill Nursing Home:

Walter Noll

Jefferson Place:

Jo White, Mary Stanhope

At Home:

Geneva Sewell (Bill Billings' sister), Dru Hartman, Suzanne Manning, Hugh Hall, Nathan Hurst, Suzy Romberg, Bill Pyle, Brian Harvey (Brenda Benes' grand-nephew), Yvonne Speed (Debra Schwartzenburg's mother), Carolyn Loesch (Linda Borgstede's sister), Gordon Brock (Heidi & Richard Schultze's friend), Charles Carter (Linda Albers' brother-in-law), Macee Prause (Renata Leach's friend), Max Karger (Bonnye Karger's husband), Lara Beth & Freddy Perez (Jeremy Janda's sister & brother-in-law), Katy Smith (Linda Albers' niece), Heather Davis (Gross family friend), Deputy CJ Lehmann and his family

In Military:

J.J. Allbright, Sergio Meneses, Blake Leverett, Ken Roberts

Deep Sympathy and Prayer

For the Borgstedte and Shilling families for the death of Larry Shilling.

For the friends and family of Amanda Knox.

For Sara Blanchard and family on the death of Paul Blanchard.



Praying for...

pastor's ponderings

Wondering, what will be new in this New Year?

The start of any new year brings with it a sense of opportunity and promise. It might begin with a series of resolutions--amid mundane thoughts of personal improvement are the fanciful thoughts: "This will be the year that I read (or write) the Great American Novel." Not really, but you get the gist.

Sadly, I know that most resolutions are abandoned before the ink dries on the list--and yet... Spiritual Direction led me to a place where I ask questions rather than list aspiration. I wonder--what might be new in this New Year?

I've watched toddlers play with wooden shape puzzles--dumping them and solving them over and over (AND over) again. How do they do that without boredom? I wondered this aloud, and a developmental educator explained that while the puzzle remained the same, the child was developmentally "new" each time they worked the puzzle.

So perhaps the question is not what will be new in this New Year, but "How am I 'new' going into this New Year?" For me, newness comes in my location, the community in which I serve, the closeness to family, and the constellation of new and renewed friendships that mark this season.

The prophet Isaiah speaks with the voice of God when he writes, "I am about to do a new thing... can you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19.

Peace to you as you explore the newness of God's blessing in this new year.

Pastor Martha