

Announcements

December Birthdays - Dec 31st - Wayne Jones

January Birthdays

Jan 5th – Kathe Williams, Julie Wilson
Jan 7th – Lejean Mitchell
Jan 8th – Darlene McCarty
Jan 9th – Hugh Currah
Jan 13th – Hayden Thomas
Jan 15th – Peggy Farman
Jan 19th – Ron Watson
Jan 20th – David Reed
Jan 22nd – Sandy Klomprens
Jan 23rd – Ron Lineburger
Jan. 25th – Khloe Grimm
Jan 26th – Everleigh Henry
Jan 27th – Karen Anderson
Jan 28th – Bonnie Johnsey
Jan 29th – Tyler Henry, Karen Myers
Jan 31st – Bob Capron



Cody Cupboard

January Items needed below:

- Toothpaste
- Disposable Razors
- Laundry Detergent
- Kleenex Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Kiddo's – January 7th, 2024 at 10:50 in the Church Basement
- Youth Group – January 21st, 2024. Details to follow.

Save the date!

- **What?** Study of the book of Daniel for adults
- **When?** Sunday, January 7th
11:00 to 12:00 after Worship Service
- **Where?** Church Parlor
- **Bring?** Your Bible, your questions and your desire to learn more about Daniel

IMPORTANT DATES



Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons:

Sunday - January 7th, 2024 during Worship Service.
Please contact Pat Montgomery if you unable to attend.

New Elder Retreat (Mandatory):

Saturday – January 13th, 2024
8:00am – 5:00pm in the Church Parlor
Please contact Pat Montgomery if you unable to attend.

Happy New Years Eve!
May each of you have a
blessed 2024!



December 31st, 2023
1st Sunday of Christmas

*Please fill out attendance form
and pass it along your row*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Hymn #29

Responsive Call to Worship

Listen! Do you hear the sounds of joy?
Have you heard the messenger's good news?

The Word was with God from the beginning.

In Jesus, the Word has come to dwell among us.

Break forth into singing, people of God!

Your comfort and your salvation are at hand.

In Christ we are empowered as God's children.

We are gifted with grace and truth.

Sing a new song and marvel at God's ways.

May a joyful noise through all the earth.

We celebrate the true light that enlightens us.

We rejoice in the gift of new life.

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Hymn # 31

Unison Prayer of Confession

Just and righteous God, the child in a manger leads us back to you. We have tried to ignore you, to deny your reality, to make it through life on our own. We have become accustomed to evil, to cynicism and exploitation, to dull routines and artificial excitements. O God, we long for something better. We want to rediscover integrity, faithfulness, and true joy. In the awesome simplicity of new-found life amid the frightening complexity of all that distracts us from you, we repent and seek our freedom in Christ. Hear us, holy God. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

Gloria Patri

Choir “I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day“

Offering “O Holy Night” by Wendy Corr

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard On High” Hymn #23

Children’s Time

Hymn “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” Hymn #28

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Hymn “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” Hymn #38

Sermon “Choose Life”

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn “The First Noel” Hymn #56

Benediction

Congregational Meeting

Ushers: Phil & Peggy Farman
Music Director: Wendy Corr
Accompanist: Tim Schoessler
Message: Pat Montgomery

Scripture
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NIV)

- ¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.
- ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.
- ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them,
- ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.
- ¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live
- ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
WHEN: TODAY AFTER WORSHIP
WHERE – SACTUARY OF FPCC
AGENDA: RECEIVE AN ACT ON THE REPORT
FROM THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

