

December 2024

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Life's An Adventure

Rod and I have lived our marriage with the motto “Life’s An Adventure.” We use it sometimes when we get into some situation that seems difficult. Usually, it shakes us out of our thinking and helps us refocus on moving forward, helping us enjoy the moment. We also repeat it when something is happening that is really wonderful. We recently celebrated the 6 year anniversary of moving to our condo. It was a lot of work to downsize. We had to decide what we kept, what was donated to Share and Care, what could be given to family and friends, and what was no longer useful to anyone. There were wonderful moments too. We picked out paint, decided on flooring and a few modifications to the bathroom, and put storage containers together for the garage. It was new and exciting to see it all come together. When we finally got moved, we loved our new home. Now, 6 years later, we are very happy we made the decision to move to this quiet community and smaller home. We have so many new friends here at Briarwood and are able to manage while our lawn care and snow removal are not our worries anymore. We have been able to do some traveling and often repeat “Life’s An Adventure”.

It feels like we at First Presbyterian Church are in a similar situation now. It has been difficult to make the decision to make a major change in our worship life. We have a new plan to move forward together with the East Side church as we begin worshipping in the East Side building. Both churches have downsizing to do. Both churches are considering and planning how to combine traditions and resources and help us to make the space “OURS.” As we sort and make decisions, I hope we will discover new traditions and yet feel the history and foundations of the past as a stepping stone to the future. Hopefully, new friendships are being formed and strengthened. Thanks to all who have helped in this process and are moving in this new adventure together.

Linda Combs

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

- † **All Sunday Worship Services in December** will be held at East Side Presbyterian Church @ 10:30 a.m.
- † **December 24 @ 7 p.m.** - Christmas Eve Service at East Side
- † *Beginning January 2025, all services will be held at East Side Presbyterian Church @ 10:30 a.m.*

2025 PER CAPITA \$40.29

Neighbors' News



In Matthew 25:35 & 40, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thanks to all who choose to put extra items on your grocery list to fill the containers in the Social Room. As always, please look for sales and help only as you are able.

(optional) - Dish Soap and/or Liquid Laundry Soap

December

- 1 - Spaghetti Sauce**
- 8 -Spaghetti**
- 15 - Green Beans**
- 22 - Applesauce**
- 29 - Tuna**

Thanks for your help neighbor!
Rod and Linda Combs

SATELLITES

We are going to Casa Fiesta on December 11th at 11:30 am.

You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190 to RSVP or for directions. Bring a friend!



POINSETTIAS 2024

Red poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary at East Side for Christmas this year. The cost is \$13.00 per plant.

Prairie Flowers will bill you directly.

If you wish to place an order, please fill out the blank below and give to Susan Myers or Barb Haynes.

Last day to order is December 15th.

Person ordering & to be billed:

Address:

Phone: _____ Quantity _____

Given by:

In loving memory of (Deceased):

In honor of (Living):

To the Glory of God:

Please take your Poinsettias after the evening service at East Side on December 24th.

You're Invited!



On Sunday, December 8th, First Presbyterian Church and East Side Presbyterian Church will be Christmas Caroling for those who are unable to get out of the house. We would love for you, as a congregation, to join us on this day to bring joy and make someone's Christmas special this year. Please meet at East Side Presbyterian Church by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th, 2024 after church in the Fellowship Hall.



We hope you can join us!

NEW FPC OFFICE HOURS

The FPC office will now be open **only** on Tuesdays. Normal hours should be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. but hours may sometimes vary, so feel free to call in advance. If a major holiday falls on a Tuesday, or if the secretary is ill, the office will be closed. Thank you!

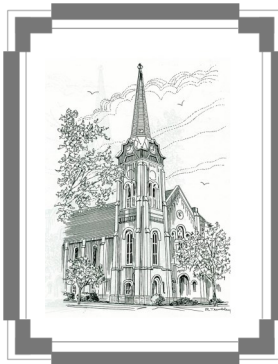
December

1 10:30a - Worship @ East Side - Coffee Hour @East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	2 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	3 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	4	5	6	7
8 10:30a - Worship @ East Side 12:00p - Christmas Caroling meet at East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	9 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	10 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	11 11:30a - Satellites 7:00p - Session	12	13	14
15 10:30a - Worship @ East Side - Christmas Potluck @ East Side - Poinsettia Orders Due 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	16 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	17 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC	18 6:30p - Deacons	19	20	21
22 10:30a - Worship @ East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	23 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	24 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC 7:00p - Christmas Eve Service @ East Side Christmas Eve	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27 Newsletter Articles Due	28
29 10:30a - Worship @ East Side 5:00p - Vida Church @FPC	30 1:00p - Al-anon @FPC 7:00p - AA @FPC	31 5:00p - Vida Bible Study @FPC New Year's Eve				



6	Stephen Kennedy	20	Leo Kinsey	25	David Detwiler
13	Larry Van Dyne	21	Lisa Zimmerman	27	Gerrie Hensley
17	Justine Opre	23	Melissa Detwiler	27	Hal Mills
19	Valentine Ross	25	Jeannie Crispen	30	Amy McKnight

Birthdays



First Presbyterian Church

THE SESSION

*Dannita Cowdrey
Bob Gamble
Bob Humberger
Bill Taylor
Nicole Whetstone*

THE CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

Organist Emeritus	Paul Livingston
Secretary	Amy Monk
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Whetstone
Co-Treasurers	Larry & Carol Van Dyne
Volunteer Parish Nurse	Linda Hamilton
Custodian	Scott Slatter

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

Moderator	Dannita Cowdrey
Treasurer	Carol Van Dyne
Funeral Luncheon	Susan Myers
Rachel Circle	Dannita Cowdrey
At Large	Jo Elder
	Lois Livingston

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

*Rod Combs
Melissa Detwiler
Anne Humberger
Susan Myers
Carolyn Taylor*

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are moving, have changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at:
fremontfpc@gmail.com.
Thank you! Amy Monk, FPC Administrative Assistant

NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE:

To change how you receive your newsletter or to unsubscribe from our mailing list, please email the church office at:
fremontfpc@gmail.com