



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

Albemarle, North Carolina

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this just a few days before Christmas with the expectation of the birth of the Christ Child just around the corner. I do so with deep gratitude for your full participation in this holy season and with yearning for the one in whose life, death, and resurrection, *the hopes and fears of all the years* are met. The birth of Jesus was revolutionary, and still is. God is with us, always with us.

I am grateful to you for the ways you understand *God with us* and so share the love of Christ with others. In this season, as part of this congregation, you:

- ❖ Prepared 19 boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- ❖ Gave \$2,220 to community agencies through the Alternative Gift Program
- ❖ Adopted 51 children on the angel tree and made Christmas bright for them
- ❖ Gave \$2,166 to the Christmas Joy offering in support of retired church workers and the racial ethnic schools related to the PCUSA
- ❖ Supported the Youth Club Christmas Card Sale by raising \$400 for Helping Hands.
- ❖ Provided countless hams, turkeys, cakes, sweet potatoes, dressing and much more to the Community Christmas dinner which will serve meals to more than 1000 people in our community.

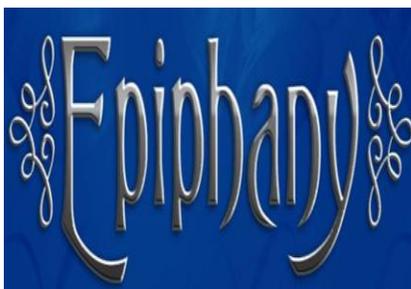
I am also grateful to our choir for leading us in worship on December 17 with their remarkable musical program. That is a gift to us.

We have much for which to be thankful.

As we enter a new year, I pray for renewed commitment to the Christ Child who lives among us.

Grace and Peace,  
Elizabeth

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Occurring on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, Epiphany is the day the church recognizes the visit of the magi to Jesus. Youth Club children will help lead us in worship to celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the world. Come join us for dinner and a brief worship service in the gym.

*First Family Dinner*

*Wednesday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym*

You're invited to bring *warm* gifts to place in the manger – mittens, scarves, hats, socks, and gloves will be donated to the Clothing Closet.

# WORSHIP NOTES

**Sunday, January 7** Scripture: Mark 1:4-11  
We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we begin a new year of service to Christ and this community.

**Sunday, January 14** Scripture: John 1:43-51

**Sunday, January 21** Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

**Sunday, January 28** Scripture: Mark 1:21-28  
Deacons and Elders elect will be ordained and installed.

**Epiphany Worship will take place on  
Wednesday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m.  
as part of the First Family meal.**

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### Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on January 7. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. We received a total of \$296.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in November. Ten cents per person per meal is just \$9.00 per month and helps provide people both nourishment and hope. If you don't have a Ten-Cents-A-Meal container, you can find one in the pit stop. Checks and/or coins are welcome!

### 2018 Flower Calendar

The 2018 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any local florist.** Contact Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or [fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com)) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.



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# WARM GIFTS OF WINTER

This winter, please help us spread the warmth to our friends in the community by bringing new and gently used scarves, mittens, gloves, and toboggans to the manger in the Pit Stop. We will collect through Wednesday, January 3 and place these gifts at the manger during the Epiphany Worship Service that evening. We will donate these warm gifts to children at Central Elementary School and the SCCM Clothing Closet.



# STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...NOVEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

## GENERAL FUND

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	459,914.00	501,338.00
Total Expenses:	<u>474,512.00</u>	<u>504,257.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(14,598.00)	( 2,919.00)

<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET</b>	<u>2017</u>
Pledges:	507,476
Total Income:	548,314
Total Expenses:	548,314

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,544

Average Weekly Amount Received in November: \$9,512

**We are behind \$30,758 in pledges. (\$20,488 of 2017 pledges was prepaid in 2016)**

**Ten-Cents-A-Meal November: \$574.00**

**Children's Hope Alliance Thanksgiving Offering: \$2,259.00**

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## STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to your generosity, we are easing closer to the pledge amount needed for us to continue quality programs at church and faithful mission in our community and around the world. If you haven't submitted a 2018 pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Your gifts make First Presbyterian Church a viable ministry center and a light in the community.

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## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 15. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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## NEWS and NOTES

### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

#### **Community Christmas Dinner:**

In honor of Harold and Carolyn Sharpe, given by Leo & Lorraine Hanus.

#### **Minister's Discretionary Fund:**

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Shirley Beal.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Mickey Dry.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Cham & Sylvia Glenn.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Kathie & Bill Grigg.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Dr. & Mrs. Harold R. Howe, Jr.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Roger & Gina Martin.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Mary & Richard Peeler

In memory of Toby Webb, given by James & Martha Rester.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Doug & Susan Stokes.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Swanner.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by David L. Ward, Jr.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Kenneth & Jane Wooten.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Carole Yost.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Uwharrie Bank, Uwharrie Investment Advisors, and Uwharrie Captial Corporation.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by The Homeplace of New Bern.

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Hood, Hargett, & Associates, Inc.

#### **Our Living Legacy Fund:**

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Margaret Ivey, Jim & Lori Ivey, Robert & William, Dale & Larry Stoeher, Claire & Kathleen.

#### **Scholarship Endowment:**

In honor of Harold and Carolyn Sharpe, given by Leo & Lorraine Hanus.

### SYMPATHY

To Gloria Bryson upon the death of her brother-in-law, Rayven Lambert, on November 30.

To Martha Sue Hall in the death of her aunt, Margaret Tyson, on December 11.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Catherine and Rob McIntyre upon the birth of their son, John Robert, Jr., on December 8. He joins older sister, Isabel. Proud grandparents are John McIntyre and Sharon Harkey Lambeth.

# NEWS and NOTES

## Session Notes

At Session's December meeting the following actions were taken:

Elders and deacons elect were examined and approved for ordination and installation.

The date for the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation was set for January 21. It will be held following worship.

The proposed 2018 church budget was discussed and will be approved in January when final pledge information is available.

The Personnel Committee recommended a 12 week sabbatical for Elizabeth in 2018, consistent with her terms of call. It will take place in February and March and in mid May-mid June. Session approved the plan.

Outgoing Session members, Patrick Currie, Heather Deese, Martha Sue Hall, Bob Johnston, Adam Jolly, and Ellen Snyder were thanked for their faithful service.

Complete copies of the minutes are available in the office.

Lynn White, Clerk of Session

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## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR**

**FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**

**For more information, contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).**

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**February Newsletter Deadline on Tuesday, January 16.**

**Early submissions are always welcome!**

**If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to:**

**[pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)**

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**Thanks for helping in the office in December:** Gloria Bryson, Melissa Eudy, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Judy & Tommy Murrell, and Ruth Ann Rogers.

**Thanks to** Gayle Russell for coordinating our Advent meal at Christ Episcopal Church.

### **Thank You for Helping with the December First Family Meal**

This was a simple meal, but not easy to pull off. We could NOT have done this meal without the help of MANY: Rebekah Ayscue, Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Jane Boone, Kristie and Keith Bryson, Ruth and Andy Cotton, Michelle Cumming, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, John and Debbie Hahn, Margaret Ivey, Leslie and Stephan Kinley, Greg Lisk, Mark Mabry, Sarah Michael, Gayle Russell, Jim and Mary Louise Sawyer, Carolyn and Harold Sharpe, the Faith Explorers along with Kim Robertson and Rose Saltzman, and all those who cleaned up the gym! I just adore my sweet volunteers! If you haven't ever joined us, make it a New Year's Resolution to do so. We have such a good time. It doesn't feel like work when we are all together☺ Thanks again for all the helping hands!

Jane Snyder, Director of Fellowship Services and Christian Education

### **Thanks from the Mission Committee**

The Mission Committee would like to thank the following people who helped purchase, prepare and/or serve food at the Community Table on Saturday, December 2nd: Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Cheryl Bristol, Gloria Bryson, Ruth and Andy Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Melissa Eudy, Peggy Finley, Debbie and John Hahn, Nancy Joines, Mary Kesselman, Joyce Lambert, Gayle Russell, Janet Schaefer, Carolyn Sharpe, Ann Upchurch, and Elizabeth Wilson.

### **Angel Tree**

Thanks to all those who fulfilled the Christmas gift wishes for 51 of the children in the Central Elementary School family. A special thanks goes out to Bob Johnston who, each year, collates the children's information and creates the angel tree tags. Thanks also to Bob, Harold Sharpe, and Joe Snuggs for transporting the gifts to the Helping Hands distribution site.

### **Christmas Kitchen Recap**

On December 17, members of Frist Presbyterian supported our youth programs through our Christmas Kitchen fundraiser. Members of the church donated food and our youth prepared food themselves. About \$1,185 was raised for our youth missions and programming! We would like to thank everyone who prepared the wonderful dishes and desserts as well as everyone who supported our youth ministry by buying food!





Do you ever see a name on the prayer list and think, *Now who is that?* Or forget what the relationship is? You are not alone as many folks have asked for help with this. The *Prayer List Connection* will refresh all our memories. Folks with chronic needs will be listed for a month in the bulletin. Following that month, we will keep them on the newsletter's *Prayer List Connection* for as long as we are requested to do so. Critical prayer concerns will be added weekly to the prayer list in the bulletin.

Friends of the Congregation:

- Dale Benson, brother of Ann Crutchfield.
- Ted Biggers, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Margaret Brooks, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.
- Rachel Darling, friend of Dona Lisk; battling cancer.
- Mike Dearstyne, brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns.
- Sara Dyer, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.
- Lindsey Efird, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.
- Gay Ellington, former co-worker of Martha White; lung cancer.
- Glenn Fowler, possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery.
- Marty Goforth, treatment for melanoma.
- Calvin Hall, kidney cancer.
- Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Jackie Lynn Kruis, ten year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.
- Molly Amelia Lowder, continuing health concerns.
- Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Meghan Niemann, friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Nic Presson, brother of Dona Lisk.
- Karen Russell, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.
- David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Members of the Congregation:

- Blue Honeycutt.
- Myra Land.
- Polly Moose.
- Linda Richards.
- Marlene Sanges.
- Pete Smith.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

On December 24, Session received new members.

**Catherine and Matt Moeller...** Catherine grew up in Albemarle as a member of this church. She and Matt were married in this church. They have been living in Washington state and raised their two daughters there. They now split their time between here and Amelia Island, Florida.

Matt grew up outside Boston. Since completing his education, he has lived in Washington state. He works part time now for NV5 since he sold his consulting firm 18 months ago.

**Catherine & Matt Moeller**  
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mattandcatherine@hotmail.com



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## BIRTHDAYS

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| <b>03- Mike McLeod</b><br>Sandy Rogers    | <b>19- Nancy Feather</b><br>Ken Frazier     |
| <b>04- Sandy Saunders</b>                 | <b>21- Drew Melone</b>                      |
| <b>05- Austin Coats</b><br>Miriam Russell | <b>23- Susan Garrison</b><br>Kim Marshall   |
| <b>06- Shannon Lisk</b>                   | <b>Ronnie Michael</b>                       |
| <b>09- Isabel McIntyre</b>                | <b>24- Dennis Gower</b>                     |
| <b>10- Rita Morgan</b><br>Jacob Palmer    | <b>27- Linda Richards</b>                   |
| <b>12- Ruth Ann Rogers</b>                | <b>28- Kim Andrew</b><br>Gus Holbrook       |
| <b>13- Jane Borders</b>                   | <b>Dona Lisk</b>                            |
| <b>15- Julian Eudy</b>                    | <b>30- Linda Anderson</b><br>Brittany White |
| <b>16- Debbie Hahn</b>                    | <b>31- Garrett Chapman</b>                  |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 05- John & Debbie Hahn**

# YOUTH GROUP

Let's begin a new year! After an Autumn filled with activities and programs, we are going to get back in to our regular meeting nights. In these cold months, make your way indoors to the church to spend time with friends in fellowship!

Sunday, January 7	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Youth Group
Sunday, January 14	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Youth Group
Sunday, January 21	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Youth Group
Sunday, January 28	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Youth Group



## SKI TRIP

Youth Group annual ski trip  
Weekend in February (TBD)

Plan to come enjoy a wintery weekend of skiing, games, and fun!  
Please keep your eyes open for further details.



JANUARY  
10-Jacob Palmer

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### Backpack Food Program

**UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:**

Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Canned Tuna, and Saltine Crackers. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Packing Dates/Times:**

Wednesday, January 3 at 10:30 a.m.  
and

Wednesday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.



STANLY COMMUNITY  
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY  
FOOD CHALLENGE FOR  
JANUARY:  
CANNED FRUIT  
Lite Syrup or  
No Sugar Added



# FIRST FAMILY GATHERING

DINNER & EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE GYM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 AT 6:00 P.M.

Menu:

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Green Beans, Rolls, Mixed Green Salad, King's Cake, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee and Water.

Contact the church office by Tuesday, January 2 to make reservations:

704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org.

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## Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, January 2 at 10:00 a.m.
- Salad and Sides Crew: Wednesday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, January 3 at 3:45 p.m.
- Final Touches crew: Wednesday, January 3 at 5:00 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, January 3 at 6:45 p.m.



Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722, on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to help!

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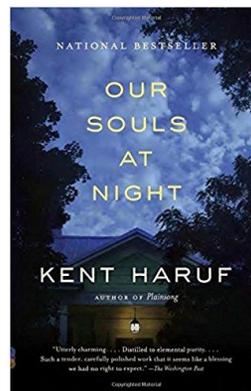
## Come & Join Us for the Young Adult Lunch Thursday, January 4 Little Tokyo (Hwy.52 location)

Each month, young adults from the church and the community are invited to gather for lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at a local restaurant. We rotate around to a number of different delicious options each month...so make plans to join us if you can!

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### Decorating Committee Meeting

If you like to decorate,  
we would love for you to join our  
Decorating Committee!!!  
We decorate for all the major events  
at the church  
(about 14 times a year).  
Each person usually decorates  
2-3 times a year with a team.  
This is our one and only meeting!  
We will meet in the Session Room on  
Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m.  
Please bring your calendars.  
It will be short and sweet.  
For more information,  
contact Jane Snyder  
([jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)).



**JANUARY BOOK STUDY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

**7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH PARLOR  
OUR SOULS AT NIGHT BY Kent Haruf  
Books are available for purchase  
for \$10.00 in the church office .**

Come join the conversation about this best-selling novel. Haruf's writing is spare, leaving space for the reader to fill in details. This is the story of a precious and growing friendship between senior adults, Addie Moore and Louis Waters. It is a compassionate story of second chances and finding hope in small things.

**Tea & Conversation  
Tuesday, January 23  
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
in the Church Parlor**

Come for conversation and a few rousing games of BINGO!

Bring a wrapped/bagged gift from your house!

Think:

A Christmas gift you received, but will never use.

A dusty mantle adornment that you no longer like.

A mismatched pair of socks.

The ugliest scarf in your drawer.

We'll use them as BINGO prizes.

Remember:

One person's trash is another person's treasure!



**Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat  
Sunday, January 28  
Noon-2:30 p.m.**

Partnering in Christian Education...

Children K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades...

Grandparents of any age...

Lunch in the Pit Stop followed by activities around the church.

Contact the church office to sign-up

(704-982-2722 or

klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



PrimeTimers' Dutch Treat Luncheon

Thursday, January 11 at Noon

at the Rosebriar Restaurant

(528 Wiscassett Street, Albemarle)

Join us for a Dutch Treat lunch at the Rosebriar Restaurant on Thursday, January 11 at noon. We'll eat lunch, engage in conversation, and enjoy the company of each other on a cold January day. Call the church office (704-982-2722) by noon on Monday, January 8 to make your reservation!

**Mantreat at Montreat**

In April of this year, several of our men spent a weekend in Montreat worshipping, hiking, eating, and fellowshiping together. It was a great time to spend together in a beautiful place, and a wonderful chance to get to know one another. Matt is planning a return to Montreat for our men this coming April. Please let him know (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) if you are interested in participating in this event!



**SAVE THE DATE FOR MUSIC & ARTS CAMP  
SUMMER 2018**

Plan to join in on the fun this summer for a week of music, art, recreation, drama, and fellowship as we form new friendships and cultivate our old ones.

**Sunday, June 10-Thursday, June 14**

For children ages 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy a fun time!

Volunteers...Come help us with this extraordinary event!

Volunteers of all ages warmly welcomed!





## Youth Club 2018

Our Youth Club will begin the new year with a celebration of Epiphany on Wednesday, January 3. They will focus on the Magi and their visit to the baby Jesus. During the First Family Epiphany dinner, they will share some special songs and some of the children will participate in the worship service. Last month, our entire Youth Club shared the Joy Gift Program *O Come, Let us Adore Him* with our congregation. They did an excellent job telling the beautiful story of our Savior's birth, and all their very hard work paid off. Thank you so much to all of those who volunteered to make this program a success.

*Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders)* are still learning more in their bible study lessons about *The Stories* found in the bible. This month they will read and discuss the stories of *The Three Wise Men, Jesus' Baptism, Jesus Turns Water into Wine, and Jesus Goes Fishing*. In art, the children will be making beautiful art projects that correspond with each of these stories and hope to create some pieces that we will use to update our children's art gallery in the near future.

*Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders)* were shown great support by our congregation, families, and friends and made about \$500 through their Christmas Card fundraiser that was held throughout December. This money was donated to SCCM's Helping Hands ministry. This month the Faith Explorers will begin their new curriculum *The Way of the Child*. These lessons are designed to help create a sense of personal spirituality in each of our Faith Explorers. They will reflect on what it means to be a child of God by using various reflection stations that will encourage deeper thinking and response to key concepts of spirituality.

Youth Cubs...January lessons will introduce the stories of fishers of men and the parable of the wise and foolish men. The first story will focus on the belief that we should follow Jesus and live for him. The latter shows that a life foundation built on Jesus will never crack or give way, and a life foundation without Jesus will crumble and wash away. We will play a game about wise choices we can make to strengthen our Christian foundation. God's world in wintertime will also be a focus supported through art, music, and books.



Submitted by: Lynn Poplin, Youth Cubs Coordinator



## Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!! For 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Sunday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m. Media Room

Breakfast Bunch is a special program exclusively for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders designed to help cultivate lasting friendships by giving them designated time together to get to know one another in a calm but friendly setting. If you are in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, please join us on Sunday, January 7 in the Media Room (downstairs) for some delicious muffins, yogurt, and juice as we build our community of faith!

Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us or if you have questions.

## Faith Explorers' January Outing to Defy Gravity

Sunday, January 7 following worship

The Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) will be going to Defy Gravity in Charlotte on Sunday, January 7. They will leave church immediately after worship to have a buffet lunch at Cici's Pizza in Albemarle before heading to Charlotte for some trampoline fun. Please bring \$5 for lunch

at Cici's and the cost for Defy Gravity is \$13 per child. Please contact Rose Saltzman ([rose.saltzman@gmail.com](mailto:rose.saltzman@gmail.com)) as soon as possible if your child will be able to go with us as we need to make reservations.



# Wherever the river flows, everything will live.

*Wherever the river flows, every living thing that moves will thrive. There will be great schools of fish, because when these waters enter the sea, it will be fresh. Wherever the river flows, everything will live. Ezekiel 47:9 CEB*

Each spring and fall, Jeannie Strong's father fished salmon at Celilo Falls on the Columbia River to provide food for his family and community. Nez Perce fishermen from Idaho joined those from other tribes netting fish from platforms suspended above the falls while their families cleaned, smoked and dried the fish to preserve it. They were part of a 9,000 year-old ritual of Native people meeting at Celilo Falls to fish, trade and feast.



In 1957, the Corps of Engineers completed The Dalles Dam (12 miles downstream from Celilo Falls) to generate hydropower and to simplify barge navigation on this stretch of the Columbia River. When the Fall's cliffs were submerged under the dam's reservoir, native people lost access to sacred sites including Celilo's village, cemetery and fishing grounds. At the time of the damming, fishers annually caught 2.5 million pounds of fish for subsistence and commercial purposes.

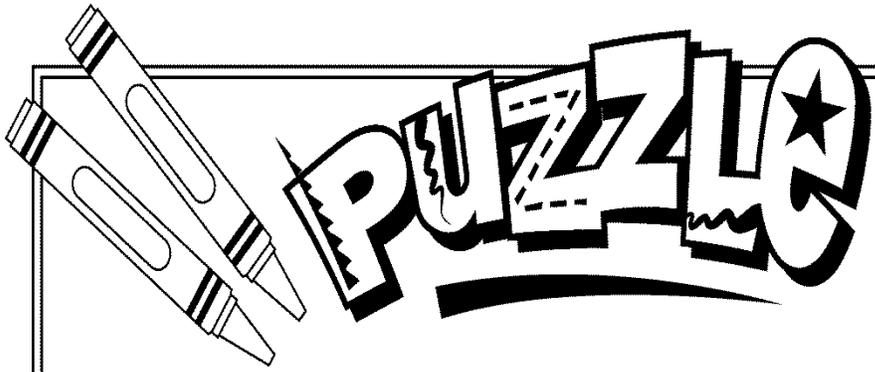
The inundation of Celilo Falls was a devastating cultural loss for Columbia River tribes. The cycle of their lives brought them to Celilo for fellowship and ritual in addition to sustenance.

"We took my father down for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when Celilo was flooded. He lived to 96, and outlived a lot of people. It was good to have the different tribes together again for ceremony and the reunion. He was an elder at Northfork Presbyterian Church where my brother is now an elder."

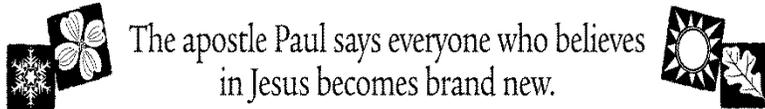
In 2017, many Native fishers live in substandard trailers and families' homes still haven't been replaced as promised by the US Government. Resentment over the loss of sacred waters and land still simmers among Native People.

At the new Celilo Long House, participants from the *Spirit of the Salmon* pre-conference immersion enjoyed a salmon feast hosted by Celilo-Wyam fishing families. Elders told stories of Celilo Falls and its import to their lives. Children and young adults explained how their *canoe family* prepares for an annual spiritual journey. Hosted by a tribe in the US or Canada, canoe families paddle and camp, sharing traditional songs, language, dance and celebrations along Pacific Northwest waterways. The real journey is an internal, personal experience for each member of the canoe family. "What we do out there is we heal. We heal the land, the water, the people," explained Shannon Comenot, who compared time on the water to a constant, and conscious, state of prayer. "It's a way of life. Going out on the water is the only thing unchanged since our ancestors."

From: Devotions from Presbyterians for Earth Care: <http://presbyearthcare.blogspot.com>



# A NEW CREATION

 The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

*Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*

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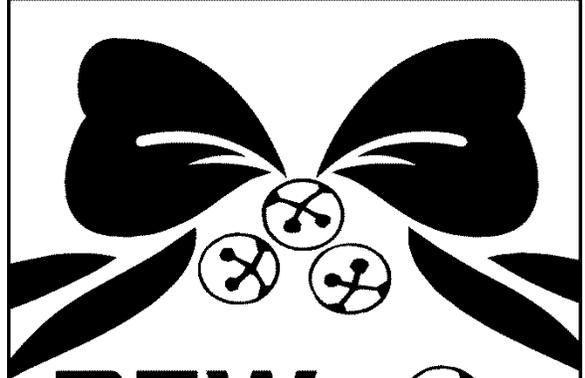
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Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV



# NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!



### What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!

# January

**Monday, January 1**

*New Year's Day/Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, January 2**

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

**Wednesday, January 3**

*Epiphany Worship/Gifts of Winter*

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am First Family Salad & Sides Crew
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 3:45 pm First Family Set-up Crew
- 5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 6:00 pm Epiphany Worship & Dinner (Gym)
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew

**Thursday, January 4**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Little Tokyo (Hwy. 52 location)

**Sunday, January 7**

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal*

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers' to Cici's Pizza & Defy Gravity
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, January 8**

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Wednesday, January 10**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 5:30 pm Decorating Committee
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 11**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Dutch Treat Luncheon at the Rosebriar Restaurant (528 Wiscasset Street, Albemarle)

**\*childcare provided**

**Sunday, January 14**

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, January 15**

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance/Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, January 16**

*Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grants*

- 10:00 am January 2018 Newsletter Deadline

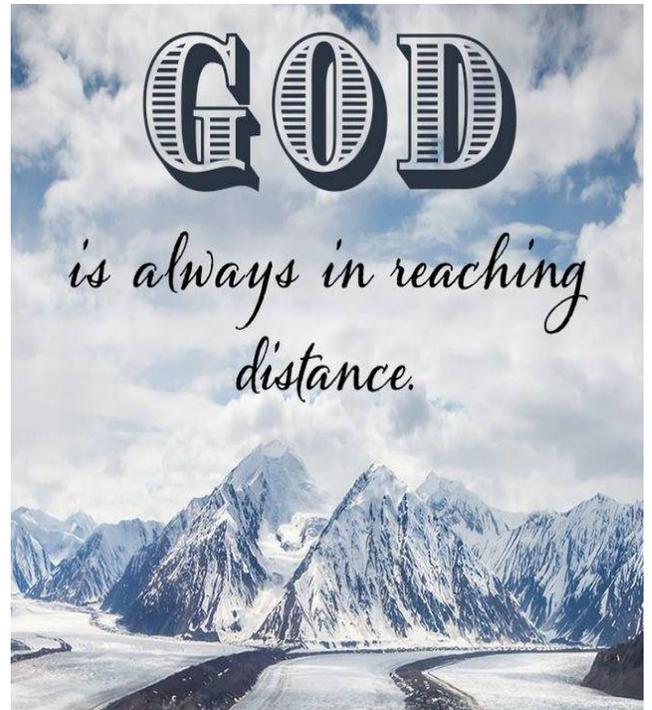
**Wednesday, January 17**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 18**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

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# January



## Sunday, January 21

*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm \*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

## Monday, January 22

7:00 pm January Book Conversation (Church Parlor)

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

## Tuesday, January 23

2:00 pm-3:30 pm Tea & Conversation (Church Parlor)

## Wednesday, January 24

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 25

10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Friday, January 26

6:00 pm-10:00 pm Officers' Retreat

## Saturday, January 27

9:00 am-1:00 pm Officers' Retreat

\*childcare provided

## Sunday, January 28

*Ordination & Installation of New Officers*

*Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat

## Monday, January 29

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Wednesday, January 31

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play

10:30 am Backpack Food Program

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

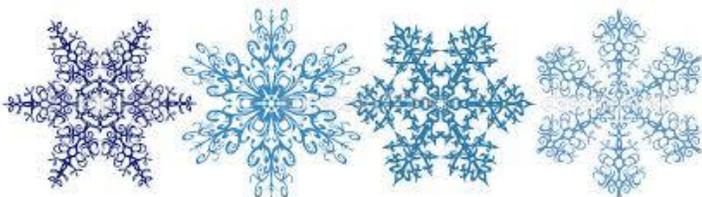
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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I will praise  
Your name, Lord,  
for it is good.

- Psalm 54:6



**THOSE WHO SERVE IN JANUARY**

**Ushers:** Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Kyle Marks

**Elder Greeters for January:** Al Andrew; Joyce Lambert

**Nursery Room:**

**January 7:** Kaitlyn Massey

**January 14:** Cortney Brown

**January 21:** Sara Kate Thomas

**January 28:** Sara Kate Thomas

**Nana & Papa Team:**

**January 7:** Barbara & Chris Whitley

**January 14:** Susan & Banks Garrison

**January 21:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

**January 28:** Cathy King; Teresa Taylor

**Acolytes:**

**January 7:** Graham Chapman

**January 14:** Jackson Palmer

**January 21:** Elizabeth Bryson

**January 28:** Brent Lisk

**Preschool Partners:**

**January 7:** Jack & Penny Morton

**January 14:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod

**January 21:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks

**January 28:** Jane & Brad Boone

**Children's Church for January:**

**January 7:** No Children's Church

**January 14:** Kim Andrew; Grace Richards

**January 21:** Kim Andrew; Grace Richards

**January 28:** Kim Andrew; Grace Richards

<p align="center"><b><u>Pray &amp; Play</u></b>  <b><u>January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31</u></b>  TBA</p> <p align="center"><b><u>Childcare for</u></b>  <b><u>Officer's Retreat on</u></b>  <b><u>Friday, January 26</u></b>  <b><u>Saturday, January 27</u></b>  Kaitlyn Massey</p>
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**Outside Ushers:**

**January 7:** Josh Campbell; Bill Pickler

**January 14:** Greg Lisk; Lee McManus

**January 21:** Mark Mabry; Kyle Marks

**January 28:** Brad Boone; John Earnhardt

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