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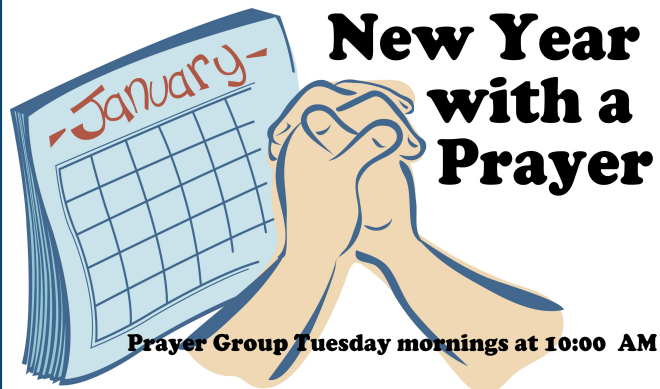
January 2022

Join our
Bible Study

Wednesday at 3:30 PM



**Start the
New Year
with a
Prayer**



Prayer Group Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM

Happy New Year!

New Year's Day January 1

Epiphany of the Lord January 6

★ Wedding of Terri Harris and Matthew Hines January 8

Baptism of the Lord January 9

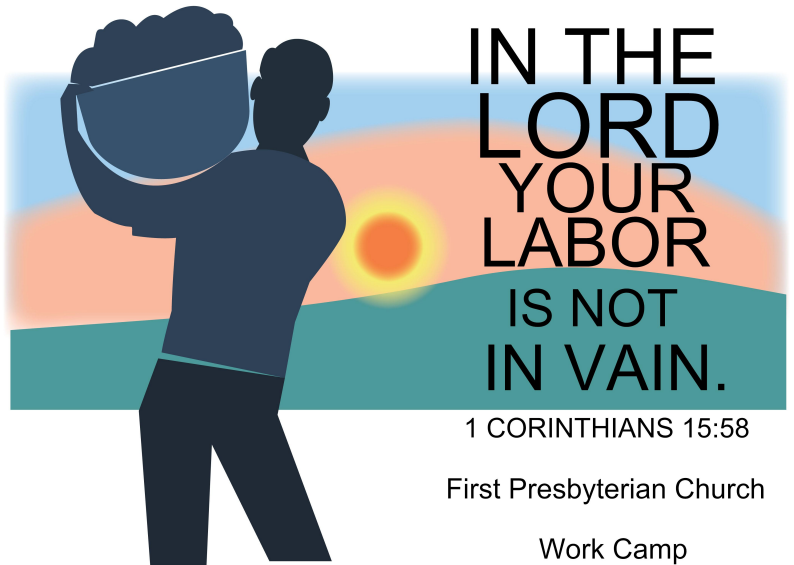
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday January 17

The Mustard Seed thanks all the helpers for sharing the hope of Advent. Our volunteers devote hours every day of the week to serve our less fortunate neighbors. Current needs include – potatoes, fruit, pasta and sauce, cereal, blankets, and laundry detergent. Donations accepted Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 am to 3 pm or by calling Dolores Yoke at 304-624-6077 for an appointment. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Delores.

SundayWorship
Worship 10:45
Church School 9:30 AM

Live on WPDX Radio
109.4 FM or 750AM

The First Presbyterian Church is hosting a work camp this summer. We are in need of someone or someones to coordinate this worthwhile event. In case you're wondering (as I did) what a coordinator would be responsible for, here is the job description. Perhaps you and a friend would like to oversee this project. There is certainly a need in Clarksburg for some patching, painting, building, and such. Take a look and see if you're up for a challenge.



The work of a Project Manager is to:

- Participate with the other team members in planning volunteer team projects, matching projects with team skills.
- Evaluate projects to determine the necessary repairs and estimate the extent of needed work and materials.
- Order materials for delivery and supply materials to sites PRIOR to arrival of work groups.
- Supply sites as needed during the week
- Supervise the work of volunteer groups. This requires being on site and ensuring high quality work.
- Debrief the groups during the course of the week

Building construction and repair skills and experience are required. Membership in a Christian church is desired, as well as some previous membership in work teams or committees. Ability to communicate well (both speaking and listening) with groups is a requirement.

If you know of anyone who is qualified, please show this to them. There may be someone in your neighborhood who would like to help out. Faith and service go hand in hand.

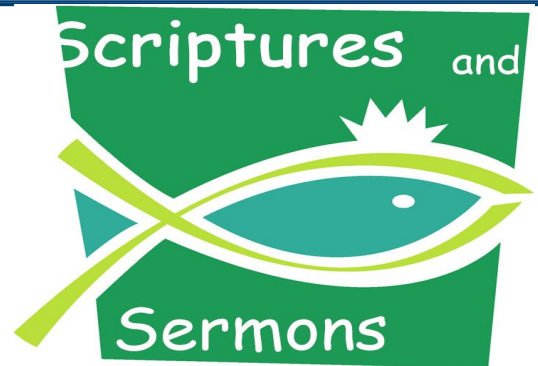


Help Us Build a Better

Community



January 2022



January 2, Epiphany of the Lord Sunday (Holy Communion)

Scripture: *Jeremiah 31:7-14
John 1:1-18

Rev. James A. Harris preaching while Pastor John is on vacation.

January 9, The Baptism of our Lord

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7
*John 2:1-11

Sermon Title: "The Power of Prayer"

Theme: The gospels want us to know that Jesus was a praying man. At his baptism, he was praying and the heavens opened. When faithful people pray, good things happen.

January 16, 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5
*John 2:1-11

Sermon Title: "Oh, I See!"

Theme: Jesus turned the water into wine as the first of his signs. A sign is something that points beyond itself to a greater reality. We are told that after this sign, the disciples believed. They had an "aha" moment. The identity of Jesus was being revealed to them and they had a new understanding of what it means to follow him.

January 23, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3 5-6, 8-10
*Luke 4:14-20

Sermon Title: "Jesus' First Sermon"

Theme: What would it be like to have been personally present when Jesus gave his first sermon? We can't go back in time to hear it. But we can look at what is recorded in Luke about that first sermon. What does it reveal about Jesus and God? Let's listen in!

January 30, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: *Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon Title: "God Loves Throwing Lead Passes"

Theme: A lead pass in football is when the quarterback throws a pass, not to where the receiver is, but to where the receiver will be when the ball gets there. The receiver has to keep running toward the right place and trust that the ball will be there when he gets there. God does the same thing with those he calls to do his work. We keep going in the direction that God has sent us, trusting that God's resources and help will meet us at the right place.

*Indicates main scripture referenced in sermon.

JOHN'S JOTTINGS



“A compass helps us travel with confidence in the right direction. If it doesn’t, you need a new compass.”

We know what a compass is. We remember from scouting or summer camp seeing the little, round, hand-held compass with the glass-covered needle that sort of pointed north. That is a simple magnetic compass.

Now you might think that since the modern world has fewer and fewer unexplored areas, the use of the compasses would decline.

The opposite is actually true. Ships and planes use a sophisticated form of compass. So do moving companies, farmers, loggers, civil engineers, surveyors, mining companies and Navy SEALs.

There are lots of different kinds of compasses in addition to magnetic compasses. There is the gyrocompass that uses a gyroscope in conjunction with the Earth’s axis of rotation to point to true north. There is the solar compass that uses the sun as a navigational tool. But what is most important to us as Christians is the moral compass.

Jesus Christ and scripture are the needle on our moral compass that points to true north and keeps our lives and our actions moving in the right direction. When airplane pilots are flying through clouds, they have to keep checking their navigational gauges (compass). If a pilot does not pay attention to the navigational gauges, he or she will soon be off course and unable to find the airport. The same is true for us with our moral compasses. The clouds of stress and the chaos of the many voices in our society can easily get us off course.

I recently read that navigators in both planes and ships that are carrying a lot of ferrous material must make adjustments to their instruments because ferrous material throws their instruments out of true. In the same way, the society around us can affect our moral compasses. We think that we are on the right track, but our moral compass is being adversely affected by those around us. It is therefore necessary, to keep looking to scripture and the model of Jesus Christ to keep our moral compass in the right adjustment.

As we enter a new year, let us commit to keep our moral compasses in right adjustment by taking the time and making the time to be faithful in prayer, Bible study, and worship.

It has been said that, “If you don’t know where you are going, any road will get you there.” The corollary to that is that if you do have a destination, then it is important to travel on the right road. As Christians we do have a destination, we are seeking to walk in God’s way and to follow Jesus Christ in this life and the next.

Let’s keep our moral compass in right adjustment so that we can move forward in this new year with confidence that we are going in the right direction.

Hope and Confidence and Peace,

Pastor John

First Presbyterian Church

December 15, 2021 @ 5:30 PM



- Approved the budget for 2022.
- Still working on getting new flooring for downstairs hallway and heat tapes for second street side gutter and down spouts.
- Treasurer's report showed a positive balance over expenses of \$35,410. This figure includes the \$16,000 that we received from the government for payroll protection.
- Looking for a new coordinator for the work camps.
- Approved communion dates for new year.

January 9

February 6

March 6

April 3

April 14 Maundy Thursday

April 17 Easter

May 8

June 5 Pentecost

July 3

August 7

September 4

October 2 World Communion Sunday

November 6

December 4

December 24

- Pastor will be on vacation for Sunday, January 2. Rev. James A. Harris to preach.
- We are planning to have a confirmation class in January.
- Youth will be collecting food for Souper Bowl again this year.
- Handbell choir will play December 19th.
- Ash Wednesday is March 2, we need to be thinking about Lenten services/lunches.
- We are working on getting the Second Street door to open out and installing panic bars on the door.
- Granted permission to open a checking account with Harrison County Bank and get a debit card from them to be used in the Laundromat ministry. This will allow us good control over the funds and eliminate the fees associated with a prepaid credit card. Names on the account will be Wayne Northey and Denver Atkinson.
- Granted the request of Carole Wiburn for a letter of transfer to the Bridgeport Presbyterian Church.
- Received a Presbytery report from Ginger Delawder.
- Elected Ginger Delawder as clerk of session and Harriett Northey as assistant clerk of session.
- Elected Wayne Northey as Church Treasurer and Jenna Bennett, Chuck Leuliette, and David Allman as assistant treasurers.

-Appointed committee chairs and assign new elders to committees. The 2022 chairs of committee are as follows:

- C.E., Worship, and Music - Bonnie Coleman
- Evangelism/Fellowship - Beth Allen
- Personnel - Harriett Northey
- Mission Interpretation and Stewardship - Denver Atkinson
- Property - Jeff Mitchell

- Set the date for congregational meeting to approve changes in Pastor's compensation for January 9 after worship.
- Set date for installation of new officers for Jan. 9.
- Set date of annual congregational meeting for Feb. 27.
- Set aside housing allowance for Pastor for next year and all future years unless otherwise noted. (This is an IRS requirements and does not affect the amount that the pastor is paid.)

Pastor's Report:

Hospital visits: 3 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 20 most by phone

Weddings 12-11-21 Morgan Rice and Tyler Isley (reaffirmation of vows) married 10-16-2020 in civil ceremony.

Funerals: 12-10-21 Beverly L. Rinker (August 22, 1934-November 19, 2021). Interment at West Virginia National Cemetery, Grafton

No baptisms

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on December 5 and served to 39 people.
Home communion was served to 4 people with the help of elder Connie Leuliette.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2021 -

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
August	17	17	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
September	8	8	\$814.55	\$814.55
October	4	4	\$350.00	\$350.00
November	8	8	\$800.00	\$800.00
			Total	\$6,332.20

-Next session meeting will be January 19 at 5:30 p.m.



Children's Moments

January 2- Dawn Woodburn
 January 9- Jeanne Harris
 January 16- Beckie Alvaro
 January 23- Kandy Atkinson
 January 30- James Harris

January 2-Suzi Heger
 January 9-Courtney Nuzum
 January 16-Jennifer Wetzel
 January 23-Dawn Woodburn
 January 30-Denver Atkinson



Worship Leaders

Deacon Greeters



January 2-Rebecca Alvaro
 January 9-Sandy & Courtney Nuzum
 January 16-Amy Strange
 January 23-Kandy Atkinson
 January 30-

January 2- Hannah Burnett & Noelle Woodburn
 January 9- Amelia & Kierra Harris
 January 16- Hannah Burnett & Gia Corsini
 January 23- Hannah Burnett & Molly Hugus
 January 30- Bradley Burnett & Anthony Corsini



Acolytes



Chuck Leuliette	January 1
Carrie Plants	January 2
Chad Montgomery	January 5
Emma Moen	January 6
Kaylee Tustin	January 6
Frank Devono	January 7
Cassie Delawder	January 8
Tim Tosh	January 9
Joshua Sabatino	January 13
Jeffery Smith	January 15
Madeleine Vessels	January 16
Angelo "Buz" Alvaro	January 17
Jennifer Smith	January 18
Buddy King	January 21
Rev. Charla Waters Koerner	January 23
Maddison Lafferty	January 24
Jack Kaull	January 29



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