

WHERE TO TURN TO FOR HELP & ANSWERS

Building Maintenance | Bob Entler

Card Ministry | Barbara Florence

Change of Contact Information | Janine Miller

Children's Church | Sarah White

Church Calendar | Janine Miller

Deacons | Fred Berge, Bob Entler, Jim Lightle, Steve Paugh, Christy Routzahn, Dan Smith, Brad Timmons, Paul Web

Events | Katie Mitchell

Food Pantry | Jim Lightle, Fred Berge, Dan Smith

Membership | Pastor Aaron White

Music Ministry | Carol Wildman, Deanna Mattinson

Newsletter | Janine Miller

Nursery | Ashley Woods

Pioneer Clubs | Jodi Smith

Prayer Chain | Janine Miller

Rental, Church Facilities | Janine Miller

Session | Pastor Aaron White, Rob Vaughn, Jim Hildebrand, Greg Rice, Todd Severt, Chris Cain

Small Groups | Don Grigorenko, Aaron Baldauff

Thursday Morning Breakfast Club | A. J. Woods

Technology & Website | Mindy Wildman

HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

ADMIT YOUR NEED.
"I am a sinner."

BE WILLING TO TURN FROM YOUR SINS.
"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."

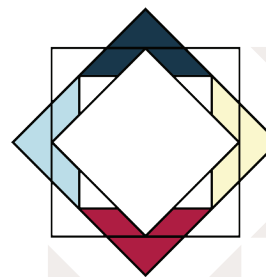
BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU ON THE CROSS AND ROSE FROM THE GRAVE.
"I believe you did what you said you did—that you died on the cross then rose from the dead and have the power to save me."

THROUGH PRAYER, INVITE JESUS CHRIST TO COME IN AND CONTROL YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.
"Please come into my life and change me. Make me a new person."

IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED CHRIST, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A BIBLE. CONTACT PASTOR AARON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MEETING WITH JESUS

2021 YEAR LONG
SERMON &
DEVOTIONAL SERIES

Throughout 2020 we, as a Church, have been *Exploring the Bible* together through David Murray's devotional book. This has provided us with the ability to stick together (through study), grow and encourage one another as a Church family.

Join us in continuing to grow by participating in our upcoming 2021 series based on Murray's *Meeting With Jesus!*

Books available now!
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Pledge Sunday

Today is Pledge Sunday, the day to turn in our pledge cards for 2021 which were mailed out a few weeks ago. If you have forgotten your card or have misplaced it, you may pick one up from the table in the Fellowship Hall and/or return it next week.

You may also fill out and submit a card on our website at www.fpcconnect.org/giving/pledge.

Thank you all for your generous and giving hearts this past year. God has been so very good to us!

Dec. 13, 2020

Being Thankful in 2020

Written By

Rev. Dr. Aaron W. White, Ph.D.

With 2020 wrapping up very soon, my heart (as I am attempting to come up with an idea for what to write in this newsletter) continues to return to gratitude. The Lord has been so, so good this year in so many ways. All I would like

to do is list those ways I have been thankful for what God has done in our midst, in no particular order:

- Two new members' classes of 10+ people
- Two adult baptisms (one by expression of new faith) and five children's
- Bob Entler leading the charge for the deacons for the improvements on the interior of the manse
- Fred Berge leading the charge with the deacons for the food pantry and the many other things the deacons are hard at work doing
- My staff, the addition of Jodi and Mindy, and the superb addition they have made immediately to our staff and church programming!
- God's work in Maddox and the incredible healing we are seeing
- A generous congregation that has kept the church in great financial state during COVID
- The technology that brought weekly worship into many of our homes during the stay-at-home order and beyond and made it possible for daily video devotionals
- Exploring the Bible
- Wonderful elders who have stepped up and shepherded in new and extraordinary ways and preached often!
- The rapid growth of Pioneer Clubs this Fall
- The relaunch of Thursday morning breakfast and AJ Wood's leadership
- The work of the search committee for the hire of a youth director
- Many, many sweet times of prayer together with other congregation members during trying times
- Ready willingness of our congregation to be there for those going through unimaginable grief

Events in Our Church Family

COME JOIN US!

TODAY

8:30AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY (12/20)

8:30AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

MONDAY (12/21)

6:00PM	SESSION MEETING
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THURSDAY (12/24)

7:00PM	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
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FRIDAY (12/25)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY (12/27)

8:30AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00AM	WORSHIP SERVICE

FRIDAY (1/1/2021)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020
7pm | Sanctuary

Come join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior. We will continue our tradition and have our annual Christmas Eve Service this year.

We will spend the evening worshipping together through Christmas Carols and Scripture.

Pastor Aaron will also be sharing

THE COMING OF THE COSMIC KING.

Christmas Offering

The special Christmas offering this year will be divided evenly between our missionaries and the Samaritan's Purse organization.

Special Christmas offering envelopes will be available next to the offering boxes throughout the advent season.

Christmas Greeting

Email to:
communications@fpconnect.org

By Dec. 16th, 2020

This December, I will be putting together a Christmas video greeting (like our Easter greeting) to send to all our members. I encourage you to take a few minutes with your family and record a quick Christmas greeting. It can be as simple as "Merry Christmas from the _____ family!"

In addition to the Christmas Greeting, I would also love to share the Christmas story as a church family. If you feel comfortable, take a second video of your family reading Luke 2:1-20. This can be read by the whole family, a child, one person, whomever feels comfortable reading. Be creative! Take your video in front of the Christmas tree, on your front porch, in your living room. The options are endless.

Please record the video(s) horizontally
Mindy Wildman | Communications Director

- The near completion of the 2020 strategic plan, despite the circumstances
- A vision for 2021 and plan to tackle the year!
- Aaron Baldauff and Janine Miller leading a highly effective Nominating Committee
- Our skilled musicians
- The development and launch of children's church
- A fantastic, combined service to cap off our "Who Are We?" series
- A patient and flexible congregation that rolled with the punches and kept their eyes firmly on Jesus.

For many of us, 2020 may not have seemed to have come up roses, but when we take a step back, it may have come up better! The Lord is good, and as a church — and I am very convinced of this — we are at the center of His will.

This is why we must confess that we do not live according to circumstances alone as Jesus-followers. Because, while Time magazine has dubbed 2020 "The Worst Year Ever", we can stand in stark contrast with all certainty and say "God is good, all the time — and He is good even when circumstances do not appear ideal."

Let us return thanks for the good gifts our Father in heaven gives us!

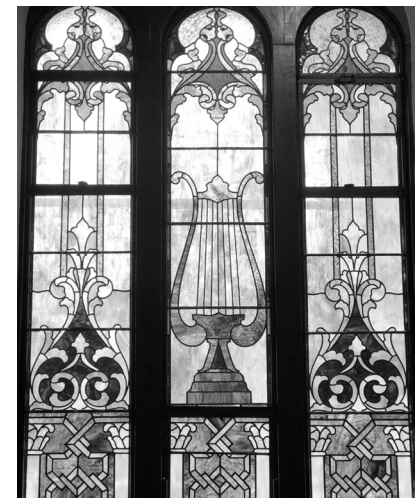
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Stained Glass WINDOWS

After 12 years of renovations our stained glass windows will now be enjoyed for generations.

A special thanks to
Sarah Wildman Courtright
& Sue Reisenweaver.



Christmas Poinsettias

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Jeff & Cathy Delk	Ken Delk, Patricia Girton
Tom & Lois Staton	William Staton
Diane Eichelberger	Dean & Jane Stage, Jim & Mary Eichelberger
Barbara Florence	Family & Friends
Weldon O. & Mary Miller	Loved Ones
Don & Peggy Grigorenko	Our Mothers
Fred & Daphne Berge	Mary & Lyford Berge, Vivian & Jim Phillips, Aunt Louise
Greta Call	Alfred L. Call
Marty & Carolyn Spears	Madi Haggy & Mila Rae Spears, Our parents: Marjorie & Dan Clark, Madeline & Hamer Spears

In Loving Memory

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Severt Family	Joy Severt, Angie Severt, Carol Dove
Berrier Family	Lewis & Lois Frederick, Don & Joyce Berrier, Ron Abrams, Julia Bunch, Kent Lookabaugh
Jeff & Janine Miller	George Miller, Sue Dunn

THANK YOU TO OUR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Dec. 6 Monica Mitchell

Dec. 13 Ashley Woods

Dec. 20 Pam Vaughn

Dec. 27 Still Needed

NURSERY

Every effort will be made to keep the nursery clean and sanitized, but parents who leave their children in the nursery need to be aware that there will be other children there, as well as toys that other children have touched.

Our nursery director, Ashley Woods, is asking those who would be willing to serve to please contact her at 740-505-2331. All volunteers must wear a mask and would be serving at their own health risk.