

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Tong Mu

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Church Custodian

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Cherry Wishard

Sunday Worship

Adult Bible Class

8:30 a.m.

*Worship Service**

9:30 a.m.

Children's Church

9:45 a.m.

(after Children's Chat)

**Childcare provided*

Wednesday

LOGOS

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

January 2018

JANUARY 2018

YOUR PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

January 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year! I hope you found time to draw closer to our Lord Jesus and to your friends & family over the Christmas season. Moreover, I hope you found opportunity to draw nearer even to strangers and "enemies" in the gracious Spirit of Christ, who loves all people and repairs broken relationships.

At the end of this month (January 28), we will be gathering for our annual congregational meeting. We have much to celebrate from the past year, and we will be welcoming your input as we embark on "20/20," a season of prayer and strategic planning for God's ministry here at FPC.

For your information, the new sign in front of our church is completely paid for, thanks to nearly \$11,000 in gifts from active members, and a great return from our church's trust fund. We wanted to gauge the church's interest in that project before proceeding, and the support was there, so we now have a new publicity tool.

The sign is not a magic solution for increasing membership, of course, and not everyone thought this was the right time or the right use of our funds. I absolutely respect that. Even I had moments of "buyer's remorse" while it was under construction. However, I have been getting lots of positive feedback from the community. And now that it's up and running, I'm thrilled to have such an attractive means to keep the larger community aware of what we have going on here.

One final note on that subject: the "old" sign may likely be moved to the north side of the building after the winter. We will improve the landscaping around both signs. After all, we don't need 2 signs along Charleston, and we want our signs to fit in with the landscaping work done in 2017.

I wanted to let you all know what was going on. And allow me to say on a personal note: I am feeling extremely grateful to have been called to serve this church. You have made the move to Mattoon *totally worth it* for me and for my family. We are blessed beyond our deserving. Thank you for the cards, the gifts, your sense of humor, your patience, and your love.

I want to serve you well in the years to come. I want to continue to teach what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and live that out with you. I want to be a blessing to this community, as you have been. And most especially I want more people to know Jesus, the Savior. God, grant us vision and joy. Help us draw ever closer to You, Jesus. You are worth celebrating! Amen and amen!

Yours in Christ,

Matthew



Food pantry items are being gathered. Please keep the food coming to help those in need.
Food may be left in Narthex.

January: Flour



2018 Offering Envelopes are in the Fellowship Hall. If you don't have a box and would like one, please contact the office and we'll get you one.

SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS It's time to start thinking about **Annual Committee Reports**. They are due to the church office no later than January 14th.

Food Center Volunteers

The board of directors at the Mattoon Community Food Center wishes to thank these members of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church who have volunteered their time at the Food Center during 2017:

Ron Batterham	Sandy & Jerry Beaumont	Dave Coen
Mike Covington	Donita Faris	Kitty & Pill Fisher
Bob & Carolyn Handshy	Evelyn Hood	Karen & Leon Huffmaster
Alice & John Jeisy	Laura Martin	Rick & Sharon Mercer
Dick McDaniel	Barb & Joe McKenzie	Rae Miller
Barclay Mills	Susan Millsap	Kathy & Tom Oakley
Carol Ann & Jerry Parker	Bob Plummer	Candy Rankin
Bob Riggert	Bill Saunders	Joyce & Terry Seldomridge
Karen & George Stone	John & Jo Swick	Lori & David Woodyard

We apologize if anyone's name has been omitted from the list. We appreciate all our volunteers; we literally couldn't exist without you!

Priscilla Circle will meet Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the church at 7:00 p.m. Kathy Saunders is the hostess and has devotions. Elsie Carter has the lesson. Please read the introduction and lesson 1 in your new Horizon Bible study book "Cloud of Witnesses" New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Alice Jeisy at 6-44-2625 or Elsie Carter 235-6589.

Reception for Jerry Parker's retirement

The board of directors of the Mattoon Community Food Center invites everyone to a reception honoring Jerry Parker for his many years of volunteer service including serving for the last 10 years as the building manager. During this past year, Jerry has averaged about 85 hours per month of service, far more than any other of the 250 volunteers.

Since the food center was founded in 1986, there have been NO paid employees to serve the 550 - 600 families who receive food every month.

Jerry's celebration will take place at the Center at 600 Moultrie on Sunday, January 7 from 1:00 to 2:00.

Please update your general information

Member Name _____

Birthdate: _____ Baptism Date _____

Anniversary _____

E-mail _____

Household Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Household Phone Number _____

Cell numbers _____

Flowers for 2018

Would you like to provide flowers for the sanctuary one Sunday during the year 2018?

Name _____

Phone _____

Special Date _____

Second choice/special date _____

In Honor of / In Memory of (circle one)

Do you want the church to order the flowers and charge to you? Yes ___ No ___

Would you like the flowers delivered to shut-ins following worship? Yes ___ No ___



Monday Jan. 1st

New Year's Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd

Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd

Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Membership Committee 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4th

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6th

Officers Training 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 7th

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9th

B & G 9:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Personnel Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Priscilla Circle 7:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10th

LOGOS 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 11th

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 14th

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Jan 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 16th

PEO 9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Quadrangle Book Club 1:30 p.m.
Mission Committee 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17th

LOGOS 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18th

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 21st

Sunday School for all ages 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Jan 22nd

Deacons 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 23rd

Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Session 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24th

LOGOS 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25th

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
PEO 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 28

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Congregational Meeting after service
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 30th

Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 31st

LOGOS 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.



Lessons from a Snowman

- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
 - Don't get too much sun.
 - Sweating too much can be disastrous!



The Thursday morning Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.



Snow Alert

Winter Weather Hotline... If you happen to find a winter wonderland on Sunday morning and are concerned or wondering if there will be church services.... our contact person is **Paul Daily** or tune in to **WMCI 101.3** on the radio. Paul will be in contact with Rev. Froeschle and a determination will be made regarding the weather and our services.

Paul's numbers are:
234-9667 or 232-9667



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Jan. 2nd

David Wetzel

Jan. 8th

Sue Gathmann

Jan. 9th

Sibyl Etchason

Jan. 10th

Jo Swick

Jan. 11th

Cadance McDaniel

Jan. 12th

Betty Miller

Jan. 13th

Brian McDowell

Gloria Thompson

Jan. 14th

Elnor Oliver

Jan. 15th

Susan Montgomery

Jan. 17th

Ron Johnson

Jan. 18th

Max Jaeger

Jan. 26th

Art Willaredt

Jan. 28th

Kathy Beaver



Prayer Request

Continued prayers

For those having treatments for medical conditions:

- Barb Allen
- Mavis Bagby
- Jean Beaird
- Earl Bennett
- Evelyn Furry
- Ralph Glenn
- Jo & Harlan Heller
- Jeremiah Parker
- Betty Martin
- Bob Miller
- Elnor Oliver
- Dan Spitz

- Roger Sorensen
- Betty Podeschi

For all those who are serving in **Armed Forces, including:**

- Matt Gathmann
- Kyle & Kelly Martin
- Hunter S. McRoberts



January 16th

Roy & Elizabeth Druin

January 26th

Steve & Vicki Williams



**LOGOS
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**



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10 Charleston Ave.

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Return Service Requested

THE FIRST ALERT

