

1. Admit your need.
"I am a sinner."
2. Be willing to turn from your sins.
"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."
3. 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."
4. 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."
5. 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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Events in Our Church Family

Today	7:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service (Here)
Tuesday	10am-3pm	Sanctuary Reserved
Wednesday	6:00 am	Men's Fellowship (Great Room)
Thursday		<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
Friday	10:30-11:30 am	Jazz Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:30-7:00 pm	Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service



"I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, NRSV



FPC NEWS

Nov. 24, 2019

Community Thanksgiving Service at FPC

This Evening at

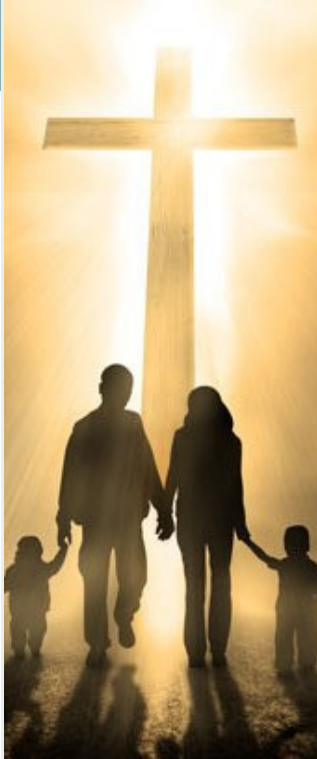
7:00 pm

Speaker:
Pastor Cathy
from the
Methodist
Church



Women's Brunch

The December Christmas brunch with the traditional delicious Belgian waffles will be held on Friday, December 6, from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Lois at 390-2696 or text her at 207-8621.



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Exploring the Bible Together

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

Greetings, Church Family!

In 2020 we will explore the Bible together!

Understanding the overarching story of the Bible is so vital as we seek to grow deeper into relationship with our Lord. In their shepherding role, our Session believes that entering a year of church-family-Bible-study would be very beneficial. We will do this by the aid of a simple family devotional called *Explore the Bible* (Crossway). I have been experimenting with *Explore the Bible* with my family over the past two months. We have found it to be a helpful aid to get our family into the Word and praying for about 5-7 minutes each morning amidst much chaos! I am hopeful that you will find it edifying as well.

My hope along with the rest of Session is that you would pick up a copy on December 1st or one of the following weeks. One per family should be sufficient, but you can always grab more! A month after that — January 5th—we will begin a journey through

the Bible, cover to cover, together as a church family. The plan is that you would read the 3-5 verses each day that ETB maps out, answer the one question in ETB, and on Sunday you would hear a sermon on those passages. My hope is that I would see a congregation arriving on Sundays with their copy of ETB and their personal Bible ready to learn more about Bible and grow deeper into their relationship with God.

One other spectacular opportunity is that next week FPC will have ESV study bibles for sale as well. We will also have children and teen Bibles. If anyone in your family needs a Bible, now is a good time to grab one. They also make great Christmas presents!

In all of these things, I would want you to know that the Session is always praying for you and we covet your prayers as well. We hope to lead with honesty and integrity, and most importantly, in obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We hope that in 2020, our shared exploration through Scripture will give you new life and a greater knowledge of God’s grand rescue plan that is in Jesus Christ.

God bless you richly.

Pastor Aaron

New Sermon Series: 6 Questions Jesus Asks

Dec. 1—Does My Teaching Shock You? (John 6:52-71)

Dec. 8—Why Are You Trying to Kill Me? (John 7:14-24)

Dec. 15—Can Any of You Charge Me with Sin? (John 8:37-47)

Dec. 22—Do You Realize What I Have Done for You? (John 13:12-20)

Where to turn to for help & answers...

Card Ministry	Barbara Florence
Chair Loan	Janine Miller
Change of Address, Phone or Name	Janine Miller
Church Calendar	Janine Miller
Deacons	Dan Smith, Fred Berge, Jim Lightle Bob Entler, Steve Paugh, Brad Timmons
Food Pantry	Jim Lightle, Fred Berge, Dan Smith
Maintenance, Church Building	Bob Entler
Membership	Pastor Aaron White
Music Ministry.....	Carol Wildman, Deanna Mattinson
Newsletter	Janine Miller
Nursery	Julie White
Pioneer Clubs	Jodi Smith
Prayer Chain	Janine Miller
Rental, Church Facilities	Janine Miller
Session	Pastor Aaron White, Dave Morrow, Aaron Baldauff Rob Vaughn, Chuck Wildman, Jim Hildebrand, Janine Miller
Small Groups	Don Grigorenko
Website	Janine Miller
Youth Ministry.....	Dave Morrow



November's
Items of the Month
for the Food Pantry

Boxed Stuffing
Boxed Potatoes

Thank you so much for your donations! Please place them in the Food Pantry Bin in the Fellowship Hall.

December Greeters & Readers

Greeters

8:30 Service—Greg & Connie Rice
11:00 Service—Mike & Christy Routzahn

8:30 Service Readers

Alan Stiles
Aaron Baldauff

December Anniversaries

Dec. 9 Nick & Chaylee Liberator—13 years



Next Sunday
Pastor Aaron's
Advent Sermon
Series
Begins...



6 Questions Jesus Asks
“Does My Teaching Shock You?”
(John 6:52-71)

PLUS

Q & A Time
(Bring your questions!)

Thanks to the following people for their service to God during the past month:

Jim & Jane Hildebrand and Paul & Erin Webb for greeting at our worship services.

Sarah White & April Entler for painting the front porch of the manse.

Jane Hildebrand and the women of the church for hosting such a successful Election Day Salad Bar.

Jodi Smith for all the hard work she puts into coordinating Pioneer Clubs.

Caleb Mattinson, Micah Mattinson, Jed Miller, Mindy Wildman, and Chuck Wildman for running the sound/projection booth for worship.

Barbara Florence for putting out cards for us to sign each week and then sending them on their way.

Shoe Box Update



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child's shoe box ministry. **35** filled shoe boxes were delivered to the distribution center this past week and will soon be on their way to their various destinations.

Present Tense

After “turkey day” came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not “How was your Thanksgiving?” but “How *is* your Thanksgiving?” After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn’t always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? “Sometimes I’m just grateful I have arms.” That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being “thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice.”

So ... how *is* your Thanksgiving?



Thank You, LORD!

Dishes Need A Home

There are still some dishes left from the Salad Bar on the cart in the Fellowship Hall. If you haven't yet picked up your dishes, be sure to check the card today.

Sunday Evening Advent Service Cancelled

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, we will not be having an Advent service next Sunday evening as announced last week. We will, however, be celebrating Advent on Sunday mornings.



"What you do makes a difference -- you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

—Goodall

Advent Begins Next Sunday!

Next Sunday, Dec. 1, is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent devotionals for the whole family are now available in the Fellowship Hall.

For Children: *Come to Bethlehem & See!*

This devotional/sticker/poster set is fun for the whole family to participate in together!



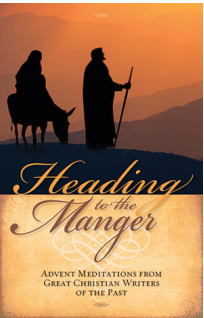
For Teens & Young Adults: *Lighten Up for Advent*



Each of the 28 devotions give maturing young Christians food for thought, a light-hearted laugh or two, and ways to prepare their hearts for Christmas.

For Adults: *Heading to the Manger*

This year’s adult Advent devotional includes meditations from great Christian writers of the past including Charles Spurgeon, John Bunyan, and Martin Luther.



Nursery Volunteers

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| Nov. 17 | Kenzie White
Aiden White |
| Nov. 24 | Julie White |
| Dec. 1 | Erin Webb
Kate Mattinson |
| Dec. 8 | Sarah Burton
Rylan McInerney |
| Dec. 15 | Barbie Cain
Aiden White |
| Dec. 22 | Julie White |
| Dec. 29 | Christy Routzahn
Sarah Vaughn |

We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help in the Nursery during the coming months, please contact Julie White at 937-206-8388 or 937-462-9045.

Just a few reminders for those who use the nursery:

- ◆ Unless you are dropping off a child for nursery, please do not open the door.
- ◆ **If you are just giving your child a break from service but are going to stay with them and possibly return to church, please keep your child in the Fellowship Hall.**
- ◆ Julie White, our nursery coordinator, is looking for gently used toys and a baby swing for the nursery. If you have some to donate, please see her.