

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Christmas Day

December 25th

Prayer List

Today: No Sunday school
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary
 Matthew's Market
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Calvary Baptist) Carry out only

Monday & Tuesday: Church Office Closed - Merry Christmas!

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group
 9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Refresh & Renew Shower
 Ministry, lower level

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Christmas
 No Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Beth Eden)
 Carry-out only

Ushers: *Clark Strickland, Elizabeth Philhower, Ron Valentini, Terry Anderson

Week of December 25th

Elder on Call: Suzanne Rhinehart
 Greeters: 10:00 Suzanne Rhinehart
 Lay Leader: Suzanne Rhinehart
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Week of January 1st

Elder on Call: Charles Davis
 Greeters: 10:00 Suzanne Rhinehart & Lily Sparks
 Lay Leader: 10:00 Scott Cranford
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Attendance - December 18th

10:00 a.m. - 115

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Through Sunday, January 1st all worship services will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of November, 2022

2022 Pledge Budget	470,000.00
Pledge Budget through November 30, 2022	430,833.26
Pledge Receipts through November 30, 2022	419,829.42

CHURCH MEMBERS: Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Wanda Hicks, Ron Valentini, Ann White, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoe family, Tom & Linda Witherspoon, Courtney Roquemore, Beverly McAlister, Bud Beers, Kay Long, Richard Hedrick, Jeannie Clark, Jim & Peggy Templeton, Gary McDougal, Elise Yaussy (Cards may be mailed to Elise at 1336 Chadsford Place, Charlotte, NC 28211; and her blog at www.heartfunctionltd.com), Bill Long, Jo Todd, Michael & Becky McRee, Judy Fulton, Terry Anderson and family, Frances, Ennis, Frances Ervin, David Roquemore, Dale Whitaker

Praise Update - Elise Yaussy

Wednesday morning Elise Yaussy got the call that a heart had been found for her. Her surgery finished at midnight, followed by a move to Cardio-Thoracic ICU. She is doing as well as can be expected for all that she has been through. As of early Thursday morning she was not yet awake and has tons of lines, drips, a ventilator, chest tubes, wound vacs, monitors and constant staff by her bedside. Please continue to keep Elise, Josh, Karyn, Sam and all of the Yaussy family in your prayers and the family of Elise's donor and their family for such an amazing gift for this special member of our church family.

You may follow Elise's journey through her blog using the link below.

<https://www.heartfunctionltd.com/>

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Zachary Ausel, Lisa Eaton, Maryia Johnson & family, Mary Lib Williams, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Keith & Shelley Moretz, Bobby Brown, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Ken McColley, Luke Ohman, Melanie Cranford, Alex Terry, family of David Crockett Long, Shirley Harwell, family of Richard Odum, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Heather Forshey, Larry O'Dell, the family of Linda Mundy, Ellen Jones, Leenie Vallandingham, Fred Thompson, Anne Walker

Congratulations:

To Deward (Dee) and Siri Clark, Jr. on the birth of son Currie Eugene Clark, December 15th. Grandparents are Deward and Jeannie Clark.

Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Janet Drum, Richard Foley, Pete Keel, Becky McRee, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Johnsie Abernethy, Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Betty Fieselman, Frances Inscoe

Prayers for those in the Military:

John Hardin, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK
 (Cindy Baldwin's nephew)
 Captain Joshua Smith, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
 (Brenda Smith's son)
 Captain Christopher Walker, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, KY
 (Tammy Walker's son)
 LTJG Max Morrill, U.S. Navy, Virginia Beach, VA
 (Joan Inscoe's grandson)

Announcements – Week of December 25th

Church Office Hours

The office will be closed Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 28th at 9:00 a.m.

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Fellowship Dinner

The next Adult Fellowship Dinner will take place Thursday, January 5th from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The evening's program will feature Richard "Rick" Ramseur of Lincoln County, NC. Mr. Ramseur has become famous in his hometown as a magician and musician, garnering the title, "Man of the Year" from the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce in 2014. His instrument of choice is the musical handsaw, a skill passed down to him by his father. His wife, Myra, accompanies him on piano. Sign up using the form in December's newsletter or contact the church office. Please contact Barb Forshey at 256-7135 and sign up to bring either an appetizer, main course or dessert. By letting her know, she can balance the evening's menu better.

2023 Stewardship Campaign Results

The Session wishes to thank the congregation for their generous response to the recently completed 2023 Stewardship Campaign. At their regular November meeting, the Session approved a budget of \$512,000 for 2023. Of this amount, \$484,000 is budgeted to be received from pledges, non-pledge historical giving, and Special Offerings; the \$28,000 balance will come from rainy day funds if needed. They thank the Committees for their excellent moments for stewardship and informative narthex displays, and to David for his relevant sermons to support the campaign. A detailed 2023 budget will be included in the 2023 Annual Report due out in January.

End of the Year Gifts

All contributions for 2022 must be received by Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Thank you.

2023 Offering Envelopes

2023 Offering Envelopes are available for your use, please pick them up in the narthex. If you do not see your name and would like a box, please contact the church office.

Elder Nominations

The Nominating Committee has begun its work on meeting, praying, and discerning whom God is calling to be active Elders on our Session for the next three years! Your help is needed. You are invited to submit names of church members for the office of Elder. Please make sure that you have verified with the person you are commending that they are able, willing, and interested in serving as an active Elder. This is a three year commitment to serve on the Session and be an integral and active part of one of our church committee ministries. Your help is much appreciated!

Adult Fellowship Dinner
Thursday, January 5, 2022
5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Return to the church office by Monday, Jan. 2nd

Elder Recommendation Form

Person recommended for Elder:

The Presbyterian Book of Order states that "Elders should be persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit... They are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling Elders, together with teaching Elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline..."

Please return to the church office or place in the offering plate.