



January 2020

PNC Listening Sessions. During the month of January the Pastor Nominating Committee will host Listening Sessions to give the congregation an opportunity to give input as to the gifts and abilities you feel the next pastor should possess. The committee will use this information in the Ministry Information Form (MIF), which is akin to a church's resume. The Session and Presbytery will approve the document and then it will be posted online and distributed to potential candidates. The MIF can be made available for you to read.

The Listening Sessions are planned for: January 12 - Sunday Youth Meeting and the Sunday School Hour January 13 and 16 - At 10:00 AM in the Session Room

January 26 - Sunday After Church

Please plan to attend at least one of the Listening Sessions. The PNC is eager to receive your input in their preparation of the MIF. Always, remember to pray for the committee. They have committed themselves to this task and deserve our support.

Wednesday Nights. Our Wednesday Night Program will have a different look in the coming weeks. Our kick off will be FPC's Got Talent on the 15th. Then there will be a series of speakers focusing on various ministries and services in the Bartow County. We will hear from Advocates for Children, the new director at Hickory Log, our local homeless shelter, and on drug recovery efforts in our community. The evenings will be informative and educational. All the presentations will follow supper.

Blessings, *Mike*

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Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner 5:30pm - Programs 6:15pm Suggested donation for dinner adults \$10, seniors \$7, children 10 & under \$5, children under 3 eat free, and the family maximum is \$28. The meal includes an entrée, vegetable side dish, salad, bread, dessert and drink.

January Programs

January 8 - PNC Listening Session

January 15 - FPC's Got Talent

January 22 - Good Neighbor Shelter

January 29 - New Director of Hickory Log



We're looking for performers for "FPC's Got Talent!" On Wednesday night, January 15, we'll be kicking off our Wednesday Nights

Together programs following the holidays with

Together programs following the holidays with a special talent show featuring members of the congregation. Can you sing or play the piano? Do you like to recite verse? Have you always wanted to try an open mike comedy night? Here's your chance. This is a night of fellowship for all ages. Sign up with Sean Ireland to perform your five-minute act on January 15 during a special night of fellowship together. Email sireland0613@gmail.com for details or to

reserve a spot!

FPC hosts Dr. Carol Williams, organist



Saturday, January 25th
6:00 p.m. Punchbowl
6:30 p.m. Dinner
(Dinner \$20)
7:30 p.m. Recital

British born Carol Williams was a child prodigy nurtured in a Welsh musical family. She began private lessons at age five and could read music before English. Carol began performing organ recitals throughout the UK at age eight, chauffeured by her father.

Dr. William's formal training started with five years at the Royal Academy of Music where she specialized in organ performing as a student of David Sanger and obtained the Academy's prestigious Recital Diploma together with an LRAM (organ) and an LRAM (piano).

Carol was awarded all the major prizes for organ performance and, during her studies, became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists; a Fellow of Trinity College London; and Associate of the Royal College of Music.

Moving to the United States, she undertook postgraduate study at Yale University under the direction of Professor Thomas Murray and was awarded an Artist Diploma together with the Charles Ives prize for outstanding achievement. She undertook her Doctoral studies with Professor McNeil Robinson at the Manhattan School of Music and received the Helen Cohn award for her D.M.A. degree in 2001.

Carol was appointed the "first woman in the world" to hold the title of "Civic Organist" as San Diego Civic Organist for 2001-2017, and is the "first woman to hold the title Civic Organist Emerita." Carol has traveled the globe to numerous popular pipe organ venues in the USA as well as other countries.

From the Session

The Session met on December 17, 2019 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the high-lights from that meeting:

- 1. Scott Panter reported that all Hands of Christ students will receive a gift from the Angel Tree.
- 2. Beth Weathersby reported that Grace Barker is leading a 'Singing Around the Christmas Tree' event on 12/20/2019.
- 3. Mike Anderson reported that Ann Marie Benton has agreed to chair the Congregational Life committee.
- 4. Nannette Enloe reported that 11 attended the Senior Adult trip to Dahlonega.
- 5. Brad Hughes reported that Christmas gifts will be provided to Hickory Log residents.
- 6. Dennis Collier reported that a roofer inspected and hopefully repaired the Cornerstone Room leak.
- 7. Paul Green reported that the 2020 budget should be finalized in January.
- 8. Scott Panter reported that the FPC Endowment Fund is being removed from the budget and will be managed by the Endowment Fund Committee with regular reporting to the Session.
- 9. Tinsley Cline reported the resignation of Renee Shields as Director of Children & Youth Ministries and a plan to hire an interim is underway.
- 10. Katie Godfrey reported that the PNC will be conducting 'Listening Sessions' in January to identify abilities needed in our next pastor.
- 11. Bill Devine encouraged our church to support the Church of the Ascension (COTA) Mardi Gras Fund Raiser at the Clarence Brown Conference Center on 2/7/2020 as a show of support for this event since our Friendship Table receives tremendous savings on food provided by to it by COTA.

Ladies Night Out El Charro Thursday, January 16th at 6:30pm

Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship! All women of the congregation are welcome, please feel free to invite your friends too! To RSVP for nursery care contact the church office 770-382-3511.



Red Cross Blood Drive January 8th - 3pm-8pm 2nd floor Café Area

Make a date to donate! To schedule an appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: firstprescartersville



Mardi Gras Benefit supporting the Red Door Food Pantry – Our Friendship Table program is now partnering with the Church of the Ascension's Red Door Food Pantry, to purchase food from the Atlanta Food Bank. This partnership allows us to purchase Friendship Table food items for 16 cents per pound. The primary fund raiser for the Red Door Food Pantry is Mardi Gras Benefit on Friday, February 7th at 7:00pm at the Clarence Brown Conference Center. Let's show our support by purchasing tickets at www.cartersvillemardigras.com. Get a group together and enjoy a fun filled evening of great food & beverages, entertainment and a silent auction. For more information contact Sheilah Simons at simonssheilah@gmail.com or Bill Devine at bill.devine4446@att.net – 678-448-6888.

FPC Children & Youth



Sunday, January 5thNo Youth

Tuesday, January 7th Youth Friendship Table 5:30pm

Wednesday, January 8th FPC Got Talent Run Through

Sunday, January 12th
PNC Listening Session
Confirmation Class
Resumes
Youth 4pm-6:30pm

Wednesday, January 15th
Dinner 5:30pm
FPC Got Talent

Thursday, January 16th
Ladies Night Out
Church Nursery
6pm-8:45pm

Sunday, January 19th Youth Day Trip Civil Rights Museum

Wednesday, January 22nd Dinner & Activities 5:30pm

Sunday, January 26th No Youth

Wednesday, January 29th Dinner & Activities 5:30pm

Mark your calendar!

The Pastor Nominating Committee will be holding a listening session with our Youth on Sunday, January 12th.

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January Birthdays

1	Don Jackson	16	Jean Robinson
1	Janet Strange	17	Jean Lumpkin
1	Scott Panter	17	Vernon Ferguson
1	Sara Gregory	17	Alexandria Baker
4	Ethan Dudley	18	Jack Cummings
6	Pearse Mullinax	19	Nannette Enloe
7	Randy Davis	20	Marcia Mein
8	Valarie Lavender	20	Lori Bradley
8	Adam Brush	20	Tinsley Cline
9	Rose Diale	22	Richard Gurley
9	Hayleigh James	24	Elise Sims
10	Louise Panter	26	Mike Radford
10	Drake Brush	28	Ellyn Olson
11	Ross Bridges	29	Tommy Porter
12	Becky Broome	29	Vaughan Longhurst
12	Olivia Lavender		
14	Jim Allen		



In January We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Jean Dudley, Darlene Vessels (ASP), Kerri Vessels (ASP), Anna Clair Matheson (Preschool), Rosemary Purdy (Preschool)

Officers: Kyle Russell (Session), Karen Russell (Diaconate)

Ministries: Mission & Service Ministry

Taylor Choate

Jackson Salter

Alaina Ellis

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Families: January 1-7: Kathy Thomas, Ed Thomasson, Randy and Jackie Thompson, Ken and Sandra Thornton, Gerry Thrasher

January 8-14: Ben Tilley, Daniel Tilley, Lynne Tilley, David Tilley, Harry Treadaway

January 15-21: Kyle and Jamie Lee Tucker, Bob and Teresa Unser, Paul and Rhonda Wachsmuth (Luke, Hallie), Jan Wadkins, Cathy Wall

January 22-31: Lauren and Chip Warlick (Scarlett), John and Penny Waters, Kenzie Waters, Frank and Beth Weathersby, Allen Weirick

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January Calendar

January 1 - New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

January 5

11:00am CommUnity Sunday/One Service

January 6

7:00pm PW Ladies Group Meeting

January 7

6:30pm Properties Committee Meeting

January 8

Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities resume 3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive till 8pm 6:15pm PNC Listening Session

January 9

10:30am Senior's Book Club

January 12

10:00am PNC Listening Session

January 13

10:00am PNC Listening Session

January 15

6:15pm FPC's Got Talent!

January 16

10:00am PNC Listening Session 6:30pm Ladies Night Out at El Charro

January 20

Martin Luther King Holiday - Church Office Closed

No Preschool & HOC Afterschool Program 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Committee

January 21

6:15pm Worship Committee Meeting6:30pm Mission Committee Meeting7:00pm Session Meeting

January 25

7:30pm Dr. Carol Williams Organ Recital

January 26

12:00pm PNC Listening Session

January 27

7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

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