



January 2022



*[The Lord said] "Go out!" But be careful—this is hazardous work. You're like lambs in a wolf pack. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way."*  
*Luke 10:3-4 (My translation)*

"It is madness to wear ladies' velvet hats to church. We should all be wearing crash helmets."  
Annie Dillard.

Discipleship has always been a bumpy road. When Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow me," he was reminding us all that discipleship comes with challenges. He echoed that same thought as he commissioned his disciples to go out into the world. As we enter into this New Year, we too, are commissioned by our Savior, to go out. And his words about the challenge of the journey are also true.

There is little we know for sure about the coming year. How can we meet the needs of people in the midst of the uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic? What will fundamental acts of faith such as worship, service or growing as disciples look like? There are many questions and few definite answers so considering how we should shape our ministry in the coming year can be challenging.

In an article about New Year's Resolutions, Pastor Michael Adam Beck shared that his New Year's Resolution for his congregation is: Just Keep Trying Stuff! (The article is very interesting, check it out at: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11124/resolved-for-2022-just-keep-trying-stuff>)

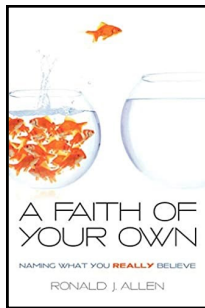
The phrase is neither eloquent, nor catchy, but it presents a way forward for the church in the midst of these times.

Beck offers five keys to this strategy: **First:** Including both insiders and outsiders in our worship, work, and reflection. **Second:** Recognizing that short-range planning has taken the place of long-range planning and invest in short-range planning. **Third:** Caring for the center while being open to experimenting at the edges, **Fourth:** Being willing to try and fail and understanding that there will always be questions and we may not have all the answers as we go forward. **Fifth:** For those times when we fail, fail forward, because the only true failure is not learning from our failures. Beck concludes: "The story of Christianity is the story of human beings failing forward in a God of grace."

I think the greatest failure would be to fail to go. Christ's command is clear. We are sent out to proclaim Him to the world. Christ is realistic about the challenges we face, but confident, not in our abilities, but in the presence and power of our God. With God by our side, let's put on our crash helmets and go so that we can proclaim God's love to a world that desperately needs to know Christ.

Peace,

*Pastor Leigh*



### **A FAITH OF YOUR OWN: Naming What You Really Believe**

Join a 10 week study that begins January 9th of the key elements of Christian faith so as to talk about them with people who may take a different viewpoint. With each topic we will deal with what is said in the Bible (which is not always consistent), how the church has interpreted the topic in doctrine and action and looking at contemporary perspectives. "The reader can then make a judgment as to which viewpoints seem more and which less persuasive," "What we believe determines not only how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world, but also what we expect from God and from ourselves and from the world." Conversations will help us know what we believe and why and how to live in faith. Having and using the book is important to the study. It may be ordered on Amazon and the PCUSA Bookstore. For help with this contact Becky Carr 404-626-6986 or at [mrebeccacarr@gmail.com](mailto:mrebeccacarr@gmail.com). For questions on the study contact Nannette Enloe 770-722-6330. Join us beginning January 9th at 10:00am in the Cornerstone Room!



### **FPC's Book Club January 27, 2022 10:30am**

in the Fellowship Hall  
The selected book for January is  
*The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.  
All are welcome.



### **Choir practice resumes Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00pm.**



**January 19th**  
**5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**  
Fun for all ages! Come have dinner and play Bingo (there might be a new twist on the game)! Nursery will be available.  
No charge for dinner.



### **Ladies Night Out January 20th ~6pm Game of Throws**

We are going to Game of Throws this month to throw axes! January 20th 6:00pm. Make sure to bring your dinner with you or you can walk to Largos or the Brewery for the food truck. Contact Megan Johnson (678) 640-7926 if you need childcare.

## *From the Session:*

### **The following are the highlights from the 12/14/2021 Session Meeting:**

1. A Presbyterian Logo Car Tag fund raiser was approved with the proceeds going to Friendship Table.
2. Due to the retirement of Joel Alvis, Don Esa was approved on 12/7/2021 by Cherokee Presbytery as the new Stated Clerk.
3. The collection plate will be passed pew-to-pew during the 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Services with the proceeds going to the Deacon's Fund.
4. The Congregational Care Committee sent out 180 Christmas Cards recently.
5. Two FPC college students will be attending the Montreat College Conference.
6. The current plan is for Friendship Table to start back up in February 2022.
7. Scott Panter reported that we are on track to finish the 2021 budget year with a surplus.
8. All FPC annual staff reviews have been completed.

### **LOOKING FOR A CHURCH DIRECTORY?**

Looking for an up-to-date church directory? In 2018, we rolled out our online directory, which can be accessed on your computer, tablet or smartphone. The information in it is updated by Angie, as she gets it, but you can also edit your own information, once you have an account. The instructions for accessing it are provided below. Also, if you are not able to access it digitally, you can request a paper copy from the church office.

### **Our Church Directory is Online!**

**View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.**

To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

**Need help or have questions?**

**Please contact Angie or Becky - 770-382-3511**



### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CARTERSVILLE BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Gathering Space/Café Area

For more information, to schedule an appointment, & to do RAPIDPASS, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: firstprescartersville



*The Family of Nannette Enloe*

*invites you to celebrate her*

*90th Birthday,*

*on Saturday, January 22nd*

*at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Everyone is welcome!*



## Christmas Eve Live Nativity



**Sunday school for all ages  
resumes Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## Youth Group Dinners

We need help providing dinners for our youth during Youth Group on Sunday nights. Anyone, any group, any family is invited to sign up to prepare, cook, & serve dinner for our youth group one Sunday evening. It doesn't have to be a fancy meal. Delicious meals we have had in the past: Breakfast for Dinner, Publix subs, southern cooking (with Zaxby's chicken), and a Taco Bar.



To sign up for a date or for more information contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org) - 678-910-6026

**Dates available: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 6 & 27**

## Youth Group Dates for your Calendar

Jan. 9 - Youth Group + Dinner (4-6:30 p.m.)

Jan. 16 - MLK Holiday

Jan. 19 - Family Fun Bingo Night (5:30 p.m.)

Jan. 23 - Youth Group + Dinner (4-6:30 p.m.)

Jan. 28 - Lock-In (Friday night - Saturday am) (8 p.m.-7 a.m.)

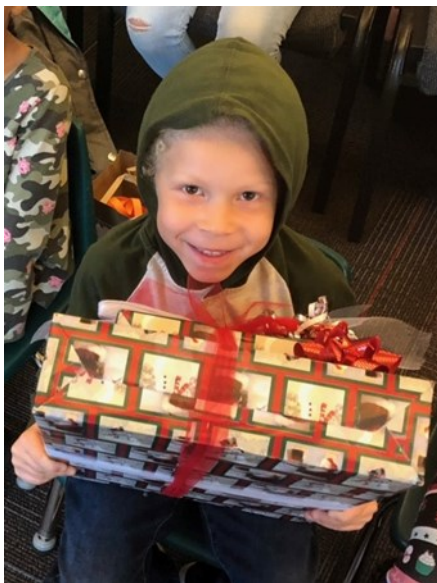
Jan. 30 - Montreat & Triennium Info Session (Adults & Youth MUST attend) (12:15 p.m.)



# Hands of Christ After School Program



FPC is so blessed to have such a loving and generous congregation. This year 161 gifts were distributed at Hands of Christ. Cope Specialty Building Supply and Jordan Scott Salon were also instrumental in getting all of our angels adopted. We were glad parents could join us this year to see our fifth graders perform a Christmas puppet show. Thanks to you the children who are a part of this ministry know the true spirit and joy of Christmas.



Hands of Christ is following the Cartersville City Schools protocols for managing Covid, as recommended by the CDC and DPH. Our primary defense is proper hygiene and remaining in small groups. When positive cases rise, we serve the children's meals in the classroom, and when numbers decrease we move back to the Fellowship Hall. We are dedicated to serving our students and helping them succeed even through these challenging times.



Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 17th

Winter Break - Feb. 14th and 15th



## *January Birthdays*

1	Janet Strange	17	Vernon Ferguson
1	Scott Panter	17	Alexandria Baker
1	Sara Gregory	18	Jack Cummings
3	Becky Ferguson	19	Nannette Enloe
4	Ethan Dudley	20	Marcia Mein
8	Valarie Lavender	20	Tinsley Cline
8	Adam Brush	22	Richard Gurley
9	Hayleigh James	24	Elise Sims
10	Louise Panter	26	Mike Radford
10	Drake Brush	28	Ellyn Olson
11	Rick Shireman	29	Tommy Porter
11	Ross Bridges	29	Vaughan Longhurst
12	Becky Broome		
12	Olivia Lavender		
14	Jim Allen		
14	Taylor Choate		
15	Alaina Ellis		
16	Jean Robinson		
17	Jean Lumpkin		



## *In January We Pray for Our Church:*

**Staff:** Pastor Leigh Jones, Tracey James (ASP), Amanda Lanham (ASP), Carol Ries (Preschool), Sheila Rosser (Preschool)

**Officers:** Beth Gaines (Session), David Steinken (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Mission & Service Ministry

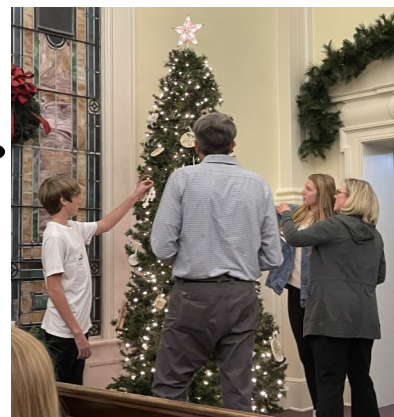
**Families: January 1-7:** Mark and Sandy Bridges, Phil and Donna Bridges, Matt Bridges, Bill and Becky Broome (Rebecca, Will), Jerry Brownlow (Skylar, Call)

**January 8-14:** Autumn Bruno, Adam and Jamie Brush (Drake, Jacob), Wilma Cameron, George and Martha Campbell (Bailey, Cailyn), Rebecca Carr

**January 15-21:** Brian and Heather Choate (Taylor), Zim and Martha Choate, Scott and Tina Clark (Kellie), Jason and Kristi Clark (Walker and Lilla), Joseph Clark

**January 22-31:** Thomas Clark, Jimmy and Tinsley Cline (Jackson, Mason, Julian), Jerry and Sue Coalson, Dennis and Nan Collier, Emily Collier

## Happenings at FPC in December



# **First Presbyterian Church**

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## ***January Calendar***

### **January 3**

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

### **January 4**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

### **January 6**

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study

### **January 10**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

### **January 11**

7:00pm - Faith Development Committee Meeting

### **January 12**

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive/Education Bldg

### **January 17**

**MLK Holiday** - Preschool & HOC Afterschool Holiday

Church Office Closed

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

### **January 18**

7:00pm - Session Meeting

### **January 19**

5:30pm - Family Fun Night/Fellowship Hall

### **January 20**

6:00pm - Ladies Night Out at Game of Throws

### **January 24**

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

### **January 27**

10:30am - FPC Book Club

### **January 30**

12:15pm - Youth/Parent Summer Trip Meeting