



February 2022

The Best Laid Plans . . .

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. Jeremiah 29:11 (The Message)

The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry. Saying adapted from a line in "To a Mouse," by Robert Burns.

I am a planner. I love to make plans. January is often a month for plans. I focus on year long goals and I actually make notes in my calendar about plans for when and how I will accomplish those goals.

February is the month when I begin to realize that some of my plans may not work out exactly as I had hoped. Sometimes, I think if I just work hard enough, it will all fall into place. Other times I throw up my hands and go, "it's chaos now, I should just surrender!" I am not sure if either response is a faithful one.

Making plans is a faithful exercise. It should involve prayer and listening and prayer and discernment and conversation and prayer. Working to see those plans realized is also faithful because discipleship involves work. But, there is a point when we need to stop rowing the boat and open our sails for the Holy Spirit. Rev. Joan Gray uses this analogy about the church in her book about being a Sailboat church, a church that is led, guided and powered by the Holy Spirit.

Gray writes: "Sailboat churches tend to focus not on their own situation, resources, or limitations but rather on discerning God's unfolding will. They engage in intimate partnership with God, trusting God to provide and do what only God can do."

Our Session is currently reading this book and our Session will be praying the 40 days of prayer from the book during Lent. As I have read the book, I have thought about the plans we make and how sometimes God steps in and says, "I know what I am doing. I have it all planned out."

Our plans are important, but there are times when we need to step back and recognize that God has plans for us all. Then, we open our sails and align our hearts and lives with God's plans and our plans fit into God's plans. This requires nimble feet, as we walk along the path of discipleship. It also requires frequent prayer and listening and prayer and discernment and conversation and prayer!

February can be a month of anxiety for those of us who are planners because we begin to realize that things may not be working out exactly as we planned. But, we can take a deep breath, breathing in the Holy Spirit, and recognize that God "through the power at work within us can do abundantly far more than we could ever ask or imagine" (Eph. 3:21).

To read more from Joan Gray: Gray, Joan S. Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition.

Peace,

Pastor Leigh



Sunday - February 6th

We are celebrating Souper Bowl Sunday early due to Winter Break. There is no better way to celebrate than feeding the hungry of this community. With our brothers and sisters of Heritage Baptist Church, we will be offering soup and asking for donations to feed the hungry. Because of the pandemic, precautions will be taken and soup will be to-go. Walk through or drive through the portico to drop off donations and pick-up soup anytime from 11:00 – 12:30 on the 6th.

Questions or to volunteer to donate soup or help, contact Karen Russell, keudyrussell@gmail.com.



Inquirer's Group

A group for visitors who wish to know more about our ministries is meeting **Sunday, February 6 at noon** in the Cornerstone Room. RSVP Pastor Leigh or Kathy Farnon if you will be attending. After this group meets, there will be an opportunity to deepen your commitment to Christ by joining our congregation. If you would like to learn more, but cannot attend, or have questions, contact Pastor Leigh, pastorleighjones@gmail.com.



THE GATHERING

MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE AT FPC

Introducing the Gathering!

Modern worship at 9:00 AM in the Gathering Space (formerly known as the Upper Room). Our 9:00 AM service will be led by worship leader and musician Jared Brooks, with messages from Pastor Leigh. This will be a time to worship and glorify God through music, prayer, and the Word proclaimed.

WELCOME OUR
NEW WORSHIP LEADER
& MUSICIAN
JARED BROOKS



Jared Brooks is a sophomore from McDonough, GA, studying Vocal Music Education at Reinhardt University. Jared leads worship at Reinhardt, and is very involved in the Student Activities on campus. He is an avid outdoorsman, and a huge fan of the Atlanta Braves and the Georgia Bulldogs. His favorite verse is Matthew 11:28. "I am so excited to embark on this journey and serve at Cartersville FPC. God is going to amazing things with this church and with the new Modern 9:00 service! God bless!"

From the Session:

The following are the highlights from the 1/18/2022 Session Meeting:

1. The FPC Covid mask policy (masks are optional but requested when social distancing is not possible) was re-affirmed by the Session.
2. The FPC Annual Meeting will be postponed until March 2022.
3. Phil Bridges was re-appointed Clerk of Session.
4. The FPC landscaping contract was approved under the same terms as last year.
5. The distribution of a Memorial Gift from the Weirick Estate totaling \$224,046.41 was approved.
6. A final wind and hail insurance claim settlement offer from Brotherhood Mutual was accepted and the Roof Claim Committee was dismissed.
7. Souper Bowl Sunday on 2/6/2022 will be hosted this year by FPC.
8. An Endowment Committee Report was received.
9. Stewardship & Finance reported a 2021 year end surplus of \$26,597.26.



February 16th

5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Fun for all ages! Come have dinner and play Bingo. Nursery will be available.
No charge for dinner.



FPC's Book Club

February 24

10:30am

in the Fellowship Hall.
The selected book for February is
Someone Like You by Karen Kingsbury.



2022-2023 Registration

- Registration for FPC members began January 24th.
- Registration for current preschool students begins January 31st (registration packets go home with students that day).
- Registration opens to the public on February 7th.



February Ladies Night Out

Maine Street Coastal
February 17th - 6:30 p.m.
(arrive as early as 6 p.m.)



Youth Group Lock-in
Friday, Feb. 18 – 8 p.m.
until Saturday 7 a.m.

All are welcomed to join in on the fun, games, fellowship, and tons of food/snacks. We will take some time to begin to plan Youth Sunday as well.



Youth Group Trip to Buc-ee's
After worship on Sunday, Feb. 20

Right after worship on Sunday, Feb. 20th we will take the church bus(es) to Buc-ee's for fun, fellowship, and lunch. Invite your friends!



Sunday - February 6th

Because of Winter Break, we are celebrating Souper Bowl Sunday early. There is no better way to celebrate than feeding the hungry of this community. With our brothers and sisters of Heritage Baptist Church, we will be offering soup and asking for donations to feed the hungry. Because of the pandemic, precautions will be taken and soup will be to-go. Walk through or drive through the portico to drop off donations and pick-up soup any-time from 11:00 – 12:30 on the 6th. Questions or to volunteer to donate soup or help, contact Karen Russell, keudyrussell@gmail.com.

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 - 678-910-6026

Dates available: Feb. 27, March 13, 20, & 27.

Youth Group February Calendar

- Feb. 2 - FAB Lunch (12:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 6 - Souper Bowl Sunday - Mission Help (11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 13 - Winter Break /No Youth Group
- Feb. 16 - Family Fun Bingo Night (5:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 18 - Lock-In (Friday night - Saturday am) (8 p.m.-7 a.m.)

- Feb. 20 - Trip to Buc-ee's (after worship)
 - Feb. 23 - FAB Lunch (12:30 p.m.)
 - Feb. 27 - Youth Group + Dinner (4:00 pm-6:30 pm)
- Most of our youth communication comes from our Constant Contact Weekly Youth Emails & Flock-note Texting Service. If you are not on our Youth Group distribution lists, email andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

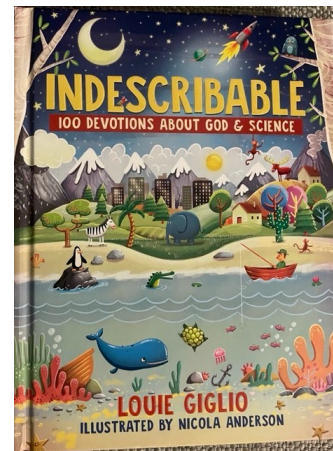
Hands of Christ After School Program

Booth Western Art Activities

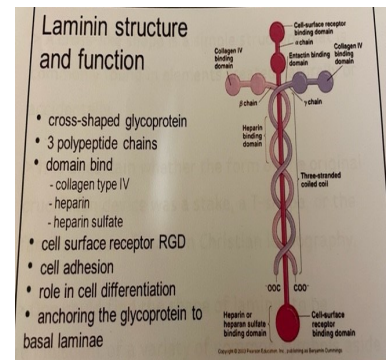
Our fifth graders were so happy to get to visit The Booth Museum after a long year of no field trips. Each class will have their turn for a tour and art lesson over the next several months. The students' artwork is collected, and selected pieces will be on display in the Borderlands gallery next fall. The photos show our students sketching a painting from the museum in preparation for their own masterpiece.



Our students and teachers have missed gathering for Chapel each week but Mrs. Turner has found a way to get a little Bible study into her weekly lessons. Using this



great resource, Mrs. Turner taught her fifth graders about *lamin*, which is the glue that holds our cells together; notice how the structure of *lamin* is shaped like a cross. This is a reminder that we are God's own creation. The craft activity represents how Jesus is the glue that holds our bodies, souls, and everything together.



WINTER BREAK
FEBRUARY 14 & 15

February Birthdays

1	John Morrison	27	Ethan Gregory
2	Kyle Russell	28	Beth Gaines
2	Chris Jones	28	Erin Sims
7	George Campbell	28	Conner Paul
7	Jackson Wilson		
8	Beth Weathersby		
11	Sally Conlin		
12	Gerry Thrasher		
13	Kay Boulier		
14	Dennis Collier		
14	Matt Bridges		
18	Jennifer Tasker		
19	Margaret Gaines		
21	Susan Ginn		
21	Marshall Pressley		
23	Kathe Keck		
23	Jessi Bailey		
24	Chris Shields		
24	Peter Morrison		



In February We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Andrea Roche, Andrew Lanham (ASP), Paige Lathem (ASP), Kamryn Taylor (Preschool), Louisa Thacker (Preschool)

Officers: Mary Gilreath (Session), Kyle Tucker (Diaconate)

Ministries: Worship Ministry

Families: February 1-7: Molly Collins, Suzanne Collins, Ariel and Sally Conlin, George and Debby Crim, Ann Cummings

February 8-14: John and Lori Cummings, (Jack, Maggie), Norman Daugherty, Lee Davis, Logan Davis, Bill and Marilyn Devine

February 15-21: Julie Diah, Blake and Jean Dudley (Ethan), David and Betty Dundee, Eric Dunlap, Jane Dysart

February 22-28: Randy and Sharon Ellis (Alaina), Nannette Enloe, Kathy Farnon, Matt and Jessica Farnon (Jackson, Audrey), Vernon and Becky Ferguson

Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



K Y D S N G E G I P B E E E H
 U P A E M L G A A V E A B O N
 W R T V Q F P R R J A T P W E
 U E I E Z J R B R Z R E O P Z
 U N R I G H T E O U S N E S S
 N E B L B Q P P G F M H C J K
 N S Q E K E R S A V P P R P X
 E J E B C O P T N C M L C X Q
 R N S C V O N E T N X J J T C
 D P D O I E M D E R E F F U S
 Y N K U I O R I J E A L O U S
 R E I T R D J O N F L C G V K
 D R A K F E Z E A G X M K O F
 Z P Y Z D A S R R R L S R A W
 Q T K X B W R E V E N Y Y C N

Is **PATIENT**

Does Not Take Into Account A Wrong **SUFFERED**

Is **KIND**

Does Not Rejoice In **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

REJOICES With The Truth

Does Not **BRAG**

BEARS All Things

Is Not **ARROGANT**

BELIEVES All Things

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

HOPES All Things

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

ENDURES All Things

Is Not **PROVOKED**

First Presbyterian Church

183 West Main Street—Cartersville, GA 30120

770-382-3511 www.cartersvillepres.org

Contact

Leigh Jones, pastor

pastorleighjones@gmail.com

Pam Radford, director of music

pam@cartersvillepres.org

Andrea Roche, children & youth director

andrea@cartersvillepres.org

Becky Ferguson, secretary

becky@cartersvillepres.org

Angie Hood, receptionist

angie@cartersvillepres.org

Lindsay Scoggins, preschool director

lindsay@cartersvillepres.org

Jean Dudley, after school program director

jean@cartersvillepres.org

February Calendar

February 1

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

February 3

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study

February 6

11:00am - Souper Bowl Sunday

February 7

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

February 8

7:00pm - Faith Development Committee Meeting

February 11 - 15

Preschool Winter Break

February 14 & 15

Hands of Christ ASP Winter Break

February 14

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

February 15

7:00pm - Session Meeting

February 16

5:30pm - Family Fun Night

February 17

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ Maine Street Coastal

February 21

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

February 24

10:30am - Book Club Meeting

February 28

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

