

# The Focus

## FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### OUR MISSION

Called to be a light  
on the hill, we  
boldly proclaim and  
serve Christ, the  
Hope of our changing  
world.

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Fayetteville,  
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### DIRECTIONS

We are near the in-  
tersection of Mission  
Blvd. and Old Wire  
Rd. From Old Wire,  
turn up either Birwin  
Street or Calvin  
Street. We are at the  
top of the hill.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

9:30 a.m.

### OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Monday-Friday  
[info@fupcfay.org](mailto:info@fupcfay.org)

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### *Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10).*

It was Rev. Susan Gray, pastor of Vaughn Presbyterian Church, who called our attention to this text at a morning devotional on centering prayer at our fall Session retreat. There hasn't been a day since the retreat that I haven't thought of this verse. Learning to pray this way has been a spiritually deepening experience.

What Susan really said to us was, "Be still and know that I am GOD," followed by, "Be still and know that I AM," and then, "Be still and know that I." I think you get the idea. By dropping one word from the end of the verse each time and pausing between repetitions, we finally come to, "Be STILL," and then, "BE." Simply BE.

Oh, to BE! Can we even imagine such serenity, such calm, such peace, such rest? Can our schedules ever slow down and halt long enough to BE? To BE before God? (*Pause.*) It's in the stillness that we hear God. When we're very quiet. When we listen. When we are attentive and reflective.

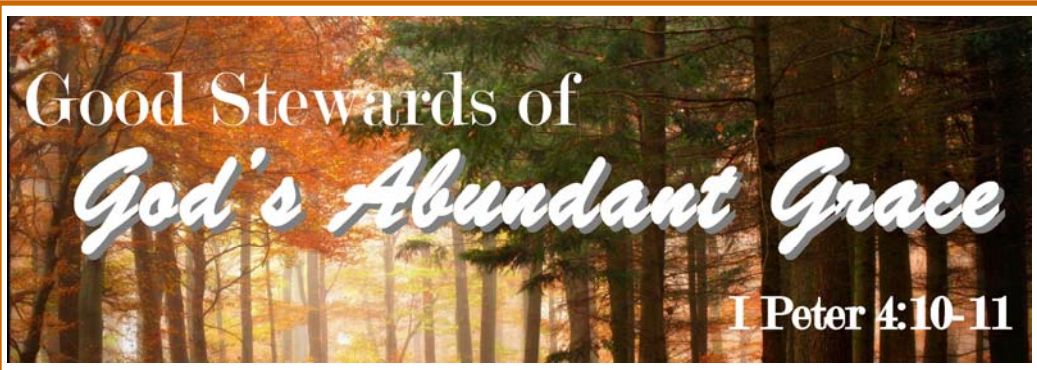
Susan also said, "There's an app" for this kind of meditation. You might want to check out "Centering Prayer" and follow the prompts for an enriching devotional life. If you don't use apps, you can simply center yourself prayerfully with the words of the psalm or another word like grace, peace, endurance, perseverance, or hope. You can find a quiet place and slowly say those words over and over, listening for God between repetitions. Either way, in the calm, you will encounter God.

Another way we've been thinking about how to simply BE is through the Moms' Group. With our discussions of MaryAnn McKibben Dana's book, *Sabbath in the Suburbs: A Family's Experiment with Holy Time*, we've recognized each week how hurried our lives can get. On a trip to Iona, Scotland, she and her husband reevaluated the pace, choices, and attitudes of their daily lives and covenanted that their entire family would try to take one day in seven off—a whole day—no matter what. She reframes the Sabbath, coining a new word, the adverb *Sabbathly*, to describe how they will learn to live. McKibben Dana writes,

*"There are times when I don't feel restful. I don't feel the joy of the moment. I don't feel connected to God. But I believe that we can act our way into a new feeling. We can look at life, with its imperfections and annoyances, and change it for the better by acting as if it's already better. We can let our language guide us. Words do more than describe our reality; they also shape it. I need a new word: Sabbathly. ...we can notice the times that we are living Sabbathly and un-Sabbathly.... On the surface, it seems like a fakey thing to do. I'm not a fan of pretending. But living Sabbathly doesn't feel like pretending. Instead it feels like an act of hope. Sabbathly says, "I am a big, frantic, conflicted mess. But I am going to breathe, smile, and laugh. I am going to demonstrate my willingness to be peaceful. And that's a start."*

As the seasons change, there's an excitement that comes from being with family and friends. I cherish those gatherings and relationships. I will be more cautious this year, though. At this, our busiest time ever, dare we even suggest a slower, more worshipful pace? Can we make a commitment to try to live Sabbathly? Will we try to call each day a holy event—an opportunity to "Be still and know that I am God" and simply "Be"?

In Christ, Phil and Jan Butin, Co-Pastors



November is a month of Thanksgiving and transition. As we experience the changing of the seasons and the approach of the holidays, we look forward to gathering together to celebrate our gratitude for the abundant gifts of God. In worship, we begin with our stewardship series a celebration of time, talents, and treasure, we then commission Stephen Ministers, and move into the first week of Advent. Please join us each week.

### *Stewardship Series*

**October 30** *Serving One Another With Whatever Gift We Have Received*  
1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

**November 6** *Stewards of the Abundant Grace of God*  
1 Peter 4:10-11; Proverbs 11:24-26; Matthew 25:14-29

**November 13** *Glorifying God in All Things*  
1 Peter 4:10-11; Psalm 85:8-13; Matthew 5:14-16

**November 20** *The God of All Consolation*  
Galatians 6:2, 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

### *Advent Series: Longing for Something More*

**November 27** *Longing for Hope*

### **Daily Bible Readings for November**

- 11/1 James 1:16-27
- 11/2 James 2:1-13
- 11/3 James 2:14-26
- 11/4 James 3:1-12
- 11/5 James 3:13-4:12
- 11/6 James 4:13-5:6
- 11/7 James 5:7-12
- 11/8 James 5:13-20
- 11/9 Psalms 16; 62
- 11/10 Psalms 81; 113
- 11/11 Psalms 30; 86
- 11/12 Psalms 48; 4
- 11/13 Psalms 46; 93
- 11/14 Psalms 28; 99
- 11/15 Luke 13:18-35
- 11/16 Luke 14:1-34
- 11/17 Luke 15:1-32
- 11/18 Luke 16:1-31
- 11/19 Joel 1:1-13
- 11/20 Joel 1:15-2:2
- 11/21 Joel 2:3-11
- 11/22 Joel 2:12-19
- 11/24 Joel 2:21-27
- 11/25 Joel 2:28-3:8
- 11/26 Joel 3:9-17
- 11/27 Isaiah 1:1-9
- 11/28 Isaiah 1:10-20
- 11/29 Isaiah 2:1-12
- 11/30 Isaiah 2:13-20

### **Adult Christian Education Each Sunday**

On the first Sunday of November, we will gather in Fellowship Hall during the Christian Education time for the Stewardship Brunch. On the other Sundays this month, there will be three adult education options offered each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and an additional option offered on November 13. Please consider attending a class to enrich your spiritual growth.

The **Bible Study Class** is learning from *The Present Word*. The November theme is *The Alpha and Omega*, from the book of *Revelation*. Meets in Calvin 203

The **Open Door Class** is engaging with a video-based discussion of *All the Places to Go: How Will You Know?* by John Ortberg. Meets in Calvin 202

The **Theology Class** is discussing the book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. Meets in Calvin 201

**Second Sunday Bible Study** is studying from the new *Horizons Bible Study*, "Who Is Jesus: What a Difference a Lens Makes" by Judy Yates Siker. Meet in the Library on November 13.

# Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

## ***GIVE. ACT. PRAY.***

Our hearts and prayers are with the people affected by Hurricane Matthew. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is already on site. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000148 with reference to Matthew. Gifts can be made online at [pma.pcusa.org](http://pma.pcusa.org) (then search “disaster relief”), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be given through FUPC or mailed to *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700*. Please pray for those who have suffered loss of family or home and for those working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

## ***VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CEO***

Cooperative Emergency Outreach has continued to increase its ability to feed and provide financial assistance to community members. In recent months, CEO has assisted 1100+ people per month. This is thanks in part to the financial contributions of this church. CEO depends on churches and volunteers to do the good work it does, and there is currently a need for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Natalie Pomeroy (479-466-7511 or [bobwpomeroy@gmail.com](mailto:bobwpomeroy@gmail.com)). Another current need is for boxes of healthy cereal. You may bring these at any time and put them in the bin in the hallway near the Church Office. On the first Sunday of each month, cash and food gifts are received as a special offering in worship to

## ***ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE MARKET, DECEMBER 11***

**9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Can't figure out what to give that person on your Christmas list who doesn't need anything? How about a goat that will be sent to a family in need of milk, who can make cheese and support themselves with the proceeds? Want to give someone something a bit different? A piece of art from a LifeStyles client may be the perfect choice, or perhaps a necklace made by someone in Africa or South America. There will be scarves, mittens, and blankets made by our own Hooks and Needles group, and beautiful soon-to-be heirloom quilts hand-quilted by Ann Roberts. Every purchase benefits someone in need – in need of a job, in need of a home, in need of hope. Please make plans to be here on December 11 and tell your friends to come! And for everyone who forgets to bring their checkbook, **we now take credit cards!**



### **Want to be part of the Alternative Market? There's Still Room**

If you know of an organization who would like to be involved in our Alternative Market, please contact Carol Hart (267-2202 or [chart2368@gmail.com](mailto:chart2368@gmail.com)) as soon as possible. Non-profits, or individuals who would like to donate proceeds of their sales to a non-profit are welcome.



## Christian Education “Connections” for Children 9:30—10:30 a.m. Each Sunday

**Babies and Toddlers:** There is a Nursery in Lower Calvin for our youngest children.



**Preschool Connection class:** Deep Blue Curriculum from Cokesbury. This group is for 3’s, 4’s and younger 5 year-olds.

**Elementary Connection class:** Deep Blue - Large Group/ Small Group Curriculum from Cokesbury. There is a K group, a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade group.



**Middle School Connection class:** Submerge Curriculum from Cokesbury. This group is for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders.



### Save the Date!

## Celebration at the Manger Sunday, December 11, 4:00—6:00 p.m.

Celebration at the Manger is an annual event where children act out the Christmas story through a script. Fourth and fifth graders have speaking parts and all other age children play various roles in the story and come forward as the script plays out.

**There are opportunities during the musical interludes of the program for children to play an instrument or sing.**

Here are some choices to play or sing from the script:

- O Come, All Ye Faithful
- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Away in a Manger
- We Three Kings

*Other songs can be added as an interlude or prelude.*

Please let Kristi Button ([kbutton@fupcfay.org](mailto:kbutton@fupcfay.org)) know which song and instrument (voice is an option) your child would like to play.

# VBS 2017

**VBS Save the Date:  
June 26-30, 2017**

Last year we had a longer VBS day for elementary children. We are evaluating this experience and have not yet determined the length of the VBS days for 2017.

Please send your thoughts and comments on the length of VBS day to Kristi Button ([kbutton@fupcfay.org](mailto:kbutton@fupcfay.org)).

We welcome feedback from parents, youth and adult volunteers, and child participants on the trade-offs for a part-day or full-day experience.

## **UPY IN NOVEMBER** (UNITED PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH )

### **NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

- Nov. 2:** UPY Small Groups, 7:00 p.m. — Cookie Bake & Service Night
- Nov. 6:** No UPY Morning — All-Church Stewardship Brunch  
Youth Bells, 4:00 p.m.  
UPY Together, 5:00 p.m., Early Thanksgiving Dinner at UCM
- Nov. 9:** UPY Small Groups, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13:** UPY Mornings (7th-12th), 9:30 a.m., “Jesus in Our World: Art & Image”  
Covenant Partner Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Bells, 4:00 p.m.  
UPY Together, 5:00 p.m., “The Crucifixion”
- Nov. 16:** UPY Small Groups, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20:** UPY Mornings (7th-12th), 9:30 a.m.,  
No Youth Bells or UPY — Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 27:** UPY Mornings (7th-12th), 9:30 a.m., “Not a Silent Night”  
Youth Bells, 4:00 p.m.  
UPY Together, 5:00 p.m., “The Resurrection”
- Nov. 30:** UPY Small Groups, 7:00 p.m. — Angel Tree Shopping

### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **December 7** — UPY Christmas Party
- **December 11** — Celebration at the Manger
- **December 27-January 1** — Senior High Ski Trip
- **March 31-April 2** — Senior High YouthQuake
- **June 11-17** — Reach Mission Trip to Russell, Kentucky



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** — You are invited to join the UCM monthly newsletter list. Please sign up at <http://www.ucmuofa.org/contact-us.html>.

### **LEVERAGING THE LILLY GRANT: Launching UCM into a Brilliant Future!**

The impact and excitement gained from receiving the Lilly grant has opened up new possibilities for UCM on the U of A Campus and we want to leverage this excitement to propel our ministry with college students to a new level. Giving Tuesday is a day devoted to supporting causes. Students are at the heart of what we do and we want to invite others to share in our ministry of nurturing tomorrow's leaders today.

On Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2016, we ask you to share this link, use social media to spread the word, encourage people to give, and set an alert on your phone to log on and support UCM. Follow us on social media to be part of the Giving Tuesday excitement. Look for links on Facebook leading up to Giving Tuesday. The giving site, [ucmuofa.mydagsite.com](http://ucmuofa.mydagsite.com), will be live in November.



#GIVINGTUESDAY  
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# DEACON RETREAT

## *DEACON MINI-RETREAT*

We're happy to announce FUPC's first-ever deacon "mini-retreat" coming on Sunday, October 30, from 12:30-4:00 p.m. in Upper Witherspoon.

This will be a fun and informative afternoon for all current and incoming deacons (board and commissioned).

The event begins with lunch. A meat and cheese platter, bread, and homemade soup will be provided; we ask each deacon to bring one side item to share—sandwich "fixings," chips, salad, fruit, dessert or beverages.

We will gain a better understanding of what we do as deacons and determine how we will be structured in 2017.

A highlight will be a video on visitation called *Communicating with Compassion*.

It is very important that all deacons attend this retreat. This is the primary training for all new deacons.



## Join Us for the Stewardship Brunch on November 6

Please join us for the Stewardship Potluck Brunch on November 6 from 9:30—10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall as we give thanks to God for all of our blessings, and to prayerfully reflect on how our 2017 financial pledges can support the church's vision for God's mission.

Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. Coffee and juice will be provided.

This will be an opportunity to see the 2017 challenge budget and ask questions about the church's finances. Everyone is invited.

Special stewardship activities for the children will be led by Christian Education Director Kristi Button.

Dedication Sunday will follow on November 13, as we "Glorify God in All Things" by offering our pledges of time, talent and treasure to God in worship.

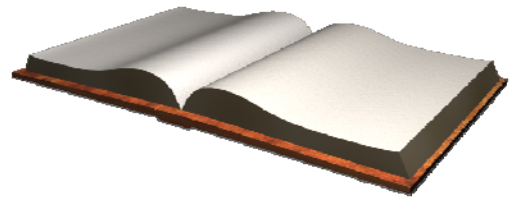
## We Need Your Help!

### *DO YOU HAVE TIME TO HELP WITH OUR MONTHLY 7 HILLS LUNCH OR SUNDAY SUPPERS?*

Betty Jo Ezell and Carol Barnett have graciously and skillfully led these ministries and will be "retiring" at the end of 2016. The involvement of many leaders will be needed to continue these feeding ministries. We hope we can count on your help in 2017. Please contact Rev. Leslie Belden (479.466.1061 or [lesliebeld@aol.com](mailto:lesliebeld@aol.com)) for more information.

## New Stephen Ministers to be Commissioned

Stephen ministers are individuals in our congregation who are trained to provide confidential care at life's difficult intersections—illness, unemployment, divorce, grief, disappointment, tragedy, and other challenging times. They are not advice-givers or counselors, but they are individuals who are willing and able to walk alongside others in our congregation and community to provide spiritual support and encouragement. This fall, Kurt Pfitzinger and Rev. Jan Butin have been providing the 50 hours of Stephen ministry training in listening and caregiving skills that all Stephen ministers receive. Sabra Martin, a retired clinical psychologist, has also offered her experience and skill in training focused around depression and suicide. **Dennis Bailey, Barbara Brown, Brianne Christiansen, Mishann Luedders (UCM student), Bill Martin, Barbara Rutledge, and Elizabeth Schierschmidt will be commissioned as Stephen ministers on November 20 (during worship).** Please come to lend your prayers and support as they prepare to use their gifts in this important ministry of our church. Additionally, if you are currently facing personal circumstances where weekly meetings with a Stephen minister may be helpful to you, please contact Jan Butin (jbutin@fupcfay.org or 200-5278) for a confidential conversation.



## *"A Light on the Hill: The Journey to Presbyterian Hill, 1830-2016" Coming Soon!*

After working hard for quite some time, the History Committee of First United Presbyterian Church announces that this eagerly-awaited volume of church history will be available soon.

*A Light on the Hill celebrates the 186th anniversary of First United Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and its dynamic journey from its 1830s beginning in a blacksmith shop in a frontier settlement to its twenty-first century campus atop Presbyterian Hill, overlooking a city of 80,000. Based on Session records, church documents, and archival materials from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, this book reconstructs the story of that journey.*

Watch the *Focus*, Weekend Update and bulletin announcements for more information about how to obtain your copy of this important work.

## Dessert with the Director

The popular Neil Simon play, *Barefoot in the Park*, will be showing at Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale on the first two weekends in November and our own Jacob Christiansen is the director. We'd like to invite as many FUPC folks as possible to attend the opening performance on Friday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. Instead of trying to sit together, we're encouraging everyone to purchase tickets and choose your seats online. We'll be scattered throughout the theater for the play, but afterward, we'll gather at the front door to take Jacob and Brianne out for dessert. Please watch for more details in the Sunday bulletin announcements and the Weekend Update. Please let the church office know if you are attending so we can plan appropriately for the dessert reservation. Thank you!



## Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea

December 4, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall



All FUPC women, girls, and friends are invited to come for fellowship around delicious homemade savory, sweet Christmas recipes, and a hot cup of tea!

Please Contact Katie Jackson (479-879-1849, [wwscribner@yahoo.com](mailto:wwscribner@yahoo.com)) for more information.

**The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team** will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on November 30.

## ELDERS

In early November, those elected by the congregation to serve on the Session as elders will complete a training process that includes reading the *Book of Confessions*, the *Book of Order*, and a book on the role of elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Elders-elect will participate in an evening of regional training from 6:30-8:30 pm on Thursday, November 3, at the First Presbyterian Church in Springdale. We will meet at FUPC at 5:45 to ride up together in the bus.

Then the group will meet again on Thursday, November 10, from 6:00-9:00 in the Library at FUPC.

Both meetings will include a light dinner.

Please hold in your prayers. these members who have graciously agreed to serve us beginning in 2017.

### ***New Office Manager Begins this Month!***

Molly Murray will begin on Monday, November 7. Molly has worked in various office roles at Vantage Point Behavioral Health since 2009, is skilled in computer software use, social media, desktop publishing, and graphic design; is warm, friendly, and eager to be helpful; and her references gave her the highest marks for integrity, responsibility, and conscientiousness. She is a member of our congregation and is the mother of Cael who was baptized at FUPC a few years ago and active in our Sunday School. Heidi Nash, our Membership Secretary/Food Events Coordinator, is Molly's mother. Please stop by the office or call after November 7 to introduce yourself to Molly. As we say "hello" to Molly we will also need to say "goodbye" to Carol Essen. She has helped us in many ways in her fifteen months in this role and has continued to create the church newsletter for the past two months. She has also graciously agreed to provide training for Molly as she begins her work at FUPC. We extend a warm and appreciative "thank you" to Carol for sharing her gifts with us this past year and for extending her time with us on a part-time basis. Heidi Nash capably and flexibly offered her gifts and skills as our interim Office Manager for the past couple of months. She, too, deserves our deep thanks. We appreciate you, Carol and Heidi!



# Join a Group at First United Presbyterian Church this Month

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast Group meets **every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.** at Village Inn, 3364 N. College Ave., Fayetteville. All men are invited to join us for fellowship, scripture, a brief meditation, and prayer (especially for those on our congregational intercessory prayer list).

## MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

The Men's Small Group will gather for its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 22**, just before noon at Western Sizzlin', 3492 W. Sunset Avenue, Springdale. We will share a devotional discussion, joys and concerns, and pray for one another, the church, and the world. Please plan to attend.

## FIRST FELLOWSHIP

Join First Fellowship on **Thursday, November 10, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Butterfield Trail Village Lodge. Jessica McClard, founder of Little Free Pantry will present on "Applying a Familiar Concept to Address Food Insecurity." The Little Free Pantry is a grassroots, crowd-sourced solution to immediate and local need. Whether a need to receive food or a need to give, the Little Free Pantry facilitates neighbors helping neighbors, building community. For more information, please contact Jane Piper (750-4410).

## HOOKS AND NEEDLES

Hooks and Needles is a Presbyterian Women's group that meets every **Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.** in Upper Witherspoon to work on knitting and other projects while enjoying fellowship together.

## FUPC AND FIRST SCHOOL MARRIAGE GROUP

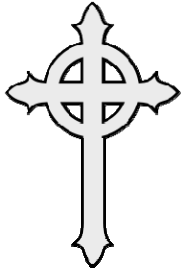
All couples are invited to join FUPC couples for a marriage group on the popular book, *The Five Love Languages*, by Gary Chapman. Free childcare is provided by the church at the church (for the first 20 children that register each month). We serve light appetizers from 5:45-6:00 p.m., have a presentation, discussion, and couple dialogue until 7:00 p.m., and then you can either have a date night or go to dinner with other couples in the group. The evening ends at 8:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity to meet others who want to have strong marriages and to focus on questions that help you grow closer as couples. We hope you'll make time to join us on **November 4**. We're having a great time together and all are welcome.

## MOMS' GROUP

The Moms' Group has been having a fun time this semester as we discuss *Sabbath in the Suburbs: A Family's Experiment with Holy Time* by MaryAnn McKibben-Dana. Their family decided to rest from the chaotic and hectic pace of their lives and to intentionally pace themselves to enjoy their lives more. She calls this "living *sabbathly*." If you're interested in thinking about how you spend your time as a family (and possibly reorienting it), we invite you to these interesting conversations. A few books are still available through the Church Office for \$15. You don't have to complete the reading to participate. There's always plenty to talk about! Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 1**, at 8:30 a.m. in Calvin 201. (It's the day after Halloween, so please bring costume pics!) Childcare is provided in Upper Knox for \$5/family. We hope you'll come!

## FELLOW"SHAPE" ACTIVITIES

Weekly Yoga and Zumba classes are available at FUPC. Each class costs \$5 per person. Beginner yoga requires only a mat (if you don't already have a mat, there are several available to borrow). Zumba is a high-energy Latin dance party and tennis shoes are recommended. **Yoga meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Zumba is on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. All classes are take place in Fellowship Hall.** Contact Leigh Harvey for more information (601-1437 or leigh.woodruff@yahoo.com). All friends are welcome, men and women, younger and older. Come whenever you are able.



A memorial service celebrating the life of  
**Marilyn M. Anderson**  
will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2016  
at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee.  
Marilyn died on April 22, 2016.  
Her cremains have been buried with Vernon, her husband of 67 years.  
Vernon died on October 10, 2010.

## **SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Stated Session Meeting – October 9, 2016

### ***Session approved...***

- \* Update to Church Rolls:
- \* Helen Louise Jablonski passed away on September 20, 2016 at Fayetteville Health and Rehab. Services were held at the Fayetteville National Cemetery Pavilion at 1:00 p.m. on September 23, 2016.
- \* Lorrie Bashor passed away on September 24, 2016. A private memorial service was held at the columbarium of First United Presbyterian Church on October 8, 2016.
- \* Mary Ann Alderson passed away on October 6, 2016. A memorial service will be held at Arlington Memorial Cemetery in El Dorado, AR, on October 10 at 1:00 p.m.
- \* Building Use Request: Sara Eichmann requested the use of Upper Witherspoon for a Girl Scout Junior Badge workshop on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- \* Building Use Request: Amanda Davis requested the use of the Sanctuary and piano on Monday November 21, 2016, from 6:30-9:00 p.m., to record live music for her graduate music program auditions.
- \* a motion to print 250 copies of the new pictorial directory.
- \* a motion to elect Bill Mitchell and LeNelle Cagle as Commissioners to the 133rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas on October 21-22.

### ***Session received...***

- \* a report from the Trustees on the current status of the property at Hi-Acres.
- \* a report from the Stewardship Committee on the 2017 Challenge Budget.

*Session Minutes are available to members of the congregation by request in the Church Office and will be provided through the Clerk of Session.*

**Phillip Harrington, Clerk of Session**



***Please keep these congregations in prayer this month.***

- Nov. 6 — Presbyterian Campus Ministries, and Hospital Chaplains & Counselors
- Nov. 13 — First Presbyterian Church, Siloam Springs, and First Presbyterian Church, Rogers
- Nov. 20 — First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs
- Nov. 27 — First Presbyterian Church, Paragould, and Church Custodians

## CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES

### **New Members:**

We warmly welcome these new member who were added to our rolls on October 2:

Thermon and Karen Crocker

Bill and Alice Garber

Art and Barbara Gust

Evelyn Tandy

### **New Arrivals:**

Congratulations go to:

Bryan and Jenny Brown at the birth of a son, Miles Henry Brown, on September 24.

Kevin and Madeline (Irwin) Furlong at the birth of a daughter, Elena Caroline Furlong, on September 10.

Bret and Lindsay Thompson at the birth of a son, George Wyatt Thompson, October 20.

### **Marriage:**

We are pleased to announce:

Bayley Baker and Brad Halbert were married on the University of Arkansas campus on October 22.

### **Deaths:**

Condolences are extended to the families of these faithful members:

Helen Jablonski

Lorraine (Lorrie) Bashor

Mary Ann Alderson

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT FUPC

*\* indicates child or youth*



11/2	Oda Mulloy	11/10	Deeg Mitchell	11/22	Andrew Warren*
	Grace Ann Odom*	11/11	Sam Pieper*	11/23	Sara Koenig
11/6	Jared Ezell	11/12	Maria Rossetti		Anna Stitt
	Ashleigh Hemphill*		Diana Shefte	11/24	Brandon Thurow
	Conrad Odom	11/14	Jay Boushelle	11/25	Steve Byars
	Joseph Rouse	11/15	Becky Thompson	11/26	William Brand
11/7	Bob Zierak		Carol Van Scyoc	11/27	Carol Hanna
11/8	Bayley Halbert	11/17	Sophie McClung*	11/28	Jessie Keoppe
	Julie Brandt	11/18	Michelle Price	11/28	Doug Kuntz
	Bill Dill		Melissa Wilson*		Steven Sharp
	Dominic Swain	11/19	Brendan Curry*	11/29	Jeb Blanz
11/9	Dana Daniels	11/20	Blake Grammer*		Lindsey Robbins*
11/10	Shawn Daniels		Bill Medley	11/30	Justin Schierschmidt*
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### First School Update

Pumpkins and fall leaves decorate the classrooms, the sensory tables are filled with corn, and the play dough is orange and smells like pumpkin pie. It's a preschool autumn experience at First School. We recently enjoyed a play date at Wilson Park with Phil, Jan, Kristi and Brianne. About 60 children and their parents were there for this fun afternoon! A bonus was that six First School alumni (older siblings) attended. It was good to see them again. We are thinking about having another First School play date in the spring and inviting past students as a way to re-connect.

Six of our teachers are taking a 40-hour Conscious Discipline Training and all teachers are preparing for Parent-Teacher conferences that will be in November. Thank you to everyone that is continuing to bring in Box Tops for Education. You can put them in the collector boxes in the Narthex and outside the Church Office.



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