

The Focus

First United Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Christian Education For All Ages

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

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Directions

We are near the intersection of Mission Blvd. and Old Wire Rd. From Old Wire, turn up either Birwin St. or Calvin St. We are at the top of the hill.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-
4:30 p.m.

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When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were confused and aimless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:35-38)

When our FUPC Session adopted our current vision statement, our prayer was that it would *turn our congregation inside out*. We want to become a congregation intentionally focused on the needs of others. Moved by God's Spirit, we want to "love our neighbors as ourselves."

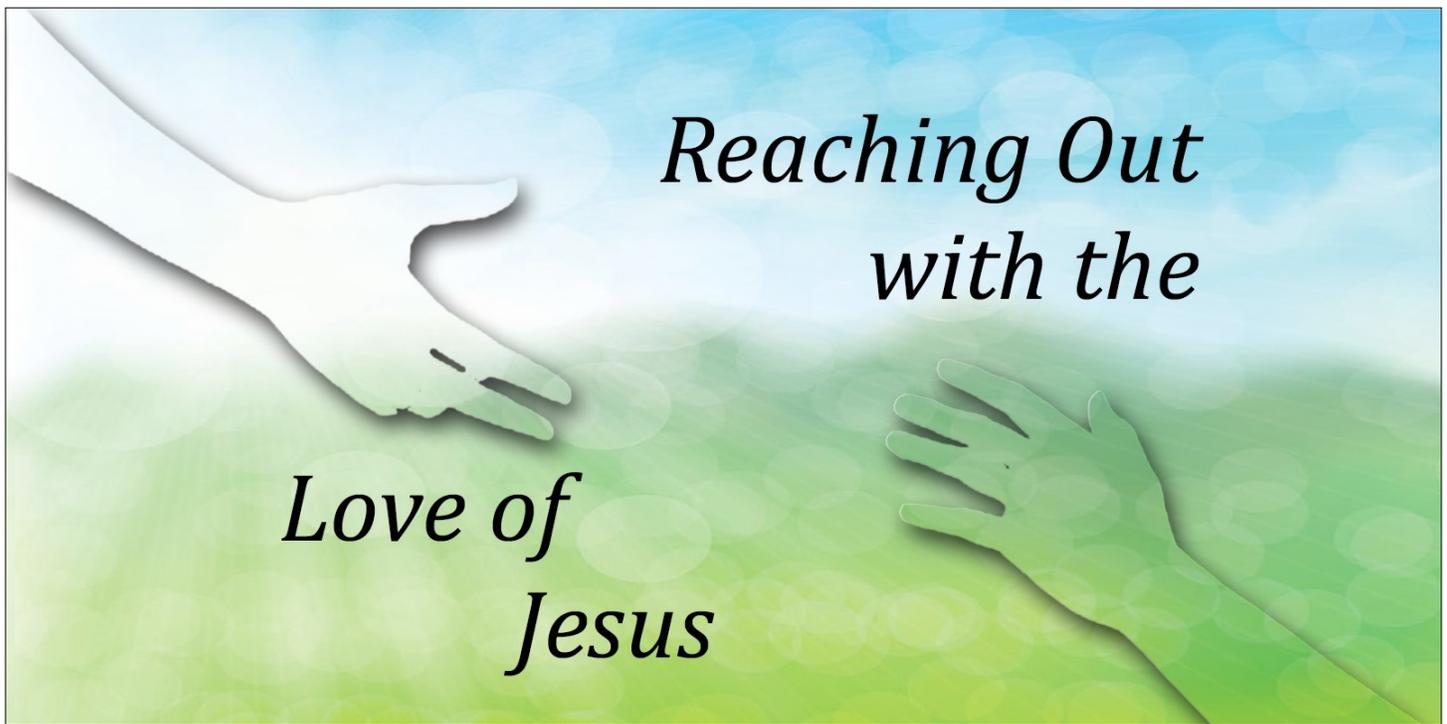
*Reaching out as a visible expression of God's grace,
we will meet people where they are,
inviting all into Christ's family
through engaging worship, fellowship, learning, and service.*

Most of us have seen, heard, and repeated this wonderful vision statement many times. Most of us agree that this is what God is calling our FUPC congregation to do in the next several years. These are our marching orders. This winter and spring, our challenge is to actually make it the guiding vision for all our ministries. That challenge will be the focus of our winter (Epiphany) and early Spring (Lent) worship services. Our theme is "*Reaching Out with the Love of Jesus*." Each Sunday, we will concentrate on a story in one of the gospels where Jesus reaches out with God's love to share God's grace and compassion with the world of his time. Our goal is to see and fulfill Jesus's own vision *for us* in reaching out with God's love to share God's grace and compassion in the world of *our time*. We want to see the world as he saw it. To love the world as he loved it. To share God's grace eagerly as he shared it. To feel and to act on the compassion he felt and the healing he offered to the hurting people of his time. As best we can, we want to invest our resources of time, talent, and treasure in meeting the tangible and intangible (physical and spiritual) needs of those in our families, neighborhoods, community, nation, and world in the way Jesus is calling us to meet them.

You can find our January worship schedule on the next page. We will begin the new year on Sunday, January 7, with a service of baptismal renewal around the theme "Embracing God's Claim on our Lives." There will be an opportunity to make and/or renew our personal commitment to reaching out with the love of Jesus and putting the needs of others before our own for the year 2018. As January unfolds, our worship focus will shift to others. Our prayer is that in the year 2018, we will be turned inside out, so that every church ministry, every ministry team, every task force, every church program, every church project, and every congregational resource will be devoted to reaching out with the love of Jesus. Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest!"

We've talked enough. Now it's time to act.

"Little children, let us love, not in words or speech, but in truth and action."



Sermons in January

January 7 *Embracing God's Claim on our Lives*

January 14 *Inviting Others to "Come and See"*

January 21 *Bringing our Demons to Jesus*

January 28 *Healing Broken Lives*

Daily Bible Readings

1/1	Matthew 1:18-25	1/9	John 1:19-18	1/17	John 3:22-36	1/25	John 5:30-47
1/2	I Kings 19:1-8	1/10	Genesis 4:1-16	1/18	Hebrews 6:13-20	1/26	Hebrews 10:11-25
1/3	John 6:15-27	1/11	Hebrews 3:1-11	1/19	John 4:16-26	1/27	Genesis 18:1-16
1/4	Ephesians 5:1-20	1/12	John 2:1-12	1/20	Hebrews 7:18-28	1/28	Mark 8:22-30
1/5	Jonah 2:2-9	1/13	Genesis 6:9-22	1/21	Galatians 2:1-10	1/29	John 6:27-40
1/6	Isaiah 49:1-7	1/14	Mark 3:7-19	1/22	John 4:43-54	1/30	Hebrews 11:13-22
1/7	Genesis 1:1-2:3	1/15	Genesis 8:6-22	1/23	Hebrews 9:1-14	1/31	Genesis 22:1-18
1/8	Hebrews 1:1-14	1/16	Hebrews 5:7-14	1/24	Genesis 16:1-14		





January Adult Christian Education

Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Faith in Action (The Present Word)
Dennis Brewer and Jane Steinkraus
• Calvin 203 •

The Present Word guides our exploration of biblical text in an experiential style of learning—connecting faith and life—as we will continue to seek a deeper relationship with God. Our winter study is entitled *Faith in Action*. We will be studying the book of Daniel and looking at faith-related passages from James, Acts, and I Timothy.

Animate: Practices
Sara and Brett Torbett
• Upper Witherspoon •

Each Sunday we will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection, and share ideas as a group. *Animate: Practices* is thoughtful, edgy, and focuses on the present. Video topics included in this series include prayer, worship, money, service, and community. Drop in when you are able!

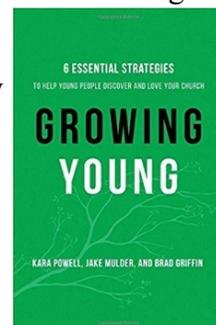
You Are What You Love
Derrick Olsen and Phil Butin
• Calvin 201 •

Beginning January 7, we will begin a thoughtful and practical exploration of an issue John Calvin, father of the Reformation tradition, powerfully raises, “How can we focus our desires on what matters most to God?” *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*, by James K. A. Smith, a professor at Calvin College, helps us recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices. During our reading, we will explore worship as the “imagination station” that incubates our loves and longings so that our cultural endeavors are indexed toward God and his kingdom. The book is now available in hardback through the Church Office for \$13.

Parenting in the Pew

Building the Future of Our Church

All are invited to join a variety of church members and leaders in a discussion of the book, *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*, written by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin. The book is based on groundbreaking research of over 250 of the nation’s leading congregations. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15 to 29- year-olds and as a result are growing—spiritually, emotionally, missionally and numerically. We will engage people of all ages and stages in our church as we enter into a conversation about what we may do that could breathe vitality, life, and energy into our *whole* congregation. The primary forum for our discussion is a group (www.facebook.com/groups/213018015905626/). You do not have to have a Facebook account or even a computer; we will partner you with someone who has both and you can connect with the conversation in tandem. If you want to get involved in the conversation, buy the book, start reading, and email Kristi Button (kbutton@fupcfay.org). We will begin our discussion in January.





Children's Christian Education

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.

Children are an important part of worship here at FUPC! Children of all ages are invited to help lead the call to worship, prayer of confession, or passing of the peace. This can be done independently or with the help of a parent, grandparent, or older sibling. Children in third grade and above may also sign up to acolyte! If your child would enjoy helping during worship, please visit with Kristi Button (kbutton@fupcfay.org).

We have a special **Time with Children** in worship each week. Afterward, children under five years old may stay for the entire service or join our talented caregivers in Lower Witherspoon. **Special children's bulletins** that match our worship services are available each Sunday.

Sunday School resumes on January 7. Childcare is provided in Lower Calvin for children under three years old where children hear a special Bible story each week.

Preschool Children (three- and four-year-olds) meets in Upper Knox with Ruth Rodgers and Lora Horne. Their classroom is located at the end of the hallway, facing the main entrance.

Kindergarten and First Grade meets in Upper Knox with Sara Eichmann and Melissa and Randy Werner. They gather in the second classroom to the right.

Second-Fourth Grade meets in Lower Knox with Wendy Robbins and Christi Cox. They gather in the first classroom to the left.

Fifth-Sixth Grade meets in Lower Knox with Hillary Fischer and Cindy Mabry in the classroom at the end of the hallway

Vacation Bible School

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

UPDATE: VBS will be held **June 18-22** this year. Please reserve these dates on your calendar. We will only change them if winter is very snowy and school make-up days seem as if they will be needed.

Members, Family, and Friends,

Thank you to all the minds and hands that helped to make Celebration at the Manger such a meaningful experience.



First School 2018 Greetings!

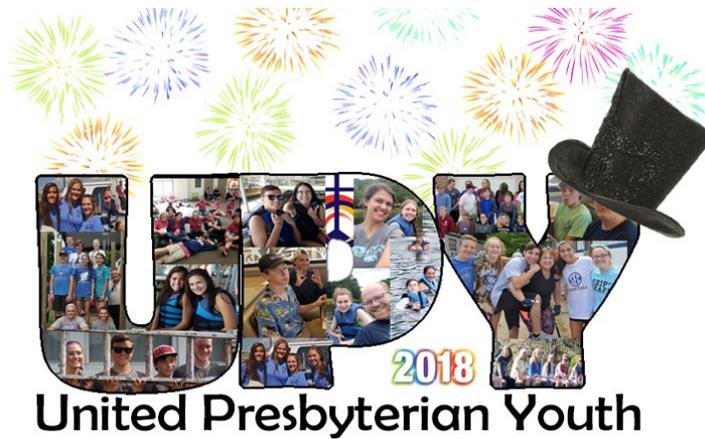
Happy New Year! Our students had a lovely time during the pre-Christmas time creating gifts for their parents and preparing for the Christmas Program. We participated in the Potter's House Christmas and families pulled tags from the tree to give Christmas gifts to children and families. In January we will be exploring snow so we hope we get a few flakes! Bless wishes for healthy and happiness in the new year!



Cathy Hairston, Director

What's Happenin'

in January



United Presbyterian Youth

Welcome to UPY Spring 2018! We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break, and we look forward to hearing all about it! We're kicking off 2018 by studying how God cares deeply about fighting injustice through our January series, "Wrong/Right." Focusing on Jesus' example from the book of Matthew, we'll discuss how we can respond in Jesus' name to injustice by working to right the wrongs we encounter in our lives, our world, and even in our own hearts.

If you're looking to start a new habit in this New Year, we encourage you to try out UPY Small Groups. Each Wednesday evening we gather to share snacks together and then we split by gender to talk about the Bible and life. This year we're walking through John. We have some wonderful adult leaders that come each week just to get to know you and to encourage you in your faith! We hope you'll check us out! Spring Small Groups kick off January 10 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

And finally, the news you've all been waiting for: the UPY Summer Mission Trip will be July 8-15, 2018! We're headed to Houston, Texas, with City Service Mission to serve our urban brothers and sisters by partnering with local ministries. The trip cost will be approximately \$400 per person, and sign-up is due by March 4, 2018. Scholarships are available. Head to csm.org to learn about this cool organization and watch our weekly emails (UPY Wednesday News) for more specifics.

Special Events in January:

January 19-20 - Presbytery of Arkansas Youth Advisory Team Winter Meeting

Confirmation Update:

Seventh graders who are ready to deepen their commitment to God have the opportunity to participate in Confirmation this spring and fall. Classes begin in January and there will be a half-day mini-retreat at United Campus Ministry building on the U of A campus on January 20 from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend this retreat, as it is a very special and important part of the beginning of Confirmation.

UPY Mornings

Sundays • 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Lower Witherspoon

- 1/7 "Water is Life" Gen 1
- 1/14 "The Call of Samuel" 1 Sam 3
- 1/21 "Jesus Calls the First Disciples" Mark 1
- 1/28 "Praise for God's Wonderful Works" Psalm 111



UPY Together

Sundays • 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Upper Witherspoon

- 1/7 "Wrong/Right: week 1"
- 1/14 "Wrong/Right: week 2"
- 1/21 "Wrong/Right: week 3"
- 1/28 "Wrong/Right: week 4"

Youth Bells

Sundays
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary



Small Groups

Wednesdays • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Upper Witherspoon

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| 1/10 | John 8 | 1/24 | John 10 |
| 1/17 | John 9 | 1/30 | John 11 |



January 2018

Wed., Jan. 3	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Village Inn	
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Team Meeting	Music Room	
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	The Commons	
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room	
	7:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Small Group	Witherspoon	
Thurs., Jan. 4	3:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Butterfield Trail Village	
Fri., Jan. 5	8:30 a.m.	Parents Group	Calvin 201	
	10:00 a.m.	Hooks and Needles	Upper Witherspoon	
Sat., Jan. 6	10:00 a.m.	Fellow"Shape" Zumba	Fellowship Hall	
Sun., Jan. 7	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship - Installation of Officers	Sanctuary	
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for All	FUPC Campus	
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Supper Meal Prep	Kitchen	
	12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Task Force Group Meeting	The Commons	
	3:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper	Trinity United Methodist Church	
	4:00 p.m.	Planning Committee	Calvin 201	
	4:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
	5:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Together	Lower Witherspoon	
	Mon., Jan. 8	1:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Circle 3	Butterfield Trail Village, Green Room
		1:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Circle 4	at the home of...
Tues., Jan. 9	9:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women's Circle 1	at the home of Ellie Dugan	
	5:00 p.m.	Properties Committee	Calvin 201	
	6:15 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Circle 2	at the home of Sara Beth McClintock	
	6:30 p.m.	Fellow"Shape" Yoga	Fellowship Hall	
Wed., Jan. 10	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Village Inn	
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Team Meeting	Music Room	
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	The Commons	
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room	
	7:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Small Group	Witherspoon	
Thurs., Jan. 11	3:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Butterfield Trail Village	
	11:30 a.m.	First Fellowship	Butterfield Trail Village Lodge	
	6:00 p.m.	"Meet & Eat"	Fuzzy's Tacos, 32 W. Joyce Blvd.	
	6:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Circle 5	at the home of Christi Cox	
Fri., Jan. 12	10:00 a.m.	Hooks and Needles	Upper Witherspoon	
	6:00 p.m.	Marriage Group	Upper Witherspoon	
Sat., Jan. 13	10:00 a.m.	Fellow"Shape" Zumba	Fellowship Hall	
Sun., Jan. 14	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary	
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for All	FUPC Campus	
	12:30 p.m.	Welcoming Committee	The Commons	
	2:30 p.m.	Worship Committee	Library	
	4:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
	5:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Together	Lower Witherspoon	
	6:00 p.m.	Session	Library	
	4:30 p.m.	Annual Committee Reports Due	officemanager@fupcfay.org	
Mon., Jan. 15	12:45 p.m.	First School Commission	Calvin 201	
	4:30 p.m.	Butterfield Trail Village Communion Service	Butterfield Trail Village Chapel	
	6:30 p.m.	Fellow"Shape" Yoga	Fellowship Hall	
Wed., Jan. 17	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Village Inn	
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Team Meeting	Music Room	
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	The Commons	
	4:30 p.m.	February Focus Articles Due	officemanager@fupcfay.org	
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	

	7:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Small Group	Witherspoon
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Thurs., Jan. 18	3:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Butterfield Trail Village
	5:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee	Calvin 201
Fri., Jan. 19	8:30 a.m.	7 Hills Meal Prep	Kitchen
	8:30 a.m.	Parents Group	Calvin 201
	10:00 a.m.	Hooks and Needles	Upper Witherspoon
Sat., Jan. 20	10:00 a.m.	Fellow"Shape" Zumba	Fellowship Hall
Sun., Jan. 21	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for All	FUPC Campus
	4:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee	Calvin 201
	4:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Together	Lower Witherspoon
Tues., Jan. 23	10:30a.m.	Presbyterian Women's Covenant Group	Upper Witherspoon
	11:30a.m.	First Fellowship	Butterfield Trail Village Lodge
	12:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch	Western Sizzlin'
	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Library
	6:30 p.m.	Fellow"Shape" Yoga	Fellowship Hall
Wed., Jan. 24	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Village Inn
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Team Meeting	Music Room
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	The Commons
	5:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team	Calvin 201
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	7:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Small Group	Witherspoon
Thurs., Jan. 25	3:45 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Butterfield Trail Village
	6:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Circle 5	at the home of Christi Cox
Fri., Jan. 26	10:00 a.m.	Hooks and Needles	Upper Witherspoon
Sat., Jan. 27	10:00 a.m.	Fellow"Shape" Zumba	Fellowship Hall
Sun., Jan. 28	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Christian Education for All	FUPC Campus
	12:15 p.m.	Board of Deacons	Upper Witherspoon
	4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Calvin 201
	4:00 p.m.	Bells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Together	Lower Witherspoon
Tues., Jan. 30	6:30 p.m.	Fellow"Shape" Yoga	Fellowship Hall
Wed., Jan. 31	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Village Inn
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Team Meeting	Music Room
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	The Commons
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	7:00 p.m.	United Presbyterian Youth Small Group	Witherspoon



A new year is the perfect time to start coming to the First School/FUPC Parents' Group! It meets **every other Friday at 8:30 a.m.** in Calvin 201. This month we will meet **January 12 and 26.** We are almost done with *For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards* by Jen Hatmaker but please don't let that stop you. Discussions are always good and we'd value your input on our next book. Childcare is provided. We look forward to seeing you.



The Men's Breakfast Group meets **Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m.** at Village Inn. All men are invited to come for fellowship, scripture, a brief meditation, and prayer.



The Men's Small Group will meet **January 23 just before noon** at Western Sizzlin', 3492 W. Sunset Ave., Springdale. We have a devotional discussion, share joys and concerns, and pray. Please plan to attend.



The Marriage Group will meet on **January 12** from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in Upper Witherspoon We'll have a short discussion on a marriage topic and then head out for "Date Night." Childcare is provided by request for children 12 and under. Please call the Church Office (442-4411) by January 10 for childcare.



This group (55+) meets at Butterfield Trail Village **at 11:30 a.m.** the second Thursday of

each month. This month, Sabra Martin will lead a program on *The Changing Look of the Church*, on **Thursday, January 11.** Lunch options range in cost from \$5.00-\$7.00. Non-Butterfield Trail Village attendees pay by credit card. Please call the Church Office (442-4411) or Ron Talbert (841-9742) for reservations by Monday, January 8.



Please plan to join us on **Thursday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m., at Fuzzy's Tacos**, 32 W. Joyce Blvd., Fayetteville. at for food, fun and fellowship! All are welcome!



Butterfield
TRAIL VILLAGE

BTV worship and communion will be held in the Chapel on **Tuesday, January 16, at 4:00 p.m.** This service is open to members and friends.



Yoga and Zumba groups meet in the Fellowship Hall each week for a fun, healthy, and energizing experience. All ages are welcome. A donation of \$5/person/class is suggested. For more info, please contact Leigh Harvey (leigh.woodruff@yahoo.com). We will kick-off 2018 with a "New Year, New You" Power Mix Zumba class on **January 6.** We look forward to seeing you!

Yoga: 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays (*no first Tuesdays*)
Zumba: 10:00 a.m., Saturdays



Healing Touch Ministry offers the gift of peace to any who are feeling anxious or facing challenging times. Healing Touch is a gentle hands-on practice to promote peace and relaxation. Sessions are offered at no cost. For more information, visit the website (www.healingtouchprogram.com), call (310-5135), or send an email (EvasHouseofHealing@gmail.com).



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



All women are invited to join us in the new year for one or more of our monthly circles! Watch for the January newsletter with 2018 circle details. Please contact LeNelle Cagle (684-7105 or lenellecagle@gmail.com) for more information.

Circle 1 meets monthly the second Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. This month they will meet **January 9** at the home of Ellie Dugan.

Circle 2 will meet **January 9** (due to the holiday) at the home of Sarah Beth McClintock.

Circle 3 meets monthly the second Monday at 1:00 p.m. This month they will meet **January 8** in the Green Room at Butterfield Trail Village.

Circle 4 will meet on **January 8** (due to the holiday) at the home of Rita Manske.

Circle 5 meets every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. This month they will meet **January 18** at the home of Christi Cox.

Covenant Group meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. This month they will meet on **January 23** in Upper Witherspoon.

Coordinating Team meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. This month they will meet on **January 17** in Calvin, room 201.

Hooks and Needles meets every Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Witherspoon for fellowship and to work on knitting and other projects. Come with a project.



Members and Friends,

Thank you for doing your Christmas shopping at our Alternative Market! The market was organized by Carol Hart and supported by the time and talents of many members of our congregation and community. All funds raised have been sent to organizations that help individuals in the community.



The Session approved a special donation in the amount of \$20,000 for capital improvements at the Seven Hills Day Center. This gift was made possible by the bequest to the church of Kenneth and Eva Stalker. Among other items, the funds addressed critical needs to complete a laundry project, replace a broken freezer, and upgrade showers for handicapped accessibility.



Many thanks to all who have helped to cook for and serve Supper at Trinity United Methodist Church and lunch at Seven Hills Shelter in 2017.

Please contact Heidi Nash (442-4411 or hnash@fupcfay.org) if you would be interested in helping with a meal in 2018 and she will help put you in touch with the Outreach Committee. We provide supper for Trinity United Methodist Church the first Sunday and lunch for Seven Hills Homeless Shelter the third Friday of each month. Our church provides supper at a Trinity United Methodist Church on the first Sunday of each month and lunch at 7 Hills Day Center on the third



Stephen Ministry: Confidential, one-to-one, weekly care is available through FUPC's Stephen ministers. If you are facing a personal change, concern, or challenge and would like to have someone to talk to and to pray with you, please give Rev. Jan Butin a call (442-4411). Stephen ministers have received 50 hours of training in listening and compassionate care. They are a wonderful help in times of discernment, discouragement, sadness, grief, loss, and transition.

Session Highlights

Clerk of Session Report • Stated Session Meeting • November 30, 2017

Session approved...

Building Use Request

- First School teachers request the use of the lower classrooms in Calvin for a Holiday Fundraiser on December 2 and 16 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Motions

- the examination of elders-elect Christi Cox, Lisa Higgins, Bo Morton, Joe Schierschmidt, Bruce Schlegel, Jane Scroggs and deacons-elect Heather Dismang-Koeppel, Barbara Gust, and Sharon James
- a motion to elect Fred Shefte as Treasurer and Phil Harrington as Clerk of Session for 2018
- a motion to approve guidelines for possible co-elders, at the sole discretion of the Nominating Committee
- a motion to hold the 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting on February 11, 2018
- a motion that \$20,000 be donated to the Seven Hills Homeless Center from the Outreach portion of the Stalker Gift
- a motion to approve a use of the church bus by the Prairie Grove First Presbyterian Church if the Properties Committee determines that the bus is insured, with any additional costs to be borne by the Prairie Grove church

Session received...

- a report from the Stewardship Committee on the current status of the stewardship campaign
- a report on the Annual Financial Review

Session Minutes are available to members of the congregation upon request from the Clerk of Session.

Phillip Harrington, Clerk of Session

Spring Break in Honduras • March 16 through 25

Are you looking for a new opportunity to experience God's presence? Would you like to learn more about the Hispanic culture of Honduras? Would you like to be apart of something different and exciting? Members and friends in seventh grade or above and adults are invited to join us in Honduras over spring break. Students in seventh and eighth grade will need an adult sponsor to accompany them on the trip. We will visit the Presbyterian churches in Las Crucitas and Puerto Grande and help to build a church in El Guayabo. FUPC Outreach has committed \$6,000 to the project for materials. We will share in Christian fellowship with the congregation of Puerto Grande on the Pacific and Rev. Phil Butin and our Director of Youth and Young Adults ministries, Brianne Christiansen, will be leading the trip. Our group will be hosted by the Presbytery of Honduras leaders and Presbyterian pastors.

The cost per individual will be approximately \$1,100. This includes air fair, food, and lodging. The youth will host fundraising activities in the coming months to help with the cost. We are hoping to send a group of up to twenty people. If you feel led to go but the cost is prohibitive, partial scholarships are available. Please contact Rev. Phil Butin (442-4411 or pbutin@fupcfay.org) for more information.





Every day I will praise you (Psalm 145)

January brings opportunities for new beginnings, for resetting our minds, and replanning our schedules. Last August, I began to lead all the musical ensembles at FUPC. While certainly not in my original plan, I think that this is a great opportunity for our entire congregation and surrounding community. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the musicians, staff, and congregants for being patient with me over the past few months as I led music at the church and taught at both the University of Arkansas and John Brown University.

As the new year begins, please consider joining a music ensemble. The Chancel Bells return to their rehearsal time of Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The Youth Bells continue to rehearse Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. The Worship Band is open to anyone who plays an instrument. The Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. While a year-long commitment is encouraged, singing for a season is certainly an option. During Holy Week, the Chancel Choir will sing with the Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville and present John Stainer's *The Crucifixion*. Please consider singing this English work with us.

For the social media savvy, there is a new Twitter account (@FUPCMusic) to follow for all things musical at our church. Stay tuned for more information regarding our existing ensembles as well as other opportunities when I plan to use music to encourage our congregation, invite our community, and worship our God.

S. Michael Shuman

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

All new elders and deacons will be ordained and installed for service on the Session or Board at the worship service on January 7. You may attend either service that day.

MODERATING A COMMITTEE IN 2018?

Moderators' Training for ALL who will lead committees this year takes place right before the first Session meeting of 2018—January 14 at 5:00 p.m. This will help immensely with the work you will do. We look forward to seeing you!

A Word from the FUPC Library

The Library has been gifted with Martha Abbey Miller's book, *Hope Personifies Frances Maschal Landers—A Woman from Arkansas, A Priest from Haiti, A Generation Changed Through Education*.

Landers, a member of First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado, was instrumental in founding the Haiti Education Foundation. FUPC's Presbyterian Women joined with Presbyterian Women across the country in mission projects supporting Landers' work in Haiti. At age sixty, Landers took her first mission trip to Haiti and partnering with a Haitian priest, she accomplished far more than she could possibly have dreamed. In 1981, she raised money for one small school in rural Haiti and thirty-six years later, her Haiti Education Foundation educates thousands of children in dozens of schools in remote mountain villages. At the time of her death in 2010, the organization supported forty schools educating over 9,000 students in an area of Haiti where no public education is offered.



Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

Reaching out as a visible expression of God's grace,
we will meet people where they are,
inviting all into Christ's family through engaging wor-
ship, fellowship, learning, and service.

Core Values

Inspiring Worship

Psalm 105:1-3
Praising God together
and being touched
and changed by the Spirit

Spiritual Growth

Colossians 2:6-7
Encouraging growth
by studying scripture
and the Christian faith

Loving Relationships

I John 4:11
Nurturing connections
in a joyful and
safe environment

Faithful Service

I John 3:18
Working together to
reflect and demonstrate
God's love to all people

Generous Stewardship

II Corinthians 9:8
Sharing our gifts and
cultivating our resources
for God's purposes

Welcoming Community

I Thessalonians 2:8
Striving to be an
inviting and supportive
Christian family

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Phil and Jan Butin
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Leslie Belden

Parish Associate

Kristi Button

Director of Christian Education

Brianne and Jacob Christiansen

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Jeannie Lee

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Heidi Nash

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Director of Music Ministry

Laura Winburn

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**February Newsletter Deadline:
Wednesday, January 17**