

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21, 2024

Today	Sermon Series: Who I Am.
	8:15am-12:15pm Childcare (Six Weeks-5 Years Old) (Upper Knox)
	8:30am & 11:00am Worship (including Late Service Livestream)
	9:30am Spiritual Growth for Ages 3 through Adult
	Noon Soupalicious
	5:30pm Moderators' Training Meeting (Postponed)
	6:30pm Session (Zoom 1)
Tuesday	4:00pm Bells on the Hill Rehearsal
	5:30pm Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday	6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	1:00pm Deacon Communion Prep and Deliveries
	6:00pm Youth Group (Grades 5-12)
	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:00am Hooks and Needles

Last Sunday, we began a new **SERMON SERIES** entitled "Who I Am." Our weekly worship will help us to ground our sense of who we are in the stability of God's loving and gracious embrace, rather than on transitory things like our accomplishments, our human relationships, or our financial status.

January 14	Created in God's Image (available on YouTube)
January 21	Fallen from God's Image
January 28	Saved by Grace (communion)
February 4	Created to Grow in Grace
February 11	Created to Serve in Love

ALL NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS will be ordained and installed at the late service today. Elizabeth Houle, Don Johnson, Sara Koenig, Mary Mann, Julie Olsen, Michelle Price, and Melissa Werner begin serving as the Session Class of 2026. Rebecca Haden and Jane Steinkraus are filling expired terms in the Classes of 2025 and 2024 (respectively). Liz Blackburn, David Edmark, Jessie Koeppe and Larry Stubbs begin service as the Deacon Class of 2026. Dana Daniels will fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2024.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH DISCUSSION GROUPS have resumed on Sunday mornings. There are three winter options:

- During January and February, the **PRESENT WORD** discussion group will cover two units entitled "Learning About Faith" and "The Righteous Shall Live by Faith" using scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments. Drop-in participants are always welcome.
- Interested in reflecting on some of the hard questions of Christian faith? The **THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIANS** discussion group will be talking and thinking together about many of these, using *The Study Catechism*, a question-and-answer document approved by our General Assembly for providing an overview of Presbyterian Christian beliefs, devotion, and practice.
- The **OPEN DOOR** discussion group will be reading *Braving the Wilderness (The Quest for True Belonging and the courage to Stand Alone)* by Brené Brown. Grab a cup of coffee in the Gathering Place and come to Upper Witherspoon at 9:30am. Discussion starts at 9:45am. (This discussion is postponed until January 28.)

SOUPALICIOUS is today! Let's gather after the late service in Fellowship Hall for soup, salad, bread, dessert, and fellowship. Our next **SUNDAY LUNCH will be on** February 18. Please mark your calendars.

The **MODERATORS' TRAINING MEETING** scheduled for this evening has been postponed. The **SESSION** meeting scheduled for this evening will take place on Zoom1.

Today is the **JANUARY BIRTHDAY OFFERING**. Those with January birthdays are encouraged to make a gift to give thanks for the blessing of another year.

There will be **COMMUNION** at both services on Sunday, January 28. Communion elements will be delivered on Thursday and Friday, January 25 and 26, to those who are unable to get out. Please contact the Church Office to be included.

YOUTH GROUP meets every Wednesday in Lower Witherspoon from 6-7:30pm for 5th-12th graders. Adults who may be interested in volunteering to help with our youth ministry should contact, Amanda McDonald (youthandyoungadult@fupcfay.org), our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

COOPERATIVE EMERGENCY OUTREACH (CEO) NEWS: CEO is an all-volunteer organization which operates five days/week (Monday - Friday) from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Three interviewers, two food room workers, one receptionist, one computer operator/clerk, and one daily manager assist clients each day. Currently, substitutes are needed for all positions. If you are interested, please contact David Clay (call or text number in directory.) **DONATED ITEMS** may be placed in the blue bin at the north entrance to the Calvin building at any time. They are delivered to CEO regularly. Current Needs: Dish Soap (small for homeless) and cans of Beanee Weenee (original) Always Needed: Ramen Noodle Packs (not cups)

The **WEEKLY UPDATE** is back. The Weekly Update has been sent out on Fridays since the new year began. If you can't find it in your inbox, please check your spam folder. If it is not in your spam folder, email communications@fupcfay.org so we can check to make sure you are still subscribed.

If you would like to be included on our **INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST**, or if you would like to receive it weekly by email, contact the Church Office (442-4411).

PROTECTIVE SAFETY FILM has been applied to many FUPC windows and doors. In the Sanctuary, it is clear and has been sealed. In other areas (especially where children are), the film is tinted and will be curing for 30 days before it can be sealed. This produces a "bubbly" look. The company has asked that we avoid touching the windows while this process is occurring in order to have the best results.