

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 7, 2025

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Information about all things Advent at FUPC can be found at fupcfay.org/advent-at-fupc. If you would like some resources to use during your individual or family devotional time, stop by the table in the Gathering Place. One of the many resources is a devotional booklet lovingly prepared by members of the congregation for the congregation. It is also available online at bit.ly/fupcdevotions.

Our annual Christmas play, Celebration at the Manger, will take place during worship, TODAY. The first few rows of pews are reserved for the children who are participating in the celebration. Please stay after worship for a cookie reception and an appearance by Santa in Upper Witherspoon.

Today the children will be looking for the second wandering wiseman. The clue is posted by the water fountain in the Gathering Place.

You may have spotted a **"Food Angel"** in the Gathering Place on your way into the sanctuary. The items placed on the shelves will be delivered to CEO (Cooperative Emergency Outreach). There is a second angel by the entrance to Calvin from the courtyard. Below is a list of suggested items to donate.

Mixed Veggies (cans, regular size)	Peas & Carrots (cans, regular size)	Rice (1-lb bags)
Peanut Butter (12-16 oz, plastic jars)	Meaty Soups & Chili (cans)	Pasta Sauce (cans)
Jelly (18 oz, grape/strawberry, plastic bottles)	Hamburger/Tuna Helper	Canned Pasta
Laundry Soap/Detergent/Pods	Chicken & Tuna (cans)	Bar Soap
Shampoo/Conditioner (small and regular size)	Dish Soap/Detergent/Pods	Can Openers

The **PW Hat, Mitten and Sock Tree** is also in the Gathering Place. Please help trim the tree in the Gathering Place with hats, mittens, and socks for Fayetteville Public School students in need. Take a felt ornament from the tree as a thank you!

Star Bread Baking Workshop - On Saturday, December 13 from 10:00am – noon, come learn how to make a beautiful, festive and delicious treat! Kristi Button will be teaching participants how to bake Star Bread. You can sign-up as an individual or a family. All supplies will be provided. You will leave with a baked loaf of bread, the recipe and instructions for freezing and thawing the bread. **Space is limited so contact** Kristi at kbutton@fupcfay.org to reserve your spot.

Thank you to all who have helped prepare the church campus and sanctuary for Advent. If you would like to **DEDICATE A POINSETTIA** to be used to decorate our sanctuary during the Advent season, dedication cards are available in the Gathering Place. **Please make your dedication before December 14.**

NEXT SUNDAY:

- **Peace in a Jar:** All ages are invited to a special Advent Sunday School experience where faith and practicality meet. We'll create beautiful soup-in-a-jar mixes, pray over them, and send them out as gifts of nourishment and comfort. Keep yours for a hectic winter week, or give it to someone who could use a warm reminder of God's love. Join Amanda in Fellowship Hall at 9:00am for Peace in a Jar.
- **Hark the Herald Angels Sing:** We will make joyful noise to the Lord! We will have our annual mostly music service. The service will be full of beautiful Christmas music provided by the Handbell Choir, the Chancel Choir, our accompanists and a string quintet!
- **Search for the third wandering wiseman:** A fun activity for the kids. The clue will be in the Children's Ministry Newsletter, the Weekly Update and posted by the water fountain in the Gathering Place. This year, we are encouraging the kids to bring gifts, just like the wisemen. On December 14, please bring canned fruit.

On **Saturday, December 20**, at 7:00pm pianist, Garth Smith presents **"A Sacred Christmas 2025"** in our Sanctuary-free for the NWA community. A 24-voice choir, orchestra, band, and narrators, accompanied by a beautiful art/video display present Garth's arrangement of traditional carols, along with covers of contemporary Christian artists. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Flyers for the event are available in the Gathering place. **Please invite your neighbors, friends, coworkers and family to the performance at First United Presbyterian Church, Saturday, December 20 at 7:00pm.**

DECEMBER 21: There will be no Christian Education Hour. **After worship, we will have our traditional Christmas Brunch** featuring sausage, biscuits and Marti Woodruff's sausage gravy. Please bring your favorite brunch dish to share. A volunteer will be available to receive dishes prior to worship and there will be warming ovens to keep dishes at the proper temperature. Volunteers are needed for the brunch. Please see the Weekly Update for a link to the online sign-up. Questions? Contact Diane Warren.

Cookies are needed for December 20 and Christmas Eve. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcoming Table in the Gathering Place. Please deliver your cookies to the church by 3:00pm on December 19. Questions? Contact Jane Steinkraus.

An Advent Newsletter was mailed to all the households. In addition to lots of details about the upcoming Advent events and worship services, an update from the Pastoral Nominating Committee and a summary of the congregational meeting are included. **Extra copies of the newsletter are available in the Gathering Place.**

ARE YOU NEW TO FUPC? We would like to get to know you. Please use the QR Code **on the back of this page** or type fupcfay.org/links in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons. Please select the button that says, "New to FUPC?" Let us know how to contact you and how we can best help you. Thank you!

CONTACT INFORMATION can be found in the Instant Church Directory App. If you need assistance connecting with a church member or information about the app, please **call the Church Office** (442-4411) and the church staff will be happy to assist you.

In October 2025: CEO distributed \$25,456 to assist families: rent (47%), utilities (46%), purchased food (5%), clothes (2%), prescriptions & Other (0%). Donated food with an estimated value of \$15,702 was also distributed to families. CEO was open for 21 days and assisted 736 family members (250 families)! Here are some ways you can help:

- **You can make a gift at any time.** Either clearly note that the donation is for CEO on your check or donation envelope or select Community Emergency Outreach from the drop-down menu when giving online at www.fupcfay.org/give.
- **Volunteer Receptionists and Client Interviewers are needed.** Both regular volunteers and substitutes are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Clay.
- **Donations** can be placed in the blue tub at the north entrance to Calvin. Donations are picked up Sun., Wed., & Fri. after 11:00am.

For **GIVING AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** please use this link to the church website: fupcfay.org/current-needs or use the QR code on the below and select "Outreach Opportunities".

NEED A LINK? Use the QR code to the right or type fupcfay.org/links in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons to access:

- Worship Guide
- Announcements
- Giving Form
- Contact Information Form for Visitors
- Current Issue of Weekly Update (contains sign-up links and details)
- Current Opportunities to Give and Serve



Calendar for December 8-13

Monday	7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	9:45am	PW Morning Bible Study (Calvin 201)
	Noon	Men's Fellowship Lunch (Whole Hog)
	4:00pm	Bells on the Hill Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:30pm	Properties Ministry Team Meeting (Church Library)
	6:15pm	PW Evening Bible Study (Upper Witherspoon)
	7:00pm	Gambler's Anonymous (Lower Witherspoon)
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	5:30pm	Outreach Ministry Team Meeting (Calvin 201)
	6:00pm	Youth Group (Lower Witherspoon)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday	10:30am	Hooks and Needles (Church Library)
Saturday	10:00am	Star Bread Baking Workshop