

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 14, 2025

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord! Hark the Heral Angels Sing! Glory to the New Born King! Today we will light the JOY candle for the third 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.

Today the children will be looking for the third 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 as a thank you!

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.**

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.**

NEXT SUNDAY in addition to our 10:30 Service, there will be a Christmas brunch, an opportunity to go caroling and in the evening a Longest Night Service. There will be no Christian Education Hour.

- **Our worship service will again be filled with Advent and Christmas music.** Some of our youth will be sharing their musical gifts and there will be a brass quintet. During worship, the Christmas Joy offering will be received.
- **Our traditional Christmas Brunch** featuring ham, sausage, biscuits and Marti Woodruff's sausage gravy **will take place after worship.** 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, Cocoa and Carols:** After the brunch (~1:00 pm), Sunday, December 21, we will travel by "Car Caravan" and the church bus to sing for some FUPC friends who are not able to partake in events on the church campus. This is always a joyful afternoon. The last stop will be at Butterfield Trail Village at 3:30pm where there will be cookies and cocoa. Rhythm instruments and festive attire are welcome.
- **At 6:00pm, our Longest Night Service will begin in Fellowship Hall.** Christmas can be a painful reminder of loss, grief, or loneliness. This service held on the longest night of the year—is a quiet, contemplative time to honor those feelings. This service will offer space amid the season's noise to acknowledge both joy and sorrow, light and darkness.

CHRISTMAS EVE: On December 24 at 5:00pm our Calvin Street Band will be playing Christmas music in the Gathering Place, and there will be refreshments. The Christmas Eve worship service will begin at 5:30pm and will conclude with singing "Silent Night" by candlelight. Communion will be offered and there will an offering for our Individual Assistance Fund.

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.

There will be no Christian Education hour on Sunday, December 28 and Sunday, January 4. Classes will resume January 11.

ARE YOU NEW TO FUPC? We would like to get to know you. Please use the QR Code **below** 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 15-19

Monday	7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Young Adult Dinner (Upper Witherspoon)
Tuesday	4:00pm	Bells on the Hill Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Gambler's Anonymous (Lower Witherspoon)
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	6:00pm	Youth Group (Lower Witherspoon)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday	10:30am	Hooks and Needles (Church Library)