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The Fountain

*The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life.
Proverbs 13:14*



February, 2022

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A Word from the Pastor's desk

Over the past month our church and our community saw a rise in Covid-19 cases. We saw our hospitals and schools navigate the challenges that come from seeking to care well for our community. It has been a hard month as so many of us hoped our community and world would be in a different place. Despite these realities, there has been so much good over the past four weeks. Just last week, we saw our community blanketed with beautiful snow and the stillness it brought. As I watched a group of children running through a field set on having an epic snowball fight and as I heard the giggles and laughter that ensued, I was reminded once again of God's goodness and grace amidst challenging seasons. Sometimes it takes slowing down or changing our perspective to see God at work, but when we do, we will experience a peace that will carry us. A reminder that we are not alone.

My prayer for our church, for our community, and for each of us individually is that we will have eyes to see God's grace breaking into our lives. I pray that we will have ears to hear the wind of God's spirit. I pray that we will be carried by God's gracious and loving peace. I am honored to be your pastor.

Blessings,
Ashley

Church Calendar for February, 2022

Wednesday, February 2

7:00 AM Prayer Breakfast
9:30 AM Garden Club—MFH

Thursday, February 3

4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group—Conf. Rm
5:30 PM Endowment—MFH

Friday, February 4

12:00 PM First Friday Concert

Sunday, February 6

10:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Busy Adults
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship—MFH

Monday, February 7

10:30 AM Staff meeting—Conf. Rm.
5:30 PM Service Committee—zoom
6:00 PM Stewardship Committee—Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Worship Committee—McAlpine Rm.

Tuesday, February 8

4:00 PM ECEP Advisory—zoom
5:15 PM Administration —Conf. Rm.
5:30 PM Property Committee—McAlpine
6:00 PM CE meeting—Grace Rm.

Wednesday, February 9

7:00 AM Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, February 10

4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group—Conf. Rm

Saturday, February 12

7:30 AM FPK Rummage Sale

Sunday, February 13

10:00 AM Worship Service—Endowment
11:00 AM Busy Adults
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship—MFH

Monday, February 14

10:30 AM Staff meeting— Conf. Rm.
4:00 PM Pastor's Aides—Conf. Rm.
6:00 PM Finance Committee—Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, February 15

6:00 PM Mission Committee—Fish House

Wednesday, February 16

7:00 AM Prayer Breakfast
10:00 AM Soup Kitchen

Thursday, February 17

4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group—Conf. Rm.
Youth tea & testament w/Vicki Norment

Sunday February 20

10:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Busy Adults
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship—MFH

Monday, February 21

10:30 AM Staff meeting—Conf. Rm.
12:00 PM FPC Blood Drive—MFH

Tuesday, February 22

6:00 PM Session meeting—MFH

Wednesday, February 23

7:00 AM Prayer Breakfast—MFH

Thursday, February 24

4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group—Conf. Rm.

Saturday, February 26

Session Retreat—Riparian

Sunday, February 27

10:00 AM Worship Service—Youth Sunday
11:00 AM Busy Adults
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship—MFH

Monday, February 28

10:30 AM Staff meeting—Conf. Rm.

Church Family Birthdays and Anniversaries February, 2022

Happy Anniversary

Jim & Cathy Hines – February 2
 Bill & Kathie Davis – February 7
 Phil & Caroline Dixon – February 9
 Dan & Dona Miller – February 16
 Tom & Cecelia Brown – February 26
 Stephen & Frances Jones – February 26

Happy Birthday

Carla Dunton – February 1
 Jacob Pulling – February 1
 Hunter Frazer – February 3
 Willow Kelly – February 3
 Audrey Childers – February 6
 Trey Gibson – February 8
 Elsie Higgins – February 8
 Kevin Lear – February 8
 Mary Jane McDonald – February 9
 Dan Miller – February 11
 Nancy Bolden – February 12
 Pete Gruene – February 12
 Norma Shepard – February 13
 William Daniel – February 14
 Greg Langjahr – February 15
 Andrea Campbell – February 16
 Betty Shepard – February 17
 Renee Saverance – February 19
 Ted Bateman – February 20
 Marie Daniels – February 20
 Lindsay Mazell – February 21
 Kate Pennington – February 22
 William Segars – February 23
 Greg Askins – February 24
 Nicholas Cheek – February 24
 Jack Dittenhauser – February 25
 Shea Holt – February 25
 David Segars – February 25
 Wilder Shaw – February 26
 Kirkland Dunlap – February 28
 Jacob Gibson – February 28
 James Morphis – February 29



Are you a veteran? We are putting together a list of all the vets in our midst. Please notify the church office of the following:

NAME, RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, PERIOD OF SERVICE—WAR SERVED IN.

Prayers & Announcements

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Please keep in prayer: Our residents at Presbyterian Communities, Florence (Mary Jane McDonald, Olive Timberlake); Martha Frank's in Laurens, S.C. (June Allston); The Retreat at Carolina Bay (Anne Smith,); Chandler Place (Lillian Cunningham); Atria Kingwood (Lee Hicks); Southland Healthcare Center (Bryan Blackwell); Morningside memory care (Anna Hill). Virginia Coker: The Glebe Retirement Community, 200 The Glebe Blvd. #4021, Daleville, VA 24083

Christian Service

ELDER / USHERS

Jay Davis, Lyne Askins

AUDIO/VISUAL:

Ken Hughes

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP (Playground): Andrea Couch

PASTOR'S AIDES

Week of January 31: Vicki Norment, Angelyn Bateman, and Jennifer Schock

Week of February 7: Cecelia Brown, Paula Davis, and Marie Daniels

Week of February 14: Gwen Davis and Kathie Davis

Week of February 21: Meg Clark and Denise Kelly

Week of February 28: Betsy Kraus and Glenn Cannon

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

February 1: Lou Gardner

February 7: Cathy Hines

February 8: Gwen Davis

February 14: Jane Wheeler

February 15: Gwen Davis

February 16: Nancy Money

February 17: Ginny Hays

February 21: Kaye Crook

February 22: Lou Gardner

February 28: Nancy Money

2022 Stewardship Letter

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16:

Dear FPC Community,

The poet Maya Angelou said “This a wonderful day. I’ve never seen this one before.” How appropriate an introduction for the theme of our 2022 Stewardship Program, *“Always Giving, Always Thankful.”*

In 2022 we will continue to focus on Stewardship as part of our daily lives. We have all seen that the world in which we live has changed dramatically and continues to change at an accelerating pace. How do we, as Christians, make sense of this and stay true to our faith, beliefs, and values?

Angelou’s simple statement reminds me of the need to exclaim “LOOK UP!” as we all sometimes become fixated with our eyes looking downward at our phones and tablets. Ever notice that when you are in an elevator, waiting in line, at an airport, etc., more people are looking down at their devices than at each other or what is going on around them? And how many times have you either called out “LOOK UP!” or been tempted to do so at people walking down the street or headed your way who are not looking where they are going but are instead glued to the little electronic screen in their hands!

This year Session Committee leaders will “LOOK UP” by sharing with the congregation the functions and activities of their respective groups to demonstrate aspects of “Stewardship” as applied to the work of committees. This particular approach broadens the concept of Stewardship while having less emphasis on our “seeking dollars.” We will increase transparency and communication with congregants in as many church functions as possible and practical. You will see changes in ways we communicate with members and interested persons including social media, email, and possibly even personal messages.

So, in 2022, our challenge will be to LOOK UP!” And I suspect when we do, we will find ourselves *“Always Giving, Always Thankful.”*

Gratefully,
2022 Stewardship Committee:
David Crook
Rick Matthews
Rev. Ashley L Cheek



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First Friday Concerts

March 4-Coker Singers

April 1-Jacob Will

Concerts are free, open to the public and held 12:00-12:30 PM
in the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary.

CONGRATULATIONS MARY!!!



As you may have heard, our very own Mary Jordan is retiring this month. She will be around the first couple of weeks in February as she trains her replacement.

Please take a moment to stop by the office and thank her for her many years of service and wish her well. We will miss her as she has become part of our church family.

Along with that, we would like to welcome to our staff, Kelli Coskrey.



Kelli moved to Hartsville and became a member of First Presbyterian almost twenty years ago. Although she is not from the South, she said she got here as soon as she could. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with a background in finance, banking and corporate accounting.

She is married to Alan Coskrey, a Hartsville native and together they share four children, Gillian, Allie, Brandon and Dylan.

Kelli previously served as Office Administrator for First Presbyterian and is very happy to be back as a member of the FPC family.

Please take a moment and stop by the office to welcome her and say hello.