



THE WEEKLY FIRST

**DRAW NEAR
TO GOD,
AND HE WILL
DRAW NEAR
TO YOU.**
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THANKSGIVING Boxes

The Missions Team is partnering with Feeding Kannapolis Hunger to pack 21 Thanksgiving boxes for families in need. **We will put the boxes together TONIGHT Thursday, November 20 at 5:00pm.** Join us if you can help!

Today is the fourth day of our Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off, and so far, we have collected over 2,100 shoeboxes! We are grateful to all of you who have had a hand in packing, sorting, collecting, counting, and cartonizing. We are excited for record donations this year at First Pres. Please continue to pray for the ministry of OCC, the safe passage of all shoeboxes, and the volunteers that will soon distribute them. We are humbled to be a small part of this global outreach.

It's a most busy season at First Pres, so please pay attention to the announcements and opportunities upcoming. Join us for Thanksgiving lunch, the youth Christmas play, and the Chancel Choir presentation. We hope that you will be blessed by the times of fellowship, worship, and reminders of God's love.

This week, Pastor Eddie will continue his sermon series on the book of James, focusing on James 4:13-17. The passage is a reminder that our time on earth is limited and in the hands of an omnipotent, omniscient God. It is in His timing and His will that we should plan and work. If the Lord allows, we hope to see you Sunday!



Thanks to all who have contributed to the "Building on the Cornerstone" campaign. To date, almost \$130,000 has been contributed towards the goal of \$210,000, or just over 60% of the goal! This effort will make improvements to the appearance, safety, security, and maintainability of the church's outdoor property. If you wish to contribute, write a check to the church with 'Cornerstone' on the memo line, or give through the church website.

[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet for combined classes on December 7, 14, & 21. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10am.

There will be NO Sunday School, for any age,s on December 28 .



First Presbyterian Youth will present "And the Song Goes On," a Christmas musical, on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00pm! Join us for a delicious dinner at 6:00pm, and bring a dessert to share. If you need a ride, please see Eddie or Michelle.

Invite friends and family to join us as our youth remind us the Reason we celebrate...and sing!



Christmas Play Practice continues, as the youth prepare for our presentation!

Upcoming practices include:

Sunday, November 23 - 4:30-6:00pm in Sanctuary

Sunday, November 30 - 12:30-2:30pm in F. Hall (lunch provided after church)

Wednesday, December 3 - 6-7:30pm in F. Hall (dinner at 5:30pm)

Saturday, December 6 - 10:00am-12pm Dress Rehearsal

You can order poinsettias for our church beginning this Sunday for



\$15 and dedicate them in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms are available in the Narthex. **The last day to order will be Sunday, November 30.** Please be sure to put "Poinsettia" on the memo line of your check.



The First Pres Giving Tree is in the Narthex! This year's beneficiaries will be Shady Brook Elementary families and Meals on Wheels recipients. Each item requested is tied to the tree with 2 tags. Write your name on one tag and place it in the bag under the tree. Take the other with you, and attach it to the item you purchase when you return it. Deposit your gift in the corresponding gift bin under the tree by Sunday, December 14.

Please only wrap the gift if the tag indicates it should be wrapped!

See Sue Maiocchi or Janet Harte with questions.



Join us for Thanksgiving at FPC! We will gather for lunch on Thursday, November 27 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, ham, gravy, and drinks will be provided. Guests are asked to contribute sides and desserts to share. Please sign up in the Narthex by **THIS** Sunday, November 23!



Help us decorate our church for Advent! If you can lift items,

set up trees, hang wreaths, or place decorations, please meet at the church on Saturday, November 29 at 9:00am. **The Sanctuary tree will be erected first, at 9am.** All other decorating will follow. Please lend a hand as we ready our buildings for this special time of celebration.



First Pres serves as an OCC Shoebox Drop-Off Location through Monday, November 24. Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, and help collect, count and cartonize their shoebox donations. Cartons will be transported to Pitts Baptist Church

on Monday, November 24 at 12pm.

The schedule is as follows:

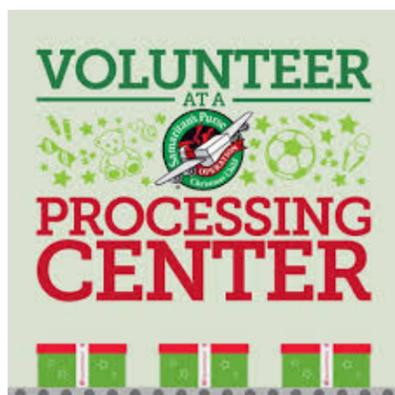
Friday, 11/21: 10am-12pm

Saturday, 11/22: 10am-12pm

Sunday, 11/23: 1-4pm

Thursday, 11/20: 1pm-3pm Monday, 11/24: 10am-12pm

Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help, or see Michelle Walker for more information!



Come see the next step in a shoebox's journey!

We have secured 30 volunteer spots at the OCC Warehouse in Charlotte to process shoebox donations. We will serve on Saturday, November 22 from 2pm-6pm. Meet at church at 1pm to carpool and join us for dinner immediately after. Volunteers must be

13 or over, and chaperones are required depending on the number of youth. **Sign up in the Narthex or see Michelle Walker for more information.**



The JOY Group invites all Seniors for a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, December 10th at the home of Ron & Alpha Barger. The main dish and drinks will be provided. Bring a wrapped gift costing less than \$10. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert in the Narthex by Sunday, December 7th.



The Navigators' Sunday School Class Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 10 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Wear fun Christmas



attire (there will be an ugly sweater contest!), and bring your favorite treat or snack to share. Dinner, dessert, and a hot chocolate bar will be provided. Come for fun, games and

fellowship. Please RSVP to Tracy Caskey or sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, December 7.



*A Family
Christmas
Celebration*

The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir invites you to “A Family Christmas Celebration” on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00pm. Spend an evening listening to the beautiful music of the season. Our youth and special guest musicians will also lend their talents. If you need transportation, see Michelle or Eddie. All are welcome!



Mark your calendars for Christmas Caroling to our homebound church family! We will carpool from the church on Wednesday, December 17 at 6pm and travel to several homes nearby. Desserts and hot drinks will await our return. Come make a joyful noise with us!



Linda's Closet's schedule for December is as follows:

Open December 2nd & 16th from 11:00am -1:00pm.

The Closet will be closed from December 17 - January 5th and reopen Tuesday, January 6th.

See Sue Maiocchi if you can volunteer.

Current needs:

- Boys clothes, sizes 2-16
- Costume Jewelry
- New underwear for all



Thank you for donating to the First Pres Blessing Fence! See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help

with current needs:
*small cosmetic bags
*feminine products
*new/gently-used towels

The Missions Team is collecting “pull tabs” for the Charlotte-area Ronald McDonald House. Rinse the tabs (from sodas, soup/veg cans) and place them in the container in the Narthex.

Prayer Concerns

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates. Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

Church Family

- Jeff Barnhardt - kidney stones
- Steve Goodnight - in hospital with a broken back
- Bonnie Goodnight - caring for her father, Lester Goodnight
- Debby Baker - health concerns
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Carol Lowder - continuing treatments
- Regina Starnes - health concerns

Family & Friends of Church

- Diane Belotti's daughter, Julie - recovery from foot surgery
- Diane Belotti's brother, Robert Hudak - recovery from spine surgery
- Thomas “Bran” James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old with stomach cancer
- Cassie Cannon (friend of Jane Jacobs) - under hospice care

- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister's granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister's daughter) - recovery from surgery

Homebound

- Barbara Hancock - Home
 - Loretta Young - Five Oaks
 - Linda Bost - Best of Care
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This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, November 23

10 Cents A Meal

- 9:30am - Morning Coffee
- 10:00am - Sunday School
- 11:00am - Worship Service
- 1pm - 4pm - OCC Collection
- 4:30-6:00pm - Youth Play Practice

Monday, November 24

- 10am-12pm - OCC Collection

Tuesday, November 25

- 11am -1:00pm - Linda's Closet Workday
- 12:00pm - NA
- 3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

- 12:00pm - N/A
- 1:00pm - Thanksgiving Lunch

Saturday, November 29

- 9:00am - Advent Decorating

Next Sunday, November 30

1st Sunday of Advent

9:30am - Morning Coffee

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

12:30-2:30pm - Youth Play Practice
(Lunch provided)

4:30pm-6pm - Youth Play Practice

Servants

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children's Message This Week: Dave Argabrite

Children's Message Next Week: Michelle Walker

Children's Church This Week: Tracy Caskey

Children's Church next week: Sharon Cranford

Acolytes This Week: Michael Herbst & Oliver Townsend

Acolytes Next Week: Caylin Lowder & Mary-Gray Petersen

Nursery: Tracy Caskey

Nursery Next Week: Sharon Cranford

Ushers: Chris Lowder, Mike Lowder, Sam McAllister, Mal
McDaniel

Ushers Next Week: Jill McLain, Phil McLain, Tony Rary, Lynn
Sechler

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION - ACTIVE ELDERS

Raegan Swaringen Sharon Cranford Tony Rary

Cookie Hamilton Chris Lowder Ken Sparks

Sue Maiocchi Phil McLain

Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator

Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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