

# FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Second Week of January, 2019

Whiteville, NC

**“To be a light in our community reflecting Christ’s love and compassion”**



**Sunday Worship:** This Sunday we will begin a new sermon series, “Promises Kept”. Over the next several weeks we will be exploring some of the Old Testament prophecies and they were fulfilled in the birth, and person, of Jesus. The importance of understanding the Old Testament prophecies and their fulfillment lies in the fact that we live in a time of promise...the promised return of Jesus. By studying, and knowing, how the prophetic promises of old were kept we can better trust in God’s promise of Jesus’ return.

**From the Pastor** This first week we will be exploring prophecies related to Jesus’ birth found in Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6-7. Our sermon title this week is, “Promises Kept: A Miraculous birth”.

**Sermon Note Sheets:** Please remember that if you would like to take notes on the sermon, we make available “Sermon Note” sheets. These can be found in the fellowship pads as well as the Narthex.

**Hymn of the Month:** Our hymn of the month for January is “I Love You, Lord.” This is a simple song of adoration that was written one day while the author’s husband was away all day attending Central Oregon Community college. The author, Laurie Klein, found herself in their mobile home beside a highway to tend to their daughter. She describes the situation by saying, “With no friends, money, church home, or driver’s license, the day I spent with our one-year-old seemed endless. My time with the Lord was not only my “life-line”—it was one of my rare opportunities to talk with someone “older”! One extra-lonely morning I found myself praying, “Lord, I want to worship you...I’m just so empty inside. Please give me something to sing that you would enjoy hearing.” As I picked up my guitar, words and music came effortlessly.

As we sing this song notice how the strength of this text is that it resonates with a number of Biblical passages...Psalm 18:1, Isaiah 40:9, Psalm 103:1, Psalm 35:9, and Psalm 47:6. May this short little song enable us to truly open our hearts to God’s presence and worship Him wherever we find ourselves.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service:** I invite you to join with your brothers and sister in Christ on Monday, January 21 for a service of worship that celebrates life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Once again, the hospital will be hosting this service that will begin 12:00. Light refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow the service.

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## January 2019 Worship Schedule

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**Head Usher: January: Coke Gray III**

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January 13, 2019 – Baptism of the Lord

Sermon: “Promises Kept: A Miraculous Birth” Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

January 20, 2019 – Second Sunday in Epiphany

Sermon: “Promises Kept: The Great Healer” Scripture: Isaiah 29-18-19

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

January 27 – Third Sunday in Epiphany

Sermon: “Promises Kept: The Light of the World” Scripture: Isaiah 49: 6-12

Sunday School 10:00 am | Worship 11:00 am

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January 13: A/V: Donald Hester

Nursery: Janet Gray

January 20: A/V: Josh Horne

### Backpack Ministry

1st Sunday: Men of the Church

2nd Sunday: Young Adult Sunday School

3rd Sunday: Youth

4th Sunday: MVE Committee

5th Sunday (as needed): Scouts or Young Adult Sunday School

**VOLUNTEERS**

# BIRTHDAYS



1-Jeff Rudnik, 2- Jayne Smith, 2- Jennifer Yoder, 3- Randy Yoder, 5- Jackson Cook, 6 Grace Palmer, 11- Janna Neisler, 12 - Mary Louise Bannerman, 14 - Greg Williamson, 15 - Hillary Kindschuh, 15- Berry Love, 16- Wes Gray, 17- Olivia Smith, 17- Tripp Thompson, 18- Emily Hooks, 20- Karen Ware-Rudnik, 21- Paul Pope, 21- Mckenna Ware-Rudnik, 22- Geraldine Becker, 24- Abbie Edwards, 27- Jenny Meekins, 28- Jolie Burney



1- Beth Owens, 2- Todd Burney, 2- Don Smith, 4- Tim McColskey, 5- Gayle Kindschuh, 7 - Jack Hooks, 7- Jennifer Williamson, 9- Bob Crutchfield, 12- Sara Thompson, 13 - Larry Thomas, 13- Mike Tyndall, 14- Kelly Love, 16 - Abigail Owens, 16- Bookie Trogdon, 16- Jayme Tyndall, 17- Jason Klara, 18- Erin Thompson, 19- Justin Smith, 24- McLean Thompson, 24- David Trogdon, 25 - Kathryn Scott, 28- Byrne Stocks

**Prayer Concerns:** Geraldine Becker; Kathryn Clark; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Miriam Marks; Grace Palmer; Sally Smith; Walter Strickland; Nancy Thurston; Brent Wheatley.

**Assisted Care:** Arlene Blaha; Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith; Ellen Thurston.

## Friends:

Pat Allen - *friend of Butch Row, cancer*  
 Sara and Rob Armstrong  
 Annette Caldwell  
 Billie Joe Conrad  
 Louise Cox - *mother of Angela Washburn, surgery*  
 Shari Dutton - *friend of Bookie and David Trogdon*  
 Betty Faircloth - *friend of Janet Gray*  
 Rick Hedgecock - *former member of FPC, cancer*  
 Shelby Hodge  
 Barry Housend - *friend of Steve Smith, cancer*  
 Daphne McLeod - *friend of Butch Row, cancer*  
 Jerome McPherson

Gail Moye  
 Angie Pinkston - *friend of Bookie and David Trogdon*  
 Dottie Robinson - *friend of Bookie and David Trogdon*  
 Hollis Salyer - *friend of the church, cancer*  
 Barbara Shepherd - *sister of Julie Stocks, hospice*  
 Ken Smith - *friend of Butch Row, cancer*  
 Tori Tarro - *friend of Mandy Smith, cancer*  
 Ronnie Thayer - *friend of David Trogdon, cancer*  
 Melba Ward - *mother of Janet Royal, stroke*  
**Please notify the office when names can be removed.**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, January 14:	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall - 6:30 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, January 15:	MVE Committee Meeting, Parlor - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 16:	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room - 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Thursday, January 17:	Chicks with Sticks, Parlor - 10:30 am Whiteville Rotary, Fellowship Hall - 6:00 pm Scout Roundtable, Conference Room - 6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm
Sunday, January 20:	Called Session Meeting, Conference Room - 9:30 am <b>Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary - After Worship</b>
Monday, January 21:	<b>Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> Community Martin Luther King Service of Worship, CRHS - 12:00 pm Al-Anon, Reformed Rebels Classroom - 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Room - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253  
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OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, M-F  
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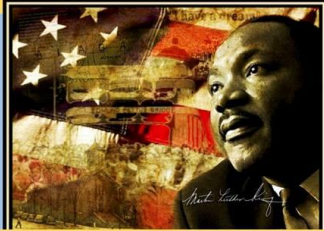
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Martin Luther King Jr.  
Community Service of Worship

*"Remembering The Dream"*



Monday, January 21, 2019

12:00 noon - 1:00pm

Columbus Regional  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Hosted by:

Columbus Regional Healthcare System and  
The Ministerial Alliance of Columbus County

Open to the Public- Light Refreshments

For more information call 910-642-1702

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share!

**Family Night  
Supper**



## Boy Scout Sunday

*and Scout Stew!*

Sunday, January 27, 2019

*Young at Heart*  
Slightly Older in Other Places

*Senior Luncheon*

Sunday, February 10, 2019

After Worship  
Worth Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP - Thank you for helping us  
prepare the correct amount of food!

For information on Online Giving through the Presbyterian Foundation, go to <https://fpcwhiteville.org/giving/> to sign up for automatic drafts, one-time donations, and more!

