

# 2023

## Happy New Year!

January 2023

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PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023, after church service. More details to follow.

**NOTE!!**

**Annual Reports are Due  
Friday, January 13, 2023**

**In Honor and Recognition of the Martin  
Luther King, Jr. Holiday, the Front Office  
Will Be Closed  
Monday, January 16, 2023**

# Love and Logic Parenting

**Register Now for the Love and Logic Parenting Class!**

FPC will be offering a "Parenting the Love and Logic Way" class every Sunday beginning January 15. This is a six week course that will include video lectures, structured group activities and discussions, and interactive materials to take home and keep. The class is designed for Parents with children of all ages, mental health professionals, and educators working with families.

This is a fantastic course that many parents and educators find incredibly helpful for guiding children as they face challenges, try to express their emotions, and continue in their development. We want to offer this not only to our own FPC parents, but to friends and neighbors that you think would enjoy the class. Please invite a friend to join you for these classes so they can benefit too!

We are asking for \$10/parent to help cover the cost of the take-home materials. The course will start at 4pm each Sunday beginning January 15th, so you can bring your kids to Roots and stay for the parenting class.

Please join us and invite your parent and teacher friends and neighbors to this course! Register and share the link here:

<https://forms.gle/AE8d2xRtuoBgExfD6>





# Love and Logic

## Parenting Class Registration

Event Timing: Sundays at 4pm beginning January 15th, 2023 (The last class will be February 19th)

Event Address: First Presbyterian Church at 547 Seventh Avenue, 99701

Name

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Email

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How Did You Hear About the Course?

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I Understand the class costs \$10 to help cover expenses

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Do you need prayer? We'd love to pray for you. Contact the Prayer Ministry Team.

**Donna Brewer**  
**Joanne Klaver**  
**Ted Riggs, Sr.**



## Church Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please log your request onto the sign-up sheet (see bulletin board in the hallway). The flower fee is \$40 per request.

Our **VISION** is to see the world transformed to love, worship and serve Christ.

We do this through our **MISSION**, which is to welcome all people, equip them for a deep and living faith in Jesus Christ, and send them into the world to share God's love.



# 1st Pres Staff

Peter Dembroski  
David McConnell-Booher  
Carina Menaker  
Marta Conner  
Peggy Nicholas  
Paul Bonnell

## Deacons

Janice Cleworth  
Lindsey Dreydoppel  
Nancy Dreydoppel  
Daniel Griggs  
Joe LaMagna  
Jeanne Maddux  
Michele Marney  
Gayle Meurs  
Barbara Nore  
Melissa Prince  
Kathy Rahmender

## Elders

David Dreydoppel  
Keith Nore  
Barbara Page  
Brian Sunderland  
Jim Williams

# January 2023

| Sun                                                              | Mon                                                      | Tues                                              | Wed                                                                                                                                   | Thurs                                 | Fri                                                     | Sat                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1<br>MAY YOU SHINE<br>THE LIGHT OF<br>CHRIST IN THE<br>NEW YEAR! | 2<br>Jenny & Janice<br>Cleworth                          | 3<br>Johanna Coester                              | 4<br>Collin, Wendy,<br>Marcus, Sara &<br>Christopher<br>Cogley                                                                        | 5<br>Byron, Debby &<br>Cora Cogley    | 6<br>Carolyn Crisanti                                   | 7<br>Joy-el Culligan      |
| 8<br>FPC                                                         | 9<br>McKinley &<br>Jaden Colasacco                       | 10<br>Aurora & Hunter<br>Colasacco                | 11<br>Sarah Curtis<br><div>The Well<br/>(every Wednesday)</div>                                                                       | 12<br>Chris, Maggie &<br>Ridge Demers | 13<br>David & Nancy<br>Dreydoppel                       | 14<br>Jenna<br>Dreydoppel |
| 15<br>Vision Team                                                | 16<br>Lindsey<br>Dreydoppel                              | 17<br>Vinnie Eldridge                             | 18<br>Sig Ericklook                                                                                                                   | 19<br>Dave & Kathleen<br>Fagre        | 20<br>Dale & Janie<br>Feist                             | 21<br>Sig & Pat Fink      |
| 22<br>Sunday Schools                                             | 23<br>Merle, Lillian<br>AhsOak, Sarah &<br>Sonny Fortune | 24<br>Marty, Debby,<br>Logan & Austin<br>Foster   | 25<br>James & Rebecca<br>Fuller                                                                                                       | 26<br>Joel Gibson                     | 27<br>Scott, Sena,<br>Brooks, Bennett<br>& Beau Gilbert | 28<br>Carol Gray          |
| 29<br>Youth &<br>Children's<br>Ministries                        | 30<br>Daniel, Katie,<br>Sam & Eileen<br>Griggs           | 31<br>Richard Halfhill<br>& Kathleen<br>Rahmandar | <b>Healing Prayers for</b><br>Roland & Joyce Tapper Pat Fink June Champlin<br>Joy-el Culligan Thelma Pierce<br>Dwight & Deanna Morris |                                       |                                                         |                           |

Would you like to receive a copy of the Prayer Calendar? Please contact the front office at 907-452-2406.

# ◆ Blessings From the Pastor ◆

Just before the Christmas Eve Service, Sarah Albert came to me and wanted to share a special story of her grandpa (permission to use this). Her face was beaming with joy as she shared how her grandpa led a very special Christmas Eve Service in a WWII German POW camp. Reverend Cleworth, a former pastor here at FPC, was led by God's Holy Spirit to provide a Christmas Eve Service to the prisoners. In a POW camp, there is a clear definition between the prisoners and the German guards. As you are well aware, war makes hard enemies between two opposing sides.

Something wonderful, a miracle, happened when things took a different turn. Some of the German guards heard about this Christmas Eve Service, and they asked if they could join with the prisoners to celebrate the birth of Christ. For those few moments in that POW camp, in the heart of world war, and because of Jesus, this Christmas Eve Service broke down a wall and connected the prisoners and guards with a common faith and a brotherly bond.

My reason for sharing the story is not just the beautiful miracle of the Christmas Eve Service, which was spectacular, but the thrill of sharing a God-filled story. Thank you, Sarah, for sharing the story, and thank you God for reminding me that all of our lives have great God-filled powerful stories that need to be shared. Those stories strengthens the bonds of Christian fellowship, but more importantly, it reminds us of God's active role in our lives and the need to share the stories to inspire others to know God.

All of us have great God-filled stories that needs to be shared. It helps to remind us of God's activity in our lives as well as a way to inspire others to know God. So please share with us and re-live your God-filled stories. I know my ears are excited about the possibility of hearing your stories.

God is going to continue to provide us with more God-filled stories in this new year as we lovingly follow God. We are on a God-filled adventure and we have a place and purpose in God's history to the world. So, get ready for a grand adventure, please take notes, and be willing to tell your story.

Again, thank you Sarah and thank you God.

1 John 1:1-3,1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ESV





# THE WELL

Free Hot Meals  
For the Community

**Each Wednesday**

**6-7pm**

**Fairbanks First Presbyterian Church**

**Fellowship Hall**

**All Are Welcome!**

**907-452-2406**

## WINTER CLOTHING

Once winter really settled in, the requests for clothes from the 1st Pres clothes closet have gone way up. We have been able to meet most requests, but we have not had enough pants (particularly for men) and gloves/mittens). If you have clothes—especially pants, gloves or mittens, and you would like to donate, please drop the off at the church office.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Bible Study Leader Training**

Beginning January 8, join James Menaker for four sessions of training in how to study, prepare, facilitate and lead a highly successful bible study.

THURSDAY

BIBLE

STUDY

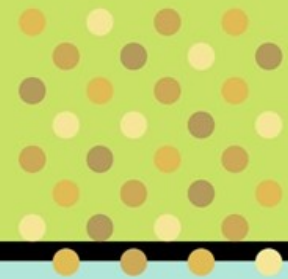
6:30-8:30  
FPC LIBRARY

Study is lead by  
Paul and Terry Reichardt.  
Light meals are provided.  
For additional information,  
please contact  
Paul or Terry.





# CHILDREN'S ministry



Dear First Pres Folks,  
Thanks to God for a full and happy month of December! Children's Ministry held 3 Christmas parties (for different groups of kids), a guest event for Roots and put on a Christmas pageant! Sunday school continued and we held a sock drive that ministered to many of our neighbors. To top it off, it seems like God is leading us into a time of increased numbers of children who attend our Sunday school and fellowships.

Although we're always hoping and planning for healthy friends, sometimes it doesn't go like that, and then we see God move in interesting ways. Illness and family emergencies left us missing some dear familiar faces--but God used that sad moment to grow the roles played by newer friends. Of the children who were able to participate in our pageant, only a few had been attending FPC for more than 1.5 years. I hope that the kids who stepped up into a little more spotlight than they planned were encouraged that they belong here and they have a part to play at FPC. I also hope and pray that we will move into a very healthy season where everybody gets to be together more often!

This leads me to give thanks for the Children's Ministry prayer team that has brought our kids to Him again and again this season. This is a grace-dependent ministry and there is nothing more important than turning to Jesus again and again for guidance and provision. **If you would like to join this team and pray weekly for our kids, you can sign up for regular prayer requests by text once a week by calling or texting me at 907-987-7126.**

God is doing great things.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL RE-STARTS JANUARY 8

We teach one Bible story at 9:00 to all ages, then  
split into three classrooms:

- k-2--hands on Bible experiences
- 3-5--puzzles and team challenges
- Middle School--conversation and creating

### ROOTS CLUB

3rd-5th grade  
meets Sundays 4-6

Next Meeting:  
Jan. 8th

### CLIMB CLUB

6th-8th  
meets Wednesdays 3-5

Next Meeting:  
Jan. 4th

## CHILDRENS MINISTRY TEAM

Next scheduled meeting  
January 15th

# SESSION

What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the December 20, 2022 Stated Session Meeting, which began at 6:00 pm in the Church Conference Room. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.

- Moderator Dembroski presented a devotion based on Titus 2:11-14 and opened the meeting with prayer.
- Those in attendance recited the Vision and Mission Statements.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, elders prayed for those needs.
- Minutes from the last Stated Session meeting and vital statistics from the last month were reviewed and approved.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Consent Calendar items, which included the review and approval of the Deacons October 25, 2022 Meeting.
- A written financial report was received from the church treasurer.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to elect Ruling Elder Barbara Page and Clerk of Session David Dreydoppel as Commissioner to the 16th Meeting of the Presbytery of Pacific Northwest, to be held at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Tacoma Washington, from January 26th to January 28th.
- The Draft of the 2023 Budget was brought up for review.
- It was moved, seconded and passed that the cost of living allowance be applied to all staff.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to increase the budget for Adult Education Supplies & Materials (code 5302) to \$1,000 to cover the cost of the yearly subscription for the Upper Room, and to direct the Office Manager to pay for the subscription.
- It was moved, seconded and passed that line items 8801, 8802, and 8803 under Congregational Care be zeroed out for the 2023 Budget.
- After several amendments to the draft of the 2023 Budget, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the 2023 Budget as amended.
- Session received a verbal report from the Vision Team for our GO Center revitalization process. The vision team requested a combined work session with members of the Session. It was moved, seconded and passed to schedule a combined meeting on January 8, 2023 after the Sunday Service.

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## Session (cont'd)

- A brief verbal update on the Hospitality Team was presented.
- A verbal report on progress by the Pastor Search Committee was presented.
- Written and verbal Ministry Team Reports were received.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve First Fridays as a continuing Outreach Event sponsored by FPC in the FPC Facility.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve a Leave request for Pastor Peter from Feb 14-21, 2023.
- It was moved, seconded and passed that a 1.5% end of year staff bonus, total aggregate cost of \$3,000 to be paid out of the "Bonus Fund".
- It was moved, seconded and passed that the Winter Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting and Annual Corporate meeting be set for February 5, 2023 after the Sunday Service.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

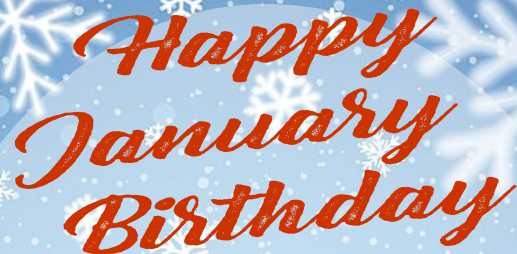
The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on January 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in the Church Conference.



*Thank you!*

*For your thoughtful and  
generous gifts during the  
Christmas season. Your  
kindness is a gift that is valued.  
Thank you for the love and  
support shown.*

*~~~~~FPC Staff Members*



*Happy  
January  
Birthday*

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|----|------------------|
| 2  | Sarah Curtis     |
| 4  | Dwight Morris    |
| 5  | Denise Wartes    |
| 6  | Beth Brummond    |
| 7  | Benjamin Hull    |
| 8  | Dave Stephenson  |
| 10 | Michael Repasky  |
| 12 | Joan Riggs       |
| 14 | Sara Cogley      |
| 16 | Geoff Beyersdorf |
| 16 | Jack Schnurr     |
| 25 | Shelia Williams  |
| 26 | Kari Nore        |
| 29 | Samuel Boylan    |
| 31 | Karina Huffaker  |



## Special Thanks and a Prayers for a Blessed New Year

Our shortest days of daylight are behind us and each new day brings joy and sunshine into the lives of others. Share your love and the light of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with others during the darkest months of winter. Savor the beauty of the snow, sky, sunlight, and the northern lights.

*"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

Matthew 6:34

Thank you to all the leaders of our church and to you, the congregation, that helped provide gifts of love through baked goods, financial gifts to assist with fuel oil and electricity and groceries, and your gifts of musical talent that are continually shared with others. YOU are making a difference in your life and the lives of others.

You can be a beacon of light to many. Reach out and help someone – it will uplift you. Call someone on the phone that you have not seen recently. Go visit someone you have not seen in days, weeks, or months. It will make both of you feel terrific!

This is a new year, and it will be a great year. Your Board of Deacons wishes you the best BLESSED NEW YEAR.

In His service, Barbara Nore  
Moderator of the FPC Deacons

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 4:6-7

