



Forest Park Church

Hope • Purpose • Belonging



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
DAVID WILLIS

December is one of the most beautiful months in the life of the church. Lights glow brighter, music sounds sweeter, and hearts open to the hope we proclaim: "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Christmas is God's reminder that He does not love us from a distance—He comes close and gives Himself fully for our sake.

The first Christmas was marked not by abundance, but by generosity. The wise men traveled far and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh... expressions of worship to the newborn King. Their giving was not an obligation, but a joyful response to God's gift.

A study from the University of Notre Dame's Science of Generosity Initiative found that people who practice intentional generosity (regular giving, volunteering, and acts of kindness) report higher levels of purpose, gratitude, and well-being. Giving doesn't just bless others; it shapes us. It draws us closer to the heart of Christ, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

As we approach Christmas, I invite you to join me in embracing a spirit of generosity toward our church, our community, and those who need an extra measure of hope. Your giving makes ministry possible, but even more, it reflects the Savior we celebrate. May Christ fill your home with peace, your heart with joy, and your life with His light.

Grace and peace to you this Christmas season.

*The Word became
flesh and made his
dwelling among us.
We have seen his
glory, the glory of
the one and only
Son, who came
from the Father, full
of grace and truth.*

John 1:14 (NIV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING

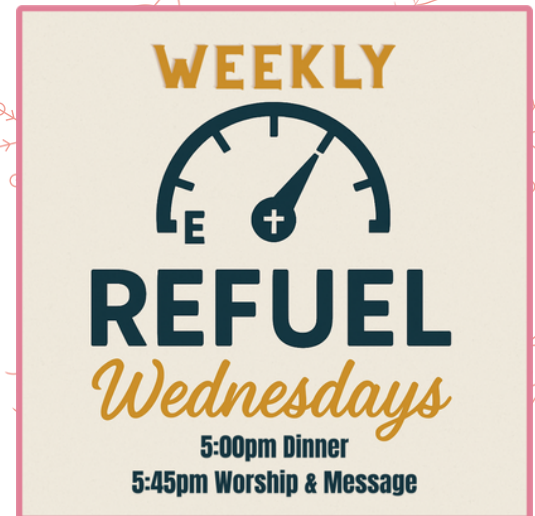
The December/White Christmas Communion Offering will go to the Embrace Florida Kids program. This program remains rooted in Wesleyan values of grace and compassion. It serves as a lifeline for children from birth through college and works to reunite families, whenever possible. The program serves vulnerable children and families suffering from neglect, abuse, and abandonment in northwest Florida. Your generosity helps ensure that the support of children and families, which has been provided for 133 years, continues.



A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, November 30th—Kicking off a December to Remember with Combined Service at 10:30 am, followed by a Potluck Dinner and **Decking the Halls**
- Saturday, December 6th—**Christmas Crafting** for all ages-2:00-4:00 pm
- Thursday December 11th—**Christmas Baking Party** starting at 10:00 am
- Saturday, December 13th—**Cookie Decorating** for all starting at 10:00 am
- Sunday, December 14th—**Christmas Program** 6:00 pm
- Wednesday December 17th—**Wednesday Night Dinner**, followed by Caroling, Outreach and Cookie Delivery starting at 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 24th—**Christmas Eve Service**, 6:00 pm

LET'S MAKE IT A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER
AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS!

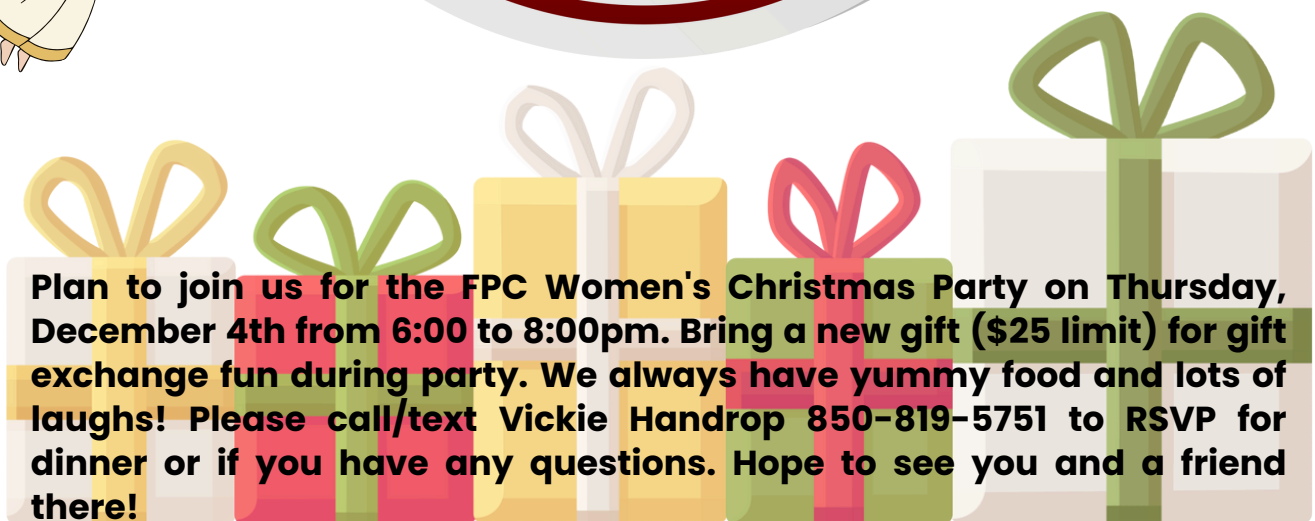


CHURCH CONFERENCE DECEMBER 7TH at 6:00 pm. We will discuss the business of the church. All are welcome to attend; members are eligible to vote.

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The FPC Mission Team is supporting the Council on Aging Seniors with a pick an angel Christmas Tree. Across from Faith's desk in our greeting area is a Christmas Tree with a tag with our Church Logo and on the back side is what the Seniors are asking for. On Dec. 7 and if needed Dec. 14 please stop by and pick an angel. John or Beverly Rotenberger will write the number for your tag and give you a white trash bag to put the items in unwrapped please. Tape or tie the tag on trash bag and leave by the Christmas Tree and the gifts will be delivered ASAP. Thank You your participation in this Christmas Outreach.



Plan to join us for the FPC Women's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 4th from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Bring a new gift (\$25 limit) for gift exchange fun during party. We always have yummy food and lots of laughs! Please call/text Vickie Handrop 850-819-5751 to RSVP for dinner or if you have any questions. Hope to see you and a friend there!



FP KIDS WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
Kids Church: 10:30 AM



FP YOUTH WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
Sunday Youth 4-6 PM



FP YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School 9:15 - 10:15 AM
Thursdays 6:30-8 PM



CHRISTMAS CRAFTING (for all ages)

December 6th, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

COOKIE DECORATING (for all ages)

December 13th at 10:00am

NO FRET GUITAR CAMP

Location: Forest Park Church, 1401 W. 23rd St.

When: December 29th – January 2nd

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

For Youth and Teens

You will absolutely, positively learn to play guitar in just five days!

Register Here:

<https://forms.gle/ijuHBHUpAeJXnyfA6>
or by using the QR code.



Happy Anniversary

Allen & Nancy Gillis
Chip & Linda Brigman
Bill & Tiffney Adkins
Jacob & Stephanie Cook
Bob & Jackie Elko
Gene & Maureen Bagwell
Ray & Debbie Dixon
Dex & Margie Pate
Neil & Susan Lamb
David & Molly Wesley
David & Anita Brown
Jeff & Joan Batte

December 1st
December 3rd
December 7th
December 8th
December 10th
December 14th
December 21st
December 21st
December 28th
December 29th
December 30th
December 31st

Happy Birthday

December 1

Karen Morrison
John Weidenhaft

December 2

Trenton Averett
Sally Harper
Bobby Morrison

December 3

Lindsey McPherson

December 6

Stuart White

December 9

Maureen Bagwell
Mike Munn

December 10

Pam David

December 11

Joan Batte
Janet Davis
Brad Eggimann
Sara Rochefort
Chris Barnes

December 13

Malinda Folkert
Percy Houser

December 15

Susan Riley

December 16

Jim Franko
Taylor Moore

December 17

Hal Demarest
Gloria Marksman

December 18

Ava French

December 19

Kai Mattson

December 20

Jake Adkins
Ferol Faircloth
Jonathan Feitel

December 21

Carol Burris

December 23

Dave Bon
Linda Grizzard

December 24

Gerry Lowther

December 26

Skip Skipper

December 27

Darrel Burnett
David Rich

December 28

Holly Fessenden

December 29

Deb Crooke
Luke Heaton

December 30

Carol Collins

December 31

Jared Moneyham
Suzanne Strickland

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



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