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SAVE THE DATE:

- Jan. 26– United Worship & Annual Meeting
- Jan. 27– India Trip
- Feb. 8– Leadership Conference Day w/ Tina Houser
- Feb. 14– Valentine's Day
- Feb. 22– Elder/Staff Gathering

DEFINITIONS OF FAMILY

- *Any group of persons closely related by blood*
- *A group of persons who form a household under one head.*



As a Church, we have become “family” because we are closely related through the blood of Jesus Christ. We are “family” because God has called us to be a household under one head– Jesus Christ, the head of the Church. (Colossians 1:18). This year, we will be focusing as a church on how to truly be family (see pg. 2). Let us challenge one another, as a church and as individuals, to better reflect Christ’s “head-of-household” status in our daily walk with God and better live out our relationships with each other as brothers and sisters related by the blood of Christ.

MISSIONS

As we begin the new year, FPC is deepening its missional efforts locally, nationally, and internationally. On the local level, as long-term flood relief efforts wind down, tutoring opportunities are expanding (see pg.9). On a national level, the FPC Mission Team will be raising funds through the annual Mystery Dinner Theater in March to support a trip to New Jersey sometime later in the year. Internationally, we welcome home teams from the Dominican Republic as we prepare to send out another team to India. That team of 10 people will be bringing at least one water chlorinator (thanks to your generosity through the Christmas Eve offering) to our mission partners there. January will also see Doug and Liz Kerr heading to Kenya to continue the partnership there. Please continue to pray for these ministries.

THE FAMILY OF GOD

– JAN AND TIM DEVINE, CO-PASTORS

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to **those who belong to the family of believers.** (Galatians 6:10)*

*If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in **God's household,** which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. (1 Timothy 3:15)*

Plans are being made in this new year to focus on two areas of growth. One kicks off with our church-wide Lenten study, "All In." The most dangerous place we can be spiritually is to believe that God exists but live as if it doesn't matter. So, what would it look like if we, as a congregation and as individuals, were fully committed ("*all in*") in our worship, relationships, service, finances, evangelism, and study of God's Word?

The second area of growth focuses specifically on being "all in" in our relationships with each other as a congregation. There are many images used in the Bible to describe the church, such as the bride of Christ and the body of Christ. Repeatedly, the church is also described as a family.

In his book, *Reimagining Church*, Frank Viola describes six practical implications of being family and presents this challenge: Compare your church to each of the implications and ask if you and your church are living into the reality of being the family of God?

1. The members take care of one another. (James 2:14-17)
2. The members spend time together. (Acts 2:42, 46)
3. The members show one another affection. (1 Thessalonians 5:26)
4. The Family grows. (Acts 2:47)
5. The members share responsibility. (1 John 2:12-14, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26)
6. The members reflect the Triune God in their communal relationships. (1 John 1:1-3)

These are challenging goals to pursue as we look at where we do well as the family of God and where we could/should improve. Could we be "all in" for one another between generations, worship services, and natural social groups?

"People want community, but aren't willing to pay the price. . .
So many of the commitments and sacrifices you've got to make to be a part of the community, and the curtailments of the freedom that come with it, people don't want." (Timothy Keller)

WHAT'S NEW AMONG OUR PEOPLE?

- NATHAN JACOBS

These last six weeks witnessed some sadness in our congregation, including the passing of Paul Everett's mother, Katie; Eric Eiche's mother, Suzan; and Jeff Shafer's father. It was, however, also a time of celebration in our church family. On Dec. 13, Rich and Sally Kastl joined their daughter, Dorothy, as she graduated and attained the

rank of 2nd lieutenant in the US Air Force. Gerry Wilcox was in the hospital briefly, but is now home and recovering. Bob Thomas was also in the hospital but is now in rehab. Eileen Slofkosky gives grateful thanks to God for her safety after a tree fell on her house as well. On December 8, we celebrated the baptism of



2nd Lieutenant Dorothy Finn, Rich & Sally Kastl's daughter

CELEBRATING NEW RELATIONSHIPS...



William (Billy) Beardsley (pictured left). Billy has been attending FPC for several months and felt convicted by the Holy Spirit to be baptized and publicly profess his growing faith in Jesus Christ. Billy has worked many places, beginning as an Environmental Health Specialist in the Air Force, as well as the Salvation Army, Automa-

tion (Windsor) and the Psych Center. Billy appreciates the chance to worship God and has enjoyed getting to know some people in the congregation. Welcome to our newest member! We also celebrate with Janet and Harry Frederick as they welcome a new grandnephew, Leighton

...AND FAMILIAR ONES

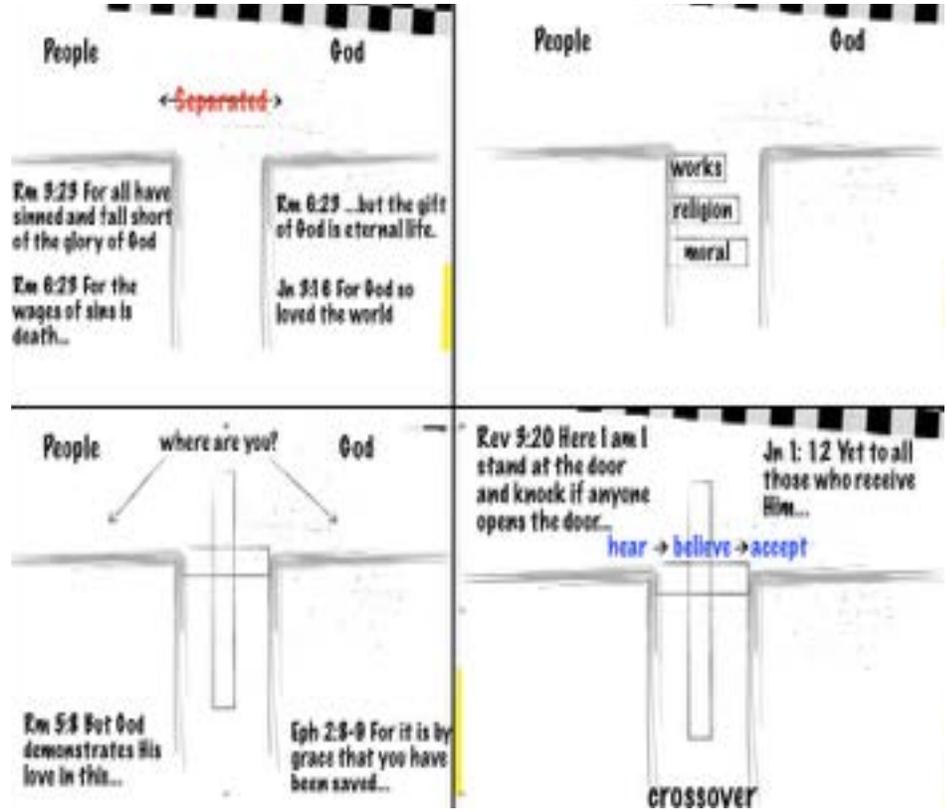


Everett Loudon; he is Alice Loudon's first great-grandchild and her husband's namesake. A new relationship was made official on Christmas day, as Steve Heidrich and Danielle Wasielewski became engaged, while another relationship was honored this month as Charlie and Maxine Waughtel

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (pictured left). A lot of time and effort went into our Christmas season together, and we'd like to thank Pam Davis and those who helped her in preparing for Advent/Christmas. Praise God for our family here!

FPC YOUTH

JANUARY '14



BE THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
6:30-7:30AM
@ THE SKYLARK

BREAKFAST

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS

The new year is a great time to consider a fresh start. The fact is we all require one.

The Scripture is clear that all of us are born sinful and separate from God. The Bible says it like this:

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man (Adam), and death through sin, and so death spread to all men..." - Romans 5:12

The sin of Adam, and its consequences belong to all people - from birth. This is a big problem. It means you are born, by default,

cursed by sin. You were born spiritually dead.

Praise God that He offers a solution to our death.

*"But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many."
- Romans 5:15*

Have you considered God's grace? If not, why not today. Begin this new year born again!

IGNITE BIKES

Saturdays - Snow, Sleet, Rain, or Shine
Meet at The Warehouse - 1:00pm
Return to The Warehouse - 3:00pm

SMALL GROUP

Special Event : "Family" Kickoff
January 12
See you at The Warehouse!

WINTER WEEKEND 2014
The Loft Camp - Great Bend, PA
March 7-9
Stay tuned to FPC Youth Website and Facebook

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00AM - 1:00PM

JOIN US IN An 8 Week WINTER X-TREME ADVENTURE!

On top of the mountain this winter, we will do everything to the **EXTREME!** From skiing to snowboarding, ice sculpting to snowball fights, nothing is too intense for us. Especially living **EXTREME** lives for God.

Throughout our upcoming eight week **ELEVATE** series, we will take an in depth look at the teachings of Jesus. We won't just learn His instruction though - we will put it into action - because God Himself is action packed as He shows ultimate love, compassion, kindness, sacrifice and patience.

WINTER X-TREME LESSONS

January 5 – Winter X-treme Kids Lesson 1 - The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-29)

January 12 - Winter X-treme Kids Lesson 2 - The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

January 19 - Winter X-treme Kids Lesson 3 - Zacchaeus Meets Jesus (Luke 19:1-10)

January 26 - Winter X-treme Kids Lesson 4 - Jesus and Authority (Matthew 22:15-22)

February 2 - Winter X-treme Kids Lesson 5 - The Unforgiving Debtor (Matthew 18:23-25)

February 9 - Winter X-treme Kids Lesson 6 - The Parable of the Loaned Money (Matthew 25:14-29)

February 16 - Winter X-treme Kids Lesson 7 - Jesus, Nicodemus, Samaritan Woman & Children (John 3,4 & Mark 10)

February 23 - Winter X-treme Kids Lesson 8 - Jesus and the Miraculous Catch (Luke 5:1-11)

March 2 – **FAMILY DAY** – X-treme Recap and make gifts for our Hilltop Visit

March 9 – **HILLTOP VISIT**

WINTER X-TREME MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:12, 14a

**“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...
and above all these put on LOVE.”**

CONNECTING THOUGHTS

-SHARON EARLY

The sheep, Shrek, pictured to the right was found after hiding for six years in a cave. Obviously, with no shepherd to take care of him, his fleece grew till it weighed an astonishing 60 pounds! Most sheep have an average fleece that weighs just under ten pounds. For six years, Shrek carried six times the regular weight of his fleece. Simply because he was away from his shepherd. I think Shrek is much like a person who knows Jesus Christ but has wandered. If we avoid Christ's constant refining of our character, we're going to accumulate extra weight in this world—a weight we don't have to bear.



When Shrek was found, a professional sheep shearer took care of Shrek's fleece in twenty-eight minutes. Shrek's sixty pound fleece was finally removed. All it took was coming home to his shepherd. I believe Christ can lift the burdens we carry, if only we stop hiding. He can shave off our 'fleece'—that is, our self-imposed burdens brought about by wandering from our Good Shepherd.

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

* The above excerpts were taken from <http://ibibleverses.christianpost.com/story-3/story-of-faith/story-shrek-sheep>.

Why do I share this with you? Because too often we forget who our Shepherd is and think we can go through life under our own understanding and power. But God tells us to *'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'* (Proverbs 3:5-6) As we enter this new year, may we continue to look toward God to direct our paths, instead of hiding away and accumulating the extra weights of the world. By being part of a small group, we can work on our discipleship together and hopefully discern when we are letting the weights of the world weigh us down rather than allowing our Good Shepherd to direct our paths.

LENTEN STUDY— "ALL IN" BY MARK BATTERSON

This year we have chosen the study "All In" by Mark Batterson. Although only four weeks, it will be four weeks packed with questions about what it means to be "All In" when following Christ. We will be invited to experience the kind of life God created us to live. But as some in our small group ministry team asked, "How is this any different

than other studies we have done?!" Well, it isn't, if we don't invest the time in doing the study and wrestling with the questions with other members of our small group. The small group ministry is working to prepare our leaders with the basics of the study and what we think it means to our church here on the corner of Grant and Mon-

roe. The next step will be for each person to commit to being part of a group during Lent, commit to doing the reading, and wrestle with the questions in order to discern for you personally what it means to be "All In" in your current season of life. What would it mean to your family, to your church family, to your community, and to your world if you were to really be "All In" for Christ?

Watch for more information in February on small groups forming and plan to be "All In" this Lent!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE STAFF: JEREMY FINN

— JON BEATTY

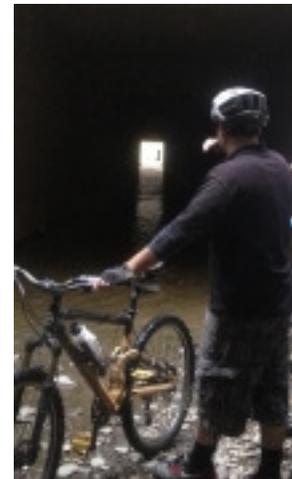
Jeremy Finn, Associate to the Pastors in Youth Ministry, is one half of the dynamic “Finn Team” on staff at FPC. He and Alisha came to Endicott in November of 2005.

Jeremy is a graduate of Philadelphia Biblical University with a B.S. in Bible. Before moving to Endicott, Jeremy worked with youth at Bethanna, a Christian-based youth

residential treatment center in Philadelphia, where he was the Lead Residential Services Manager. During the time Jeremy was employed at Bethanna, he was also a volunteer church youth leader.

Jeremy has a passion to share the life-changing power of Jesus with junior and senior high students and young adults in the

community. Some of the ways that the message is being shared are through the FPC youth meetings at the youth house on Sunday evenings, the Ignite Bike program where Jeremy leads adventurous young adults on periodic mountain biking trips around the Endicott area, and another relatively new outreach which is



Ignite Bikes



Boat Building Family Ministry

the weekly “Be the Church” (BTC) breakfast meetings for senior high students.

Jeremy has also been involved in many youth retreats and work camps—everything from a weekend retreat in Susquehanna County to a weeklong hurricane relief trip in Mississippi. He also was very hands-on with the local flood relief

work after the floods that affected the Binghamton area.

This past year Jeremy has been working on expanding the youth program to make it a family program—a way to connect with families of the youth in the church and community. The recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic is an example of this form of

outreach that was very well received by those families that participated.

Jeremy also uses his talents to help with the audio—visual equipment during regular and special worship services, as well as Nursery School movie nights. He also has filled the need as the late-night security

person for the church buildings.

The youth program has a lot to offer to the young people of the community; thank you, Jeremy, for your dedicated leadership of this important mission of FPC!

Jeremy and Alisha have one son, Malachi, and they are expecting a second son in the Spring!



Learning to play Yatzee!

E.F.P.N.S. REGISTRATION FOR 2014-15
- RONNE SISCO, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Dear Families,

Monday, January 6, marked the kick-off for registering three- and non-UPK four-year-olds for the fall of 2014. Please stop by the Nursery School office or the front desk for your registration packet. You may also download the form(s) by visiting our website at NurserySchool.FirstPresEndicott.org.

After the April break, Union-Endicott UPK will begin accepting names of students who live in the Endicott district and turn four years old by Dec. 1, 2014; in the meantime, if you have any questions, you may contact Lynn Zur at U-E's District Office at (607) 757-2114.

Three-year-old program - children must turn three by Dec. 1, 2014*:

2 days a week \$130.00/mo.

M-W AM or T-Th AM 9:00-11:30

M-W PM 12:30-3:00

*If you have a child who turns three after this deadline, please see Mrs. Sisco in the Nursery School Office as we may offer a Jan.-June program for our young threes.

Non-UPK Four-year-old program: 5 days a week \$235./mo.

3 days a week \$150./mo.

We are always here to help and answer any of your questions. Please remember, too, that our scholarship program continues to assist many families with tuition costs each academic year. Simply inquire in the Nursery School Office.

SESSION UPDATE

-JANET FREDERICK, CLERK OF SESSION

It has become our tradition here at FPC to hold the required annual joint meeting between Deacons and Elders at our December meeting. With staff members joining us, we enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments and then met together to get a preview of the upcoming Lenten study and to discuss how we, as church leaders, should be applying the lessons from it in our lives.

After our time together, it was on to business as usual, as each board met separately to take care of the items needing attention. For Session,

those items included:

- Approval of the baptism and membership of William Ray Beardsley on Dec. 8 at the 10:45 service.
- Setting up a schedule to examine recently elected officers.
- Learning of the acquisition of some new equipment recently, i.e. a color copier for the office and a new projector for the sanctuary.
- Reviewing a report on the recent work done on the house we own at 56 McKinley Avenue.
- Hearing that the flood recovery efforts of

which we have been a part are now winding down, with one more team scheduled to be here in mid-December to hopefully finish up the remaining work on about 13 houses

- Accepting reports about the important work of two of the ministries that are especially busy at this time of year: (1) Children's Ministry (preparing gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child, wrapping up the series on Joseph with a Family Day, making gifts for and visiting resi-

dents at Hilltop) and (2) the Deacons (coordinating and distributing Thanksgiving baskets and gifts for the Angel Tree, as well as the distribution of the poinsettias).

We know that the holidays involved more work for many of the committees and ministry teams, but we also hope that each of you involved was blessed by the opportunity to share in doing God's work and spreading His love to those whom we serve.

A NEW VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

-JUSTIN PARK

The UE school district in cooperation with churches in the school district has provided the framework for using volunteers in the elementary schools of the district to tutor students needing help with math. Teachers having students who need help let their principal know that they would like to use a volunteer during the school day for an hour, and the principal will arrange for a volunteer to work with the teacher. Volunteers can

participate in the program by returning a volunteer form to the school for approval by the Board of Education. Grade levels kindergarten through fifth may have needs, and volunteers can designate the school (Ann McGuinness, Charles F. Johnson, George F. Johnson, and T.J. Watson) they would like to assist and the times and days of the week that they could be available. A teacher would have typically one or two students

for the volunteer to work with and would provide the assignment to be worked on. Our Lady of Good Counsel has been involved in the elementary school volunteering for several school years in reading, and the math need is new this school year. Several of our members have been involved with Homework Café at Jennie F. Snapp Middle School since the mid '90s and are familiar with the problems and situations that the

schools face in delivering education to a diverse community. If you would like to explore this opportunity further, contact me at (748-4192) or leave your name at the church office and pick up a volunteer form. Thanks for your consideration of this opportunity to help young students, who may not have help at home, to keep up with their peers and be prepared for the next grade.

NARRATIVE ON THE HEALTH OF MISSION AND MINISTRY (SEE DECEMBER 2013 FPP FOR INTRODUCTION)

- JAN AND TIM DEVINE, CO-PASTORS

One of the great tools that the Fellowship of Presbyterians is providing for PC(USA) churches and pastors is a *Narrative On The Health Of Mission And Ministry*. Session is in the process of completing the *Narrative* for the first time. It will be part of the way that a handful of other church sessions get to know us and participate in a peer-to-peer review to strengthen the mission and ministry of each participating congregation. We thought it would be good to share the narrative questions/answers with the congregation, because we are all working together to fulfill our purpose *to reach more people and together grow in Christ*. One or two questions will be written up in each issue of the FPC newsletter. Below is Question #2, discussed by Session on 10/2/13:

How has your congregation extended itself beyond its bounds through the establishment of new communities of worship and discipleship, expanding the Kingdom of God?

- To date, we have not birthed any formal worshiping communities.
- While there are unexplored opportunities for developing “new worshiping communities,” Session also discussed the potential of several current ministries to become more focused on reaching the unreached through worship and/or discipleship in non-traditional ways:
 - The Monday Night “Relevant” (young adult) group
 - The youth breakfast ministry
 - The Samaritan Supper
- The question was also raised as to whether there was a way we could be working with university students. Individual families have done this in the past, but we do not have a program in place for them.
- The children have been visiting the residents at the Hilltop Retirement Community several times a year; the pastors make a point of arranging annual get-togethers with the residents of both Hilltop (including the Highlands) and Good Shepherd Village at Endwell. Again, most of those being reached in this way are already members of FPC, but many are not able to attend Sunday worship services or other church activities. Since these seniors represent about 9% of our membership, it was agreed we should continue to explore ways to reach out to them.

December 2013 FPP focused on Question 1- the ways our congregation is seeking the welfare of the community to which we have been called.

THIS MONTH'S OVER 80 BIRTHDAYS

Each month, we take a moment to acknowledge our over 80 members that have birthdays in the upcoming month. Consider dropping a note, writing a card, or giving a phone call to help celebrate life with these friends.

January 19
Doris Gerard

January 21
Betty Wattles

January 26
Gertrude Campbell

February 5
Tassie Resovsky

February 6
Dorothy Engstrom

February 11
Vivian Bechtel
Mary Ann Scott

February 13
Raili Wrenner

February 15
Caroline Thompson

**Call the FPC
office at
(607)748-
1544 for
contact
information
for our over
80
members**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACONS SAY "THANK YOU!"

We would like to thank all those that graciously gave of their blessings and sponsored an Angel from the Angel tree. We would also like to thank all those that purchased poinsettias and were able to help in delivering them. Your time and help in these ministries are greatly appreciated.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

As we enter our sanctuary every Advent season, we are blessed with our beautiful chrismon tree. These chrismons were all handmade in the early 1980's by Ethel Whittemore. The chrismons are all symbols of our Christian heritage. Although these chrismons are handled very carefully and stored in a special place, some of them have been in need of repair. During the past year, Ethel has spent many hours repairing and mending our chrismons. We want to say a special "thank you" to Ethel for the gift of these chrismons and for helping us to preserve them for many years to come. Our blessings and thanks!

GOD-SIGHTINGS: A THANKFUL AND JOYFUL HEART

After 6 years, with a full time job and secretary of Special Olympics as well as the Deacons, I certainly can admit I am looking for a bit of a break. But I know God has good plans! When I signed up last January to be responsible for delivering the Altar Flowers during a given month, I couldn't even imagine doing one extra duty, so I swiftly took November. I have had the privilege of four wonderful visits this month and have met long-standing members that I know would never have happened if I wasn't a Deacon. I know there is a reason for all of this happening as my term ends. God is alive and at work in my life. He is speaking to me through all of this, just when life seems so mundane to me and busy. I am not a fancy writer or talker, but I have enjoyed visiting and praying with all of these people. There certainly to seems to be a purpose. I am feeling His presence at this wonderful time of thanks. (Sue Burchill)

DON'T DO DUNKIN

If you would like to learn more about the third person in the Holy Trinity, that is the Holy Spirit, then please join the Don't Do Dunkin' adult education class this winter. We will be using the interactive workbook based on the book *Remembering the Forgotten God* by Francis Chan, which will help us explore the person of the Holy Spirit and reflect on His power to work in and through us. This study will challenge us to develop a relationship with the Spirit of the living God and begin to follow His leading in our daily lives. The study will begin Sunday, January 19. The class meets at 10:45 AM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

AN EVENING WITH
TINA HOUSER

FAMILY DEVOTIONS made **FUN &**
MAKING PRAYER REAL

Friday, February 7
6:00-8:00PM



**...for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, teachers, leaders,
anyone who has children and those who work with kids!**

If you like to take advantage of life's teachable moments, ever thought about, looked for, or attempted new ways to do devotions as a family or wondered how to interactively pray with kids, this night is for you!

This 90 minute high energy workshop will give leaders, guardians, and parents creative ideas to make family devotions a time where forever memories can be made. You'll be introduced to a variety of engaging ways for kids to pray—individually, with family, and in a group setting.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased by contacting the Main Office of First Presbyterian Church. You may also purchase tickets during Nursery School hours from the N.S. front desk. **Dinner is included.**

Quality childcare for infants through 1st grade will be provided at no extra cost, but kids must be signed up at no later than Monday, January 27 in order to participate.

Tina is the publications Director for Kidzmatter, copy editor of K! Magazine, creator of the Kitchen curriculum, speaker, and author of 8 children's ministry books, various DVD's and CD's. She regularly speaks at conferences, groups, and in churches around the United States. As a person with a wealth of information and an entertaining personality, it's the perfect recipe for a great night!

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Contact Bryan Early or Tim Devine for more information

FPP Calendar

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 am Men's Group	2	3 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	4 Young Adult Group to DR
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VISION STATEMENT

(What God wants to do)

We believe God wants to transform our community through the saving love of Jesus Christ and calls us to share that hope with the world. To be an agent of hope, our congregation must work together and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to follow Christ, whatever the cost.¹ This commitment, which is grounded in a deep love of God and neighbor,² sends us out to share the Good News of Christ through our words³ and our actions.⁴

¹ *The Great Commitment*, Matthew 16:24-26

² *The Great Commandment*, Luke 10:27

³ *The Great Commission*, Matthew 28:18-20

⁴ *The Great Compassion*, Matthew 25:31-40

MISSION STATEMENT

(What God wants us to do)

We believe God wants us to share the life-changing power and love of Jesus Christ in such compelling ways that more people become fully devoted followers of Christ.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

(The reason we exist)

To reach more people and together grow in Christ.



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