

The Messenger

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December 2017



Dear friends,

Debby and I enjoyed our Thanksgiving in our house. Sounds like a simple statement but it really isn't. Having been out of our house for just

about five months, the homecoming was deeply appreciated. The Thanksgiving season added the joy of having family all together around the table, enjoying a good meal as well as good conversation. Thanksgiving in 2017 for the Starzer family was more than a national holiday it was our experience and our grateful response to all the blessings we have that just maybe we might have previously underappreciated.

A team of us are packing our bags right now and preparing to make our way to Jacksonville, Florida to work alongside brothers and sisters from Riverside Presbyterian Church there. We will be working fast and furious to help two families get back into their homes before Christmas following the flooding they experienced due to the hurricane.

Some have said that December is an odd time to travel to a distant city to help some strangers out. I understand their logic. December is a hectic month for everyone. Preparations to be made - shopping, baking, decorating, cards to be mailed and on goes the list! They're right, it was an odd choice for us to go by that measure. Yet, not so odd if you think about the season itself.

Helping people to have a place to sleep and eat and enjoy their families seems like the right thing to do during a season of preparation. What is Advent if it is not a season of preparation? Traditionally for the Christian Church Advent has served as a twofold preparatory period. One, to make sure our hearts and minds were prepared to hear anew the Good News of the Birth of the King of Kings in a stable. The other, to remind ourselves that we need to be prepared with a diligent expectation of the return of the King of Kings who will reign in glory.

When Jesus arrived the first time, there was no readiness for Him. No place at the Inn and really for most, no room in their hearts. We're traveling to Florida to prepare a home for strangers we have never met. Jesus said, "whenever you do this for the least - you do this for me." We're going to do our best to make sure there is some room for Him. Seems like the right time and the right thing to do.

In Christ's love,

Steve



Member News

We express our sympathies to **Beth Weber** and her family on the death of her father, David Fulton. Please keep Beth and her family in your prayers.

Jeff Wash has a new address. It is: 8199 Caraway Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: Beverly Burts' nephew, Becky Clark, John Crowe, Bill Dobson, Fran Hansbrough, Larry Harpster, Linwood Ingram, Terri Joyce, Gloria Meador, Ken Moore, Debby Starzer's parents, Greg Woodfin, all those who serve as missionaries abroad and those who serve our nation. Also remember those who need jobs and those in our congregation who are unable to attend church regularly due to illness or limited mobility.

Please remember our shut-ins: Evelyn Bailey, Ann Barlow, Voncile Baughman, Ruth Gatewood, Janie Harrington, Inez Hill, Stan Hiner, Laverne Longest, Myrtle Muire, Nancy Norment, Mack Perkins, Emerson & Sheila Shaw, and Bootsie Stevens.

(Please update Pastor Steve or Pastor Darren as often as possible if you wish to keep your name or your loved one's name on this list.)



Dear Fairfield Friends,

I want to sincerely thank everyone for the prayers, love and support I received before and after my heart surgery. The phone calls, visits, and get well cards were so appreciated! Carolyn and I feel so blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. Thank you!

Linwood Ingram

The Houchins family would like to thank everyone who helped with the benefit in memory of Rick. A special thanks to Angela Blue and the Children's Nurture Team who planned this wonderful event to raise funds for the Lee David High School fine and performing arts department. For all who set up, served the meal, donated items and purchased items for the silent auction, performed and helped in any way, we are most grateful. Together we raised over \$1,600 for a cause that Rick was passionate about. What a wonderful demonstration of the love of the Fairfield congregation for not only our family, but for the community as well. Thanks for a wonderful evening and memory for us.

Martha Houchins, Andy Houchins & Katy Underdown

Thanks to all that contributed to the Operation Christmas Child project. We were able to turn in 87 boxes this year. We need to pray now for Samaritan's Purse to distribute these shoe boxes. Pray that God will use these boxes to strengthen the ministry of churches overseas. Since 1993 Samaritan's Purse has distributed 147 million Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Sandra Brewster

Dear Pastor Starzer,

We would like to thank you and your entire Fairfield Presbyterian family for allowing us to utilize your church for our children's etiquette classes over the past month. We would not have been able to complete them without your venue. We send a special thank you to Mrs. Angela Blue for offering your church and giving so much of her time and energy each week to ensure that Mrs. Carmichael, of Flemming Academy, had everything she needed to make the classes a success. Thank you again for your tremendous support. Blessings to all!

Kathy Eker

Dear Fairfield Friends,

Thanks so much for your faithful support of me and Frontier Fellowship. I look forward to visiting soon and sharing great stories about Mongolia and Thailand. I was so happy to hear Brett Underdown preach and move towards ordination.

Blessings upon you, Richard Haney



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| Riley Young | |
| Terri Helfrich | |
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| Matthew Leigh | |
| Jim France | |
| Madeleine Letourneau | |
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| Matthew Trexler | |
| Greg Woodfin | |
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| Herb Coulter | December 20 |
| Sara Gaston | December 20 |
| Eric Spott | December 21 |
| Reggie Crump | |
| Lucas Settle | December 22 |
| Marie Blatt | December 23 |
| Angela Schwartz | |
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| Laverne Longest | December 26 |
| Karen Couch | |
| Phyllis Kerns | December 29 |
| Jack Mitchell | |
| Chris Sorensen | |
| Rusty Hale | |
| Pam Wells | |





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| Tim & Julie Sutton | . December 4 |
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| Ryan & Emily Westphal | December 10 |
| Courtney & Randy Street | December 15 |
| Stephen & Kristen Leigh | December 19 |
| Sam & Bonnie Penny | December 28 |

Special dates

- First Sunday of Advent, December 3
- Second Sunday of Advent, December 10
- Third Sunday of Advent, December 17
- First Day of Winter, December 21
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24
- Christmas Eve, December 24
- Christmas Day, December 25
- New Year's Eve, December 31

Super Singles

The Super Singles will be going to eat at Cracker Barrel restaurant on Bell Creek Road on Sunday, December 10th right after the 11:00am service. This is a great time to get together for lunch and fellowship. All are welcome to attend!

This is a wonderful group to enjoy lunch with. Come on, join us!

Greatest Worth



He came a babe of lowly birth. He was God's Son of greatest worth. We, like the angels, sing with mirth because God sent his Son to earth to ransom us and claim our worth. Praise God this babe of lowly birth!

MaryAnn Sundby

Advent & Christmas Events

December 3

- ★ First Sunday of Advent
- ★ Advent Family Workshop, 10am during Sunday School hour.
- ★ Guest preacher, The Rev. Rebekah J. Johns; sermon "Stay Tuned!"

December 8 & 9th

★ A Hanover Christmas, 6:00-9:00pm at Camp Hanover

December 10

- ★ Second Sunday of Advent
- ★ Mark 1: 1-8, Baptismal Limitations
- ★ Union Class Luncheon, 12:00pm in the Heritage Hall.
- **★** Poinsettia orders are due.
- ★ Angel Tree presents due back.

December 11

★ Open House at the Starzer's home!

December 12:

- ★ The Fellowship Circle will have their Christmas luncheon at Anna's Restaurant at 1:00pm.
- ★ The Joyful Readers meet at The Pasta House at 6:30pm for their Christmas dinner.

December 17:

- **★** Third Sunday of Advent
- ★ John 1:6-8, 19-28 John, the Doppelganger
- ★ Annual congregational meeting, 9:55am

December 21:

★ Blue Christmas Service, 6:30pm in the sanctuary. For those who have had losses – a loved one's passing, a relationship broken, a job lost, or other circumstances, we offer this special worship service. Let the holidays become a time of peace and reflection. We will pray and sing and light candles in celebration of life and for hope and healing in Christ, the Light of the World. Please join us.

December 24:

- \star 4th Sunday of Advent
- ★ Regular services at 9:00am & 11:00am. Luke 1:26-38 The Subjunctive Space
- ★ 5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service all ages are welcome to worship in this family-friendly service.
- ★ 7:30pm Candelight Worship in the hush of the evening, all gather in the light of Christ's birth.

December 25

- ♦ Merry Christmas!
- ♦ Church Office is closed.

December 26

★ Church Office is closed.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16 As we enter into this holiday season of giving let us never forget

that God gave us the gift of salvation and eternal life.

In the midst of our busy holiday activities take time to relax and enjoy some inspirational Christmas reading. In the adult library you will find A Redbird Christmas, A Sweethaven Christmas and The Chistmas Box. In the children's library you will find The Animals Chistmas Eve, The Newborn King and Christmas Angels.

In this Christmas season as we begin to exchange gifts with our friends and family remember that God gave us each and everyone the greatest gift ever given. Christmas peace and joy to you and those you love.

Merry Christmas, Elizabeth Covington



O u r devotion tells us we are stewards of our Christian faith. We should freely share our faith as any of our other treasurers in life. God gave us the gift of Jesus Christ that all people may share it. Our group discussed the final detail on how we will feed the Liberation Family Services traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 19th, individual Thanksgiving baskets delivery, and turkeys to our friends in the AFRIEM group as well as our traditional Thanksgiving morning breakfast.

As a follow-up to all of this, the Liberation Family Services dinner was a huge success and everyone present, especially the servers, were truly blessed with this fellowship of Christian love. We also shared three Thanksgiving baskets to families in

need and provided 17 turkeys and fixings to our friends at AFRIEM. Our church is very generous with donations to help all of these people in need.

Fairfield members, family and friends enjoyed an inspiring message with our traditional wonderfully prepared Thanksgiving morning breakfast. The fellowship and feelings of thanksgiving is second to none. The November calendar was full of wonderful services and Fairfield showed how we could be good stewards of our Christian faith by our beautiful spirit of giving.

We continue to seek new leadership for this men's group, with fresh new ideas. Please prayerfully consider this rewarding position.

All men are encouraged to join us and experience this group's fellowship first hand. You won't regret it. We look forward to seeing you at our next breakfast on Tuesday, December 12th. Join us at The Cold Harbor Restaurant every 2nd Tuesday of the month starting between 6:00-6:30am. Call or email Bill Dobson (804) 314-3127 or bill.dobson@comcast.net with any questions about the men of the church activities. You never have to reserve a seat, we will always have an opening for you.

In Christ's service, Billy Putze & Bill Dobson

Joyful Reader's Circle

The Joyful Readers' Circle will meet at The Pasta House on Atlee Road on **Tuesday**, **December 12th** at 6:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. This group meets on the first Tuesday night of each month from September to June.

Barbara Wash





The Fellowship Circle will have their Christmas luncheon at Anna's Restaurant on Tuesday, **December 12**th at 1:00pm.



The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is **Wednesday, December 5th** at 10:30 in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough



The women's circles have been asked by Camp Hanover to help prepare cookies for their Hanover Christmas program. They also wanted to give everyone else in the church a chance

to provide cookies as well. If you would like to make cookies for Hanover Christmas, you can bring them to the office or small kitchen by **Thursday, December 7**th. Thank you for helping with this wonderful event at our camp!



We still have a few angels on our Angel Tree! Please help out by adopting an Angel to help share the spirit of the season to those who are less fortunate. We have adopted children who have a parent in prison. Each child has 2 angels on the tree and each angel is to receive a gift costing approximately \$20.00. You can either deliver your (wrapped) gifts to the children directly or return them to the church by the Christmas tree *no later than Sunday, December 10th* and they will be delivered for you.



At our November meeting, a new Shepherd's list was distributed matching new members with Shepherds. Current Shepherds will continue with their flock until the end of the year. The 15 Shepherds who have agreed to the 2 year term starting in January can continue with the flock they have but will have new members added as they become members.

We thank those who helped with the reception for Brett Underdown. Jenny Lake and Donna Hohman will continue to coordinate receptions.

The chancel flowers if donated are being taken to members who are on our prayer list. The chart where each Sunday has one person responsible for delivering the flowers, will be placed near the flower chart starting in January.

The Take Them A Meal website has proved to be a useful tool for organizing meals and we encourage anyone who has the need or knows someone who does to please contact the coordinators, Debby Starzer and Jessica Ingerman or the church office.

The Deacons will need a new class starting in January. If you are interested in furthering the work of the Deacons, please contact the nominating committee or a Deacon.

The **December 5th** meeting marks the end of the 3 year term for the class of 2017--Anna Barrowclough, Julie Gee, Rae Hayden, Marge Wantz and Deborah Wood.

May this holiday season find you filled with joy, peace and health.

Marge Wantz



Our goal at the blood drive held on November 14 was to collect 25 units. We collected 27!! AMAZING! Thank you to our donors! We saw 32 presenting

donors - 30 whole blood, 3 deferrals, 4 power red. Our next blood drive will be held on January 16th in the Heritage Hall from 1:30-6:00pm.



9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

Dec. 3 Karen Couch & Beverly Burts
Dec. 10 Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker
Dec. 17 Linda Daugherty & Hannah Reasor
Dec. 24 Angela Blue & TBD

9:00am Kid's Worship

Dec. 3 Deb Utley
Dec. 10 Donna Hohman
Dec. 17 Ginny Patterson
Dec. 24 Donna Hohman

10:00am Infant/Toddler

Dec. 3 Majken Whitaker & Marge Wantz

Dec. 10 Jennifer France & Molly

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Dec. 17 Cathy Wenninger & Barbara Wash

Dec. 24 Melanie Rubeck & Linda Gruenhagen

11am Infant /Toddler

Dec. 3 Anne Young & Nikki Glass
Dec. 10 Pam Gigliotti & Angela Blue
Dec. 17 Pam Roberts & Donna Hohman
Dec. 24 Angela Blue & Beth Patterson



Blue Christmas Service December 21 6:30pm in the sanctuary

For those who have had losses – a loved one's passing, a relationship broken, a job lost, or other circumstances, we offer this special worship service. Let the holidays become a time of peace and reflection. We will pray and sing and light candles in celebration of life and for hope and healing in Christ, the Light of the World. Please join us.

Overcoming despair

Christmas can be a difficult time for people who are hurting or grieving. In the 1860's, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow had reason to despair: America was at war with itself, his son was severely wounded in battle and his wife died in a fire. The first Christmas after his wife's death, Longfellow wrote, "How inexpressibly sad are all holidays."

Three years later, on Christmas Day 1864, Longfellow penned a poem that later became the song "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." The lyrics move from despair to hope - and, thanks to Jesus, so can we.

And in despair I bowed my head. There is no peace on earth, I said! For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men!

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: God is not dead, nor doth he sleep! The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men!

Ministry Team News

Notes from your Session

It was a busy meeting for your Church Elders in November! They took time from a busy week with Thanksgiving just two days away and accomplished a great deal. During this meeting we . . .

- Agreed that we will joyfully renew the lease between ourselves and Grace United Family Church for the year 2018 for their use of Historic Beulah Church.
- Discussed how well the relationship between ourselves and Gingerbread Cottage Preschool has been going and decided we would gladly renew their lease in the event that they are not able to move into the yet to be constructed Shalom Baptist Church.
- Called for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held in the Family Center at 9:55 a.m. on December 17th for the purpose of electing officers and approving the changes in Terms of Call for Steve and Darren.
- Joyfully received Kathy Thomas by letter of transfer from the First Presbyterian Church of Berwick, PA.
- Agreed to accept a donation for a surplus piano at the Historic Beulah Church with the donation to be placed in the Beulah Church Fund.
- Learned that a major repair was completed on a heat pump that services the Family Center.
- Celebrated the Men of the Church serving approximately 25 homeless veterans a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Rejoiced in the generosity of this congregation as we continue to be financially on course in 2017 and pledges are coming in for 2018.
- Were grateful for the report that the fall small group study was successful and enjoyed by all participants, including those who weren't in a group but read the book independently.
- Noted that the Fifth Sunday Class will have an emphasis on Missions.
- Were excited to learn that the Howards will be with us on January 7th to report on their work in Papua New Guinea and that Richard Haney

will tell us his experiences through the Frontier Missions on March 18th, 2018.

- Gratefully heard that Bill Kerns and Larry Hansbrough will fill in for Linwood Ingram this year as Advent Candle stewards.
- Celebrated the news that the new format for children's Sunday school is progressing well.
- Reviewed and rejoiced in the success of the Fall-o-Ween program and expressed appreciation for all the people who brought it to reality.
- Learned the youth had a very fine Thanksgiving program in cooperation with Shalom Baptist and Walnut Grove Baptist churches' youth.
- Expressed appreciation for everyone who did so much to help the Rick Houchins memorial fundraiser exceed expectations.
- Set aside the evening of December 21st for the Blue Christmas worship service.
- Agreed with the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Commission on their recommendation to keep the earlier service in the Family Center until January 7th. Were thrilled that the number of Sundays where worship attendance at 9:00 exceeded the capacity of the sanctuary has increased.
- Set aside Saturday January 20th for a Session mini-retreat to review our hopes and expectations. Included in that will be a discussion of how we function as boards and teams to do the work of the Church.





Adult Discipleship News

Our memory verses for the next two months will be from Romans, Chapter 12. This is

the one for December:

"Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," say the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Romans 12:19-20

Mission News

MECHANICSVILLE CHURCHES EMERGENCY FUNCTIONS ONE STOP SHOP 4mcef.com

One Stop Shop (OSS) Activity: For October

- Food Pantry report 312 bags of food given out and 37 Thanksgiving bags. Current needs at the pantry are applesauce, jam/jelly, protein beans. Please consider these items if you are thinking about a food drive.
- Clothing- 5 bags infant clothing, 22 bags children's clothing, 36 bags of women's clothing, 20 bags of men's clothing were distributed. Donna Combs, our new Closet Director reported the following needs: Size 4-16 boy's pants, 2X and 3X women's clothing. Please remember: clean clothing with size showing, no suits, no fancy dresses, no shoe.
- Linens-18 bags of linens were distributed.
 Needs: bath towels, hand towels, washcloths.

Senior Rides – For the month of October MCEF gave 93 one-way rides to seniors and ACES gave 75. Drivers are being recruited. Please call 357-9360 if you are interested in

joining this ministry. Charles Rasnick will call you back.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND PLANS

- December 1-3 and 8-10, 6 9
 p.m.—Broadus Baptist Church's Living Nativity.
 Tickets are free and can be found on the church's website or by visiting the church.
- December 1-3 No Room at the Inn –
 Church of the Redeemer.
- Sunday, December 3 at 2 p.m. Mechanicsville Rotary/Ruritan Christmas Parade "Christmas Eve Magic". MCEF will collect food along the parade route. Volunteers needed to stock food at the pantry after the parade from 6-8 p.m.
- The first weekends in December Fairmount Christian Church will present a musical. Watch for info in the Mechanicsville Local.

The next day for Fairfield to contribute food is **Sunday**, **December 3**. Thank you for supporting MCEF and its ministries.

Nancy Gallihugh

Stewardship News

The Stewardship and Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for making their pledges during the Stewardship Campaign. Your financial commitment for 2018 allows us to effectively plan for the coming year. If you have not turned in your pledge card yet, feel free to drop it in the offering plate next Sunday or mail it to the church.

As you are planning your giving for next year, please consider signing up for E-Giving. E-Giving makes it easier for you to fulfill your pledge to Fairfield by scheduling a regular contribution from your bank account. It also helps smooth out the church's cash flow, allowing us to manage expenses more easily. If you would like more information on E-Giving or help with changing your contribution to match your new pledge level, please contact the church office or a member of the Stewardship and Finance Team.

If you are making tax and investmentrelated decisions as 2017 comes to a close, we ask that you consider making a contribution to the Fairfield Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is a way to support the work of the church in the long-term and across generations. It can also provide tax advantages is certain situations. Initial donations of at least \$500 can establish a Named Endowment. Once established, additional gifts of \$100 or more can be made at any time. If you have questions about the Endowment Fund, please contact Steve, Darren or any member of the Stewardship and Finance Team.



Poinsettias are available this year in red, white and pink. The cost is \$15 each and order forms are in the bulletins. Please make sure to fill in your order form, attach payment to the form and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 10th. The poinsettias will be in church for December 24 and December 31st. You make take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve evening services. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 730-7164

Gift-giving Solutions

Trying to find gifts for certain people - or letting others know what you want - can be quite challenging. After all, most of us don't need anything.

Realizing that the best gifts aren't material items offers a new perspective on giving and receiving. Consider these insights from author Charles Swindoll:

"Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value: Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone 'I love you.' Give something away - anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Visit someone in a nursing home. Apologize if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy."



Steve and Debby would like to invite everyone to stop by their house on Monday evening **December 11**th to celebrate with them their "new" home. Located in the Sherrington subdivision at 8285 Carrolton Ridge Place, it is easily found by turning onto Sherrington from Pole Green, taking the first left onto Harbor Mist and the first left onto Carrolton Ridge. Their home is about three-fourths of the way down on the left. Refreshments will be served!

Under-Age Thinking...

POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

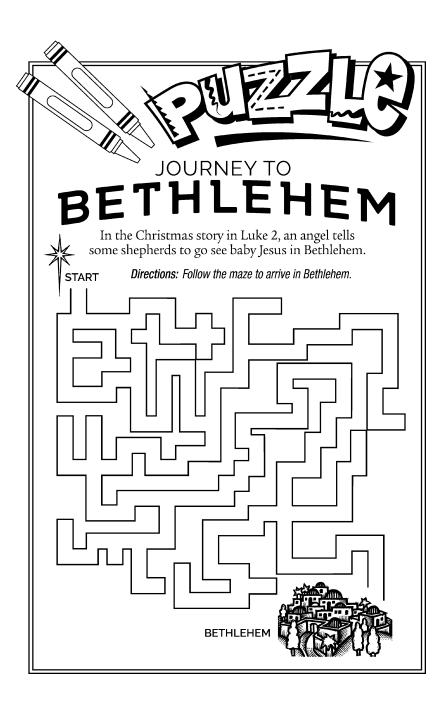
What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



What you do:

- 1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
- 2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
- 3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
- 4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
- 5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
- 6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.





December 2017

Fairfield Presbyterian Church



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Youth Group News

December 3: No Youth Group (Parade)

December 10: Mini Lock-in, 4:30pm

December 17: Caroling!

December 24: No Youth Group

December 31: No Youth Group





The hallway doors and classroom doors are fire stop doors. If a fire breaks out in our church (especially when the church is empty) those doors will slow the fire's spread and give our brave firefighters a safer and better chance at saving our facility. Fire needs oxygen and if the doors are closed the fire will not be able to "breathe." So, if you are the last person to leave the building, please close the interior doors. Additionally, as a side benefit, closing the doors allows our zoned heating and air conditioning systems to function more efficiently and

effectively and will help our heat pumps to last longer.



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