



December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Morning Devotions <i>Sharon Perkinson</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Morning Devotions <i>Eric Foster</i>	11	12	13	14
15 Commitment Sunday Christmas Lunch	16	17 Morning Devotions Session-6:30pm	18	19	20	21
22 Christmas Concert-3pm Centsability Offering	23	24 Morning Devotions Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00pm	25 	26 <i>John Feuchtenberger W. Hunter Thomas, III</i>	27	28
29	30	31 Morning Devotions New Year's Eve				

STEWARSHIP MINUTE-2025

In the coming weeks you will receive information pertaining to First Presbyterian Church's annual stewardship season. This time is an opportunity for church members to reflect on their spiritual commitment. We ask now for a financial pledge and your participation in the Church for the upcoming year. In stewardship, we offer commitment of time and possessions to God's service. As a church we serve to further His Kingdom.

Membership growth is an activity we can all participate in. Commit to inviting people to our services. While membership growth at First Presbyterian is always a goal, it is essential as we lose members to the Heavens.

The family of First Presbyterian Church has much to be thankful for, in large part due to the annual stewardship of its members, both current and past. At present, we are blessed with a wonderful facility for worship, missions and service to the Bluefield community.

Pledge information will be distributed with a Stewardship Campaign letter via email or by the US Postal Service. Commitment Sunday is scheduled for December 15th, 2024.

Sincerely, the Stewardship Committee

A Message from Mission Outreach

In morning devotions for the month of November, our focus has been on an Attitude of Gratitude. Many of you are aware that our Blessing Box is used by countless people through the week. We provide breakfast, snack, meal, and personal hygiene bags, plus. Thanks to the Presbyterian women, we now provide much needed women's hygiene bags. Also during the colder months, we provide hats, gloves, socks, scarves, hand warmers, Kevlar blankets, cocoa, coffee, soup mixes, and warmer foods.

We extend a special thanks to Terri, David, and Carole Dodson, Teresa Eckman, Eric Foster, Jimbo Godwin, Betse Feuchtenberger, Joyce Johnston, Stephanie Smith, Anne Hess. & Cathy, Riley, Toby and Tyler Zimmerman. These are the behind-the-scenes folks who shop, make up the bags, keep the box stocked, and answer the door.

We also would like to thank EACH ONE of you who help stock the box, supply items, or give financially. We couldn't do this without everyone's help.

THANK YOU ALL!!

Christmas Blessings, Mission Outreach Committee

SESSION STREAM

Session met on October 15th. Becky reported that Maureen Wright had emailed to check on us after the Hurricane Helene damage to see if we needed anything. Also there is more work to be done on the church procedure manual with new requirements from presbytery for policies on Harassment and Racism.

Fred reported that there is some plaster damage upstairs and some area of leaking which is being investigated. The lighting for the Bluefield Avenue stained glass window still needs to be completed.

Daveen reported Communion dates and date for Hanging of the Greens and pulpit supply.

Betse and the PNC had met with a promising pastoral candidate and she was well-liked by all. She and her husband had come and toured the church and later Betse, John and Jimbo had gone to hear her preach, and remained very impressed. This led to a called meeting of Session on November 5th to discuss/approve a call to this candidate. Sadly, an acceptance of our call did not occur, but we were very close so let us all be heartened by this and pray that God has someone just around the corner for us in 2025!

Our annual Christmas concert was approved for December 22nd at 3pm. Not much other news.

Session meets again on December 17th.

Hope all had a happy Thanksgiving!
Peace—Becky

Announcements

It is Poinsettia order time! Please see the insert in this newsletter.

Christmas lunch will be served on Sunday, December 22nd following our service. Please see the insert for more information and to make a reservation.