

# Grace First Presbyterian Church

*Grace First Presbyterian together ... worshipping God,  
witnessing for Jesus, and working to meet human needs.*

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## PASTOR EDIE'S PONDERINGS

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*Don't be afraid of change; it is leading you to new beginnings.*

What a wonderful quote to begin the new year! We know change is upon this congregation. Within the coming year you will have a new pastor. Within the coming year you will grow in numbers. Within the coming year, Edie will finally retire and seek not other service to a congregation except in Sunday preaching.

Yet change is fearful for many of us, even though we claim that God has come as Emmanuel, God with us. It's a matter of trust, my friends. Do we really trust God enough to allow change to happen in our lives? I have a ball cap left in my life from working with change in the Church. The front inscription says *CHANGE?* The back inscription says, *I'll Go First*. That's my motto.

So what's happening in 2019?

Adult Education resumes on the same day as LOGOS January 9, 2019, and goes through March 6. We will take a break while Logos breaks. The focus of our study will be the Confessions of the Church. I would prefer that we begin with the latest adopted Confession and work backwards. So we will be discussing the Belhar Confession, January 9 & 16, the Brief Statement of Faith, January 23, 30 and February 6. The rest of the class will focus on the Confessions with the banners that were displayed in the Reformation Sunday worship service.

If you want to prepare for the Belhar Confession Discussion,  
you can find it at

[www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/belhar.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/belhar.pdf)

Enjoy the new year and come searching with your congregation!

Pastor Edie

We will celebrate  
**HOLY  
COMMUNION**

Sunday, Jan. 6  
Sunday, Feb. 3



## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### 7 Ups of New Year Resolutions:

You all may have heard of these somewhere before but I was browsing around in my documents and with the New Year here I was inspired and reminded of what resolutions should be about and thinking outside the box concerning resolutions.

**WAKE-UP** – Begin each day with the Lord, it is His day.

**STAND-UP** – Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good.

**LOOK-UP** – Open your eyes to the Lord.

**REACH-UP** – Spend time in prayer with your needs, wants, thanksgiving, and confessions to the Lord.

**LIFT-UP** – We need to be those who are available to help those in need—serving, supporting, and sharing.

**SHUT-UP** – Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen.

**SHOW-UP** – We need to stop, be present, and allow our hearts to break. In reality, we will show up!

Peace and blessings to you this New Year and may 2019 be a year in which we live out the 7 Ups to the glory and praise to God.

*David*



## MARIALICE'S MUSIC NOTES

Our Music Ministry has had a busy and blessed year, offering good music to the Glory of God and to this congregation. My sincere thanks to all who participate and all those who help behind the scenes. We invite interested singers to join the Sanctuary Choir in January. Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

*Marialice*

## MINISTRIES &amp; OUTREACH

MINISTRY  
MEETINGS**Session**

Thurs. Jan. 17, 6:15 p.m.

**Personnel**

Tues. Jan. 8, 6:15 p.m.

**Worship & Music**

Thurs. Jan. 3, 5:00 p.m.

**Mission & Outreach**

Thurs. Jan. 3, 6:00 p.m.

**Property**

Sat. Jan. 5, 9:00 a.m.

**Trustees**

Wed. Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m.

**Christian Education**

Sun. Jan. 13, 12:00 p.m.

**Communications**

Tues. Jan. 22, 12:00 p.m.

**Board of Deacons**

Sun. Jan. 13, 12:00 p.m.

**In-Touch**

Thurs. Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m.

**Congregational Life**

Thurs. Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.



PW Coordinating Team—Thursday, Jan 3, 9:00 am

Circle 2—Tuesday, Jan 8, 12:00 pm

Evening Circle—Monday, Jan 14, 6:30 pm

## MANNA UPDATE

## EMPHASIS FOR JANUARY

**Any and all canned goods, including canned fruits,  
vegetables, soups, and 1lb bags of rice  
and pinto beans, 1 lb boxes of spaghetti**

Please put your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex  
each Sunday or bring by the church office during the week.

*With God as our Leader,  
may we be prepared to  
live another year under  
His guidance.*

*Happy New Year!*



*"Your success and happiness lies in  
you. Resolve to keep happy, and your  
joy and you shall form an  
invincible host against difficulties."*

*Helen Keller*

## CHILI/CHOCOLATE COOK-OFF



Sunday, February 17, following worship in the Great Hall  
we will hold our 9th annual Chili/Chocolate cook-off. Mark  
your calendars and start planning now on what you might  
enter into this year's cook-off. This is a fundraiser for Trinity  
**Habitat for Humanity**. More information forthcoming.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS &amp; CONGRATULATIONS



Grace First welcomed the following guests during the month of

## D E C E M B E R

Rich & Diane Bell  
 Roby Billings  
 Marti Collum  
 Lila Currin  
 Gene & Martha Dawson  
 Tiffany Frohm  
 Tilly Frohm  
 Tyler & Leslie Mueller  
 Nick, Alycia, Sydney & Trey Nelson  
 Paul Roesson  
 Alan Schutts  
 Reneé Sheppard  
 Allen & Peggy Varnon  
 Nancy Wester



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following GFPC members:



## JANUARY

Daniel Arnold	3	Kelly Baggett	19
Lacy Davis	5	Emily Gonzales	19
Allie Mittendorf	6	Jake Mittendorf	20
Bryana Callahan	7	Lanie Arnold	21
Janet Duncan	7	Melvin Dale	21
Dawn Ryle	13	Mike Davis	23
Charles Baird	15	Dave Kaiser	25
Fynnegan Pilkington	15	Bob Allen	26
Ethan Williams	15	Myrlan Coleman	26
Jane Moss	16	Meagan Arnold	27
Aiden Coleman	17	Janet Douglass	27
Johnathon Siebuhr	18	Sarah Eidson	28
Shanteé Siebuhr	18		



The *Feasting on the Word* adult Sunday School class meets in Room 14 each week at 9:15 a.m. You are invited to join us as we discuss and share ideas on the following topics:

Jan. 6—Guiding Lights

Matthew 2:1-12

Jan. 13—Beloved

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan. 20—Gifts for the Common Good

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Jan. 27—Attending to the Word

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*I took my troubles to the Lord;*  
 I CRIED OUT TO HIM  
 and  
**HE ANSWERED**  
*my prayer.*  
 Psalms 120:1

## JANUARY EVENTS

**1**

### HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Monday, January 1, 2019. In observance of the New Year's holiday, the church office will be closed. Happy New Year !

# 2019

**6**

### CELEBRATE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 6. The Epiphany of our Lord will be celebrated during the Sunday service. Christians recognize Epiphany in honor of the coming of the three kings to the infant Jesus Christ.

**9**

### FIRST LOGOS OF THE YEAR !

Wednesday, January 9. LOGOS begins for another term of fellowship and fun.

4 p.m.—8 p.m. a Blood Drive will be held in the GFPC parking lot.

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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following Worship the annual Congregational Meeting will be held.

## Carter BloodCare Blood Drive



When: Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
4:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

Where: GFPC Parking Lot (Carter BloodCare Bus)

#### Contact

Colleen Horan, (817) 343-1410

#### GFPC Contact

Stephanie Eidson

Mission & Outreach invites you to schedule time to donate blood and help others in need. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board in the coffee area.

## JANUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**Deacon Assignments:****Communion Set and Clean Up:**

January 6—Karen Lail & Leslie Goeldner

**Nursery Help:**

January 20—Claire Varnon

**Greeters:**

January 6—Susie Bossert & Janelle Currin

January 13—Dave & Janet Douglass

January 20—Jim & Janet Duncan

January 27—Bonnie Evans & Karen Lail

**Guest Station:**

January 6—Janet Douglass

January 13—Wendy Bates

January 20—Sarah Eidson

January 27—Myrna Fields

**Communion Servers:** Peggy Myrick,  
Margaret Martin and Jackie Case



### CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GILMONT WOMEN'S RETREAT! FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019

Together, we'll explore a question that God posed to Hagar in Genesis 18: "Where have you been, and where are you going?" As pilgrims on our journey of faith, it's important to pause and reflect, checking the compass to see where God is leading us next. Kate looks forward to getting to know this special group of women as we worship, learn, share, pray, and play together.

*Stay in the Lodge for \$190 or Share a Comfy Cabin with friends for \$170.*

*Cost includes meals, lodging and retreat materials.*

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### Members and Their Families

Pattie Kramer  
Dawn Kahlden  
Marion Harris  
Peggy Boardman  
Wendy (Goldsmith) Coleman  
Patsy Vawter

### Friends

Frankie Werner, friend of Sue Jones  
Jo Ann Fowler, friend of Myrlan Coleman  
Kati Hamilton, daughter of Linda Tingle  
Autumn Reed, friend of Deb Kaiser

### Continuing Concerns

Grainger Weston, father of Sarah Eidson  
Nona, mother of Deb Kaiser  
Greg, father of Shanteé Siebuhr  
Don Jones, cousin of Roberta Furman  
David Wenzel, son-in-law of Peggy Boardman  
Chloe-Marion Parry, Mother of Marion Harris

### Homebound and Nursing Home Members

Frank & Arda Morgan  
Pat & Bel Wise  
Paul and Kaye Martino  
Christene Donnell  
Dannie Woodard

## YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Sunday, Jan. 6—Kids Against Hunger, Ridglea

Sunday, Jan. 20—Escape Room

Wednesday, Jan. 9—LOGOS is back!

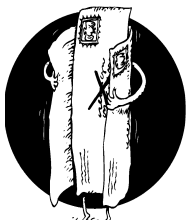
Wednesday, Jan. 23—LOGOS

Sunday, Jan. 13—Movie Night

Sunday, Jan 27—Game Night

Wednesday, Jan. 16—LOGOS

Wednesday, Jan. 30—LOGOS



**Change  
of  
Address**

Please contact the church office with change of addresses, phone numbers, & e-mail addresses. Don't forget your kid's new college addresses.

Please help keep the office informed when there is a sickness, someone is in the hospital, or a death in the family. The office will then let the rest of the church family know to lift up in prayer those in need. Also, let us know when it is okay to remove a name from our concerns list. Joys, accomplishments and achievements are important to us too and can be shared through Church Matters. Call us or email us.

THANKS, The Office



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**SUNDAY MORNING  
SCHEDULE**

Sunday School Classes—9:15 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship—10:25 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship—10:40 a.m.



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Friday 9—12

**WEBSITE**

[WWW.GRACEFIRSTPC.ORG](http://WWW.GRACEFIRSTPC.ORG)

**STAFF**

Interim Pastor, *The Rev. Edith A. Gause*  
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