

**FAMILY PROMISE ARRIVES  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3-9, 2017**

As you sit down and visit with family and friends during this holiday season, take time to remember the homeless families with children in our community and consider ways you can help:

- As an Overnight Host: because you are thankful for your home
- With Meals: because you are thankful for the food that you eat
- Washing Laundry: because you are thankful for the clothes you wear and your washer/dryer
- With Transportation: because you for thankful for the car you drive to work and for pleasure
- As Evening and Saturday Hosts: because you have a home to enjoy your evenings and weekends.
- Unload trailer and set-up guest rooms on 12/3
- Take-down guest rooms and load trailer on 12/9

Check out the volunteer opportunities on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

For questions, comments or suggestions concerning this important church mission, contact: Gail Howard at [gailhoward510@gmail.com](mailto:gailhoward510@gmail.com) or 252-726-5156 or Mary Fournier ([mfournier@ec.rr.com](mailto:mfournier@ec.rr.com); 252-241-5365).

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

*Sync to calendar at: [www.firstpresmhc.org](http://www.firstpresmhc.org)*

**Sun Nov 26, 2017**

8:30am Worship  
9:30am The Bridge Worship  
9:40am Adult Sunday School  
11am Worship

**Mon Nov 27, 2017**

9:30am Prayer Grp  
1pm HAP Knitting  
6:30pm CES Reh

**Tue Nov 28, 2017**

4:45pm TOPS Mtg  
5:30pm Session Mtg  
7pm AA

**Wed Nov 29, 2017**

8:30am FTF cooks  
9am Hope Mission Vols  
10am Women's Bible Study  
6pm Dinner/Advent Wreaths

**Thu Nov 30, 2017**

7pm Bridge Band Reh  
7pm Choir  
8pm Al-Anon

**Fri Dec 1, 2017**

6pm CES Dress Rehearsal

**Sat Dec 2, 2017**

10am Advent Festival  
4pm CES Concert

**Sun Dec 3, 2017**

***Family Promise Week begins***  
8:30am Worship  
9:30am The Bridge Worship  
9:40am Adult Sunday School  
10am Children's Sunday School  
11am Worship  
12pm New Mbr Info Class  
4pm CES Concert  
5pm Youth Fellowship

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November 26, 2017 - Christ the King Sunday

## Let Us Pray

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is Removed  
for privacy purposes  
for our members.



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Honor or remember a loved one this Christmas with a poinsettia. Now is the time to place your order for a poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary during advent. Each plant is \$13.50; order cards are available on the Welcome Tables; deadline for orders is Monday, November 27.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES – NOVEMBER 26			
10:00	Children's Sunday School is not meeting today. They will resume their regular schedule on December 3.		
	CLASS	TOPIC	LEADER
9:40	Feasting on the Word	<i>Feasting on the Word</i>	Mark Vandersea
	Covenant	<i>Study of The Epistles</i>	Theresa Arnold
	Adult Bible Study	<i>God Meant It for Good, Joseph - Study Guide Vol. 1</i>	Class Members
	Sojourners	<i>The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions - The Divinity of Jesus</i>	Bob Meadows

## This Week's News

### INTERESTED IN CALLING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HOME? INFORMATION CLASS - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 12PM NEW MEMBER CLASS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:30AM

An information session will be held December 3, 12pm, for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian. A brief class with session members will be held December 10 for those who wish to join. Contact Linda Langheld at 252-648-8034 for more information.

### Christmas at First Presbyterian Church!

Check out the color brochure in today's bulletin for information about the many exciting activities happening at First Presbyterian Church during this season of Advent. Look for:

- ⇒ Alternative Gift Giving Opportunities
- ⇒ Tickets to the Carolina East Singers' Christmas Concert
- ⇒ Being an FPC Elf for Christmas Cheer
- ⇒ Reservations for our churchwide annual Christmas Dinner
- ⇒ Advent Sermon Series
- ⇒ And many more!

## Wednesday Witness

**WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAY, 10AM - YOUTH RM**  
Facilitator: Jerri Oehler

Open to women of all ages, — *Discerning the Voice of God* (expanded) by Priscilla Shirer. Discover the root to clear and daily communication with God - *humble obedience*. Learn how *surrender* unlocks His many blessings and *centers us* in His will.

## WEDNESDAY DINNER & ADVENT WREATHS Special Church Family Event Wednesday, 6pm

Wednesday dinner is being prepared by Mary-Martha Circle, and the menu is: meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrot salad, roll and assorted desserts.

Then stay to create your own Advent wreath for home devotion times. (Worship and singing the hymns of the season will be part of this special event.) The cost for a wreath kit is \$8. RSVP for dinner via the church website [click RSVP button on top right screen]; to order a kit, email [tcpoland@firstpresmhc.org](mailto:tcpoland@firstpresmhc.org) or RSVP on the reservation card **by Monday, 11/27.**

*Don't forget to bring greenery to decorate your wreath and some to share.*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - 7PM - MEETING ROOM**  
*The Last Days According to Jesus* by R. C. Sproul  
Facilitators: Theresa Arnold and Tim Havlicek

**This week: *The Meaning of "The Beast"***  
(Pick up a copy in the church office.)

### Advent Festival Saturday, December 2, 10am-12pm

Children will make Christ-centered crafts and participate in a missions project. Look for details in the Christmas at First Presbyterian brochure in today's bulletin.

## A Community Celebration

Honoring

**Richard L. Stanley**

Mayor, Town of Beaufort

2007-2017

Sunday, December 10, 2017

2-4pm - Ice Cream Social

3pm Ceremony in Historic Gymnasium

Beaufort Town Center

801 Mulberry Street

Beaufort, North Carolina

Everyone Is Invited

## PASTOR'S NOTES

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Dear Friends,

We have had an amazing Fall of new ministries and new relationships! New community groups have begun; a new weekly Children's ministry has started; a new youth ministry project, "reBUILDING," has brought in new friends. There is much to celebrate as we enter the last month of 2017.

Maybe you've noticed the extra sawdust, broken pallets, and power tools laying around the church campus. Our youth have been extra busy with a slightly different approach to ministry. Our focus this year has been "reBUILDING." We have been using several small building projects to build and strengthen relationships with each other, extend relationships to our congregation, and beyond into our community. Our youth have been joined by adult "builders" who have come alongside and are working together on small woodworking and craft projects which we will present as gifts to special church members. These projects will also be given as mission gifts to some of our neighbors. Some are even available for purchase to help further our ministry outreach.

Through our "reBUILDING" projects, we have seen a doubling of our adult involvement and a steady influx of new students who find the projects both challenging and rewarding. We have been working on birdhouses, pumpkin cutouts, and now Christmas trees and snowmen. We are still looking for more adult "builders" who will share skills and relationships with our youth. There are many ways you can be involved; we're looking for crafty, artsy, handy, caring adults to help work on projects and invest in the lives our youth. Artists, painters, woodworkers, and all types of talented folks are needed. If you could be available once or twice a month and would be willing to share your gifts, please let me know. We'd love to have you.

Further, some of the projects will become available for purchase if you would like to have one for your home or to give as a gift. This is a perfect season for acknowledging the gifts of our youth – and giving gifts to others! Check out the church hallways, bulletin boards, and website in the coming weeks for more information.

Please be in prayer for our youth as they grow in faith and learn how special to God they are. May they understand that God has given them each gifts, skills and abilities to use on behalf of the Church and Christ's Kingdom.

***Pastor Matt***