

 JANUARY

Open Door **2022**

FROM THE PASTOR:

A family from the neighborhood near the church building stopped by the office in December. They had noticed that the carillon was not playing, and they missed it. I checked and discovered that we needed to reset the schedule and choose some new music. Five minutes and everything was back to normal. If only all problems were remedied that quickly and easily!

As we continued to talk, the mom said that she loved the bells. She let me know that every time she hears them ring, she is reminded to pray. The bells nudged her to have a “God moment”.

It was wonderful to hear that simply playing the bells could help someone in their spiritual journey. We can feel good about that! It also reminded me that we could all use more “God moments” in our lives.

What reminds you to pray? What reminds you say “Thank you” to God? As we begin a new year, I encourage each of you to find something to remind you to stop, remember God’s presence in your life, and pay attention in a new way.

*Pastor Ray*



The Nativity set is looking beautiful this year! Thank you Kay for the hay and cedar that added a beautiful and authentic feel to the scene. Also, thank you to Tim for the beautiful new bright shining star for over the manger.

Thanks to everyone who helped hang the greens in the church! It's beautiful as always!

Thank you Father for the best gift of all..... Your Son Jesus!!!

## **New Directories!!!**

It is almost time for a new phone directory!  
Be sure to let the office know of any changes,  
additions or corrections!



**January 2** Prayer of Examen  
**January 9** The Visit of the Magi  
**January 16** How's the Marriage?  
**January 23** Ears to Hear  
**January 30** Word We Don't Like to Hear



**Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom**

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer.  
7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail  
each week.

**Kum Ba Yah topics:**

**January 5** Mark 1  
**January 12** Mark 2  
**January 19** Mark 3  
**January 26** Mark 4

**Adult Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!**

**January 2** Sabbath  
**January 9** Passover  
**January 16** The Omer  
**January 23** Shavuot  
**January 30** Rosh Hashanah



## BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 45 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food. Your support is essential and appreciated.

The foods we give are single serving, easy open containers, no cooking required, and without nut products. The food can be divided into two breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners.



January



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



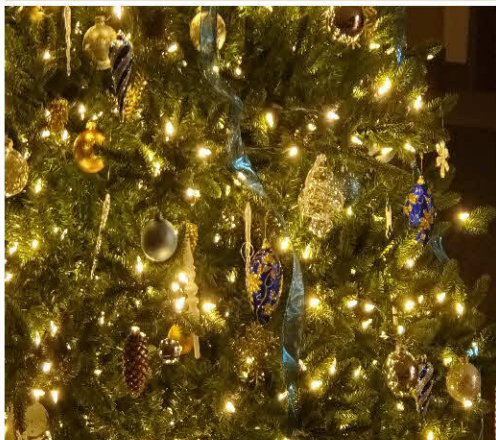
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The Mission Committee met on December 14, 2021. Those present discussed some different places and organizations that may benefit from our donations. This month the committee decided to donate \$500.00 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief For relief work with victims of the tornado breakout in December.



For the entire year, the Mission Committee has made gifts of \$2650.00 to Global Missions and \$3200.00 to Local Missions. In addition to a founding bequest from the Meyers Sisters, other church members supplement these gifts each year. Consider a gift to the Mission giving of your local congregation!

FPC Miami Church ministries of the Backpack program and the food pantry have been a blessing to our community. 192 food pantry bags and 1282 backpacks have been handed out so far this year.



**Thank You  
Warren  
For the  
Beautiful New  
Christmas Tree**



**Thank you to Kate Prince, Ray, Bill Hancock & Ross for decorating the tree!  
Thank you Ross & Tim for the majority of the ornaments on the tree.**





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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

*Deanna Duwall.....1/2      Cari Allen.....1/18*  
*Henry Long.....1/14      Hellen Hutchison.....1/22*  
*Anna Milligan.....1/14      Fortune Karleskint.....1/23*  
*Frank Denney.....1/15      Christopher Rabel.....1/29*

*Should your name be here?  
 Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!*

#### 4-State youth 4 Equality

A new group is forming to provide a safe place for area teens to explore their uniqueness as created and loved by God. First Presbyterian is happy to offer space for this new group. The first vision for this group came from the story of a young gay man who has experienced bullying in an area school and rejection by his local church. We look forward to learning and growing together.

The Christmas pot luck was wonderful. A great time of fellowship was had by all who came.

The group was so thoughtful, they gave Pastor Ray & Ross a beautiful ornament for all the help the two of them have been to the group.



<b>Servers in the Lord's House</b>		
	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Coffee Host</b>
<b>January 2</b>	Shelly Thomas	Open
<b>January 9</b>	Open	Open
<b>January 16</b>	Open	Open
<b>January 23</b>	Open	Open
<b>January 30</b>	Open	Open

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for servers slots!

<b>Backpack Helper Schedule</b>		
<b>Thursday 1/6</b>	Melinda Thiesing	John Thiesing
<b>Thursday 1/13</b>	Janice Johnson	Open
<b>Thursday 1/20</b>	Open	Open
<b>Thursday 1/27</b>	Open	Open



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has set our Annual Congregational meeting for Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following worship.

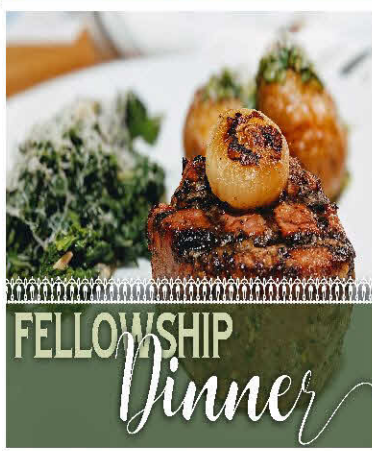


We will reflect on the past year, hear reports from committees and groups within the congregation, elect leaders for the future, and consider whatever other business might come before the congregation.





A beautiful Village as a gift of enjoyment this Christmas season from Ross & Tim. This village was a gift from Ross's Cousin. She was blessed to get all of the houses and several other accent pieces for a total of \$30.00.



Thank You Fellowship Committee for the wonderful dinner on December 5th.

It was Delicious!!!

Yum, Yum, Yum!!

This is a poem that Nancy Gee and Howard Condren learned in school when they were children. Perhaps, if we asked them, they could recite it for us. After they have had a little practice of course.

ABOU BEN ADHEM  
By Leigh Hunt

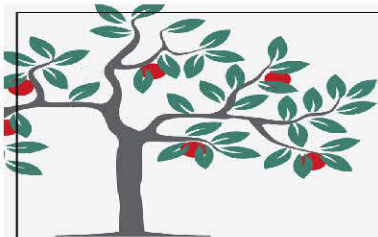
Abou Ben Adhem (May his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight of his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
Exceeding peace made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said,  
"What writest Thou?" - The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord,  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerly still ; and said, "I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one who loves his fellow men."  
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night  
It came again wakening light,  
And Lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.



The distribution of the Deacons Christmas baskets on December 18th was a great success. 27 Families now have food to last throughout this Christmas season.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this endeavor. A great big THANK YOU!!! to Mary Kay for all the hard work of ordering and picking up all the food from Walmart. Also, Cindy for getting the Little Debbies snack cakes for the baskets.

This Ministry from the Deacons is a beautiful sign to others of the love and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ!



**DEACON  
MINISTRY**



2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV

**17** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!



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