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#### Office Hours

The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers will staff our front desk from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Please note that the office will be closed Christmas through January 2 this year.

#### **All-Church Prayer**

Lord, like the light breaking through our windows, break through our resistance to change, show us the new things you want to do through First Presbyterian Church, and empower us to embrace new opportunities. Amen.



All are welcome!

# THIS WEEK AT FPC

#### Sunday, December 28

# Usher Team 1 Nursery Open

9:30 a.m. Donuts & Discussion, Library
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
3:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall
4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

#### Monday, December 29

#### Office Closed

4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

#### **Tuesday, December 30**

#### **Office Closed**

4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

#### Wednesday, December 31

#### Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Conf. Rm.

4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer7:30 p.m. 12 Step in Willard Hall

#### Thursday, January 1

# Office Closed

4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer 8:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall

# Friday, January 2

Pastors' Day Off

**Office Closed** 

4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

#### Saturday, January 3

4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

#### Sunday, January 4

# Usher Team 5 Nursery Open

8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
9:30 a.m. Donuts & Discussion, Library
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
3:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall
4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

# Welcome to FPC!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here! Please fill out a Connection Card (in pew backs) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a pastor. We also have a small visitor bag for you. If you're not given one by an usher, please select a blue gift bag at any of the entrances into the sanctuary.

We're so glad you are here!

### **In Our Prayers**

**Joys:** Herman Jones and his two and a half years as a part of the staff, beautiful Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve service, youth caroling and Zoo Light outing, Faith and Flour cookie baking

**Concerns:** Rhonda Boling, Linda Mets, Melba Banion, Jason Carmichael (son of Bob and Pam Carmichael), Kay Wischropp, Mark Alexander

**Sympathy:** Prayers for the family of Gene Schoettlin, who passed away on December 13. Services will be held at Parker-Price & Davidson on January 3. Visitation is at 1:00 p.m. followed by the celebration of life at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers for the family of Nancy Liesmann, who passed away on December 20. A service will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Topeka at 2:00 p.m. on January 6.

# **Upcoming Office Closures**

The church office will be closed for an extended period to allow the staff some extra rest and time to recharge. The office will be closed on the following dates:

December 24 - 26

December 29 - January 2

# **Year-End Contributions & Commitment Cards**

Contributions intended for 2025 must be received online or postmarked no later than December 31, 2025, to be credited in 2025. Thank you for your continued support of the mission of First Presbyterian Church. Even if you did not make a financial commitment, please be sure to return your commitment card for 2026 to help us update our database.

#### **Herman Jones Retiring**

Quiz: Who has been a huge, funky chicken during the Children's Moment? A gigantic, friendly lightning bug for VBS? And our cherished Director of Children & Family Ministries? You guessed it—our own Herman Jones. Herman has decided to retire for real at the end of December, to spend more time with his family and traveling. Though we will miss having him on staff, we wish Herman the best and look forward to the tales (and puns) about his new adventures. We'll celebrate Herman's dedication to our church family during the fellowship time after worship today!

#### Thank You

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has helped with all the activities happening this holiday season! Many have assisted with Noon Noels, Blue Christmas, Hanging of the Greens, Bible studies, and the Christmas Eve Service. There is a lot that goes unseen and several months of planning that go into each event by several different teams, committees, and volunteers. Please take some time to thank those involved; without them these beloved traditions would not be possible.