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# 2020 VISION

**Special points of interest:**

- Adult Crafts First Saturday of the Month 10 am—2 pm
- Deacons Pie Orders Due FEB 19th
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection January 26th
- Session Mtg January 14th
- Annual Reports Due FEB 2nd

## **Session Update**

### **Session Highlights – Fourth Quarter**

Session continues to work together as we consider new options for our church.

There has been participation in the program for small churches offered by Presbytery, through the Presbyterian Foundation. The second gathering of the group was on December 5.

The presentations are offered at the Malta church, which is a central location in Presbytery. More than half the churches in Presbytery are small churches, and this program has been well received. The topic in December was discussion of many items that pertain to finance.

One new procedure that is being explored is “on line” giving. It is often not used by older members in churches, but the ability to give this new way appeals to both younger people and friends of the church who live away from the area.

Attention is being given to the building and its issues, and the need to repair the organ. We are seeking multiple quotes for the organ work, and hope we can have the necessary work done in early 2020.

It would be great to have the organ repaired in time for a celebration and re-dedication of our building after the exterior is completely restored!

Submitted by – Marie Bell  
Clerk of Session

## **Tithes and Gifts**

All tithes and gifts that are made to First United Presbyterian Church are greatly appreciated. As a thank you for those, I would like to be sure that they are attributed to the correct accounts and where you want them to be used. Please remember to use donation envelopes whenever possible. Be sure to make a notation on the NOTE line of your check, as to where you want the funds to go. If no notation is made, all funds go directly to the General Fund account. Those that do the weekly counting for deposits and myself try our best to deposit funds where you want. If we all take a little extra time to make notes on checks and on the outside of donation envelopes the process will go more smoothly. Annual giving forms will be available Sunday, January 26th. If they are not picked up from the church by February 16th I will go ahead and mail them. Thank you in advance for your generous giving throughout the year.

Submitted by — Holly Keys  
Treasurer and Financial Secretary

# Deacons Pie Order Form

Deacons Fundraiser  
Salem First United Presbyterian Church  
Smith's Orchard Bake Shop Frozen Pies

We will be taking orders for this fundraiser until **FEBRUARY 19th**  
**All order forms and money MUST be in at the time of ordering.**  
Orders will be available for pick up on Saturday, MARCH 7th

Buyers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyers Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>The Following Pies Will Be Offered</u>  | <u>Quantity</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| <u>APPLE PIE Regular Top</u>               |                 |
| <u>APPLE PIE Crumb Top</u>                 |                 |
| <u>BLUEBERRY PIE Regular Top</u>           |                 |
| <u>BLUEBERRY PIE Crumb Top</u>             |                 |
| <u>CHERRY PIE</u>                          |                 |
| <u>PECAN PIE</u>                           |                 |
| <u>RASPBERRY PIE</u>                       |                 |
| <u>STRAWBERRY RHUBARB PIE</u>              |                 |
| <u>VERY BERRY PIE</u>                      |                 |
| <u>RHUBARB PIE</u>                         |                 |
| <u>PUMPKIN PIE</u>                         |                 |
| <u>PEACH PIE</u>                           |                 |
| <u>CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER BROWNIE PIE</u> |                 |

AMOUNT DUE  
# of PIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
COST PER: \$12  
TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT RECEIVED:  
CHECK: \_\_\_\_\_  
CASH: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
Deacons First United Presbyterian Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!!!!

Orders for pies will be at the Salem UP Church 11 am—Noon on SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

My Order Was: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fellowship Hour Guidelines

When it is your turn on the Fellowship List you are responsible for providing snacks and for setting up, either the day before church or early on Sunday.

Set up one table for foods, with donated items, plates, napkins and utensils if needed.

Coffee Table needs: coffee urn, electric water kettle, tea bags, cocoa, sugar/sweeteners, Half and Half, spoons, church mugs and hot paper cups with sleeves.

Coffee, tea, cocoa, sweeteners are on the shelf in the kitchen. Half and Half is in the refrigerator.

Church mugs are in the cabinet with all the dishes.

Paper products are in the kitchen on the shelf under the dish cabinet in plastic containers, with the back up supplies in the closet to the right of the platform area.

Cold drinks will be provided, but you need to place some cold paper cups on the coffee table.

Lots of people are generously available to help with clean up — washing mugs etc. and helping to bring items back into the kitchen.

**MAKING THE COFFEE:** The number of cups of coffee needed may vary, but the general rule is to use at least one Tablespoon of coffee for each cup as measured on the “fill” tube on the coffee maker. Making 25 cups of coffee uses 3 generously rounded half cup measures (1 1/2 cups of coffee). The blue measure in the coffee containers is a 1/2 cup measure. Rounding provides the 1 T extra that is needed for the 25 cup amount.

Very often someone arrives early on Sunday may be there in time to help set up the coffee if this is a new experience.

Extra food items are in the freezer if we need more than is brought on a Sunday — just in case we have lots of extra visitors.

**NO STRESS** — there are lots of people who can help. Just ask!!

## Adult Crafts

A reminder to mark your calendars for Adult Crafting Days on the first Saturday of each month in 2020, with the exception of July- which will be the 2nd Saturday- as the 4th of July is the first Saturday.

If you haven't been able to join us or don't really craft- all community members are welcome to come and just visit. Over the course of the year we've had people just come for the conversations, or come and learn a new craft, or just come for the community outreach.

We have crafters color, do paper crafting, beading, knit, crochet, quilt, and do hand sewing- as well as on occasion have some painters. We always have a good time and since it's open for anyone we are never sure whom may show up! Many of our crafters are not church members of First United.

Come join us.....we will meet unless the weather is totally bad for travel, in the winter we may share a hot meal of soup, and the tea pot is always on. Crafters bring snacks if they want sometimes to share-

## The Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the candy cane, what do you see?  
Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me.  
White for my Savior, sinless and pure.  
J is for Jesus, my Lord that's for sure!  
Turn it around and a staff you will see.  
Jesus my shepherd was born for me!

Submitted by Mary VanDeWater

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### January Birthday's

2nd Jane Keys  
19th Nancy Bardwell  
David Moore  
26th Christopher Barrett, Jr

### January Anniversaries

3rd Tom & Jane Keys

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

## Giving Update

**DECEMBER 2019:** Income: \$ 13,120.00    Expenses: \$5,458.83    **SURPLUS: \$7,661.17**  
**Year To Date:** Income: \$ 73,461.97    Expenses: \$77,600.14    **DEFICIT: \$4,138.17**

So far this year we have transferred \$30,000.00 from our portfolio account to help cover expenses.

## Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause for joy or concern: \_\_\_\_\_

You name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

## Scriptures

### JANUARY Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear will come from the following readings:

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>January 5th</b>  | Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20<br>Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9)10-18 |
| <b>January 12th</b> | Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29<br>Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17                |
| <b>January 19th</b> | Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11<br>1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42        |
| <b>January 26th</b> | Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9<br>1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23  |

## Fortune Cookie Wisdom

I recently had a fortune cookie, and the “saying” said something similar to — “Is you don’t make changes you may end up where you are heading”. Our church popped into my mind immediately.

I wonder about what direction we are heading into, and what could the changes be, that we need to make it we want to change the direction.

As we come into a new year, we can decide our direction and together discern what changes need to be made. Hopefully ideas can be brought to the annual meeting in February.

We do need people to serve in many different ways. There is a need for everyone to serve in some capacity. Working together we can accomplish our goals.

# January 2020

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                          | Wed                              | Thu                              | Fri       | Sat                            |
|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
|  |   |                              | <b>1 New Year's Day</b>          | <b>2</b><br>Line Dancing 9:30am  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Adult Crafts 10 am |
| <b>5</b><br>Worship 10am                                     | <b>6</b><br>Cub Scouts 6pm<br>Boy Scouts 7pm                                      | <b>7</b>                     | <b>8</b><br>Bible Study 8:30 am  | <b>9</b><br>Line Dancing 9:30am  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>                      |
| <b>12</b><br>Worship 10am                                    | <b>13</b><br>Cub Scouts 6pm<br>Boy Scouts 7pm                                     | <b>14</b><br>Session 7:00 pm | <b>15</b><br>Bible Study 8:30 am | <b>16</b><br>Line Dancing 9:30am | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>                      |
| <b>19</b><br>Worship 10 am<br>Worship & Music<br>11:30am     | <b>20</b><br><b>Martin Luther King Jr Day</b><br>Cub Scouts 6pm<br>Boy Scouts 7pm | <b>21</b>                    | <b>22</b><br>Bible Study 8:30 am | <b>23</b><br>Line Dancing 9:30am | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                      |
| <b>26</b><br>Worship 10 am<br>4 Cents a Meal Collec-<br>tion | <b>27</b><br>Cub Scouts 6pm<br>Boy Scouts 7pm                                     | <b>28</b>                    | <b>29</b><br>Bible Study 8:30 am | <b>30</b><br>Line Dancing 9:30am | <b>31</b> |                                |



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**At First United Presbyterian Church:**

We believe  
that God  
calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each  
of you has received so that God may be glorified in all  
things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!

Service begins at 10 AM

"This Newsletter is made possible through our giving to  
First United Presbyterian Church"

## **Service Schedule for January 2020**

### **Sunday, January 5th**

Reader: David Simmons  
Fellowship Hour:

### **Sunday, January 12th**

Reader: Sylvia Graham  
Fellowship Hour: Alberta Murn  
Sylvia Graham

### **Sunday, January 19th**

Reader: Jean Skellie  
Fellowship Hour: Kay Tomasi  
Nancy Rountree

### **Sunday, January 26th**

Reader: Nancy Bardwell  
Fellowship Hour: Valerie Roche  
Jean & Norma Skellie