THE VOICE



First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin 455 Scotland Street Dunedin, FL 34698

December 2019/January 2020

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?"

Matthew 5:43-47

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Dear Saints,

Sunday, December 1, marks the beginning of the season of Advent. "Advent," of course, means "Arrival." Those who have hung around churches for a while likely know that it is a season of waiting, not just for the arrival of Christmas Day, lighting candles to mark our waiting, and not only for the arrival of the Christ Child, Jesus, but also our anticipation of God's presence, divine intrusion, into any and all of our days. And if the story of the Nativity is to teach us anything, it teaches us that if God can be uniquely present in a baby, conceived out of wedlock, and born to parents in poverty in a feed bin in a barn in a backwater town in a forgotten corner of the world, God can show up anywhere and to anyone, but particularly in the places and among people most of us ignore.

Of recognizing God's presence, writer Richard Rohr says, "Once I can see the Mystery here, and trust the Mystery even in this piece of clay that I am, then I can also see it in you. We are eventually able to see the divine image within ourselves, in each other, and in all things. Finally, the seeing is one. How you see anything is how you will see everything."

In case we missed the point, Jesus reiterates our need to see near the end of his life in the 25th chapter of Matthew, where he famously says, "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you

something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me'" (Matthew 25:34-40).

Rohr comments on this passage, saying, "Can we see the image of Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters? That is his only description of the final judgment (Matthew 25). Nothing about commandments, nothing about church attendance—simply a matter of our ability to see. Can we see Christ in the "nobodies" who can't play our game of success? In those who cannot reward us in return? When we see the image of God where we are not accustomed to seeing the image of God, then we see with eyes not our own."

Finally, we are called not only to see Christ's presence in the babe born in Bethlehem, not only in the "least of these," but also in our enemies. "Love your enemies," Jesus declares. See above.

Rohr concludes, "(Jesus) teaches what many thought a leader could never demand of his followers: love of the enemy. Logically that makes no sense. Yet soulfully it makes absolute sense, because in terms of the soul, it really is all or nothing. Either we see the divine image in all created things, or we end up not seeing it at all."

In this Advent season, as we gather with family and friends, as we interact with strangers, I pray we eagerly look for Christ's presence in one another and in ourselves. For you, too, are made in the image of God.

Grace & peace,

twist Shelve



December 1- First Sunday of Advent -8:45 and 10:30 service times/ Hanging of the Greens and Chili cook off

December 8- Second Sunday of Advent-8:45 and 10:30 service times

December 15- Third Sunday of Advent-8:45 and Lessons and Carols at the 10:30 service time

December 22- Forth Sunday of Advent-8:45 and 10:30 service times/ Poinsettias decorate our worship spaces

December 24- Christmas Eve Services -

5:00 pm Family service

8:00 and 11:00 pm- Candlelight/ Communion services

December 29-8:45 and 10:30 service times



The church office will be closed December 25th and 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday. The office will open Monday, December 2nd at 8 am.



The church office will be closed Wednesday, January 1st. The office will reopen Thursday, January 2nd at 8 am.



The Voice

Deadline for FEBRUARY

Getting information to our congregation in a timely matter is critical. Please help by honoring the submission deadline for *The Voice*

The submission deadline for the February edition is a firm January 15, 2020

Thank you for your help!



Men's Breakfast - Saturday, December 7, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Join us for a time of great food and fellowship, along with a little Bible study, the first Saturday of each month, from 9-10 a.m. Make a reservation by marking "Men's Breakfast" on the Friendship Register in worship or by contacting the church office (frontoffice@fpccdunedin.org, 727-733-2318).

First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin 455 Scotland Street Dunedin, Florida 34698 727-733-2318 Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday 12-1pm office closed for lunch

Friday Office closed

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Voice Editors – Donna Dayock-office volunteers

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

To have a loved one honored or remembered, please complete a "Sanctuary Flowers Request Form" (next to the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in Hager Hall), providing the preferred Sunday date(s) and to whom the flowers are to be dedicated. Put the form with your payment (\$27.50 per arrangement) into an envelope put it into the offering plate, or mail it to the church. Payments MUST be made before the week of your request. Payments can be made by "online bill-payer" from your bank, in cash, or by personal check, with "flowers" on the memo line.

BAPTISM

Rejoice with your family and God's family with the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. For information on Baptisms, contact the church at 733-2318.

WEDDINGS

Couples are urged to contact the Church Administrator for an application.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

For inquiries about medical supplies and equipment available for loan, please contact our custodian at the church office 733-2318. We also accept donations; however, donations must be approved through the church office. Please do not leave your items.

PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY

www.presbyteryoftampabay.com 813-868-4800

DENOMINATION HEADQUARTERS

"TOLL-FREE THREE" Simplifies Phoning

Callers to the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (USA) now can reach the information, resources, or people they need without consulting a lengthy directory. Callers may choose from the following numbers:

- 1. 1-800-728-7228 for connection to a staff person at 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY.
- 2. 1-800-872-3283 to reach PresbyTel information about PCUSA
- 3. 1-800-524-2612 to order resources from Presbytery Distribution Services (PDS). Fax number 1-502-569-8099
- 4. Website of PCUSA is www.pcusa.org



You are invited to attend any (or all) of our Christmas Eve Services on December 24. At 5:00pm we will hold our Family Service. Our young ones are encouraged to arrive at 4:30pm and participate in the Nativity. At 8pm and 11pm we will worship with a Candlelight service.



POINSETTIAS!

Sign up in Hager Hall by the flower chart to purchase poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for our services on Sunday, December 22 and Christmas Eve. Cost is \$8.00 per poinsettia. Poinsettias may be taken home following the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.



The Church office will be closed January 20th in the observance of Martin Luther King Day. The office will reopen Tuesday January 21st at 8 a.m.



Did you know that you can donate from the comfort of home?

Visit www.fpcdunedin.org
TEXT?? COMING SOON



Don't forget to notify the office of the change.

If you would like notices of church happenings through email be sure we have the correct address.



We had wonderful groups at both the Sarah and Esther Circles in November. We were pleased to welcome several new members. This month our Sarah Circle will meet on Monday, December 9th at 7pm and Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 10th at 1pm. Both groups will meet in the library and will be studying Lesson 4 entitled "Words of Love: Honor the Live-Givers".

This fall, the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team made decisions to where our mission money would be donated. The following are the recipients: \$300 to Beth-El, \$300 to Religious Community Services (RCS), \$300 to Ready for Life, \$200 to Living Waters, \$100 to Church Women United and \$100 to PW Thanksgiving Offering.

Brenda Thomas, Donnie Hanson, my sister-in-law Val Markel and myself attended the 11th Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of South Atlantic from October 24-27 at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island, GA. There were 380 women in attendance. We had a great time attending small group sessions, interacting with women from Florida, Georgia and So. Carolina, enjoying a tour of the island and listening to the dynamic speakers in the large gatherings. Joyce Walker, who wrote the Suggestions for Leaders for our Study Guide, was the keynote speaker. On Sunday morning she concluded her talks with "Look to Jesus for an explanation of the Ten Commandments. His explanation is filled with Love and Caring and Forgiveness. He is the expander and explainer of our faith." In three years there will be another gathering on St. Simon's Island. Consider attending this wonderful gathering. A Big Thank you to Presbyterian Women for covering our registration fee.

The group going on the Honduras Mission Trip from January 18-23, 2020 was given several hundred toothbrushes. The circles are collecting small tubes of toothpaste to accompany the toothbrushes. There is a lime green container marked "Toothpaste for Honduras" in Hager Hall for your donations or you can bring them to your circle meeting in December and January. Thank you in advance.

Deb Markel, Presbyterian Women moderator



Sunday, January 26, 2019 is Church World Service Blanket Sunday. Let us come together and blanket the world with love. For only \$10.00 you can provide a blanket for warmth, and for \$15.00 you can provide a Hygiene Kit. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.

The warmth of a blanket or a hygiene kit tells people who are hurting that someone cares. By sharing warmth and comfort with those in need, our love is being felt by the people who need it most. Your generous donation tells people in crisis "You are not alone. Someone cares." We are a link to hope by those disheartened in their journeys.

How difficult would it be to get a good night's rest on a frigid night without warmth? That's what happened in Indianapolis last winter. The Midwest gets cold. You don't have to live on the street to know that, but for those who do, the deep dives below zero are deadly. Try to imagine how your life would be impacted if all of the sudden you no longer had any blankets and no way to obtain any; or imagine if did not even have the basics of deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, towels or even a washcloth.

Unfortunately, this is the situation in which many people in our country find themselves each year as a result of natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes or fires, or just bad weather.

Church World Services provides these blankets and hygiene kits around the world. Last year they shipped 128,586 blankets and hygiene kits to citizens in the U.S. and Puerto Rico alone. These blankets and hygiene kits are a vital resource for people in need.

"They are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity."

2 Corinthians 8:2

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From the Staff of First Presbyterian Church





Sunday, December 8, 2019 **DUNEDIN COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT** 3:00 p.m.

Dunedin Community Center - 1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin \$5.00 Suggested donation

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 HOLIDAY HARMONIES **Handbell Choir Bay Voices** and **HeartStrings** (David Dusylovitch, violin – Stephen Allen, piano)

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Sunday, December 15, 2019 SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS 10:30 a.m. **Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra** Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Thursday, December 24, 2019 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** 5:00 p.m. – Family Service 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Services



January 2020

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals resume on Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

First Friends Preschool

Established Since 1962



Thank you for our "Fall Fundraiser" success! The Java Joe's Fundraiser was well received by the church and the preschool parents. Enough items were sold to help buy new educational items in STEM and STEAM for the preschool. Once again, we would like to thank our hard working committee members who help make our preschool wonderful.

Our garden has never looked better! We would like to thank Barry Lanier and Brenda Thomas for their continuous beautification of the preschool garden. We appreciate all of your hard work and green thumbs.

Our annual Christmas Concert is around the corner at First Friends Preschool. The students are learning special songs and poems about this blessed holiday. We will be hosting this event on Tuesday, December 10th from 10:30 – 11:30 in the chapel with light refreshments in Hager Hall to follow. The students from ages 2 through 5 will participate in singing Christmas time favorites. They have been very busy creating festive headbands and practicing the Christmas Carols and hand motions for the upcoming concert. We welcome First Church families, preschool families and friends to attend this lively event. It is sure to be a memorable day!

As in every New Year, the children welcome it with great energy. The weather is cool and crisp, just perfect for outdoor play and activities! The Preschool is welcoming a special visitor from the dentist office of Dr. Maggie Davis. Ms. Brittany will demonstrate, teach and encourage students to brush and floss as well as making healthy food choices on 1/14/20. Goody Bags will be a great treat for the students as well as a great reminder to "Be Good to Your Smile." It's always nice to get a new toothbrush!



"Laugh, Smile, Sing and Play, make new friends along the way!"

Christmas Concert



First Friends Preschool 's 2019 Christmas Concert

When: Tuesday, December 10^{th} 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Where: The First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Reception: Join us in Hagar Hall for light refreshments following the concert

Merry Christmas!



December 2019 and January 2020 FPC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence.
Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance.
Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence.
Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance."

Yoko Ono

Thankful for November Koinonia! A large crowd was enthralled with Joe Menasce's presentation of **DESERT QUEEN** by Janet Wallach. The Desert Queen, Gertrude Bell, was an adventurer, adviser to Kings, ally of Lawrence of Arabia, and just an exciting woman way ahead of her time! How fortunate we were to have Joe, an experienced OLLI lecturer, with us! It is probably not too late to catch the movie version THE QUEEN free on Netflix. Thank you to **Gayle Hill** and **Dottie Ingram** for delicious autumn snacks. What? A birthday? Yes, it was **Dottie's** birthday! What a wonderful, fun lady.

Discover your Library! These are the times when church libraries are *withering* and *dying*. We are so fortunate that First Presbyterian Library is alive and well. Drop in for a visit. You will be amazed at the diverse selection of books available for check out. The newest books are displayed in the window or on the shelf below the window. You may checkout any book even when the library is unattended. If you don't see the book you have in mind, check the Card Catalog. If you don't find your book filed in the Card Catalog, request it by signing the yellow legal pad in the Return Book Box. AND, while you are browsing the library, put in a few pieces of the puzzle while you munch a candy.

Nativity Display?? Did you notice the beautiful crystal nativity during the Christmas season? The Holy Family was given to the Library by the **Brashear** family in memory of parents, **June and Walter Brashear**. The angel was one of many that **Jackie Chalk** collected.

More New Books?? YES! New books appear every week, it seems. Always check out the windows. Books that you might have to wait several weeks for at a public library may be waiting for you in the window or on the shelf under the window. We get books from book stores, Internet and generous donors. Thank you to Gayle Hill and Sally King for the great books they donated just recently. Thank you, Iris Poppler for your faithful donations of Amish fiction. The Amish books are free for the taking and are stacked just to the right of the black Return Books Here box.

We sort through our books frequently and cull out books that have lost their shelf appeal. We give those books to The Little Bird House Libraries, Pinellas Hope, or Dunedin Public Library. Also, we put some of the more desireable books on the cart by the south door as you leave Hager Hall. They are FREE, but you may make a small donation. If you know of a group who would benefit from FPC Library used books, call the Bookworm at 727-733-4609.

We are looking ahead to Tuesday, December 17 when **Jude Zentmeyer**, will present **LAST TRAIN TO PARADISE** by Les Standiford. This is the tale of Henry Flagler and the spectacular rise and fall of the railroad that crossed an ocean! Once again we are being treated to a visit to a special time in Florida history. The St. Petersburg Times printed "THE LAST TRAIN TO PARADISE is a flawless marriage of scholarship, historical commentary, and art." Remember **Jude**, **Tuesday**, **Dec. 17 at 2 PM**.

Looking into the new year to Tuesday, January 21, **George Steel** will return to FPC for a review of a book of his choice. George is a retired lawyer with many years in the criminal courts. George is well read, on top of current events, with lots of energy to keep you on the edge of your seat. **Go with George on Tuesday, January 21 at two.**

These are some of the new books we have received recently.

Sourdough ON MARKET ROBIN SLOAN &	SOURDOUGH Or, Lois and Her Adventures in the Underground Market by Robin Sloan	CODE NAME: LISE THE SHEET OF TH	CODE NAME: LISE The True Story Of The Woman Who Became WWII's Most Highly Decorated Spy By Larry Loftis
FERN MCHAELS VEGAS SUNREE	VEGAS SUNRISE by Fern Michaels	LAST TRAIN to PARADISE	THE LAST TRAIN TO PARADISE by Les Standiford
NORA ROBERTS OBSESSION	THE OBSESSION by Nora Roberts	Mr. Femundra's 24 How Bookstore A Nevel Robin Sloan	MR. PENUMBRA'S 24-HOUR BOOKSTORE by Robin Sloan
STUART WOODS SCANDALOUS BEHAVIOR	SCANDALOUS BEHAVIOR by Stuart Woods	THE NATIONAL BESTSELLER James Alexander Thom Follow the River	FOLLOW THE RIVER by James Alexander Thom

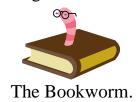
See you at Koinonia, Tuesday, December 17 at 2 PM for **Jude Zentmeyer** and **THE LAST TRAIN TO PARADISE.** After the holidays, we hope to see you at Koinonia, Tuesday, January 21 for **George Steel** and

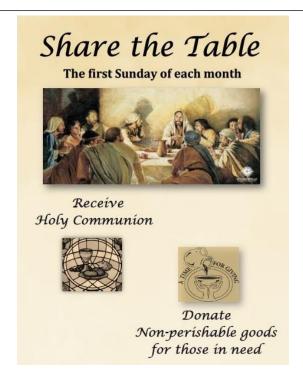
the book of his choice. Stop by the Library any time you want except for Friday or Saturday. Call the Bookworm at 727-733-4609 if you have questions.



"Reading one book is like eating one potato chip." – Diane Duane

Keep right on reading!





Share the Table Sunday, December 1st

As we come to celebrate the Lord's Table together, help us extend God's grace to all in need by bringing a nonperishable food item for those in need.



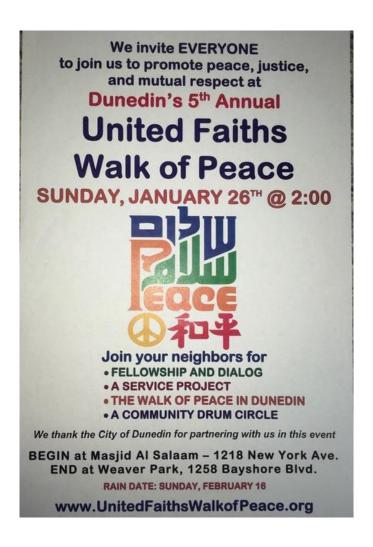
Did you know that so far this year we have donated 1768.5 lbs. YTD through November 15th.

Dunedin Cares serves more than 70 families per week who are grateful for our outpouring of Christian love.



GRACE HOUSE

On Saturday, December 21, we will provide Santa Claus, some Christmas gifts, a pizza lunch and a Christmas Carol sing-along for families at RCS Grace House (transitional housing in Clearwater). If you would like to participate please contact Nancy Geyer at 215–896–4060.



Green Team Salutes the Preschool for Its Care of God's Creation, November 2019



Preschool Curriculum Emphasizing Earth Care, 2019

Lesson 1: March - Spring is in the Air - The students learn about the various kinds of flowers along with the parts of the flowers and how they grow in our garden for the butterflies.

Lesson 2: March - Gardening - The students learn about growing food. The focus is on seeds and growing our healthy vegetables to eat.

Lesson 3: April - Farm Fun - In this lesson the students learn about growing farm crops. The focus is on all of the different things that grow on the farm and that live on the farm

Lesson 4: April - Pond Life - This is the lesson that teaches that there is life in the pond. We learn the life cycle of the frog. Inside are the fish, the birds and other animals that depend on the pond for food and drink along with pond plants that keep the water healthy.

Lesson 5: April - Our Earth - The lesson focuses on recycling and keeping our planet healthy by making less waste and doing our part.

Lesson 6: May - My Florida - This is a fun lesson that talks about our state and all of the things that happen here. We talk about our fruits that grow here: strawberries, blueberries and oranges. We also talk about our animals that live in our state as well as our beaches and sea life.

Lesson 7: October - Apples - This lesson is all about apples. How do they grow? What colors are they? How do they taste? Different or the same?

Lesson 8: October - Pumpkins - This is fun for the students to learn about pumpkins. We talk about eating pumpkins and carving pumpkins. We learn that they grow on a vine and in a patch.

The Fellowship Hour Sunday at 11:30AM Hager Hall



December 2019, January 2020

<u>The December 1</u> Fellowship Hour is hosted by the Dialogues Group. This dynamic group meets on Tuesday, 4:00-5:15pm in the Church Library. Their Series 1, "Christians and Immigration" met in September and October. Series 2, "Justice for the Poor", started in November and will continue through December 17. If you are interested attending the remainder of Series 2 in December, or Series 3 in January and February, contact Brenda Thomas or the church office. Newcomers are always welcome!

The December 8, 15, 22, and 29 Fellowship Hour is hosted by The Video Club and Koinonia. The Video Club, led by Linda Frazer, is a group of church members who enjoy food, movies, fellowship and fun! They meet Wednesday evenings at a local restaurant and then return to the church library to watch an inspirational movie. You can find their announcement in the Sunday bulletin each week. Everyone is invited! No reservation is needed! Koinonia, our own FPC literary group, is led by Mary Walthall. It meets once a month on the third Tuesday, September through May, in the church library. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear a current book review by people from our church and community in a friendly, comfortable, and fun atmosphere. The Koinonia book reviews are open to everyone. Refreshments are served, and newcomers are always welcome!

<u>The January Fellowship Hour</u> is hosted by the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir. The Chancel Choir practices every Thursday, September through May. Every Sunday throughout the year they add special music and lead the singing at the 10:30am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary. The Handbell Choir practices every Wednesday and often enhances our worship experience in the Traditional Worship Service, as well as other places. Not only do these two musical groups enjoy making beautiful music together, but they are also a community of friendship, fellowship, and support. They always welcome new members. If you love to make beautiful music, come join one or both musical groups. See Stephen Allen for more information.

We thank these five dynamic groups, Dialogues, Video Club, Koinonia. Chancel Choir and Bell Choir for hosting the December and January Fellowship Hour.

Join us in fellowship. You'll be glad you did!



First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin All Church Celebration February 16, 2020

Combined Worship 10:00AM

Celebration Indoor Picnic

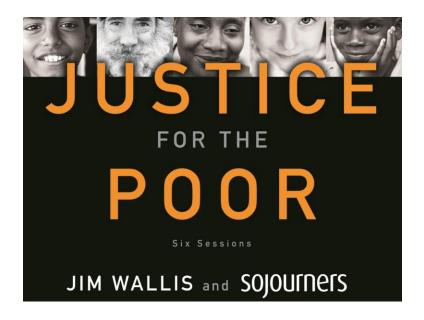
Come join us at First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin on Sunday, February 16, 2020. We are celebrating our church, our community, and who we are as God's people!

Gather for lively worship in the sanctuary. Immediately following enjoy an indoor picnic and live music in Hager Hall!

The church will provide a delicious meal of pulled pork or chicken, sides, desserts, and cold drinks.

Bring your friends and family!

Everyone is welcome!



Dialogues: A Small Group Encounter, which now meets on Tuesday from 4:00-5:15 p.m., has had two successful encounters with contemporary topics related to our Christian journey.

Dialogues, Series 1, met each Tuesday for six weeks from September 10-October 15, focusing on the topic of "Christians and Immigration." In response to this series of study, Dialogues members participated in the trip to Beth-El Farmers Ministry on November 16.

Dialogues, Series 2, focusing on the topic, "**Justice for the Poor**" began its discussions on the topic, "Justice for the Poor" on November 5 and continues on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:15 p.m. through December 17, excluding the week of Thanksgiving.

Dialogues, Series 3, will resume on Tuesday, January 7, with a six-week study of "Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America." Sessions are moderated by Rev. Dr. David Shelor. All are welcome.



MOTIONS FROM NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING

<u>DBF Missions</u>: To disburse \$55,903 from DBF Missions, Inc for these projects for the Fall 2019 grant cycle:

C & M LifeLine: \$15,000 Initial planning for Faith-Based Community Health Technician

certification

El Porvenir: \$13,100 water, sanitation, hygiene education, and watershed restoration in

Terrabona and Ciudad Darío, Nicaragua

Friends of Forman: \$3803 scholarships for women in Pakistan

Honduras Outreach: \$3500 modern dairy farm in Honduras for training purposes

Love a Sea Turtle: \$2500 transportation for summer camp

Total \$37,903

<u>Fellowship and Hospitality</u>- To allow the "Dunedin Witches" to dance and accept donations for a local charity (likely Dunedin Cares) at the "Trunk or Treat" event in October 2020.

<u>Building Committee</u>- To approve a contract with Caladesi Construction Co. for \$20,460 to demolish the house and haul away all debris at 447 Scotland Street (former Webb residence)

Motion: To form a task force, comprised of 2 members of session and 3 others with experience with DBF Missions, designated by the Moderator, to review the policies and procedures for disbursement of DBF Missions funds and provide any possible recommendations for session's consideration, reporting to session no later than their April 2020 stated meeting.



Melinda Archer December 2 December 2 Laura Connelly December 4 Eric Houghton December 4 Jennette Marsden Susan Ausmus December 6 Mary Beth Dauble December 6 Galen Edwards December 7 **Nell Thomas** December 7 Addie Lou Gilchrist December 8 December 13 Deborah Kynes **David Wolters** December 14 December 15 Lois Hager Beth McCallister December 15 Patricia Buol December 16 Scott McDonald December 17 December 19 Marcia Allen December 19 Betsi Lewis-Knapp December 20 Pat Duffy Kim Kirchoffer December 20 Debbie Blocher December 25 Richard Kirchoffer December 26 Jane Pendley December 30 Jeff Gow December 31



Carolyn Kistner January 3 Caralee Martin January 3 John Wigle January 10 Ann E. Sabo January 12 Don Knapp January 14 Judy MacDougall January 17 Carole Showalter January 20 Anne Mullins January 21 John Brockman January 22 Greg Long January 22 Marion Yongue January 23 David Walthall January 24 Sue Armagost January 26 Kathryn H Schultz January 28 Patricia A Haskins January 30





Jorge Natal February 1

Joan Wiggins February 2

Lynn Willmarth February 2

Sheila Ciampi February 4

Clare McGrane February 9

Carol Harp February 12

George L Moore February 12

Jennie Capel February 13

Ellen Jerauld February 14

Nancy Klopp February 20

Ann Fleming February 23

Sharon Binder February 24

Mary Walthall February 24

Jodie Cannon February 25





What is a Chrismon Tree?

The word "Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram" and has been adopted to refer to special Christmas tree ornaments. Can you find a crown or butterfly symbol on the tree? These are just two of the symbols used by early Christians to identify themselves, or a meeting place, to one another. The crown is a symbol of victory and sovereignty, the butterfly represents our resurrection and eternal life. A Chrismon Tree bears symbols conveying the life of Christ and the meaning of Christmas through commonly found items and easily understood symbols (cross, star, fish, circle, heart, butterfly ...).

A Special "Thank You" to our Presbyterian Women who have refreshed and added symbols for this year's tree.